Keeney gets service time for crime

By Gina Carpinito
Staff Reporter

A King County Superior Court judge sentenced a former Highline security dispatcher, pleaded guilty to one count of threats to bomb or injure property in November 1997, to 30 days in jail, a $300 fine and restitution to be paid to the college.

Keeney, who apparently invented the bomb threats, admitted that there was no excuse for her actions.

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An early hint of spring

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Staff Reporter

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Highline hires new program adviser

By Jeffrey Crisologo
Staff Reporter

When the position of Program Adviser for Student Programs opened at Highline, New York native Lashawn Morgan never expected to get the position.

"At the moment I found out that I received the position, I was very surprised and excited," said Morgan.

Morgan's affiliation with functions and the community has always been a part of her involvement.

During her college years at Western Washington University, Morgan was the president of Student Organization, was a facilitator for campus-wide diversity training, and also organized events for Black History Month.

Morgan received her bachelor's degree in Law and Diversity. Replacing Denny Stuevas, Morgan's main responsibilities are to assist Team Highline with organizing events and programs for the school, particularly events that promote diversity. Morgan is currently working to create Team Highline's web page, and will be training future Team Highline students for the next year.

Morgan is also networking with the Student Government officers. "Paul Gerhardt Jr., Nelson Crisolo, Touran Smith and I are currently working on a Diversity Leadership Conference that will be coming up in May," said Morgan.

Morgan likes the atmosphere at Highline, and enjoys her job. "Everyone in Student Programs is very friendly and always willing to help. I love it here," said Morgan.

Morgan intends to pursue her master's degree in Organizational Development, which encompasses human resources and business management.

Morgan hopes that her training at Highline will prepare her for her future endeavors, such as diversity and community projects.

You can meet and talk to Lashawn Morgan in the Student Programs Office located in Building 8, or reach her at ext. 3256.

Parking problems won't go away

By Nancy Milstid
Staff Reporter

Parking is always a problem, and now the staff at Highline is frustrated with their parking situations.

The Administration added reserved staff parking section this quarter, but qualms remain.

A forum held January 28 allowed staff to discuss other transportation problems.

"What I want to do today is just to hear people," Vice President of Administration Laura Saunders said.

In addition to Saunders, Director of Facilities Pete Babington and Director of Campus Security and Safety Richard Fisher were present to hear the staff.

"It's tough to find parking as faculty," staff member Sam Shabb said.

Since the new section was taken out of old staff parking, it has forced some staff members to find parking in the student lot.

"If you get here a little after 8 a.m., you can't find a faculty spot," Shabb said.

Suggestions were taken to eliminate staff complaints and lessen the empty spots in the reserved section. Right now, there are 31 spots, and 20 permit holders.

Students, too, find parking difficult. "I think we should use the new reserved area at opposite times, or to just do away with the new addition," Shabb said.

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Although no conclusions were made, the forum brought some attention to the concerns of the staff.

Technology may yet solve Highline's parking dilemma.

Fisher said Highline has faced a continuing problem with traffic and parking violations. He strongly urges students to obey Highline's rules on traffic movements and parking.

Specific problems are students parking in staff parking lots, parking without permits, parking in handicap spaces and negligent driving. Highline's security officers can and will issue tickets to correct this problem.

Over the past three months approximately 1,000 tickets have been issued by Highline security officers. Fines are $5 for the first violation and $15 for every one after. Parking in a handicap space is always $25.

If too many tickets are issued and the fines are not paid, registration will literally not be permitted and credit will not be received in any classes until fines are paid, Fisher said.

Students also need to be aware that there have been reports of stolen book bags on campus.

Although this is not a big problem it is better to be cautious, Fisher said.

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By Scott C. Murray
Staff Reporter

A bill has been introduced in Olympia which would earmark money to education endowment funds. The bill would provide the money to create the endowment fund, to endow the colleges and universities with an equal amount of private donations, creating a total of $500 million in permanent endowments for the state's nearly 40 public colleges and universities.

