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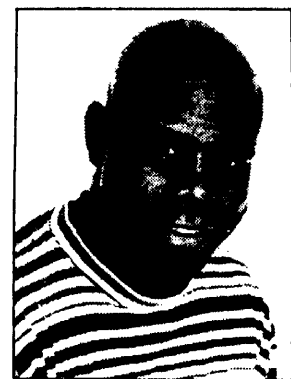
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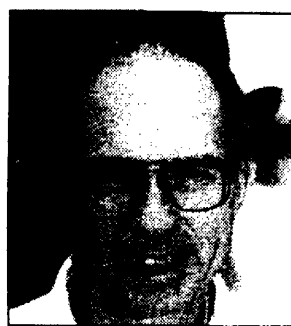
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A little work, a little play, To keep us going-- and so good day!
--George du Maurier

An uncoupled coupling



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Contractors fill the hole dug to replace a metal coupling holding two pipes together on Monday. A hot water pipe burst last Wednesday near the Pavilion, resulting in a 400-gallon an hour leak and no hot showers just in time for the basketball games. Facilities and contractors had hot water working by Thursday night, officials said.

Gangs 101

Ex-gang members, counselors speak truth about gang life, recovery

By Megan Mooers
Staff Reporter

Seneca Alexander, 15, joined a gang when he was 11. The example set by his older brother and cousins along with the allure of the money to be made by selling drugs influenced him to join.

"Cats who went to school seemed like squares to me," Alexander said.

Since joining Youth Organized and United To Help, or YOUTH Group, a year and a half ago, his opinion of gang life has changed.

"It ain't going to get you nowhere in life except killed or put in jail," Alexander said.

Alexander spoke at Gangs 101, a panel discussion of issues relating to gangs. The panel of three former gang members and two gang intervention specialists filled the Lecture Hall to near capacity last Tuesday in Building 7.

YOUTH Group was created in 1991 at Echo Glen Children's Center in Snoqualmie by adolescents serving time at the facility under the supervi-

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College withdrawal policy may change

By Oscar Tiglao
Staff Reporter

The first two weeks of school. You were sick, you had some business to take care of, in any case you were absent six days. Your instructor now has the right to drop you.

Last spring, Highline's Faculty Senate proposed changes and additions to the current withdrawal policy. Highline's Council on Councils will evaluate and vote on the proposals this February. Students may see

the new policy in effect as early as Spring Quarter.

"For the most part, it (the new policy) benefits the student," said Senate Chairman Robert Hirmle. "It also allows teachers to be nice people. Most teachers do not want to see students fail."

If the proposal is passed, a Highline instructor would have the power (at his or her discretion) to drop a student in three distinct cases:

*If a student leaves Highline due to a documented emergency

without withdrawing. This would benefit someone if he or she was hospitalized and missed too many days of a quarter to do well. A "W" grade could be given instead of the unwanted 0.0.

If a student were to come back five or so years later and the instructor no longer teaches here, then the Vice President of Academic Affairs would decide if a withdrawal is appropriate.

*If a student has missed more than 40 percent of the first 14 days of the quarter (about six

days). The main reason for this would be to accommodate students waiting to register for a course that was already full.

*If a student has not attended at least half of his/her classes during the first 31 calendar days. The instructor would be able to drop a student at the end of the sixth week.

Highline sophomore A.J. Ferroe likes the change.

"I agree with this 100 percent. Many classes fill up quick-

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Elections fill void in student government

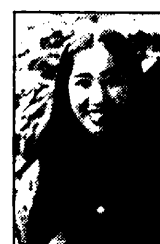
By W.B. Heming
Staff Reporter

Kirk Elliott, Nasrin Noori and Santana Villa were each voted in to the office of student-at-large by 154 Highline voters last Thursday, Jan. 22.

Noori led the pack of six candidates with a total of 91 out of 404 votes. Elliott followed with 81 and Villa finished with 79. Khong Zia Christina Ly finished two votes behind Villa. Eric



Elliott



Noori



Villa

Worden came out with an even 50 and Shane Smith rounded out the list with 26 votes.

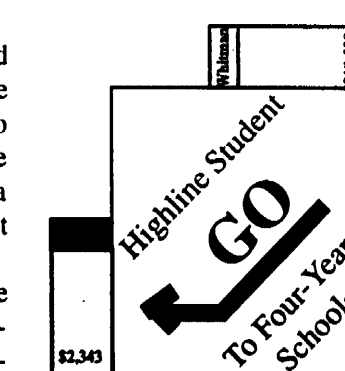
According to Article 7, Section 5 of the Associated Students of Highline Community College by-laws, each student-

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The scoop on Inside Scoop:

If you haven't yet noticed the additional section of the paper, you might want to check it out. It's called the inside scoop and really isn't a section at all, but a pullout magazine.

The idea for the magazine came from the Holiday Survival Guide that the Thunderword staff put together Winter Quarter of 1997. The staff hopes to bring you an edition of the magazine every two weeks. Each edition will have its own focus.



We hope you enjoy reading the magazine as much as we enjoyed putting it together. Let us know what you think!

Editorial

Student government should serve students

Congratulations to the newly elected Associated Students of Highline Community College (ASHCC) officers, Kirk Elliott, Nasrin Noori and Santana Villa.

Each one of these three officers was elected by the students of Highline to serve the students of Highline.

It is well and good that each member of student government must complete a major project, but it is important to remember that the project should benefit the student body as a whole.

Perhaps it is finally time to finish the designated smoking areas proposal and present it to the Board of Trustees. There is talk of a new election method that may greatly increase the number of voters.

Former Student-at-Large Yenerma De Las Alas started an awareness month program that seems to have fallen by the wayside after the Breast Cancer awareness beginning. De Las Alas could use a helping hand in making the remaining months meaningful.

The students of Highline should benefit from a wide range of projects, and any project that would not benefit Highline students should be discarded as irrelevant immediately.

Tattoos today will be saggy tomorrow

That tattoo today won't look quite the same 50 years from now.

There has been a recent surge in body art in America's youth. Unfortunately, most of these students and young people never had the opportunity to see what a tattoo looks like on the sagging skin of a 70-year-old.

A thought today may save a lot of money for costly removal processes tomorrow.

Beyond the money, there is the tackiness factor. A cute catch phrase or animal drawn across someone's bum now, may be vulgar and gross just a few years down the road.

Safety is also an issue. Washington state currently has no safety guidelines for tattoo parlors. In other words, there is no guarantee and no way of being absolutely certain that any given parlor is disease free.

Tattoos may look good on some people when they are young, but aged skin wrinkles and the tattoo right along with it.

Letters to the Editor

Lockers won't work this time

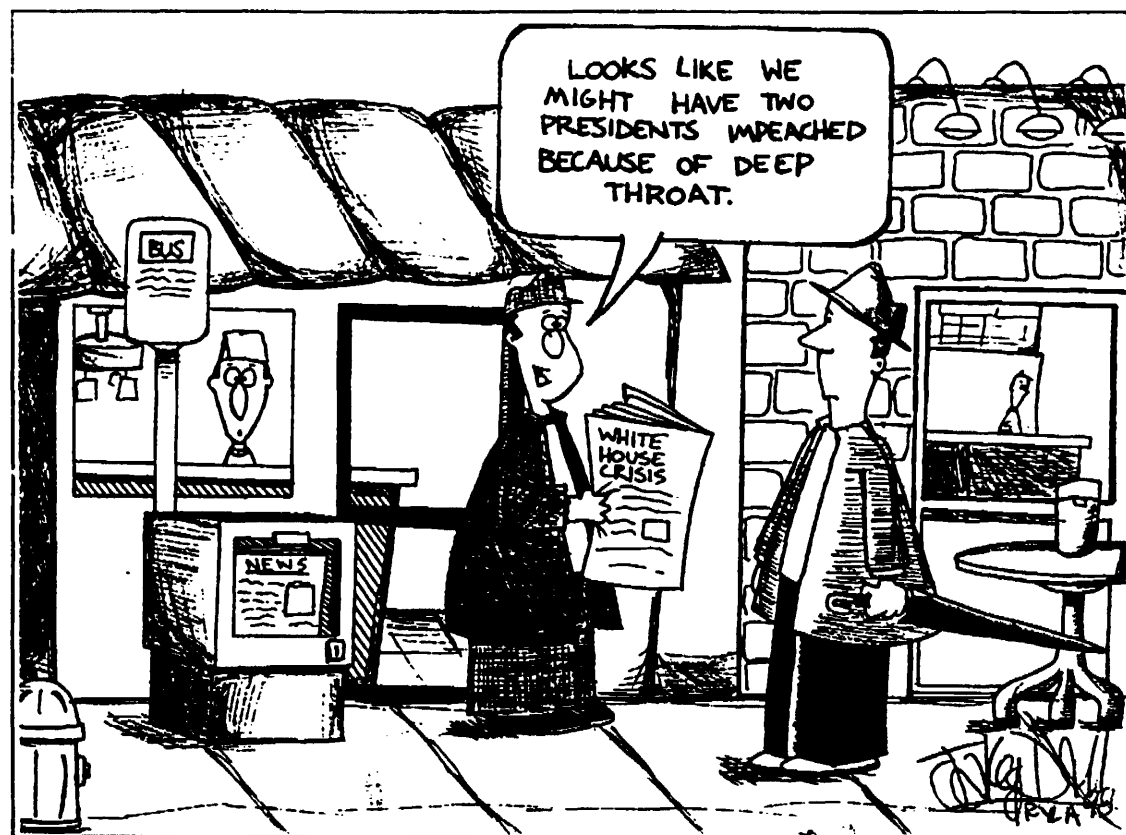
Dear Editor:

Thank you for your Jan. 15 article regarding the book bag tables at the Bookstore. It had become evident that we needed to do something to prevent the loss of personal property while students were in the bookstore. During a brainstorming session one of our part-time staff suggested the idea of tables staffed by an employee, and it seems to have worked wonderfully. We have received positive feedback from students, faculty and administrators. As a result we will continue to fine tune the system to make it as efficient as possible.

In your article you mentioned

the possibility of installing lockers that students could use that would either be free or offered at a nominal cost. As a matter of fact that has been done. About six years ago the Bookstore purchased a set of lockers which were installed just outside the store entrance. They were intended for use by students while they were in the bookstore shopping. The cost was only 25 cents which the student was refunded when he returned the key. Signs posted above the lockers requested a 15 minute time limit. This was a great concept in theory, but the reality was something quite different.

Students used the lockers to store things all day long making them unavailable for customers in the store. Keys were regular-



Looks and stares won't break hearts

I can feel Valentine's day coming like a splash of acid reflux.

In homage to that day of hearts, here is a tale of what a guy should not do to impress his maids o' merriment during this upcoming season.

Once there lived a boy, and his name was Chuck Wagon. Chuck was a strong, ox-like fellow, and he went to school just like his marmie told him.

But the Wagonmaster had one problem.

In his classes, Chuck Wagon gawked openly at the girlies.

He stared so much, some of the lassies wondered if his eyes were going to jump out of his thick old noggin and smack them in the cheek.

With a Valentine's day around the corner, our boy Chuckers thought he could get the hooks with one of the ladies afflicted with his heavy stare.

But alas, the damsels were much too annoyed with stinky

ly lost and the cost to replace them ran in the vicinity of \$5 each. In addition the lockers had to be cleaned out every day. The items, ranging from books to stale lunches and other more interesting things, were numbered in bags and turned into security. Eventually this became such a problem that the use of the lockers was discontinued and they were moved to the top floor of Building 8, where they sit to this day.

Yes the lockers are a great idea but the practical application falls somewhat short of an ideal solution.

We have been talking about refining the table idea with the use of some sort of numbered cubby hole rack. If you have any ideas please let us know. Thanks again for your wonderful article and we look forward to hearing from you.

