**Good prof, bad prof**

Students say they want accessible, well-spoken and challenging professors

By Mary Gasper
Staff Reporter

Professors are good when they can communicate on multiple levels, are sympathetic or helpful, and can challenge the student to be successful, Highline students said recently.

An informal poll to find out what traits make effective instructors revealed that students are generally satisfied with the faculty here.

Good professors should also challenge the students to be successful, some students said.

"Somebody who can apply what they're teaching into everyday life," Resmond Taulelei said. "When they can challenge the student to think for themselves," student David Stephchuk said.

Students said good professors should communicate on different levels.

"Being able to communicate with the class, body language, charisma and leadership" is important, Christian Gunn said.

Vlad Gud looks for "someone who speaks with different tones, not monotone, they're energetic, and bring about examples, not just theory." Good professors should also be sympathetic.

"A teacher that is understanding," is what Dakota Pepper seeks.

For Jalen Roberts, that goes both ways. "They make sure students understand what they're teaching," she said.

Amid the positive comments, some students also said that inconsistent communication and not being committed to teaching are examples of what makes a bad professor.

Being inconsistent in communicating is a big red flag, students said.

"When you ask them a question and they don't answer it and tell you to come talk to them during their office hours" can be a big turn-off, said Emily Phan.

Professors who "lack information, no syllabus, never returns email or phone calls, horrible advice when pointing out advisers and inconsistent on Canvas," bug Kaitlin Taoipu.

"When they can't teach the subject they're assigned," that makes for a bad education experience.

**Students sign up to build local homes**

By Taylor Lee
Staff Reporter

More than 15 Highline students signed up to build hope for impoverished families seeking their own homes.

The students volunteered at an orientation meeting for a Habitat for Humanity service day, which is being organized by the Non-Traditional Student Club.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian ministry that builds homes to help address the issue of poverty housing all around the world. Millard and Linda Fuller founded the organization in 1976. They have built homes for more than 6.5 million people. Habitat has built homes on every continent except Antarctica.

"The homes are not given to families for free," said Tori Dost, youth and group engagement coordinator for Habitat. "Families must put in at least 200 sweat-equity hours while the home is being built."

Helping to build the home and working in Habitat offices can fulfill sweat-equity hours requirements, she said.

"Families also pay a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage that is less than 30 percent of their income," Dost said. "No profit it is made from the mortgage, it only pays for the building.

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**Local park to get summer makeover**

By Megan Smith
Staff Reporter

A local city park just south of campus, whose notorious reputation among Highline students has earned it the moniker Potside Park, is scheduled to be renovated this summer and reopen next October.

Officially known as Parkside Park, the 4.4-acre facility at South 244th Street and 25th Avenue South is about to be spruced up thanks to a $395,000 federal Community Development Block Grant to the city of Des Moines.

The city has already named The LA Studio, LLC to consult on the design and construction administration services contracts. As soon as those contracts are in-place, actual design work will begin. The current schedule calls for the bid process to take place in May, and the project to be completed by October.

The city is also working with the state Department of Ecology on the removal and replacement of contaminated soils. Because the site is down wind of the old ASARCO copper smelting plant in Tacoma, there have been arsenic accumulations in the soil. In some cases, the remediation program calls for complete replacement of the topsoil.

In addition, "all overgrowth" such as blackberry bushes, dead trees, and overgrown trees will be removed in order to create a "more inviting attraction for the neighborhood," said Janet Best, Des Moines Parks and Recreation administrative assistant.

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Green Subaru mystery puzzles Public Safety

By Jim Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The saying “now you see it, now you don’t” was turned on its head with regard to a stolen 1996 green Subaru Impreza. For Public Safety officers last week it was instead a case of “now you don’t see it, now you do.”

A student reported her vehicle stolen at 7:45 p.m. on March 2 to Des Moines Police.

The green 1996 Subaru Impreza was parked in the East Parking Lot when the owner returned it was gone.

The vehicle was not able to be located that day.

Suddenly, three days later, a green 1996 Subaru Impreza with no license plates was found in the East Parking Lot at 5:05 p.m. on March 5.

Mystery solved? Not so fast.

Unsure if this is the same vehicle that was stolen from campus a few days’ prior, Public Safety officers contacted the Des Moines Police, which confirmed the vehicle was in fact stolen, but it was a different vehicle.

This vehicle was reported stolen out of Seattle. Des Moines Police responded to campus and contacted the owner of the vehicle.

There was no major damage.

Building 28 rocked by window damage

A rock was thrown through the window of the main entrance door to Building 28 at 4:25 p.m. on March 3. The rock caused a large hole and shattered the glass. The window is in the process of being fixed.

While Highline is waiting on a contractor to install new glass, Facilities have secured the window.

There are no suspects and no known reason why the window was broken.