The legislation would allow colleges to: 1.) Offer more student scholarships; 2.) Establish faculty teaching and curriculum development awards; 3.) Buy new equipment for instructional programs, and; 4.) Improve the quality of library offerings. The funds would be distributed to: community and technical colleges -32 percent; University of Washington -32 percent; Washington State University -22 percent; and regional colleges and universities -14 percent.

The 1998 Legislature and governor have been asked to create the endowment fund, to provide state funding and to authorize the colleges and universities to begin raising matching money. Unfortunately the governor does not seem to be going for it.

"The governor is intrigued and gives high marks for the creativity of the endowment fund, but it was not in his proposed budget," said Chris Thompson, Gov. Locke's deputy communications director. "But he (Locke) has long recognized and promoted the idea of funding for excellence in higher education," Thompson said.

State Rep. Karen Keiser, D-Duvall, who is also a chairwoman of Hightline's Board of Trustees, had hoped for the Republican majority and the governor to authorize this fund in his budget. It didn't happen.

"On any new major initiatives, without the leadership of the Republican party, or the governor's progress will be difficult. The Republicans and the governor are just maintaining the status quo," she said. Keiser said getting the measure passed will require lobbying from all the different higher education institutions.

Dr. Ed Command, president of Highline Community College, said that he is, "supportive of the endowment," but he is, "disappointed that the governor didn't include it in his budget."

By Andrew Campbell
Staff Reporter

The wrestling team is grappling with a problem. The team had pinned its hopes for sending its team to regionals on raising money from their holiday fund-raiser. Unfortunately, the event was cancelled and the team is in need of money.

As the team's assistant wrestling coach John Cleamons made a request to the S&A (Services and Activities) Budget Committee for $1,050 in contingency funds at the panel's Feb. 3 meeting.

The contingency fund is a pool of money that comes out of the S&A budget, and programs can receive money from the fund if they can prove it benefits a large number of students.

The money would be used to pay for the cost of sending the team to regionals in Couer d'Alene, Idaho on Feb. 14. Although the team said it needed the funds immediately, the committee has postponed the decision until Feb. 17.

Committee member and Student Programs Director Diane Anderson said she will check the Championship Fund, which is money allotted solely for the purpose of sending teams to championships to see if the wrestling team qualifies for those funds.

If the Championship Fund does not provide the money that the team needs, the contingency fund may yet pay back the debt that the team will be forced into.

"It's not a question of whether or not you will get the money, because you will, it's just a question of where will it come from," said one committee member.

In addition, the College in a College program also asked for funds, $545 to pay for this quarter's Cram Night.

Cram Night keeps the library open late on finals week. The money will pay for the library staff and the snacks at the event. Team Highline also asked for $441.27 to pay for 10 new sandwich boards.

Members of Team Highline said that the old boards are large, heavy, fall over easily in the wind and are generally in bad condition.

The new boards that they hope to buy are smaller, lighter, more sturdy, and have a convenient little handle.

The committee approved a bit skeptical as to whether the boards are a necessity or too much of a luxury and has left the decision until the Feb. 17 meeting.

By Anna Hackenmiller
Staff Reporter

Child care center seeks male role models

The Highline Child Care Development Center is looking for a few good men. The Child Care center recently received a grant for $500 to make the inside of its building more appealing to males who might be interested in joining the staff.

"It is so valuable in the early years for children to develop a positive relationship with a male role model," says Child Care Director Joyce Riley. Sixty-four percent of the children at the Child Care Center come from single parent families.

The center currently has 18 female staff members, including work study and co-op education students. Staff members have degrees in early childhood education. The only thing missing for their well trained line-up is men.

"I would like there to be male teachers. My son responds really well to men," said parent Sarah Edmon, though she thinks the current staff is great. "Lorenzo (her son) loves it, sometimes he won't even say bye to me."