The Bookstore Staff

Lisa's World



By Lisa Curdy

Chucklet to pay him any attention.

The coveted women o' Venus created a tally sheet of his badgering looks. Pages of tally sheets.

The girls decided that the only red carpet they'd get from

the peeping pond scum would be his big fat tongue hanging out of his gaping mouth.

So the girls banded together, much like the countries of the U.N., and shot Chuck Wagon a look that only a guy with problems could interpret--"look over here and die, caveboy."

So guys, Chuck lost out because of the uncouth staredown tactic he used to reel in the ladies.

Just avert your eyes, and let senior Valentine do his thang.

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By-law revision committee forms

By Andrew Campbell
Staff Reporter

The by-laws governing Highline students will soon look a bit different.

The Associated Students of Highline Community College (ASHCC) by-laws are going to be re-evaluated and updated.

This revision was prompted by the recent turnover in the student government, due to the

large number of resignations last quarter.

Once the flaw was pointed out and the by-laws began to be scrutinized, they that other parts of the by-laws might need to be revised.

Under the current by-laws, for example, if a government officer's grade point average falls below the 2.0 minimum they are supposed to be removed from office.

"The current by-laws are all black and white, there's no gray area," said ASHCC President Nelson Crisanto.

The Budget Review Committee is the committee being formed to review the by-laws.

The committee will evaluate the by-laws and refer findings to the Associated Council.

The decision, however, will ultimately be up to the Board of Trustees.

The committee's meetings will be every Monday 5-6:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 2 and lasting into April.

De Las Alas, committee chairwoman, is looking for six or more students to form the committee.

Any students interested in joining the committee should call De Las Alas in the student government office at (206) 878-3710, ext. 3315.

Emergency money gets you books

By Tammy Rowlan
Staff Reporter

You have worked the last of the overtime at your job or you have finally received your award letter from Financial Aid.

That may cover tuition, but now the question is, do I pay the phone bill or do I buy books?

A question similar to this is one all students at some point in their college career face.

Dean of Students Michael Grubiak is putting together book loan program.

The book loan program provides Highline students a line of credit to purchase books at the beginning of the quarter instead of when you can afford it.

This interest-free loan is available to students who have a means of repayment.

This could be either through a soon-to-be-received loan or paycheck from a job.

Grubiak feels this offers the best possible start for students.

The program started several years ago when the Financial Aid Office, Business Office and Bookstore wanted to develop a system to allow students the purchase power to have their books at the first of the quarter.

When the program never quite got off the ground, Grubiak decided to take matters into his own hands.

"Finally, I got mad," Grubiak said.

Fall of '97 saw the start of the program.

Highline had 122 students take advantage of this program, with a total of \$12,819 loaned.

Repayment is due before the following quarter, and out of the students, 7 students owing over \$100 have not paid to date.

These students are blocked from registration and class until repayment is received.

If not paid after 30 days into the following quarter, the bill goes to collection.

The importance of repayment was emphasized because the money is recycled after each quarter. There is no new money placed into the fund.

This program receives its funding from the Foundation, which is not state dollars.

To use the program, first visit Dean of Students office to get total book cost for your classes.

After receiving the cost of books, students must make a repayment plan with Grubiak.

When approved, the amount is placed in the system.

Students will have a line of credit within four hours.

"I think it's great. I would be lost with no books," student Greg Hanrayhan said.

Administration tries parking fix

By Christopher Louck
Staff Reporter

Four changes will be made to ease the current parking crunch at Highline this quarter.

Some students, however, are skeptical of the modifications.

Highline has approximately 1,690 parking spaces on campus and 2,864 people who have purchased parking permits.

Clearly, some people will remain unable to utilize parking spots on campus, but with the new changes, administration hopes this problem will lessen.

The first change for this quarter is the addition of 10 new carpool spots to the original 11.

These spots will be taken from 36 visitor spaces in the east lot.

Administration hopes free carpool permits and the increased available spaces will encourage carpooling.

Another change involves the day-care parent parking area in the north lot.

It will now be open to all permit holders after 11 a.m., adding 40 more parking spots.

Twenty of the 36 visitor parking spaces in east lot will be changed to allow faculty and staff to occupy them.

This alteration will leave six visitor spaces for any guests to use with a visitor pass, available in the security office.

The last of the four changes



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Faculty now has a reserved parking lot, complete with electronic gate and keypad.

are the addition of a new parking area for staff.

Starting Jan. 5, the two northernmost rows in the east parking

"We could give every person a parking spot, but people would still find something to complain about."

--Fred Harrison

lot are reserved for instructors with special permits.

These reserved permits will cost a total of \$50 per quarter, with a \$42 down and \$8 per quarter parking fee.

In order to ensure that this space will remain unoccupied,

the lot will have a keypad mechanism.

"Not all instructors are allowed to purchase a reserved space," said Richard Fisher, director of security and safety.

He explained that only those instructors whose schedule showed a need for reserved parking would be considered.

The estimated \$10,000 it cost to make the changes were taken from parking revenue.

Some people see the parking problem as irrelevant.

"I think that we could give every person a parking spot, but people would still find something to complain about," said instructor Fred Harrison.

But irrelevant or not, it's still irritating.

"I get here 45 minutes early so I can find a spot," said Yenerma De Las Alas, student

government vice president.

"Space is just limited," De Las Alas said.

Nelson Crisanto, student body president, was unimpressed by the plans.

"It sounds like they are trying to solve the problem for the staff and not focusing on the students," Crisanto said.

Administration admits that these changes may not affect the parking problems at Highline.

"We are just trying to meet the demand. This is just an experiment, we don't know if it will help," said Laura Saunders, vice president of admissions.

Your parking ideas may be given to Yenerma De Las Alas in the Student Government Office, in the upper level of Building 8.

Drivers beware: Car, tow saavy needed

By Jess Kelley
Staff Reporter

Driving safely on campus is required any time of the year, and so are up-to-date parking permits.

Winter traffic conditions are as hazardous as they get during the year, said Richard Fisher chief of Highline security.

Fisher also said too many drivers are going the wrong

way on the one-way drive through in front of the Administration Building.

To avoid traffic accidents, drivers should be careful and use extra caution while driving, he said.

Students at Highline also need to be aware that cars cannot park at Skippers or anywhere north (think McDonald's) of there, including Baskin Robbins and the Antique

Junktion.

Businesses are towing cars not belonging to customers.

According to the Skippers store manager, this problem has been going on for about 11 years and they are extremely upset about it.

Customer cars have even been towed by mistake as well, but there was no fine as a result.

Fisher said this is a serious problem, and cars will be im-

pounded and a \$150-200 fine will be imposed if your car is towed.

According to Fisher, your best bet would be to buy a college parking permit which costs \$8 per quarter for six or more registered credits or \$5 for six or less.

Another option is an alternative arrangement for transportation such as carpooling, or public transportation.

Funny is the word for this 'Phantom'

"Phantoms," a movie directed by Joe Chappelle, and based on the book of the well-respected author Dean Koontz, proved that you should definitely read the book, rather than

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By Christi Croft



see the movie.

In the beginning of the movie, Jennifer (Joanna Going) an overprotective, older sister, is taking her younger sister Lisa (Rose McGowan) to a small town in Colorado for a short vacation away from her alcoholic mother in L.A.

With the suspense starting early in the movie, the two sisters arrive in the small town of Snowfield, to find her housekeeper in cold blood at Jennifer's residence.

Get out your crackers, because here comes the cheese! Trying desperately to find at least one survivor, Jennifer and Lisa go into town, only to find body parts a plenty.

The first thing they notice are two hands perfectly cut off at the wrist, lying on the floor of a local bakery. Special effects could have been better.

Just then, the oven buzzer goes off. As the music climaxes, they walk slowly toward the oven, only to find four pies done to a golden brown. Oh, but wait, a couple seconds later two decapitated, bloody heads drop down from the top of the oven. (Laughter swept over the movie audience right then.)

And what would a scary movie be without a good-looking sheriff (Ben Affleck) to save the day. Also saving the day is Timothy Flyte, (Peter O'Toole) a news reporter from World Wide News, who is wanted by the phantoms so he can spread the word to the world about their wrath.

The movie was as predictable as an Ex-Lax pill, but I must say I did get a good laugh, and a decent jump out of it.

The scary music, the women going toward the noise in the closet instead of running away, yep, both are definitely some examples of a two star movie that you should only see at a matinee showing.

Christi Croft is the Arts Editor of the Thunderword. Her friends call her "Red Snappah."

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Ken Chorost



Floyd J. Phillips

FUNNY GUYS

Warning: Comedy Cafe promotes habitual laughing

By Matt Neigel
Staff Reporter

Team Highline is putting on their most popular quarterly event, the Comedy Cafe, Friday Feb. 6 in the Tazza espresso bar in Building 8.

If you are tired of coming to school and having your brain drained by your classes, you may want to check out the Comedy Cafe. From 6-8 p.m. you will be busting a gut to a couple of the best up and coming comedians.

Ken Chorost will open the show with his humorous performance leading up to the headlining act, Mr. Floyd Phillips. Phillips is one of the most promising comics working for West Coast Comedy Agency.

Comedy Cafe coordinator Touraan Smith encourages all to come.

"We have had good success with past Comedy Cafe's. Last quarter we had 122 people attend. These comics look pretty funny", Smith said.

Over the last six years, the Comedy Cafe has been one of the most popular events put on by Team Highline, but recently student attendance has dropped off while community attendance is on the

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Who said sequels were never any good?

By Alexis Easterbrook
Staff Reporter

The Really Big Art Show part II is coming to Highline Feb. 25, but it can't happen without you.

Students are encouraged to submit artwork in four general categories which are: sculpture/pottery, painting/drawing, jewelry, and photography.

You may even win a prize if you enter, last quarter there were 80 entries and 12 winners.

Any and all students who have art work to display are welcome to enter their work Feb. 2-23 at the Team Highline office located in Building 8 on the top floor.

The show is scheduled for viewing on Feb. 25th between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The second showing is scheduled to appear from 5-7 p.m. Both are in the Union Bay room located in Building 8.

During the art show, day and evening students will be

encouraged to vote for their favorite piece of art. Remember, students have a big part in deciding the winners.

Although the prize has not yet been confirmed, there will be awards in each of the four categories.

"I thought that more recognition for student artists was needed," said Rachel Thorn, Team Highline.

Thorn says you can expect a quarterly review of student art for as long as she is part of Team Highline.

Being a member of Team Highline, Thorn wants to organize more creative outlets for students.

She also has plans for an open mic night of poetry readings written by the students, possibly scheduled in February.

Thorn encourages students with ideas for campus activities to stop by and submit them to Team Highline in Building 8.

"The door is always open," she said.

Find diversity in your food

By Nancy Milstid
Staff Reporter

Four of Highline's diverse clubs will be hosting an International Food Festival on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

"The clubs want to do this as a fund-raiser," Denny Stuessy, an advisor for the project, said.

The International Club will offer a variety of dishes from

Japan, Korea, and Indonesia. Many other clubs will bring food and beverages popular in other parts of the world. The average plate will cost \$3 to \$4.

Serving will begin at 11 a.m., with an entertainment segment starting at around noon. The festival will be 45 minutes. It will be held in Building 8 in the Student Lounge, and will end at 1 p.m.



Photo by Van Redin

Robert Duvall as the Apostle E.F. in 'The Apostle.' 'The Apostle,' cheap film uplifts movie lovers' morale

By Liz Doolittle
Staff Reporter

"The Apostle," written and directed by Robert Duvall, wonderfully illustrates that in a time of Waterworlds and Titanics, great movies can be made for less than the Gross National Product.

The story begins in Texas where a wonderfully vibrant and charismatic Pentecostal preacher, Sonny, (Robert Duvall) finds his life in disarray when his wife Jesse (Farrah Fawcett) leaves him for the church's youth minister, Horace (Todd Allen).

