Students wary of Trump

By Thunderword Staff

Donald Trump's ethics and morals are of concern to a number of Highline students on the eve of his inauguration tomorrow, but some say they feel his business background may be beneficial.

Trump is scheduled to take the oath of office on Friday, Jan. 20.

Jake Gibbs, a first-year student and political science major, said that from the fourth grade through now, the only primary recollection and experience of a president he has is of Barack Obama. He said he was never concerned about any ethical or character issues with Obama. But with President-elect Trump it's a different story.

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“The part of the city to create a higher education initiative in Federal Way,” said Mayor Jim Ferrell.

Highline has had a plan to bring higher education to Federal Way for a long time as well, said Dr. Jeff Wagnitz, acting president of Highline.

“We used to rent space in Federal Way but we pulled out in the budget cuts of ’07, ’08, and we promised once we had the resources we would try to come back,” he said.

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Campus safety forum open to all

By Will Otto
Staff Reporter

Highline will host a public safety forum addressing current safety on campus next week. The forum will go over public safety, student conduct, and classroom safety, on Thursday, Jan. 26, in Building 7 at 1 p.m. A representative from the Des Moines Police Department will also be attending to address community safety in the Highline area, as well as statistics on hate crime and how the soon-to-be president, Donald Trump, has impacted hate crime in the community.

Public safety is extremely important for students at Highline and should be taken very seriously, a top safety official said.

"Be aware of your surroundings," said Highline Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management David Menke.

Don’t travel alone if it’s dark, and if you have to, make sure to stay in a well-lit area, said Menke. Highline free-speech policy will also be discussed and how the wake of President-Elect Trump being inaugurated might affect it.

Students should also be cautious when leaving property unattended in their vehicles, inside the library, and the student union, said Menke.

Highline Public Safety officials and representatives from the Des Moines Police Department will be available for questions about safety in general.

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Free Metro carpool permits

Beginning Feb. 1, King County Metro Transit will reserve parking spaces until 8:30 a.m. at select park-and-ride locations for groups, two or more riders and people who regularly ride carpool. Carpool parking permits are available now for free through Republic Park and Ride. Two or more people checking the door handle of their vehicle. The victim called Public Safety Officials, but before they could arrive the suspect was gone.

Laptop thief on the loose

A laptop was stolen from a contractor late December. A contractor reported to public safety officials that a laptop was stolen from Building 6, on Dec. 30. There were no witnesses or suspects.

New campus street lights

New street lights could potentially be installed to improve public safety. In the east lot, close to Pacific Highway South, Highline has gotten the required permission to install new street lights. This would provide additional lighting and will serve as a deterrent for car prowlers, which is one of the biggest crimes at Highline, said Highline Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management David Menke.

Dr. Bob Baugher hosts a discussion on the battle with infections, HIV and AIDS. The following week, Jan. 27, Geology Professor Eric Baer will host a discussion on super-funds near Highline. On Feb. 3, Lindsay Holloway will host a discussion on exploring the deep sea with technology. For more information, contact Dusty Wilson at dwilson@highline.edu.

Conference applications

The Inter-Cultural Center is accepting applications for the 27th annual Student of Color Conference until Jan. 20 at 5 p.m. Students from higher education institutions across the state will come together and have the opportunity to develop leadership skills. This years conference will take place in Yakima from April 6 to April 8. Applications can be picked up in the Inter-Cultural Center in Building 8, room 204. For more information, visit multiculturalaffairs.highline.edu or call 206-592-4350.
Enrollment low even though it's crowded

By Olivia Clements and Jessica Strand
Staff Reporters

Even though Highline seems crowded, Winter Quarter enrollment is down for the fourth straight year.

Students say there is still no parking, crowded lines, and classes are full.

"Highline is as busy as it always is to me. The parking situation has just gotten worse," said Anthony Martinez, a third-year student.

Savy My from the Public Safety agreed with the students. All 250 carpool parking passes have been sold out, she said.

The college measures enrollment by FTEs, or full-time equivalents. One student taking a class and another student taking two classes equals one full-time equivalent.

Even though enrollment is down, some categories are up. The Running Start FTE increased by 6 percent and the international students FTEs increased by 7 percent.

