Project brings housing near campus

By Z. Greene
Staff Reporter

Chinese investors are hoping to break ground next spring on a five-story structure on the west side of Pacific Highway South that will feature four stories of dormitory style housing for international students and possibly administrative offices for the college.

The structure is the first phase of a planned $50 million development called Highline Place on the west side of Pacific Highway South. The project is on property within the city of Des Moines along the area where jurisdiction for parcels alternates between the cities of Des Moines and Kent.

Rumors have floated for years that Chinese investors were looking to develop housing for students enrolled in the college’s International Student Programs. Approximately 600 ISP students are enrolled each quarter, and that does not include 140 additional foreign students enrolled in Kaplan International English, a separate educational institution that leases instructional space at Highline.

The 160 units of dormitory-style housing would be located on the three parcels consisting of 108,500 square feet just north of the Baskin and International English, a separate administrative office.

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Students believe in climate change

By Thunderword Staff

Highline students have mixed emotions about climate change. Some students say they believe that climate change is a real threat. Others aren’t so sure.

Eights-fifty percent of 49 students interviewed said that climate change is real. In a survey conducted by Yale University, 71 percent of people say they believe in climate change, but only 50 percent of those people say that climate change is a serious threat.

Most Highline students say that climate change is real.

“I think it’s several factors causing it, but climate change is real,” David McLaughlin said.

Another student agreed, claiming that climate change is indisputable.

“I’m not sure if it’s something you believe or not, it’s just the truth,” Mariko Briggs said.

Some students disagreed, saying that climate change is not real.

“I think that the Earth heats up naturally, the climate is always changing and it’s not one big event. It’s really confusing as to what climate change is supposed to be,” Hazel Phillips said.

Students who say they believe in climate change also tend to say that it is caused by a combination of human and natural occurrences.

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By Jacqueline Robinson
Staff Reporter

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Eight students sought for committee responsible for allocating $2.6 million

By EB Hutchinson
Staff Reporter

Student government wants your help to determine how to spend $2.6 million.

Each quarter the college collects $25 by law from each student to finance student activities. Over the course of the year, that amount totals $2.6 million.

Student leaders then determine how those funds are to be allocated, pending approval by the Board of Trustees.

“Your help is needed in finance or business, we are looking for students that want to serve,” said Dr. Jonathan Brown, associate dean for the Center for Leadership and Service.

The Services and Activities Fee budget committee is looking for motivated students to fill six to eight committee positions, as well as the chairmanship.

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By Paul King-Sanchez
Staff Reporter

A 10-year-old child was reunited with her mother on Nov. 20 after they became separated in Building 30.

A staff member from Building 30 brought the child to Public Safety at approximately 2:45 p.m. after the child requested help.

Public Safety officials were able to locate the mother.

Custodian falls and is injured

A custodian was transported to Highline Hospital at 12:29 a.m. after she slipped and fell in the upper North Parking Lot and injured her left ankle on Nov. 19 at approximately 12:05 a.m.

South King Fire & Rescue arrived on scene at 12:17 a.m.

Public Safety will follow up with the custodian after she returns to work.

Student’s backpack stolen

A student reported that when she stepped away to use the restroom her backpack, which was stolen from the fourth floor of the Library on Nov. 16 at approximately 12:31 p.m.

Public Safety filed a stolen property report with the Des Moines Police Department.

Student stuck with broken key

A student was able to get into his car after breaking his key, when Public Safety unlocked his Nissan Maxima for him.

He had trouble in the South Parking Lot on Nov. 17 at approximately 1:45 p.m.

The owner of a silver Nissan sedan called public safety when his key had broken and he needed to grab his backpack and wallet from his trunk.

With the vehicle unlocked, the student was able to retrieve his items from the trunk.

The Nissan was left overnight on campus until the student could get a tow truck or a replacement key.

Highline closes for Thanksgiving

Highline will close at 4 p.m. today, Nov. 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Classes that normally begin after 5 p.m. will not meet today.

Campus will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving.

Attend a seminar to improve advising

Students, staff and faculty are invited to the Advising Matters seminar.

The seminar series allows attendees and presenters to come together to share best advising practices, and suggestions for the variety of advising topics at Highline.

The seminar will be presented by Jennifer Cooke and Bevin Taylor, who are the co-chairpersons for the Advising Task Force.

The Advising Matters seminar will be held on Dec. 1 from 1:20 p.m. in Building 7.

Donate to the Des Moines Food Bank

Donation barrels for the Des Moines Food Bank will appear on campus next week.

The Des Moines Area Food Bank serves the cities of Des Moines, SeaTac, and parts of Normandy Park, as well as the west hill of Kent.

Suggested items include canned goods, peanut butter, low-sugar cereals, and 100 percent fruit juices in single serving boxes.

Donation barrels will be located in Buildings 6, 8, 25, and 99.

Eat free breakfast with legislators

Students, staff and faculty interested in meeting Washington legislators may do so at the Associated Students of Highline College Legislative Breakfast next Wednesday.

The ASHC Legislative breakfast will feature selected student presentations on their experiences as college students.

Later in the event, there will be a student roundtable with legislators, where students can speak to and get to know their legislators.

This event will occur on Dec. 2, Building 8, in the Mt. Constance/Mt. Olympus rooms, with a full breakfast being served at 7:30 a.m.

