An uncoupled coupling  

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

By Megan Moovers  

Staff Reporter  

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Elections fill void in student government  

By W.B. Heising  

Staff Reporter  

There were six candidates with a total of 140 votes. Elliott followed with 91 votes, and Villa finished with 40 votes.  

If you haven't yet noticed the additional sections of this 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 this magazine came from the Student Personnel Office in Building 7. The first issue was published in late October and the second issue came out in late November.  

This issue features an introduction to the magazine every two weeks. Each edition will have its own focus.  

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Editorial

Student government should serve students

Congratulations to the newly elected Associated Students of Highline Community College (ASHCC) officers, Kirk Elliott, Nasiri 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 Yenma 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 lockers 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 regularly 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, were 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 such. 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

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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.

Emergency money gets you books

By Tammy Rowan
Staff Reporter

You have worked the last of the overtime at your job and you have finally received your award letter from the Financial Aid office. 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 second-to-be-received loan or a 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 day of class.

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 $1,287 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 without books," student Greg Haney said.
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 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 sweeps 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 Snapaph."
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Highline Student GO
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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 on your goals," an anonymous student said.

Educational Planner Siew Lae Lilley says the Highline Educational Planner 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 catalogs, 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 completely 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 Meena Tofission, student said.

Nevertheless, 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 students learn how to pick classes that will fulfill the requirements necessary in order to receive an AA degree and how to pick advisors.

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

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

With Buchan as educational dean mother, the Athletic Department claims 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, assistant secretary for the Dean of Instruction.

The college also has gone so far as to make contracts with monocolleges 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 Leuch and Alex Creddington contributed to this story.

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By MEGAN MOOERS
Inside Scoop

Students, who put to 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 graduating and instead of being excited I'm depressed, I just don't know what I'm going in life," says Brett, a student at the University of Washington, who is 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.

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By ALYSSA PFAU
Inside Scoop

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 $25, except UPS ($40) and SU ($45). Siew Lai Liddle, 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.

Inside Scoop 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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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. Bumming 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. Some 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 trudged by a meag 10 votes.

College visits on tap

Feb. 5: Seattle University 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Feb. 10: University of Washington 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Feb. 11: Central Washington 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Feb. 18: UW Evening Degree Program 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
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Feb. 27: Whitworth a.m.-noon

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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

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, the zoo, museums, 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 at home and that is were I made the majority of my friends," Casey said.

Western is big and bad

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"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 real 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 reasons she chose SPU to 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 worth it. The teachers care a lot for their students and we get lots of one-on-one time with them," Kenady said.

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"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."

"Morky's major is biology with a minor in sports medicine 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 exciting, but Bluedoor ski area is an hour away, which offers cheap skiing. The Tri-Cities is about an hour away," Morley said.

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Many students seem to think that scholarships are for students who have excellent academic achievements or who excel 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 suggests 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 wary 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 MILSTD

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 Stew 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's 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.

Completion is very tough, as students who do get accepted in those 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.
When it comes to getting into the college of your choice, you're just going to have to SELL YOURSELF.

**By JULIE ELLER**

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 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 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 consistent 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.

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**Visit prospective new school first**

**By DENISE M. GLOSTER**

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Espresso is good, I like it a latte

Instead of watching Robin Leach's "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," diver from that grandiose pie in the sky show, and Famous," divert from that good, I like Espresso at SeaTac Airport.

I call "war stories," including the subjects at hand ordered. everytime dressed head-to-foot nilla, extra caramel, with four shot, grande, nonfat, extra van double-tall, nonfat, cappucino. Husband's drink of choice is a Starbucks. They enter the store per snappers! light, vanilla latte, with a little, "FOOF," foam. Don't do forget to mark this on your calendar. Tickets will be available at the door.

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, and your friends will run Feb. 17-19 at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Building 8. Prices will be given to winners, so enter now!

Get out of the house

Calling all entrants!!! 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. - 5 p.m., and 5-7 p.m. in Building 8. Prizes will be given to winners, so enter now!

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The Group Theatre presents: Winter Movie Mania Feb. 17-19 at 7 p.m. in Building 8. The movie featured will be Ghosts of Mississippi. Why isn't Go Sale 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 renting it? Why rent it? Go see it with all you pals right here at Highline!