His wife then uses the church by-laws to vote him out of the church.

Left without the comfort of his wife, children, and place in the church community, Sonny, in a moment of rage, hits Horace with a baseball bat.

Sonny quickly leaves town aware that his victim is near

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death.

He then travels to the small town of Bayou Boutte, Louisiana, where he baptizes himself the Apostle E.F.

He attempts to start a new life by rebuilding a church, and spreading the "word" at a local radio station.

The director of photography, Barry Markowitz, also directed the Academy Award winning film "Sling Blade."

Markowitz used a unique film style combining actors selected expressly for their personal church experience, which produced a very up close and personal atmosphere.

If you have a genuine appreciation for film, this movie is well worth seeing.

"The Apostle" is rated PG-13 and runs 130 minutes.

The movie opens Friday, Jan. 30 at the Egyptian Theatre.

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By TRACY WILCOXEN
and NELSON CRISANTO
Inside Scoop

Most students think Highline prepares them to go to a four-year college. College officials say that's their goal.

According to a recent survey of 100 students, 70 percent of the students are satisfied with Highline, 18 percent are not satisfied, and 12 percent are uncertain, mostly due to not being here long enough.

The students think Highline prepares them by providing a good learning atmosphere, through smaller classes with a better chance of having one-on-one contact with the instructors.

"Highline provides an educational environment with smaller classes and more dedicated instructors than a larger institution," one anonymous student said. The majority of Highline students agree that smaller classes are more productive.

"I have attended SPU, UW, and Bellevue and I must say I haven't experienced the sincerity in teachers that I have found at Highline," said another student, Angel Gillis.

The students think Highline could improve by providing more information about four-year schools, booklets explaining information about what classes transfer to different colleges, and the requirements for students to transfer into a four-year college.

"More communication between four-year colleges and Highline, for example like Internet access to answer questions, more brochures and having four-year applications available on Campus," one student said.

Students also think Highline provides adequate counseling for transfer students. The college makes sure students take the required classes for transfer to a four-year college.

"Highline is easier if you have a two-year degree to transfer, but Highline has a guideline for students to follow depending

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on your goals," an anonymous student said.

Educational Planner Siew Lai Lilley says that Highline offers more transfer help than people are aware.

In addition to advising students as to what classes to take, the Educational Planning Center offers a variety of college catalogues, internet access, and even free phone calls to colleges and universities.

"We encourage them [Highline students] to utilize the EPC and to make appointments with the advisors," Lilley said.

Lilley says that a lot of the students at Highline are pretty enthusiastic about school. She says that visiting prospective schools, contacting the intended department, and working closely with an advisor, helps students in the transfer process.

"I do see students who come back after they transfer, and a lot of them seem to be doing very

well," Lilley said.

Other students aren't sure that Highline is offering the best transfer-oriented education.

"Some of the staff are not equipped for that awesome responsibility," said Sarah Thayer.

"I am not really being challenged enough here," said Running Start student Heather Purdy.

"When I first got to Berkeley, I felt completely lost," said Marlene Clark, a former Highline student, "I was com-

pletely overwhelmed."

Still others say it's not the school, it's the student's approach. "I feel that it's the student's responsibility to do the necessary preparation in order to compete at the university level," said Menna Tesfatsion, student said.

Nonetheless, college officials can point to statistics that show, on average, Highline students do well when they transfer to four-year schools.

Concerned about the college's year-to-year retention rate, however, officials are trying to ensure that students succeed at Highline so that they can succeed somewhere else, down the road.

Some classes already try to do that. College Survival (College 101) aims to help student learn how to pick classes that will fulfill the requirements necessary in order to receive an AA degree and how to pick advisers.

College 101 is offered as a three-credit class, but unfortunately not many students take advantage of this class.

"People would take this classes if they knew it transferred," said Margo Buchan, academic adviser for athletics.

With Buchan as educational den mother, the Athletic Department claims a 90 percent graduation rate for its student athletes.

When they do finish, Highline students often do better at four-year schools than the students who started at those schools as freshmen.

"Students come out prepared," said Donna Webber, senior secretary for the Dean of Instruction.

The college also has gone so far as to make contracts with most colleges and universities in Washington, who will automatically take students with AA degrees as junior-status students. That frees students from having to take the four-year school's basic requirements.

Reporters Christopher Louck and Alex Credgington contributed to this story.



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You go, girl: Apply to schools now

By MEGAN MOOERS
Inside Scoop

Prospective transfer students: Ignore the deadlines and get your applications in now. Most four-year schools in Washington evaluate them on a first come, first serve basis.

According to statistics recently published in the South County Journal, Highline's in-state transfer rate is 48 percent, which is shy of the state goal of 67 percent. Although application deadlines are often less stringent for transfer students than for freshmen, applicant pools are growing and space is limited.

Procrastination may prevent qualified students from being accepted to the school of their choice. Imagine being forced to attend a second-rate school due to a lack of timeliness.

If you are planning to attend Western Washington University, never fear. All applications for fall of 1998 must be received by April 1, but they are pooled so that all applicants have an equal opportunity for acceptance. Those who are, will know within six weeks after the deadline.

Eastern Washington, Seattle, and Pacific Lutheran Universities all offer rolling admission, meaning they accept applications year-round.

To be considered for admission this fall you must submit your application by late August, although PLU will accept applications until classes begin Sept. 8.

Students applying to The Evergreen State College or the University of Puget Sound must apply by March 1. Both schools are first-come, first served, and those accepted will be notified within about four weeks.

The deadline for the University of Washington and Seattle Pacific University is April 15.

Students, who put too much faith into higher education and its promises for a better future, may wind up disappointed.

According to a recent survey only 39 percent of Highline students attend college to gain a sense of direction, while a whopping 57 percent say they are motivated by monetary gain.

"I'm a year away from



Alyssa Pfau

graduating and instead of being excited I'm depressed, I just don't know where I'm going in life," said Brett, a student at the University of Washington, whose tired of working a dead-end job.

When I listened to my friend Brett tell me about his frustrations with school, I wanted to help. I wanted to give him a solution but I knew there was no solution I could give. Only he could decide his destiny.

His frustrations really made me think about my own reality. Did I truly know where I was going in life, and what was an education worth anyway?

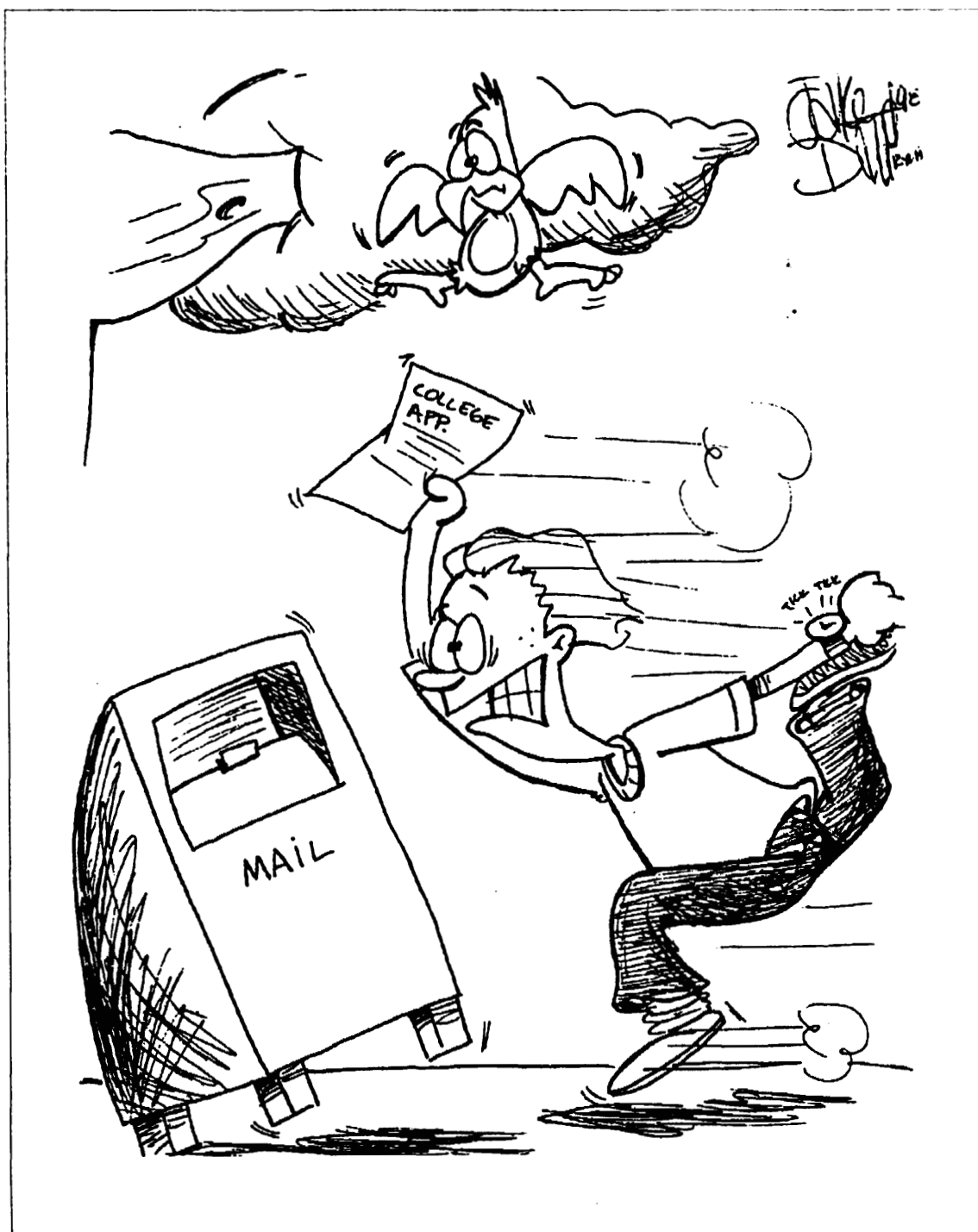
The conclusion I arrived at was that higher education serves two main purposes. The first is to teach discipline and responsibility, and the second is to help students gain a sense of direction.

It disturbs me that so many students see college as the road to wealth and riches. If students today are going to school to learn how to make lots of money, what will become of our nation? Yes, we will be a nation of highly educated people, but we probably won't care enough to make a difference in the field we are educated in.

As a student, one must strive for more than economic stability, because there is so much more to life than money.

Something's out there for everyone, but it is only those people who are willing to seek out their niche, that truly make a difference.

Alyssa Pfau is editor of Inside Scoop magazine.



If you are applying to SPU and will not need financial aid, you may apply until Sept. 1. Be aware that the UW does not admit transfer students during winter quarter so you must begin in the fall. Notification of acceptance should be received in about a month.

For those seeking admission to Central Washington or Washington State University, you have until May 1. You can expect your letter of acceptance in 10

days to three weeks.

All of these Washington state colleges have application fees attached. Most are \$35, except UPS (\$40) and SU (\$45). Siew Lai Lilley, an educational planner at Highline, says that you can often waive the application fee if you expect to receive financial aid. Simply write the school a brief letter explaining your circumstances.

If you have any questions about transfers, the Educational

Planning Center is open Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students can get help completing their applications and evaluating their progress. Information on in-state as well as out-of-state colleges is available to students, and they can even make calls to the schools of their choice to ask questions. No appointment is necessary. You can also reach the center at 206-878-3710, ext. 3584.

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Story by Inside Scoop Staff
Central stays small

Students at various four-year colleges generally like what they're paying for, but most say something always could be better.

David Schultz likes most things about Central Washington University.

He has a four-year degree in psychology from Whitman University but is going to Central to receive his master's degree in Human Resources. He is not happy with some of the classes he has to take to finish his master's, but thinks the teachers are knowledgeable about the subjects they are presenting.

