Students speak out about concerns

By Cierra West
Staff Reporter

Students came together and spoke about everything from Washington’s residency policy to the inability to use food stamps on campus at a forum last week.

The forum was held last Tuesday in Building 2. Thirty students showed up to share their issues with the student government, in hopes for change.

Many students going to Highline receive food stamps, but campus food services do not accept them.

This poses a problem for students such as Autumn Beel Peterson, mother of five and full-time student. She explained that the assistance is of no use to her at school where she spends a lot of her time.

Peterson was going to be graduating with her associates degree soon, but with this usually joyful occasion comes sad news: that her child care is going to be cut off now that she has finished her degree.

“I want to continue my degree,” said Peterson.

Other mothers feel the stress of going to school while supporting their children. Ariana Thomas participated in the Workforce Program at Highline.

“I finished my year here and I found out I have to take more classes,” she said, but the state Department of Social and Health Services would not let her complete the year in the Workforce Program because she had completed a full year.

Her education would have stopped there if she had not received the Single Moms Scholarship from the Highline Foundation.

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Logging into college success

Gateway helps students get back on track

By Taylor Lee
Staff Reporter

High school wasn’t going so well for Karla Bustamant and Alex Martinez before they found Gateway to College.

Gateway to College is a program that helps struggling high school students catch up to be able to graduate on time and earn college credits.

“I was failing classes and not on track to graduate on time,” said Bustamant. “My sister told me to check out Gateway to College, so I did.”

Gateway pays for Bustamant’s classes and books until she is 21, she said.

“I was doing really badly my first two years of high school,” said Martinez. “My counselor at Stadium [high school] told me about the program.”

The process to get accepted into the program involves writing several short stories and reading a book, he said.

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State to survey students on assault

By Olivia Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Highline students will soon have the chance to talk about their experiences with sexual assault, physical violence, and awareness of resources.

On Monday, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges will send out a voluntary survey to students, staff, and faculty to gauge these personal experiences on and off campus.

“Even though it is a difficult topic for many people, the only way we will gain knowledge to better prevent and respond to sexual violence is by asking these difficult questions,” said Darby Kaikkonen, the director of research for the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

The Washington State Legislature passed a law in 2015 (SSB 5518) that requires all higher education institutions to conduct a campus climate assessment to determine the level of sexual violence on and off of campuses.

“It’s interesting because even if there wasn’t this law, at some point we still would’ve seen colleges and universities doing similar assessments and trying to figure out how to help students,” said Dr. Lisa Skari, Highline vice president of Institutional Advancement.

Nationally, April is Sexual Assault Awareness month and as it comes to an end, it is the perfect opportunity to conduct an assessment about sexual assault, according to the State Board Campus Climate Survey website.

“Universities conduct their survey independently,” said Dr.
**Crime & Punishment**

**Vagrant freshens up before detox appointment**

By Ani Miller-Weils  Staff Reporter

A homeless man was found washing himself in a men’s bathroom on the third floor of Building 29 at 9:54 a.m. on April 21.

He admitted to hav- ing been homeless for two months and to being a hero- in addict in withdrawal. He said he was trying to wash up before his friend’s mother showed up to take him to the Highline Medical Center for a heroin detox.

The man was very coopera- tive when he was asked to leave, and did so without a problem.

**Police involved after hit and run**

Two vehicles were in- volved in an accident in the East Parking Lot on April 22 at 12:41 p.m. A student’s car was hit, and upon trying to get contact information from the driver that hit them, they told them about the parking permit being used without permission.

The victim reporting the incident as a hit and run to the Des Moines Police Depart- ment. The Des Moines Police are planning to follow up on this investigation, said Sgt. George Curtis of Public Safety.

**Theft of license plate in east lot**

A license plate was stolen off a car in the East Parking Lot on April 26 between noon and 2 p.m., and the Des Moines Police Department responded to investigate the theft.

**Man belligerent at offer of help**

A man was disrupted when a Public Safety officer asked if he needed help with looking for something at 7:30 p.m. on April 21. The man immediately responded ask- ing if the officer needed help. The individual was both- ered by the alleged “staring” and the ask for help, becoming argumentative as the officer tried to explain he thought the man was look- ing for something and just wanted to help. The man left without further incident.

**News Briefs**

**Unify Week events to come**

*Indigenous Thoughts on Borders: Clearwater:*
A lecture and film will be presented by Tracy Rector today at 11 a.m. in Building 7.