The ASHC Legislative Breakfast will be open to the entire campus community from 7:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. and to students only at 9 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Improve writing at workshop

A writing workshop focused on self-assessment will be Dec. 1 at 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

This workshop will assist participants in evaluating their own writing and in writing strong self-assessments.

The workshop will provide time for hands-on practice and questions.

This event, hosted by the Writing Center, will be in Building 26, room 319.

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Development finds its home near campus

By Zhajeid Greene
Staff Reporter

Land clearing for 21 luxury homes is already under way on the south side of the college’s campus.

The Highline View Estates project is a 21-lot, single-family residential subdivision between 21st Avenue South and 23rd Avenue South, along South 240th Street.
The site is directly across from the college’s South Parking Lot.

Many of the homes are being built by general contractor Classic Concepts. The homes will be sized between 2,000 and 2,400 square feet, featuring three or four bedrooms with two and half bathrooms. They are expected to retail at between $400,000 to $500,000.

Most of the existing homes on the adjacent properties are in the $100,000 to $250,000 range.

“This homes are going to be really nice,” said Marci Rogers, the listing agent for the project.

A list of features for the homes includes hardwood floors in the entry way, open kitchens with an option for tile or granite countertops, 2-to-3-car garages, pre-wired for internet and cable, landscaping in the front along with an irrigation system, and master bedrooms with separate shower and jet tub.

“We wanted to create a bedroom on the main level with a shower/tub combo bathroom for guests,” said Rogers.

Laura Techco, senior planner for the City of Des Moines, said this housing project was approved during the 2007-2008 economic downturn, but construction was halted due to the poor housing market.

The developer of this project is Smith Court, LLC based in Renton. Debra Ferguson-Jones and William Jones are the owners.

“We are currently in the middle of this project and we will continue to build despite the weather,” said Ferguson-Jones.

She said she expects to have the project completed by late spring 2016.

Candidate aims to listen to students

By Karina Abramchuk and Michael Muench
Staff Reporters

May Lukens, promises to listen to students, if she is named the director of the new diversity program at Highline.

The director would be in charge of a $1.5 million grant that would assist Asian American, Native American and Pacific Islander students.

May Lukens says she is right for the job because she understands students needs.

Her education includes a master’s degree in Management and Finance and a bachelor’s degree in Political Science.

Her work experience included:

Working as project director for multiple large grants including an identical grant at South Seattle College since 2008; Strengthening Institutions project coordinator at Renton Technical College for five years; program evaluator/business consultant (independent work) since 1996; and other positions a financial institution.

Lukens said she plans to follow the program director guidelines to make a change for the better on the Highline campus.

“I like to make things happen and see changes,” Lukens said.

Lukens said her interest in the Highline post is because the college has “demonstrated not only interest by [engagement] in diversity.”

She said that her previous work experience helped her in the past and will help her in the future.

Lukens help write the Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution and that her previous work at the program here.

Lukens said she plans to focus more on one-on-one relationships with students, through interactivity and connection with them at a human level.

Lukens said that she would try to find different ways to get faculty involved with the program.

One way she wants to try that is by meeting one-on-one with faculty members.

She said that faculty want to see changes within the learning environment for students, but they don’t know exactly how to make those changes.

Part of that is because they are not aware of the many resources available through the grant.

“We will work together to create a learning community,” Lukens said.

Lukens said she would maintain an open mind with regard to the various cultures of students within the program.

“We want to find a welcoming place for out students,” Lukens said.

In order to help her navigate cultures unfamiliar to her, at the previous school she hired a culture specialist.

“I don’t know everything,” she said. “I need to be open to learning.”

However, she said that she learns mostly from the students.

She said that students are given the opportunity to talk about and explain their cultural experiences and difficulties.

“We can’t speak for them; they need to speak for themselves.”

Candidate promises to build relationships on campus

By Michael Muench
Staff Reporters

Phuong Chi Nguyen will build relationships all over Highline if she is chosen as the director of a new diversity related program at Highline.

Nguyen is one of three finalists for the AANAPSI program director position.

If chosen Nguyen will be in charge of the $1.5 million grant, which will be used to assist the Asian American, Native American, and Pacific Islander Students population at Highline.

Nguyen has a master’s in public administration, as well as a master’s in reading, a master’s in education and language comprehension and a bachelor’s degree in French.

As a native of Vietnam, Nguyen has seen terrible things happen to that country.

“The Vietnam I know was a country of coconut palms and white sand beaches,” Nguyen said. “The Vietnam I saw as I left wasn’t the same.”

She related this back to the students saying that her experience is not unique.

There are many other students who have gone through the same hardships of immigration as me and I want to give them the best possible opportunities, Nguyen said.

It is important that the communication and relationships are maintained in the classroom, Nguyen said, it is important that everyone is interacting with each other.

This interconnectedness and relationship-based structure will be mirrored at all levels of AANAPSI’s implementation in Highline.

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As the director of AANAPSI Nguyen will focus on forming relationships and beneficial partnerships with Highline students, Partners and found- ers of the grant. Policy makers and professional organizations closely related to the grant.

In order to increase application, Nguyen plans to aggressively market the grant.

