

Highline among top colleges

By Kelsey Par
Staff Reporter

Highline was ranked as the 42nd best community college in the United States in a recent ranking by College Choice.

College Choice, an independent online publication, ranked Highline in a list of the 50 best

community colleges in the country.

College Choice publishes rankings and reviews to assist students in choosing the right college for them. They also provide resources to help students get accepted into the colleges and pay for their tuition.

The colleges were ranked based on first year retention

rates, three-year graduation rates, credentials awarded, diversity and minority graduation rates.

Highline officials said they were surprised to hear of the award.

Vice President Dr. Lisa Skari said that Highline did not apply for this award or receive any pre-notification.

"I know the rankings are connected to the Aspen Prize and considering Highline was in their Top 150 last year, I am assuming this is how we made it on their list. In looking at the other four Washington community colleges listed, I know Walla Walla won the Aspen

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Longest tenured professor dies

By Kelsey Par
Staff Reporter

A long-time Highline writing professor died in late February.

Lonny Kaneko, Highline's longest tenured professor, began his teaching career as an English faculty member in 1966.

In Kaneko's 50 years at Highline, he was multi-term division chairman, three-time China exchange scholar and a published writer and poet.

An excerpt from one of Kaneko's many poems is inscribed on an open-book monument south of Building 7;

Some struggle through the dark

Others reflect the world around them

A few catch fire and create new light

Aside from his professional accomplishments, he impacted the lives of many, colleagues said.

Dr. Tommy Kim, literature and film studies professor, said he will remember Kaneko for

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Spring is busting out



Yuki Yamauchi/THUNDERWORD

A flowering cherry tree struts its stuff outside of Building 14 last week. It has been a wet and cold spring however, with higher than average rainfall and lower than average temperatures. The National Weather Service is predicting more rain through Friday, with some partial clearing and slightly warmer temperatures for the weekend.

Legislature wrestles with budget

By Roth Leahy
Staff Reporter

Funding for K-12 education continues to bedevil legislators in Olympia attempting to hammer out a budget.

With the 2017 legislative session well underway, the 2012 McCleary decision continues to weigh heavily on the

minds of lawmakers. The state Supreme Court ruled then that the Legislature is inadequately funding public education. The court's assessment of \$100,000 in contempt penalties per day has generated \$60 million in fines to date.

"Inadequate state funding for education is the key issue for this budget," said Sen. Kar-

en Keiser, D-33rd District.

District 33 covers SeaTac, Kent, Des Moines and Normandy Park.

How to adequately fund education is the question that Democrats and Republicans have been unable to resolve.

Each party has different proposals, with Republicans recommending a property tax

levy which would increase taxes statewide.

The Republicans plan would be a second property assessment that would add a tax of \$1.55 per \$1,000 evaluation of a home in the state of Washing-

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Lonny Kaneko

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Murder suspect nabbed near campus

By Brendan Myrick
Staff Reporter

Highline students heading toward the South parking lots on South 240th Street on April 3 were able to watch the unfolding of part of the investigation into the Jan. 29 murder of a 52-year-old man in downtown Seattle.

Seattle detectives along with Des Moines Police served a search warrant at a residence on 26th Avenue South while another warrant was served in Seattle. Two vehicles were also impounded.

Seattle Det. Mark Jamieson said that the suspects were interviewed and the female was released, but the male suspect was booked into King County Jail.

The victim, Patrice Pitts, was killed around 3:30 a.m. Jan 29. The suspect reportedly shot Pitts multiple times before fleeing the scene, according to the King County Prosecutor’s Office. Pitts was rushed to Harborview Medical Center where he died shortly after arriving.

Darryl G. Peterson has been charged with first degree murder and unlawful possession of a firearm in the first degree. He is being held on a \$1 million bail. The suspect’s arraignment is scheduled for April 17, in the King County Courthouse.

Student caught carrying firearm

A student was caught walking around with a concealed firearm on Highline campus April 10. Public Safety confronted the individual who was told to place the firearm in their car.

The student complied with Public Safety and no dispute occurred.

The Public Safety department wants to inform students that even though you have the right to carry a firearm, Highline’s campus is a gun-free zone

Thief robs Highline employee

A thief robbed a Highline employee of their phone on April 9 in Building 9.

Des Moines Police arrested the thief later that day at a local Safeway and returned the phone.

The thief is being held on theft charges and may be charged with trespassing by Highline Public Safety.

When cars collide

A collision involving two Highline students occurred in the south parking lot at 8:05



a.m. on April 3.

Des Moines police responded to the scene. No injuries were reported by police.

Man puts the camp in campus

Public Safety responded to a homeless person camping out near the tennis courts. The incident was reported on April 3 at 9:15 a.m.

Public Safety reported that the individual complied with officers and left shortly after the confrontation.

Hit and run

A hit and run involving a Highline student took place on April 4. The vehicle was found later that same day, although the suspect still has not been found, according to Public Safety.

Highline student robbed in library

A backpack was stolen on the third floor of the library on April 7. The backpack was later discovered in a bathroom stall in Building 26.

The victim’s ID card and money were both stolen.

Public Safety reminds students to never leave valuables unattended, in your car or on campus.

Door kick stalled

A Highline student was discovered kicking a locked bathroom door in Building 26, on the third-floor April 10. The reasoning behind the individual’s actions is unknown.

No damage was caused to the building.

Driver runs into pedestrian

A driver struck a fellow student when they were walking through the east parking lot on April 10. No injuries were reported to Public Safety.

Student heads to the hospital

A Highline student reported having severe abdominal pains to public safety on April 10. The person was then transported to a hospital without the need of an ambulance.

Honors Program gets new leader

By Sophia Latifyar
Staff Reporter

Highline has named a new director of its Honors Program effective this quarter.

Jennifer Heckler, an English and Communication Department professor, will replace Jacque Clinton as director of the advanced scholarship program. Heckler will take on specific roles in the Honors Program by advising and processing scholarships and honors credit.

Clinton, the previous Honors Program manager, said she is leaving her position to pursue a new opportunity. She did not elaborate.

Nevertheless, Clinton said she is very happy for Heckler. They have been working together to have a smooth transition.

“On a personal note, it has been a pleasure working with so many dedicated people from across the campus over the past few years,” said Clinton.

Meanwhile, Honors Colloquy returns on Wednesdays for Spring Quarter.

Upcoming presentations include:

- April 26 - Abdul Shamdeen: Immigrants’ Role in Making America Great.
- May 3 – Avery Viehmann – On the Frontlines of the North Dakota Access Pipeline

(#NODAPL) Movement.

- May 10 – Dr. Amelia Phillips and Highline students - Cybersecurity Challenges and the Pacific Rim Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition.
- May 17 – Ellen Bremen – Crossfit Controversies.
- May 24 – Rebecca Ring – The Rebellion of Interdisciplinary Education.
- May 31 – Speaker TBA.
- June 7 – Dr. Jonathan Brown - Dangerous Thinking Changes Paradigms: Challenging Objective Knowledge, the Status Quo, and Understanding a Path to Change.

Honors Colloquy takes place in Building 10, room 103 from 12:15-1:20 p.m. and is open to all.

Sexual assault awareness

Highline will host an hour-long film viewing directly followed by a panel session for awareness on Sexual Assault, Violence, Bullying, Stalking, Hate Crimes and how Highline is a no tolerance zone for any of these acts.

The documentary *The Hunting Ground*, shows the extent of sexual assault on U.S. college campuses and the effect it has on the victims and their families.

One in five women are affected by will be the victim of one of these acts during their time in college.

The documentary showing is sponsored by Women’s Programs, American Association of University Women and Highline College Library Collections Development. It will be held on April 19, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in building seven.

Get nature friendly during earth week

Highline will have a whole week of events in celebration for Earth week. The Inter-Cultural Center will be hosting the events. Highline faculty and staff will be holding several workshops around campus centered around nature sustainability and social responsibility.