*The Leap: From Ordinary to Extraordinary:*
TED Talk speaker Jeffron Seeley will present a workshop at 1:30 p.m. in the Mt. Con- stance room of the Student Union.

*Syrians Also Have Dreams:*
The misrepresentations of the Syrian War will be dis- cussed by Romin Yassin-Kass- ab and Leia Al-Shami Friday, April 26 at 11 a.m. in Building 7.

*Exploring Social Interac- tions Beyond Invisible Bor- ders:*
Dr. Leticia Nieto and Yvette D. Murrell will present this workshop on April 26 from 12-2 p.m. in the Mt. Con- stance room of the Student Union.

**Women of color invited to summit**

Women of color are invited to register to attend the Young Educated Ladies Leading (YELL) Summit, with a dead- line of May 6 to register.

This free event will feature a keynote speech, 16 workshops

**Info on becoming a physician assistant**

Learn about what it takes to be a Physician assistant at the UW Physician Assistant Pro- gram (MEDEX Northwest) In- formation Session on May 24.

This session will allow at- tendees to hear from UW phy- sician assistant advisors about the admissions and applications process, and ask questions they have about physician assistant education, employment and current issues facing the career.

The information session will take place May 24 in Building 8, Mt. Constance Room at 2 p.m. Register for this event at https://lumos.medex.washing- ton.edu/admissions/infosessions.php.

More information can be found at http://depts.washing- ton.edu/medex/applicants/in- formation-sessions/.

**Candidates will give their vision**

Student government is hold- ing a 2016 student government candidates forum on May 3.

Student government is re- sponsible for providing a link between Highline students and administration, and allocating money collected through stu- dent activity fees.

During the forum, candi- dates for president and vice president will speak in support of their candidacy, and take questions from both current members of student govern- ment and the audience.

The deadline to submit a completed elections packet to run for either president or vice president is on May 2. Elections packets can be found in the Cen- ter For Leadership and Service on the third floor of Building 8.

**Deliver inspiration to your peers**

Applications for 2016 com- mencement speaker are now available.

The commencement speaker will deliver an inspirational three-to-five minute speech that has been approved by the Com- mencement Committee to High- line’s graduating class of 2016.

Prospective speakers must have a minimum 3.0 GPA with an attached transcript, they must be graduating in 2016, and they must have a letter of recommendation attesting to the speaker’s speaking abilities from a staff or faculty member.

Applications are available in the Center For Leadership and Service on the third floor of Building 8.

Applications are due on May 6 at 4 p.m. in the Center for Leadership and Service.

**Corrections**

An editorial in the Jan. 28, 2016 edition of the Thunder- word should have said that Af- rican Americans make up 37 percent of the prison population in the United States.

A news story in the April 21, 2016 edition of the Thunderword should have said that Highline does not report marijuana abus- es to the federal government.

**Awards bring light to women’s victories**

By Ariana Thomas  Staff Reporter

The American Dream: The Struggle is Real is the theme of Women’s Program’s 34th annu- al celebration on May 4 in the Mt. Constance/Mt. Olympus room of the Student Union.

Work-First Coordinator/ Adviser in Women’s Programs Jean Munro said that the event is intended to bring awareness on the American dream and the struggles in trying to attain that dream.

“These keynote speakers have an important message for stu- dents,” Munro said. “They want to share their experiences on debt, and how to get out of it.”

The event starts at 10 a.m. with a raffle to raise emer- gency funds for enrolled stu- dents.

“The raffle is always sched- uled right before Mothers Day. Many of our students bring their mom a raffle gift they win or give a basket to their chil- dren,” she said. “Raffle sales go directly to support the Women’s Programs emergency scholar- ship fund. All enrolled students can apply for these funds,” Munro said.

At 11 a.m. representatives of The Mahogany Project will describe their mission to create new works, develop artists, collab- orate, produce, support, and provide a platform for black art- ists and art students.

At 11:35 a.m. American Stu- dent Assistant Sarah Arelsand will speak to students about

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Three Writing Center leaders, Anne Intissar, (left) Tess O’Rourke, (middle) and An Nguyen (middle right) accept their awards at last year’s Women in Action awards ceremony.

Raffle winners will be an- nounced at 2:30 p.m.