The center currently serves 70 children per hour and 120 families per year. The children range in age from 18 months to five years.

Children are fed breakfast, lunch, snacks and take naps depending upon when they are there. Throughout the day they play on computers, listen to stories, and sing songs with the class.

They can also be seen on field trips around campus. Some of their favorite spots are the Biology Lab and their garden behind the swimming pool.

The center is open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and caters to daytime students and a few staff members. Child care for evening classes has been tried in the past but stopped due to lack of demand. Riley says they would be willing to try again if the need arises.

Registering your child in this program is much like registering yourself for classes here at Highline. To get more information, call the Child Care Center at 206-787-3710 ext. 3224. The faster you inquire the faster they can help you get a spot, Riley said.

Quality day care for children usually comes with a waiting list; Highline is no exception. Last quarter they had to turn away 71 people who inquired.

As Mary Schlesinger, mother of 4-year-old daughter Nicki, puts it, "Getting in is tough because it is a great program."
Editorial

Don't wait, fill out applications now

Application deadlines for many universities are rapidly approaching. Now is the time to seize the day and actually fill out that form that's been gathering dust on the shelf for the past two months.

Procrastination is a way of life. Most students become masters of this art at an early point in their educational careers. When preparing to transfer, however, the procrastination must stop. Most of the four-year institutions in Washington take students on first come, first serve basis. Those students that pounce on the opportunity first will, more than likely, be enjoying themselves while the procrastinators sit back and wonder why they didn't get in.

Deadlines for some schools are as close as March 1, which is a little under a month away. Students should scrape together the $35-$45 application fee and send it in today. Procrastination is no longer an option.

Students to benefit from simple exits

The Faculty Senate has proposed changes to the withdrawal policy and these changes will serve to benefit students. These changes are focused around instructor initiated withdrawals. If the Council on Council's passes these changes, instructors would gain the power to withdraw students who are at a risk of failing a course.

The proposed changes would give the faculty of Highline a chance to help students who are in danger of failing. It does not install an automatic withdrawal point for absences.

If a student misses the six out of the first 14 days of class, then an instructor can drop the student from the class. Missing six days of a class over an entire quarter usually reflects poorly on grades, especially if it's over a small period of time.

Instructors should have the power to help a student who may not understand the consequences of his/her actions. The new proposal does not obligate instructors to withdraw their students, but it does give them the option.

While students should take responsibility for their own actions, it is comforting that instructors may be able to help students learn how to do that.

Letter to the Editor

By-laws do not govern students

Dear Editor,

Thank you for publishing the article "By-Law revision committee forms." I would like to clarify a few misperceptions. The "ASHCC Constitution and By-Laws" govern the ASHCC Student Government Offices not the student body.

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New York ska band has style

This week I had the pleasure of stepping into the zany, but fun world of ska music, courtesy of a new CD by the New York based group, Metro Stylee.

What is ska you ask? Well, it's fairly simple I answer. Ska is a mixture of polka, jazz, swing, and of course, rock and roll. Metro Stylee's album was released in January on the DVS Media label. "Soul Garage Ska" was produced by ska celebrity Vinnie Nobile.

Vinnie Nobile is a well-known figure in the ska community and is known for his energetic performances and his ability to influence and inspire young musicians. "Soul Garage Ska" is a collection of songs that showcase the group's unique style and sound, and it is sure to please both ska fans and those new to the genre.

When ska is mentioned, people often think of the New York-based group, Metro Stylee. The group is fronted by Trista Verdolino, who has an infectious energy and a strong singing voice.

The group's music is influenced by a wide range of artists, from the ska and reggae of the 1960s to the pop and rock of today. Their music is a blend of different singing perspectives and instruments, creating a sound that is both unique and familiar.