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"The FTE number may be a little misleading," said Dr. Jeff Wagnitz, acting president. "If you're looking at day-to-day enrollment numbers you have to remember that all of our adult basic education enrollments come in all quarter long."

Non-credit classes, such as GED diploma classes, don't start and end when credit classes do, so the FTE numbers at the end of the quarter will be higher than they are today, Dr. Wagnitz said.

Taking that into account the numbers are probably down between 2 and 5 percent in state-funded students from last year, he said.

The state expects Highline to enroll at least 5,300 FTEs and basing its funding of the college on that number. About half the funds for Highline come from the state. The rest comes from tuition and fees.

"Really, the reason [FTE numbers are down] is that in the big picture our enrollment cycle is countercyclical to the economy," Dr. Wagnitz said.

So we're now at a point where unemployment in King County is so low that anybody who can be working instead of being in school is working instead of being in school.

Around 2010, when unemployment rates were high, Highline was around 10 percent over-enrolled, Dr. Wagnitz said. The college knew to expect numbers would fall after the economy improved, he said.

The state has also increased restrictions for what is considered a state-funded student, Dr. Wagnitz said.

Although the state-funded numbers are down, the increased Running Start and international number increases offset the loss, he said.

Prepare for Transfer Fair and portfolio review next month

By Katie Cummings
Staff Reporter

If you want to transfer to a four-year college, you can attend two events to get information about colleges and their admissions/transfer programs next month.

The College Transfer Fair is on Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the first floor of the Student Union from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Transfer Portfolio Review Day is on Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the Mt. Constance Room, first floor of the Student Union from 1:30-4 p.m.

More than 25 four-year colleges will be attending the Transfer Fair to answer your questions and provide information about their admissions and transfer programs, ranging from Central Washington University, to Hawaii Pacific University, to the University of Phoenix.

"I believe four-year colleges are looking for students who can bring diverse perspectives and contribute positively to the college and to its student body," said Siew Lai Lilley, the director of the Transfer Center.

The best way to prepare for transferring to a four-year institution is to start early.

"[Students] should get connected to a faculty adviser early and also take the initiative to do some research on their own regarding the colleges they want to transfer to as well as their major," said Lilley.

After the Transfer Fair, the Transfer Portfolio Review Day will give students an opportunity to get their portfolios reviewed by college admissions representatives from colleges such as Central Washington University, University of Washington, Pacific Lutheran University, and Saint Martin's University.

These representatives will be able to give you personalized feedback on your portfolio and your transfer material.

"We host two portfolio events per year — during fall and winter quarters. Last fall, we had 35 student participants," said Lilley.

Registration is required. Students can register for free in the Transfer Center or the Advising Front Desk, located on the first floor of Building 6 or online at www.tinyurl.com/wi17tprd.

Deadline for registration is Tuesday, Jan. 31.
Make America respect again

Racism, homophobia, and hate are still very much alive. President-elect Donald Trump will be officially inaugurated into office tomorrow. This tradition, in a way, will legitimize those hateful actions and words he is infamously known for.

When the election results came in this past November, a majority of the world was shocked. How could someone who sexually harassed women become a leader of our country? This is the person the country elected – a man who publicly mocked a handicapped reporter. A man who says climate change is a Chinese hoax. A man who openly uses racial slurs with no remorse.

While it seems as though this is a nightmare unable to wake up from, people must take the responsibility upon themselves. They use this opportunity to come into office tomorrow. This tradition, in a way, will legitimize votes the same as you.

We pride ourselves on the vast collection of ethnicities and nationalities here. Some of love and acceptance, rather than falling into the traps of hate.

Just because our new leader has questionable morals does not mean every person must adopt those morals, too. Highline is one of the most diverse colleges in Washington. We pride ourselves on the vast collection of ethnicities and nationalities here.

While this is an excellent place to practice and maintain a respect for anyone and everyone, you must take that respect beyond our campus boundaries.

When you decide to take that respect into your home to teach your family, or into your daily routines as you pass by strangers on the street, then we will be making a change.

It is tiring to see hate filling the news, ears and hearts of everyone. Do not turn a blind eye to the mistreatment. Put in the effort to step out of your safe bubble of similar political beliefs and do what is right for mankind – not just for the person who votes the same as you.

Have something to say?
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Resolutions take some time

All I want for New Year’s is a better me.