Women’s Programs, in Building 6, assists women and men at Highline who are ad- vancing their educations while receiving cash assistance and food stamps from the state De- partment of Social and Health Services. The program offers life skills classes and assistance with tuition, books and supplies.

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In search of truth
Conference asserts culture and perspective are key components

By Ariana Thomas
Staff Reporter

YAKIMA – Forty Highline students were among those gathered here last weekend to understand and acknowledge that truth is defined through different cultural perspectives and experiences.

Speakers at the 26th annual Students of Color Conference hammered home the theme that such understanding is necessary to achieve social change.

The conference was sponsored by the Multicultural Student Services Directors' Council, which observed in its welcome message that “in light of #blacklivesmatter, marriage equality, the fight for a healthy earth, the struggle for immigrant rights, and many countless other social movements across the globe, knowing the truth is imperative to reaching social justice.”

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Bryce Sizemore

Guest Commentary

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Budding legal pot use has risks

It’s true that marijuana is now legal in Washington, but it’s important to consider the consequences of overindulgence in the kind bud.

Hemp has been grown in North America since the 17th century, first for its fibers. Cannabis began to be used as a drug starting in the 1850s. The Marijuana Tax Act of 1937, which made possession of cannabis for purposes other than medical and industrial, illegal, effectively criminalized marijuana.

Over time, marijuana policies became more aggressive as the United States began to wage the war on drugs. This war included the use of military forces in South America, and extensive use of military assets in drug interdiction.

While these drug policies led to increasing violence south of the border, they have also resulted in a mass incarceration of Americans simply for possessing plant material.

With mounting evidence showing that criminalization of recreational use of marijuana produces no positive results, there has been a push to legalize marijuana across the country.

This push resulted in the legalization of recreational marijuana sales in Washington.

Cannabis retailers can now be licensed with Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Control Board.

While proponents of marijuana use may disagree, marijuana use has many of the same pitfalls as alcohol use, and should be consumed responsibly.

Like with alcohol, consuming marijuana before driving impairs your ability to drive safely, but THC levels in your blood dissipate at a much slower rate than alcohol.

Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is the active psychoactive ingredient in cannabis.

Thus, it is important for users of marijuana to make sure they do not drive until well after consuming cannabis. According to the National Institutes of Health, consuming marijuana has many short and long term side effects.

Short-term side effects include altered senses, altered sense of time, changes in mood, impaired body movement, difficulty with thinking and problem-solving, and impaired memory.

These effects are not exactly conducive to learning in a college setting.

An unscientific study conducted by the Thunderword found that 18 out of 17 students say they have have to come to their classes high.

Frankly, nothing good can come from attending class while high.

At best you learn very little, and at worse you’re a paranoid mess who disrupts the classroom for fellow students.

If you regularly go to class high, you’re wasting your time and money. For one reason or another you’re not going to get very much out of it. Underage users of marijuana should consider the long-term effects of their cannabis use.

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), “When marijuana users begin using as teenagers, the drug may reduce thinking, memory, and learning functions and affect how the brain builds connections between the areas necessary for these functions.”

The NIH found that these effects may potentially be permanent for teen users, showing that heavy marijuana users had an average loss of eight IQ points between the ages of 13 and 38, compared to no notable declines in adult users.

While marijuana use may now be legal, it must be used responsibly like other legal drugs.

While heavy pot use may not have the same health consequences as heavy alcohol use, it doesn’t mean there aren’t any consequences to pot use.

It may seem cool to always be smokin’ the reefer, but in fact, it may not be all that much better than being an alcoholic.

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The object is poetry

Seattle writer urges students to open voices

By Olivia Beach  Staff Reporter

Writing is about the discovery of something you did not expect, Seattle’s civic poet told attendees at last week’s Honors Colloquy.

To prove her point that anyone can write poetry, Claudia Castro Luna offered her audience an explanation on just how. Luna started writing poems late in life; she said she was always too scared to start.

“I [thought] of poetry as a dog that would never leave me alone,” she said.

“Poetry is ourselves... there is no right or wrong to it,” Luna said, discussing some of her favorite object poems.

She said poetry can be as simple as looking around your room and finding an object that you have a connection or memory with.

When writing a poem, Luna suggested jotting down a few ideas about your object or topic, create comparisons, then write what that object or topic means to you and memories you have had with it.

“Always go for the low-hanging fruit,” she said. “Once you start thinking too hard, you lose a certain kind of flow.”