The Group Theatre presents: "Never Whistle While You're Pissing," a playwright by Carol Merrill. 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) 623-5124.

Tell someone you love them. (maybe even someone you know!)

By Michael Stampalia  
Staff Reporter

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

The Thunderbirds winning streak, which started Dec. 4 against Centralia, now stands at 17 games, bringing their record to 18-1 overall and 6-0 in league.

Bellevue Helmsman employed the same defensive scheme as the one used by Chehalis Centralia 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 Calleiro said.

Early in the second half as Highline was pulling away for good, Calleiro 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 defense, inconsistent defense, inconsistent coating, and the officiating was inconsistent," Calleiro 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 Fox 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 play at Olympic on Saturday, and at Whatcom a week later.

Point guard Ball leads the team in assists with 2.1 per game.

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

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

Highline wrestlers place at Central

By Frankie Ceniceros  
Staff Reporter

Two Highline wrestlers won individual championships at the Central Washington University Tournament this weekend in Blenburg.

Nelson Cristiano, at 18 pounds, and Trevor Howard at 190 pounds, each took first place in the tournament on Saturday, Jan. 21.

At 118 pounds, Julian Reynoso placed sixth. Cristiano defeated three wrestlers to win the championship match.

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

Crisiano said he has largely recovered from a knee injury suffered this fall. As his teammate Cristiano did, Howard defeated three wrestlers.

Reynoso, not as lucky as his individual championships at the did, Howard defeated three place in the tourney on Saturday, and Trevor Howard at 176 pounds, each took first place at Central Highline wrestlers.

Reggie Ball directs Highline's attack in a win over Bellevue, by Ball (12.5). Madsen (11.3), and Watts (10.4).

Forward/Centre Marty DeLange has come alive since the start of league play, averaging 10.9 points and 9.1 rebounds per game.

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Sports

Women's coach to retire after season

By Garrett Millar
Staff Reporter

Highline women's basketball Coach Dale Bolinger had decided it was time to quit, so 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.

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By Kris Petersen
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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.

"I'd hoped we'd see this 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, so far as getting into the playoffs we'd 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 for the league title and second place third. The first place team has an automatic bid to the NWACC 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 NWACC's northern region, one game behind fourth place Whatcom.

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By Jennifer Tarbet
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Two Highline athletes were in the running but out of the money at the Eastern Washington University Invitational 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.

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Suicide education today
By Jeffrey Crisologo

One-third of all teenagers have at some point seriously thought about committing suicide. In King County, 39 people died from suicide and it is the number one cause of death for King County's youth. Gangs are a major factor in the suicide debate.

At 1:30 p.m. today, in the Vestibule of Building 101, Jeffrey Crisologo will conduct a Suicide Awareness program, 1-2 p.m. today, in the Highline Campus Awareness program. Officers Bettina Cassad and Paul Gerhardt Jr., will conduct a Suicide Awareness program, 1-2 p.m. today, in the Highline Campus Awareness program.

The program will be attended by Dr. Peter Garmoe and Sherman Wilkins, who has been teaching about suicide for 20 years.

Wilkins said, "The adults helped facilitate it but he was the leader of the group. They were young and they knew what they were doing."

Wilkins added that the group has a responsibility to help others out.

"I'm going to work on getting them to see that there is a world out there that is different than what they're experiencing."

Crisologo said, "The police officer and gang leader agree that there is a world out there that is different than what they're experiencing."

Deanna Crisanto has been meeting with gang members for a year and a half years in Echo Glen. This is just a glance at the events calendar, which is cur\e\ing.

"They agreed that the problem of gangs will not solve it. They believe that the idea of law enforcement or the educational system will alone stop gangs violence."

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

"I'm not saying that there should always be treated bad but it's my job to help them." And

Barquet feels the media is par\y\ing.

"We raised an issue and a dilemma. On the contrary, they must fill the empty seats with a series of different events, which are being held at the Highline Student Government."

"By then, a student should have a good idea of his or her program," said Hirnle. Another student, Walter Weeks, who has been working at the Highline Student Government for a year and a half, expressed his disbelief in the Council on Councils. He was a little scared there for a while. But we must continue to address the issue of positive role models and mentors for children.

"If you don't know what you have, you have nothing. And I think this is a tool."

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