As the last few days of December transformed from post-Christmas sadness into New Year hopefulness, I compiled a list of resolutions for myself. My main goals were to read one book per month, and to maintain a regular workout schedule.

While there are plenty other areas of my life that probably deserve more attention, I chose these resolutions because they encourage me to distribute my energy in positive outlets.

They are also incredibly attainable. I did not want to choose goals that were truly impossible because I would just be setting myself up for failure. While physical health is important, your mental health makes a large contribution to your overall well-being, too.

When I don’t go on runs or lift weights often, I find myself to be overly stressed and ready to snap over small problems. As for my grades, I typically enjoy spending hours with my nose buried in a book, but have not made reading for fun a major priority in recent years.

Whether your New Year’s resolution is to lose weight, quit a bad habit, or to save more money, you must remember what you have – a whole new time span of 365 days to better yourself.

It’s important to realize that you have all year to make these goals. For the over-achievers out there, you could set a different goal for each month. For people like me, you could set a couple goals to last you the year and call it good.

The fiery inspiration of January can continue all year if you let it; do not be defeated by the lack of progress in the first month.

You must allow yourself time to better yourself. Better yet, allow time in between your goals. For the first few months, focus on one goal and dedicate yourself to it. Ace that class. Save your money. Quit smoking. Whatever it may be, remember that you can take it slow. You could even set up resolutions for each season. For example, I live about two miles away from my job, so another one of my goals is to bike to work in the spring and summer. By including this physical activity into my schedule, I’ll also be maintaining a regular workout routine, and saving the environment while I’m at it.

Dr. Bob Baugher, a psychology professor at Highline, said the self-modification process of New Year’s resolutions requires certain steps in order to create, maintain, and achieve your goals.

Anyone with a spark of inspiration for change must first define their goal in measurable terms. Dr. Baugher said if your plan is to lose weight, determine how much weight, how many days a week you will work out, and by what time you want to achieve a goal physique.

By defining the resolution, you give yourself a more explicit set of directions to follow rather than a vague idea that is likely to turn into a failed dream.

Along with your definitions, you need to write down the reasons why you want to accomplish this resolution. Be sure to write down the negative consequences that may arise if you do not meet your goal.

If you post these reasons in an obvious place, such as your bathroom mirror or as the lock screen of your phone, the visual effect of seeing your reasons makes your brain uncomfortable. Your actions are then more likely to follow in line with your goals. Dr. Baugher said.

A group of positive support- ers should be there to congrat- ulate you when you meet a mile- stone, or to offer encouragement when you stray from your path, but they should never bash you for any reason.

Your resolutions are for you and your life, not for others to criticize. Make yourself a pri- ority, make your goals to better yourself a priority, and do not rush your goals. After all, you have a whole year.

Olivia Sullivan is the opinion editor of the Thunderword.

Oh my God, she is a gorgeous woman.

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1. MOVIES: What animated movie featured The Siamese Cat Song?
2. TELEVISION: In the 1960s sitcom Family Affair, what was the name of Buffy’s doll?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Ardenness Forest in Belgium was the site of what major World War II battle?
4. HISTORY: What leading figure in America’s Revolutionary War took the pseudonym Poor Richard in his earlier writing?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the more common name for the flower whose scientific name is papaver somniferum?
6. BUSINESS: How long did the New Coke formula last after it was introduced in 1985?
7. LITERATURE: What mystery writer created the character of Kay Scarpetta, medical examiner?
8. ASTRONOMY: Where is the Lowell Observatory located?
9. FOOD & DRINK: What grated cheese is named for the capital of Italy?
10. LANGUAGE: What is a more common name for an apiarist?

ARSIES (March 21 to April 19) Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full time. Try to stay focused so that you don’t dissipate your energies.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you’ll have to paw the ground a little longer, until a surprise complication is worked out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Rival factions are pressing you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn’t the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible, without committing yourself to any position.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reassure a longtime, trusted confidante that you appreciate his or her words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You need to let your warm Leonine heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the “just friends” level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There’s still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect a temporary setback as you progress toward your goal. Use this time to re-examine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the necessary adjustments and then move on.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jupiter’s influence helps you work through a pesky problem, allowing your naturally jovial attitude to re-emerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider reassessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you’ve learned to good use. Travel plans continue to be favored.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision you’re not ready to make.