On Monday, In Building 7, 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. there will be an informational session on environmental events that took place on Oct. 11, 2016. Then in Building 8, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. there will be and Ivy snip. Finally, in Building 8, 12:50 p.m. to 2 p.m. there will be a discussion on the importance of water through the eyes of the local indigenous tribes.

On Tuesday, Students will watch and discuss about several TED talks on sustainability in business during two different



sessions from 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

On Wednesday, in Building 2 at 9 a.m. 9:50 a.m. will be an introduction on the basic issues on climate change. Then, in Building 8 from 11 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. a campus cleanup will be held.

On Thursday, the Political Action Fair will take place in Building 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Finally, on Friday, learn how to kick start your garden from 11 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. in the Greenhouse. Then, the cooking club will be making up low cost, environmentally friendly and vegetarian meals in Building 22, room 104, from 2 p.m. to 4p.m.

UW advisers come to Highline

UW Physicians Assistant Advisers are coming to highline to give an informational session.

The Transfer Center and the Welcome Back Center are hosting the session for students who are interested in becoming a physician’s assistant.

The session will create an opportunity for students and prospective applicants to learn about the admissions and application process and ask any questions they may have about physician’s assistant education, employment, prerequisite courses or any other needed information from advisers in the UW Physician Assistant Program, MEDEX Northwest.

The session will be on Tuesday, April 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Highline Student Union, Building 8, first floor, Mt. Constance Room.

Private Security Academy

DATES AND TIMES FOR SPRING QUARTER 2017

Tuesday through Saturday
Dates: May 9–20, 2017 (2 consecutive weeks)
Times: 3–9 PM

REQUIREMENT

- Must be at least 18 years old at the time of acceptance to the Academy
- Must complete and pass a Washington State Patrol (WSP) Background check
- Must commit to meeting the course attendance requirements
- Must be level 4 ESL

INSTRUCTION INCLUDES

Report writing, defensive tactics, customer service, behavior and terrain analysis, legalities and use of force.

COSTS

\$649.00 per person*
Funding may be available, please see Workforce Education Service (WES) information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

To register for this course or to find out more information, please call Continuing Education at 206-870-3785 or visit our website at ce.highline.edu.



Enrollment rebounds for spring

By Ellie Aguilar and Jo Robinson
Staff Reporters

Enrollment at Highline appears to have turned upward after several years of decline.

Students say it feels very crowded and lines are still long as general enrollment has gone up.

The FTE figures (full-time equivalents) are at 4,047 as of April 11. This number has increased from last spring, which was 4,026.

Running Start FTE's have gone up from 1,203 to 1,289 and international students went up from 518 to 548.

"The factor with an even stronger influence on enrollment is the economy," said Emily Coates, manager of the Office of Institutional Research. "When the rate comes down, enrollment decreases."

Coates' view on students having a chance of gaining employment tend to choose their time, money, and effort over going to college. However, when that opportunity isn't there they think of college as a way to improve their resumes.

The first week is the most hectic because everyone is trying to adjust to their new schedules, faculty members say.

"The first week is chaos. Everyone's finding the hiccups and the bumps," said Chalene Henson, Highline instructional classroom and lab room technician. "Everybody's learning their schedule at the same time."



Yuki Yamauchi/THUNDERWORD

A Highline student retrieves his backpack after surviving the line in the Bookstore last week.

An increase of enrollment has not stopped the quarterly complaint about parking at Highline.

"Before classes even started, the carpool permits were already sold out," said student Alondra Sanchez. "The East Parking Lot is always full but the North is for sure better."

Trying to find parking after 10 a.m. is difficult, said Student Government Vice President Gabbi Fuller.

"I know how parking can be at 10 a.m. classes, so instead I come to work two hours before, at 8 a.m. Then I just work from 8 to 10," Fuller said.

Some students say buying a parking pass is pointless when they're not even guaranteed a spot.

"What's the point of paying for a parking pass if you can't even get a spot? The pass may not be expensive, but inconven-

nient when you're not guaranteed a spot," one student said.

Another student said that parking passes cost a lot of money and provide a questionable pay-off.

Quarterly parking passes currently cost \$29 for part-time students; \$46 for full-time students; and \$10 for your first carpool parking pass.

Student Michaela Clemming said she has found a more effective way in getting to Highline.

"It is easier just to park at Kent Station and take a 30-minute bus ride with a \$2.50 bus fare. Saves gas and time," said Clemming.

Like Clemming, students said they have qualms about the stress of parking and have found their own tricks to securing a spot.

Aside from parking, students say they dread the Bookstore.

"I'm staying away from the Bookstore this quarter, it is vicious," said Carrie Castello, a sophomore student worker.

The Bookstore staff said that the lines still seem eternal.

"We can go for an hour or more without a break," said Mariko Briggs, a cashier at the Bookstore.

Even though enrollment has gone up and some student say Highline continues to be crowded for one reason or another, some professors might not have noticed.

"I don't see anything particularly different. There are always waitlists," said Dusty Wilson, mathematics professor and division chairman of Pure and Applied Science.

Council votes on national anthem

By Jessica Strand
Staff Reporter

Student Government will vote on whether to remove the national anthem from commencement during their next council meeting on April 25.

Commencement has traditionally included a rendition of The Star-Spangled Banner during the ceremony.

Last quarter, Student Government started a conversation on whether the anthem is a good representation of the diverse Highline community.

Student Government President James Jackson has been the driving force behind the conversation.

The discussion stems from the fact that the author of the song, Francis Scott Key, was a slave owner and had racist views toward African-Americans, and that during the time it was written, a large portion of the American population were not considered free.

During the last student council meeting on April 11, Student Government officials discussed how the national anthem vote will look.

It will consist of two votes.

The first yes or no vote will ask whether The Star-Spangled Banner should be played at Commencement.

In addition to that vote, if the vote determines that, yes, the anthem should remain in Commencement, the second vote will ask whether it should remain the way it has traditionally been, or whether an additional song should be added to represent the individuals who feel unrepresented.

If the first vote determines that, no, the anthem should not be in Commencement, the second vote would ask whether there should be a substitute song, or no song at all.

The members of the council, which include the Student Government president and vice president, the speaker of the caucuses, and club leaders, will be the people voting on the issue.

However, anyone can attend a council meeting, and watch the voting process.

The vote will take place during the next council meeting on April 25 from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Skokomish room of Building 8.

History Seminar will travel the world

By Leticia Bennett
Staff Reporter

Spring Quarter History Seminar will take you from Canada to the United Arab Emirates to Japan.

History Seminar started in the fall of 2009, and is a weekly series of presentations on different historical topics of significance.

The next speaker, Dr. James Peyton, a professor of economics and mathematics, will discuss environmental activism in Canada.

Rachael Bledsaw, part of the history faculty, will speak about "Geisha and the Floating World in Tokugawa Japan" on April 26.

On May 3, Dr. Ben Gonzalez-O'Brien, a political science professor, will discuss early nativism in the United States.

Dr. Amal Mahmoud, who teaches courses in Adult Basic Education, will speak on May 10 about Dubai and the United Arab Emirates, and Dr. Tim

McMannon, a history professor, will discuss the political rise of former U. S. Sen. Warren G. Magnuson on May 17.

On May 24, Dr. Jennifer Jones, geography instructor, will speak on the history of citizenship.

Bob Nylander, legal studies professor, will discuss on May 31 the Chinese Labour Corps recruited during World War I for support work and manual labor.

Dr. Tim McMannon, head of History Seminar and history professor, said that History Seminars are a "way to learn something fun about history."

"It's open to everybody: open to the public, open to Highline students and staff," Dr. McMannon said. "Students can sign up for one credit. Or if they've taken History 190 before, they can take History 191."

History Seminars are on Wednesdays in Building 3, room 102, from 1:30 to 2:40 p.m.

New series of Science Seminars begins Friday

By Cameron H. Boosman
Staff Reporter

Highline's alpha Centauri will take you to the stars and back during this Friday's Science Seminar.

Professor Erik Centauri's lecture "The Framework of the Future," is on April 14.