Take the pieces you have and let them take you, Luna said.

“Writing is like a half-baked cake if we do not have an audience to share it with,” Luna said. Her advice: ‘Write more!”

Honors Colloquy is open to the public and held weekly. It is based on Honors in Action and is a class students can get credit for. Each week a new speaker comes, speaking on the general theme of contemporary world issues.

The next Honors Colloquy is May 4 from 12:15 to 1:20 p.m. in Building 10 room 3. Venerable Preem Sa Ngeon, a student, monk and co-founder of the Cambodian Cooperative will speak.

Cabiri celebrates 17th in Des Moines

By John Van de Ven  Staff Reporter

The Cabiri, a local acrobat group, are tumbling, twirling, and flipping into town to give a free show at Des Moines Beach Park on Sunday.

The Cabiri is a nonprofit group, based in Seattle, whose mission is to preserve the tales and mythologies of extinct or endangered cultures through its performances.

The group consists of dancers and acrobats, stilt walkers and fire performers.

The group is celebrating its 17th anniversary. Founded in 1999 by Artistic Director John S. Murphy, the group sought to perform stories and myths from around the world with a purpose of preserving tales from extinct or endangered cultures.

The troupe’s stories ranged from Greek and Babylonian mythology, to Chinese and Japanese folklore. Popular performances include The Genesis of Ereshkigal, which utilizes puppetry, physical acts and fire performances; another included one of the final performances held at the old Seattle Opera House about the Japanese Sun goddess, Amaterasu.

One of their most recent stories is Tarhun: Legend of the Lightning God and is a full-length production pulled from Egyptian mythos. The performance featured aerial acrobatics and dance.

The Cabiri published their first book in April 2012, based on its performance of Tarhun, which includes and novelization on the productions script.

The Cabiri regularly perform shows, and routinely travel to put on their shows.

The Cabiri will be performing the free show at 2 p.m. at Des Moines Beach Park 22030 Cliff Ave S., Des Moines
**Arts Roundup**

- **Symphonic Legends**, April 30 at 7 p.m., and May 1 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $35 for adults, $28 for seniors, and $10 for students. At Auburn Performing Arts Center, 702 4th St. NE. Auburn.

- **Northwest Symphonies Concert 4 Season Finale**, April 30 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15 Adult, $12 for Seniors and students and are available at brownpapertickets.com/productions/1063343. At Highline Performing Art Center, 401 S. 152nd St. Burien.

- **Blood Song Book Reading**, April 30 at 2 – 4 p.m. Free with admission. $15 for adults, $12 for seniors, $11 for students, and Children 5-12 years old are $10. At The Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience, 719 S. King St., Seattle.

- **Federal Way Symphony Concert 6 Season Finale**, May 1 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $35 for adults, $31 for seniors and $15 for students. At St. Luke's Church, 515 S. 312th St.

- **The Cabiri** (acrobatic show), May 1 at 2 p.m. Free performance at Des Moines Beach Park, 22030 Clift Ave. S. in Des Moines.

- **Relocating Authori- ty**: Japanese American Writing to Redress Mass Incarceration Book Reading, May 3 at 6 - 8 p.m. Free with admission, $15 for adults, $12 for seniors, $11 for students, and children 5-12 years old are $10. At The Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience, 719 S. King St., Seattle.

- **Hillsong UNITED concert**, May 6 at 7 p.m. Tickets range from $32.50 - $99.50. At Kent's ShoWare Center, 625 W. James St.

- **Jabberwocky Di- xon Tour Concert**, May 13 – 14 starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are $55 presale to hit a limit of 35 people. This is an intimate show, with extremely limited tickets. Additional information and tickets can be found at jazzvox.com/?tp=1&type=clp&shows=882

- **Seattle International Film Festival, May 19 – June 12. Ticket and movie information can be found at www.siff.net**

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**Music plays role in racial harmony**

**By Ryan McCandless**

Staff Reporter

In a time of largely divi- sive opinions about race in the United States, one professor at Highline is using history to ex- plore how music can be a way to break down racial barriers.

This past Wednesday, music professor Cisco Orozco present- ed the history of Chicano Soul in San Antonio, Texas as a part of the weekly History Seminars.

Each week, a member of the faculty or an occasional guest speaker is invited to do a pre- sentation on a piece of history that is a part of their expertise. Located in Building 3, room 102, these weekly seminars can also make you eligible for a single history credit if you show up for every lecture of the semester.