Schultz says that Whitman was a harder college all around. The best thing about Central is that he lives by himself, closer to Seattle, classes on Saturday instead of the middle of the week, and soon he'll be done.

The worst thing about Central is that it is out in the middle of nowhere, though it's still better than Walla Walla, Schultz says. With graduation around the corner, soon he will and graduation is coming around the corner, so he will have to start paying off all his loans.

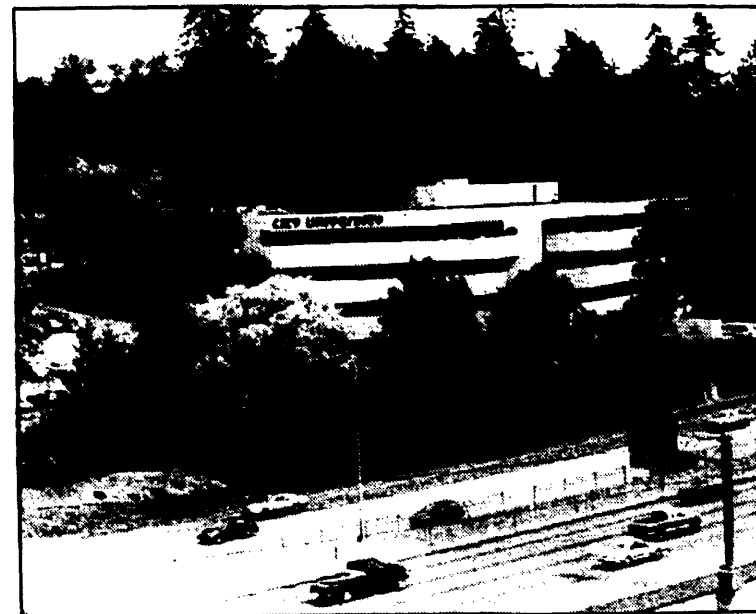
Overall he thinks Central Washington University is a good school and you are able to focus a lot better than going to the University of Washington because there are not a lot of things to do around Central except work at a fast food place and study hard.

**Pacific Lutheran:
 Small, expensive**

Jorguen Senon is an aspiring student at Pacific Lutheran University.

Being a graduate from Clover Park High School in Tacoma, he decided to go to school close to home.

He doesn't know what he is going to major in but he does know that he loves singing and that is the main reason he went



City University's scenic headquarters in Bellevue.

there.

Tuition seems to be a problem though. "Well since it costs a million dollars to go here, I thought that it would be all spiffy and cool looking, but geez Western looks better than this school," Senon said. He is paying for school with financial aid right now.

The classes are small which is typical of a private four-year school. "The class sizes are nice and small so each person gets a lot of individual attention," Senon said.

**Wazoo: the yin and
 yang of higher ed**

At Washington State University in Pullman the pros are often also the cons.

"The fact that WSU is in the middle of nowhere is both the best and worst thing about WSU," WSU student Eric Seo said.

There is a friendly, small town atmosphere, and there are few distractions because the university is almost the only thing in Pullman. Spokane is within driving distance, and your parents are clear across the state, WSU student Jennifer Kehle said.

On the other hand, unless you want to drive to Spokane (or Moscow!), or really enjoy looking at wheat fields then there isn't much to do outside

of the university, Kehle said. She added that it gets much colder in Pullman than it does west of the mountains.

Some of the best programs at WSU are Education, the Restaurant program, communications, and athletics, students said.

What sets WSU apart from other state universities is the amount of alcohol consumed.

"We consume more alcohol than 75 percent of all other universities," Seo said.

Washington State University, recently put on the map by their astounding football team, does have other notable aspects to take into consideration.

Lisa Richardt, a sophomore at WSU and communications major, enjoys the rambunctious social scene that the school offers, she is a member of the Chi Omega Sorority. "The Greek system is a big part of WSU's campus and has made getting involved with the university more accessible."

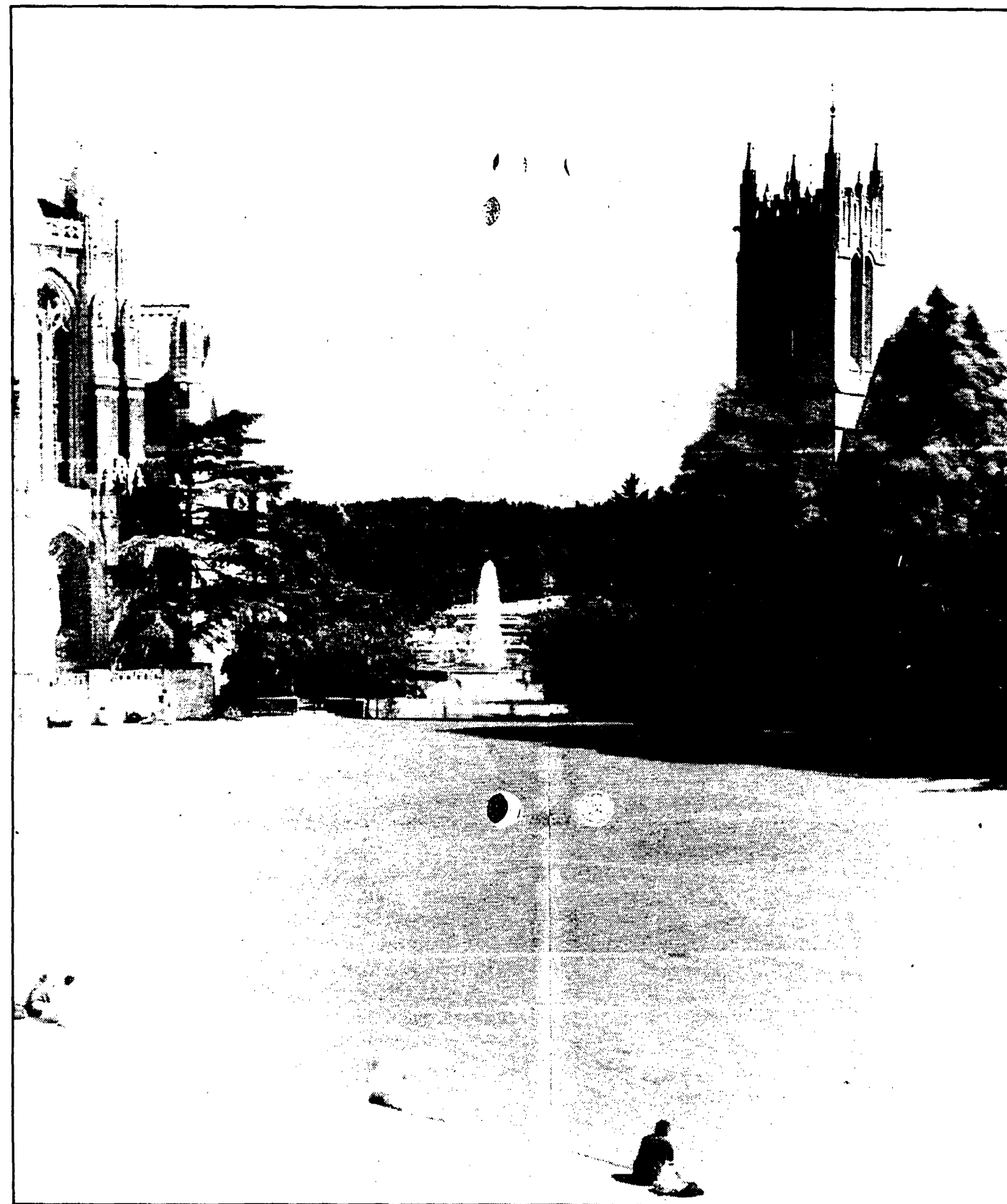
The communications program at WSU is highly ranked among universities throughout the nation. Class sizes range from as small as 15 to as large as 60 within the communications department. General classes hold up to 300 students.

"The professors at WSU are flexible to students' needs. They are always available to help a



Fischer Fountain graces the center of Red Square at Western Washington.

MY OLD SCHOOL



The view from the University of Washington sometimes is stunning.

Students at four-year schools assess the good and the bad of college

student out, as long as you ask them," said Richardt.

School spirit is another strong asset to WSU. Cougar fans are everywhere and represent themselves proudly in crimson and gray. "It offers a sense of belonging," Richardt says, "which is nice because many of us are very close to home."

The cost to attend WSU is average for a school of its caliber, but is priced slightly less expensive than its rival, University of Washington. "I'm lucky that my parents are able to contribute to the cost of my education," said Richardt, "and what they can't pay, I take out in loans from Financial Aid."

**Western wins
 beauty contest**

Maybe no other school in the state sits so close to natural splendor as does Western Washington University in Bellingham.

Students there say the school caters to those who love the outdoors. Mt. Baker, the San Juan Islands, Bellingham Bay, and Beautiful British Columbia are all a hop, skip, and jump away.

"It's a beautiful campus," Western student Katie Cassity said. She added that everything is close together and fairly easy to find.

Most students agree that the

undergraduate programs offered by the college were all fairly strong. However, some of the programs that Western is known for include: education, environmental science, technical programs, psychology, business, music, and journalism.

"If you come to Western for any undergraduate program offered you'll finish with a reputable degree," Cassity said.

Cassity went to Highline Community College before transferring to Western. For the duration of her first quarter at Western she lived on campus in the dorms.

"I think that living on campus is important as a transfer student because it helps you get

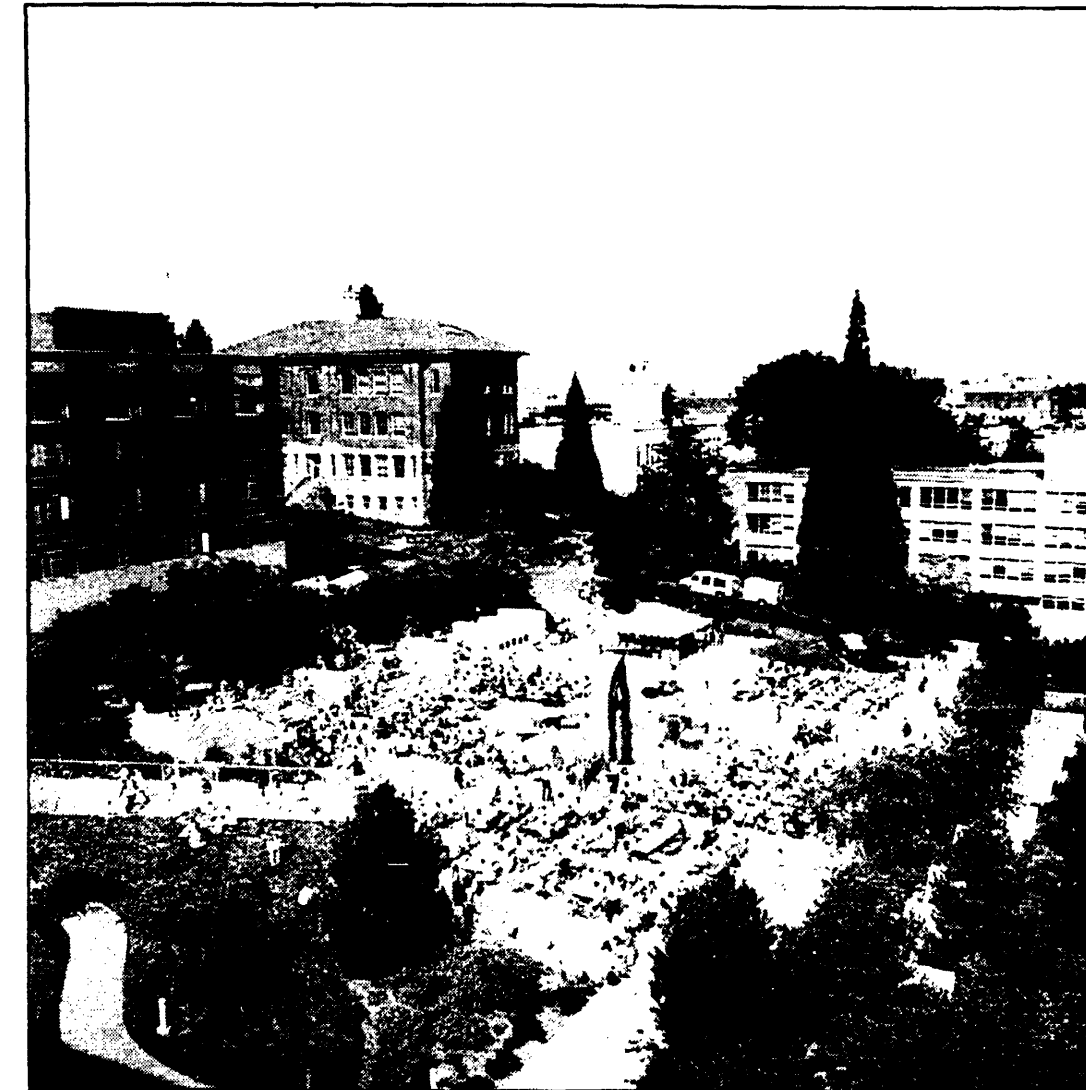
connected to the campus," Cassity said.