“All students will benefit from what it is we’re doing and implementing,” Nguyen said.
Muslins are not the enemy

After 9/11, the tragedies in Paris, and the barrage of threats from ISIS, many U.S. citizens are quick to blame Muslims for the violence and hate crimes happening around the world. But blaming an entire faith for hate crimes is ignorant and incorrect. It’s not the religion itself, but the people who use it as an excuse who are the real criminals.

For example, most people know that Osama Bin Laden was a Muslim, but fewer realize that Malcolm X identified with Islam as well. Also, both Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Adolf Hitler both identified with Christianity, but they each lived drastically different lives.

Everyone has his or her own reasons for identifying with a particular religion. For some, it has to do with family and customs. For others, it could be tied to politics, or life experience. However, it is wrong to stereotype or judge people based on their faith.

As you can see, it’s not about who eats pork or drinks booze, it’s about the actions they commit as human beings.

Stop judging people on their outward appearance, and start focusing on their faith expression. You should not ever take your religious intolerance out on anyone else: physically or mentally.

According to CNN, currently the governors of only seven U.S. states say they will accept Syrian refugees. Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush said last week that he wants Syrian refugees to take a “religious test” to prove that they are Christian before they enter the United States.

Meanwhile, Republican front-runner Donald Trump wants to shut down mosques and equip all Muslim-Americans with a “special ID badge.”

Both of these ideas are incredibly intolerant and resemble the tactics used in World War II against the Jews. The problem is, the faith these people represent doesn’t make them criminals. In fact, Islam is one of the most popular religions in the world, with millions of followers. Only a handful of Muslims are the scary men terrorizing people with bombs and guns.

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Stop judging people on their outward appearance, and start looking at their actions.

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.

Death doesn’t have to be sad

I was scrolling through Facebook last Tuesday when I saw a status fly by on my timeline that made my stomach retch. “Rest in peace Grandma Mable. You will be missed,” my cousin Amy posted, with a blurry cellphone quality snapshot of an old polaroid of my great-grandmother attached. I knew my great-grandmother was old, and had been sick for a while, but the news caught me off guard and made my head spin from confusion.

Immediately, I called my mom in a flurry of emotions trying to get to the story straight. “I’m sorry you found out like that,” my mom said in a calm and relaxed voice, instantly soothing my troubled heart. “Great-Grandma was very old. It was her time to go,” she said. “I mean, she was almost 96. It was starting to look like she was going to live forever.”

We laughed. We spent the next few hours laughing and reminiscing on the memories that we shared from growing up with Great-Grandma Mable. From her toy chest that looked like it was from the age of cavemen, to the dinner table in her living room that all the kids would hide underneath to avoid doing Christmas dishes, it seemed like there was an endless amount of inside jokes and stories to rehash from her life. As strange as it seems, when someone dies in my family, that is the way we generally choose to handle it: with joy and laughter.

Instead of solemn funerals filled with sorrow and black attire, my family has “celebrations of life” where we drink, laugh, toast and speak fondly of those who have passed. Although this may seem strange, these traditions are actually OK and healthy behaviors. “Feelings people commonly experience with loss include denial, shock, anger, guilt, and pain,” said Dr. Bob Baugher, a psychology professor at Highline. “The most important steps people need to take, however, is to talk about their loss with others and to learn about grief,” Dr. Baugher said.

Just because we generally choose not to dwell upon the sorrow of the loss, doesn’t mean that my family doesn’t still grieve for our passed loved ones.

For example, my grandfather passed away a little under a year ago, and we still regularly talk about his funny mannerisms and sassy sayings. We miss him everyday, but that doesn’t mean his memory has to die alongside him.

“People don’t get over losses, they get differed by them,” Dr. Bauer said.

“People from Umpqua or Paris, will never forget the tragedies they witnessed, but they’ll learn to live with them. Reminiscing is healthy, it helps you overcome,” he said.

We never want the ones we love to disappear, but unfortunately, it’s a part of life. The most important thing in the end is to ensure that their legacy lives on.

I may not be able to sit and speak with my great grandma again, and sure, that makes me sad. But I know that when I die, I don’t want people to cry. I want them to get together and talk about how awesome and hilariously I was.

Kayla Dickson is the Opinion Editor for the Thunderword.
Gamers battle it out at club
By Mai Lam
Staff Reporter

The Highline League of Legends Club aims to teach students more about the world of E-sports. E-sport games are now attracting worldwide attention, such as League of Legends.

League of Legends, a type of Multiplayer Online Battle Arena, is a fast-paced and competitive online strategy game that allows players from different levels to face head-to-head across multiple fantasy battlefields.

In League of Legends, players take the role of a “summoner,” who is unseen, and controls a “champion,” who has distinctive abilities, and battle against other players or computer-controlled champions.

Champions started off fairly weak, but can increase their strength throughout the battle by collecting items and experience over the course of the game. The goal of the game is to destroy the opposing team’s “ nexus,” a protected structure that lies at the heart of a base.

“Myself and an old friend of mine had the idea of having a League of Legends Club but it wasn’t until this fall that we were able to make it happen,” said Elizabeth Kim, president of League of Legends Club.

“Anyone can join the club. Whether or not they have League of Legends accounts. To join, we would like prospective members to attend at least one club meeting in person or online on League of Legends,” Kim said.

She said members of the club are able to meet and play together. Online players can also meet online with other members.