Lock to contractor’s trailer found cut

A cargo trailer was found with the lock cut off and the side door open in front of Building 99 at 4:20 p.m. on March 6.

Officers found the cut lock lying on the ground and replaced it with a lock from the office.

Public Safety officers said the trailer belongs to a contractor who uses the equipment for a class here at campus. They said they believe solar panel equipment was inside the trailer.

The owner was contacted and is aware that officers replaced the lock but has not been out to see if anything was stolen.

Light-headed student goes to hospital

A female student said she felt like she was going to faint and had numbness in her hands when an instructor reported the medical emergency to Public Safety officers at 10:59 a.m. on March 5.

The instructor stated that the female student was not feeling well and suggested that Public Safety officers contact South King County Fire and Rescue for further assistance.

The female student contacted her husband, who then picked her up and transported her to Highline Hospital in Burien.

The student’s condition is unknown.

Lingerie man draws suspicion

A man acting suspiciously on the second floor of Building 29 caught the attention of a faculty member who notified Public Safety at 9:24 a.m. on March 1.

When officers responded and started talking with the man, he became very nervous. He admitted that he was just released from prison and that he was waiting for his brother to pick him up.

The officers suggested that he enroll in college here and the man said he doesn’t have enough time because he had to work. Shortly after talking, the individual walked away only to return claiming that his cell phone was missing. Officers told him to check his pockets and he found his cell phone.

The man then used the restroom before leaving without further incident.

Get assistance in filing your taxes

Free income tax preparation at Highline is available for households that make less than $62,000 a year.

This service will be available on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until April 21.

Free income tax preparation will be in Building 99, room 251.

Participants will need their Social Security cards or individual tax identification numbers, photo ID, and all tax statements.

This program is a partnership between United Way and Highline.

Learn how to transfer to Bastyr

Learn about Bastyr University’s health-related programs in Building 6, room 164 at noon on March 10.

Gia Fusaro, admissions advisor from Bastyr University will discuss how your associates degree is transferrable to Bastyr’s programs.

Programs include nutrition, acupuncture, naturopathic medicine, health psychology, midwifery, herbal medicine, exercise science and wellness, and many others.

Textbooks may be too expensive

Students, staff and faculty will discuss textbook prices and alternatives in a forum today in Building 2.

There are several events scheduled that offer the opportunity to discuss open educational resources as an alternative to conventional textbooks.

Open educational resources are learning materials that are either public domain or that have a free use license, which can be accessed for free online.

A group viewing of a webinar on open educational resources featuring a panel of students from Pierce College will occur today at 10 a.m. in Building 2.

A round-table discussion with Highline faculty and staff will discuss what open educational resources are available and why such resources might be a good fit for Highline, today at 1:30 p.m. in Building 2.

Apply for a paid summer tech job

Applications for a paid summer experience at Microsoft are now open.

If you have any questions about applying, or would like an application form, you can contact either Vanessa De Verich Woodside at vdwill@uw.edu or Sharon Parker at parker7@uw.edu.

Applications and resumes are due March 23 and should be sent to youngtech@service.microsoft.com.

Employment fair unfolds March 15

Look for employment opportunities at Student Employment’s mini employer event on March 15.

The employers attending this event are OnTrac, PepsiCo, the housekeeping section of the Seattle Mariners, the Korean Woman’s Association, the U.S. Air Force, and Max Health.

This event will occur on March 15, on the first floor of Building 8 at noon until 2 p.m.

Socialize and relax with new students

Meet with other new Highline students and unwind at the New Student Social on March 15.

This free event will include food and drinks, karaoke, various games, opportunities to learn about Highline, and an opportunity to relax before finals.

While the New Student Social is organized for students completing their first quarter at Highline, it is not limited to new or prospective students.

Non-new students are welcome to take part in the activities as well.

The New Student Social will take place on March 15 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in Building 2.

Legislature OKs bill to rename 99

OLYMPIA (AP) — The legislature has passed a measure to rename a state highway in honor of a black Civil War veteran.

The House unanimously concurred with changes made to the Senate on House Joint memorial 4010, and the bill now heads to Gov. Jay Inslee. The measure has the Washington State Transportation Commission — which is responsible for naming highways and bridges — to start the process of naming State Route 99 after black Civil War veteran William P. Stewart of Snohomish.

Markers along what used to be State Route 99 near Blaine and Vancouver, Clark County, once honored Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America. The highway currently has no official name and the markers, blessed by state officials in 1940, have since been taken down.
Standing tall amid trouble

Successful, scientific women share the wisdom of experience at WISE dinner

By Jacqueline Robinson  Staff Reporter

Despite the many challenges women face during their educational pursuits, they should not let the obstacles of life get in the way of their educational dreams. That was the message of two guest speakers at the annual WISE dinner.

On March 2, Highline's WiSE club (Women in Science and Engineering) held its second annual WISE dinner.