Orozco teaches various mu- sic classes at the school. He also had a part in the creation of the Seattle Fandango Project, a group dedicated to using the 400-year-old musical celebra- tion of the Fandango to unite communities.

In the seminar, Orozco de- scribed how San Antonio had two specific geographical areas that were largely dominated by different groups. The west side of San Antonio had a large popu- lation of Latin Americans, while the east side had a large popula- tion of African Americans.

Black and Tan Clubs were racially integrated clubs that al- lowed for people of all colors to perform. In the 40s and 50s, these hangouts allowed for the Latin Americans on the west side to collaborate with the Afri- can Americans on the east side.

This created a genre of music in the 50s and 60s that blended soul music similar to Motown with some of the instrumen- tation you would expect from a mariachi band. Thus the term Chicano Soul was coined, with Chicano meaning “Mexi- can-American.”

In its prime, the Chicano Soul scene in San Antonio fea- tured nearly 300 musicians and 150 bands. Some of these bands would gain nationwide attention and would become beloved in the area. The list included bands such as The Royal Jesters, Sunny and the Sunliners and The Com- mands. Some of them would show up on popular shows of the time period like American Bandstand or perform with oth- er famous musicians of the time such as Big Joe Turner.

Orozco said that Chicano Soul affected him when looking at the American identity.

"This particular slice of geog- raphy, time, and culture is just one of many instances in U.S. American's popular culture for- mation where we see a musical dialogue and sharing between two groups that many music scholars, critics, culture writers ignore. This is between African Americans and Chicanos (or Mexican American),” he said.

“When I think about the U.S. as a multicultural society, these kinds of stories are very important because they show that cul- tural interactions are complex and more times than not, do not follow the racialized binary that defines most things ‘American,’” he said.

“But it is also beautiful to see two groups representing two differ- ent, but connected, experiences of racism and marginalization come together participate in music making and the commu- nity building that takes place through that process.”

At next Wednesday’s semi- nar, Highline professor Amal Mahmoud will discuss Syrian Refugee Camps in Jordan.

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**From down under to the Showare Center**

**By Whitney Barrera**

Staff Reporter

Australian Christian alter- native rockers Hillsong UNIT- ED are bringing their ‘Empires’ World Tour to Kent’s Showare Center on Monday, May 9. The event starts at 7 p.m. and the doors open at 6.

Hillsong UNITED, named Top Christian Artist at the Bill- board Music Awards, is pro- moting its latest studio album “Empires” which debuted at No. 5 on the Billboard 200 chart in May 2015. The group has been together since 1998.

Tickets range from $32.50 for lower bowl seating to $99.50 for VIP that includes 5 p.m. early entry for an intimate Q&A with the band.

“We are expecting about 5,700 people,” said Jeri Wilt- loughby, the social media as- sistant coordinator for Premier Productions.

Premier Productions, which is the largest producer of Christian concert events in the nation, is also looking for people to join its street team, that helps hang up posters and in- vite friends to Christian events through social networking, visiting churches and passing out flyers.

You must live within 30 miles of the event venue to be eligible and you can apply in their website www.premierproductions.com/street_ teams.

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Lady T-Birds struggle over weekend

By Samuel Biehn
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbirds lost their grip over the weekend, getting swept in both of their two-game series, starting at home against Centralia on April 22 and on the road against Olympic on April 23.

Highline remains at fourth in the NWAC West with a 4-7 division record. Highline will try to end its four-game losing streak starting with a two-game series with two RBIs.

Despite the losses, Highline's head coach is very confident the T-Birds can make up for lost ground. "We have 10 freshman and two sophomores on the club. We have 4-5 hitters batting over .400," Evans said. "When we want to become the assistant golf professional at Thunderbird golfers improve their swing

By Mike Simpson
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's golf team placed 23rd out of 49 with a total score of 198.

"Nate took me from square one because I never got formal teaching on how to swing," said Hansen.

