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Roberto Ruiz/THUNDERWORD

Muslims on campus prepare for month of fasting and peace

By Nayyab Rai
Staff Reporter

The holy month of Ramadan will start soon, and Muslims around the world are preparing themselves for a month of fasting.

“Ramadan is the ninth and the most sacred month of the year in Islamic culture,” Busi-

ness Technology professor Ousama Alkhalili said.

Ramadan is an important part of Islam, Dr. Alkhalili said.

“[Ramadan] serves to commemorate the first revelation of the Quran to Prophet Muhammad. It is a pillar of Islam and obligatory on all adult Muslims who are healthy

enough to observe it,” Alkhalili said.

“To understand why this month is an essential part of any Muslim’s life, it is important to first understand the significance of the word taqwa,” he said.

“Taqwa is an Arabic word that translates into English as piety, consciousness of Allah,

fear of Allah, or closeness to him. A better way of understanding it would be to combine all these concepts: being conscious that Allah sees all and that reverence towards our religion influences our

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Student success manager making a big impact

By Izzy Anderson
Staff Reporter

Mariela Barriga has affected lives for the better around Highline, and the students and employees she’s come across will tell you this.

Barriga has worked at Highline for four years, when she came over with the Working Students Success Network (WSSN).

Through their grant to Highline, the WSSN aimed to increase integrated success on the campus.

“WSSN was a grant that Highline received, so I’ve been working for [the college] since 2015,” Barriga said.

Now, she is employed full-time at Highline as the Student Success program manager, where she continues to help handle beneficial programs for students on the campus.

These programs include the Benefits Hub, Workforce Education Services, and the Highline Community Pantry.

One of the main goals of these programs, is to get

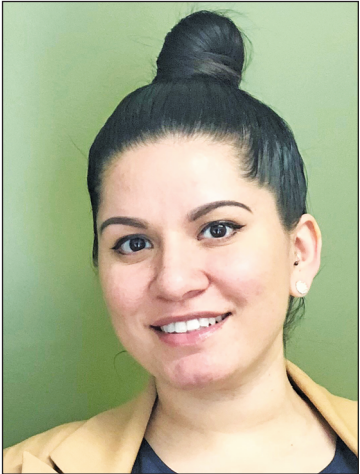
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Highline’s diversity shines during GlobalFest



Jolly Rubin/THUNDERWORD

• Highline showed its diversity through its annual GlobalFest. See the story, pages 8 and 9.



Mariela Barriga

Equity training closes campus Friday

By Aline Valiente
Staff Reporter

Highline will be closed for students tomorrow but staff and faculty will head into the classroom to learn about matters of inclusion, diversity and equity.

It's all part of Equity Development Day, which will be led by the equity task force.

Faculty, senior executives, and the rest of the campus community will have a chance to voice their questions, concerns, and suggestions about how the campus can be more diverse.



Trespasser arrested upon return

By Feride Aydin
Staff Reporter

No one wants a random person looking through the windows of their car and a perpetrator this week learned that such activities have consequences.

Earlier in the week an individual was seen car prowling in the North Parking Lot.

After being discovered, Public Safety called the Des Moines Police Department. The individual was then trespassed by the Des Moines Police officers.

The individual left campus. Shortly after leaving however, the individual then returned Des Moines Police was called again, and the individual was then subsequently arrested and charged with trespassing.

Ashley Smith, a customer service specialist at Campus Safety, encouraged Highline students to call Public Safety if they see anything suspicious.

"If you see someone looking in car windows, checking car door handles or someone suspicious call Public Safety," Smith said.

In case that anyone has to call Public Safety, they can call (206) 592-3218.

Canidates announced for president and vice president of student body

By Mitchell Roland
Staff Reporter

At Highline, election season is right around the corner.

This year, there are four total candidates with two people running for both president and vice president of the Associated Student of Highline College for the 2019-2020 school year.

Among other things, the president and vice president work to plan campus events such as unity week and graduation and decide what clubs on campus will be funded.

For president, the candidates are Mohamed Jama and Cimire Ngandjikomba. For vice president, the candidates are Yahya Abdulgani and Kermen Parihar.

Students will have a chance to meet the candidates and ask them questions at a forum next Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. in Mt. Skokomish Room in the Student Union.

Elections will take place in the on May 15 and 16 this year, and students are able to vote both online and in person. In person voting will take place

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union building, at the library entrance and at the plaza in front of Building 6.

If a student would like to vote online, they can vote at elections.highline.edu from midnight on May 15 to 11:59 p.m. on May 16. Results from the election will be announced at noon on Friday, May 17.

Des Moines Police hold safety awareness for women seminar

By Kennedy Furlan
Staff Reporter

Safety begins with being aware attendees at last Thursday's Women's Safety Seminar sponsored by the Des Moines Police Department. The event was at the Des Moines Activity Center.

All of the Des Moines female officers came out to help local women realize that they don't have to be big and strong to feel safe in the world.

"It's all in the mind," said Des Moines Patrol Officer Casey Elmy.

For two hours, approximate-

The biggest tip for young women is to never put your drink down at a party.

ly 30 women spoke of their experiences such as of being robbed.

They talked of suspicious people watching their every move.

Coincidentally, even as the

women told their tales, two of the officers on duty left the building to chase away figures lurking in the parking lot.

The night's presentation included key points on how to lower criminal opportunities.

Every officer spoke about how you don't need weapons to be safe. To be safe without weapons is to be aware of your surroundings.

Park in well-lit areas they said. And don't go anywhere unusual at an uncommon hour.

They also spoke about how to handle dating in this day and age.

The officers advised that you should always let someone know where you're going and send a picture of your date.

The biggest tip for young women is to never put your drink down at a party. You never know when someone might try to drug you.

To be safe on public transportation the officers said women always need to "be aware." They recommended sitting as close to the driver as possible. The same rule applies for ride sharing.

If you find yourself in an emergency situation call 911.



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Make friends from different cultures

Healthy Connections is an event that takes a look at different cultures and how connected we actually all are.

This event will be a facilitated discussion on how friends can be friends, what makes a good/healthy friendship, and how we can value other backgrounds and cultural practices. Free food will be provided for anyone who attends on May

8 in Building 8, second floor, room 204 from 12:30 - 2 p.m.

Pizza with the President

Highline president John Mosby is ready to lend an ear to students willing to voice their questions and concerns regarding the future of Highline.

Along with free pizza, this event will give students an opportunity to speak with him



directly. This will take place on May 6 in Building 8 on the first floor from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Get recognized for your achievements

Students interested in applying for the Achievement Award for Fall Quarter 2019 can now do so.

Pick your applications up at Building 9.

This program offers 15 full-time tuition waivers to full-time students.

Running Start students, non-resident students, and international students are not eligible.

Application deadline for Fall 2019 is Aug. 1.

Contact rreid@highline.edu for any questions. Running Start students, non-resident students, and international students are not eligible.

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Understand equity with partnerships

The White Privilege Symposium Northwest will bring together advocates, activists, educators, and the community to intentionally embrace stories and frameworks to build a movement of solidarity and partnerships using a racial equity lens.

Building Solidarity in Race and Equity Through Community Partnerships is this Saturday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. with a registration fee of \$50 - \$225.

Learn how refugees resettle in WA state

A presenter from the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services will provide an overview of the refugee resettlement process, particularly in Washington state.

Science on Sound is Saturday

Science on the Sound presents Science of the Salish Sea this Saturday, May 4. at the MaST Center in Redondo. The lecture is at noon. Admission is free.

The MaST Center is at 28203 Redondo Beach Dr. S.

It's a Smash

Impromptu video matches build camaraderie among students

By Melissa Wilson
Staff Reporter

They dance across the screen, the heroes of Nintendo's most popular franchises – Super Mario, Zelda, Metroid, Yoshi, Star Fox, Donkey Kong, and, oh yes, Pokémon – knocking each other off stage rather than killing their opponents. And in the process, they foster competitive communities – bringing strangers together.

One of the latest of those communities has formed in Highline's Student Union where a diverse group of students huddles together, staring at a small monitor, intently waiting their turn to battle it out mano a mano.

The players hunch over their controllers. Small talk occurs, but the focus is always on the screen whether you're playing or not.

While they may appear intense, the group spends a lot of time joking around. Laughing. The camaraderie is evident.

Members of Highline's *Super Smash Bros.* Club (an unofficial club) meet on the first floor in Building 8 almost every week day to play *Smash*.

Smash is "a fighting game that's very competitive yet brings people together," Anthony Evje said.

Participation is open to all



Stephen Glover/THUNDERWORD

Friendly game of Smash Bros. played in the Student Union to see who is the better player.

students, whenever they want, members say. The group's welcoming nature comes from its founder.

Robert Leasley, a former Highline student, started bringing a small TV monitor and a Nintendo Switch to school last quarter. He set it up and started playing *Smash* -- and waited for people to come.

Slowly, they did.

Most of the players didn't know each other before, but now they are good friends. Video games brought them together.

Though he isn't taking classes this quarter, Leasley still

brings in the equipment, and almost every day five or six students gather around to play.

"We just like playing *Smash*," Leasley said.