Highline's popular Science Seminar is returning for the Spring Quarter. Every Friday students will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the physical world by attending these faculty led lectures.

The first lecture is on April 14 and will be given by Highline Professor Erik Centauri.

Centauri will discuss a modified version of his Tedx talk, "The Framework of the Future."

These seminars have been a staple at Highline for more than a decade and will cover numerous topics beyond pure science. The focus of lectures

can range from environmental concerns to cultural issues and more.

On April 28, several of Highline's librarians will be giving a lecture on how "fake news" rose to become a systemic problem within society, including a section on how to identify and avoid it.

Not all lectures are conducted by the faculty and staff at Highline. Mark Kerr, a member of NASA's HERA XII crew, a bio dome like project NASA is using to test the viability of supporting astronauts off planet. Kerr will be giving a guest lecture regarding his time as a terrestrial astronaut on May 19.

While the Science Seminars can be taken as a class, any and all of the individual lectures can be attended by any interested students.

The lectures are conducted every Friday at Building 3, room 102, and run from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m.

We only have one planet

Earth Day is almost here. President Trump seems to be celebrating Earth Day in a more unconventional way this year. Recently Trump signed an executive order that will roll back environmental safeguards put in place during the Obama Administration. According to the Trump administration, the safeguards that were put in place to protect our environment have just made it too darn hard for businesses to make money. “It is in the national interest to promote clean and safe development of our nation’s vast energy resources, while at the same time avoiding regulatory burdens that unnecessarily encumber energy production, constrain economic growth, and prevent job creation,” reads the Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth executive order. This order rolls back several environmental safeguards put in place between the years of 2013-2016. Trump’s rollbacks are shortsighted and wrong. They will cause a negative effect on the environment, and promote industries – such as coal – that are no longer viable. With these rollbacks, it puts more importance on the individual to take steps to be more environmentally conscious. So, what can the average person do to help the environment? Creating a compost pile can keep waste out of landfills, and create nutrient-rich soil for gardening. And while you’re creating your compost pile, planting your own garden is another great way to be environmentally friendly. Growing your own food not only cuts down on your monthly grocery bill, it also cuts down on greenhouse gas emissions. The foods we buy from the grocery store have to be transported and create a carbon footprint with every trip. Another way to cut down on the greenhouse gas emissions created during transport is by buying your food from local vendors. These local vendors have a much smaller carbon footprint than the vendors who distribute to grocery stores around the world. You can find local farms to buy fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy products. Local farmers markets are also open during summer months. The Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market opens on June 3 and runs through Sept. 30. Shopping locally can be a great option for people who don’t have a place or the time to plant a garden. One way to save energy is to open blinds to let in light during daylight hours and turn off the lights inside your house. This not only saves on energy, but can help the production of vitamin D, of which Pacific North Westerners often don’t get enough. Cutting down on your shower time can save gallons of water that washes down the drain each day, and conserve the energy it takes to heat the water. Buy higher quality products. Cheap products break much easier, which makes them more likely to end up in a landfill. Buying higher quality products saves the consumer money in the long run, and saves our landfills from overflow. Be conscious as a consumer and recycle. There are usually recycling cans within a couple feet of garbage cans. Throw your used product away in the right can. Use reusable containers, and don’t buy bottled water. Despite the numerous recycling bins, many of the disposable plastic containers – such as bottled water – still end up in the landfill. To cut down on the chance of laziness that we all fall into from time to time try to use reusable containers frequently. Donate your used products instead of throwing them out. We recycle plastic and paper products; we should be recycling other products as well. It doesn’t take much to make an impact on the environment in our daily lives, the most important step is to become conscious of your habits.



Paper has stars in its eyes, class says

Dear Editor:
As students [last] quarter in the Critical Thinking about the Paranormal class, we have noticed a trend in the Thunderword. In the puzzle section of the paper, there is a list of all of the astrology signs telling students what they should expect in the near future. Although this may be for fun and games, we wonder: isn't the point of education to teach critical thinking? So why is the Thunderword posting a pseudoscience in our paper when this could be a perfect opportunity to teach the "Barnum Effect" which means "something for everyone." In other words, much of the information included with the "signs" could apply to most anyone. We tried it by purposely reading information from signs other than our own and found that in many cases we could "make" it apply to our present situation. There is not one scientific study that has demonstrated astrology has predictive value nor have any of the 12 signs been scientifically found to be related to a set of personality traits. That's why it's called a pseudoscience. So, again, we ask:

Why does our college newspaper include something that goes against science and critical thinking?
- Students of the Winter 2017 Critical Thinking about the Paranormal Class: Jonathan Orihuela, Dylan Macri, Yekaterina Grishina, Gina Yu, Cristofer Flores, Liam Knechtel, Jackson Bryan, Jaime Michel, Gio Leyva, Susan Tran, Rohit Ark, Trevor Deaver, Rosemary Novak, Rosa Garcia, Stephanie Robinson, Brooke Buxton, Tina Lewis, Jordan Simanson, Nichole Spear, Japandeep Kaur, Shelby Wicklander

Student opposes removal of anthem

Dear Editor:
I read with interest Naziyr Yishmael's OpEd "Anthem excludes too many". I thank him for fighting for our "right(s) to disagree" while at the same time exercising that right here. Despite its real or perceived shortcomings as an "uplifting song" or misgivings about its author or all that was wrong with our country when it was written or today — or even the perceived "spirit" of the song and the stark contrast of who didn't have rights back then — why go there? When you hear it at a baseball game, can we all agree that 99.999 percent of those singing it or standing to honor it are striving for a positive ethos? Can we at least agree that almost no one is thinking racism and hate? Stand, sit or kneel as you like when it is played. I will not judge you. Yes our country has a lot of work to do when it comes to equality and inclusiveness, but this controversy needlessly drives a wedge when what we need to do is unite wherever possible. Dr. Martin Luther King is the best example to follow. He got involved in fights over great injustice which attracted great coalitions of support, even from whites. Does anyone think this will do the same? If the student council votes to eliminate the anthem on April 25, I will oppose every one of them who votes aye and recruit others to run in their place so it can be later reversed. If that fails, I will transfer to another college where the anthem is played. Maybe if the classrooms here are as empty as the Montgomery buses were, the dean will step in to put an end to it.
- Dan Anderson, Highline student

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Chorale needs a few good voices

By Winter Dorval
Staff Reporter

Students who want to sing can audition for Highline's Chorale.

Chorale is the only performing music group on campus.

"It is a demonstration of peaceful diversity," said Dr. Sandra Glover, the director and a music professor at Highline.

"It has been on campus since 1962. Originally there was a concert band, a jazz band, and a concert orchestra," she said.

Dr. Glover, the director, has performed in a variety of concert roles, including oratorio and operatic.

She has also completed extensive work in concerts.

Her students have been awarded scholarships to major universities in the United States and Europe.

Since this is an academic course, students enrolled can get two credits towards their degree.

If they complete the series, they have a chance to complete all of their art and humanities

A classical visit



Izzy Anderson/THUNDERWORD

Highline alumnus Aaron Torres performs some of his classical guitar repertoire in Building 7 last Thursday. Torres played pieces by classical artists such as Scarlatti and Albéniz, along with several songs by The Beatles.

requirements.

"The course reflects the diversity of the college campus by giving the students the opportunity to learn songs in different languages, and perform them in the original language, when it is possible," she said. "This class offers a unique experience, because we have live performances."

"Students in this course are able to obtain a feel for the culture by learning songs from around the world. This allows them to explore the culture and develop a deep connection to the music and its place of origin," Dr. Glover said.

The Chorale's Spring concert will be open to the public in Building 7 on June 8.

There will be two performanc-

es at 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The performances are free.

There are currently eight students in this course, and they are looking for more singers.

To arrange an audition for a spot in the group, contact Dr. Glover at 206-592-4120.

Her email address is sglover@highline.edu, and her office is in Building 4, room 103.