In his early years he was influenced by a wide range of music and musicians. Ivester listened to jazz and rock music simultaneously, which gave him a broader outlook on music. He also had a background in percussion, which made it easy for him to switch between different instruments. He has played in highline's World Percussion class. Ivester, who has been playing percussion instruments for over 50 years, has attended Eastern Washington University and the University of Hawaii. He has also made a living as a live performer.

Ivester's experience in performing over the last 52 years has taken him all around the world. He has played all over the United States and Canada, and has also been to Japan and the Philippines. One of his most memorable moments came in 1987 in Spokane where he was able to perform with the great tenor saxophonist Michael Brecker. Brecker was a man whom Ivester describes as a "brilliant musician."

"I love performing live," Ivester said.

Ivester, who now resides in Tacoma, was asked by the previous percussion teacher to give a demonstration to her class. When she decided to leave Highline, Ivester offered to perform as a substitute. The class was offered a free demonstration, and the students were impressed with Ivester's skills.

Ivester's experience in percussion instruments from around the world should sign up. You do not need any previous percussion history, just a willingness to learn.

Goodbye American cheeseburger, hello Thai food

Goodbye to the American cheeseburger. Bon Appetit!!

I give this restaurant three stars. I didn't find the food to be very appetizing. Eastern Restaurant has a lunch and a dinner buffet, as well as regular menu items. The lunch buffet starts at 11 a.m. and lasts until 4:30 p.m. The dinner buffet, which we chose is from 5-8 p.m. Average cost of both buffets are about $10. Eastern Restaurant is located at 14816 First Ave. S., Kent. Their phone number is (253) 941-1024.

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Scott Murray is Mr. Food, and by golly, we like him a lot!
Staff Reporter

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By Michael Stampalia Staff Reporter

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Women upset Olympic in overtime

Victory over no. 8 team in NWAACC keeps squad in playoff contention

By K.M. Petersen
Sports Editor

The Highline Lady Thunderbirds bounced back from a tough defeat to the top-ranked team in the Northwest by snatching a victory at second place Olympic. The win keeps the squad within striking distance of a playoff spot and is part of a string of four wins in five games.

Highline, who had won three straight coming into the Skagit Valley game, faced the undefeated Cardinals without the services of Valerie Nater and Rachael Watkins. Nater did not start and was limited to 14 minutes due to illness. In the early going, although Highline led the first five minutes, Skagit Valley’s ability to get easy baskets inside without Nater’s 6-foot frame clogging things up overshadowed the remainder of the game. Skagit Valley capitalized on the inside opportunities, scoring routinely from the inside and creating open shots on the outside.

Despite a gutsy effort by Highline, Skagit Valley steadily increased their lead throughout the game. Highline’s scoring leader was Kristi Duggan, who scored 14 to go with eight rebounds and four steals. Jennifer Tarbet had 10 points, nine rebounds, and three steals, and Karen Nadeau had 11 points and seven assists.

Holly Morgenstern had 17 points for the visitors, while Lintumis, Sabrina Moses had 13 assists, Sherita Aparacia had 14 points and six assists, and Lisa Berndsen had 13 points and 15 rebounds.

Skagit Valley forward Kim Bergsma left the game with six minutes left after colliding with Highline’s Annie Johnson on a scramble for a loose ball. Bergsma suffered a concussion and finished with 13 points and eight rebounds.

After the blowout loss, the Lady T-Birds played in front of a packed house at second place Olympic. Olympic appeared in control for most of the game, leading by 14 points with 14 minutes remaining in the game.

For the seven minutes following the big lead, however, Highline shackled the Hawks, not allowing them a single point. The defensive stand, combined with 13 Highline points, brought the Lady Thunderbirds back into the game near the end.

Both teams traded three point plays with six minutes left, then, after a two minute scoreless stretch, Highline went on another run to give themselves a three point lead. With 30 seconds left, Olympic’s Renee Ross tied the game and sent it to overtime.

Neither team established their own game in overtime, with Olympic finishing the game near the end. It’s really important that we keep our focus, Nater said.