Leasley and Hector Rojas-Luma, another student, are the co-presidents of the group.

While Leasley comes nearly every day, Carlos Manzo, another student, comes and brings additional equipment about once a week.

Right now they just trade off playing games. Most competition is one-on-one, but sometimes they play bigger group games as well.

Depending on the day, they can have from one to three monitors and six to eight controllers.

They aren't looking to expand their equipment just yet, but as more people join the club the organizers suspect new players will bring their equipment with them, student Jeremy Chi said.

These students typically only hang out within the club, but they sometimes attend outside tournaments together, Evje said.

Once they can find a room, club organizers hope to put together their own weekly tour-

naments of 10 to 50 people, Leasley said.

They are thinking of doing it on Tuesdays, but the official date is still up in the air.

Until then, they are just playing for fun.

"It's good practice," Christian Mercer said.

Highline has hosted large fighting game tournaments for a group called Seattle Slugfest in the past, according to the smash.gg website.

But the tournaments that the club plans to host will be on a smaller, more local scale.

Highline had a *Smash* club around five years ago, but it disbanded. Today's students say they are dedicated to bringing *Smash*'s presence back to Highline.

They have found "a lot of growth playing with these people," Chi said.

"I didn't have a community, but now I have a Highline community," he said.

Smash has brought these people together and united them under a common interest. And a chance to burn off a little stress.

"I enjoy how much of a community sense this game gives... we need time to take a break and relax... my grades have gotten better because I'm able to relax," Evje said.

Students gather for food, friends and horror

By Keanu Camacho
Staff Reporter

If you are passionate about the heebie-jeebies, Highline has a group of people ready to share all things creepy with you.

The Horror Movie Club meets twice weekly to explore, experience and learn about the horror community. And two years of blood, guts and suspense have done nothing to frighten away its members.

Horror Movie Club has been growing over the past year. Members are focused on creating an environment for people to have a good time and a place to get away from the Student Union and classes.

It's a place to kick back, watch movies, talk to friends and revel in the macabre.

And the club is looking to increase its body count.

Members want more students to attend the events to experience the different

genres of horror films and learn about the horror industry.

The inspiration for creating Horror Movie Club came from the founder's experience with Cinema Movie Club.

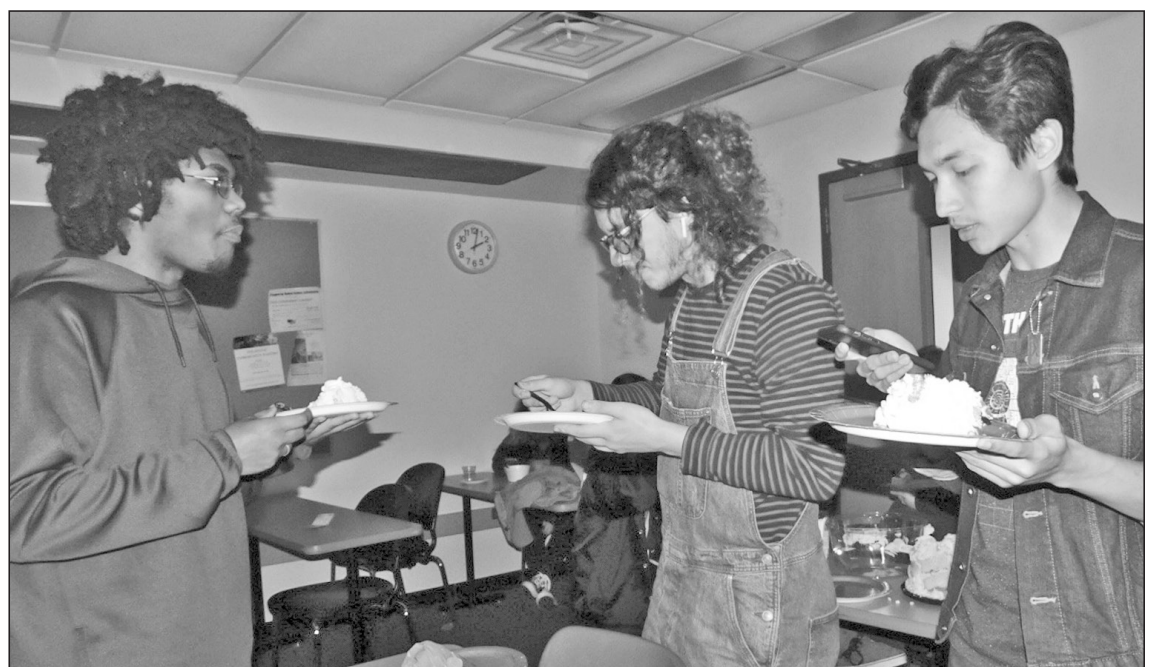
Horror Movie Club founder Jonathan Williams was watching *Scary Movie 4* at a Cinema Movie Club meeting when the inspiration hit him: Why not conjure up a Horror Movie Club?

The idea came because he was specifically into horror films and wanted to create a community of fellow devotees. Cinema in general was fine. He was looking for something more specific.

The club began with around 25-30 members and continues to grow, he said.

For Williams, it is more than just watching horror movies. It's a place where devotees can hang out with friends and meet new people.

It's also a place for people to just sit back, relax and enjoy a community devoted to all



Stephen Glover/THUNDERWORD

Students gather to enjoy horror films and food with friends.

things scary.

Williams said the key component of Horror Movie Club is its people. The group strives to make everyone feel welcome. Members treat you like family. And the positive outcome within the club makes people want to stay and par-

ticipate.

People make connections with others to develop more friendships and bond with each other, he said.

"We try our best to be a family that is inclusive of everybody," Williams said.

And despite the on-edge na-

ture of the genre, the purpose of the club is to take away stress.

"Horror movies take your mind away from a lot because you're trying to focus on the jump-scars," Williams said.

Meeting days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. in Building 10, room 201.

Your vote in the student elections is important

Student elections are coming up, and although the deadline to file has passed, it is refreshing to see that both positions will be contested this year.

On May 15 and 16, students will go to the polls to decide who they want their Associated Students of Highline College president and vice president to be.

While they get little attention and are often overlooked, the Center for Student Leadership has a considerable amount of power on campus. A portion of each student’s tuition goes to it, and student representatives decide how the money is divvied up.

Students on campus often pay this money without ever giving it much thought, or even wondering where it is going.

Both the president and the vice president work to decide what projects on campus will be funded and what clubs will be approved. They help plan graduation, activities on campus and help oversee student employment.

All told, they have a lot more power than any other student on campus. But even with that power, there tend to be few candidates for the positions.

In last year’s student elections, there was only one candidate for each position. The word election implies that there is more than one candidate running, but before the elections even took place, the campus knew who the winners were going to be.

In 2017, a combined five candidates ran for the two positions. In this year’s election, there are two candidates for both president and vice president.

Few people run for the office, few people attend the forums and even fewer vote.

It’s time that the student body puts more thought into who is leading it.

In order for this to occur, more people must care and be informed about the candidates and their plans for the college.

In both 2017 and 2018, the annual forums that allows students to get to know their candidates were sparsely attended.

This forum will again take place this year, and gives students the chance to hear directly from the candidates, and ask the questions that they care about.

It can be reasonably assumed this year’s forum’s crowd size will be similarly sparse. This is discouraging since it is through student government that the student body actually has a voice regarding what a portion of their tuition goes to.

If you’re paying money to something, don’t you want to have a say in how it’s spent?

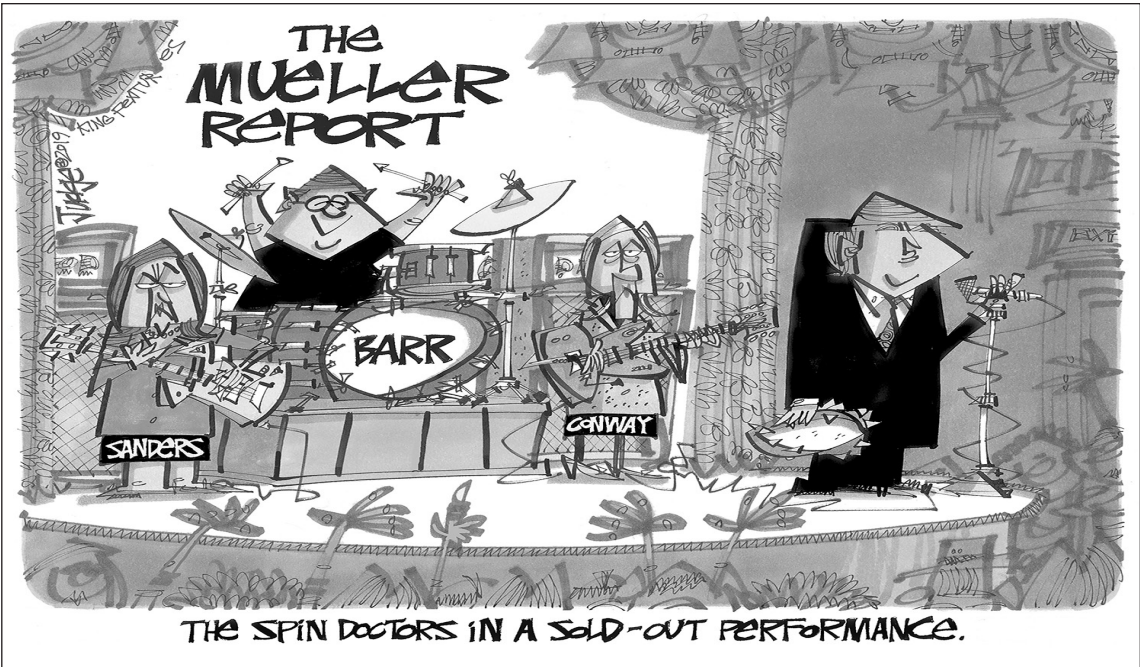
The student body as a whole needs to care more about who is speaking for them. That means going to forums, asking questions and learning more about the people who want to work on your behalf.

