Church offers interfaith event

By Olivia Sullivan
Staff Reporter

A local church is encouraging people to love without fear by bridging the gap between different religions.

The church will be holding an event next Thursday titled “Love in a Time of Fear: Christians and Muslims as Neighbors.” The event is focused around diminishing the fear and deepening the communities understanding of Islam and of the Muslim community by building relationships.

“I think the title says it all,” said Senior Pastor John O’Neal of Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines.

“I think there is a lot of fear out there today – fear of the Muslim religion, too much generalization as we hear about terrorism, and the idea that most Muslims are terrorists. I know that’s absolutely not true,” he said.

O’Neal has been with Grace Lutheran Church for almost 32 years and recently reached out to his friend, Pastor Terry Kyllo of St. Philip’s Episcopal Church in Marysville, to have this presentation in Des Moines.

The first “Christians and Muslims as Neighbors” event was held in Lynwood at Trinity Lutheran church in December.

“The idea was to initiate a conversation by visiting various talk-staffed?” and questions and concerns about current world trends and media.

After few students approached the officers, one community service officer took it upon himself to initiate a conversation by visiting various tables in the cafeteria.

That broke some of the tension. One group of Highline students said they felt better after learning why there were multiple officers walking around the Student Union. Their first impression was that something serious was going on until one of the officers made the rounds.

By Jim Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Students, and the public in general, are often wary of talking with the police. That was apparent Tuesday when Des Moines Police attempted to breach that divide with a get-together in the Student Union.

Coffee with a Cop is an event where students had the opportunity to ask and discuss questions with officers from Des Moines Police regarding any concerns they might have on campus or in their community.

Some common questions people ask the officers are things like “what is going on in my neighborhood?” marijuana laws, “is the department under-staffed?” and questions and concerns about current world trends and media.

As part of a 27-acre campus located on Marine View Drive, the Landmark offers sweeping views of Puget Sound, stained glass windows and a classic wood interior, as well as large grounds.

The Landmark has 177 rooms, a dining hall, a chapel and an auditorium. Known as “the castle” to Des Moines residents, the Landmark is a mishmash of architectural styles, as was the style of the 1920s, said Seattle architect Clint Pehrson.

“The mansard roofs with dormers look French Revival. The stucco with brick tracery is kind of like English Tudor, but...
Two people were assaulted by a man with a gun on the trail north of the tennis courts at 8:51 p.m. on Feb. 11.

Public Safety officers received a call from the Des Moines Police dispatcher in reference to the incident.

The victims said that the assailant left in a car just after the incident and officers determined that there were no immediate threat to campus and did not require a lockdown.

Des Moines Police officers continued to patrol that area. The man described to be about 30-40 years of age and about 5 feet 11 inches tall, wearing a black jacket and blue jeans.

Honda Stolen from East Parking Lot

A silver 1997 Honda Civic was reported stolen from the East Parking Lot at 4:24 p.m. on Feb. 10.

After a thorough check of all parking lots officers determined that the vehicle was in fact stolen.

The Des Moines Police were contacted and a report was filed.

It is unknown if the vehicle has been recovered.

Electronics stolen from ISP office

A Highline owned iPhone 5s, a personal Plus One smart phone and a digital camera were stolen from the International Students Program office at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 12.

Staff members said they had gone to lunch and did not lock their office and when they returned they noticed the items missing.

There was a person of interest but do not know if the individual is responsible.

Pot smokers told to hightail it

Public Safety officers smelled marijuana coming from the second floor of Building 26 while on patrol at 4:03 p.m. on Feb. 12.

Officers suspected the smell to be coming from the bathroom by the stairwell but after a search of the area they found three men sitting on the stairwell smoking marijuana.

The men were advised that marijuana is not allowed on campus and one of the men extinguished it before putting it into his back pocket.

The men apologized and left campus without further incident.

Man prowls through Highline vehicle

Facilities called Public Safety officers and reported a man wearing a ski mask with eye holes digging through the back of a Highline owned utility vehicle at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 11.

The man was looking through the back of the car and appeared the be shaking paint cans when two staff members witnessed the man and called out to him before he took off running between Building 4 and Building 0 towards the East Parking Lot.

Officers determined that nothing had been stolen before searching the area with no finding of the individual.

The man was described to be between 5’10” and 6’ wearing an orange hooded sweatshirt, light blue jeans, a back pack and had a red and green ski mask with eye holes pulled down over his face.

Homeless woman draws suspicion

Kaplan contacted the Public Safety office regarding a homeless woman on the 5th floor of Building 25 at 8:55 a.m. on Feb. 11.

Officers were informed that the woman was heading down the elevator upon their arrival and searched the area for the individual but came up empty.

Staff told officers that the lady bather in the restroom and had even taken her shoes off in the magazine room.

The woman cannot be banned from campus unless she continues to be disruptive or interfere with the educational mission of the college said Sgt. George Curtis of Public Safety.

