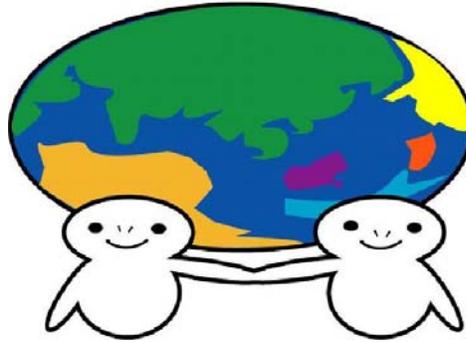


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NEW YEAR'S AROUND THE GLOBE

New Year's was celebrated around the world by countries following the Gregorian calendar on January 1st 2006. New Year's is a time for celebration and reflection in most cultures and it symbolizes rebirth.

We have many student here at Highline from all over the world. Svetlana a second year student from the Ukraine, says, "On New Year's eve we invite relatives and cook about ten different dishes and start setting up the dining table around 10pm, and we eat at 11pm. Some people sing songs and give

presents. We also decorate our houses with lights and buy natural trees and decorate them as well.



Then we enjoy the fireworks and turn on the TV to watch the president's speech. We stay up

all night talking, joking, and laughing."

In America, many people make New Year's resolutions in order to make their year better such as to quit smoking or lose weight. Many cultures practice the same traditions but in different variations. In Japan, people laugh the moment the year has begun in order to bring good luck for the new year. Whether you laugh or make an oath for the New Year, may you have a happy, healthy, and fortuitous New Year filled with hope and bliss! Happy New Year!!!

SHALL WE TALK? CONVERSATION PAL KICKS OFF

By: Jessica Li

Genki! Did you know that you can say *hi* and *how are you?* in Japanese with the same word? I did not know that until I met my Japanese conversational pal. Winter quarter's Conversational Pal Program officially kicked off on Thursday, January 12. The Conversational Pal Program is an activity on the Highline campus that provides an opportunity to speak to people from different cultures and backgrounds. This activity, hosted by the International Student Leadership Council, is open to both local and international students.

Grace Mukiri, one of the ILSC members who leads this event along with Kurumi Chiba, assured us during the orientation, that the Conver-



sation Pal Program is not a "dating service." Groups may feel free to pick a place

of their choice to converse in an easygoing, considerate environment.

If you want to learn more about other cultures or sharpen your English skills, go ahead and find a pal to talk and listen. Although winter quarter's program has already started, you are always welcome to join next quarter's. Conversational Pal starts at the beginning of every quarter except for summer. However, talking to someone different from you can be done anytime, anyplace. So start the conversation! "Hello, my name is..."

ADVISING UPDATE

By: Mabelle Allman- ISP Advisor

Beginning Spring Quarter 2006, international students will be able to register on the web! Here is the process.

1) Get the Spring Quarterly. Look at the classes available, and important deadlines. Choose the classes you are interested in taking. Look at the prerequisites to make sure you qualify to take the class.

2) Meet with your faculty advisor. This is the instructor assigned to you during the College Survival class. This person will review your choices and either approve your schedule or make suggestions. There is no requirement to have the "pink form" signed, or to complete the add/drop form.

3) Go to the Highline Community College web site, and click on "Admissions, Registration, and Records." Click on "Web Registration" and sign in to your student account. Follow the directions given.



(ISP staff Left to Right: Ana, Ameer, Mike, Mariko, and Mabelle)

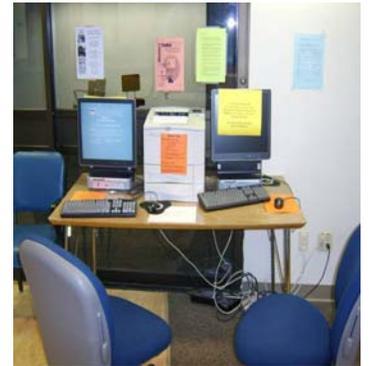
4) If the system requests an entry code, it means that you have not yet met a prerequisite (either a test score or a

class.) If you feel you have met the requirement, bring the documentation to the ISP office, and an advisor will give you the code.