BORN THIS WEEK (Jan. 16 – Jan. 22): You embody a love for traditional values combined with an appreciation of what’s new and challenging.
Home is where the film is

Highline students shine in film festival

By Izzy Anderson
Staff Reporter

Highline's first film festival in more than 10 years brings home four short films created by students.

The festival takes place on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. in Building 7, featuring student films that all used the theme of “home.”

These films are the work of the top four contestants from the Highline Film Festival competition this last October. Their challenge was not to only center the films on a ‘home’ theme in seven minutes or less, but also to include an art piece, landmark, or location from campus. Multimedia professor and contest judge Sean Puno said “It was a challenge trying to make a simple idea of ‘home’ into a compelling story; some touched on it, but these select few could really drive a story around it.”

It was interesting to see the varying styles such as suspenseful, heartfelt, and animated, he said. First place winner was Highline student Kelsey Par. Her short film The Home Within won her this spot, as well as the first-place prize of $565. “I’d say my favorite part of creating this film has been the reaction. I’ve never made a film before and to see the support from all my friends and family has been great. It makes me happy to know that people felt they can connect with my film,” said Par.

In second place was Nina Releford, a multimedia student. She achieved third place with her short, Holiday Video. “I was just thinking what to do to make the school feel like home, at home you’re safe and feel happy, people love that you’re there. I wanted to bring that feeling to Highline,” said Releford.

Alumni Highline students Lisa Lopez and Samantha Mortes de Oca will have a short featured at the film festival. They received third place for their short film, Home Is Where the Heart Is.

“I love telling stories. I’ve got a lot of them, and really did it for the experience,” said Lopez.

Highline student Matthew MacDonald came in fourth place, with his film Second Identity.

Contest aims to prompt more poets

By Roseline Collins
Staff Reporter

Highline’s fifth annual poetry contest is an effort to shed light on the importance of poetry and will award students cash prizes for the best submissions.

Poetry is more relevant than ever, said a Highline instructor. The contest serves as an introduction to National Poetry Month, taking place through April of each year, which supports poets and poetry. “We need poetry now more than ever. Poetry is a way for someone to express themselves freely,” said Professor Susan Rich, who is a published writer and who teaches creative writing.

“Everything is changing about poetry today. Poetry today is diverse. It is open to anyone who wants to explore,” said Rich.

She said that each year the poetry contest gets stronger as more than 100 students submitted their works last year. The deadline for submission this year is Friday, Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. Poems are submitted through email to Highline reference librarian Deborah Moore.

Submissions must be typed and cannot exceed more than three submitted works and works must be unique, open to any subject, and not previously published. The work cannot exceed more than 20 lines and must be able to fit on an 8 1/2-by-11-inch sheet of paper. Final drafts of all poems are only to be submitted to Moore’s email at dmoore@highline.edu to be considered for judging according to the guidelines posted on Highline’s website regarding the poetry contest.

Ten individuals will be chosen for a prize. The first prize winner of the contest is granted $125, the second winner is awarded $100, the third-place winner is prized with $75 and there are seven finalists whom will win $50 each.

Winners of the contest and selected poets will have their poems displayed in the art exhibit in the library at Highline beside the works of previous winners and published writings of other poets. A free reception will also be held in April for students to read their poetry and explore the works of others.
By Konner Hancock
Staff Reporter

The Highline men’s wrestling team fell short on their only match of the winter break and placed in the top ten for the Boxer Open tournament.

The T-Birds were toppled in Coos Bay OR. by the Southwestern Oregon Raccoons in a 32-9 defeat on Jan. 7.

Highline gave up majority of the points in three weight classes 157 lbs, 165 and 174. A total of 18 points were lost in those weights alone.

“The wrestler at 157 weight became ill a couple of days prior to the match. Our guys at 165 and 174 just did not wrestle well down there,” said the Assistant Head Coach Bradley Luvaas.

Although the team lost, they have been much more motivated and seem well rested from the break, he said.

“Luis Callen got us on the board at 125 with a solid decision over Ryder Mckee 13-7. Returning All-American Andrew Ramirez, at 133, added to the score with an 11-5 decision over Marcus Martin who he has wrestled 3 times this year. Cole Morrison, at 149, also added a victory over Cody Greene 5-2,” said Luvaas.