To be an active student, you must be informed on what is happening at Highline.

Have something to say?

The Highline Thunderword is asking for students to voice their opinions on what matters to them. We’re accepting submissions in the form of letters and columns.

Send submissions to thunderword@highline.edu by Monday for print on Thursday.



Catcalling is not a compliment

Highline works hard to keep students feeling safe and focused on their education. The Office of Public Safety monitors crime on campus, and faculty and staff work to create comfortable class environments.

But often, the safe campus environment is made uncomfortable by unwanted comments and behaviors.

Recently, I was crossing campus when an older man stopped next to me and said, “Hey little girl, you don’t need an education with legs like those.”

This is the third instance of catcalling I have experienced on campus this year, which statistically makes sense.

According to a 2015 survey of nearly 4,900 respondents by Cornell University, 77 percent of women younger than 40 have experienced verbal harassment in the previous year. By comparison, only 25 percent of men experience street harassment in their lifetimes. LGBTQ persons, particularly gay men, also experience higher rates of catcalling and harassment.

Harassers reported to the study for both male and female victims were overwhelmingly male.

In cases where catcalling and street harassment are brought up, victims, particularly women, are often told to learn to take a compliment. However, these comments are not just compliments – there is a variety of reasons why they are disrespectful and make people uncomfortable.

First, women and minorities

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already have a lot to be afraid of. Almost 20 percent of women are raped in their lifetimes, not including rape in abusive relationships and sexual coercion. LGBTQ and other minorities also experience higher rates of rape.

Because these groups are more impacted, catcalls feel more threatening. These comments are near-constant reminders of vulnerability, which is why the majority of those catcalled respond negatively.

Second, it isn’t safe for people to respond to street harassment. 68 percent of harassed women and 49 percent of the harassed men say they were very or somewhat concerned that the incident would escalate into something worse. Since violence toward minorities and women is already more prevalent, people do not respond to harassers out of fear of escalation and repercussions.

Third, street harassment can affect victims’ behavior. The most

common changes for harassed people are to constantly assess their surroundings and going places in a group or with another person instead of alone. On the more extreme end, four percent of all harassed persons said they made a big life decision such as quitting a job or moving neighborhoods because of harassers. Those who experience catcalling and other forms of street harassment also have higher levels of anxiety and depression.

These effects even reach academics, as 57 percent of women younger than 40 felt distracted at school or work due to street harassment. With such strong effects on people, catcalls are clearly more than just compliments. They have real consequences in daily life.

While street harassment seems to be everywhere, there is support for victims.

In Washington, harassers and catcallers can be charged with disorderly conduct, harassment, and malicious harassment, depending on the severity of the case. Disorderly conduct is a misdemeanor, but both harassment and malicious harassment are Class C felonies.

Overall, whether on campus or off, keep your hands and your comments to yourself. Catcalls aren’t nice or respectful, and they definitely aren’t educational. Highline is intended to be a safe place for everyone to learn, not a place to feel vulnerable.

Faith Elder is the Arts Editor of the Thunderword

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BY LINDA THISTLE

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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1. ASTRONOMY: How many moons does the planet Mercury have?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the deepest lake in the United States?
3. FOOD & DRINK: What are the four main ingredients of beer?
4. HISTORY: In which World War I battle did more than 19,000 British troops die on the first day?
5. MUSIC: Which R&B/soul singer was shot to death by his father in 1984?
6. TELEVISION: What was the name of the brewery that was the setting for the "Laverne & Shirley" show?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did Canada gain its independence from Britain?

8. MOVIES: What was the name of the first silent movie shot in Hollywood?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of goats called?
10. ACRONYMS: What does "http" stand for in website addresses?

1. None
2. Crater Lake, at 1,949 feet
3. Water, yeast, hops and grain
4. The Battle of the Somme
5. Marvin Gaye
6. Shotz Brewery
7. 1867
8. "In Old California"
9. A tribe or a trip
10. HyperText Transfer Protocol

Puzzle answers on Page 15

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ACROSS

- 1 Gaucho's weapon
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- 13 Debtor's letters
- 14 Duel tool
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- 18 Dismal
- 19 Snow White's pals
- 21 Put on the line
- 24 Everything
- 25 Pop flavor
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- 26 Raw rock
- 27 Big name in U.S. aircraft
- 29 Mr. Gingrich
- 31 Letter before 35-Across
- 32 Allen or Conway
- 34 Enthusiasts
- 38 T-shirt sizes
- 40 Continental money
- 42 Timeworn
- 43 Decelerate
- 44 Wrap in a waxy cloth
- 45 Attempt
- 47 Tidy
- 48 One side of the Urals
- 49 "— It Romantic?"
- 52 Historic period
- 53 Recede

DOWN

- 1 Socket insert
- 2 October stone
- 3 Traditional tales
- 4 Turkey's capital
- 5 Pinch
- 6 Second person
- 7 Cottage

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good week to look at healing bruised feelings and re-establishing weakened relationships. It's also a good week to start new projects and make new job-linked contacts.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Music and art dominate the week, giving the sensual Bovine a lot to appreciate. On the practical side, deal firmly, but fairly, with those who might try to undermine your work efforts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Good feelings continue to flow from your recent efforts to reconnect with family and friends. But be ready to defuse a dispute before it can disrupt all that peace and harmony.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A practical view of a romanticized situation could help to clarify some of its more confusing aspects before you make a decision that could be tough to undo later on.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Pay more attention to what a recent spate of workplace criticism might say about your performance and not what you



think it implies about you personally. Some flexibility might be called for.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sep. 22) With new information, and new promises of support (not to mention growing self-confidence), this could be a good time to restart a project you couldn't quite handle before.

LIBRA (Sep. 23 to Oct. 22) Before you decide to close down a problem-loaded project and make a fresh start with someone else, try once more to reach a compromise with your balky partner. He or she might surprise you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) While you continue earning points for your sharp negotiating skills, be alert for an attempt to undercut your efforts. You'll need to provide solid facts and figures to stay in the game.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to 2019 King Features

Dec. 21) A minor health problem might cause you to ease up on your usually busy schedule. But you'll soon be back in the saddle and ready to pick up the reins and charge ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) The adventurous Sea Goat might be eager to take on a new challenge. But before you do, you might want to take some time to check out previously overlooked factors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to February 18) A feeling of being overwhelmed by all that you have to do can be eased by setting priorities. Deal with the most urgent and time-sensitive situations first, and then work down the line.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Creating a calm, peaceful place for yourself in the middle of a roiling emotional whirlpool this week starts when you, and no one else, decide how to make decisions about your life.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your determination to stick with your principles wins the admiration of everyone who knows you.

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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Rage franchise returns for round two

Rage 2, published by Bethesda Softworks. Single-player, First-person shooter. Available on PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Microsoft Windows, \$60 Standard Edition.

A majority of mankind has been wiped off the face of the Earth.

No, this is not *Avengers: Infinity War*; this is Bethesda's *Rage* franchise set to make its return with *Rage 2*.

Set 30 years after the events of the first game, players will control the last ranger named Walker. You can change the appearance, sex, and some attributes of Walker allowing you to feel more in-touch with your character.

The setting is more vibrant with different biomes to explore; you will be able to explore these biomes immediately after completing the introduction allowing more control of how you play.

Players will find different factions spread across the wasteland like the Goon Squad. These bandits are all about bringing the ruckus, you might even hear them cheer as they kill you.

Then there are the Immortal Shrouded, who are some of the deadliest people you will come across in the wasteland.

They have better tech and know how to wield it running into large groups of these guys might be bad if you can even see them coming.

The River Hogs are party animals living the rock star life all while living like the Swamp People from history channel.

While that may seem ridiculous they are gifted mechanics and can throw large mechs at you so be wary while in the swamps.

The Abadon are back, these mutants are head by mutant military leaders called Warheads. They are religious group who believe sacrificing humans will keep them alive.

Finally, The Authority return trying to control the new post-apocalyptic wasteland by any means necessary.

Walker's skills can be upgraded through a Nanorite based power system that requires a certain amount of energy.

Players will have access to a skill called Overdrive allowing Walker to do more weapon damage and in turn enemies will drop more loot, this will also heal walker for the time.

Players will need a fresh set of wheels to get around, thank-



Vehicle combat is faster and more exciting in Bethesda's latest game, 'Rage 2,' coming May 14.



fully developers have taken the stance of if you can see it you can drive it.