The dinner took place in Building 8, where about 75 women attended. Both students and working professionals in the science and engineering community were given a chance to meet and network with each other. This dinner also featured two speakers, Michaelene Kerdzierski and Dianna Lee, who both spoke on the importance of women never giving up on their dreams.

Dianna Lee has taught at Highline for 26 years and is the coordinator of the Mathematics Department.

Lee shared the story of her road to education. Though she was a good student, she said that while growing up education was not a priority to her family.

“My goal was to just finish high school,” Lee said. “Talk of higher education was not even a conversation.”

After high school, Lee started a family and thought school was a thing of her past. When her mom decided to go back to school she convinced Lee to join her. She attended a local River Community College, where she attained associate of arts degree.

Lee did not plan to continue her education any further.

“I did not attend my graduation,” she said. “Little did I know I was going to be presented two awards, a math award and the president’s award.”

As a mother and at some point in her education a single mother, Lee had plenty of obstacles and reasons to not attend college. She said she had people in her life that made sure she continued to pursue school.

But a few years after she received her associate’s degree, all of her mentors got to her with a stack of college applications.

“Eventually got a master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin where she graduated Rho Chi (honors society in pharmacy).”

While getting her education, Kerdzierski had an underlying urge to get a degree in social work or other social community-based career paths. This was discouraged by her father, who believed a medical degree was her only option for her future.

Frustrated with her father’s opposition, Kerdzierski wanted to get out of Wisconsin.

“I called up a friend and said ‘Hey, let’s move to Atlanta,’ she said. “I moved and got a job in a hospital pharmacy about a week later.”

As the months went by, Kerdzierski was getting pay increase after pay increase. She began to feel uncomfortable and even tried to deny an increase.

“It was then that I learned that I was not making as much as the men,” she said.

Wage inequalities were not her only concerns while in Atlanta. She also volunteered at a methadone clinic where she was able to pursue her second passion of helping people. It also inspired her to go back to school.

Kerdzierski started a two-year graduate school program. Her proposed thesis was the role a pharmacist could play in drug rehabilitation.

But school was cut short for her.

“I was faced with a decision,” Kerdzierski said. “My husband was moving to Washington to start his cardiology fellowship, but I was not done with grad school.”

She ended up dropping out of graduate school and joining her husband in Washington. Six years later she was a wife and a stay-at-home mother of two, while her husband practiced medicine.

Her world drastically changed when her husband left his family for one of his nurses.

Forced to rejoin the working world, Kerdzierski found a job that used both her pharmacy skills and her knowledge of chemical dependency rehabilitation.

Her passion for the community and background in pharmacy has allowed Kerdzierski to follow her true dream of helping people. She has served on the advisory board for WRAPP (Washington Recovery Assistance Program for Pharma) since 1983. She has created mandatory substance abuse prevention courses for the University of Washington pharmacy program.

Kerdzierski concluded her speech by saying women in the field of science are going to face many things. Women might not get treated the same as men, they might not make as much money as men, they might have to face some tough obstacles.

“They things you face are not important,” she said. “It’s the fact that you don’t run away from those things.”

College casts its net to land students

By Jonathan Larson  Staff Reporter

Highline is fishing for students. They’re attempting to lure those unsure whether higher education is for them or whether each year around this time, the school’s Community Engagement Outreach team casts a line to local high schools in viting any students who are unsure they are college material to visit Highline on Senior Signing Day.

The high schools they reach out to are all part of the Highline service area, which includes Federal Way, Highline, Tukwila, and parts of the Kent school districts.

The event focuses on “sparking interest” in students who have no clear pathway and few expectations about their higher education futures.

The team aims to instill hope in such students, said Rashad Norris, director of Community Engagement Outreach Services.

“We have a lot of seniors who are undecided about what their next move is,” he said.

On Senior Signing Day, local high schools are invited to campus and have the opportunity to visit different 20- to 25-minute workshops around campus.

They will have a chance to see what the college is like and how different programs operate, Norris said.

Before the event begins, there will be a short introduction done by Norris, and then there will be the rotation between programs.

Shortly after, all attendees will meet back together to debrief.

Students will then have the knowledge to make the decision as to whether they will come back to Highline for education or not, Norris said.

“It gives them that first step to know [what to do next],” he said.

“The last few years have been very successful,” Norris said. “We had over 250 students attend last year.”

Senior Signing Day is on March 30, from 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in Building 8.
Fear mongering hurts others

Fears make people do crazy things.

When scared by a spider, people often do a crazy jig that involves stomping and flailing. Likewise, people act irrationally when presented with other types of fears.

Many people are quick to call Donald Trump “the new Hitler,” due to his fear-based campaign. The truth is that fear mongering is dangerous and results in violent and sporadic behavior from his followers.