5) Print your schedule and pay your tuition. Remember that you are still responsible for payment of tuition and obtaining insurance waivers BEFORE the deadlines.

ISP Advisors are still available for all of your advising needs. If you have any questions, please do see us. This change means that you have more personal responsibility to enroll in the correct classes, and enrolling in at least 12 credits each quarter.

Last tip: REGISTER EARLY BEFORE CLASSES FILL!



Student kiosks on 1st floor of

NODDING MEANS "NO" IN SOME COUNTRIES

By: Oanh Nguyen

Everyday, we communicate to people by using verbal and nonverbal communication. A lot of people are not aware that nonverbal communication is used more often than verbal communication. According to research, 80% of communication is nonverbal. The interesting thing is, different cultures have different ways to express nonverbal cues. I had a chance to plan an International Village event about this topic last Fall Quarter with two wonderful presenters,

Laura Manning and Roman Wright. I learned so much about cultural differences in communication from the event. While some of the nonverbal cues are universal like smiles, most of them are interpreted in many amazingly interesting ways. For example, when a person makes a sign of a circle with a thumb and an index finger, he or she indicates "O.K". However, "O.K" is a translation in the United States. In Japan it means "money," and in Brazil and Germany people

would be very angry because it is obscene in their countries. Another interesting sign is nodding. I thought it was universal to indicate "Yes". But it turns out that in Bulgaria and Greece, this gesture means "No." Different cultures have different ways of interpreting nonverbal cues. Having basic understandings about specific gestures can be helpful in reducing confusion when traveling to countries with different cultures than your own.

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Oanh Nguyen- International Village coordinator

COUNTRY PROFILE: KOREA "LAND OF THE MORNING CALM"

By: Minji Ha

Location- Korea is located between China and Japan. Because of its geographical location, Chinese culture filtered into Japan through Korea. A common cultural range of Buddhism and Confucianism was established between the three countries.

Weather- The climate of Korea is characterized by four distinct seasons: spring, summer, fall and winter. The difference between winter and summer is significant. Winter is bitterly cold and lots of snow, summer is hot and humid. The transitional seasons, spring and fall, are sunny and generally dry.

Culture- The most distinguished characteristics of Korean people are using their own language, Korean, having their own alphabet system(Han-geul), wear Korean dress (Han-bok), eat their own style of food

(Hansik), and live in Korean style house(Han-ok and Ondol). Therefore, the identity of Korean culture can be represented by all those living culture.



Hanbok- Traditional Korean dress

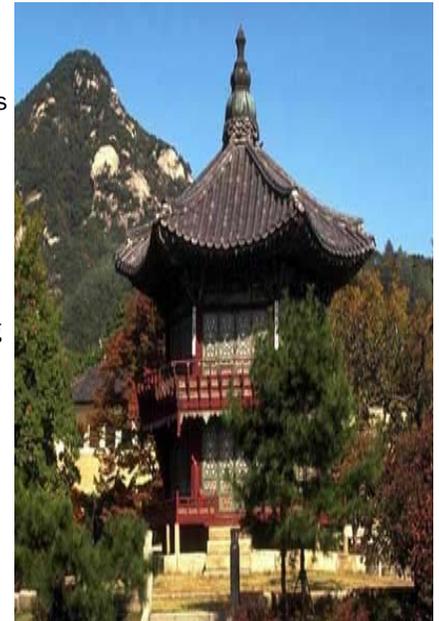
Food- The most well-known foods in Korea are Kimchi, a fermented vegetable dish, and Bulgogi, a dish with marinated meat and vegetables. Koreans eat kimchi at every meal, Bulgogi is more like a party food that it is generally eaten on special occasions.