Support program director hopes to help others succeed

By Bryce Sizemore

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Learn about refugees’ struggles

Participate in an interactive dialog on the experiences of refugees today at the Inter-Cultural Center (ICC).

The Difficult Journey of Refugees seeks to examine the complex experiences of global refugees globally.

This event, the first program in the ICC’s Global Village program series, will be today at 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in the ICC.

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Trump, Sanders campaigns reflect frustration of American electorate

By Jacqueline Robinson
Staff Reporter

Donald Trump's media antics, Bernie Sanders' big promises and the presidential electoral system were some of the topics addressed by three Highline professors.

On Feb. 11, the college hosted a forum titled Trump Cards and Electric Sanders: Explaining the 2016 Elections. The event was held in Building 7, where three Highline political science professors discussed the inner workings of this year's presidential elections.

Dr. Emmanuel Chiabi, Dr. Benjamin Gonzalez and Dr. T.M. Sell each spoke about a different aspect of the election.

Dr. Chiabi addressed how the political parties use caucuses and primaries.

"Now every state has a caucus or primary," said Dr. Chiabi.

He said parties use caucuses and primaries along the way to the national convention to help choose their nominees.

Dr. Gonzalez spoke about Donald Trump and some of Trump's many media antics. He explained that most people did not consider Trump a serious contender for the Republican nomination at first but that has since changed. He said Trump is creating a media narrative that is increasing his chances as president.

"I was pessimistic about Trump's chances to win the Republican nomination and that is looking more and more like a potential reality," said Dr. Gonzalez.

Dr. Gonzalez said that Trump is using hate and fear to attract votes.

"One quote pretty well known from Trump is, 'When Mexico sends its people they are not sending its best. They are not sending you; They are not sending you. They are sending people that have lots of problems and they are bringing those problems with them. They are bringing drugs, they are bringing crime, they are rapists. Some I believe are good people,'" said Dr. Gonzalez, quoting Trump.

Dr. Gonzalez has a multitude of fears if Trump is elected president. He said Trump and the party are legitimizing racism.

"I hope that the Republican Party finds a viable challenger to Trump and that we don't see him in the general elections," said Dr. Gonzalez.

Dr. Sell addressed Bernie Sanders' campaign. What got Dr. Sell so interested in Sanders is the fact that he is even a serious contender.

"What makes Sanders interesting is that in any other election he would have been a footnote. The fact that his candidacy has been so successful speaks to certain levels of dissatisfaction among the voters," said Dr. Sell.

Trump and Sanders are both populist candidates. Dr. Sell said that populists are people who claim to represent the interests of the common people as opposed to the interests of the rich and powerful.

Dr. Sell explained that unique circumstances of this election that change the game for populist candidates like Sanders.

"This popularization that we see is driven by stagnant wages and fear of social change," said Dr. Sell.

Although Dr. Sell said that Sanders does have a shot for president, he feels that Sanders would have a hard time actually changing anything.

"I agree with a lot of what he says. I'm just not convinced that he would be a good president. In part because the Republicans are still going to have majority in Congress. All of the stuff he says he wants to do, all of his promises are not going to happen unless Congress approves it," said Dr. Sell.

Tutoring Center offers peer-to-peer help

By Thunderword Staff

Taking advantage of the resources around you can be a key to passing exams, students and professors say.

One such resource is actually students helping students.

The Tutoring Center offers help in many fields of study. The tutors there can answer any questions and they foster collaboration with others.

Tutoring Center workers advise that attending class is essential for success in exams.

Class time is where most of the information is given, and you should take notes so that you don't get behind with the lectures. But if students need help studying, the Tutoring Center can help, Students there say.

Reviewing outlines from the professors and taking notes are a constant study habit, Highline student Meghan Enges said.

Evently spaced out practice is a big factor in successful study practices.

Highline psychology professor Michael Buck said "the key to good studying is distributed practice, don't cram."

"Students get anxious when they study 30-45 minutes before a class starts," said Buck. "You don't want to get anxious... for me, I used to play pinball before a test."

"Plan well, space studying out and don't cram," said Professor Garth Neufeld. "The biggest predictor of poor performance is lack of preparation.

Rewriting your notes and making notecards reinforces what you have learned is beneficial, Professor of Anthropology Dr. Lonnie Somer said.

Use flash cards or study with a partner to help retain more of the information because it's not as easy to get distracted, some Highline students said.

Having a written-out schedule of your upcoming events can help to plan ahead so you know what your time frame is, they said.

Studying should be done in an organized and interesting way in order to maximize effectiveness.

"Don't just sit there and read. At the least try to take notes," said Highline professor Dr. Bob Baugher. "I personally hand out study guides for my students. Even if your teacher doesn't give study guides, it's your responsibility to ask for them. Don't be intimidated by your teachers."

"[Avoid] waiting until last minute," student Ruth Krizan said.