Players will be able to shoot their way through the wasteland in armored vehicles mounted guns all over it.

Developers are promising that there will be no loot boxes with this game, but as with other games that have claimed no loot boxes and then added them for cosmetics only, players will have to wait and see.

As is customary with games now *Rage 2* comes in a few different editions and along with pre-order bonuses.

If you pre-order any version you will receive access to the Cult of the Death God mission, this will reward players with Raine's legendary armor, Settler Pistol, Mutant Monster Truck.

The Deluxe Edition, \$80, comes with Rise of the Ghosts Expansion; Doom BFG the superweapon from Doom; Wasteland Wizard Cheat codes is a set of cheat codes to help rule the wasteland; Progress Booster to help get a good first start; Battle Standard that can hang from your vehicle; and Mutant Monster Truck Skin.

Collector's Edition, \$120, comes with all the Deluxe

Edition goodies along with a Steelbook, Ruckus the Crusher Talking Head statue for you to display at home, and a Collector's Edition Poster to hang in your room.

Get ready to *Rage* and take control of the wasteland May 14.

• Redemption Song?

Bethesda is trying its hardest to win fans back with *Fallout 76* patches and updates.

The game had a shaky start from the beginning, with bad

bugs and lack of story that left fans wanting better quality content.

Slowly Bethesda has been rolling out more content for free and laying out dates for more new content.

The next bit of content will bring a new faction and quests; the Pioneer Scouts are arriving in the Wild Appalachia.

Sadly, this will not bring any non-playable characters to the game but does bring with it a new utility item.

Players will be able to earn

merit badges and eventually unlock a backpack that can be modded to give players a multiple choice for enhancements.

Players can get better damage resistance or longer shelf life to their food just to name a few.

The badges can be used at Pioneer scout vending machines for unique items to spruce up your C.A.M.P.

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Review: ‘Urinetown’ challenges audiences

It isn’t every day that a musical’s plot hinges on people’s bladder movements. However, *Urinetown the Musical* chooses to think beyond that norm.

Urinetown the Musical, directed by Bill Berry, is the latest project of ACT Theater’s co-production with the 5th Avenue Theater. The theater team aims to produce musicals that relate to current events and societal issues.

Urinetown is a satiric black comedy, set in a dystopian future where drought has resulted in extreme water rationing. To handle this crisis, all toilets are owned and controlled by the Urine Good Company, which charges large and often unpayable fees. After the UGC raises fees again, the poor revolt, seizing public toilets and declaring water a right to all. This later results in further riots and revolution.

Urinetown is not a light and fluffy evening, often touching on a variety of societal issues – classism, police brutality, government corruption, environmental crises, and corporate monopolies. These issues are not hidden under any disguises, instead being clearly brought to the audience’s attention.

Written by Greg Kotis, *Urinetown* is an excellent example of Brechtian theater – a writing style that pushes audiences into an unknown world that somehow mimics the world they know. Here, shifting music



Jeff Carpenter

‘Urinetown the Musical’ shows a world where extreme water rationing means bathrooms are monetized.



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styles, direct character involvement, and punchy irony keeps the audience from settling into being comfortable.

As a result, audiences are

forced to evaluate their known world through the writer’s lens. *Urinetown*, through originally written in 2001, forces audiences to look at their roles in today’s society.

For some, this conscious quality was uncomfortable, as multiple audience members left during intermission.

But while it has a dark and heavy plot, *Urinetown* is remarkably funny. Spoofing oth-

er shows and using old musical tropes, the production uses a combination of parody, dark humor, and physical comedy. Much of the humor comes from the script’s self-aware nature, as characters Officer Lockstock and Little Sue react to the events and acknowledge their roles in the play.

The production’s design also adds to the over-the-top, yet dark script. The set, designed by

Martin Christofell, uses a combination of projection and minimalist structures to create an abstract but believable world. In combination with Melanie Taylor Burgess’ costume design, the world of *Urinetown* is angular, imitating a graphic novel’s simplified and outlined quality.

While *Urinetown* is extremely complex, the production’s cast tackles the show with enormous skill. There is not a single weak voice in the cast, which is especially important with an extremely challenging score. Standouts include Sarah Rose Davis as Hope Cladwell, Mari Nelson as Penelope Pennywise, and the hilarious Kurt Beattie as Caldwell B. Cladwell.

Overall, ACT Theater’s *Urinetown the Musical* is a precisely written and executed production. This brilliant script, though nearly 20 years old, is a satiric view of today’s world, the questions our societies face, and what the bizarre outcomes may be.

Urinetown the Musical runs through June 2 in the Falls Theater in the ACT.

Tickets start at \$41. ACT also partners with Teentix, so members have access to standing room only and available seats on the day of the performance for \$5.

The address for the ACT Theater is 700 Union St, Seattle.

For more information and for tickets, visit <https://www.5thavenue.org/show/urinetown>.

Students to show art in annual Portfolio Show

By Melissa Merdzo
Staff Reporter

Highline art and design faculty are preparing for the annual Portfolio Show on June 3-4 in the Student Union in Mt. Constance and Mt. Olympus rooms.

Examples of Art Department students’ best work will be showcased for potential employers and the local community.

Portfolios of graduating students from the following programs will be highlighted: drafting design, interior design, multimedia and visual communications. Photography and fine arts will also be featured, said Tamara Hilton, Art and Design program manager.

“It’s a good opportunity for the community to see all the hard work that our art and design students put in the last two years,” said Diana Boyd, an instructor in Visual Communica-

tions. “Potential employers get to see the students work and sometimes they get employed. Portfolios could also be used to



Izzy Anderson/THUNDERWORD

Community members admire graduating students’ work at last year’s Portfolio Show.

enroll into bachelor’s degrees – art and design portfolios are required,” Hilton said.

“In the design industry, a portfolio is required to get a job.

They [employers] ask for portfolios before they hire them,” Boyd said.

There will be a people’s choice, where everyone that

comes to the show will get a chance to vote for their favorite portfolios. There will also be an industry choice vote, where Industry Advisory Board Mem-

bers vote for their favorites.

Students will be awarded certificates, Hilton said.

The 2019 Portfolio Show will be different from previous years. There will be more art showcased, including new types.

“We have a lot more students this year,” Hilton said. “Multimedia is included in the show this year, so that’s new. Hopefully there will be a return of virtual reality.”

To be a part of the showcase, students have to be part of the Highline program.

“The qualifications are [participation in] the two-year programs here at Highline. AAs in Visual Communications, Interior Design [and more].” Hilton said. “These [portfolios] are all from graduating students.”

This show is a huge collaboration with program managers and instructors from the different fields of art.

“All of the art and design faculty play a role to have a successful show,” Hilton said.

Portfolio Show hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 3, and 5 to 8 p.m. on June 4.



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This year's Global Fest featured a parade of nations through campus, complete with a marching band, and culminated with a party in the East Parking Lot.



Revamped international festival
caps off colorful Unity Week

GLOBALFEST 2019

By Feride Aydin and Dong Zual
Staff Reporters

Highline's diversity was on full display last week as the annual GlobalFest capped off Unity Week with a first-ever parade of nations through campus.

National flags representing 85 nations that have students attending Highline were assembled at the west entrance to the Student Union and, accompanied by a marching band, paraded through campus to the GlobalFest celebration in the East Parking Lot. More than 75 members of Seattle's Robert Eagle Staff Middle

School marching band laid down the cadence as Highline students queued behind banners representing first their home continents and then their specific nations. It was the culmination of Unity Through Diversity Week during which Highline celebrated the diversity on campus with various events. During the march, some of the students were wearing their traditional clothing. Dani Nguyen from Vietnam, for example, wore a traditional cloth called "Ao Dai." When the march ended, participants were lined up and introduced on stage according to their countries, and the emcee included some facts about the countries for the audience to understand. GlobalFest is specifically an event hosted by International Students

Programs. Now in its 14th year, GlobalFest surprised many this year. In the past GlobalFest took place on a Saturday, typically inside the Student Union and it was a smaller event. This year everything was different, from the introduction of three food trucks to a quarter of the East Parking Lot being sectioned off for an outdoor venue. The parade, too, was a first that allowed students to proudly display their national origins. And numerically, it was a hit. GlobalFest 2019 was the biggest one in history. Garvaundo Hamilton, International Engagement adviser for the Center of Leadership and Service, said that there was an estimated 450 people who showed up this year which is about two times the number in previous years. "The parade, particularly, was moving. [It] was very emotional for lot

of people. But it was also time for me and for students and for the campus to celebrate culture and diversity here at Highline," Hamilton said. GlobalFest was co-sponsored by AANAPISI, Kaplan International-Highline College, International Student Programs, Center for Leadership & Service and Multicultural Affairs. Several festival goers agreed that GlobalFest brought lots of pride and brought the community together. "It's inspirational," said a participant. "Pretty cool how many cultures are represented," said another. Highline President Dr. John Mosby, attending his first GlobalFest, said that despite this being his first year at Highline, he feels at home and that he is very proud of the diversity here. "I'm very proud to be a part of this," Dr. Mosby said.