Custom- The Confucian social order is based upon the five human relationships (*oryun*) and it is this

concept that has influence to Korean behavior. The importance of the Confucian social order in Korea can be observed especially on New Year's Day. After the usual memorial services for ancestors, family members bow to grandparents, parents, older brothers, relatives, and so on in accordance with age. Young people may even seek out the village elders to pay their due respect by bowing to them, even though they are not related. At meetings, social gatherings, or drinking parties, social order becomes an immediate and important questions: who should you greet and who goes first, who should sit and where, who should sit down first and who should pour wine for whom first. Among close friends, those born earlier are treated as elder brothers and sisters.

An-nyoung!

[www.asianinfo.org/.../ pictures/korea-palace.jpg](http://www.asianinfo.org/.../pictures/korea-palace.jpg)



Korean Temple, Kyoung-Ju, Kyoung-Buk, South Korea

TEMPTING KOREAN FOOD

By: Kwang Cheol Jung

I would like to introduce Korean Restaurants that serve delicious and healthy food. First, Mi-Rak restaurant, which is located on 31260 Pacific Highway South, Federal Way, WA (253-839-6522), is my favorite because their food is great and I prefer to eat there a lot. Every time when I go there, I especially eat Korean barbeque called Gal-Bi which consists of beef, vegetables and sweet sauce. My second favorite restaurant is Gawon, located on 15004 Hwy 99 #A, Lynnwood, WA 98503 (425-787-6484), which is best known

for Pork Bul-Go-Gi, sliced pork with Korean sweet sauce. If you smell this, it would make you hungry and highly stimulate the sense of taste.



Bi-Bim-Bam

The third restaurant I would like to introduce is, Ho-Soon-

Yi, which is located on 8591 South Tacoma Way, Lakewood, WA 98499 (253 584 4572), is best known for Bi-Bim-Bab which consists of various vegetables, sunny side up eggs, rice and Korean hot sauce. I heard a lot about their Bi-Bim-Bab from my international and American friends who like to eat this because they think that it is good for their diet and health. If you haven't had the experience of eating Korean food, why don't you try it at least once? You will love it!!

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Bul-Go-Gi- Sliced pork with Korean Sweet Sauce

THE LEGACY OF DR. KING

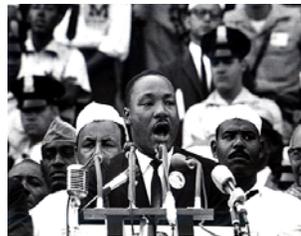
By: Aisha Hassan

Look around at your fellow students. What races do you see? Do you see Black students studying next to white students? Do you see Hispanic, Asian and Native American students working together, preparing for an upcoming exam?

That is the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Jan. 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) – a legacy that has been celebrated on the third Monday of every year since 1983. Born into a family of pastors, Dr. King studied theology at various educational institutions, until he gained his doctorate from Boston University in 1955. He was very much aware of the social inequalities that continued to destabilize the United States. At the time, segregation – a policy of separating people along racial lines – was practiced, especially in the South, where Dr. King was born. Blacks and whites attended separate schools, used separate restrooms and restaurants, and blacks were re-

quired to sit in the back of public transportation buses.

Dr. King began to actively participate in the civil rights movement, taking part of boycotts, demonstrations and wrote extensively about social equality in American society. For his part of the movement, Dr. King was subjected to several arrests, suffered personal abuse at the hands of his detractors and had his home bombed, but emerged as the premier leader of the Black community in the process.