This was their final match before the NWAC Championship at the Veterans Memorial and Walla Walla golf course on May 15 and 16. They will be practicing two or three times a week until that point, Turcotte said after the tournament.
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CHICKEN TETRAZZINI WITH SPRING PEAS CASSEROLE
1 (7-ounce) package vermicelli
1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil
1/2 cup fresh, sliced shiitake, Portobello, crenmini (or porcini) mushrooms
3 ounces finely chopped prosciutto
3 cups chopped cooked chicken
1 cup (4-ounces) shredded Parmesan cheese
2 cups Alfredo and Parsley sauce (recipe follows) 3/4 cup chicken broth 1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper 1 cup fresh or frozen baby English peas, thawed 1/2 cup sliced almonds

Alfredo and Parsley Sauce
1/2 cup butter (1 stick) 2 cloves garlic, minced 1/3 teaspoon grated nutmeg 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper 2 cups heavy cream 2 cups grated Parmesan cheese 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

1. To make sauce: Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium low heat. Add garlic, nutmeg and cayenne pepper. Add cream and simmer for 5 minutes, then add cheese and whisk quickly, heating through. Stir in parsley, and set aside. Makes 2 cups.
2. Heat oven to 350 F. Prepare pasta according to package directions.
3. Heat oil in a large pan over high heat. Saute mushrooms in 3 minutes. Add prosciutto and cook until crisp, about 3 to 4 minutes.
4. Stir in chicken, 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, the Alfredo and Parsley sauce, chicken broth, salt and pepper until well-combined. Stir in the peas and pasta.
5. Spoon mixture into a lightly greased 11-by-7-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with almonds and remaining 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese. Bake for 35 minutes or until bubbly.

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Good Housekeeping

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Impatience is still somewhat of a problem. But a sign of progress should soothe the anxious Aries heart. Meanwhile, invest some of that waiting time in preparing for the change ahead.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bovines tend to excel at solving problems, not creating them. But you risk doing just that if you’re slow to respond to a timely situation. If necessary, seek advice from someone you trust.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The Gemini Twin might need to do more than a routine check of both a job-linked and home-based situation. Dig deeper for more data on both fronts to avoid unwanted surprises later.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Moon Children facing an important workplace decision are encouraged to use their perceptiveness to see through any attempt to win them over with a supercharge of fawning and flattery.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Good news catapults Leos and Leonas into reconsidering a deferred decision. But time has moved on, and it’s a good idea to recheck your plans and make adjustments where necessary.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The week favors relationships, both personal and professional. Take the time to look for and immediately repair any vulnerable areas caused by unresolved misunderstandings.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A friend’s problems bring out your protective instincts. Be careful to keep a balance between meeting the obligations of friendship without being overwhelmed by them.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The temptation to take an extreme position on an issue is strong, but moderation is favored both in personal and professional dealings. Move toward finding areas of agreement.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Getting another boss or teacher? Try to see the person behind the image. It will help you adjust more easily to the changes that new authority figures inevitably bring.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Much as you might dislike the idea, keep an open mind about using the assistance of a third party to help resolve problems that threaten to unravel an important agreement.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Music helps restore the Aquarian’s spiritual energies this week. Take someone you care for to a concert of your musical choice. Also, expect news about a workplace matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A challenge that seems easy enough at first could take an unexpected turn that might test your resolve. Decide if you feel you should stay with it, or if it’s better to move in another direction.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be strong when standing up for justice, both for yourself and for others.
Building 26 on its way to a healthy future

By Jesse Brand
Staff Reporter

Preparations are underway to convert Building 26 into a consolidated Health and Life Sciences Building. Nursing, Medical Assisting, Respiratory Care, Polysomnography, Microbiology, Biology, Wellness Center, and classrooms will all be in the modernized building at the end of the project in early 2019.

Actual construction on the Health and Life Sciences Project is expected to begin July 2017 and last for 15 months.

The equipment and facilities for the programs are also expected to improve.

“Most exciting is the increase in simulation scenarios,” said Health, Physical Education, and Education Division Chairman Keith Paton. The new equipment and facilities will allow students to perform clinical practices on mannequins while being recorded. The students will then review the recordings to be debriefed on the simulation. Some of the simulation scenarios can substitute for clinical practices at hospitals.

The availability for clinical practices at local hospitals has been an ongoing concern, Paton said. Highline competes with other schools for the nursing student spots at local hospitals. The new simulation lab is expected to help more nursing majors to get through the programs.

A new Wellness Center is planned for the bottom floor and the Personal Fitness Trainer Lab will be able to double as a classroom. The Fitness Center is expected to have additional equipment, a more open design, and will be approximately 1,000 square feet larger than the current Fitness Center. The plan is to have either four or five new biology labs that will be roughly 50 percent larger than the current ones. This means improved safety, flow, and efficiency because of the design and amount of room, said Pure and Applied Sciences Division Chairman Dusty Wilson. There will also be a large improvement to the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system.