Then the squad traveled back to Oregon. the following Saturday to compete in the Boxer Open where they competed against 23 other colleges from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Canada.

Highline placed seventh with only two wrestlers landing in the top three in their weight class, Andrew Ramirez placed third in 141 weight division and Jacob Zocco placed second in the 174 class.

The guys came rested and have been wrestling so much better than the beginning of the season, said Luvaas.

Despite losing majority of their dual meets so far this year Luvaas said, “It doesn’t matter how rough the year is the only thing that matters is how we do at the national tournament. Last year we did not win a dual meet in our region either but we finished with four all-Americans and a top-12 finish in the country.”

The squad’s next action is the Clackamas Open Jan. 22. “I have no idea how our team will do. Each wrestler will control their own destiny. So, it really comes down to who shows up to compete,” said Head Coach Scott Norton.

Claudeus Laude and another Highline wrestler practice their single leg take down.

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Assistant Head Coach Bradley Luvaas talks with two Highline wrestlers during practice yesterday.

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**Highline moves into league play**

**By Thanavin Chum**

Staff Reporter

The Highline womens basketball team started league play at 1-2.

The lady T-Birds are in a tie for third place in the Western Division with Green River, Grays Harbor and Lower Columbia.

Highline started league play on Jan. 6, where they lost to the Whatcom Orcas 71-61 and then lost the following week to the Centralia Trailblazers 62-45.

The team came back after their league losses on Jan. 14 and won a nail biter against South Puget Sound, 57-56.

Over the winter break Highline only won two of their seven games, defeating George Fox Junior Varsity 58-47 and Mt. Hood 58-43. They lost to North Idaho 63-62, Yakima Valley 73-54, Big Bend 70-63, Mt. Hood 54-42 and with a final loss to Olympic 67-66.

Despite their losing drought over the winter break, Head Coach Amber Mosley said she has confidence in her group to move forward with better overall play.

Even though they didn’t do well during in those games, Mosley said she believed her team found their best chances to be successful and encourage her players to work even harder to overcome the tough competition.

The hardest thing the coach has had to deal with thus far is “keeping moral, it’s tough to continue to work hard when you are losing,” said Mosley.

Turning the ball over was huge, the team turned the ball over 187 times in the total seven games that they have over the break, that is about 20 on average per game and more than any other team in their division.

Another contribution to their losses was not making their shots count, “We are getting the shots we want but they are not falling,” she said.

Mosley said her and her staff will continue to emphasize on making improvements with turning the ball over as well as putting the ball through the basket and she expects the improvements to carry into future games.

On the other hand, one of the team’s top scorers Alicia Westbrook has been seeing less time on the court, her average went from 20 minutes per game to five and eight minutes in their last two games. This is due to an injury and change in team rotation. Westbrook was the top scorer for Highline until the drop in her minutes occurred.

Their next game is at home on Jan. 18, tip off at 6:00 pm.

**T-Birds aim to rebound after poor preseason**

**By Chentay Warnes and Konner Hancock**

Staff Reporter

The Highline mens basketball team won five of their ten games over the winter break and started their regular season with a 93-61 win over Centralia.

The T-Birds competed in several games over the course of the winter break starting with the Highline crossover tournament on Dec. 16-18 where they defeated the Chemeketa Storm, 65-42.

However, they went on to lose to the Peninsula Pirates, 71-48, and to the Yakima Valley Tatas 67-64.

Then they moved on to play five preseason games, winning against the Olympic Rangers 60-57 and the Bellevue Bulldogs 70-56. Finally, the T-Birds capped off the break and kicked off the regular season with a win over the Centralia Trailblazers.

“We wanted to get better every game and develop a foundation of consistency that would get us ready for league,” said Head Coach Che Dawson, about the preseason.

In the first league game, against the Trailblazers, five of Highlines players scored 12 or more points. Jared Casey, Val Wilson, Shakwel Vincent and Jeremi Hanks all scored 12 points and starting guard Austin Anderson led the team in scoring with 14 points.

The T-Birds led the game in rebounds as well as assists. Players leading these categories were wing Jared Casey grabbing 10 boards and guard Jeremi Murphey earning four assists.