League of Legends Club also provides resources and networks to help players who wish to further develop their skills. Currently, the League of Legends Club has around 10 members.

“The foundation of this club was brought by the idea of creating a collective community of people who share similar interests in gaming, and to set an environment where new ideas can be shared and explored in a respectful and educational manner,” Kim said.

She said she would also like to create a five-member team to battle in local competitive League tournaments.

League of Legends Club has a Facebook page called “Lol gaming HCC” where members can connect and play together.

For more information about the club and the official meeting time, contact Kim at ena.bikim@students.highline.edu or her Facebook page at “Lol gaming HCC.”

Sympathies offer holiday musical gifts
By Jacqueline Kemp
Staff Reporter

Four local symphonies will present their own holiday special this year.

Federal Way Symphony, Rainier Symphony, Symphony, and the Seattle Symphony will play pieces ranging from Handel’s Messiah to Leroy Anderson’s Sleigh Ride.

Though they are all holiday performances, each symphony has its own twist.

Auburn Symphony’s performance, Home for the Holidays, will have a guest conductor, Leif Bjaland. He is currently the music director of the Waterbury Symphony in Connecticut and has performed across the nation.

The pieces he selected for this performance include Prokofiev’s Triumfa piece from Lieutenant Kije to Jingle Bells and Joy to the World.

“Our goal is to have a joyous celebration that keeps people on a musical journey. There’s something for everybody,” said Anna Miller, the Auburn Symphony’s marketing director.

You can listen to these pieces at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Auburn Performing Arts Center, 702 4th St. NE, Auburn. Tickets can be purchased for $35; adults; $28; seniors; and $10-students on the Auburn Symphony website, https://apps-arts-people.com/index.php?show=54845.

Federal Way Symphony will welcome Kyran Adams as their guest pianist. Their pieces for their “Joyous Journey” concert will range from Massenet’s Scenes Neapolitain to Liszt’s Hungarian Fantasy.

Tickets can be purchased online at https://apps-arts-people.com/index.php?show=54376 or at the door. If you purchase online, tickets will cost $32; adults; $28; Seniors (60 and up); and $15-Students (19 and up). At the door, adult tickets will cost $35, Seniors $31, and Students $15. Youth 18 and younger are free. Music will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6 at Saint Luke’s Lutheran Church, 515 S. 312th St., Federal Way.

Guest conductor Tigran Arakelyan and the Foster High School Choirs will help the Rainier Symphony present their concert, “Holiday Favorites.”

Dvorak’s Carnival Overture, Johann Strauss Jr’s Emperor Waltz, and arrangements by Peter Hope and John Rutter are only a few of the unusual Christmas pieces that will be played.

Performance will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11 in the Foster Performing Arts Center, 242 S 144th St, Tukwila.

If you want a break from Christmas music, attend the Seattle Symphony’s performance of Faure Requiem on Dec. 3, 5, and 6.

A requiems is “A mass for the dead,” according to the Merriam Webster Dictionary. The Seattle Symphony’s performance will be accompanied by Jane Archibald (soprano), Nicolai Cavallier (bass/baritone), and Valerie Muzzolini Gordon (principal harp).

Performance times are Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. Will be a pre-concert talk one hour prior to each performance.

Tickets can be purchased starting for $35 on the Seattle Symphony website, http://www.seattlesymphony.org/Concert-Tickets/calendar.
Thanksgiving started with pilgrims

However, the holiday is reminiscent of harvest festivals celebrated centuries ago

By Michael Munech
Staff Reporter

Thanksgiving has a long and colorful background that traces back to the first settlers who came from England.

However, harvest festivals have been celebrated much farther back in history than the first thanksgiving.

Traditionally, these harvest festivals take place at the end of fall after all of the crops have been gathered and secured.

The Greeks and Romans celebrated their agricultural goddesses, such as Demeter, who presided over the harvest and controlled fertility.

The Jewish people celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, which marks the end of the harvest in Israel.

These are just a few of the harvest festivals celebrated around the world.

The origins of the traditional American Thanksgiving lie with the pilgrims who landed on Plymouth Rock in 1620.

These people consisted of Englishmen and women who wished to settle the land. Among the settlers came a group called the separatists, who wished to distance themselves from the English church. The separatists wished to find in religious freedom a three-day festival.

These Pilgrims landed in the late fall and were forced to endure a harsh winter, during which time half of the population succumbed to the elements.

Despite being unprepared for the winter, the Pilgrims survived this ordeal and began to thrive, building homes and farming.

During the following spring, the Native Americans began to visit and help the Pilgrims.

Tisquantum – or Squanto as the English referred to him – was a Native American who helped the Pilgrims during the beginning of the first spring after that harsh winter.

As an English speaker, Squanto acted as a mediator between the Pilgrims and the local natives.

He showed them how to farm many different types of food, including corn and pumpkins.

In order to celebrate the survival of the remaining pilgrims and the Native Americans who helped them, William Bradford, the governor of Plymouth, decreed a three-day festival.

During the festival, the Pilgrims and members of the Wampanoag tribe ate maize, turkey, and a pumpkin dish called pompton.

Though the relationship between the Native Americans and the Pilgrims eventually soured, this unofficial Thanksgiving continued this way for many years afterward.

Eventually, more than 200 years later in 1863, Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving an official holiday and placed it on the last Thursday of November.