Arts Round up



• Auburn Avenue Theater hosts **Sheldon Craig** on April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at 10 Auburn Ave. Craig specializes in Stevie Wonder covers and he will be performing hits such as *Isn't She Lovely*, *You are the Sunshine of My Life*, *Signed, Sealed, Delivered*, and many more. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$18 for students and seniors. For more information and tickets, visit auburnwa.gov.

• Kent's ShoWare Center features **Rahat Fateh Ali Khan** on April 30 at 6 p.m. Rahat Fateh Ali Khan is the protégé and nephew of Ustad Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, a household name in South Asia. He is performing his grand tribute tour across the Northwest. Doors open at 5 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$51 to \$251 depending on the seats. For more information, visit rasika.org or showarecenter.com.

• Auburn Avenue Theater presents **Vocal Trash**, a performance involving singing, comedy, break-dancing, and unique instruments involving every-day items. The show is on May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at 10 Auburn Ave. Vocal Trash's performance is only one stop on a global tour. Tickets are \$23 for general admission, and \$20 for students and seniors. For more information, visit auburnwa.org.

• Auburn Avenue Theater hosts its monthly **Comedy at the Ave.** on May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at 10 Auburn Ave. Three comedians will perform their material on this evening. The show is limited to ages 18 and older only. Tickets are \$18 for general admission, and \$15 for students and seniors. For more information, visit auburnwa.gov.

• Centerstage is back with a new and original musical titled **Cardinal Sins**, written by John Forster and Centerstage's own Alan Bryce. This musical runs from May 13 to June 4, at 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for general admission, \$30 for military and seniors (ages 65 and older), \$15 for youth (25 and younger), and V.I.P. tickets are \$50. For more information, visit centerstagetheatre.com.

Playwrights Festival features four new works

By Izzy Anderson
Staff Reporter

Be the first to feast your eyes on four new plays at the Bill and Peggy Hunt Playwrights Festival this Spring.

Burien Actors Theatre's Bill and Peggy Hunt Playwrights Festival will debut four never-before-seen plays on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. from April 14 to May 7.

Burien Actors Theatre is at 14501 4th Ave. S.W.

"Our festival allows full-length plays to be done, as opposed to short ones you might find in art festivals," said Maggie Larrick, the managing director for the festival.

The featured performances were all pieces entered by playwrights residing in Washington state, and were picked from a selection of works, voted on by a panel of judges at Burien Actors Theatre.



Photo by Michael Brunk

The 2015 Bill and Peggy Hunt Playwrights Festival debuted Kevin Boze's play, *Four Gone Conclusions*.

These playwrights were chosen as the top four submitted pieces through a process of careful reading and scoring.

"We had twice as many scripts submitted this year than our past festivals. Because of this, we had a lot of high-quality scripts to pick from," Larrick said.

The four scripts include one comedy, one comedy-drama, and two dramas. The weekends from April 14 to April 23 will feature Kirsten McCorry's *They Walk Among Us* and Duane Kelly's *Escorting Tom*. Weekends from April 28 to May 7 feature Devin Rodger's *Winter People* and D.

Richard Tucker's *The Law of Sea*.

After each show has finished, the audiences are free to participate in a discussion with both the directors and playwrights about the play. This gives them a chance to ask questions, have a conversation about the piece, and also give feedback on what they felt about the performances.

This festival has a much longer history, however.

The festival first launched in 1999 and is named after the late Bill and Peggy Hunt.

Bill and Peggy Hunt started working at Burien Actors Theatre in 1960 and continued to dedicate 35 years to performing, directing plays, designing sets, and serving on the board of directors.

This year's festival could be the biggest and best yet, Larrick said.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, which cover two plays. One play is a one-act, and the second is a full-length.

For more information and tickets, visit burienactorsthe-

Highline celebrates Poetry Month

By Kenai Brazier
Staff Reporter

A plethora of poets will take the spotlight for National Poetry Month at Highline.

Throughout the month of April poets will perform and lead workshops, as they have for the last five years, for free.

These events began Tuesday featuring works read by the winners of the Highline Student Poetry Contest, followed by a reading from Jeanie Hall Gailey, one of the featured poets who also gave a writing workshop.

More events will take place throughout the month. Today in Building 16, room 115, a new student gallery will open called Poetic Visions: Art Work Inspired by Poetry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“Poetry can help establish a relationship with yourself and the world, so visual art based on poems can help you to understand poetry,” said professor and poet Susan Rich, one of the event’s organizers.

Terrance Hayes, one of the headlining poets for National Poetry Month, will read on Wednesday, April 19 followed



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Highline student Harper Villani celebrated National Poetry Month by encouraging students to write poetry using chalk in front of the Student Union.

by a poetry workshop and gallery reception in the Mt. Olympus room of the Student Union, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hayes is a visual artist as well as a poet who has won a number of awards for his work.

“I would really recommend

attending his workshop due to all of the experience Terrance has to offer,” Rich said.

Following Hayes on April 20 is Angel Gardener, the Seattle Youth Poet Laureate, who will

bring her poetry to the campus in Building 8, room 204 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is a collaboration between National Poetry Month, the Inter-Cultural Center and Multi-Cultural Affairs.

On April 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 26, room 319 there will be a poetry across cultures workshop.

To wrap up National Poetry Month, Eddie Martinez will be presenting a Spoken Word workshop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“There are many ways to get involved with the poetry community at Highline, we even have a yearly book we publish with student poetry called Arcurus. Students can submit work for it throughout the year,” said Rich.

“National Poetry Month is just one of the many ways you can get involved with the poetry community at Highline College. Poetry can be used in many different ways, even if you are just writing it for yourself, it is still important,” Rich said.

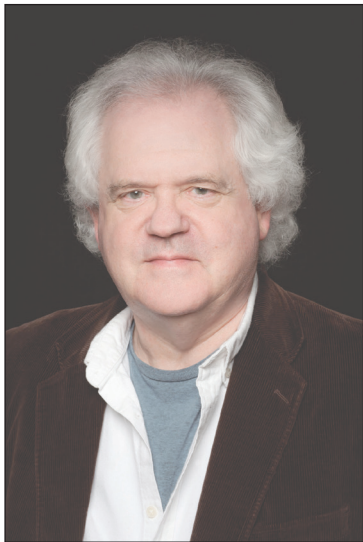
Murder-mystery takes place at fundraiser event

By Izzy Anderson
Staff Reporter

Stay for dinner and a show as Centerstage hosts the interactive murder-mystery fundraiser *Eve’s Chain*.

This fundraiser is on April 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Twin Lakes Country Club at 3583 S.W. 320th St., Federal Way.

Eve’s Chain features a character named Dr. Cush who is demonstrating to a group of psychiatrists, the audience, a new medication that eliminates violent tendencies. He presents his patient Eve, and from there the story unfolds.



Alan Bryce, writer of *Eve’s Chain*.

The performance is participatory, so the audience will be involved with the murder mystery, and will have chances to interact with the actors during the show.

“People have been doing interactive murder mystery events for a long time now, and a lot of times they come off as corny,” said Alan Bryce, the writer of *Eve’s Chain* and the artistic director for Centerstage.

“For this one I really tried to take them more seriously, to really make it good,” he said.

Centerstage is a non-profit organization, so the fundraising from this event goes towards funding the theater.

“[Centerstage] is an economic hub for Federal Way, and 75 percent of our audience comes

from outside of Federal Way, so we create a community here as well,” Bryce said.

Their goal for this fundraiser is \$25,000 in net profits.

Dinner will also be provided. The meal selections for this evening are flank steak with cognac sauce, marsala chicken, or the chef’s choice vegetarian dish. For gluten-free needs please contact 253-661-1444.

You can also participate in both silent and live auctions during this murder mystery fundraiser night.

Early bird tickets are \$65 for one person, and \$490 for a table of eight.

For more information on *Eve’s Chain*, visit centerstage-theatre.com.



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T-Birds struggle to earn a playoff spot

By Colin Phan
Staff Reporter

The Highline women’s soft-ball team needs to conquer its mental shortcomings if it wants to make the playoffs, its head coach said this week.