"If you go in the library, it's a pretty boring area right? Well when you're there you pretty much have no choice but to study," said Dr. Baugher.

"Even a 15-minute trip to get there might be worth it."

"Don't study where you sleep," said Neufeld. "Good lighting or quiet spaces are the best. Also, don't have any technology with you."

"People think they can do two or three things at once but they're wrong," said Buck. "Turn off electronics, especially when reading."

Another teacher who did not disclose his name said that studying is a very relaxing activity.

"The world is so fascinating," he said. "Television may be stimulating for the short run but studying and learning about the world is so much more rewarding and relaxing. It just takes longer to get in the mood for it."

The Tutoring Center is located in Building 26, room 319. The Winter Quarter hours are Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and closed on the weekends.

Reporters Alejandro Villazon, Michael Maench, Megan Smith and Dylan You contributed to this story.
Police connect with community

The Des Moines Police Department is attempting to bridge the gap between police officers and people, but there is much work to be done.

One of the Des Moines Police Department does to strengthen its relationship with the community is hold social events such as Coffee with a Cop, which was held at Highline on Tuesday.

Coffee with a Cop is an event that occurs once or twice a month that gives members of the community the opportunity to get a cup of coffee and talk with members of the Des Moines Police Department.

It gives the officers a chance to meet people from the community, and it gives the people a chance to speak their minds and discuss issues directly with the officers.

If you want to help strengthen the bond with the community, the best thing to do is sit with people one by one, and get to know them individually. That way, you can create a relationship with people who may otherwise have no other positive interactions with police officers.

Unfortunately, other than these events, it is not as simple to just talk with members of the Des Moines Police Department. Although Chief George Delgado tries to get involved in the community as often as possible, due to their lack of officers, Des Moines Police Department simply doesn’t have the manpower to have a community-based policing.

A community-based police model, officers commonly are on foot, and involved with the community.

However, due to the shortage of officers, Des Moines runs on a response-based police model where they need to be constantly in police cars to quickly respond when they are needed.

If the Des Moines Police Department had better funding, they could hire more officers.

However, the city of Des Moines has a poor tax base, and is constantly short of money.

Another thing that separates the community from the police force is that the Des Moines Police Department is primarily white.

Aside from George Delgado, the chief, there are only two other people of color who are commissioned in the entire department.

To help better understand and work with the community, each officer in the Des Moines Police Department is required to go through diversity training.

Although most people understand that you cannot just hire someone as an officer due to the color of their skin, it would help the community relate to the police if they could see a similar cultural reflection from them.

However, due to their lack of funding, the option isn’t really there to hire more officers, let alone more diverse officers.

Although the Des Moines Police Department is putting in effort to connect with the community, there is still much more work to be done and too little funding.

Nonetheless, the Des Moines Police Department is at least trying to make Des Moines a safer and friendlier place to live.

People say things on the internet that they would never say in real life.

From admitting your undying love to your biggest crush, to talking trash about celebrities, the web seems like the perfect place to get things off your chest.

What many people don’t realize is although it may be easier to dish out your feelings online, the consequences are even more severe.

Over the past year, I have been heavily involved in a “twitter war” with a woman I know almost nothing about.

It all started when someone anonymously sent a message to this woman telling her that her boyfriend was cheating on her.

I hadn’t seen him in over a year, but seeing that I was his most recent ex-girlfriend, all of the attention shifted to me.

The problem with anonymity online is that it forces people to make assumptions without any evidence. You can’t look to the voice, or the handwriting for any clues.

I tried messaging her privately but only calmly, telling her that I didn’t send her the anonymous message, and I really couldn’t care any less about her relationship, but she didn’t believe me.

Overnight, her twitter turned into a vessel for her to spew her hate and anger and attempt to slander my name as much as possible.

For the first few days, I stayed pretty quiet. She was posting rude and personal things about me including tweets about my appearance, about my previous relationship, and about my current relationship.

It was difficult. Every time she would post another tweet, I would feel my stomach flip, my face get hot, and my hands start to tremble.

After the fourth day, however, I snapped.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ****

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9. **PRESIDENTS:** Which U.S. president was born with the name Leslie King?
10. **MOVIES:** In the Disney movie Aladdin, how long was the genie inside the lamp before Aladdin released him?