This date did not stick and in 1939 President Roosevelt moved the holiday to the fourth Thursday of November.

Over time, the traditions have moved from archery contests to football watching, from gun shooting to parade going, but the spirit and intention of the holiday remain the same.

We celebrate Thanksgiving in order to draw attention to all of the good things in life: the loved ones, good health, and cranberry sauce.

Hip-Hop Club hips and hops across the stage

By Mai Lam
Staff Reporter

Students wanting to learn how to dance, keep up with the latest trends in pop culture and learn choreography can find a home with Hip-Hop Club.

“Our goal as a club is to make everyone consider themselves as a dancer. I want everyone to feel confident in being able to dance,” said Francisco Black Bear, president and instructor for the club.

Currently, there are more than 20 members in the Hip-Hop Club.

“Everybody comes in not knowing how to dance. You don’t have to learn how to dance,” said Black Bear.

At Hip-Hop Club, students can learn about the history of hip-hop. They can dive into the culture and explore different hip-hop styles such as:

B-boying, also known as break dancing, is a type of dance that uses intricate footwork, spinning headstands, speed, and freezes.

Krumping is a street style that involves prominent and exaggerated movement.

Vogue integrates model-like poses with rigid body movements. And many more.

“There is over 10 different kinds of styles,” said Black Bear. This is the first year Hip-Hop Club has become certified as a club.

“When a club becomes certified, it gives us the ability to have a supervisor or an adviser so we could spend more money on T-shirts and field trips. It’s another step above the normal club,” said Black Bear.

Black Bear said from 3 to 3:20 p.m. club members stretch and warm up. At 3:20 p.m. everyone starts dancing and learning about choreography.

Hip-Hop Club also has a Facebook page where members can share videos of their dance sessions.

“Everybody who came in didn’t know how to dance but they know we post videos and post it on our page. People also watch them and share it with their family,” said Black Bear.

Black Bear’s goal for Hip-Hop Club is to make everyone consider themselves a dancer.

“I want everyone to feel confident in being able to dance because that’s how me and other people start feeling after we dance for a while,” he said.

Eventually, he plans to start putting on more shows. Hip-Hop Club will have an important surprise event on Winter Quarter, Black Bear said.

“The best time to come in is when you’re inexperienced because that’s when you learn the best. If you have any questions about dancing, you can just show up.”

Club meetings are in building 4, room 109 from 3:20 to 4:20 p.m. every Tuesday.

For any questions concerning the program, email Black Bear at franciscobb@students.highline.edu.

Students can also contact Center for Leadership & Service at clubteam@highline.edu and 206-592-3894.
By Tiffany Thompson
Staff Reporter

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The NWAC basketball season tipped off Friday, with the T-Birds basketball team splitting their first two games.

Highline, (1-1 record), opened the season up at home in a night game against Whatcom, (1-0 record).

The Thunderbirds kept pace with the Orcas in the first half, leading by one, but struggled to shoot the ball in the second half, losing 76-62.

“We did not do a very good job offensively,” said Highline Head Coach Che Dawson. “Our defense has been pretty good, but we have to execute better, pay more attention to detail, and shoot the ball with confidence to not allow the opponent to catch up.”

The T-Birds shot 28 percent in the second half compared to Whatcom’s 44 percent. The Orcas also hit 10 threes in the game as opposed to the T-Birds’ three.

Sophomore Jordan Johnson, who had 20 points, seven rebounds and four assists in the game, led Whatcom, while teammate Deon Thomas scored 17.

First-year player Jamie Orme had 17 points for the T-Birds, along with six rebounds and two steals.

Sophomore Ty Peacock registered a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds, while Jalen McGruder scored 14 points and nabbed five rebounds.

“This is a ‘big picture’ group of guys,” Coach Dawson said. “They get it.”

“They will do well in life because they understand what it means to work toward something. The Whatcom game was over. We didn’t control that anymore,” he said.

“The Peninsula game was a new opportunity to get better to accomplish long-term goals.”

With all that in mind, the team with Orme again leading both teams shot less than 40 percent from the field in the game.

Highline center Cass Mathies grabbed eight rebounds for the team with Orme again leading the T-Birds in scoring with 18 points.

McGruder scored 13 points and hit three three-pointers. Freshman Jared Murphy netted 12 points and two threes.

The T-Birds were able to hold on to win, 60-55.

The Thunderbirds outrebounded the Pirates 45-36, but both teams shot less than 40 percent from the field in the game.

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“The T-Birds can also highlight the fact that they kept two of the Pirates best players at bay,” Sophomore Ryker Cal-laghan and Deonte Dixon, who both helped the team last year finish third in the NWAC, were the top two scorers for Peninsula last year and all-second team players for the West Division.

Highline’s defense held both Dixon and Callaghan to 29 percent shooting from beyond the arc.

Callaghan finished 3 of 10 from the field with 13 points and Dixon finished 5 of 15 with 16 points.

“We have never won at their place,” said Coach Dawson. “It is a long, dark trip right after a loss in front of a solid home-town crowd. That is the sort of thing a team can reflect on when times get tough in the future.”

The next game for the T-Birds is a home game Nov. 28 against Wenatchee Valley at 2 p.m.

They then travel to Skagit Valley Dec. 2 to take on the Cardinals at 7 p.m.