The Lady T-Birds are 5-7, in sixth place in NWAC North Region, and 8-14 overall. The top four teams make the playoffs.

The T-Birds started off their spring break splitting a pair of games with Olympic College. They struggled in the first game of the day, losing 9-4, but won their second game 7-1 after an offensive charge led by Megan Chan, who finished the day with two hits, a run, and an RBI.

The T-Birds dropped both games they played against Edmonds. They struggled in the first part of the day, losing 10-1, then followed up by losing the second game, being edged out 7-6.

Highline split two games against Bellevue. After losing it’s first game 6-1, Highline came out on top in a close game down to Bellevue 2-1.

Starting pitcher Rosie Delrosario had a good day on the mound, finishing with five strikeouts, five hits, and only one run after pitching the entire game.

The T-Birds split their next two games, this time against Skagit Valley. They won their first game of the day 9-1.

They were led on offense by Delrosario, who scored three runs for the T-Birds, and on defense by Precious Tabangcura, who pitched five strong innings, scattering one hit and seven



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Rosie Delrosario bats in a RBI single in the double-header against Skagit Valley.

walks to earn the victory.

In the second game, Highline lost 16-15 after giving up the winning run in the top of the 8th inning.

After coming out of a tough stretch during spring break, Head Coach Jason Evans said Highline has what it takes to grab a ticket into the postseason.

“If we can come out with 20 wins then we can get into the playoffs,” Evans said.

However, Highline still has

work to do, as it’s dropped three of its last four games.

Highline’s most recent games over the weekend against Pierce both resulted in losses. The T-Birds held the lead heading into the seventh inning in their first game, but gave ultimately gave up five late runs enroute to an 11-9 loss.

Their second game of the

day wasn’t a close one, as they were downed by Pierce 10-2.

Despite the T-Birds’ record, Evans said he believes they still have the talent to succeed and ultimately make the postseason.

Evans said that the current roster is built for success.

“This is one of the better all-around teams we’ve ever had,”

Evans said. “It’s just the mental approach. When they get a lead, they tend to play too cautious.”

Despite mental hurdles the T-Birds need to clear, Evans said that there aren’t many adjustments to be made.

“The biggest adjustment we need is a minimal approach,” said Evans. “We just need to master the mental approach of being able to close a game out and finish it.”

Evans said he considers the mental shortcomings to be growing pains. “They’re better athletes than in the past, they just haven’t been taught the mental side yet.”

If Highline can conquer the mental aspect, it appears that it can make a strong bid for the postseason with a high-octane offense that has scored in double digits in eight of 22 games.

Highline not only sports a heavy offensive attack, but positional versatility having been built under Evans’ vision. A matchup will dictate what batting order the T-Birds go with, or positions for the day as they have 11-12 women who “are multi positional players,” said Evans. That gives Highline schematic versatility.

The results of Highline’s games against Douglas on Wednesday were unavailable at presstime.

The T-Birds next play at Everett on Saturday at 2 p.m. and have a bye on Wednesday, April 19.



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Precious Tabangcura pitches in the double-header against Skagit Valley.



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T-Birds tee up with a full roster

By Taylor Poe
Staff Reporter

The Highline women’s golf team set a goal to fill more than just three players this season and six players teed it up for the first matches April 2-3.

The T-Birds placed second out of three teams with a total score of 551 at the Highline Showdown at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way.

Columbia Basin College placed first with a total score of 538.

Southwestern Oregon College placed third with a total score of 552.

Highline’s Megan Martin placed fourth out of 15 with a total score of 179, while Jasmine Hansgen placed fifth out of 15 with a score of 186. Mikayla Kato placed sixth at 189.

Ruby Lampkey shot 195 for 10th place; Aimee Chomngarm placed 11th at 198; and Hailey Johnson holed out in 14th place at 208.

“We’ve definitely improved from last season, but we still have some work to do to get more consistent,” said T-Bird Jasmine Hansgen. “I would like to think near the end of the season, we have a shot of winning some of these tournaments as a team – but that we will require that everyone on the team really steps it up and makes it a common goal.”

This may be Hansgen’s last year of competitive golf. Having been a part of the first year of Highline golf, she said she’s excited to see the improvement the program has made.

“The golf trips are always tons of fun,” she said.

The Lady T-Birds placed eighth out of 10 teams with a total score of 557 at the Horns Rapids Golf Course hosted by Columbia Basin College on April 9-10.

Hailey Johnson shot an 80 on one of her rounds. No other Highline golfer has ever done so before.

“The team overall is doing better. There are more tournaments, more practice time, and just as a whole doing better than last year,” said Head Coach Steve Turcotte.

Having six women instead of three is a big improvement for the Highline golf team.

“It makes the team bigger. There are three sophomores and three freshmen. It is a good mix of girls,” Turcotte said.

The T-Birds have a team goal of placing fifth or better in every tournament, and a personal goal they would also like to have would be to place fifth individually.

Highline women’s golf team will play next at the Druids Glen Golf Course in Kent on April 23-



Jack Harton photo
Aimee Chomngarm walks off after she putts one in.

Highline serves up back-to-back victories

By Keiona Trimmer
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbird women’s tennis team had a 5-4 victory over the University of Puget Sound and also a 6-1 win against Skagit Valley over spring break.

During their first doubles match against Skagit Valley, Celeste Andreotti and Sierra Silva defeated their opponents in an 8-5 match. Then McKenzie Hawkins and Samantha McElwain won 8-0 in their doubles match.

No. 4 singles player Mary Ahmed easily defeated her opponent, 6-2, 6-0, against Skagit Valley.

“Pre-season we focused a lot on fitness, strength and speed and it’s paying off. The team is super focused and still improving, especially in doubles where it sometimes takes a little longer to figure out the on-court chemistry,” said Head Coach Laura Rosa.

So far the team is 4-1 in the standings, with their only loss coming against defending champion Bellevue.

“Our only loss thus far has been to Bellevue, and it was close. I think we are more prepared both mentally and physically for our next match up. We also beat



Jack Harton photo
McKenzie Hawkins serves against Skagit Valley.

local NCAA D3 University of Puget Sound, which was an exciting match and I think helped build confidence in our players,” said coach Rosa

The only victory in the team’s doubles matchups against the University of Puget Sound was McKenzie Hawkins and Sierra Silva in an 8-6 match.

Celeste Anderotti, No. 4 singles player, won her match over Mei Roen. Megan Hagerty, Sierra Silva and Samantha McElwain also had victories in their singles matches as well.

“As a team we are all just so humbled to have this experience,” said Rosa. “Highline went without a tennis program for 25 years and we all recognize that this first season will define a lot of the culture of the program that will move forward into future

teams.”

The team in its first year only has six players.

“As a coach I am excited to see each of the athletes step up boldly into this new experience,” Rosa said.

“The other piece that I am exceptionally proud of is the team commitment to academics,” she said of the team’s Winter Quarter 3.7 GPA.

The team’s matches against College of Idaho and Treasure Valley were both canceled due to rain.

Highline has its rematch with Bellevue today at the Boeing Employees Tennis Club, 6727 S. 199th Pl. in Kent, at 2 p.m.

Highline hosts second-place Spokane, 2-0, at 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, also at the Boeing Club.