Answers

1. James Brown
2. Laa-Laa
3. Weightlifting
4. Plums
5. William Shakespeare
6. 1 billion
7. Maine
8. Egypt
9. Gerald Ford
10. 10,000 years

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**GO FIGURE!**

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY: ****

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**King Crossword**

ACROSS
1. Grand tale
2. 5 Slight application
3. 8 Big party
4. 12 Netlike structures
5. 14 Desertlike
6. 15 Accelerator
7. 16 Start a garden
8. 17 That man's
9. 19 Bob and
10. 20 Urge on
11. 23 "Scat, gnat!"
12. 24 Close by
13. 25 Baseball legend
14. 26 Casey

DOWN
1. Formerly, On pension
2. Pellet for a certain shooter
3. "— Complicated"
4. Code
5. Clothing
6. Carte lead-in
7. Trademark
8. Fireplace

9. Fuel
10. Geometry calculation
11. Tosses in
12. Overlay with plaster, perhaps
13. "— Cassius has..."
14. Third-party abbr.
15. "Cat call!"
16. Brazilian rubber area
17. Scatter about
18. More mighty
19. Old-time actor
20. "Hey, you!"
21. 22. Pinnacle
23. Bellow
24. Hostel
25. "40 Hey, you!"
26. 44 Stickum
27. 45 Day fractions (Abbr.)
28. 46 Prop for
29. 29-Down
30. 31. Ballesteros of golf
32. 33. Nozzle attached to a Bunsen burner
34. 35. Jog one's memory
36. 37. "Ha!"
38. 39. Bellow
40. 41. 42. Heartb temp, Pioneers
42. 43. More mighty
43. 44. Stickum
45. 46. Day fractions (Abbr.)
46. 47. 48. Fire prop
49. 50. 51. Gas fuel

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) St. Valentine’s Day magic rules the entire week for romantic Rams and Ewes. Music, which is the food of love, is also strong. The weekend offers news both unexpected and anticipated.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor the arts -- which the Divine Bovine loves, loves, loves. Also, for those looking for romantic love, Cupid is available for requests. After all, his mother, Venus, rules your sign.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Loving commitments continue to grow stronger. Ditto budding relationships. A recent move to help start up a new career-linked direction soon could begin to show signs of progress.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Don’t treat anyone like you want a second chance. The weekend is filled with positive potentials, but it’s up to you to make right choices. The advice of someone who truly cares for you and your well-being can be priceless.

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The Beatles live on

Symphony concert features music by the fab four

By Stephen Baklund
Staff Reporter

The Beatles Mystery Tour will perform with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra live on Feb. 19 until 21.

The Beatles tribute band is led by Jim Owen as John Lennon, Tony Kishman as Paul McCartney, David John as George Harrison and Chris Camilleri as Ringo Starr.

“Many times a year the Fab Four, playing classic songs of the Fab Four, playing classic songs such as Penny Lane and Yesterday. The Beatles started out as Lennon's idea in 1957. After playing around with some school friends, Lennon met McCartney, who later invited Harrison. Ringo Starr joined in 1962. Their first LP Please Please Me reached No. 1 on the British charts within the first week. After they released Please Please Me, Americans started to listen to them, which caused a phenomenon referred to as Beatlemania.“

After coming out with Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band in 1967, they were considered a world-famous band.

Tickets range from $43 to $103. Tickets are available on seattlesymphony.org.

Piano trio to rock the house

By Jonathan Larson
Staff Reporter

A chamber concert featuring the Federal Way Symphony's Piano Trio highlights the group's Concert No. 5 on Sunday, March 6 at 2 p.m.

Although the event is sponsored by the Federal Way Symphony, it will not be the full symphony that performs, rather, the group's Piano Trio.

“The music will sweep you away,” said acclaimed violinist and Concertmaster Marjorie Talvi. “It will be performed at the highest caliber.”

Chamber music, by definition, is “the music of friends.” It is music that brings people together, and invites them to have a good time and enjoy listening.

“It’s a totally different feeling than symphonic music,” said Talvi. “It’s less formal, there’s no conductor, and it’s more intimate.”

The Federal Way symphony performs many times a year.

Talvi will perform on the violin. Professor of Comparative Literature at the University of Washington Marshall Brown will play the cello. And Kevin Aanerud will play the piano.

Aanerud is “very well known and respected in the music world,” said Talvi. The trio will perform three pieces by Haydn; a sonata written by Sergei Prokofiev; and Piano Trio in Bb by Franz Schubert. Tickets are $32 pre-sale for adults, and $35 at the door. Seniors get in for $28 pre-sale, $31 at the door. Students 19 and older pay $15, and youth younger than 18 get in for free.

The concert will take place at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Federal Way, 515 S. 312th St.
Seven wrestlers qualify for nationals

By Roopkanwal Nagra
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbirds qualified seven wrestlers for nationals this past weekend at the Western District Region 18 Championships held at Highline.

The T-Birds as a team placed third behind Southwestern Oregon and Clackamas, who finished first.

Andrew Ramirez, at 141 pounds, led the team Saturday placing first. After a close semifinal match against Western Wyoming, he wrestled Beau Shatto of Southwestern Oregon in the finals and beat him in overtime to win his first regional title. Ramirez is undefeated so far in his weight class.

“I felt good going into the weekend and every win made me feel better,” Ramirez said. “I wouldn’t have been able to win without my team and without practicing celibacy.”

Tyler Noon, 174, made it to the finals after an overtime win in the semifinals.

Noon was seeded No. 1 but lost in the finals to Tommy Brewster of Clackamas. Noon beat him at the Clackamas Open earlier this season.