From two people beating up a homeless person with a metal pipe, while making pro-Trump and anti-immigrant statements, to Trump ordering his followers to “knock the crap” out of protesters, Trump’s campaign seems to be constantly escalating into further violence.

Some of the messages Trump pushes are that immigrants need to leave the country, Muslims are terrorists, and black people commit crimes.

None of these claims are true, and the problem is that people are being targeted because of their race and religion and haven’t done anything to deserve it.

Race and religion have nothing to do with the good or worth of someone. There are good and bad people from every race, religion, class, and creed.

Unfortunately, there are people who buy into the madness and believe the fear tactics that Trump utilizes, and it puts others’ lives in danger.

Migrants shouldn’t be afraid that they will be targeted for walking down the street. Immigrants shouldn’t have to fear that they will be killed for the color of their skin.

People look to Trump for leadership and when a respected figure is spewing hate and fear, it’s difficult to not want to follow suit.

In this time, it’s important to look back at history. Hitler also said when scared by a spider, people often do a crazy jig that in Trump. Yet one is seen as a villain and the other as an idiot.

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Thanks for writing a good paper.

— Michael Myers

Letter to the Editor

Paper needs tech section

Dear Editor:

As a student here for the last one-and-a-half years, I’m surprised that I’d never read or seen even a copy of the Thunderword. I quite enjoyed it, and the articles were engaging.

I found the article about Kanye West interesting. His outlook on life is taken to be “commendable” because “West shows the world exactly who he is - terrible flaws and all.”

A recent article on Donald Trump described him as an asshole, a self proclaimed god, and an idiot who he is - terrible flaws and all.

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Artist revises history with a paintbrush

By Michael Muench
Staff Reporter

The play follows Anna, a bu- nezarrat, as she attends a meeting with a Ministry Director in his office. The meeting quickly turns into a game of cat-and-mouse, showcasing the paranoia that happened under Stalin. The play opens on April 8 and runs every Friday, Saturday and Sunday until May 1.

Tickets are available online at burienlittletheatre.org or by emailing tickets@burienactors-theatre.org.

Play explores Soviet Union

The Letters, a play set in the Soviet Union in 1941, opens at the Burien Actors The-atre on April 8.

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Sci-Fi thriller opens this week

The science fiction thriller 10 Cloverfield Lane opens up at the Guild 45th Theatre on March 11.

The film exists in the same world as the 2008 film Cloverfield but is not a direct se-quel, according to producer J. J. ABBRAMS.

10 Cloverfield Lane is the directorial debut of Dan Tracht-enberg. It stars Mary Elizabeth Winstead and John Goodman.

The film is 105 minutes long. Tickets are $10.50 for adults and $8 for children and seniors.

For tickets and more information, visit siff.net.

Live like a vampire at the SIFF

On March 14, Nosferatu will be screening at the Seattle Inter-national Film Festival.

In addition, The Invinci-ble Czars will be playing the soundtrack to the movie live.

Nosferatu is a German silent film from the 1920s. The film is the story of Dracula, which is a novel by Bram Stoker.

Tickets are $15. For tickets and more information, visit siff.net.

Film festival passes for sale

Passes for the Seattle Inter-national Film Festival are now for sale.

The festival runs from May 19 to June 12, and is the larg-est film festival in the United States.

This is the 45th year of the festival. The festival showcases multiple films from local film-makers and films from film-makers halfway around the world.

There are multiple passes that garner different benefits.

The Full Series pass, on sale for $1000, grants admission to all regular screenings and five weeks of press screenings with priority screening.

The Platinum pass, on sale for $2000, guarantees access to all screenings, gala screenings, parties and events.

The Platinum Plus pass, on sale for $3000, offers all the same perks at the platinum level.
By Charles Prater
Staff Reporter

The Highline men’s basketball team advanced to the quarterfinals after securing a two-point win over the Lane Titans last Saturday.

Highline hosted the regional match at the Pavilion and this was the T-Birds first playoff game of the postseason.

This was a different format than previous years as before all playoff teams would go to one specific location to play all of their games.

In this year’s NWAC tournament, the No. 1 and 2 teams coming out of each division played on their home court for the regional round.

“I felt like it was an advantage for us,” said Highline Head Coach Che Dawson. “But it looks like it wasn’t for four of the eight teams that were hosting games.”

Amongst the four teams that lost, West Division champions Lower Columbia was defeated by Columbia Basin, 63-53.

It was back and forth for most of the game, with the T-Birds up by two at halftime.

The game wasn’t decided until the last three seconds of the game, where the Titans couldn’t knockdown their free-throw shots, giving Highline the game, 72-70.

The T-Birds did not shoot the ball particularly well in the first half with just 36 percent from the field, as oppose to Lane’s 46 percent.

Luckily, Highline was able to hit a handful of threes, going 5 out of 12 to help them end the first half up 35-33.