Upper classmen dorms are also available, which is nice for transfer students, said Western student Jennifer Brockmiller.

Overall students felt that Western was very laid back and culturally diverse.

But beauty isn't everything. "Western is a beautiful campus, but the thing that I don't like about the campus is that there is not as much excitement as in other cities," said student Tina Choi.

There are numerous things to do in and around Western. "Sehome Hill Arboretum is right on campus. Mt. Baker is minutes away, and so is the Ca-



Seattle University holds down one end of Capitol Hill.

nadian border. Downtown (Bellingham) there are cool shops, cafes, and museums," Choi said.

"There are occasional bands that play on or around campus. Bellis Fair Mall is minutes away, but the number one activity is just hanging out," Choi said.

Choi is a freshman at Western Washington University this year. Her major is English Education. She likes the classes that she has been taking so far but hasn't had the chance to get to know many teachers as of yet.

"The naturalness on campus, the arts, and the fact that the college is a nice size, (not too big, not too small), makes Western stand out from other four year universities around the state," Choi said.

**Seattle Pacific:
 Get the checkbook**

Seattle Pacific University is an expensive university. Tuition alone is about \$14,200 a year, said Stacy Rice, a student at SPU.

Despite the high tuition rates, SPU which is a small private liberal arts university, has a lot to offer, say students.

Small class sizes are what students get in exchange for the debt acquired going to school at SPU. Class sizes in a major can be as small as five, but the average size is about 20, Geoffrey Ping, a 1997 SPU graduate said.

"You can get a good education wherever you go depend-

ing on your initiative, but with small class sizes it's easy to get assistance from professors when you need it," Ping said.

"Seventy-five percent of the professors knew me by name," he said.

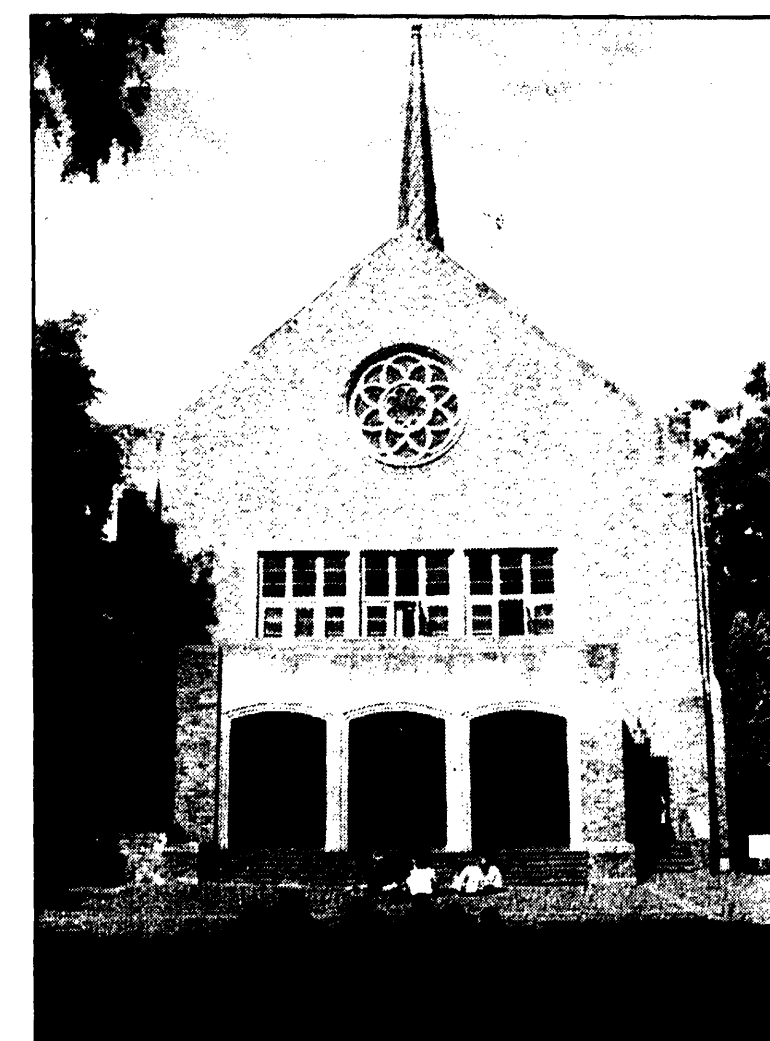
Ping recommends that students try to live on campus for at least one quarter. There are university apartments available for students who don't like to live in dorms and are nice for upperclassmen.

"Anytime you commute you are not as evolved," Ping said.

For religious students, another plus is the fact that they can freely discuss their faith in the classroom, knowing that their opinion will be respected, Rice said.

"The only negative to a small school like SPU is that you do not have the wide range

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The Chapel at Pacific Lutheran University.

Students look for quality colleges

By CHRISTOPHER LOUCK
Inside Scoop

Highline students say a high quality education is the key factor in choosing a college, according to a recent survey.

Finding that all-important good education rated at a towering 63 percent on the qualities desired by Highline students in their next college of choice. Bumping free room and board off unsuspecting relatives and living close to college tied for second place.

Out of the 93 students interviewed, 75 plan to transfer to a four-year institution. Those students who didn't plan on transferring generally had a bachelor's degree already.

The University of Washington was the unquestioned champion when it came to which institution Highline students want to transfer. Central was close behind as a weak second while WSU and Western barely hung on with one percent of the students support.

Some interesting colleges to show up on the survey were Stanford, the University of Southern California, and the University of Hawaii, each only having a single vote.

Highline students have their work cut out for them. With the preferred major being science, students will no doubt be studying late hours and cramming like mad to stay ahead in this competitive field. Education and business majors trailed by a near 10 votes.

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Private colleges such as Pacific Lutheran tout their smaller class sizes, but also are more expensive.

Students deliver good reports on schools

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of class selections that you have at the University of Washington, but the small class sizes more than make up for that," Rice said.

SPU is best known for its education, nursing, and business programs, students say.

"SPU is the best four-year university because the entire campus is like a close knit family, student Lisa Kenady said. "The small campus makes it easier to really get to know people. There are only approximately 40 people in my classes, so it makes it easier to know them than it would have been at a huge university."

Kenady's major is in Vocal Music. The reputation of this program was one of the main reason's she chose SPU as the university that she wanted to attend.

"Because SPU is a private, Christian college, it is not only more expensive, but much more challenging than other universities, so I wasn't sure if I'd like it. I was able to pay the tuition and fees with scholarships, financial aid, parent and student loans, and my savings. But in the end, it was definitely worthwhile. The teachers care a lot for their students and we get lots of one-on-one time with them," Kenady said.

UW is big and bad

The reputation of the University of Washington is what causes many students to choose to attend there after receiving their AA degree.

"I chose to attend UW because I knew that after I graduated I could get a job almost

anywhere because of the great reputation that the UW has," said Stephanie Seibert.

The University of Washington is known all over the world for its achievements in science and medicine. "At first I went there because I knew they had an excellent Science program and I wanted to major in Biology. But I've found that they have tons of programs, and all of them are excellent," said Siebert, who is majoring in urban forestry.

Many people think that because UW is such a large college, that the students get little or no one-on-one time with their professors. This is not always the case according to Siebert.

"I was really surprised with the amount of caring that the teachers show to their students. They really want to get to know the students and are very willing to help with anything they can," she said.

Basic education classes seat around 200 students, however, in the more specialized classes, there are around 40.

"The teachers have such a huge amount of knowledge in their area of study it is incredible. They have lots of stories to tell that make the class fun and interesting, as well as informative and educational," Siebert said.

Whitman: Harvard of the Palouse?

Academics is what Whitman University is known for, student Erica Morley said.

"We have a really strong psychology major and many of our graduates go on to grad school."

Morley's major is biology with a minor in sports medi-

cine and another minor in education.

"The biology classes are OK, . . . but intro to sports medicine classes are awesome, and so are the professors. Education classes are good and the teachers are fun," Morley said.

"There is plenty to do around campus. Our athletic facility just got remodeled and our weight room is awesome. We have all kinds of clubs and organizations," Morley said.

"Around school is not so exciting, but Bluewood ski area is an hour away, which offers cheap skiing. The Tri-Cities is about an hour away," Morley said.

Morley pays for college through scholarship and a college fund that her parents had set up for her.

"There are no scholarships given out for sports, so pretty much everyone here is intelligent, a nice change from high school," Morley said.

Eastern: Small, cozy, far, far away

Kerry Casey, a student at Eastern Washington University, said that what attracted her most to Eastern was the small classes and the strong elementary education program.

Casey's smallest class had nine students, however, the average class size is 30-40 students, she said.

There are no scholarships given out for sports, so pretty much everyone here is intelligent, a nice change from high school.

-- Erica Morley, Whitman student

Eastern has a lot of good programs, said Casey, but some of the stronger programs include physical therapy, business, and education.

"The teachers are very knowledgeable, many are coming right out of the elementary education field," said Casey, whose intended major is elementary education.

Casey has been attending Eastern for two years and says that she has only had two classes that she disliked. Almost all her teachers have been great and willing to work with her outside of class.

"There is always something going on around Eastern," Casey said. Cheney is a small town but Spokane is only a 15-minute drive from campus. If there is nothing on campus there is always something going on in Spokane, said Casey.

Downtown Spokane has a lot of attractions. The opera house, hockey, baseball, and even The Old Spaghetti Factory are all popular activities.

For those who love the mountains, skiing, hiking, and camping areas are all within an hour driving distance.

Casey recommends that new students consider living on campus because it helps you to meet a lot of new people. The Greek system at Eastern is available to transfer students and is a good way to get involved right away, said Casey.

"When I first came to Eastern I lived in the dorms and that is where I made the majority of my friends," Casey said.

Ship of scholars awaits students

By ALYSSA PFAU
Inside Scoop

Many students seem to think that scholarships are for students who have excellent academic achievements or who excelled in athletics; however, according to college officials this is not necessarily true.

"Many of the scholarships do not stress academic excellence," said Cynthia Rinehardt of Highline's Financial Aid office.

"Some scholarships are set up for people who have gone through a lot of trouble, others are focused towards a certain degree," Rinehardt said.

Rinehardt says that a lot of effort goes into the process of finding and applying for scholarships.

The Financial Aid office at Highline has a number of different scholarships posted and updated regularly for students who plan to transfer to a four-year university.

Applications for all scholarships are posted on the bulletin board outside the office, and are available inside. This is a definite time saver, because it cuts out the initial process of requesting an application, said Rinehardt.

Rinehardt also suggest that students call the financial aid

office of the school they plan on attending to get a list of scholarships available through that particular school.