Despite the recent efforts the team still has lacked constant consistency and has also had a lack of urgency during games, Dawson said.

Improving these things will be “A game by game and practice by practice proposition,” he said.

The following Saturday the team faced their second league opponent only to fall short 72-51 to the South Puget Sound Clippers.

Highline’s score of 51 was their second lowest all season.

The team was only able to generate two players to score double digits, forward Shakwel Vincent with 14 points and guard Jeremi Hanks with 11.

The five preseason games that Highline competed in spanned from Dec. 22 to Jan. 7, where Highline dudked it out with the Olympic Rangers 60-57 and then toppled the Bellevue Bulldogs 70-56.

However, the T-Birds had also lost to three teams during the break, the Skagit Valley Cardinals 86-61, the Whatcom Orcas 83-82 and the Everett Trojans 77-76.

Since these games the main focus for the team is “raising our intensity level while at the same time playing smarter offensively,” Dawson said.

Next Highline will hit the road to compete against the 2-0 Lower Columbia Red Devils on Jan. 24.

Results from the Jan. 18 home game against the 1-1 Grays Harbor Chokers were unavailable at press time.

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- 2 medium red potatoes
- 1 butternut squash
- 1 can (15 ounces) whole-kernel corn, drained
- 3/4 cup heavy or whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme

Pour the vegetables into a large pot. Add the corn, half-and-half, and cream. Bring to a boil on medium-high. Reduce heat and simmer gently for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Good Housekeeping

Beer bread brews up nicely in bread machine

If you love homemade bread in the bread machine, this one is a keeper.

- 3 cups bread flour
- 2 tablespoons Splenda Granular
- 1/2 teaspoons (one 1/4-ounce package) active dry yeast
- 1/2 cup warm milk
- 1/2 cup honey
- 3 teaspoons butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda

Combine the dry ingredients. Add the milk and honey to the yeast mixture. Slowly stir in the flour and butter mixture. Knead until smooth. Let rise until doubled. Preheat oven to 375°F. Bake for 30 minutes.
Protesters to flood streets in opposition

By Jessica Strand
Staff Reporter

With the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump just a day away, several events are happening around the Pacific Northwest.

Many people are voicing their protest for the inauguration of the 45th president, with demonstrations happening across the country.

Here’s where you can get involved in the Pacific Northwest:

• J19 Guerrilla Art School: Night of Resistance
  Spend tonight getting creative in preparation for inauguration. All ages and skill levels welcome.

  The event will take place at the Rainier Valley Cultural Center, located at 1315 S. Alaska St., in Seattle. Doors open at 5 p.m. this evening.

  From 6-8 p.m. individuals can take part in workshops and skill sharing to create artistic signs. Individuals can participate in button and sticker making, and stamping tables will be set up for sign making. Legal advice, street theater and music will also be available.

  From 8-9 p.m. attendees will break into interest groups to plan for the upcoming weekend.

  From 9 p.m. onward teams of attendees hit the town with maps. The teams will set up art stations in neighborhoods around the area for individuals to get involved.

  For information, visit the Facebook events page facebook.com/events/397542417304419

• Inauguration Day Student Walkout
  Students in several high schools and colleges around the country are planning a student walkout to protest inauguration day.

  A huge national student strike will send a clear message to Trump, the billionaire class, and the Republican Party that we reject their agenda of bigotry, hate, and division,” according to the Socialist Students website.

  For information, visit socialists.net/student-walkouts/

• Resist Trump: Occupy Inauguration – Seattle
  Individuals will band together to protest the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump, as well as social and economic inequalities.

  The event will take place at Westlake Park, 401 Pine St. in Seattle from 9-5 p.m. Jan. 20. The event is likely to turn into a march, as the Facebook event page says “Join us in the streets again.”

  For more information, visit the events page at facebook.com/events/335996453442603

• Women’s Marches
  Individuals in both Seattle and Olympia will be marching in support of the Women’s March on Washington D.C.

  The Women’s Marches are intended to send a message to the new administration about the importance of women’s rights.

  “We stand together, recognizing that defending the most marginalized among us is defending all of us,” said the Women’s March website.