The new HVAC system will improve the safety and smell inside the biology labs. A substantially larger preparation area is also planned, Wilson said. The larger preparation area will mean “smoother prep allowing students to focus on what they’re learning instead of logistics,” he said.

“This is a really good thing for the college with some short term struggles,” Wilson said. Architects are still revising details of the renovations.

Building 26 will become the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver building on campus. LEED Silver is a rating level given by the U.S. Green Building Council based on several areas that address sustainability issues.

To qualify for a LEED Silver certification, a building must be awarded 50 to 59 points on the LEED scorecard. There are dozens of categories the scorecard evaluates, such as materials used, energy efficiency, sustainability, and more.

Building 26 is planned to have solar panels resulting in 3 percent on-site renewable energy, LED lighting, a green housekeeping plan, and utilize all possible parts of the existing structure that coincides with the new plans.

Major improvements that are coming to the building including new lab facilities, new elevators, improved daylighting, and western views from the building for the first time. The new Building 26 is a $25 million project that will add an additional 15,000 square feet. Building for the project will begin in April 2017.

The mechanical plant, plumbing and electrical components will all be new. Only the foundation, walls and roof structures will remain from the current building. The college’s computing and communications infrastructure will remain in the building, but the IT personnel will be relocated while the building is under construction.

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Des Moines Marina cooking up new business

By Konner Hancock
Staff Reporter

The Des Moines Marina is cooking up something big, but need food vendors to complete the recipe.

The marina is opening a food pod on May 2, and the city is looking to stir up some business, said Shannon Kirchberg, facilities and events coordinator of Des Moines. She is actively looking for food trucks to join and get the pot boiling for the food pod.

“Although there are no trucks currently committed to the food pod,” Kirchberg said she is very optimistic the food pod will be a saucy addition that will bring more people down to the waterfront.

“There is already a good amount of people that come down to the marina,” said Kirchberg. But the marina is trying to seriously spike up the waterfront by adding the food pod.

“The more variety the better,” she said. “We want to have as many different kinds of food as we can.”

Food trucks will open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. through 3 p.m., and 4 p.m. through 9 p.m., but will be closed during lunch on Saturdays and closed during dinner on Wednesdays.

The food trucks will open Des Moines Marina photo

The City of Des Moines hopes to attract enough food trucks to create a food pod at the marina on a regular basis. Food trucks have been very popular at the Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market.

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MaST-sive cleanup helps clear beach

By John Van de Ven
Staff Reporter

The MaST Center sent up the signal last Saturday to all those willing to help come clean the beach.

Answering the call were a number of volunteers to come and help collect all the trash found at Redondo Beach. Among the volunteers, some were scuba divers from around the region, and others were concerned citizens hoping to make a difference.

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 each year. Earth Day is a worldwide event meant to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

People walked down the beach to pick up every last bit of trash they could find, and then combed it all the way back to be sure.

The person in charge of this huge coordinated effort was AmeriCorps Service Member and volunteer and citizen science coordinator, Jillian Mayer.

Mayer grew up in Sarasota, a town on the southwest coast of Florida. Mayer said she inspired to pursue an education in marine biology after the BP Deepwater Horizon oil rig catastrophe in 2008.

"Maintaining a clean environment is important but getting the public involved is even more so," said Mayer. "People care about the Sound, especially communities who depend on it for their income, culture, survival, or subsistence."

The need for environmental protection is great and Mayer said that people would need a massive policy shift in order to adequately protect Puget Sound. Mayer is quick to credit other groups for their dedication and service to the environment.

"Native American tribes do an incredible environmental service in their myriad environmental programs," Mayer said. "I get to work with several green groups working in King County to protect the Sound’s resources, including Puget Soundkeepers, 350 Seattle, Dot Green, and the Seattle Aquarium."

This is the third year the Earth Day clean up project has been done, and the results can be counted in pounds of trash that has been collected. In 2014, the first year they gathered around 600 pounds of trash in their small section of Puget Sound. The second year, they collected around 500 pounds of trash, and this year they collected about 571 pounds of trash.

Teams of divers entered the water after being given a section to clean and dove in after the trash. They would emerge at different intervals, with the rest of their team, carrying bags full of trash that they collected on a section of the dock just south of the MaST Center and Sally’s.