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Scoreboard

NWAC Women’s Softball		
North Region		
Team	League	Season
Douglas	8-0	15-2
Edmonds	13-1	21-3
Pierce	5-2	5-6
Bellevue	7-5	17-7
Highline	5-7	8-14
Everett	5-8	7-15
Olympic	3-9	4-15
Skagit Valley	2-8	3-10
Shoreline	1-9	2-12
East Region		
Team	League	Season
Wenatchee	14-2	16-6
Walla Walla	11-5	16-8
North Idaho	10-5	16-7
Treasure Valley	10-6	12-10
Spokane	7-9	12-10
Blue Mountain	5-10	8-17
Yakima Valley	5-11	8-12
Big Bend	5-11	6-14
Columbia Basin	4-12	6-17
South Region		
Team	League	Season
Clackamas	9-2	15-3

NWAC Women’s Softball		
SW Oregon	10-3	20-6
Centralia	6-2	8-5
Lower Columbia	6-4	8-6
Clark	5-7	7-10
Mt. Hood	4-8	12-11
Chemeketa	3-7	10-11
Grays Harbor	0-10	1-15
NWAC Women’s Tennis		
Team	League	Season
Spokane	3-0	3-5
Highline	3-1	4-1
Bellevue	2-0	2-1
Skagit Valley	1-2	1-2
Treasure Valley	0-4	0-4
NWAC Women’s Golf		
Team	R1	R2
North Idaho	10	11
Skagit Valley	9	10
Spokane	11	7
SW Oregon	8	9
Columbia Basin	7	8
Olympic	6	6
Highline	5	4
Walla Walla	0	5
Centralia	4	0
Bellevue	0	0
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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1. **METALS:** What alloy is created by mixing copper and zinc?
2. **MATH:** What is an obelus in mathematical formulas?
3. **THEATER:** What long-running play featured the song *Luck Be a Lady*?
4. **ACRONYMS:** What does LED stand for?
5. **ANATOMY:** What is a more common name for the hallux?
6. **GEOGRAPHY:** In what country is Port Said located?
7. **FASHION:** What is a more common name for "frogs" on military-type jackets?
8. **LANGUAGE:** What is the name for the type of marriage

where a woman has more than one husband?

9. **HISTORY:** How many soldiers were in an Imperial Roman legion?

10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** In what country did the dance called the tango develop?

- Answers
1. Brass
2. Division sign
3. *Guns and Dolls*
4. Light-emitting diode
5. Big toe
6. Egypt
7. Braided fasteners
8. Polyandry
9. 5,000
10. Argentina

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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- 25 Enemy
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- 27 Sharp turn
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- 40 Respond to gravity
- 41 Clench
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- 43 Raw rocks
- 44 Took off
- 46 Nevertheless, for short
- 47 Travail

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The Lamb loves to be surrounded by flocks of admirers. But be careful that someone doesn't take his or her admiration too far. Use your persuasive skills to let him or her down easily.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to begin setting far-reaching goals and connecting with new contacts. Aspects also favor strengthening old relationships -- personal and/or professional.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A personal disappointment should be viewed as a valuable learning experience. Go over what went wrong and see where a change in tactics might have led to a more positive outcome.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't leave projects unfinished or personal obligations unresolved, or you might find yourself tripping over all those loose ends later on. A relative has important news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Expect a challenge to the usual way you do things. Although you might prefer the tried-and-true, once you take a good look at this new idea, you might feel more receptive



to it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Much work has yet to be done to polish a still-rough idea into something with significant potential. Expect to encounter some initial rejection, but stay with it nonetheless.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There still might be some communication problems in the workplace, but they should be resolved soon. Meanwhile, that "tip" from a friend should be checked out.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new relationship appears to need more from you than you might be willing to give right now. Best advice: Resist making promises you might not be able to keep.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) That restless feeling encourages you to gallop off into a new venture. But remember to keep hold of the reins so you can switch paths when nec-

essary.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A demanding work schedule keeps the high-spirited Goat from kicking up his or her heels. But playtime beckons by the week's end. Have fun. You earned it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're beginning to come out from under those heavy responsibilities you took on. Use this freed-up time to enjoy some much-deserved fun with people close to you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Before you get swept away by a tidal wave of conflicting priorities, take time to come up for air, and reassess the situation. You might be surprised by what you'll find.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your leadership qualities are enhanced by a practical sense of purpose that keeps you focused on your goals.

Puzzle answers on Page 19

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Agile asparagus is perfect for spring recipes

Nothing says “spring is here” like a beautiful bunch of crisp asparagus. While asparagus is available year-round, it’s much better when purchased locally.

Asparagus is easy to select and prepare, and comes in a variety of vibrant colors including green, violet, purple and white. It also grows wild and is commercially available fresh, frozen and canned. The stalks range in size from colossal to small. Various types and colors of asparagus can be used without any noticeable difference in the taste, so mix and match colors and sizes for visual interest.

Asparagus should be crisp and firm, not limp or wrinkled, with tightly closed tips. Dull colors and ridges in the stems are an indication of a lack of freshness. The stalks should not be limp or dry at the cut and of uniform thickness.

If you’re planning to use the asparagus on the same day, rinse it under cool water and pat the stalks dry with a paper towel. Smaller stalks can be broken or cut at the point where the stem naturally snaps. Peeling the end of thicker stalks with a paring knife or a vegetable peeler removes any woody stems and can be done up to two hours before cooking. Place the prepared asparagus in a plastic bag in the refrigerator to stay crisp until ready to cook.

Fresh asparagus should



never be washed or soaked before storing. If the asparagus is bound with a rubber band, remove it, as it will pinch and bruise the stalks. Asparagus can be stored for up to two days if the stalks are trimmed and placed upright in a jar with about an inch of water in the bottom. Cover the asparagus with a plastic bag and store the spears in the refrigerator.

Asparagus cooks in minutes and can be prepared steamed or boiled in the microwave or oven. It tastes delicious hot or cold, and it also freezes well if blanched first in hot water.

Asparagus is a nutritional powerhouse. One-half cup of cooked asparagus contains significant amounts of folic acid, vitamin C, potassium and beta-carotene. It’s also a heart-healthy food, and a natural diuretic.

This versatile vegetable works well as a room-temperature appetizer, blended into a soup, as a flavorful side dish, the main ingredient in a colorful salad or as part of a main



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Asparagus is at its best in spring.

course like my recipe for Lemon Chicken with Asparagus. Preparing asparagus is a delicious and nutritious way to celebrate spring.

LEMON CHICKEN WITH ASPARAGUS
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
4 chicken breasts, about 3 pounds, washed and fat trimmed and removed
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 1/2 teaspoons poultry seasoning

4 garlic cloves, chopped
1 red bell pepper, chopped
1/2 pound asparagus, stalks trimmed and cut into 1 inch pieces
1 teaspoon lemon zest
1/2 cup chicken stock
3 cups cooked rice

1. In a large non-stick skillet, heat the oil over medium high heat. Season the chicken pieces with the salt, pepper and poultry seasoning. Place the chicken, skin-side down, and cook for 5 to 7 minutes. Turn the

pieces skin-side up, and cook until golden brown and done, about 5 minutes.

2. Stir in the garlic and red bell pepper. Add the asparagus and cook for 1 minute. Stir in the zest and the chicken stock and bring to a simmer. Cover and cook for 3 minutes. Serve immediately over hot rice.

Angela Shelf Medearis is an award-winning children’s author, culinary historian and the author of seven cookbooks.

Tomato focaccia worth the work

The dough for this popular Italian bread is “dimpled” (indented) just before baking. The dimples catch some of the olive oil drizzled on at the end for added flavor.

1 package quick-rise yeast
About 4 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons salt
6 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon cornmeal
1 pound ripe plum tomatoes (about 5 medium), sliced 1/4 inch thick
1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary or 1 teaspoon dried rosemary leaves, crushed
1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

1. In large bowl, combine yeast, 1 1/2 cups flour and 1 1/2 teaspoons salt.
2. In 1-quart saucepan, heat 4 tablespoons olive oil and 1 1/3 cups water over medium heat, until very warm (120 F to 130 F).
3. With mixer at low speed, beat liquid into dry ingredients just until blended. Increase speed to medium; beat 2 minutes, scraping bowl often with rubber spatula. Add 1/2 cup flour; beat 2 minutes. With spoon, stir in 1 1/2 cups flour to make a soft dough.