Hamilton agreed with Dr. Mosby. "I am so proud of how this turned out today, we had our issues here and there, but, in the end, it was definitely worth it," Hamilton said. He said that he is more than thankful to everyone who helped in making GlobalFest happen. "I want to give a special shout out to the Global Student Ambassadors, the GlobalFest Planning Committee, Vice President [for administration] Michel Pham and Dr. Mosby. Without them this all wouldn't be possible," Hamilton said. GlobalFest was such a success this year that the only thing organizers say they would change for next year is that they want to make it bigger and better. They want to represent even more cultures and have even more flags.

T-Bird tennis takes over first-place in Northwest Athletic Conference standings

By Calvin Domingo
Staff Reporter

After going 2-0 in their matches this past week, the Highline tennis team has now statistically overtaken Bellevue for first-place in the Northwest Athletic Conference standings with just over a week till NWAC Championships.

The T-Birds have won one more match than the Bulldogs, but must win this Saturday's match against them to end the season in first-place.

"Championships are a clean slate," Head Coach Laura Rosa said. "It's nice to be in the lead, but sometimes that puts a target on your back."

Team captain and sophomore Danielle Mendoza echoed a similar sentiment.

"I don't think it matters too much to us," she said. "It is a nice feeling to say we're in the top of our league, but it also shows just how much of a fight we put into our matches. Nothing is handed to us; we play to compete and want to come out on top."

Last Friday, Highline took on Treasure Valley for the second time in two weeks and dominated them, 8-1 on their homecourt at the Boeing Employee Tennis Center in Kent.

"The T-Birds are learning to stay true to what their game style is in both singles and doubles," Coach Rosa said. "It's easy to accidentally get sloppy or lazy in matches where there is not as much a challenge, but we are figuring out how to conquer that," she said regarding the victory against Treasure Valley.

In singles, sophomore Miriam Cabrera led the charge for Highline, as it emerged victorious in five matches out of six.

Treasure Valley freshman Haliegh Taylor was responsible for the Chukars' only points of the day, as she defeated freshman T-Bird Nikelle Price, 6-3, 6-3.

Meanwhile, the tandem of Lexi Maison and Cabrera got things rolling in doubles, as they defeated the Treasure Valley duo of Burkhardt and McBride, 8-1.

Overall, the Lady Thunderbirds swept Treasure Val-



From left, team captain Danielle Mendoza, Miriam Cabrera, Lexi Maison, Mikyla Olsen, Nikelle Price, and Kaylin Phan.

ley, winning all three of their doubles matches.

A few days after dominating Treasure Valley, the T-Birds traveled to Mt. Vernon to take on Skagit Valley.

Highline left with a 9-0 clobbering of the Cardinals.

"Again, we stayed focused on being in 'all-business' mode," Coach Rosa said. "Miriam Cabrera had a huge win at [No. 1] singles; the Skagit [No. 1] has had some impressive wins this season and now Miriam knows that she can compete with the best in the conference."

In singles action, the Lady 'Birds went a perfect six for six, with each team member defeating their respective op-

ponents.

Cabrera spearheaded the charge for Highline with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Skagit Valley's Kassidee Beuse in the first singles match.

Following that, Maison defeated Skagit Valley's Emily Van Liew, 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles action, the T-Birds completed the sweep, winning all three of their doubles matches.

The duo of Cabrera and Maison took care of business against Skagit Valley's No. 1 doubles team, Beuse and Van Liew, 8-4.

Afterward, freshman Mikyla Olsen and Mendoza bottled up the Cardinals'

Alyssa Ledgerwood and Yuri Ito, 8-0.

"Those two matches were a step in the right direction," Mendoza said about their most recent string of victories. "Each match we played smart and got crafty. We had a grasp on what to expect from playing against them prior, but we never got complacent. We kept grinding our way but made some [adjustments] here and there to improve ourselves."

In the final doubles match, T-Birds Nikelle Price and Kaylin Phan defeated Skagit Valley's Inna Mayer and Grace Davis, 8-4.

For the Lady Thunderbirds to clinch the best record in

the conference, they must first defeat Bellevue in their final regular season match this Saturday.

"What I think we need to do to defeat Bellevue is play hard," Mendoza said. "Play every point like it's our last. If we come into the match with our heads down, it's going to be a slow start. Once we spin the racquet to get the match started, we need to play hard, with a high intensity, and [making sure] that we're not only attacking the ball, but also by playing smart and elongating points."

For Coach Rosa, it's simple. The team needs to continue everything that they've been doing up until this point.

"We continue to prepare as we have all season, for one match at a time," she said. "Especially for our sophomores, we focus on enjoying every practice and every minute we have left together as a team."

Fans can catch the Lady T-Birds in action this Saturday, May 4 at 2:30 p.m., as they travel to Bellevue to take on the Bulldogs in a game that'll decide who goes into Championship weekend with a first-place finish in the standings.

Bellevue has won the past five NWAC Championships, while Highline has finished as runner-ups in the last two.

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Golf places fifth

By Grace Ellis
Staff Reporter

Recently, Highline’s women’s golf team travelled to Skagit Valley, and placed fifth out of five teams over two matches.

The match took place at Avalon Golf Links in Skagit Valley, April 28-29. All five teams played two matches: a set of 18 holes on each day.

Four players played at the match: Jenna Muller, Alyssa Metzger, Shylee McConnell, and Paige Mellum.

It was Mellum’s first full match since a knee injury prevented her from finishing the second round of a match in Spokane earlier this month. She managed to tie her teammate Mezger overall.

Muller scored a 95 on Sunday and a 92 on Monday. Metzger scored a 102 on Sunday, and a 100 on Monday. Mellum scored a 97 on Sunday and a 105 on Monday. McConnell scored a 107 on Sunday and a 108 on Monday.

Weather and course conditions were both good and bad, Coach Steve Turcotte said.

“The weather was good, the course was hard,” Turcotte said.

If a player were to hit outside the fairway (the short grass leading to the hole), they would end up in the rough (long grass), and it was pretty hard to get out of. There were a lot of lost balls, and a lot of penalties. The course conditions were hard for all of the teams, Turcotte said.

In terms of successes, there were no issues with the bunkers as there were during the match in Spokane, Turcotte said.

“Everyone had their good moments, and everyone had things they need to improve on.” Turcotte said. “[In particular] putting needs improvement.” Turcotte said.

The team plans to improve these skills during practice in preparation for their upcoming League match which occurs on Highline’s home course. The team’s goal for the match is to finish in the top six, Turcotte said.

“It’s more just working on those things we need to improve on and being able to put it all in [during the match].” Turcotte said. “The biggest thing is [having] better consistency.”

The next match will be at Highline, May 5-6 at the Riverbend Golf Complex. Tee time for the team is at 7:30 a.m.

Thunderbirds fifth in North division

By Eddie Mabanglo
Staff Reporter

The Highline Thunderbirds softball team was back in action this week, coming off of a series sweep against the Skagit Valley Cardinals.

The team sits in fifth place in the Northern Division standings with a record of 10-14. They trail first place Bellevue with its 23-3 record. Overall, the T-Birds are 12-19 on the season.

There are six games left to play this season.

For automatic entry into the playoffs, the Thunderbirds will have to finish the season in at least third place in the division, according to the NWAC codebook

On Wednesday April 24, the Thunderbirds swept the Shoreline Community College Dolphins 11-5 and 13-11.

Starter Kalea Smith pitched all seven innings and fanned four in the first game. Ashley Hendrickson went 2-4 and hit a double. Left-fielder Kamaile Hanawahine and first-base Soraya Seumalo both hit homeruns.

Shortstop Shaily Moses stole her 10th base of the season.

The second game of the series saw pitching from Hendrickson, Smith and Seumalo.

Moses and third-base Alexis Royal both hit doubles, with center-fielder Eleseaba Quintanar getting a double twice in the game.

Right-fielder Alyssa Avilla and Hanawahine both homered in the second game of the series.

On Thursday April 25, Highline split a two-game series against the Pierce College Raiders, getting shutout 12-0 in the first game, and winning 8-7 in the second game.

Highline was only able to hit four times in the first game. These hits came from Moses, Hanawahine, catcher Denise Nagayama, and second-base Jordyn Judge.

Moses and Seumalo both recorded a stolen base. On the mound for Highline was Hendrikson and Smith.

The second game saw more offense from the Thunderbirds.



Stephen Glover/THUNDERWORD
Highline shortstop Shaily Moses makes the out at second against Shoreline. Moses currently leads the team in stolen bases.

Moses went 3-4 with three RBIs in the game, including a double. Nagayama also got three RBIs, second-base Ashyn Fleek went 2-3 with a double and a pair of RBIs as well.

On Saturday, April 27, Highline split the two-game series in Bremerton against the Olympic College Rangers. They won the first game 3-2 and lost the second game 10-4.

Smith received the win for the first game, her seventh win of the season. She struck out four and walked two.

Her strikeouts were against Kylie Tasaki (.375), twice against Alexandra Paulino (.394), and Shanya Nisbet (.396).

Smith also got her second RBI of the season. She singled to left in the second, but advanced to second on an error by Olympic left-fielder Tommi Angelo-Kukar. Nagayama advanced to third on the error and Seumalo scored.