Taylor Johnson, 184, placed third, despite losing his first match to Hazzel West of Clackamas. Johnson then came back and pinned every opponent thereafter to take third place.

Elias Mason, the third finalist, wrestled at 197. Mason defeated Anthony Whitmarsh of Southwestern Oregon. Mason lost in the finals to John Morin of Clackamas.

Highline also had Josh Smith place third at 157. Smith lost in his semifinal match, but won against everyone else to place third.

Andrew Tereza, 125, was ranked fourth nationally earlier in the season but hadn’t wrestled in the last month due to injury. He took fourth on Saturday.

T-Bird heavyweight Teban Mansary beat Tim Smith of Southwestern Oregon and placed fourth.

Mansary had lost twice to Smith but beat him Saturday to secure his spot at nationals.

“I felt the super-sayian come out of me when I stepped on the mat, and I knew I had to win for my ancestors,” Mansary said.

“Teban really came up as an underdog and showed out at the tournament. I’m really proud of him,” Ramirez said.

The NJCAA Wrestling Nationals are at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa on Feb. 26-27.

“I believe the group we are sending to nationals is capable of finishing in the top 10,” Highline Assistant Coach Brad Luvaas said. “I believe in our guys, they just need to believe in themselves.”

Lady T-Birds start playoff push with win

By Samuel Biern
Staff Reporter

The Lady T-Birds basketball team defeated the South Puget Sound Clippers 51-40 on Feb. 10 to get them back on track after two consecutive losses.

“[Assistant] Coach Strozier told us in our backs are against the wall. If we want to get in the tournament we need to fight these last five games,” forward Chantal Hill said.

Fight is exactly what the Thunderbirds did.

The Lady T-Birds put together a solid defensive performance that carried them throughout the game.

“We picked up our defense this game,” said guard Jasmyne Holmes, 12. “It was a good offensive game.”

Johnson, the leading scorer for the Clippers, finished with 15 points, one rebound and three steals.

However, this was not enough against a Thunderbirds team that was ready to pick up their game after two disappointing losses.

The bench for Highline also contributed 17 points for the game.

“Coach [Mosley] had a really good rotation,” Hill said.

Highline’s shooting percentage is still a work in progress after the Lady T-Birds shot 42 percent from the field.

However, the Thunderbirds are still taking positives from their performance.

“We took smart shots instead of ones that were too quick,” Hill said.

Highline also got back to one of its strengths in the game, as the Lady T-Birds pulled down 51 total rebounds.

The Thunderbirds were led by guard Jasmyne Holmes. Holmes finished with 12 points, eight rebounds, three steals and one assist.

The importance of the win against South Puget Sound and winning the last four games to end the season could not be overstated for Hill and the rest of the team who need momentum on their side to finish strong.

In order to get a spot in the tournament the Thunderbirds will have to pass Grays Harbor, who currently stands in the fourth and final tournament spot.

“The Chokers are 5-5 in the NWAC West. Highline, on the other hand, stands at 4-6 in the division.

In order to have a shot at the post-season, Highline needs to go 3-1 the rest of the way. Additionally, they need help from Grays Harbor who has to lose three of their remaining four games.

However, the schedule plays in favor of the Thunderbirds. In their final four games, the Lady T-Birds face the bottom three teams in the NWAC West, Green River, Pierce, and Tacoma.

The Chokers have a tough remaining schedule, as they face two teams that have clinched tournament berths in Centralia and Lower Columbia, as well as South Puget Sound who currently stands at third in the NWAC West at 6-4.

Highline players such as Hill have faith that the Lady T-Birds can make it.

Hill said the goals for the team focus on “Ending on a win, not a loss,” and the team is excited about “still having that chance to get into the tournament.”

Highline played first-place Lower Columbia on Feb. 17 with results unavailable at press time.

The Lady T-Birds will try to carry over their momentum off of the victory in their next two games, beginning with a noon tipoff against Green River at the Pavilion on Feb. 20, followed by a 6 p.m. evening tipoff against Pierce on Feb. 24, also at the Pavilion.
T-Birds move to second place

Battle for the west to be settled between Highline and Lower Columbia

By Charles Prater
Staff Reporter

After a solid win over No. 2 South Puget Sound last week, the T-Birds have set themselves up for a shot at the No. 1 spot in the west.

Highline, 8-2 (17-8 overall), is on a four-game winning streak and is currently sitting at the No. 2 spot in the West Division.

In last Wednesday’s game against the Clippers, the Thunderbirds were in command the entire game, winning 82-65.

“Wins are always nice,” said Highline Head Coach Che Dawson. “We did a nice job of coming in focused against a team we beat earlier in league play.”

Highline beat South Puget Sound back in January, 81-58, on the road, and this time was no different.

The T-Birds took control from the start in the first half, clicking on all cylinders.

The team shot 51 percent from the field and 50 percent from the three-pointer, while also limiting the Clippers to 37 percent from the field.