The library is also a great place to look for scholarships.

Several education books are available under resources, and scholarship books are among them.

Librarian Karen Fernandez recommends that students make a list of all their personal characteristics before coming in.

Characteristics might include: daughter of a veteran, minority, religion, hobbies, community service, leadership skills, and ethnic background, to name a few.

"The index of the books becomes very important," Fernandez said.

Having a list of personal characteristics on hand can make the index much more user friendly, she said.

The listed criteria is something else to be leery of, Fernandez said.

It is important to read all the criteria carefully, otherwise you might end up spending a whole lot of time on a scholarship you're not eligible for.

Once you have found the scholarships you think you are eligible for, contact the donor



directly, Fernandez said.

A phone call or form letter can be sent requesting further information and an application.

"The process may seem time consuming, however, if you consider how much money you could possibly get the amount of time spent is minimal," Fernandez said.

The Internet is another place

to look for scholarships, Fernandez said.

The sight HYPERLINK <http://www.collegeplan.org> has links to many different sights on the web, including the fast web scholarship search site.

Students at Highline seem to like the fast web scholarship search because it automatically sorts through the criteria of each

scholarship for you.

It also updates you on new scholarships through your e-mail, said one student.

Fernandez recommends that students verify all information found on the Internet.

She also says that students should be leery of anyone who wants to charge money to find scholarships for you.

Transfer students beware: Some schools may not take you

By NANCY MILSTID
Inside Scoop

An associate of arts degree earned at Highline does not transfer to all universities.

Although most in Washington state do accept transfer students through the direct transfer agreement, transferring to the University of Puget Sound is less automatic.

Students need to fill out a special form in applying to this school.

University of Puget Sound looks at student's AA degree course by course, and students must fulfill the general university requirements, or GUR.

Also, since out-of-state colleges don't have transfer agreements with Highline, they do not always take transfer students.

Students should check with their institution of choice for more information, said Siew Lai Lilley, an educational planner at Highline.

Although Highline requires a minimum grade point average of 2.0 to graduate, some four-year schools have higher standards.

The University of Washington demands a GPA of 2.7 for accepting transfer students who have earned an AA.

Students transferring who have not

graduated from Highline must turn in scores from either the SAT or the ACT.

All students must also include grades from other colleges attended.

The college will determine where they stand in the running, based on their GPA and whether they have earned their AA.

"With an AA, they look at the whole package," educational adviser Nga Pham said.

Classes taken that aren't put toward an AA are looked at individually, and need to be classes that are also offered at that university.

Associate of Arts degrees earned with an emphasis for a certain major may have a greater chance of getting into that major, Lilley said.


Space is limited in some majors, such as communications and economics.

Competition is very tough, as students who do get accepted in these majors tend to have higher GPAs, she said.

If planning to go to a private school, religion courses may be needed and usually must be taken at that school, Lilley said.

Most community colleges don't offer those classes.

Students are not guaranteed a spot in a university if they have earned their AA.



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By JULIE ELLER
Inside Scoop

Transferring to a four-year university might not be as hard as students think, experts say. It is not just about grades, SAT scores, or two-year transfer degrees.

So what makes college students or future college students really stand out in their applications sent to four-year universities?

"Universities today are looking for leadership skills, community involvement, clubs, personal hardships or even if you are first generation college student in your family," said Siew Lai Lilley, educational planner for Highline.

"Many students always come to me worried that they don't

have any leadership or community involvement background. Students tend to feel that their involvement must take place in high school or college. Students, somewhere in their life, have done something good for the community or have been involved in something," Lilley said.

Officials at colleges and universities around the Puget Sound said they look for applicants who make themselves stand out from the rest. Most four-year schools want strong personal statements, another word for those so-called essays.

Essay questions asked on the Seattle Pacific University application are: What contributions can you make to Seattle Pacific? Why would you benefit from going to Seattle Pacific? Why would you benefit

from being in a Christian environment?

Christy Thwing of Seattle Pacific University counseling said that the university looks for a combination of leadership skills, community involvement, a constant GPA, and any extracurricular activities a student has done.

Besides personal statements, colleges and universities look for strengths in students such as involvement in extracurricular activities, a consistent GPA, and, most of all, willingness to achieve anything they set their minds to. Many colleges and universities around the Puget Sound area all wanted the same qualities in students.

Staff members at the colleges and universities want to get to know the students one-on-one. This means that they want to find out what each individual student needs in order to be successful.

Universities today are looking for leadership skills, community involvement, clubs, personal hardships or even if you are first generation college student in your family.

-- Siew Lai Lilley

Visit prospective new school first

By DENISE M. GLOSTER
Special to Inside Scoop

Almost any adviser or educational planner will tell you that you should visit the school to which you intend to transfer. By visiting, you can get more details on admission and program requirements.

Community college students should also have a strong understanding of the AA transfer degree and how to fill requirements of the two-year and four-year school simultaneously. Simply earning a two-year degree will not guarantee Junior standing.

It is important for students to understand that they must meet admission requirements and departmental requirements in order to transfer to a major four-year school. Also, students should be aware of graduation requirements at the four-year university.

The AA transfer degree requires that students earn 90 quarter credits, but it may take more than 90 credits to complete all necessary requirements.

Still, the four-year schools will only count 90 credits when you transfer.

If transferring to the University of Washington it is important to know that they will not

give you credit for any Office Occupation classes. Another inside tip is



that **Gloster**

Western Washington University will not accept any CR/NC graded courses. A few standard tips would include: know your deadlines, apply early, and learn about costs.

Students should speak with advisors on a regular basis. Come to the Educational Planning Center or meet with your faculty advisor. Successfully navigating our educational system is an on going process. The best tip we can give students is to take responsibility for learning what they need to know.

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Espresso is good, I like it a latte

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I visited Starbucks at the

Mr. Food



By Scott Murray

Midway Crossing, Amy's Espresso at the Midway Fred Meyer, and Flying Eagle Espresso at SeaTac Airport.

I asked the baristas for what I call "war stories," including the type of particular espresso the subjects at hand ordered.

I hope this attempt at storytelling will make you, as well myself, chuckle, guffaw, and chortle just a little bit at the ludicrousness of it all.

Story one: A lady with a deep, sonorous voice, [read] "a transvestite," frequents the Starbucks at the Midway Crossing. Not only is "she" a transvestite, but also an obvious bodybuilder. "Her" espresso drink of choice is a quadruple shot, grande, nonfat, extra vanilla, extra caramel, with four Equals dispersed within.

"Sachay, shante, shante, shante, shante," move over Rupaul!

Story two: An older couple, who appear to be in their seventies, are yachters and regulars at Starbucks. They enter the store everytime dressed head-to-foot in all white attire.

And what is amusing is that the older woman usually wears a white mini-skirt. The husband's drink of choice is a double-tall, nonfat, cappuccino. The wife's preference is a tall, light, vanilla latte, with a little, "FOOF," [read] foam. Don't patronize me you young whipper snappers!

Story three: (this particular story, however, is not strange.) An infamous Kent judge, name not given, "is a short, little, humble Japanese woman," said Joan, a barista at Starbucks. This judge presided over the Mary Latourneau case, and is a regular who orders Earl Grey tea everytime.

"She is a very calm, mellow and neat person," Joan said. Espresso overruled. I rule for the defendant, Earl Grey.

Scott Murray is Mr. Food, he's also an avid fan of polka dancing. Don't worry, he doesn't wear a skirt.

Hip-hop night invades campus

By Saron Hansen
Staff Reporter

Don't miss out on your chance to see local music groups reveal their talents at Hip Hop, R&B night, sponsored by Team Highline.

The event will take place in the upper level of Building 8, on

Friday, Jan. 30 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

"We're looking forward to a big turnout," said Team Highline's Menna Tesfatsion, "all the events I have put on have a good turnout, so I'm sure this will be the same."

Some of the events include Hot Dogs of Highline and Club

Highline.

There will be around seven groups performing at the event.

B-Mellow, an area DJ will also be playing hit Hip Hop and R&B songs for all attendees to move and groove to.

The cost to attend Hip Hop, R&B night will be \$3. All proceeds will go to Team Highline.

Get out of the house

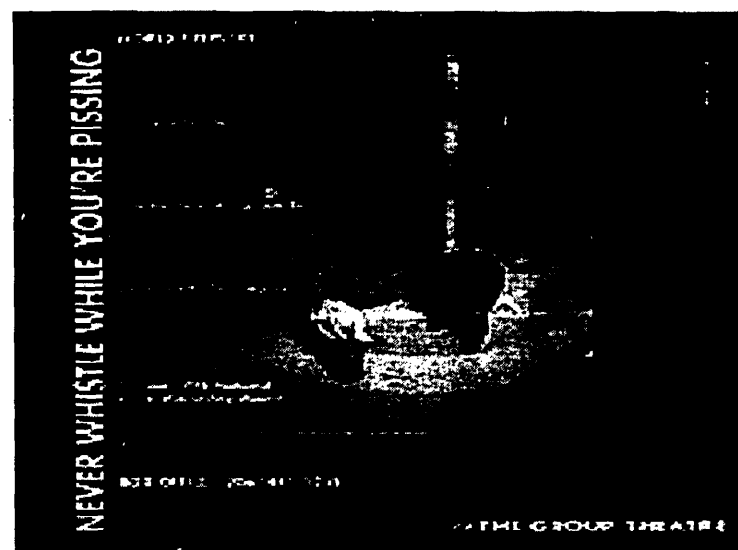
Calling all entries!!! The Really Big Art Show II entries will be collected starting Monday, Feb. 2. The deadline for all entries will be on Monday, Feb. 23. Entry forms will be available upstairs in Building 8. The Really Big Art Show II will be held on Feb. 26 from 10 a.m.-3p.m., and 5-7 p.m. in Building 8. Prizes will be given to winners, so enter now!

Team Highline presents: The Hip Hop and R&B Talent Show on Friday, Jan. 30 from 9 p.m.-2 a.m. in Building 8. Watch Highline students get their groove on!

In the mood for international food? Now is your chance to calm your craving. **The International Food Festival and Sale** will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Did you know that everytime you laugh, you burn 14 calories? Help your New Year's resolution become a reality by going to the **Comedy Cafe!** Yes, its back, two comedians, and one heck of a show! This event will be held Friday, Feb. 6 in Building 8 at 8 p.m. at Tazza Espresso. Tickets are \$5 in advance, and \$7 at the door. Plenty of tickets available!

So, what do you get when you have a handful of local bands playing in the Building 8 lounge, Friday, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m.? **The Mass Cool Concert Series!!!** Don't forget to mark



this on your calendar. Tickets will be available at the door.

Team Highline presents: Winter Movie Mania Feb. 17-19 at 2 p.m. in Building 8. The movie featured will be Ghosts of Mississippi. Why rent it? Go and see it with all you pals right here at Highline!

The Group Theatre presents: "Never Whistle While You're Pissing," a playwright by Carlos Murillo. Previews for the show will be held on Jan. 24 & 25, and Opening Night will be on Jan. 27. The play will run until Feb. 22. Tickets are \$15 for previews, \$20 for week-nights and matinees, and \$22 on weekends. For showtime information, call the Group Theatre Box Office at (206) 441-1299.

The Phinney Center Gallery is proud to present: "Phinney and Friends," premiering on Friday, Jan. 9 from 7-9 p.m. The preview night will be

opening with the showcased artists, and acoustical guitar music by Scott Adams, Mykol Colton, and Chris Gibson. The gallery will run through Jan. 30th. For more information about this event, please call the Phinney Center Gallery at (206) 783-2244.

The Wing Luke Asian Museum presents: From Vietnam to the U.S.: Personal Memories of a Rescue at Sea. After the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, refugees that began to leave Vietnam encountered many difficulties along their journey. Join Richard Chen and Mark Roberts as they tell their personal story on Feb. 11 from 7-9 p.m. Call the museum at (206) 623-5124 for ticket information.