  Women’s March On Seattle: The Seattle march will start at 10 a.m. in Judkins Park, at 2150 S Normandy St in Seattle where there will be a rally until 11 a.m. At 11 a.m. people will begin to march. The end location is at the Seattle Center, 400 Broad St. in Seattle.

  Women’s March On Olympia: Olympia marchers will meet at 10 a.m. by the Tivoli Fountain on the Legislative Building grounds, at 416 S 3rd Street. SW in Olympia. Marchers will march to Heritage Park and back.

  For information visit womensmarcholympia.wordpress.com

• Beer Tramps Hate
  Local brewing company Rooftop Brew has a new beer called Beer Tramps Hate IPA.

  All proceeds from the sale of this beer will be donated to the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Anti-Defamation League.

  For a list of locations with the beer on tap, visit rooftopbrewco.com/about-beer-trumps-hate

Students urged to work past fears of Trump presidency

By Brooks Schaefer
Staff Reporter

Students should not let the fear arising from the recent presidential election hold them back, a noted civil rights activist said in a lecture Tuesday as part of the college’s Martin Luther King Jr. Week Observance.

Dr. Maxine Mims said students should instead move forward and use their apprehension of the upcoming Donald Trump presidency as an opportunity to better themselves. She encouraged students to continue the dialogue about race, ethnicity and gender so that dialog can further evolve.

Martin Luther King Jr. Week is Highline’s annual celebration and exploration of the work of the late civil rights leader.

Mims also referred to the election as an illusion to make us fearful. Crazy people can’t control you unless you let them, she said.

“Fear is something we must get rid of because your images designed by someone else will make you fearful,” she said.

Dr. Mims, founder of The Evergreen State College Tacoma branch, spoke on “Fear, Freedom and Freedom,” to a full house in Building 7.

“Be careful with your dreams because if you become complacent you will wake up in a nightmare,” Mims said, referring to the current election.

After President Obama was elected, Dr. Mims said she became complacent, only to wake up
In the early 2000s Highline had big plans for the city of Federal Way. The difference between this time and the last time there was a building in Federal Way is there are more partners, said Dr. Skari. Plus, last time Highline was renting the building they were in on its own. This time Federal Way may provide some help.

“We’re looking at what is sustainable,” said Skari.

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“Once they said, Hey, we might be interested in helping,” then that’s when the pieces fell together,” he said. “Now you have a four-year reputable institution who wanted to work with us because we can provide the lower division courses to prepare students for their upper division study at that site.”

Highline and UW-Tacoma intend to use the two-plus-two model which is the first two academic years will be done by students at Highline and the second two years of the students’ academic career would be finished at UW-Tacoma, said Dr. Skari.

There isn’t a big concern of Highline competing with itself since it will provide targeted courses in Federal Way, Dr. Wagñitz said.

“We would choose programing to place there deliberately, so we would deliberately avoid competing with ourselves,” he said. “And there are unserved populations in the community based on distance to the campus.”

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“That [the University of Puget Sound Law School] was there for 20 years and really revitalized the downtown. And then UW-Tacoma moved in on the other side of town, and that is really a great example of the multiple benefits, if you will, of a higher education presence,” Mayor Ferrell said.

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By Associated Press

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SEATTLE — The man con-
victed of killing a Seattle police
officer in 2019 has died in prison.
The Seattle Times reports that
Christopher Monfort was
found dead in his cell Wednes-
day morning at the Washing-
ton State Penitentiary in Walla
Walla.

Jeremy Barclay, a Depart-
ment of Corrections spokes-
man, said Monfort was found
in his single-person cell at 7:45
a.m. Prison staff began CPR but
Monfort was pronounced dead
by medics.

Barclay said there was noth-
ing suspicious in Monfort’s cell
and there were no indications of
self-harm.

Monfort, who was convicted
in summer 2015 of aggravat-
ed first-degree murder for the
ambush killing of Seattle po-
lice Officer Timothy Brenton
on Halloween night 2009, was
serving a life sentence.

Paralyzed below the waist by
a gunshot he suffered during
his arrest in Tukwila, Mon-
fort’s health had deteriorated by
the time he stood trial in King
County Superior Court.

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with the results of the election.
He said he couldn’t believe
how, when the Access Hol-
lywood tape of Trump brag-
ging about sexually assaulting
women was released, Trump
brushed it off and said that it
was “locker room talk.”