“We didn’t focus on that too much,” said Coach Dawson.

“Part of that was a little early fatigue from the intensity of the game.”

With a much needed break at halftime, both teams came out with 20 minutes to win the game.

The Titans started things off by getting it from beyond the arc. Lane hit five threes in the second half.

The three ball, however, was not the T-Bird’s best friend in the second half as they shot just 18 percent.

This played a huge part in the Titans taking a 48-40 lead with only 13 minutes left.

Highline retaliated with a 9-0 run and eventually tied the game up at 58 apiece.

The T-Birds had no plans on going away as they shot 33 percent from the field overall.

Thanks to the good shooting, the Thunderbirds went on another run, taking a 68-60 lead with less than five minutes left.

The Titans were able to climb their way back in and get within two with two minutes left.

Rather than play pressure defense, Lane decided to start fouling to contain Highline’s hot shooting and take their chances at the foul line.

With Highline up, 69-67, this plan worked as the T-Birds only managed three points in the final two minutes.

Down 72-70, with the ball and less than a minute left, Lane had the chance to tie the game up or take the lead.

With time ticking down and less than three seconds left, the Titans missed a mid-range jumper but had two Titan players waiting for the offensive rebound.

Following two missed tip ins, the Titans’ Usama Zaid got the third tip in but was fouled with 0.2 seconds left.

Zaid is the leading scorer in the NWAC and needed to hit two baskets to send this game into overtime.

Fortunately, he missed both of them and with 0.2 seconds, the rest was history.

Highline’s Jamie Orme and Coby Myles both scored 21 points, with Orme pulling down 13 rebounds and Myles registering five assists and three steals.

Nick Edens came off the bench for the T-Birds and scored 13 points and seven rebounds.

Lane’s Zaid was the top scorer for the Titans with 38 points and nine rebounds.

The T-Birds did a good job of checking him and making sure he didn’t go off.

“We thought our zone would slow him down some if we didn’t allow him to penetrate,” said Coach Dawson.

“We also needed to not let him get out into transition where he is really dangerous.”

With the win, the T-Birds move on to the quarterfinal round to take on Big Bend.

Big Bend came into the tournament with the best record in the league and is coming off a 84-76 win over Bellevue.

The Vikings are the No. 1 team in field goal percentage with 50 percent and score the second most points in league with 95 a game.

“Our guys will be given the message that you play in the tournament to win it, not just to participate,” said Coach Dawson. “The only way to do that is to beat the best teams. That includes Big Bend. More importantly, that includes us.”

Highline will travel to Everett to play Big Bend in the Walt Price Fitness Center where the rest of the tournament will be held.

If the T-Birds beat Big Ben, Highline will move to the semifinals and face either Spokane or Chemeketa. If the winning streak continues, Highline will play in the championship game on March 13 at 8 p.m.

As the second game of the day, the T-Birds will face the Vikings on Friday at 4 p.m.
By Charles Prater
Staff Reporter

The softball team did not fare well during their most recent four-game stretch, unable to pick up a win this past weekend.

Highline, 2-6, played all four of their games at the R.A.C. Complex in Lacey where they played two games on Saturday and two games on Sunday.

The first two games on Saturday they lost 8-4 to Bellevue and were shut out 8-0 against Lower Columbia.

Their next game on Sunday they lost 8-4 against Clark and 7-5 against Skagit Valley.

It was a pretty even game for the most part with Bellevue and Highline each scoring a run in the first inning.

The Bulldogs took the lead in the third inning off of Tessani Dixon's two-run homer.

With the bases loaded, Highline's Precious Tabangcura connected on a single in the fifth to allow Alyson Rippingham to score and due to an error by the Bulldogs, teammates Savannah Gusman and Taylor Poe also scored.

The T-Birds needed to make a quick turnaround before facing Lower Columbia.

Unfortunately, the T-Birds struggled to get any offense going against the solid pitching of Bailey Ellis.

In the game, Ellis only gave up one hit to the T-Birds and registered three strikeouts.

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A FIGHT to the DEBT

Attorneys offer workshops at Highline to help consumers make good financial choices

By John Van de Ven
Staff Reporter

WASHINGTON — Highline as a base of operations, a network of 529 attorneys from the King County Bar Association are helping to fight the stigma of bankruptcy.

The pair work in tandem to teach a clinic for those who wish to know more about their debt. With the support of faculty and students from the para-legal department, they offer information to illuminate the path to real debt relief.

Focusing only on chapter 7 and chapter 13 bankruptcies, King County Bar Association attorneys Jennifer Todd Long and Paige Hardy provide a much-needed service for the general public, with a specific focus on South King County.

Breaking the stigma of bankruptcy is one of the goals the workshop hopes to achieve, acknowledging that it isn’t an easy reality for most people to deal with.