Johnson allowed Highline to tie the game near the end. "It’s something all of us wanted," Johnson said.

"We have more desire to win," she said, "and that helps a lot." Nadeau finished the game with 22 points, six assists, and three steals.

Duggan scored 16 with 12 rebounds, five assists, and three steals. Nater had 13 points, 12 boards, and five blocks before her early exit, and Tarbet had 10 with eight rebounds.

Johnson’s clutch performance included five points, nine rebounds, and four steals in only 15 minutes.

Olympic’s leading scorer was Ross, who had 21 with her 11 rebounds. Janel Colbo scored 14, and Buckman had 11, but committed 10 turnovers.

After a bye on Feb. 4, Highline travels to Bellingham to take on Whatcom on Saturday before hosting Edmonds on Wednesday.

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Head for the mountains

By Tina M. McDonald
Staff Reporter

When people think of great skiing, they often think of the Rockies or the Alps, or some other exotic place. But those of us that live in the Pacific Northwest know better than that. We may not have the deepest snow or the biggest mountains, but we have a variety of resorts within a couple of hours that allows us to express our love of skiing. People from all over the nation travel to Washington to enjoy skiing Crystal Mountain's diverse terrain. Mission Ridge's 300 plus days of sunshine, and Steven's Pass's fresh, powder snow.

This year, what Washington knows as the "beginner ski resort" has had a fresh lift, complete with a new name, eight new grooming machines, and a high speed quad chairlift.

Snoqualmie, Hyak, Ski Acres, and Alpental is now known as just The Summit. They have been separated into The Summit West, The Summit East, The Summit Central, and Alpental at the Summit. The Summit has an average snowfall of 450" per year with a vertical drop of 2,200 feet.

Not only do they have day skiing, but they have night skiing for those that want to avoid the crowd of daytime skiers. But best of all, The Summit is less than an hour from downtown Seattle, making it quick and convenient for those that love to ski, but hate the long drive.

Crystal Mountain has become one of Washington's more famous resorts of late. With an average of 340" of snowfall a year, the first six passenger detachable high speed chairlift at Crystal said, "If you want to ski just about any terrain that the Alps or the Rocky's have to offer, Crystal has the best terrain in the area."

The Summit has a vertical drop of 415", with a vertical drop of 1,800 feet. Our geographical position gives us tons of better quality snow, and allows us to keep more runs open for night skiing. "Right now we are in the process of developing plans for a new high speed quad. The high speed quad will be ready for next year's skiing and will replace the Hogan back chair," Fortune said.

Don't make me have to push you down the hill

By Tina McDonald
Staff Reporter

One of the hottest items this year is the new snowboard ski. Sisecut skis have an accentuated hourglass shape that makes carving easier," ski salesman Greg Heasley said. "The new skis are easier to ride because all that needs to be done to control them is to slightly roll the balls of your feet, causing the ski to automatically do the rest," Heasley continued.

The best thing about the sidecut skis, however, is that they perform well in almost all conditions," Heasley said. Sidecut skis do have their disadvantages. Mogul lovers might want to steer clear of sidecut skis. Their accentuated hourglass shape causes it to carve more than necessary in moguls, making it difficult to stay in your line. Also, the center of the ski is smaller than most normal skis, causing what is known as "boot out," or when the boot scarpes the snow from turning too sharply. "Another hit item this season is the new K2 ski with the added Piezo strip," Heasley said.

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Instructor recovers in the classroom

**By Russell Kirkegaard**

**Staff Reporter**

Charles Stores is glad to be back in class after surgery.

Stores suffered from multiple heart attacks last August, the fourth of which put him under the knife. After the third heart attack Stores went to Harborview to get checked out.

"I graded exams in the cardiac care unit. I was able to get them graded and in on time, too," Stores said.

He went on to explain that he did so before knowing the severity of his condition.

He had the fourth and most severe attack while in Harborview.