The Wing Luke Museum presents: Paper-cutting workshop with Aki Sogabe on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 1-2:30 p.m. Call (206) 623-5124 for ticket information.

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rise. Smith said he would like to see a stronger student turnout.

The price of admission is \$5 in advance in the Student Programs Office or \$7 at the door. If you would like to bypass the whole admission end of it, Team Highline is looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up. All volunteers will receive free admission for their help.

This is an all ages show that may ease the tension of those dreaded upcoming midterms. If you would like any information on the show, or to sign up to volunteer, you can contact Touraan Smith in the Team Highline office in Building 8.

Grants given to artists

Applications for the annual Allied Arts Foundation grants to individual artists, arts groups, and community organizations are available from the Allied Arts office beginning Feb. 15.

The Foundation has set aside \$10,000 for grants with a new maximum of \$750.

Thanks to a substantial bequest from the estate of Robert Jackson Block in 1996, the grants pool this year jumped from \$6,000 to \$10,000.

Entry deadline is March 15 and grant winners will be announced April 6. Judging will be done by the foundation's board of trustees.

The grants are designed to play a major role in projects that stretch conventional approaches in the arts, urban design, and historic preservation.

The work must be available to local audiences. Between 50 and 150 applications are received, and about half receive whole or partial funding.

Applications are available from the Allied Arts of Seattle office.

To receive more information call (206) 624-0432, or fax at (206) 624-0433.



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T-Birds roll on

Men's winning streak stands at 18 after victories over Bellevue and Shoreline extend first-place lead

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

Last Wednesday the men's basketball team defeated Bellevue Community College at home 87-68, and then drubbed Shoreline 105-85 on the road Saturday.



Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Quincy Wilder attempts a reverse lay-in versus Bellevue.

The Thunderbirds winning streak, which started Dec. 4 against Centralia, now stands at 17 games, bringing their record to 18-1 overall and 8-0 in league.

The Bellevue Helmsman employed the same defensive scheme as the one used by Chemeketa against the Thunderbirds in their only loss of the season on the road Nov. 29 73-83.

This helped Bellevue limit Highline to only 38 first-half points, the Thunderbirds countered by forcing Bellevue to commit 25 turnovers leading to 28 points.

"They had a stretched-out zone. We weren't getting inside and attacking like we should," Todd Watts said.

"We haven't seen much of that," Head Coach Joe Callero said.

Early in the second half as Highline was pulling away

for good, Callero was whistled with a technical foul for arguing with the officials after Marty DeLange was tackled driving the lane.

"The game had a lot of inconsistencies. Inconsistent offense, inconsistent defense, inconsistent coaching, and the officiating was inconsistent," Callero said. "I'm glad we didn't get upset, this is the time of the year when a lot of people get upset."

In the game against Shoreline the Thunderbirds topped 100 for the second time this season as Quincy Wilder had a team-high 27 points.

Todd Watts scored 16 and pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds as Highline outrebounded the Dolphins 59-23 while shooting 58 percent for the game.

Reggie Ball, Shaun Madsen, and Watts were perfect from the foul line as the Thunderbirds made 80 percent of their free-throws.

Alastair Faux led Shoreline with a game-high 40 points, shooting 11/29 from the floor.

The men's basketball team goes on a two-game road trip to playing at Olympic on Saturday, and at Whatcom a week later.

Point guard Ball leads the team in assists with 8.8 per game, which is on pace to break Callero's record set in the '82-'83 season.

Wilder leads the team in scoring with 22.5 ppg, followed



Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Reggie Ball directs Highline's attack in a win over Bellevue.

by Ball (12.5), Madsen (11.3), and Watts (10.4).

Forward/Center Marty DeLange, has come alive since the start of league play, averaging 10.9 points and 9.13 rebounds per game.

Adam Enfield leads the team in three-point percentage, shooting 39.7 percent, followed by Garrett Miller (39.5%), Watts (36.7%), and Wilder (34.8).

Highline defeated Olympic earlier in the season 81-64 at home. Olympic has been hand-

icapped by an injury to starter Paul Felker, who played with Brian Scalabrino at Enumclaw High School.

The Thunderbirds soundly defeated Whatcom earlier in league play 102-53. Travis VanKooten led the Orcas in that game with 16 points and point guard Jerome Toby had seven assists.

Results for Wednesday night's game at home against Skagit Valley were unavailable at press time.

Highline wrestlers place at Central

By Frankie Cenicerros
Staff Reporter

Two Highline wrestlers won individual championships at the Central Washington University Tournament last weekend in Ellensburg.

Nelson Crisanto, at 118 pounds, and Trevor Howard at 190 pounds, each took first place in the tourney on Saturday, Jan. 21.

At 118 pounds, Julian Reynoso placed sixth.

Crisanto defeated three wrestlers to win the championship match.

"I felt great," said Crisanto. "I've learned how to recover fast, so I wasn't as tired."

Crisanto said he has largely recovered from a knee injury suffered this fall.

As his teammate Crisanto did, Howard defeated three wrestlers.

Reynoso, not as lucky as his teammates, wrestled six other opponents to place. Out of the six matches Reynoso won three and lost three.

"The team looked in great shape, we're improving a lot conditionally wise," said Crisanto.

The T-Birds next dual meet is against Yakima Valley College on Jan. 30. The T-Birds' following match will be against Southwestern Oregon College on Jan. 31, in Coos Bay, Ore.

Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

Northern Region Standings		
Team	League	Overall
Highline	8-0	19-1
Olympic	5-3	16-3
Edmonds	5-3	9-12
Peninsula	4-4	8-11
Shoreline	4-4	9-11
Everett	3-5	10-10
Bellevue	3-5	9-11
Skagit Valley	3-5	12-8
Whatcom	1-7	5-14

Scores

Highline 87, Bellevue 68
Bellevue (68)
Fimic 6-12 0-1 14, Landram 4-7 0-2 9, Keyes 3-12 4-8 10, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Ford 0-2 1-2 1, Turping 3-10 0-8, Manor 6-14 3-5 15, Ellis 3-5 5-5 11. Totals 25-63 13-21 68.
Highline (87)
Ball 3-9 5-6 11, Watts 7-8 6-6 22, Ladd 0-2 0-0 0, Miller 6-8 0-0 12, Wilder 8-12 4-10 23, Enfield 0-4 0-0 0, Madsen 3-7 0-0 6, Guy 1-1 1-2 3, De-

Lange 5-9 0-0, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-61 16-24 87.

Highline 105, Shoreline 86
Highline (105)
Ball 3-9 2-2 8, DeLange 6-13 4-5 16, Watts 5-8 5-5 16, Ladd 4-4 0-0 8, Miller 4-4 0-0 9, Wilder 10-15 6-10 27, Enfield 1-3 0-0 3, Guy 0-0 0-0 0, Madsen 6-10 4-4 16, Johnson 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 40-69 21-26 105.
Shoreline (86)
Bradley 6-19 0-0 13, Chinn 0-0 0-0 0, Fritzler 4-10 2-2 14, Harris 2-9 2-4 6, Faux 11-29 11-13 40, Yates 4-8 0-0 9, Givens 1-2 0-0 2, Purkis 0-2 2-3 2, Wistrom 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-78 17-22 86.

Women's Basketball

Scores

Highline 64, Bellevue 50
Bellevue (50)
Sodora 7-14 0-0 14, Meigs 4-10 2-2 10, Daniels 0-0 0-0 0, DeDonato 1-11 6-

68, Grimes 0-5 3-5 3, Rochelle 3-13 2-2 10, Walquist 1-3 3-3 5. Totals 16-56 16-18 50.

Highline (64)
Ruggiero 0-4 0-0 0, Watkins 3-7 0-0 8, Nadeau 6-19 3-6 15, Couch 0-0 0-0 0, O'Zey 0-0 0-0 0, Strode 0-0 0-0 0, Eckert 0-0 0-0 0, Tarbet 4-5 2-2 10, Johnson 1-2 0-0 2, Wilcoxen 0-0 0-0 0, Duggan 6-14 0-1 12, Nater 8-17 0-0 17. Totals 28-68 5-9 64.

Highline 83, Shoreline 74
Highline (83)
Wilcoxen 0-4 4-4 4, Ruggiero 3-7 0-0 6, Watkins 0-2 0-0 0, Nadeau 11-21 3-4 25, Strode 0-0 0-0 0, Tarbet 5-11 0-0 10, Johnson 3-7 0-0 6, Duggan 8-23 3-6 20, Nater 5-16 2-2 12. Totals 35-91 12-18 83.

Shoreline (74)
Joubert 6-15 0-0 13, Nehls 0-2 2-2 22, Moore 3-6 1-2 7, Beavers 6-18 4-5 16, Springberg 2-5 2-2 6, Johnson 0-7 2-4 2, May 7-16 6-6 26, Adams 0-3 2-2 2, Menaber 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 24-78 1-23 74.

Women's coach to retire after season Dear David

By Garrett Miller
Staff Reporter

Highline women's basketball Coach Dale Bolinger had decided to call it quits.

Bolinger was the assistant men's basketball coach for seven years before becoming the women's head coach in 1978, retiring the first time in 1992.

Athletic Director Fred Harrison coaxed Bolinger out of retirement again two years to try to resurrect a program that once was one of the most successful in the Northwest.

In the 14 years that Bolinger was the head coach of the Lady T-Birds they made it to post season play 13 consecutive years.

They finished in the top five nine straight years, and were Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges champions in 1982.

Harrison said he doesn't have a replacement for Bolinger lined up.



"I have enjoyed coming back, seeing the old chums, and coaching the girls."

--Retiring Women's Head Coach Dale Bolinger

"The first thing that we are looking for is a recruiter. The second thing we are looking for is a recruiter and the third thing we are looking for is a recruiter," Harrison said.

Pegged as an interim coach from the start of his second stint at Highline, Bolinger said he's had fun. "I have enjoyed coming back seeing the old chums

and coaching the girls," he said.

The women's record is 3-5 in league play. They are currently tied for fifth place.

"We struggled longer this year than I would have liked," Bolinger said.

This season the lady T-Birds are a couple games out of playoff contention, but not completely out of the picture.

"The playoffs look hopeful," Assistant Coach Janelle Oakley said.

Several players said they will miss Bolinger. "We are sad that Coach Bolinger is leaving," freshman Amie Johnson said.

Next year's returnees aren't going to let this bring them down. "It will be a struggle to adjust to a new coach but we had to do that this year and we are going to end up just fine," freshman Kristi Duggan said.

Many of the players aren't going to let this setback bother them for the rest of the season.

"We are still going to play as hard as we can to win," sophomore Tracy Wilcoxon said.

Other coaches are going to miss Coach Bolinger as much as anybody.

"Dale is very easy to work with and the most supportive coach from another team at this school. That's what will be missed," said men's Assistant Basketball Coach Jeff Albrecht.

Lady Thunderbirds extend winning streak to three games

By Kris Petersen
Sports Editor

The Highline women's basketball team defeated Bellevue on Wednesday, 64-50, and Shoreline on Saturday, 83-74 in overtime.

The victories were part of a three game winning streak to be tested at home versus undefeated Skagit Valley Wednesday night. Results were unavailable at press time.



Karen Nadeau

"I'd hoped we'd see this same kind of sequence nine or 10 games ago, but it didn't happen until now," said coach Dale Bolinger.

"The league season is still wide open, as far as getting into the playoffs, and we'd sure like to do that," Bolinger said.

The winning streak puts the team's league record at 3-5, only one game out of a playoff spot.

The top four teams in each division play regional playoff games, with the first place playing fourth place and second playing third. The first place team has an automatic bid to the NWAACC championship in Yakima.

If the fourth place team defeats the first place team in first round action, the winner of the

second round game also earns a bid.