The debris that was brought in was sorted so that the proper things could get to the proper facility to be recycled. Some of the things found included fishhooks, cans, bottles, and much garbage made of plastic and metal. Other things found were a rubber galosh and an oil filter from a car.

Some would occasionally bring back what can only be described as rubber or silicon caked with sand, to be discarded. However, MaST Center volunteer Randi Weinstein, an accountant with a wealth of knowledge of all sea creatures wriggly and slimy, was on hand and was able to identify them as moonsnail eggs. As divers brought in each clutch, Weinstein collected them to release them back into their newly cleaned homes.

This isn’t the only clean up project organized this year. In March they organized a clean up for a fishing boat harbor in Sekiu, and divers brought in about 575 pounds of debris, Mayer said.

Although Mayer is leaving to further study at the University of Michigan, she said that there will always be AmeriCorps members at the MaST Center, and expects the clean up projects to continue in her wake.
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In addition to getting her diploma on time, Bustamant will be able to graduate with her AA as well. “I want to eventually apply to UW Tacoma and earn a degree in computer science,” she said. “I should be graduating from Highline in 2019.”

“Mr. Saechao keeps us in check and continues to motivate us,” said Martinez. “I started in pre-algebra and I’m now working on trigonometry.”

Applying to UW Tacoma and earning a computer science degree is also what Martinez plans to do, she said.

Trying to understand how students learn is essential to the success of the program, Saechao said. “I love learning and that’s why I love this program,” he said. “My staff and I do everything we can do make our students more efficient.”

“We hold ourselves to high expectations,” said Saechao. “High expectations are not what you say, it’s what you do with the students.”

The program currently has 113 students enrolled and will be accepting applications in Fall Quarter. For more information regarding Gateway, please contact Kao Saechao at ksaechao@highline.edu.

Speak Out
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allowed two years to finish school,” Thomas said.

“Academic advising was another hot issue, and students say they want more support and resources from their academic advisers.”

“Academic advisers are not giving the information students need to be successful,” said Amelia Stayer who participates in Highline’s Running Start program.

“I did not know anything about degree audit until my third quarter,” Stayer said.

“I have a lot of friends in the Running Start program who have never talked to an adviser,” she said.

Other students also expressed their frustration about the lack of information given to newcomers on campus.

The college needs to introduce programs such as Center for Leadership and Service and the Direct Studies program in new student orientations, student Martin Sande said.

The Financial Aid Office also drew considerable flak.

Students agreed that lines are too long and that students need to be successful,” said Thomas, who works in Financial Aid.

There are too many people who don’t know how the system works, Thomas said in reference to the Financial Aid system.

Other students are calling for a change in the state’s residency policy regarding tuition. In order to be considered a resident, you must show your rental history of at least six months, said student Shijuan Haynes, who has been attending Highline for more than a year.

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Haynes wants to be considered a resident and she wants change in the overall residency policy.

The concerns voiced by students will not go unheard. The list of complaints and concerns will go to different groups of people to be dealt with.

For some on-campus complaints, Student Government will consider them and try to come up with solutions.

Other complaints will go to administration for change.

The big issues will be taken to Washington State Community and Technical College Student Association where they will try to solve the problems on a legislative level, said Dr. Jonathan Brown, associate dean of students for the Center for Leadership and Service.

“One of my biggest responsibilities is to represent the students,” said Speaker of the Caucus and organizer of the Speak Out Abdul Aziz Bah.

“I have to hear the students want to make a change,” he said.

Bah said, he wants to improve Student Government by listening to student voices and bringing them together.

“Students know what they want,” Bah said.

For more information, check out the Center for Leadership and Service or the Center for Leadership and Service is on the third floor of the Student Union.

King County Council imposes ban on pot shops

SEATTLE (AP) – The Metropolitan King County Council has imposed an emergency moratorium on pot businesses in unincorporated areas.

The Seattle Times reports council members voted 8-1 Monday for the four-month ban after hearing that residents were opposing the businesses and reports that businesses were clustering in certain less-affluent areas.

The emergency moratorium went into effect Monday, April 25. Council members said the emergency nature of the vote was necessary to avoid a flood of applications that could have come if they had notified the public ahead of time.

King County won’t accept or issue any permits for marijuana businesses for the next four months. The council is required to hold a public hearing in the next 60 days to take public comment.

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