“Locker room talk? Any-
one who isn’t shocked or con-
cerned by this disrespectful
and abusive language should
take a look at themselves and
question their personal val-
ues,” Smith said.

Elizabeth Sath said that
she feels Trump doesn’t know
how to behave with people
and that can be very damaging
for America in the future.

“He’s a racist, sexist, liar,
hypocrite. I just hope he
doesn’t aggravate any foreign
affairs,” Sath said.

Student Mariah Collier said
she believes there are chances
of protest after Trump’s inau-
guration.

“Since I have seen a lot of
hate on social media, I would
not be surprised if there is a
protest,” she said.

“There are a lot of angry
people who disagree with how
he runs,” Thy Truong said.

Several students said that
Trump should prioritize re-
forming the education system.

“Schools need to be funded
properly because that is where
change starts,” said Micah L.,
who asked that his full name
not be used.

Many students found
Trump’s lack of experience in
politics disturbing, as well as
how he frequently handles me-
dia stories regarding his use of
Twitter.

“This priorities should be to
remove his social media pres-
ence and focus more on Amer-
ica’s problems and how to fix
it rather than the news regard-
ing him about Russia and oth-
er unimportant topics having
to do with his presidency,” said
student Joseph Schacher.

Schacher went on to say that
Trump will get rid of Obama
Care without a real strong
solution to it and is going to
move the health care industry
backward.

Another student agreed.
“He needs to sit down and
think for a while about what
his health care plan will be af-
after he takes away Obama
Care,” said a student who
identified himself as James.

Trump isn’t the man she
wants representing America as
a people and as a country, said
student Maddie Johnson.

Because there’s so many
people in Congress who don’t
like Trump and don’t think
he’s fit for office, he will be
impeached, said a student
named April.

Five students said that they
think it’s possible he will actu-
ally be assassinated. “It’s going
to get very scary to live in the
United States, especially for
minorities like myself,” said
student Danise Pham.

Some students say they are
concerned about the inaug-
uration because of what it
means for students with De-
ferred Action for Childhood
Arrival status. This program
gives undocumented children
of illegal parents “protection
to not get deported,” said stu-
dent Vianey Garcia.

Another student, Rosa
Garcia, said that she believes
Trump will use the DACA
program lists to identify and
deport illegals.

Not everyone is unhappy
about President-elect Trump
being sworn in.

“I’m excited because I think
his background in business
will help our economy,” Rus-
sell Owen said.

However, he also said he is
concerned with Trump’s in-
experience in politics.

Several students are in-
trigued by Trump’s posi-
tions regarding the economy.

Many were fascinated and
in a sense, grateful for the pres-
ident-elect’s non-political back-
ground and financial suc-
cess.

R’montay Walker, a sec-
on-year student, said that he’s
anxious to see how Trump
does for the economy.

“Outside of him claiming to
build a wall, I’m looking for-
ward to how he deals with the
economic situation in Ameri-
can. That should be one of his
main priorities,” Walker said.

Many students agreed that
Trump’s financial background
could prove to be beneficial to
the American economy.

The inauguration is sched-
uled for this Friday, Jan. 20.
The ceremony begins at 10
a.m. and will be roughly three
hours long.

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With the Winter Quarter
underway, it has required a lit-
tle more juggling, Dr. Wagnitz
said.

“Though the timing was
out of his control, Jack couldn’t
have picked a less-impactful
time to be out,” he said.

Dr. Birmingham is recover-
ing at home with family.

“Dr. Birmingham continues
to improve and gain strength,”
Dr. Rosendahl said. “On a per-
sonal note, he has certainly not
lost his sense of humor.”

“I expect Jack to be back
soon, and I see my job as keep-
ing things moving, to the best
of my ability, in the same di-
rection that he’d set,” Dr. Wag-
itz said.

It is too early for a project-
ed return date since every in-
dividual recovers from major
surgeries at their own rate, Dr.
Rosendahl said.

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Tips For Success Tuesdays!

- Attend a Work Study Orienta-
tion to learn about the require-
ments and steps to find a job
on or off campus. Reoccurring
every Thursday 1-2 PM.

Special Topic Thursdays!

- Visit the Career and Student
Employment Center to attend a
workshop on specialized care-
ern-related topics. Reoccurring
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