After finishing the first league scheduling rotation, the Lady Thunderbirds currently sit in a four-way tie for fifth place in the NWAACC's northern region, one game behind fourth place Whatcom.

Following a nine game losing streak filled with close losses, the squad has come alive.

"I think the coaches have started to put together a couple people and has sparked chemistry on the court," said freshman Kristi Duggan.

"Once we started having a little success, it builds itself; suddenly it's fun, and we enjoy it more," said Bolinger.

The same team which had problems defensively in the early season now fiercely dominates the opposition.

Against Bellevue, the teams entered halftime tied at 31.

Then Highline's defense took charge.

The Lady T-Birds held Bellevue to 19 points on 12.9 percent shooting in the second half.

Valerie Nater led the charge both offensively and defensively for Highline, scoring 17 points to go with eight blocks and seven rebounds.

Karen Nadeau had 15 points, eight steals, and seven rebounds, Duggan scored 12 points with 13 boards, and Tracy Wilcoxon had seven assists.

Shilo Sedoris led Bellevue with 14 points, seven rebounds, and five steals.

The game reunited former

Women's Standings

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Peninsula	3-5	3-13
Edmonds	3-5	4-15
Shoreline	3-5	9-10
Bellevue	0-8	2-15

teammates Nadeau and Bellevue's Alecia Rochelle. The two were always on the same team, dating back to fifth grade.

Rochelle scored 10 points with four assists for the Helmswomen.

Outstanding individual performances highlighted the Lady Thunderbirds' victory at Shoreline.

The squad again played to a tie at halftime, and Rickesha

Highline athletes compete at Eastern invitational

By Jennifer Tarbet
Staff Reporter

Two Highline athletes were in the running but out of the money at the Eastern Washington University Invite on Saturday, Jan. 24, in Cheney.

Sophomore Jake Dill placed 12th overall, winning his heat in the 400-meter dash.

Despite his winning pace, he was a little upset about the race. "I was cut off and got boxed in. I should've broken the (school) record," he said.

Beavers nodded the game at 69 near the end of regulation.

The Lady Thunderbirds overwhelmed the Dolphins early in the extra period with quick cuts to the basket by Nadeau before key baskets by Duggan and Wilcoxon put the game away.

Duggan and Nater dominated inside. Nater had an amazing 14 blocks and Duggan scored 20 points with her 18 rebounds.

Nadeau scored 25 with five assists and Wilcoxon had nine assists and eight rebounds.

Jennifer Tarbet and Amie Johnson also played well down low, with Tarbet tallying 10 points, eight boards and four assists and Johnson scoring six points to go with seven rebounds.

"We've got a couple wins and now we're working harder and harder," Duggan said.

Thunderbird sprinter Seneca Hector ran the 55-meter dash, placing 34th overall.

Coming up next is the McDonald's II Open in Idaho on Feb. 14.

Former T-bird Brent Twaddle, now competing for Eastern, placed eighth in the shot at 48-7 1/4.

Dill says that this is a huge event and the whole team will be attending.

"We're very optimistic about doing well," said track coach Frank Ahern.

The following is a letter I sent to NBA commissioner David Stern:

Commissioner David Stern, I see that your league got that multi-billion dollar television contract you had been asking for, congratulations.

Unfortunately I must remind you that your league is in trouble.

First off there's the whole Latrell Sprewell incident.

When you allowed his contract to be terminated you scared the crap out of every player who has ever been arrested. They are scared that the next time they get caught with illegal cellular phones, automatic weapons or

Spin on Sports



By Michael Stampalia

drug paraphernalia they'll have their nice, fat paycheck taken from them.

The players union doesn't care if Sprewell choked his coach and then came back ten minutes later to try to rip his head off. There are going to be people coming out of the woodwork to testify that P.J. Carlesimo deserved to be choked.

Then you have that good old collective bargaining agreement, you want to reopen it and make it harder for teams to sign players to \$100 million contracts.

The players union wants to reopen it so they can get their hands on some of that loot you're going to be raking in with the new TV deal.

Sounds like you are going to have a good old fashioned labor impasse this summer. In other words NBC won't have any basketball games to put on TV next fall.

Somewhat I don't think you can just air reruns of basketball games.

Now there is word that as many as 15 of your NBA referees are being investigated for tax fraud.

You may need to hire more of those female refs the way things are going.

I can just hear Charles Barkley saying, 'The official gave him the calls because she thought he was hot.'

Good old Chuck. The NBA has become boring Mr. Commissioner, did NBC buy a lemon?

Sincerely,
Michael Stampalia
Michael's intramural team lost to the Spice Girls.

Gangs

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sion of gang intervention counselor Sherman Wilkins. It grew out of the conflict that existed between gang members in institutions.

"The adults helped facilitate it, but the youth created it. They wrote the mission statement. The mission is to improve our lives by being positive leaders and spreading the words of peace and unity in the community in which we live," Wilkins said.

Within two years, the group's goals of respect, responsibility, and accountability to replace violence and drugs had spread to other juvenile institutions outside of Echo Glen.

The panel agreed that people join gangs, as they had, because their lives are missing something.

"People seem to have the idea that all gang members are violent but it's deeper than that. In my opinion, it's about food, clothing, shelter, belonging, and acceptance. Most of them have needs that are not being met. Violence is just an avenue to



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Peter Garmoe and Sherman Wilkins sit on the Gangs 101 panel.

meet those needs," Wilkins said. Tiffany Finch served four and a half years in Echo Glen, where she got involved with YOUTH Group. Eighteen-year-old Finch says she joined a gang because she felt her needs weren't being met and her family were just outsiders.

"People think female gang members are just having sex with the males. I sold drugs, not myself, to make money. I liked catching the eye of the public because of what I was," Finch said.

Former gang member Cedric Barquet feels the media is partially responsible for gang activity because they glamorize

drugs and gangs. At 13, Barquet ended up at Echo Glen facing a possible five-year sentence. It was there that he met Sherman Wilkins and began working with the YOUTH Group.

"Sherman was the first person I met at Echo Glen who actually helped me. What works is someone showing you love and being willing to help," Barquet said.

When a fellow gang member shot Barquet's brother following a dispute over a game of dice, he realized the gang was not really a family.

"All that gangs do for people is wreck homes. People in gangs live for the moment and

don't see the long-term consequences of their actions," Barquet said.

Peter Garmoe, a Life Skills Specialist at Fairview Alternative School in Seattle, challenged the idea of cracking down on gang activity with tough legal consequences, instead expressing the importance of positive role models.

"I think that is an excuse that doesn't deal with the issue. You have to go to the root of the problem," Garmoe said. "Somebody in your life made a difference that got you here. When you talk to kids and try to make a difference, they might not thank you now, but they will thank you later."

Wilkins agreed that the problem of gangs will not solve itself. He believes the notion that law enforcement or the educational system will alone stop gangs is ludicrous.

Wilkins encouraged all of them to get involved as positive role models and mentors for children.

"Kids don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Each one teach one, because kids believe what they see, not what they hear,"

Wilkins said.

The police officer and gang intervention specialist who were originally scheduled to speak were unable to attend at the last minute, leaving cosponsors from the Sociology Department, Team Highline, and College In A College temporarily panicked. Fortunately, they had no trouble filling the empty seats with Garmoe and Wilkins.

"It was a little scary there for a minute," said Laura Westergard of College In A College.

The coordinators of Gangs 101 were pleased with the discussion, agreeing that it served its purpose.

"I wanted to understand what gangs are all about and why there is so much fear surrounding them. We need to continue to address challenging issues on campus and acknowledge our individual differences," Westergard said.

Derek Greenfield, who led the discussion, has a strong background in intervention and was equally satisfied.

"We raised an issue and a dialogue on gangs. Each child belongs to all of us and we all need to be involved," Greenfield said.

Suicide education today

By Jeffrey Crisologo
Staff Reporter

One-third of all Americans have at some point seriously thought about committing suicide. In King County alone, 238 people died from suicide. And in those in King County that died from suicide, half were from fire arms.

Student Government Vice President Yenerma De Las Alas and with the help from fellow officers Bettina Cassad and Paul Gerhardt Jr., will conduct a Suicide Campus Awareness program, 1-2 p.m. today, in the Lecture Hall, Building 7. The event is free and open to all.

Highline instructor Bob Baugher, who has been teaching about suicide for 20 years, will be at this event to answer all questions and myths about suicide.

"A myth people believe is that asking your friend about suicide or if he or she has ever thought about killing themselves will actually cause them to commit suicide," said Dr. Baugher.

Each year in the United States 30,000 people commit suicide, which is higher than homicide which is about 21,000 people.

For more information contact De Las Alas at ASHCC at 206-878-3710, ext. 3315, or Dr. Baugher at ext. 3414.

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ly and a lot of students don't get a chance to take them," he said. "It's unfair for someone who wants to work hard and take the class to get screwed by a slacker!"

Sophomore Laura Labouwe disagrees.

"It sucks. If we (students) have to pay for tuition, attendance or the lack of should be a

student's own consequence," she said. "I'm not saying that absences should always be tolerated but if I fail, that's my fault, my own responsibility."

Aside from the instructor initiated withdrawals is the question of when a student can withdraw.

Currently, a student can withdraw anytime before the ninth week. Hirmler said that the Faculty Senate will address the possibility of moving this up to the sixth week.

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at-large shall both get ideas from the student body and "sit on committees as designated by the president."

So far, Student Body President Nelson Crisanto has yet to assign any of the new candidates to a committee. "I have not [assigned them] because I do not know their interests at this point," he said.

Crisanto plans to meet with Elliott, Noori and Villa and talk to each of them before making decisions on committees.

Beyond the duties set forth in the by-laws, each student-at-large is also responsible for one major project per quarter.

Elliott and Noori have both hit the ground running.

"I'm going to work on getting a phone for free local calls in the student center," Elliott said.

Elliott also plans to move the events calendar, which is currently located in the northeast vestibule of Building 8 down-

stairs to the cafeteria. "Instead of students feeding their faces looking at nothing, they can look at the calendar."

Noori is working on an international fashion festival. "I want to inform others about different cultures and ethnicities at Highline," she said.

Noori has also thought about putting together a Valentine's Day party, though she has committed to nothing yet.

Villa is opting to ease into his position.

"I don't want to jump into projects right away," he said. "Some people want to start right away and they make a lot of mistakes that way."

The winter elections were held due to three resignations of ASHCC officers.

"I'm excited that they [the new officers] are in the office because there is a lot of work to be distributed," Crisanto said. "We've really missed those three members."

Student Government can be reached at (206) 878-3710 ext. 3215 or 3315. Students can also stop by the office in Building 8.

"By then, a student should have a good idea of his or her progress," Hirmler said.

Another student, Walter Weeks, understands the reasons for change. On the contrary Weeks expressed his disbelief in a policy that would move the student withdrawal date back to the sixth week.

"I would still like to drop a class at the end of the ninth week. As an insurance policy for my grades," Weeks said.

The Highline Council of

Councils will decide on the policy by the end of February. Highline students and staff can input ideas, questions, or even their own proposals to any Senate member or any member of the Council on Councils.

Nelson Crisanto is the student government representative to the Council of Councils and can be contacted upstairs in Building 8, ext. 3215.

Senate Chairman Robert Hirmler's office is in Building 9, and can be reached at ext. 3465.

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Keeney to be sentenced in bomb threat case

Former Highline security dispatcher Traci Keeney will be sentenced Friday after

pleading guilty to one count of threats to bomb or injure property.

Keeney was charged with two counts of threats to bomb back in April in connection with a series of 911 calls regarding bomb threats to Highline. No bomb was ever found.

She initially pleaded innocent to the two charges, but changed her plea at the pre-trial hearing in November as part of a plea bargain, said officials from the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Keeney faces up to three to nine months in jail.

She left the college last year after police identified her as a suspect in the bomb threats.