Smith has had some decent outings against the Olympic College Rangers this season, she opened up the second match up against OC earlier in the season with a one-two-three inning.

“The best game I’ve pitched this season was probably the second game we played against [Olympic],” Smith said. “I was pitching pretty well and I felt very confident throughout the whole game.”

This recent win against Olympic is one of many compete games for Smith, as her in-

nings pitched has risen to 122, and her ERA has dropped to 6.73 from about 10 last week.

Her ability to improve comes with her ability to pace herself on the mound and keep her pitch count to a minimum.

“I try to work ahead of the count when I’m pitching so I don’t have to throw as many pitches throughout the game,” Smith said. “That usually helps me last longer throughout the game.”

The next game in the series didn’t go as well, with Olympic scoring 10 runs in the game. Ranger first-base Jamie Utt hit two homers in the game. Kyler Tsukada went yard as well.

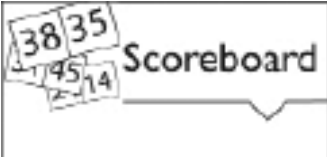
On Monday, April 29, Highline was swept on the road by the Everett Community College Trojans 6-5 and 11-3.

Quintanar, Moses, and Hendrickson were all able to record RBIs in the series, with Moses stealing her 11th base of the season.

Highline played Edmonds at home for two games yesterday May 1, with results unavailable at press time.

Highline will play its last home game of the season against the Bellevue College Bulldogs on Saturday, May 4. Time of first pitch is to be announced.

On Tuesday May 7, the Thunderbirds will play on the road against the Skagit Valley Cardinals, first pitch is at 2 p.m.



Softball Standings

NORTH		
Team	League	Season
Bellevue	23-3	34-5
Edmonds	18-6	29-8
Douglas	19-7	28-8
Olympic	14-10	17-16
Highline	10-14	12-19
Everett	9-15	12-18
Skagit Valley	9-15	10-18
Shoreline	4-20	5-24
Pierce	2-8	6-22
EAST		
Team	League	Season
North Idaho	17-5	23-9
Big Bend	20-6	28-10
Wenatche Valley	19-7	20-10
Walla Walla	15-9	21-13
Columbia Basin	11-12	14-13
Spokane	10-14	14-18
Treasure Valley	8-13	11-25
Blue Mountain	5-19	5-27
Yakima Valley	0-20	2-23
SOUTH		
Team	League	Season
Mt. Hood	20-0	26-5
Centralia	12-7	18-11
Lower Columbia	12-8	21-10
Clackamas	12-8	21-20
SW Oregon	8-11	13-21
Clark	8-11	10-18
Chemeketa	5-15	11-26
Grays Harbor	1-18	1-24

Individual Leaders

BATTING AVERAGE

Name	Team	AVG
M Schorn	Clark	.561
K Jantzi	Mt Hood	.557
M Parsley	Everett	.548
O Dean	Centralia	.545
T Dow	Bellevue	.537

RUNS BATTED IN

Name	Team	RBI
K Jantzi	Mt Hood	73
N Munson	Clackamas	69
T Dow	Bellevue	69
T McDowell	Bellevue	69
P Kaimi-Mon-tira	Edmonds	63

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

Name	Team	ERA
M Mott	North Idaho	1.83
C McDowell	Bellevue	2.17
J Podskalny	Douglas	3.15
A Giles	Walla Walla	3.41
R Harris	Bellevue	3.82

WINS

Name	Team	W
M Pierce	Mt Hood	23
J Podskalny	Douglas	19
R Harris	Bellevue	16
C Robbins	Edmonds	15
B Christensen	Big Bend	15

TENNIS STANDINGS

School	W-L	PCT
Highline	6-1	.857
Bellevue	5-1	.833
Spokane	4-4	.500
Skagit Valley	2-6	.250
Treasure Valley	1-6	.143

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YELL Summit back for it's 6th year

By **Chloe Owendale**
Staff Reporter

More than 400 women of color are expected to gather at Highline for the sixth annual Young Educated Ladies Leading Female Summit, where presenters and a keynote speaker will seek to empower young women of color to explore new pathways.

A large team effort from many individuals on campus is going into putting on the May 18 summit, as well as outreach efforts to nearby high schools to get the word out.

The summit will take a look at education and societal norms that prevent young women of color from being acknowledged for their successes.

In the past, the summit has been able to accomplish a lot for its participants, such as creating new friendships, said

Outreach Services Director Rashad Norris.

It has also highlighted women of color in all kinds of industries and business sectors, and created a community space where women of color can have authentic conversations about their identities and cultures, he said.

"In a world where women of color are scrutinized for being too dark, or too light, or seen as too aggressive, we want to showcase leadership roles that these girls don't normally see," Norris said.

Workshop presenters are bringing their own unique skill sets and intellectual properties, hoping to reach out to students in any way they can, Norris said.

They are showing young women of color in leadership roles in entrepreneurial fields, business fields, engineering, and many others; the presenters hope to inspire



young women to shine in academic spaces and leave them with a sense of pride in themselves and their backgrounds.

Workshop leaders and past participants are helping greatly with spreading the word and getting more women of color engaged in the summit, Norris said.

"We want the summit to inspire, motivate, and energize young women of color to

'We want to showcase leadership roles that these girls don't normally see.'

— Rashad Norris

explore new pathways to realize their full potential," he said.

The all-day summit takes place Saturday, May 18 in Highline's Student Union from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Workshops will begin at 10:30 a.m. after a keynote address from Terisa Siagatonu, who will be speaking on the liberation of women of color.

Breakfast and lunch will

both be supplied to participants; however, to attend, participants must register in advance.

Registration opened April 29, and will remain open until May 10. Admission is free.

The workshops and speeches are directed towards empowering specifically women of color, but all women welcome, and can register and attend.

Historical sites pre-date writing by several centuries

By **Feride Aydin**
Staff Reporter

Most people have heard about Machu Pichu, but not many have heard about Caral Or Bandurria.

The 2019 Spring Quarter History Seminar kicked off on April 10 with anthropology professor Dr. Lonnie Somer talking about pre-Columbian cultures of North-western Peru.

History Seminar is a series of presentations given periodically by Highline faculty or guests that explore particular topics of interest.

Dr. Somer focused mainly on more ancient, less known, and more recently discovered areas that he visited during a three-week trip to Peru.

All these places are sites that don't get lots, or even any, tourism.

He started the presentation talking about Caral, Peru.

This site is believed to have been inhabited between circa 3,000 and 1,800 BC.

This place is so old that it not only pre-dates ancient Egypt, it also pre-dates writing by a couple hundred years.

Caral is also largely believed to have been a ceremonial center because there were about 26-28 different



Dr. Lonnie Somer

buildings with lots of man-made mountains.

The structures are very similar to those found on Machu Pichu.

However, this wasn't even the oldest place he discussed.

Bandurria, which pre-dates Caral by about 200 years.

Bandurria existed from circa 3,200 BC but was only discovered 30 years ago be-

cause the site was going to be redeveloped.

The discovery was made after about half of it was already destroyed before anyone noticed it was not just a bunch of isolated mountains, but in fact an ancient site.

Bandurria is also one of the oldest architectural sites in the Americas.

Dr. Somer's presentation

wasn't just about super-old places, however.

He also talked about a couple of more recent sites such as Moche (circa 100 AD-750 AD), Tucume (circa 1800-1350 AD), and the Chimu (circa 850 AD-1470).

All three of these places were taken over by the Incas and eventually the Spanish, like most of Peru.

All these places are believed to either be a ceremonial place or, in the case of Chimu, a place where soldiers hid during battle.

Something that Dr. Somer emphasized throughout the whole presentation, was that there is very little that people know about any of these places.

Although archaeologists make educated guesses about what went on in those places, based on previous cultures or behavioral patterns, they will never really know the truth.

Next up on May 8, Ann Korn will discuss the famous sled-dog Balto and the great Alaskan diphtheria vaccine run.

The rise of jazz will be on May 15 by Kent Anderson.

Then on May 22, Karen Anderson will discuss a topic to be determined.

Lastly, Teri Balkenende will talk on minoan civiliza-

Celebration honors those who helped the cause

By **Zoe Munroe**
Staff Reporter

Highline's 37th Annual Women's Program Celebration will culminate with a luncheon on May 8 to honor students, staff, and faculty on campus who have advanced the cause of women during the past year.

The annual Women in Action Awards will be presented during the event in the Student Union this Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

College President Dr. John Mosby will be there to welcome all attendees to the free event, which will also include a raffle to support Women's Programs initiatives.

In addition to speakers, more than 60 prizes for various goods and services will be raffled off to raise funds.

"All money raised goes to Highline College emergency funding, and all students will be given the opportunity to apply for it," said Program Coordinator Jean Munro. "As the academic year comes to an end, we want to give back."

The agenda includes the free lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m.; the Women In Action presentations at 12:30 p.m., honoring both students and faculty/staff; and then the announcement of the raffle winners will be at 1:30 p.m.

A DJ will be there during the event to set the mood.