With offense and defense working in favor of Highline, the T-Birds went into halftime up 44-29.

The second half was much of the same for the T-Birds as they kept the lead for the rest of the game.

Highline only shot 42 percent from the field, but was able to keep the lead thanks to making seven out of 10 threes.

Coming into the game, the Clippers’ Dez Stoudamire was fourth in the league in scoring with 22 points a game.

Highline did a great job of keeping the ball out of his hands and held Stoudamire to 11 points in the game.

T-Bird Jamie Orme was the leading scorer in the game with 22 points and five steals.

Teammate Ty Peacock had a great game and was one re-bound away from a triple-double with 15 points, nine rebounds and 12 assists.

“The guys definitely felt like they earned the win and that their preparation paid off,” said Coach Dawson.

Now with only one win away from being on top in the west, the T-Birds have a tough test on the road against No. 1 Lower Columbia.

The T-Birds played Lower Columbia, 9-1 (17-7 overall), yesterday with results unavailable at press time.

The Devils came into yesterday’s game having won 12 of their 13 games and having already clinched a playoff spot.

Highline gives up the least points in the league with 69 a game, while Lower Columbia gives up the third least with 71 a game.

“The Devils are also fourth in the league in blocks with almost five a game.”

Everything is mental at this stage of the season,” said Coach Dawson. “It’s all about who shows up ready to get the job done.”

After Wednesday’s game, the T-Birds will play their last two home games of the season on Saturday, Feb. 20 and Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Highline plays Green River on Saturday at 2 p.m. and then moves on to play Pierce on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The Raiders previously beat the T-Birds, 82-74, back in January, and will have a tough time doing it again in the Pavilion.
Clementines are a species of orange and are useful in many sweet recipes, such as orange chicken.
Success is three things, professor says

By Allison Sawyer
Staff Reporter

Successful strategies in chasing your dreams and becoming successful were detailed by a CEO and professor during last week’s Honors Colloquy.

Rod Mattson, CEO of Mattson Communication Training, professor and lecturer, was the guest speaker at the weekly Highline Honors Colloquy on Feb. 3.

“Everyone says ‘reach for the stars’ but nobody tells you how to get there. What does it take to be successful?” asked Mattson.

The three components to success are attitude, communication and knowledge, said Mattson.

“You need all three of these things to get to your dreams,” he said.

“You have to have knowledge, you have to have the right attitude and you have to be able to communicate what you know, said Mattson.

“Fifteen percent of our happiness and success is based off of knowledge and 85 percent is based off of the other two,” said Mattson.

It is important to reach for a dream, but we don’t know all of the dreams that are out there.”

They say, ‘but its too much. There’s smarter people than me,’” said Mattson. “They say, ‘but its too much. There’s smarter people than me,’” said Mattson.

“You can only go as far as you are able to go,” said Mattson.

Failure is inevitable. Failure is how we learn, he said.

“Failure is a person who has never failed and I’ll show you a person who has never tried,” said Mattson.

“We hope that Highline students will be encouraged to continue their graduate education at UW School of Law after completing their bachelor’s degree,” Castilleja said.

“We hope to demystify the law school admissions process and encourage students to consider pursuing a legal career,” Castilleja said.
Caucuses kick off later this month
By Michael Muench
Staff Reporter


A caucus is an election consisting of people and political candidates who are engaged and involved in politics, said Highline professor of political science and history, Dr. Emmanuel Chiabi.

Party precinct caucuses are all held on the same day. During each caucus, votes are cast in order to select delegates who will represent presidential candidates at the next level.

These discussions revolve around each candidate’s campaign and party platforms.

“The aim is to come here and to fight for delegates,” Dr. Chiabi said.

Generally, each caucus has a fairly low level of participation and those who do participate tend to lean far to the left or the right, said Highline professor of political economy, Dr. T.M. Self.

After the delegates are chosen at the caucus level they will be filtered through several elections at the legislative, district, state and the national level.

At the national election the last delegates decide on who their party’s presidential candidate will be.

U.S. citizens will then vote for president by state. The number of electors in each state varies by the state’s population.

Each state’s electors will then vote on the candidates and it is from these votes that a president is chosen.

You can find where your local Republican caucus will be held at the Washington Republican Party website: http://www.wrpg.org/caucus.

The Washington State Democratic Caucus will be held on March 26.

You can find out where the Democratic caucus will be held at the Washington Democratic Party website: https://www.demcaucus.com.register.

The Washington State Republican Party did not respond to attempts to contact them for comment.

Artificial reef to be formed
By Taylor Lee
Staff Reporter

Marine science students could be getting new educational opportunities with the proposed creation of diving reefs to the north and south of Highline’s Marine Science and Technology Center at Redondo.

The Department of Natural Resources has approved a project to build the artificial reefs in close proximity to the MaST Center. Project proponents are now seeking the required funding.

