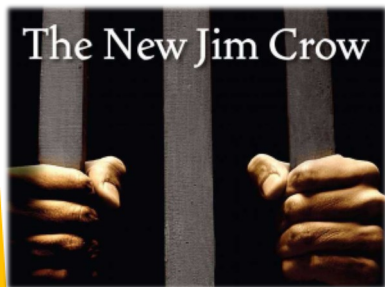


News & Events



Quarterly Book Read!

The Diversity Advisory Committee (DAC) book read this quarter features *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander. This important book gives an eye-opening view of the history and status of racial inequity in the U.S. Get a free copy at the Library Reference Desk and join the discussions!

Discussion Dates:

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 12-1:30

Wednesday, March 2, 1:30-3:00

Thursday, March 10, 4:30-6:00

Discussion Location: Library Seminar Room, behind the Reference Desk.

Women's Center Film Series—Black History Month

T'Aint Nobody's Bizness: Queer Blues Divas of the 1920s

Monday, Feb 1, 12:30-1:00

Grove Seminar Room



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Dialogues on Diversity!

Thursday Feb 4, 1:00-2:00

Baxter Center (CC 1349)

Join this interactive presentation on Race in the U.S. The presenters use theatrical models to promote dialogue and understanding around diversity, cultural sensitivity, and social justice. This provocative comedy models cross-generational and cross-cultural dialogue. It will be entertaining and educational!

SEM (Strategic Enrollment Management)

The last Council meeting focused on students' availability for class times. Most students work as well as attend North Seattle College and have nonflexible work times or other obligations. The classes in which timing conflicts have occurred are mainly science and some math courses. Last quarter, Chemistry 121 was only offered from 8 to 10 a.m. and the same course was offered on Saturday afternoons. This timing is difficult for students trying to complete a certain degree with the little time they have.

The Council needs feedback from students to find convenient openings in their days to schedule class times. Already there have been surveys and general statistics examining when the majority of students are available. As of now, Student Leadership is working with SEM to brainstorm ways to get more student feedback in an organized manner.

- Casey Cooper, Student Cabinet



Workshop: Trans* Experience in Health Care

Wednesday, Feb 3, 11:00-2:00

Grove Seminar Room (HS 1541A)

Are you entering the healthcare profession and want to be better equipped to support trans* and gender non-conforming patients? Are you trans* or gender non-conforming and want to learn how to navigate the healthcare maze? We welcome you to join this 50- minute workshop facilitated by your peers.

3rd Annual Women's Center Open House

Wednesday, Feb 3, 10:00-1:00 in the Grove

You've visited us online at northseattle.edu/womens-center — now stop by to meet our friendly staff, get your questions answered, learn more about sexual health, contraception, talking to children and teens about sex(uality) and more! Come by and enjoy snacks



WOMEN'S CENTER
NORTH SEATTLE COLLEGE

Student Leadership Newsletter



What's up with The Grove?

*Interview with Michael Lilliston,
Director of Food Services*

Michael, what is your position here at North?

I oversee the food services operation and that entails dealing with the budget, hiring our staff, overseeing our ordering and collaborations... But mostly top-level things that pertain to money and food services, like the Grove and catering both internally and externally.

How long have you been working here?

I'm in my nineteenth, maybe twentieth year here at the college, but over 16 years of that were in IT... I didn't come into it with no background, though! Before IT, I was actually in the restaurant business. I ran restaurants and kitchens for about 20 years before working at North.

What is the biggest challenge you are facing right now?

The biggest challenge now that impacts everything is budget. We're facing shortfalls, which is nothing real new. There were shortfalls when I came in. But Food Services is expected to be fully self-supported. The only budget that we have is what we take in in revenues through the Grove and catering. I've done a lot of things to address this, but



even with that we still come up short. And that's a problem. I am continually trying to figure out how to control our costs while still providing a good service, but this challenge really holds me back from the things I would like to do more of or do better with.

We already touched on pricing a little bit, and that's a big concern for students. How do you decide on pricing?

Well, with the items we make ourselves, we have to buy the ingredients, which we try to do competitively and smartly to get the best prices. But then we have to price the item at the appropriate cost to cover labor, packaging all while trying to have positive revenues. The prepackaged items, like all the things on the snack wall, have predetermined prices coming from the vendor.

Last I heard you were working on adding a salad bar to the Grove! Do you have any updates on how that is going?

We are actively working on it! Every day is a full and rich day just trying to get through it, so it

makes it difficult to move forward on new projects, but we are trying. I'm working with vendors right now to get the right bins to fit in the case. I'm also looking at salad bars at places like PCC and Whole Foods to see what works for them. I don't have a real timeline on it yet, but I know that I really want to do it soon!

Are there any other things we can be looking for in the near future at the Grove?

I'm really trying to expand on breakfast. Maybe a line of breakfast burritos... I am also working on collaborating with Total Tuesday evenings and doing a food event on those nights!

How can students help you and the Grove move forward?

Keep giving us feedback! We may not be able to make things happen right away or in exactly the way people wish it would happen, but I do take all the comments in and try to do something positive with them. I keep every one of them; I don't throw any of them away! So keep telling us!

Any last thing you would like students to know?

We're trying hard and we care!

*- AnnMarie Barenchi, Student
Cabinet Member*