Help protect the environment, and begin with your backyard

By Seattle Valdivia
Staff Reporter

Protecting the environment can begin in one's own backyard, a Highline professor says.

Professor Bobby Butler, the Urban Agriculture program manager, wants to teach students how to take care of their backyards and raise awareness about the chemicals people are using.

"It's so important to take care of our backyards," he said. "When it comes to managing our green spaces, what we don't know has the potential to hurt our families, and our environment."

Not taking care of one's backyard, can result in the growth of harmful plants that are damaging to both humans and the ecosystem.

At the same time, Butler said that people need to show more concern about over-managing their lawns and green spaces and about not using sustainable practices.

That can also help avoid the growth of undesirable plants, Butler said.

To avoid diseases and environmental problems in backyards, Butler recommends to not use synthetic fertilizers and pesticides.

"Synthetic fertilizers are highly concentrated and make it easy to over fertilize," Butler said.

"When the run-off from these fertilizers make their way to nearby bodies of water, they can have devastating effects on these ecosystems," he said.



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At the organic Micro-Farm on-campus, students learn and practice gardening and planting organic products.

Pesticides can also make their way into nearby bodies of water and harm nature, but of more immediate concern, are the effects that they can have on someone's own family, infants and children.

To encourage sustainable gardening, Highline provides in its Micro-Farm a special space for the practice and planting of organic products.

The Micro-Farm is next to the South Parking Lot between Buildings 29 and 21 and is surrounded by a fence to protect the products, primarily from rabbits and squirrels.

But aside from protecting the exterior of the farm, Butler focuses more on what goes on within the farm itself.

"To take care of our Micro-Farm, we use only organic certified fertilizers and pesticides," Butler said. "And use minimal tilling methods."

Butler and team planted mostly vegetables during a session last week, and every-

thing that grows there is 100 percent organic.

They also make their own compost.

"We make our own compost with the residual plants in the field after harvest, but we don't have the space to make the compost efficiently," Butler said. "So, we also purchase local compost each year to supplement our needs."

When the products grow enough to become edible, some of the produce is donated,

while some is sold.

"We plan to donate some of the crops to the Highline Food Pantry and the Des Moines Area Food Bank," Butler said. "The rest [will be sold] at the Des Moines Waterfront Farmer's Market in order to sustain our program and provide scholarships for our students."

To learn more about sustainable plant management, Butler will teach the SUST 142 course during Summer Quarter, which starts on June 25.

Seismograph to track ground shaking on campus

By Seattle Valdivia
Staff Reporter

Highline got a brand-new seismograph that was just placed last Thursday, April 9 at 3 p.m. in Building 16.

The Highline seismograph consists of a machine that senses how much the ground shakes, as well as a battery and recording and transmitting information which it sends through the internet to the University of Washington, and then relates to the Pacific Northwest seismic network that operates there.

Dr. Eric Baer, a Highline geology professor, has been close to the investigation and process of the new seismograph.

Highline is now part of the Pa-

cific Northwest Seismic Network, which is the group who runs the seismograph.

They are responsible for monitoring earthquakes and seismology all over Washington and Oregon, Dr. Baer said.

Thanks to the new seismograph, faculty can better understand earthquakes and their impact to campus, by studying how the earth shakes.

The seismograph can measure how much the earth was shaking during an earthquake, it then determines if the shaking was any greater at Highline than the surrounding area.

Dr. Baer said that this very important, because "We may not be able to use phones or other things to call for help," he said. "But if

[others] know there's a lot of shaking here, they can send emergency responds."

Highline is now developing an earthquake early warning system, which will allow a few seconds of warning in cases where an earthquake is about to strike.

This seismometer can now also help with that.

"The seismograph might give us an early warning advice if an earthquake is going to happen," Dr. Baer said. "But only a few seconds before the earthquake happens."

The Highline monitors are always checking earth movements.

The seismograph only measures shaking after its begun, it does help to anticipate the shaking by a few seconds, but a lot of times

it won't be able to do that, Dr. Baer said.

Unfortunately, Highline is in a particular hot spot for earthquakes.

The Puget Sound is an area that has historically had very high seismicity levels, and is one of the most hazardous places in the United States for earthquakes.

"And we keep finding out that it is worse than we thought," Dr. Baer said.

Currently, students cannot interact with the new seismograph.

Geology professors use the information that the seismograph provides for their classes, but do not interact with it.

"It's a great source for teaching and helping students understand what's going on and what the seis-

mograph is and how do we use it," Dr. Baer said.

The seismograph will remain in Building 16, even after Building 26 is renovated.

The reason why is because Building 26 is a very large building.

"If you put it in a very large building, what you find out is how the building is moving, not how the ground is moving," Dr. Baer said. "Building 16 is really ideal."

Anyone interested in what is going on underground at Highline, can visit the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network webpage for the Highline seismograph and see records and current motions of the ground.

Visit this at www.pnsn.org/seismogram/current/hicc.

Mark the dates

Graduation deadlines are looming

By Kaela Nokes
Staff Reporter

To march, or not to march, that is the question.

The process of graduation has begun and some students may still be confused as to the process for being able to march down the aisle at Commencement before their classmates and appreciative loved ones.

Here are a few steps to help students get through the graduation process.

First, students should check their degree audit online to see if they have enough credits in order to receive a diploma. You can do this by going online to registration. highline.edu and clicking on the student log-in under the degree audit.

If your degree includes an emphasis, hit the down bar and find your major or minor and figure out how many credits you need to get your degree.

Second, once students have figured out if they have enough credits, they must register for graduation.

In the Student Services Building (Building 6) you can find the application for graduation.

Students must fill this application form and turn it in to the Registrar on the bottom floor. The application is due by May 25.

Someone will then look over the application and send an email saying they have the application. Students must then pay a graduation fee of \$14 to the Registration Cashier.

If students simply want to receive their degree and leave it at that, then they have completed the process. But if students would like to march down the aisle at Commencement, you've only just begun.

After getting the email for the application and paying the fee, students must RSVP for the Commencement ceremony. Then it's time to pre-order your cap and gown online at the Highline Bookstore.

If students are getting an AA, high school diploma, or a certificate, the cap and gown is going to cost \$37.99. If stu-



Above and Right: Students are smiles before and after their commencement ceremony, closing out their Highline chapter and moving on to new and exciting things.



Bottom: Students lose their caps when they finally get their degrees and certificates, showing off years of hard work.

dents are getting a bachelor's degree, the cap and gown will be \$69.99.

"Nobody will be let in in unless they have a cap and gown on," said Iesha Valencia, director of the Center for Leadership and Engagement.

Those who pre-ordered their cap and gown can pick it up at the Graduation Fair on May 21 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Student Union.

If getting a gown is a problem, Highline has programs to help with that.

"Every student who is graduating is worth celebrating," said Valencia. "The Women's Program has a really really great program that offers funding support for the cost of the cap and gown. The student will have need to speak with someone in the Women's Programs directly."

Women's Programs serves people of all genders, so help is available to all students.

Lastly, students will have to show up to the Commencement on June 13 fat 4:30 p.m. to check in at Kent's ShoWare Center. The ceremony starts at 5 p.m. but doors open at 4 p.m. for friends and family. The ceremony is expected to last until 7:30 p.m. and is free to attend.

"All faculty and staff make a huge tunnel for the graduates to walk through and we are there to cheer graduates on," Valencia. "We are so proud of each and every single student on this campus."

And while everyone is welcome to come to the Commencement, college officials are aware that not everyone is able to make it to the ceremony.

"We want to make sure that [entire] our community can access [the ceremony], Valencia said. "We do live in-the-moment streaming for our international students who have family internationally or for people who are unable to get off work or unable to join for the day."



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CWU-Des Moines to offer new degree

By Emmitt Sevores
Staff Reporter

With the current emphasis on math and science, it doesn't help that there is a statewide shortage of junior high instructors in that area.

Central Washington University's Des Moines campus will introduce, next fall, a middle level STEM degree program to help alleviate that shortage.

According to Central Washington University, 93 percent of principals report that they are struggling to find teachers and approximately 45 percent of classrooms lack a certified teacher.

Students who have a Direct Transfer Agreement Associate Degree from Highline to earn their bachelor's degree, teaching certification, and the endorsements needed to teach mathematics and science in only six quarters from CWU-Des Moines. CWU may even help with scholarships and paid STEM education internships.

The Middle Level STEM program is a program in which students are able to learn about science, technology, engineering, or math in order to teach it to middle school and junior high school students.



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CWU Des Moines will begin to offer a new STEM degree in the fall.

Jennifer Dechaine-Berkas, co-director of the CWU Teach STEM program and CWU's chair of the Science Education Department, said "It's a great program for anyone who is interested in teaching math or science at a middle school or junior high school."

Dechaine-Berkas is rolling up on 10 years working at Central Washington University, but while in graduate school, working for her doctorate, she had the opportunity to work with a mentor teacher to teach science

to elementary school children.

"That experience showed me how great science and STEM can be," Dechaine-Berkas said.

"We [CWU] think it fills a gap... A lot of schools in Washington state need top-notch middle school math and science teachers," she said.