"They didn't know how serious it was until after the fourth heart attack," said Stores.

Stores was then transferred to the University of Washington Hospital, where he underwent quadruple bypass surgery.

In a bypass surgery a good vein is taken out of the patient's leg or arm, and used to bypass clogged arteries in the heart.

Stores said that his recovery process took only a couple of months. He would have returned in the fall, but classes were all ready under way.

Stores is grateful to be teaching again this Winter Quarter.

"The first day back felt really good," Stores said. "We are here only a brief time and we need to make the best of it."

Stores started his teaching career 37 years ago. He has been teaching here at Highline for the last 28 years.

Currently, he is teaching Astronomy, Biology, and Cosmos at Highline.

Students say Stores is a dedicated teacher who opens the minds of his students.

"I see my job as to help students see the world rationally and understand the modern scientific world view, even though it's not popular because it is materialistic, naturalistic, and mechanistic, which is impersonal," Stores said.

His classes can be challenging, but at the same time a lot of fun, students said.

He tells you how it is and doesn't hold anything back, students said.

"Classes have personalities, and sometimes it's magic," Stores said.

Stores plans on teaching here at Highline for the next two years for sure and hopefully at least through the millennium.

"This job is a really good one. What could be better?" he said.

Instructor recalls Korean friend, now president

**By Alex Credgington**

**Staff Reporter**

Highline professor Frank Albin always thought Kim Dae Jung had enormous potential.

Now, 17 years after they first had contact, Kim is the newly elected president of the Republic of Korea, often referred to as South Korea.

A professor of Business Administration at Highline, Albin became an active supporter of Kim in 1980, when a South Korean military court sentenced Kim to death for what it called "sedition and attempting to overthrow the government."

"I thought he was going to get himself killed," Albin said. However, with the backing of students and workers, Kim began to win public support. He eventually returned to the political arena and was elected president of the Republic of Korea on Dec. 18, 1997.

At 72 years of age, Kim will be inaugurated on Feb. 25, 1998.

"I feel that he's finally made it," Albin said of Kim.
Expansion in near future

By Tom Rockey
Staff Reporter

It's time to renovate. Building 30 will be undergoing an expansion, giving it an additional 17,500 feet within the next four to five years.

The south wall of Building 30 will be the new area of expansion. The new addition has been designed to ease pressure from other areas of the college, particularly the computer facilities. "Some of them [new rooms] will surely be additional computer labs," said Tim Wrye, director of instructional computing.

"There has been talk about making interactive classrooms, which simply means it has video equipment for interaction between students and faculty," he said. The staff has also discussed the possibility of implementing labs exclusively for chemistry and physics classes.

"There are lots of possibilities, nothing is definite yet. That all has to happen in the planning process," Wrye said. The reason for all the changes in Building 30 is to ease pressure from other areas of the campus, like the Library's fifth floor video conference room, and to advance the distance education program.

"The initial appropriation was only for half to two-thirds of the entire request, so they built what they had funding for, and this is the continuation," Wrye said. Right now, Highline is not directly dealing with the contractors who are making their bids for the job.

Julie Nakahara, who is with the division of engineering and architectural services in Olympia, is dealing with the bidding firms.

She is in charge of overseeing the process between the state of Washington and Highline, because the building development is funded by the state.

"The funding from the state for just the design cannot go over $389,717," said Shirley Tseng, scheduled extra cash-flows to the division of engineering and architectural services in Olympia.

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The procedure is for the group to meet in Olympia. Each firm had an hour to do a presentation to sell their product. The companies give examples of similar products that they have completed, and give a rough estimate of what they would do for Highline.

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Hope Scholarship gives tax credits to students, families

By Deborah McDaniel
Staff Reporter

The U.S. government just made it cheaper for you to attend college. The president conceived of and Congress passed the tax Relief Act of 1997, which contains the biggest changes to higher education costs since the GI Bill was enacted, 50 years ago.