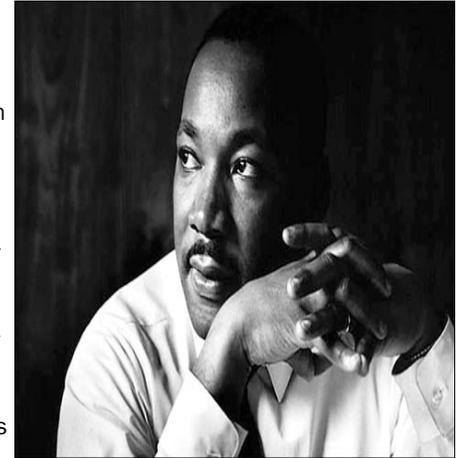
Dr. King Delivers his famous "I Have A Dream" speech

He traveled extensively, gave inspiring speeches at public rallies and was present wherever justice was trampled

upon. Dr. King's ideology was deeply rooted in Christianity, but his operational techniques were inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian freedom leader. Nonviolent protest was his approach of choice – and he was successful. At the age of thirty-five, Dr. King was the youngest man to have been awarded the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize. He spent the prize money to fund his civil rights movement.

Dr. King's life and legacy has touched the lives of millions of people in America and around the world. His "I Have a Dream" speech, which he gave in Washington, D.C. in front of more than 250,000 people, is one of the most memorable speeches of the twentieth century. Because of his selfless work in the field of social equality, the walls of segregation were torn down, paving the way for a more just America where people "are not judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

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"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Martin Luther King Jr.

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WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE! SEATTLE LIVING UP TO ITS NAME

By: Jessica Li

One of the common questions that my relatives ask about Washington is "Does it rain a lot in Seattle?" I do not know if "a lot" comes in pouring gallons or many miniscule drops of rain. Nonetheless, Des Moines, Washington, has its time of rain just as Des Moines, Iowa, has theirs. This year Highline is definitely hydrated. I once heard that rain is the only weather that moves us to use all five of our senses. Imagine what if we cannot see, hear, feel, smell, or taste rain? I

would really have to imagine the last one, because I've never purposely tried that one before. The truth is we need rain. At the same time I don't like to enter a classroom dripping wet. Either way, the sky does not keep the trees green **and** keep our heads dry. That is why the umbrella was invented. I figure the inventor loved this weather. Whether you are a rain lover, hydrophob, or just a person who tends to forget umbrellas (like me), there is something

unique about the rain in Seattle. People here don't act any differently because of a change in weather, they still go on with their lives: buy the same latte at Starbucks; fans still cheer on at Seahawks games in the open-top stadium; windshield wipers still swipe on no matter how many cars they see stalled on I-5. Highline's bistro is still warm and music still plays in the midst of the student's comings and goings to and from classes. Stay warm. Rainy side up!

<http://seattle.metblogs.com/archives/2005/05/>



MY TRIP TO WHISTLER!

By: Huy Pham

Nestled deep within the Canadian Rockies lies a Bavarian-styled village frosted by the crisp cold air, surrounded by tall snowy mountains rising into the blue sky.

The blue twilight before a fast rising sun made a spectacular silhouette of the snowy peaks in the dark backdrop.

Not having previous experience in snowboarding, nor mountaineering, nor familiarity with the territory, I was pretty much clueless save for two friends: Brent and Erin, who helped me along.

We took the ski-lift up Mt. Blackcomb. I fastened my snowboard... It was show-time.

Upon exiting the gondola I glided along some forty feet... THUD! Fell back down like a rock. I tried standing up again, THUD!! After several such incidences, and helped

by Brent's advice, I finally got the point and balanced myself precariously on the slopes. Step by step, fall by fall, with the help of my friends, I slowly began to navigate the twisted corridors of Blackcomb with increasing ease.

Come nightfall, I was in my hotel, sore, exhausted, and knocked out for twelve full hours.

I woke up the next day, it was eight o'clock in the morning.



The way up Mt. Blackcomb: 8,000+ feet of sheer snow

I remembered telling Brent and Erin the day before that I was too sore to snowboard

tomorrow... Change of plan! I'm heading out there again! I'm not sick anymore! Snowboarding fever!

After heading up to Mt. Whistler, I went solo to practice at my own pace. At seven-thousand feet altitude, the clouds were well below me; the heavens opened up, and down I went.

This time around, I did not fall a hundred times, after cruising all the way down to the base village, I rode the ski-lift up Whistler three more times before leaving.