"There is research to support that many kids like STEM in elementary school, but lose that interest in middle school... I believe it is essential to train more middle school teachers

who enjoy teaching STEM subjects in an interesting way," Dechaine-Berkas said.

This program is highly accessible to Highline students, even though the program is "informally collaborative" between the two colleges.

"It is accessible right on their campus... all of the prerequisites can be completed as part of Highline colleges standard DTA-AA degree," she said.

The program was designed specifically to be available for all students by only requiring they commute to campus three a week.

"Many organizations and companies have publically lamented the need for Washington state residents pursuing STEM jobs in high demand fields, such as computer science," Dechaine-Berkas said.

She said she believes that Washington state won't meet their goals in increasing the number of people pursuing STEM careers if they are not able to teach STEM subjects in an interesting way that keeps kids engaged.

Central's Ellensburg campus implemented a STEM program three years ago and will have their first set of teachers and graduates next year.

King Crossword — Answers

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Filing deadlines for local offices nears

By Jesse Kindred
Staff Reporter

The off-year elections are rapidly approaching and potential candidates must file before the deadline on May 17.

Positions up for grabs include everything from city council members, to the commissioners who control your water, power, and fire services. They also have the ability to raise or lower your taxes.

This year's elections include premiere races for council positions in Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, and Burien.

Each individual position has specific requirements and compensation. That information is available at King County Elections.

Applicants for office can send their declaration of candidacy the Secretary of State starting on May 13 and ending on May 17.

May 20 marks the last day for any candidate to withdraw from the ballot and to submit the information for voter's pamphlets including a photograph, a 100-word biography, and personal statement.

If a candidate wishes to remove their name from the ballot a signed withdrawal form must be received by the office where it is filed by the end of business on the Monday immediately following candidate filing week.

Withdrawal can be done online or at a kiosk available in the Secretary of State's office.

To change an office or position a candidate must withdraw before the close of filing week and submit a new declaration of candidacy.

A filing fee is required before your declaration will be approved and candidates without sufficient assets or income may submit a filing fee petition instead of paying the filing fee.

Filing fees are non-refundable.

The Primary Election will be on Aug 6 at which time the field of candidates will be winnowed to the final two in each race whose names will appear on the Nov. 5 General Election ballot.

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students in a position where they can thrive, not just survive, Barriga said.

She has personally dealt with just surviving, she said.

“I was definitely housing-insecure in college, or my whole life really,” she said.

Barriga said that through receiving help in resumes, education, food security and by providing general assistance, these programs can help students and the surrounding community go

from “surviving to livable, to family-supportive wages [in a] job.”

But she’s gone well beyond her job title, said Benefits Hub Coach Courtney Edwards.

“She will fight to the nail for you,” Edwards said. “She’s a great advocate.”

And although several programs and multiple people were involved, Benefits Hub Associate Tessa Yoder said that Barriga “was the main drive behind the pantry.”

“She is fierce,” Yoder said.

One of Barriga’s main goals have been to make students and those around her feel welcomed and listened to,

she said.

“I have always seen that students are whole people, I try not to see them as ‘oh, you’re just a student in this class,’” Barriga said.

The impact she’s had on those who have worked with her has certainly reflected this.

While Yoder and Benefits Hub Associate Khadja Diallo have only worked at Highline for around a month, they agreed that Barriga has already become a supportive figure in their lives.

“She really does try to push you to be the best version of yourself,” Diallo said. “She

takes her job title to heart.”

Between her job as program manager, attending and speaking at conferences all around the state, and being a supportive shoulder for many students and employees to lean on, her plate is always full, Edwards said.

Despite always being busy, Barriga is also constantly there for you, she said.

“If she has just an hour to herself, and you say you need to talk to her for whatever reason, she will give you that hour,” said Edwards. “She’s like a jack of all trades.”

On top of everything else, she’s also always throwing

out more ideas to better help students said Florence Bienen-Aime, a nursing student and employee at the Community Pantry.

“During our meetings, she’s always talking about what’s coming next,” Bienen-Aime said.

Through all the work she’s accomplished, relationships she’s made and time she’s poured into those around her, Barriga has become an inspiration for many people, Bienen-Aime said.

“She inspires me to... all-around accomplish more things,” she said. “She’s like a typhoon of greatness.”

Ramadan

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everyday choices, which in turn brings us closer to Him,” Dr. Alkhalili said.

“During this time, we are also encouraged to give zakat (charity), read the entire Quran, study at the Mastjid (the Muslim place of prayer), and participate in nightly prayers known as tarawih prayer,” he said.

Fasting during Ramadan gives a sense of closeness to the people around us, he said.

“When we break our fasts together and give zakat, we form a closer bond with our family and community. When we seek knowledge and perform tarawih,” Dr. Alkhalili said, “it strengthens our relationship with Allah and gives us a better understanding of him. All of this is meant to remind us that our purpose on this Earth is to worship Allah.

“We experience a renewed sense of spirituality that doesn’t just end when Ramadan is over. It carries on into the rest of the year as well,” he said.

“We are still tasked with seeking deeper knowledge of our religion, remaining charitable, and maintaining bonds with our family and community. Taqwa isn’t just in the heart, it is also supposed to reflect in our actions towards others,” he said.

Ramadan is mandatory for all healthy adults who are capable of fasting, Dr. Alkhalili said.

During Ramadan, Muslims fast from the first prayer (sun-up) to the fourth prayer (sundown) every day for one month.

They will begin the fast by having Sehri (breakfast), and then break the fast with Iftar (dinner). “About an hour before the first pray time, El-fajr, we have the last meal before the fasting begins,” Dr. Alkhalili said. This meal is called Suhur. After the fourth pray time of the day, El-Maghreb, I break the fast with the family by having three dates to eat and a glass of water.” Dr. Alkhalili said.

During the break of the fast, Muslims eat more traditional dishes.

“We usually have soup and salad to begin with. Then we have the main course for Iftar, breaking the fast. The main course consists of multiple dishes of chicken, beef or vegetable,” Dr. Alkhalili said.

“During the meal, we also have our traditional drinks such as Jallab; Jallab is made by diluting the syrup made of grape molasses, dates and rose water with water, or, Toot drink, mulberry syrup and water. Both drinks are decorated with nuts and raisins,” he said. “After the meal, we have some sweets, such Maamoul, a buttery-date filled Middle Eastern cookies, and/or baklava, and/or ice cream.”

“Pre-pubescent children are not required to fast, though some choose to do so, and some small children fast for half a day to train themselves. Diabetics and nursing or pregnant women are usually not expected to fast. Other individuals for whom it is usually considered acceptable not to fast are those in battle, and travelers who intend to spend fewer than five days away from home,” he said.

If a Muslim is temporarily unable to fast, they have to make it up at a later in the year, he said. There are also restrictions that Muslims need to follow during this month, he said.

Eating, drinking, and sexual relations are not allowed between fajr (dawn) and sunset (maghrib). Muslims are also expected to put more effort into following the teachings of Islam by refraining from violence, anger, envy, greed, lust, anger/sarcastic retorts, gossip, and are meant to try to get along with each other better than normal, Alkhalili said.

It is important to only do things that allow purtiy of the mind and body, he said. Ramadan is dereived frim the word ramad, meaning intensely or vehmently heated by the sun In addition, the word ramdhaa means the intense heat of the sun.

“Which is why Ramadan is

named as such, because it burns the sins of the believers,” Dr. Alkhalili said.

Ramadan is extremely beneficial to one’s health, spiritually and phsically, he said.

“Ramadan to me is more than spiritual, it is for health. Ramadan means to me, the best person that I can be, to help others, to become healthier, and to be closer to Allah SWT. It will bring me peace and joy,” Dr. Alkhalili said.

Muslims around campus have been busy preparing themselves, and are looking forward to the upcoming month.

“For me, fasting is something that cleanses the mind and body. It helps me stay focused and keeps my mind sharp,” Highline student Faatima Nazar said.

“You know, Ramadan is not that bad as non-Muslims may

think. It’s a little difficult in the beginning, but you get used to it as time moves on. In fact, you don’t even feel that hungry,” she said.

“I remember when I first started to fast, I was eight, and I thought I could last all day,” said a student who aked to remain anonymous. “Now, I do the whole month, and I feel real good about it. You are faced with daily temptations, but when you manage to resist them, you get a sense of peace and happiness. You show yourself that you have the strength and will to power through the month,” the student said.


Many students are looking forward to the break of the fast. “I love the break of the fast, my family goes all out,” student Mariam Oghy said. “We eat a lot of the traditional foods; dates, samosas, fried vegetables,

and lassi. It turns into quite the feast,” she said.

Ramadan gives a stronger sense of community to many Muslims. “At the mastjid, there is Iftar offered to people, and then there is the prayer. During the prayer, we go through the whole Quran until the end of Ramadan,” Highline student Mohammed Ifraz said.

“Everyone is gathered together and we sit on the floor and just wnjoy ourselves. It’s a lot of fun, and gives peace in our hearts and minds,” he said.





Officials say that Ramadan will begin either May 5 or 6, depending on the moon-sighting. Traditional greeting in Ramadan include: Ramadan Mubarak – meaning Happy Ramadan; and Ramadan Kareem – meaning Have a generous Ramadan.



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