Once Highline College learned of the Act, they delayed the Winter Quarter tuition due date from December 1997 to Jan. 2, 1998, enabling all students to take advantage of the Act. With due date changes in place, Highline Controller Ali-Tia Tieng said some of the cashiers were prepared for the crush Ideal-paying students.

"The office fielded hundreds of calls from students wanting to apply for the Hope Scholarship," Tieng said.

Tied to the Hope Scholarship is that the taxpayer (that's you) must make between $1,000 for a total maximum of $1,500.

Qualifying expenses are limited to tuition and fees directly related to the cost of attending your education. Any expenditures won't be considered for tax credit.

According to the Internal Revenue Bulletin No. 1997-46, the Hope Scholarship does not include, "Amounts paid for any course or other education involving sports, games, hobbies...unless the course or education is part of the student's degree program. Charges and fees associated with room, board, student activities, athletics, insurance, books, equipment, transportation and similar personal, living or family expenses are not qualified tuition or related expenses."

Not all the details of the Hope Scholarship are in place yet, but rest assured, a lot more students and their parents are going to have a little more cash in hand after tax time 1999.

Student government president hopes to do the right thing

By Luke Barnett
Staff Reporter

Student government is at Highline to help students with any problems or concerns that they may have, and Nelson Cristinao, the associated student body president, is doing his share.

The student government officers can help students with problems such as financial aid, parking, and their school work, officers said.

As president, Cristinao says his main responsibility is to get everyone on the student government involved with the students, staff, and administrators here at Highline.

When students can't go to the administrators with the problem they have, they can go to the student government. Student government, also known as the ASGCC, then talks with the administrators about the problem or concern, Cristinao said.

"The student government is the channel of communication between students, staff, and administrators," Cristinao said.

Cristiano said that he listens to students' problems and often has suggestions from other students about what they think should be done about a certain issue.

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Hip-hop into sociology

Students study Tupac Shakur and earn credit

By Alex P. Hennevy
Staff Reporter

This quarter, 40 students will receive credit for studying the hip-hop rapper, Notorious B.I.G.

The overloaded class will also study Tupac Shakur, along with the culture that hip-hop has created.

Students studying these social figures are in Derek Greenfield's sociology course, "Hip-Hop and American Society."

"This is not a music appreciation course," said Greenfield, who is in his second quarter of instructing at Highline.

Students in this section of Sociology 110 will see how hip-hop music and its culture as a theme to study Sociology.

"It will give students a better ground for concepts and theories," said Greenfield, who along with his students is hoping that the use of hip-hop will make it easier to grasp some of the more complicated ideas in sociology.

"It relates to young people easier," one student said.

The enthusiasm of the instructor makes it much easier for the students to get excited about the subject.

That energy that the students and instructor have for the class is evident when you walk in the room.

One student said she signed up for the class by accident, but decided to keep it after seeing how excited Greenfield was on the first day.

"Awesome, enthusiastic, and fun," she said, describing Greenfield.

Greenfield believes that the course takes sociology beyond the typical context, and makes it more personal.

"People are excited about it because its meaningful to their lives," Greenfield said.

Many students knew nothing about hip-hop, but were excited to learn about the latest cultural influence.

Greenfield entertains students with his enthusiastic lectures in his "Hip-Hop and American Society" class.

This class section is the first of its kind at Highline, but if Derek Greenfield has his way, it won't be the last.

Although the "Hip-Hop and American Society" class probably won't be offered again until next year, Greenfield is interested in trying more creative themes for the introduction to sociology class.

"I received a great deal of encouragement," Greenfield said, speaking about the reaction his peers had of the idea.

Maplestone to lead sciences

By Alex P. Hennevy
Staff Reporter

Bob Maplestone has big plans.

"I want Highline to become the preferred choice," Maplestone said.

After 23 years as an instructor at Highline, Maplestone was recently elected the chair of the Pure and Applied Science Division.