The Washington Scuba Alliance plans to apply for the Public Participation Grant to help defray the cost. The new reefs would come on the heel of the successful creation of an artificial formation a little more than a mile north of Redondo at Saltwater State Park.

That reef “has been a massive success,” said Randy Williams, a MaST Center volunteer and Washington Scuba Alliance board member.

“We plan to build a large rock section near the MaST Center,” Williams said. “We also want to build another section south of the boat ramp.”

“The artificial reefs provide a new habitat for organisms and playground for divers,” said MaST Center Manager Rus Higley. “Highline would be able to monitor these reefs and conduct research on organisms that live on these new reefs.”

Construction of the new reefs would involve a significant change in materials used in years past.

Reefs were often made out of materials like old tires and sunken ships. Higley said, “The Department of Natural resources originally thought these types of materials wouldn’t deteriorate,” Higley said. “We now know, that’s not the case. [Those] materials are polluting the water.”

Research on the new reefs may also help educate divers about the hazards certain materials pose to the environment, he said.

“Uninformed citizen divers have tried to help by creating their own artificial reef,” Higley said. “Items such as a stove and a Volkswagen Bug have been dumped [north of the MaST Center] in an effort to create a new habitat.”

Because of that, the Department of Natural Resources had been resistant to the creation of new reefs, Higley said.

Campus disagrees over smoking bill
By Jonathan Larson
Staff Reporter

The Legislature is considering a bill that would raise the legal smoking age from 18 to 21 years old, and many people on campus are saying that such a move will not be effective.

“I actually am for it,” said Shiren Rabbo, a non-smoker. However, “if they’re already letting 16-year-olds smoke, then they will just keep letting other people smoke.”

Another non-smoker, Katya Pilipuk said, “I am for it, but I don’t think it will be effective. I think kids will still break the law.”

“They might know the law, but they won’t care,” Pilipuk said. “It depends on the punishment that goes along with it.”

Zack Dickerson, on the other hand, is a smoker and is against the bill. He said, if he’s old enough to die for his country, then he should be old enough to make the decision to kill himself from some other source, such as cancer.

“I think it is a waste of money,” Dickerson said.

Student Josiah Kenley, a non-smoker said, “there should be one age where you are an emancipated adult. I am against it.”

Eighteen-year-old smoker Yuchen Guo, doesn’t agree with the bill either. But if the bill is passed, “I might stop because I don’t want to be in trouble,” he said.

Many students don’t think the law will be enforced.

“It could happen, but I don’t think it will,” said Kenley. “Overall, I don’t think it will have that big of an effect.”

Micah Lutz, a smoker, said that the law would be enforced on college and high-school campuses, but not anywhere else.

“I’ve seen 16-year-olds smoking here,” Lutz said, “so the law is already not being enforced.”

Although there is a lot of support for the bill from legislators, the bill appears to be stalled as it currently is stuck in committee.
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that would be done with tim- 
bers rather than brick mason-
ry," Pehrsen said.

"The round-top windows are somewhat Romana-
seque, but they are filled with point-
ed-arch leaded glass windows 
that suggest a Gothic influence. And some of the masing, es-
pecially at the entrance, looks Art 
Deco, which would be consistent 
with the building's vintage."

"The overall composition is 
inspired by the PA Chalet style," Pehrsen said.

"It's one of the better proper-
ties I've seen," Heidgerken said. 
"You can build it that way.

Heidgerken said he and his 
partner try to purchase land 
where they see potential for something more.

"Our job is to search for 
the best," Heidgerken said. "This is 
a tremendous opportunity. The 
property speaks for itself."

Heidgerken said he and his 
partner are undecided on what 
they want to develop the prop-
erty into, as much may depend 
the nature of any potential ten-
ants. He also said that his com-
pany is going to take three to 
forthcoming months to develop further 
plans for the property.

"We have to do our due dili-
gence," Heidgerken said. 
"I said that the Land-
mark could be anything potential 
tenants may need, such as a resort 
and/or hotel, offices, apartments, 
or even educational facilities.

"We can go a lot bigger," Heidgerken said. "There's no rea-
son you couldn't have an office.

Heidgerken said that, if need 
be, they could add another 
400,000-600,000 square feet to 
the building, which is about 
130,000 square feet.

Heidgerken said that he in-
tends to communicate with the 
city of Des Moines to ensure that 
the community is respected.

"We intend to work well with 
them," Heidgerken said. "The 
city's going to be an asset."

The city of Des Moines has 
been watching the project with 
considerable interest.

"The Masons sold it to a group of people who are trying to 
preserve [the property]," said 
Des Moines City Councilman 
Dave Kaplan.

Kaplan said the Freemasons' 
vision was that new owners 
would maintain the building's 
facade, which is "more in-line 
with what the city wants."

"We're really indebted to the 
Masons," Kaplan said. 

Des Moines has been suffer-
ning from low tax revenue since 
the loss of the sales tax equal-
ization program in 1999, and the 
2008 recession only made 
things worse.