At the end of the day, I met up with my group and had tons of stories to tell, it sure was better than spending a weekend sleeping past noon (which is what I do best)!

If you haven't, you should visit Whistler-Blackcomb at least once, if only to see how beautiful it is up there.



Brent and I resting on the slopes



Me after wiping out!

CAUTION: BRING YOUR PASSPORT!

Speaking from experience, having a Passport ID could spell the difference between having a good trip and having to wade through hordes of evil Mounties and spaced-out stoners! Bring your passport!

After being hassled by goofy Canadian officials for not having a passport, I had to catch another bus to Whistler. NO!

Unfortunately, it was late in the

day and no more buses were coming in or out of Whistlerland. NOO!!

I had to spend the night near the bus depot at a hostel. OH NOOO!!!

In honesty, I did meet some interesting folks (read:stoners) at the hostel, and even managed a few hours of sleep, but I had to wake up at four in the morning and yawningly slog

myself to the bus depot, which took me to Whistler. I guess by not having a passport, I took the long way 'round. It would have been far better to have a passport and avoid this kind of charade.

So remember this! No passport means snow at a hostel!



**No Passport?
You'll be staying here!**



ILSC EVENTS CALENDAR

INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE:

Holidays Hurrah!!!

Friday Jan. 20th 2006, Building 10- 203

Movie Fridays:

"*Shall We Dansu*"- Friday Jan. 20th 2006- Building 7- 2-4pm- Japanese Film

"*Flight Plan*"- Friday Jan. 27th 2006- Building 7- 2-4pm- American Film

CONVERSATION PAL

Orientations:

Mandatory: Thursday January 12th 2006- HSU- Mt. Constance- 1-2pm

Make-up: Friday Jan. 13 2006- Building 7- 2-3pm.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

ACCOUNTING:

Accounting terms translator all languages needed.

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Photographers

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT:

Ushers
Performers
Volunteers for decoration
Cultural booth

Interested?
Please contact Minji Ha at mha@highline.edu

INTERESTING READ: "PERSEPOLIS"

By: Aaron Hailey

Persepolis is the first of a series of short graphic novels by Marjane Satrapi. Her early life is captured with a unique adult comic book style medium set in Iran during and after the Islamic Revolution. Despite the novel's appearance it is not a children's book but rather a no holds barred adult comic.

Satrapi shares her particular perspective in the voice of a bold and exuberant little girl. The story begins in revolutionary Iran. A time when many women wore the Islamic hijab, or veil as a symbol of defiance, protesting their tyrannous monarch, The Shah. At this point the Shah who had made the veil illegal was recently deposed and changes were happening in Iran's political climate. To Marjane all of this only meant that all of a sudden the veil became a mandatory new toy for children at re-

cess. The setting progressively worsens as the Islamic regime takes power. Personal freedom is inhibited and the Satrapis like the rest of Iran reluctantly conform with hope for the better and to fear of harm.

Iraq invades Iran and life changes for Marjane, her upper middle class family and her neighbors. Alcohol becomes illegal, Islamic law becomes enforced by gangs of armed teenagers. People are harassed by morality police and threatened with violence. The novel takes some dark turns when the regime executes her uncle and her family's friends for being communists. The older Marjane gets, the more her free spirit seems to become a liability that endangers her in this environment. The novel ends when Marjane's family sends her to live with relatives in Europe for her

own safety. This is where Persepolis II begins which is a sequel about her coming of age alone in Europe.

Through out the novel Marjane segues into conversations with God, brief history lessons, and various absurd ponderings hilariously illustrated.

I found Satrapi's story full of delightfully humorous moments punctuated shocking sobering episodes. I found this novel as an exceptional story for a typical American curious about what life is like in modern Iran. It gives a unique and biased opinion that is Iranian. It is not a college textbook full of abstract theory or political science. It is the perfect story to help dispel stereotypical notions of oil sheiks and harems, belly dancers and terrorists that come to mind when we think about the middle east.

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