“I get people who are always really ashamed about the fact that they are at a point in their lives where they are filing for bankruptcy. And I’ve had this conversation where people are like ‘Look I never thought I would be here, I never thought that I would have to file for bankruptcy or be in such bad debt,” Hardy said.

The clinic also helps people by demystifying what debt is and what options are available to them.

“The clinic is a really nice option for people trying to get the barebones understanding of what debt is and what some things you can do after you’ve gone into debt,” Hardy said.

“Bankruptcy is a way for folks to get out from under their debt and get some relief,” Long said. “It’s a big process it’s not some small step and there’s a lot of other things you can do with your debt besides bankruptcy. Bankruptcy is not the only way to deal with debt.”

The duo work to get people comfortable talking about their debt, and are quick to point out that they are not alone.

“Bankruptcy is the No. 1 legal need in this state,” Long said. “The reason for bankruptcy is medical issues.”

“A lot of people are just one accident, one disease, one something away from falling into this ridiculous debt,” Hardy said.

“Most people at a certain point in their life feel that they are trapped, that they have no way out and that they are not alone,” Long said.

While open to the general public, the pair said that Highline students may want to take part in their clinic.

“The [clinic] is really for everybody and it was not necessarily tailored for Highline students,” Long said. “Although I think it certainly can benefit Highline students if they’re dealing with this issue.”

“It’s certainly something every- one can learn from. I don’t know anyone who’s not impacted by debt in some way,” she said.

The two are also quick to raise awareness of predatory lending practices and they recommend avoiding the pitfalls of payday loans or using a debt consolidation agency, pointing out that often they do nothing for debt relief.

The clinic receives a large amount of support from Highline’s own Working Student Success Network, students enrolled in the paralegal program, and faculty members Buzz Wheeler and Bruce Lamb.

“I think it’s a great idea. In the Paralegal Program all students are required to participate in a Community Justice Project which is a pro-bono, service-learning based project that is part of our required Ethics course,” Wheeler said. “Its purpose is to stress to students the need for legal professionals to contribute to the public good – especially in meaningful ways that can help to reduce the access to justice chasm in the state.”

“This is a terrific opportu- nity right on our own campus for our students to have the opportunity to participate as vol- unteers and help with the program,” Wheeler said.

The clinic also shines a spotlight on Highline as an expanding center of education, having gained the attention of the King County Bar Association.

“I’m very pleased that the KCBA has chosen to host these clinics on the Highline campus. It highlights the college’s commitment to the community at large and reflects the value of the paralegal program at Highline to the KCBA,” Wheeler said.

Programs such as the bankruptcy clinic can also have a long-lasting impression on the volunteer students who work for the clinic, changing habits of charitable contributions from Highline alumni, Wheeler said.

“Our students have been long-term volunteers at a num- ber of the various clinics sponsored by the KCBA and two of the current program directors of these clinics are recent graduates of the Highline Paralegal program,” Wheeler said.

“I think this association highlights the integral role our students and the program play in the local legal community, he said.

The bankruptcy clinic is given on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Highline and usually one other moving location at another date. Those in- terested in attending the clinic can register for a seat and view availability and location at kcba. org/makechange. Currently, scheduled bank- ruptcy clinics at Highline are April 26, May 24 and June 28, and take place in Building 1 at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Washington may get old, new college savings plan

The Legislation is moving toward starting a traditional 529 college savings plan for Washington state, while reopening the old prepaid program that has been frozen since last year.

The main difference is the House version approved the new 529 savings plan charge below half a percent after a start-up period.

The sponsors of the bipartisan measure, Senate Bill 6601, do not expect any trouble getting the House version approved by the Senate.

The commission that runs the current GET program has been investigating the new program and requested the legislation to get state approval to start it.

Staff members were not concerned about the House changes to the bill and said they ap- preciated the vote of confidence in the GET program.

From the beginning of this legislation, lawmakers ex- pressed the importance of see- ing this new savings option as a complement to GET. There was never a discussion of this being a replacement,” said Luke Min- nor, a spokesman for the Wash- ington Student Achievement Council, which will run both programs if the bill gets final approval in the Senate and is signed by the governor.

Last year, the Legislature told the council to consider the future of the GET program while it ex- plored starting a new 529 plan.

Washington’s prepaid tuition program has been frozen since August and is not register- ing new accounts or accepting money into existing accounts except for those on a payment plan. The GET committee also has given people until Dec. 15 to decide whether to pull their money out of the program.

The program had a total of $2.4 billion in cash and invest- ments as of June 30, according to the Washington State Invest- ment Board. The staff said it was more than fully funded.
The life of Anne Frank is on display at Holocaust Center for Humanity

By Olivia Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

Anne Frank was an inspirational figure for all, and now people have the chance to experience the heartbreak of her life and death at a new exhibit in Seattle.