"I would love to see the build-
ning used as a hotel or corporate 
ofice," Kaplan said. 

Kaplan said that depending on 
its use, the Landmark prop-
erty may end up a significant 
source of tax revenue.

"We're getting 50 off of it 
right now," Kaplan said. "We're 
very hopeful though." 

Kaplan said the city will need 
to be at least somewhat involved with 
the development project, as 
eventually Heidgerken's team will 
need to apply for permits and, de-
pending on the property's use, 
the possible need for re-zoning.

Kaplan said that many of 
the rooms in the Landmark are 
small, and that the removal of 
interior walls may be necessary.

One considerable challenge 
facing the development project 
is the age and condition of the 
building. The main building is 90 
years old.

Significant repair and reno-
Vations may be needed to bring 
the Landmark facility up to 
modern standards.

Tom O'Keefe, founder of 
Tully's Coffee and O'Keefe De-
velopment, has had success with develop-
elopment in the Des Moines/
Normandy Park area.

O'Keefe said that such an old 
property could require exten-
sive remodel work and capital 
investment.

"I would address it for mo-
dernity," O'Keefe said. Any 
project would likely require the 
installation of modern technol-
ogy, such as phone jacks and In-
ternet access.

"[The question is], is the building re-usable?" O'Keefe asked. 
O'Keefe said a structural 
analysis is an important part 
of any development project in-
volving pre-existing facilities.

"Obviously, it's an incredi-
ably cool and exciting property," O'Keefe said. "He [Heidgerken] 
can do something that is fairly 
significant."

O'Keefe said he could see the property being used as a school, 

office, a hotel or resort, or even 
mixed use by the government. He also said that 
in any project like that, access to 
freeways is a definite factor, 
as well as the need for addition-

al parking facilities.

"For every 1,000 square feet of office, you need 4 parking 
spots," O'Keefe said. 

"This may have an inche-
ous idea. You don't just go and 
spend $15 million," he said.

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the Trinity Lutheran event and 
brought the idea to Kyllo, who 
was intrigued and decided the 
Des Moines area needed to hear 
the message.

The last few years, Kyllo has been involved with an 
interfaith dialogue in Marysville. 

About a year ago, Kyllo and his 
good friend, Jafar Siddiqui, began 
to do events that discussed ter-
rorism and religious extremists.

The attacks in Paris and 
San Bernardino sparked a need for 
more knowledge because each 
time there is a terrorist attack, 
the Muslim community gets a 
lot of negative reactions from society.

With the 2016 election, Kyllo 
said some politicians are utiliz-
ing people's fear about the at-
tacks and the Muslim religion 
in order to promote their cam-
paigns and get votes.

"Central to the Jewish faith, 
The Christian faith, and the 
Islamic tradition is the idea of be-
ing a neighbor," said Kyllo. 
"Being a neighbor means to work 
for the well-being of the person, 
and it doesn't just mean to have 
warm feelings towards them."

Kyllo said people should spread 
tolerance by building relationships 
and by bringing neighbors around 
your friends and family and break 
up the invisible but substantial 
boundaries between people of dif-
ferent religions.

"We live next to a lot of peo-
ple, but we are not neighbors with 
very many," he said.

The church asks people to 
seek out neighborly friendships 
with Muslims and to stand 
against extreme and exclusive 
forms of religion that aim to 
dehumanize or act out violently 
against others. The church also 
asks people to resist the urge to 
judge and stereotype minor-
tities, and to respect the human 
and civil rights of all, O'Neal said.

"We're asking for more than 
general respect, we're asking for specif-
cial relationships," said Kyllo. 
"It's easy for people to say, 
"Oh I welcome everybody". It's 
important to break through the 
idea of loving people in general, 
moving from that to getting to 
know people on a deeper level."

College students have the 
ability to help, too.

"I think that the younger 
generation has a way of ac-
cepting and celebrating cultural 
differences that every genera-
tion in our country can learn from," 
Kyllo said. "I think the people 
going to college right now have incredible power for 
social change and broadening 
peoples horizons."

Speakers at the event 
would include Jafar Siddiqui of 
American Muslims of Puget Sound 
and Zahra Abidi of the ZANIB 
Center in Lynnwood, as well as 
Kyllo himself and speakers from 
the Sunni and Shiite sects about 
their personal experiences.

People who attend the event 
will also have the opportunity 
to ask questions and get clarifi-
cation on this difficult subject.

About 10 events are lined up 
for the spring throughout West-
ern Washington.

Several other churches of vari-
ous religions reached out to Kyllo 
to have the Muslim and Chris-
tians and Neighbors presentation 
coming to their churches.

Anyone is welcome and 
evryone is encouraged to come 
to the presentation.

"Love in a Time of Fear" is at 
Grace Lutheran Church, locat-
ed at 2975 24th Ave. S in Des 
Moines on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit 
http://muslimsandchristiansas-
neighbors.com/