Good Housekeeping

4. On lightly floured surface, with floured hands, knead dough about 8 minutes, working in more flour (about 1/2 cup) while kneading. Cover dough and let rest 15 minutes.
5. Grease 15 1/2-by-10 1/2-inch jelly-roll pan; sprinkle with cornmeal. Press dough evenly into pan; cover and let rise in warm place (80 F to 85 F) until doubled, about 30 minutes.
6. Heat oven to 400 F. Press fingers into dough almost to bottom of pan, making indentations 1 inch apart. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon olive oil. Arrange sliced tomatoes over top; sprinkle with chopped rosemary, pepper and remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt.
7. Bake focaccia in top third of oven until top is lightly browned, about 35 to 40 minutes. Remove to wire rack; drizzle with remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil. Cool slightly to serve warm. Makes 12 servings.

Savannah Desoto Brittlebread
This recipe originally appeared in *FanFare*, a cookbook created by

The Des Moines Symphony Guild.

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup butter (1 stick), softened
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 8-ounce container plain yogurt

1. Mix all ingredients. Wrap dough with plastic wrap and chill at least 1 hour or overnight.
2. Take about one-eighth of dough and roll out to a thin sheet to fit on ungreased cookie sheet. The dough is light and sticky, and the board and rolling pin will need re-flouring frequently. Wrap dough loosely around rolling pin, then unroll it onto cookie sheet. (For easier rolling, work with 1 piece of dough at a time and keep remaining dough in the refrigerator.)
3. Bake at 425 F for 5 to 8 minutes until golden brown. Keep an eye on it; it browns very quickly once it starts. Remove brittlebread to wire rack to cool, then break into serving-size pieces. Repeat with remaining dough. If brittlebread does not seem crisp enough, it can be put back into the oven briefly. Store brittlebread in tightly covered container. Makes 16 servings.

Rhubarb-walnut sticky buns

These might be a bit messy – but they sure will taste good with some fresh rhubarb!



by Healthy Exchanges

8 Rhodes frozen dinner rolls
2 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed
1/4 cup water
1 (4-serving) package Jell-O sugar-free strawberry gelatin
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon I Can’t Believe It’s Not Butter Light Margarine
1/2 cup Splenda granular
1/4 cup chopped walnuts

1. Spray an 8-by-12-inch baking dish with butter-flavored cooking spray. Evenly space frozen rolls in prepared baking dish. Cover with a cloth and let thaw and rise. Preheat oven to 375 F.
2. In a medium saucepan, combine rhubarb and water. Cover and cook over medium heat for 6 to 8 minutes or until rhubarb softens, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Add dry gelatin. Mix well to dissolve gelatin. Stir in margarine, Splenda and walnuts. Evenly spoon hot mixture over top of rolls.
3. Bake for 24 to 28 minutes. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for 10 minutes. Carefully remove rolls from pan and continue cooling on wire rack. Serves 8.

Volunteers needed for beach clean up

By Cameron Boosman
Staff Reporter

The Highline Marine Science and Technology Center is looking for volunteers for its beach and pier clear event.

The event will take place Saturday, April 15 at Redondo Beach.

Volunteers will be clearing the Redondo beach area and nearby water of debris.

The MaST Center is particularly interested in any volunteers with advanced and OWD scuba certifications to help with cleanup efforts beneath the water's surface.

Participants should arrive at the MaST Center at 8:45 a.m. and volunteer orientation will begin at 9 a.m. and the event will last until 1 p.m.

There are numerous jobs for volunteers, from actively cleaning debris from the beach to less physically strenuous work checking divers in and sorting the debris once it has been removed.

"This will be our fourth cleanup event," Katy Kachmarik, the MaST Center's volunteer coordinator, said. "Last year we removed over 600 pounds of trash from the beach and ocean."

After the event, Kachmarik is planning on holding a pot-



Kelsey Par/THUNDERWORD

The MaST Center is hosting their fourth annual beach cleanup event. Last year volunteers collected more than 600 pounds of trash.

luck for the volunteers. The MaST Center will provide food, but volunteers are also encouraged to bring any food they would like to share as well.

"It is a great opportunity to

get involved with the community," Kachmarik said.

Potential volunteers and those seeking any additional information about the event can email Kachmarik at kkachmarik@highline.edu.

The MaST Center is at 28203 Redondo Beach Dr. S., Des Moines.

Stretch out your stress at Week of Wellness

The Counseling Center is hosting a beginners' yoga class today as the final event in the third annual Week of Wellness.

The class will touch on the core principals of yoga and how to apply them to every-

day settings. Faculty member Amy Rider will be hosting the event.

The class is in Building 2 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the first 30 people to attend will receive a free yoga mat at the door.

Program lets students share their cultures

By Ao Hsing-Yi
Staff Reporter

The chance to share cultures while international students practice their English is being provided by the International Leadership Student Council's new Cultural Café.

Both American and international students are invited to participate.

Cultural Café is the successor to Conversation Pal, which had been established to promote cross-cultural exchange at Highline, but was not achieving its purpose.

Cultural Café is different from Conversation Pal, which divided people into small groups and left them discuss when, where and how to meet with each other in any time they wanted. Under the Cultural Café format, students will again gather as a group, but the ILSC staff will oversee the division into sub-groups to make sure students are participating.

The goal is to have students interact with others in an open-minded atmosphere, fueled by snacks and drinks. The

ILSC staff will help students create relationships with others.

The event will involve students coming together and also incorporating activities. Students can improve their social skills through the activities and games such as ice breakers to build connection between each other.

There will be a total of six meetings in the quarter. Each will have different activities to entice students to join. The first meeting is this Friday, April 14, from 2-4 p.m. in the Mt. Constance room of the Student Union.

"Students can share cultures, practice English, and communicate with others from different countries," said Amee Moon, associate director of International Student Programs. "Every student learns from each other and we welcome them to join us."

Students who participate the event will be given a certificate. Extra credit might also be provided by individual instructors and participants should check with their professors.

ILSC staff will present more details at the first meeting.

For more information, call the ISP office at 206-592-3725.



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his kindness and generosity. When Dr. Kim began his teaching career at Highline, Kaneko was assigned to be his faculty mentor. Dr. Kim said Kaneko helped him navigate his way through Highline and often checked on him to see if he needed anything. “The thing about these talks that I remember most was just how caring and generous he was. There was a clear sense that he genuinely cared how I was doing, that he cared how my students were doing, and took as much as needed to answer all my questions,” Dr. Kim said. “The other thing about these talks was his great, dry sense of humor.”

English Professor Allison Green said she will remember Kaneko through his writing; specifically his poetry and famous story *The Shoyu Kid*, which was published in 1976. “For those of us in the English Department, I think we will remember Lonny as the anchor of the department. Lonny contributed many things, but one thing I really valued was that he believed creative writing was important, and he was instrumental in hiring many creative writers, like myself,” Green said. Like Dr. Kim, Kaneko also served as a mentor to Green. “Lonny was a member of the committee that hired me -- so that obviously was one of the most fateful events of my entire life. He then mentored me for years. I followed him as chair of

the Arts and Humanities Division and went to him many times for advice,” Green said. “I always appreciated our conversations. He was calm and took the long view, helping me to stay patient and be strategic when things didn’t go as I had hoped.” Green said Kaneko’s voice will always remain in her mind. English Professor Sharon Hashimoto said she was introduced to Kaneko in the late 1970s as part of a reading program. “Lonny was one of the first Asian American writers I’d met. He was an excellent role model

and mentor during those early years in both teaching and writing,” Hashimoto said. “More recently, we had a poetry correspondence where I would send him a poem before the deadline at midnight, and he would write one in return the next day—and so on. We emailed poems for the past six years and had planned to continue this summer.” Hashimoto said Kaneko had a significant impact on her teaching and writing. “Lonny had so much history and so many stories. He was very involved in the art community. And of course, he’ll be remem-

bered for his own writing—the poems, plays and stories that keep on giving,” Hashimoto said. “What I will miss most about him will be his smile and positive attitude, his gentle nudge to see a point I had missed.” Before Kaneko’s passing, he expressed interest in having an on-campus memorial where people could gather to read poetry and celebrate his life. Kaneko’s memorial is scheduled for May 3 at 2:30 p.m. in Mt. Constance in the Student Union, where he will be honored in a “celebration of literature,” which he asked for before he died.