Highline wrestlers tame elite North Idaho

By Olivia Jollimore
Staff Reporter

The NWAC wrestling team upset No. 11 North Idaho for only the second time in 48 years.

Highline is ranked No. 17 nationally, but has always had its hands full with the Cardinals, who have won the national championship multiple times.

This time was different, as Highline prevailed 26-21 on Nov. 21.

In the other half of the double-dual meet, Highline lost to Montana-Northern, 36-12.

Individual results were unavailable at press time.

“Our athletes were just riding high on the win over NIC,” said Assistant Coach Brad Lvaas.

At the Spokane Open on Nov. 22, Highline’s Andrew Ramirez was named Wrestler of the Meet after finishing second at 141 pounds.

Also at the Spokane Open, Taylor Johnson, 174 pounds, placed fourth; Justin Weiding, also 174 pounds, placed fifth.

The Thunderbirds have a week without a meet because of the Thanksgiving holiday, before hosting two home meets in December.

Highline welcomes Clackamas Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. and South-west Oregon Dec. 13 at noon in the Pavilion.
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### King Crossword

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ACROSS
1  State leader (Abbr.)
4  Donkey
7  Talks on a long-on
11  First victim
13  Homer's interjection
14  Lecher's book
15  Had on
16  Make a mistake
17  Greek vowel
18  Skewered entree
20  Swerve
22  Namely (Abbr.)
24  Paid escort
28  Shameless hussy
32  Andrea — (ill-fated ship)
33  Tiny particle
34  Fix the soundtrack
36  -do-well
37  Horses' neck adornments
39  Ardent
41  Laundry whiteners
42  Female sheep
44  Cowardly one in Oz
45  Work
50  Game played on horseback
53  Charged bit
55  Reprehensible
56  "The Good Earth" heroine
57  Take to court
58  Paradise
59  Ring
60  Explosive letters
61  Drunkard
63  Charged bit
65  Reprehensible
66  "The Good Earth" heroine
67  Take to court
68  Paradise
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70  Explosive letters
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DOWNS
1  Stare stupidly
2  Reed instrument
3  Precipitate part
4  Summery quaff
5  Kind
6  Unspoken "I dunno"
7  Taking time or, Git-style
8  Past
9  Diner order, for short
10  The Red or the Black
12  "Get lost!"
19  Baby's meal-time gadget
21  Disconsolator's last letter
22  Sandwich cookie
23  Steak
25  Rowing tools
26  Door-frame part
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### ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
This year, instead of jumping into the whole holiday prep scene, move in a little at a time. You'll appreciate the sense of control you're more likely to enjoy.

### TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
The separation between the Bovine's head and heart is never as far apart as it seems. Both senses work best when they come out of logic and honesty.

### GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
The best way to keep those pre-holiday pressures under control is to just say no to taking on new tasks while you're still trying to work with a heap of others.

### CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
News means a change might be on its way, but what does it hold? Don't just ask questions; make sure you get answers you can trust.

### LEO (July 23 to August 22)
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### VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
With time running out, this is a good time for you to show ‘em all what those Virgo super-organizational skills can do.

### LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Librans and holidays are made for each other, especially if children and animals are going to be part of your joyous season.

### SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Time is getting too short to allow a spat to taint the holiday season. Restart your relationship and reschedule holiday fun times.

### SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Seeking advice is laudable. You might learn far more than you thought you could. Stay with it.

### CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Continuing to assess changes works toward your getting your new project up and ready.

Trusted colleagues remain ready to help.

### AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
That new situation needs a lot of attention, but it’s worth it. This is a very good year for you to involve the arts in what you do.

### PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
It might be a good idea to slow your hectic holiday pace so that you don’t rush past what -- or who -- you’re hoping to rush toward.

BORN THIS WEEK:
Others pick up on your confidence in yourself, which inspires them to believe in you and your special gifts.

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You’ve got to taste these sweet potatoes

By Philomena Corradeno

There are some foods that just have to be part of winter holiday dinners. One is sweet potatoes. A classic dish in some homes has been sweet potatoes with marshmallows. Forget that tired old dish. It just doesn’t belong.

Here are two delectables that can be prepared a day ahead and reheated while the roast turkey rests for the carving session.

Savory Mashed Sweet Potatoes

In a large saucepan, add peeled and cut potatoes into equal-sized large chunks. Place in large saucepan. Add cold water to cover 1 inch over potatoes. Bring to boil; cover and cook over medium-low heat 15 to 30 minutes or until tender. Drain.


NOTE: Microwave oven may be used to cook the sweet potatoes. Do not peel. Pierce each unpeeled potato twice with a fork so excess steam can escape while cooking. Microwave potatoes on HIGH 5 to 10 minutes or until tender, turning potatoes over halfway through cooking. Let stand 5 minutes or until cool enough to handle. Remove skin from sweet potatoes and proceed as directed above.

Maple-Mashed Sweet Potatoes

1 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes
Salt
1/2 cup apple juice
1/4 cup pure maple syrup
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Peel sweet potatoes and cut into chunks. Place in large saucepan with cold water; bring to boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are fork tender, 20 to 30 minutes. Drain potatoes and place in large bowl. Add apple juice, maple syrup and cinnamon. Mash with electric mixer or potato masher until smooth. Season to taste with salt. Makes 4 servings.