The Holocaust Center for Humanity recently opened “Anne Frank: A History for Today,” an exhibit that depicts the story of Frank alongside the history of the Holocaust.

Frank was a Jewish teenager with an amazing and prolific writing talent. She was forced into hiding with her family during the Holocaust, a part of World War II in which Adolf Hitler directed mass murder.

Frank went into hiding with her family during the Holocaust. Her family was eventually found and sent to concentration camps, where Frank died. Her father, who was the sole survivor in the family, found her diary after the Holocaust, and published it. The Holocaust Center for Humanity opened an exhibit in Seattle chronicling the life of Frank. The exhibit is open until May 18.

Anne Frank’s story is significant because of her tragic situation combined with her own coming of age story, said Kennedy.

The exhibit provides context for Frank in a way people do not get from her diary alone.

Frank and seven other people lived in a secret annex for more than two years to hide from the Nazis. During this time, Frank wrote in her diary about herself and events that took place while she was hiding. On Aug. 4, 1944, the annex was discovered. Everyone was arrested and placed into concentration camps.

Frank’s diary was left behind in the annex and when it was found, it was published in 1947. The book revealed a new, much more personal perspective of the Holocaust and of Frank.

She was outgoing, talkative, sometimes annoying,” Kennedy said. “Just a regular kid. We relate to her because of all these things.”

In her diary entries, Frank discussed her family relationships and troubles, her feelings, her dreams and future plans. These are everyday, regular things most people can relate to.

“I think we relate to her because in many ways, she’s all of us,” Kennedy said. “Any kid, any adult is going to remember that stage of being 13 or 14 years old. I think that’s why we love her so much.”

The most devastating part is that, despite everything, Frank did not survive the Holocaust.

Kennedy said she hopes people come away from the exhibit recognizing that each person can make a difference and that people’s choices in the world matter, both big and small.

“What we do has a ripple effect,” she said.

Whether it is speaking out against injustice or lending a helping hand, everyone has the ability to help others in big and small ways, Kennedy said. The Holocaust never would have been so successful if more people had done something.

“We have still so much to learn from the Holocaust,” Kennedy said.

Holocaust education is particularly relevant as people look to see what is going on in the world globally and locally; people have to learn about politics and realize it is their job to vote, and be informed voters, and take responsibility for their actions, she said.

“As our world changes, there are always new ways to understand and approach the Holocaust, even though it was 70 years ago,” Kennedy said.

The exhibit opened last Sunday and had an incredible turnout with almost 400 people coming to learn about Frank’s remarkable life.

People from all over western Washington, of all ages and backgrounds, came to see the exhibit.

The museum created a local feel by including actual artifacts from Holocaust survivors, many of whom reside in Seattle.

This is also to remind people that it wasn’t just Frank - the Holocaust was vast and affected millions of people, Kennedy said.

The exhibit has helpful documents throughout the museum who are able to answer questions or fill in any gaps of information.

The Holocaust Center for Humanity started in 1989 in a small office space. After completely gutting the area, the Center moved to their new and current space in January of 2015, which allows the Center to adequately welcome the public.

The focus of the Holocaust Center has always been education and it prides itself on being an education resource sector, Kennedy said.

“We’re a very experienced education center, but a new museum,” Kennedy said.

Kennedy has worked at the Center for 13 years and has seen a lot of change, but said the growth has been amazing.

“I find it fascinating to learn why people do what they do,” Kennedy said.

She strives each day to answer questions like how to mobilize people to empathize more with each other, how to see each other as human beings and also how to help prevent things like the Holocaust from ever happening again, she said.

Although the exhibit is open for anyone, it is recommended for those above fifth grade.

The Holocaust Center for Humanity is located at 2045 2nd Avenue in Seattle.

The Anne Frank exhibit is open on Wednesdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“Anne Frank: A History for Today” is on display until May 18.

Reservations are required for visits. There is a $10 suggested donation for admission, and $5 for students and seniors.

For more information on reserving tickets and about the museum, visit holocaustcenter-seattle.org.
Latinos influence today’s music and fine art

By Mateo Cortez
Staff Reporter

Latinos artists such as Shakira and Marc Anthony have had tremendous influence on today’s American pop culture and artwork, a Highline music professor said during the Latino Summit event.

The second annual Latino Summit, where Latino high school students can learn about pursuing a higher education degree, hosted a presentation on Latinos influence on U.S. pop culture and art on Feb. 23.

The event focused on influential Latinos, such as Dr. Francisco Orozco, a Highline music professor who studied ethnomusicology at University of Washington and Tracy Carrera, a Fine Arts professor at Highline and professional artist who have had on American pop culture.

“Having worked on the American Sabor: Latinos in U.S. Popular Music, and studying for ethnomusicology at U-Dub,” said Dr. Orozco. Dr. Orozco explained American pop hits of today could be traced back to Latin culture, whether the connection is the beat and rhythm of the music, or from the artist being Latino him/herself.