Maplestone was born and raised in Cardiff, United Kingdom and came to the U.S. in 1970, when he attended Eastern Washington University on a track scholarship.

Maplestone recently completed the necessary course work and will be receiving his master's of science degree from Oregon State University shortly.

For most of his time at Highline, Maplestone has been an engineering and manufacturing teacher.

In the past, he was also a cross-country and track coach, and in recent years was the coordinator for the Engineering Department.

With his promotion, Maplestone will reduce his teaching from full-time to one-third time, and spend most time dealing with administrative issues.

"I would not have considered the position without some teaching being involved," Maplestone said.

As the division chairman, Maplestone will be in charge of overseeing the division's budget and be involved in the division's hiring.

He predicts that one-quarter to one-third of the teachers in the Pure and Applied Science Division will be ready to retire in the next five years.

"It's important to get the right people," Maplestone said of the division's recruiting efforts.

Work has already begun on establishing the division's web page. The web page is part of Maplestone's vision for the future of the division.

He plans to spend a lot of time promoting the division's offerings to prospective students.

"The division is doing an excellent job, however, there is lots of competition," Maplestone said of trying to make Highline the preferred choice.

"People can come talk to me," Maplestone said.

Maplestone feels that too often people only hear about negative reactions students have to instructors and programs.

"I would like positive feedback," Maplestone said, speaking not only as division chairman, but also as an experienced teacher.

"I want my door to be open," Maplestone said.

Visit the U.W. on Plan a Transfer day tomorrow

By Megan Mooers
Staff Reporter

Highline students will be able to visit the University of Washington campus for Plan a Transfer Day from 1-4 p.m. on Feb. 6.

Co-sponsored by the Educational Planning Center and the U. of Washington, Plan A Transfer Day will give students the opportunity to tour the campus and meet representatives from each of the departments to discuss issues such as admissions and special requirements for entry into the program of their choice.

"I know from my experience in the Educational Planning Center that the U. of Washington is the most popular school to transfer to after Highline," said Denise Glover, curriculum adviser.

"It is reasonably priced, conveniently located, and has a good reputation. I think that's what makes it so popular. I recommend that you visit any campus you're thinking of attending to get a feeling of the environment and the layout," Glover said.

Highline has participated in Plan a Transfer Day consistently for the past several years.

Students from all community colleges are invited to attend.

"We in the Educational Planning Center are planning more trips to other schools in the future. It's an objective of ours to get students connected earlier and faster to universities," said Glover.

A bus will leave Highline's campus for the U. of Washington at 11:30 a.m. and will return at about 5:30 p.m.

There are still a few seats available, and you will be put on a standby list if seating is full.

Students who do not wish to take the bus or are unable to get a seat are welcome to drive themselves.

You must register in advance at the Educational Planning Center even if you do not plan to ride the bus.

For more information contact the Educational Planning Center at (206) 878-5710, ext. 3584.

Additionally, a representative from the U. of Washington will be in the lower level of Building 6 on Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Students give reasons to leave Highline

By Shannon Strand
Staff Reporter

Students say people leave Highline without graduating because of a lack of motivation, depression, environment, or other reasons.

"With the amount of other things on the go, it's easy for students to get sidetracked," said student Menna Tesfatsion. "They don't like the thin line that we walk. . . ." she said. "Most students are not motivated to succeed. . . ."

"There are some students who are not that motivated to do well in their studies," said student Kris Haas. "They are not as interested in the courses as they should be. . . ."

Keeney returned to school after taking a break, said the student advisor, Jeff Warding. "I went last year then quit," said Warding. "I was just not ready to begin again. . . ."

The majority of faculty who attended the meeting were from the Business Division and a Cabinet of the Educational Planning Center and faculty advisors who contribute to increasing educational success. Many people agreed that the college is a learning community for students. But the re- sponse is not always as enthusiastic, said student Theresa Guerreiro.

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