Roast the turkey until temperature reaches 170 degrees F in the breast and 180 degrees F in the thigh.

Cooking times are for planning purposes only — always use a meat thermometer to determine doneness.

Approximate Timetable for Roasting a Turkey (325 degrees F):

Unstuffed Turkey
8 to 10 pounds 2
3/4 to 3 hours
12 to 14 pounds 3
3 to 3 1/4 hours
14 to 18 pounds 4
3/4 to 4 1/4 hours
20 to 24 pounds 4
3/4 to 5 1/4 hours
24 to 30 pounds 5
1/4 to 6 1/4 hours
Source: National Turkey Federation

You’ll love leftover mashed potato pancakes

This is a great way to use leftover potatoes. In fact, make extra so you can enjoy this easy dish a second time.

1 1/2 cups mashed potatoes
2 tablespoons plain dried breadcrumbs
1 tablespoon freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1 tablespoon butter or margarine


2. Heat nonstick 10-inch skillet over medium heat; melt butter. Add patties and cook until golden and heated through, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Makes 8 servings.

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Put a fresh spin on pumpkin dessert with cheesecake

The flavor of pumpkin pie in a creamy cheesecake — the secret is that it’s baked in a water bath. Our pumpkin cheesecake is light (in texture) and rich at the same time. Quite possibly our best cheesecake recipe yet!

Crumb Crust:
1 cup graham-cracker crumbs
3 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
2 tablespoons sugar

Pumpkin Cheesecake Filling:
2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
1 1/4 cups sugar
1 can (15-ounce) pure pumpkin (not pumpkin-pie mix)
3/4 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons bourbon or 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon salt
4 large eggs

This easy cheesecake combines the flavor of pumpkin with the creamy texture of cheesecake.

Sour-Cream Topping:
1 cup sour cream
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Crystallized ginger strips, for garnish
1. Heat oven to 350 F. In 9-by-3-inch springform pan, with fork, stir graham-cracker crumbs, melted margarine or butter, and sugar until well combined. With hand, press mixture onto bottom of pan. Tight wrap outside of pan with heavy-duty foil to prevent leakage when baking in water bath later. Bake crust 10 minutes. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.

2. Prepare Pumpkin Cheesecake Filling: In large bowl, with mixer at medium speed, beat cream cheese until smooth; slowly beat in sugar until blend- ed, about 1 minute, scraping bowl often with rubber spatula. With mixer at low speed, beat in pumpkin, sour cream, bourbon or vanilla, cinnamon, allspice and salt. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating just until blended after each addition.

3. Pour pumpkin mixture into crust and place in large roasting pan. Place pan on oven rack. Carefully pour enough boiling water into pan to come 1 inch up side of springform pan. Bake cheesecake 1 hour 10 minutes or until center barely jiggles. For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our website at www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipesfindit.

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Highline seeks tutors

Highline wants to hire 12 part-time tutors for local middle schools as part in a partnership with GEAR UP. GEAR UP, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate programs, is a nation-wide grant that is focused on “increasing the number of students4hire.com. The deadline for an applicant to apply for this position is Nov. 30.

Climate change means extreme weather

Ordinary people can help combat it, however, scientists say

By Micah Litowitz

The year 2015 is currently on track for the hottest year on record; 2014 currently has that title. Susan Tyler, Seattle Aquarium beach naturalist, and Dr. Leslie Dierauf, chairwoman of the SeaDoc Society, spoke at the Marine Science and Technology Center last Saturday on the issue of climate change, and about how climate change is a reality that is already effecting us.

Droughts, wildfires, rain storms, flooding, lack of snow, and melting glaciers are all results of climate change, and a lot of climate change is because of humans impact on CO2, and methane, which is 10 times more powerful than CO2, said Dr. Dierauf.

“It’s hard to wrap your head around a problem of this magnitude,” said Tyler.

Sometimes people ignore climate change, and therefore don’t do what they should to help out, while others completely deny that it is happening, Tyler said.

Many deniers claim that climate change is not happening because snow packs are expanding, but the reality is that they are melting, and when they melt, their depth decreases and they start to slide, Dr. Dierauf said.

Some 9,137 peer reviewed articles have been published on climate change. Out of those articles, 9,136 of them agree that climate change is an issue, and one disagrees. If humans do not change their ways, they will face extinction of many species, heat waves and extreme weather conditions, dramatic increase in wildfires, drought, and flooding, crops yields will drop, malnutrition and disease will increase in places like Africa, and most coral reefs will disappear, Tyler said.

“Belief in climate change is optional, but participation is mandatory,” said Tyler.

There are many things the public can do to help, starting with becoming educated. Doing research and attending lectures and meetings on the environment and climate change can be very helpful, said Dr. Dierauf.

Other things include recycling, turning off equipment, purchasing green power, limit use of plastic, conserve natural areas, and demand honest reporting, they said.

The most important thing the community needs for climate change is political leadership. The men and women who have political power are the ones who can change laws and give tax return to users of solar power and put up wind turbines, they said.

Writing to your government and attending city council meetings are just a few ways to get your voice heard, they said.

Writing thank you letters to political leaders who have made a step towards helping climate change helps encourage it to continue.

“We have two choices: go about business as usual and ignore the threat, or work together and reduce carbon emissions,” said Dr. Dierauf.