Professor Carrera focused more on the Latin influence on art and her personal experience as a Latina artist.

Panel attempts to demystify 2016 presidential election

By Jacqueline Robinson
Staff Reporter

Donald Trump may not be a fascist, but he sure does talk like one, two Highline professors said at a panel last week.

Dr. Benjamin Gonzalez and Dr. T.M. Sell held the second in a series of forums about the 2016 elections in Building 7 before a crowd of about 60 people.

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In the race for the Republican nomination, Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., John Kasich, R-Ohio, are trailing behind Trump.

“Trump talks like a fascist. I don’t think he really is,” Dr. Sell said.

Dr. Gonzalez agreed, though he did compare Trump to Mussolini.

“Much of the presentation explained how and why the elections are turning out the way they are,” Dr. Sell said.

Dr. Sell summarized each candidate’s policies and broke down which candidate won each state. He also discussed which demographics the candidates are appealing to.

“Hillary [Clinton] won the southern states and she continues to do well with people of color, while Bernie [Sanders] continues to do well with young voters,” Dr. Sell said.

Though Sanders is doing well with young voters, Dr. Sell said that they are not voting. They are showing up much less than they did in 2008.

Dr. Sell said so far Clinton has won seven states and Sanders has won four states.

He also said Trump did well in on Super Tuesday, winning seven states in the primary caucuses. Cruz has won two states and Rubio won only one.

“What do you know, Marco Rubio actually won one,” Dr. Sell said.

Dr. Gonzalez spoke on the chances of each candidate making it to the national election. He also talked about the effects media has on each candidate’s campaign.

He said that with the next few months the media will start to project a 2016 election that includes Clinton against Trump. He said that this would hurt Sanders’ campaign and solidify Clinton’s nomination.

On the Democratic side, it looks like Hillary will be the candidate unless something goes haywire,” Dr. Gonzalez said.

Of the Republicans, Dr. Gonzalez said that the candidates are appealing to voters as being the opposite of Trump.

They make this point by calling out Trump’s wild antics and his lack of urgency to disavow his Ku Klux Klan, who endorsed Trump late last month.

Dr. Gonzalez also explained different possibilities if Trump does not win the Republican nomination.

“If Trump does not win the Republican vote he could run as an independent, depending on how robbed he feels,” he said.

Dr. Gonzalez said that to gain the Republican nomination candidates need 1,237 delegates. If no candidate gains at least that number, then the Republicans will go to the national convention in July without a nominee.

At this point it will become a brokered convention, which has not happened since 1948. This would change the game for a candidate with few states under his belt.

“Ted Cruz, John Kasich and Marco Rubio are gambling on this happening,” he said.

During the question and answer portion of the forum one student expressed their concern with Trump’s seemingly fascist ways.

“Republicans have even said he [Trump] does not want to be president, he wants to be king,” he said.

At the end of the presentation, both professors stressed the importance of voting not only for the presidential elections, but for the local and state elections.

“Local and state elections are going to have a more immediate affect on your life than who the president is,” Dr. Sell said.

“If you don’t vote, someone else will make choices for you. No one should be comfortable with that,” said Dr. Gonzalez.
Inslee threatens vetoes

By Rachel La Corte
Associated Press

OLYMPIA — Gov. Jay Inslee on Monday threatened to veto lawmakers’ bills unless they get a supplemental budget to him by Thursday, the final day of the 60-day legislative session.

At a news conference Monday, Inslee said that while negotiations between the Democrat-led House and Republican-led Senate are continuing, lawmakers “need to pick up that pace substantially.”

“I wish they were further along than they are right now,” he said.

Inslee said that so far more than 30 bills have passed the Legislature and are awaiting his signature, and that many more are expected.

At first Inslee just said he wouldn’t sign the bills, but then clarified that his message.

“Your bills are going to get vetoed if you don’t do your job and pass a budget,” he said.

“I hope that is clear enough,” he said.

Republican Senate Majority Leader Mark Schoesler seemed to question whether Inslee would follow through with his threat.

“I hope they’re not any he cares about,” he said. “Would be veto bills he likes?”

But Inslee said the veto threat is needed to prod action.

“This should be unnecessary to talk in these terms,” he said.

“There’s just no excuse not producing a budget by Thursday.”

Democrat House Majority Leader Pat Sullivan said the governor’s threat is “his prerogative.”

“As long as we as legislators focus on getting the budget done, that point becomes moot,” he said. “There’s no reason for us to not get that work done.”

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“[It should also be] safer for the community by being more open,” she said.

The basketball area will be resurfaced and a new hoop will be placed at the south side to prevent balls from rolling down the hill.

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A swingset without swings at the soon-to-be-renovated Parkside Park. The City of Des Moines is planning extensive summer repairs and improvements to be completed by October.

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