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Prize one year, and both Renton Technical and Olympic made it on their top 10 lists at one point,” Dr. Skari said. Three other community colleges in Washington state, aside from Highline, made the ranking. College Choice ranked Olympic College in as the 16th best community college, Walla Walla Community College as the 25th and South Puget Sound Community College as the 41st. Highline was established in 1961 as the first community college in King County and enrolls more than 17,000 students annually. The report recognized how the local population and enrollment of international students con-

tribute to Highline’s diversity. According to College Choice’s report on the rankings, “26 percent of all students were categorized as White, 20 percent were Asian or Pacific Islander, 17 percent African American, 19 percent Hispanic or Latino and 1 percent Native American.” In recent years, Highline has earned various awards. Highline received the “Excellence in Diversity” award three times consecutively; two Awards of Excellence from the American Association of Community Colleges; recognized in the nation’s top 150 colleges by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program; and was recognized nationally as one of the top colleges to work for by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

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ton. This would provide \$871 million in funding. “Republican funding would provide three times less than the Democrats funding,” Sen. Keiser said. The Democrats propose increasing taxes only for the top 50,000 wealthiest people in Washington. This capital gains tax would put a tax on proceeds from the sale of stocks and bonds, which would only affect “2 percent of the state’s population,” said Sen. Keiser. Along with the capital gains tax, the Democrats propose an internet sales tax. This would allow internet sales to be taxed the same rate as at local store. This proposal would add \$2.2 billion in revenue to fund K-12 education, Sen. Keiser said. Although the legislative session is scheduled to end by April 23, “I would not be surprised,” said Sen. Keiser, “if Gov. Jay Inslee would call a special session.” While looking at the biennial 2017-2019 budget, the outlook seems to be “cloudy,” Sen. Keiser said. The overall state operating budget is \$43 billion. With 61 percent of the state

budget going towards K-12 education, only 10 percent or \$60 million of the state budget would go towards higher education. June 30 is the last day for the state to adopt a budget of fiscal year of 2017-2019, to prevent the state from going into a government shutdown on July 1.



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Show and tell comes to spring History Seminar

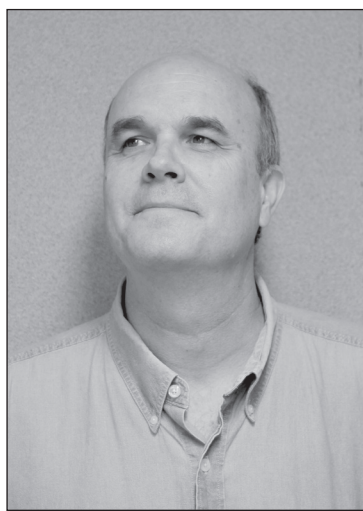
By Matthew Thomson
Staff Reporter

History Seminar a nearly 10-year staple at Highline.

History Seminar was started by Dr. Tim McMannon in Spring Quarter of 2009, running continuously to now.

Dr. McMannon said the reason for History Seminar's success is "I copied Science Seminar," finding a model that worked and repurposed it to suit his goals.

One new thing Dr. McMannon will be adding this quarter is something he calls "History show and tell," a segment where



Dr. Tim McMannon

people would bring in family heirlooms or anything that could connect us to periods in history.

For example, Dr. McMannon has a letter sent to a family member from Wiemar Germany. Due to hyperinflation this letter was covered in postage stamps; Dr. McMannon counted 80 stamps on the letter.

Dr. McMannon said he has no trouble getting people to come to History Seminar. His trouble comes when he needs a presenter's topic.

Dr. McMannon said the most popular History Seminar sessions tend to be those that

cross disciplines. Average attendance is around 20 or 30 people, whereas a multidisciplinary subject may bring in as many as 75 persons.

Examples of cross disciplinary subjects this quarter include The History of Plastics, by Dr. James Peyton on April 18, and World of Cruisers, Seattle 1924, by Jules James on May 16.

History Seminar is at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in Building 3, room 102. All presentations are free and open to the public.

Other presentations this quarter include:

Married...ish, THE Place and Purpose of the Royal Mistress in the European Royal Courts of the 16th-19th centuries, by Rachel Bledsaw on April 25.

Dr. Ben Gonzalez O'Brien, TBA on May 2.

Yarinid Valez-Hernandez will be presenting "They said make it look prosperous so we put cement all over it," about Puerto Rico's infrastructure on May 9.

History show and tell on May 23.

Magna Carta, by Highline history professor Dr. Teri Balkenende on May 30.

ASHC applications are still open to all

By Byron Patten
and Peter Brooks
Staff Reporters

Students interested in running for student government can learn more about two elected positions at an information session today on campus.

The Center for Leadership and Services recently released applications for staff positions, including president and vice-president.

ASHC president and vice-president are student hourly paid jobs at 15 hours per week with flexible scheduling.

The president is the primary advocate for the student body and government; and a direct liaison to the administration and Board of Trustees. The vice-president administers ASHC internal affairs and facilitates sessions and projects.

Current Vice President Mahlet Tiruneh and President Vanessa Primer will host the event in Building 8, room 320 from 1:30 to 2:30.

The two will share their experiences before answering questions from the audience.

"With this event, we want to help students gain a better understanding of what it is like to be in student government," Tiruneh said. "Hopefully, it will get more people interested or help reassure students that this is the right path for them."

An elected official on campus has many responsibilities throughout the academic year, Tiruneh said.

"One of the more significant responsibilities for vice president is that you would serve on the faculty tenure committee," Tiruneh said. "The vice presi-

dent is the student representative and reviews all applicants."

Tenure is an indefinite academic appointment that cannot be withdrawn for unjust reasons.

Along with their various individual responsibilities, the current officials will also go over some of the challenges they've faced and advise potential applicants.

"Making sure I represent the students the way they want to be represented has been the hardest part for me," said Tiruneh. "With over 17,000 students it can be hard to know the student body, especially with so few active on campus."

Despite challenges, Tiruneh said she has been grateful for the experience.

"We are learning to be leaders and know how our campus operates," Tiruneh said. "We're receiving skills that we can take with us wherever we go."

Both positions will be elected later this spring for the 2018-2019 academic year. Applications can be picked up in Building 8, floor 3 and are due April 27.

Applicants will answer several questions, including: Why are you interested? What contributions will you bring to the ASHC? What personal qualities and experience make you a good representative for students and how do they relate to this position? How do you hope to serve others as a student leader by giving back to Highline in areas like building communities, developing leaders, and social justice?

Candidates who turned in a packet will go to the ASHC Mandatory Candidates Meeting, April 30 from 1 to 2 p.m. to learn more about the election process.

Model U.N. gives experience

By Chloe Wilhelm
Staff Reporter

Jump-start your career in international relations or learn more about the world by getting involved in Highline's Model United Nations Program.

Professor Jenn Ritchey, coordinator for Highline's Global Programs, is trying to get more students involved in the program, including participation in the Model United Nations Conference.

The Model United Nations Conference is a yearly event focused on increasing college students' understandings of the working of the United Nations.

Through this conference, students act as delegates for an assigned country and debate a range of current issues while collaborating with other students.

Participating students were able to attend the Seattle conference in November 2017 and the Portland conference in February. Ritchey said that in the future, they hope to attend a conference internationally.

Ritchey said that participating in Model United Nations helps with the development of academic and professional skills.

She explained that students who attend are also able to gain professional skills by networking, researching, and making presentations.

"One of the best things about participating in this conference

is the connections the students made to people from other colleges," she said. "Being able to connect with people from a variety of backgrounds helps our students to see new opportunities for their life now and for the future."

Ritchey said that she encourages students to get involved in Model United Nations, and said there is a club planned to start this quarter for students who are interested in getting involved.

"To students who aren't sure how interested they are about participating in Global Programs, I invite them to attend one event," Ritchey said.

"I believe that all students can benefit from understanding more about what is happening in the world, and being more closely connected to fellow students on campus," she said.

For more information, students can contact Jenn Ritchey at jritchey@highline.edu.

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