On Nov. 30-Dec. 14, the UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties will be held in Paris and attended by Washington Gov. Jay Inslee. There, political leaders all over the world will meet together to discuss changes to be made to reduce carbon footprint and help with climate change.

Religious leaders such as the Pope have spoken about climate change as well. These are great influences and will hopefully begin a change to a better future, said Dr. Dierauf.

Dr. Dierauf said, “We have choices. We can drown in despair, we can become paralyzed or we can act. We can try to do something from the littlest to the biggest.”

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Other students say that humans are the sole cause of climate change. “I’m completely sure they are,” Dylan Murphy said. Some students say that humans don’t realize how much of an impact they have on the Earth. “I wouldn’t say they’re the one sole cause, but they’re speeding it up,” Briggs said.

Despite the strong belief in climate change, large portions of students aren’t doing anything to help decrease the effects. “No, I’m making it [the environment] worse, I don’t care,” Braden Stromberg said.

Some students claim to be environmentally conscious. “I take the bus rather than driving,” Luke Demers said. Another student said she tries to help the environment by doing certain things in her household. “Well I know recycling helps so I try to recycle. I unplug chords when not in use,” said Baljeet Kaur.

Other students say they try to help out by changing how they get to school. “I drive a hybrid,” Dylan Pahutski said. Overall, most students just try to do what they can. “I try my best,” said another student.

Reporters Sam McCullough, Michael Muensch and Bryce Sizemore contributed to this story.
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Robbins at South 236th Lane, which serves as the north entrance to the college’s East Parking Lot. Trees and structures have already been cleared at the site. It is unclear if the Kaplan students would be eligible for housing in the new dorm.

Currently, the Marina Inn in downtown Des Moines and the Garden Suites at 22845 Pacific Hwy. S. in Des Moines provide short-term housing for international students who then fan out to Midway area apartments or find host-family housing. Crossland Economy Studios at 25104 Pacific Hwy. S. near the Redondo Fred Meyer in Kent also provides short-term housing.

Although nothing has been finalized, there are blueprints of a preliminary model dated Oct. 7, 2015 that call for a five-story development with four levels of student housing designed specifically for international students and one level of space set aside for the Highline administration.

“We are talking with the developer, but nothing is finalized yet,” said Highline Vice President for Administrative Services Michael Pham.

Denise L. Lathrop, Community Development manager for the city of Des Moines, echoed Pham’s assertion that the project is in flux.

“The applicant is currently redesigning the [dormitory facility so these numbers may change],” she said.

However, Pham said that the space in the building allotted for Highline would not be adequate to meet the needs of the college’s administrative offices, which are currently housed in space leased from McLean Highline Properties and commonly known as Building 99.

“There is not enough space to house all of the current administration operations on one level,” said Pham about the Highline Place space. The college just renewed the lease of Building 99 earlier this year.

The Highline Place investors have been identified as Eastern Link Capital, Eastern Link LLC, and Eastern Link LP, a group of Chinese investors who have collaborated with IHB Architects of Kent and Howard Montoure, president Montoure Real Estate Corp. of Renton. Tony Lui is the managing partner.

Should the college lease space in Highline Place, it would expand the college’s presence along Pacific Highway South and, if the college continues to lease Building 99 might create the need for a more practical entrance to the college, thereby improving traffic flow and reducing congestion during prime times.

Once the initial project is completed, the investors say they intend to develop an initial 30,000 square feet of office space and 44 apartment units on the same site. The build-out on that phase of the development, though, will be considerably larger.

“The second building of proposed campus housing is considered as the part two of Highline Place. It would contain retail space on the bottom floor with [eventually] 280-market rate apartment-style units,” Montoure said.

That could dovetail with Sound Transit’s plans to construct a Highline College light rail station on the east side of Pacific Highway South. There are currently eight potential sites for the Sound Transit station.

“The details of these locations are not yet officially decided, but all of them are expected to be accessible to the Highline Campus,” said Sandra Fann, Sound Transit project team manager.

But things may come together sooner as Pham said he expects details of Highline Place to be finalized by next spring.

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non-smokers to enjoy the beautiful waterfront view by the Library. It is unfair,” Batbayar said.

At the Environmental Club’s event you will have an opportunity to sign a petition. It requests that the smoking section in front of the Library be moved 200 feet away from the building.

So far the club has collected 150 signatures.

“We are aiming for over 1,000 signatures. After we collect the signatures, we are going to work with CLS [Center for Leadership and Service] to make a plan on what to do next,” said Batbayar.

A wide range of students have signed the petition.

“People with asthma and respiratory problems have signed the petition, because they could get sick while entering and exiting the Library,” said Batbayar.

“Even some smokers have signed the petition. They don’t mind walking a short distance, because it is better for the community,” she said.

Batbayar said everyone is welcome at the Environmental Club event. Monday, Nov. 30 please come to the student union from 1:30-3 p.m. You will get free hot chocolate for signing the petition and informing yourself.”

Batbayar encouraged her fellow classmates to join.

“We want to spread the word that there is an Environmental Club and you can join at any time,” said Batbayar. “We meet every Monday from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Building 8, room 302.”

The club currently has 13 members. Anyone interested in joining the club can attend a meeting, or contact Batbayar at uuuriintuya89@students.highline.edu