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Truth exists, only falsehood has to be invented.
—Georges Braque

Keeney gets service time for crime

By Gina Carpinito
Staff Reporter

A tearful Traci Lynn Keeney said she is sorry for fabricating bomb threats that disrupted Highline's campus on several occasions in the last several years.

A King County Superior Court Judge nonetheless sentenced Keeney to 30 days in jail, with 25 converted to 200 hours of community service, plus undetermined restitution to be paid to Highline. She also will be on parole for the next two years. Keeney, a former Highline security dispatcher, pleaded

guilty to one count of threats to bomb or injure property in November 1997. She resigned from the college in February 1997, after she came under police suspicion for up to 17 bomb threats phoned into the college. Keeney, who apparently invented the bomb threats, admitted that there was no excuse for

her actions. Through tears, she apologized during her sentencing for all of the time and energy spent investigating phony bomb threats to Highline over the past few years.

"I'm really sorry to the college," she said.
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An early hint of spring



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Old Person Weather gave a whiff of spring this week, before returning to February's usual gray drizzle. The brief taste of sunshine made for a dramatic sunset view from Saltwater State Park, as a couple of students discovered.

Problem or not?

Number mix-up leaves student retention numbers much stronger

By Nathan Golden
and **Ami Westberg**
Staff Reporters

Highline's student retention rates have improved overnight.

College officials had been concerned over what appeared to be a 47 percent dropout rate. It turns out the number was incorrect. A clerical error apparently assigned Green River's retention number to Highline.

Highline's year-to-year retention rate actually is 65 percent, not 53. The new number puts Highline in the top 10 among the state's 27 two-year colleges.

Although retention rates are not as bad as first perceived, college officials said they are still working on improvements.

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College explores advising options

By E.A. Credgington
and **Megan Mooers**
Staff Reporters

Student advising at Highline needs improvement to increase the retention rate, agreed faculty members at a forum Tuesday in Building 7.

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Group to confront college over diversity

By Nelson Crisanto
Staff Reporter

Highline's top administrators are taking a hard look at diversifying the faculty.

The Instructional Cabinet has assigned an internal subcommittee to explore the issue in depth. They will meet with a group of student leaders next Tuesday as part of that process.

The Cabinet includes all of the college's division chairmen

and women, Vice President Jack Birmingham, Dean Bob Hughes, Multicultural Services Director Tony Castro, Educational Planning Director Kay Balston and Director of Continuing Education Scott Winslow.

The diversity subcommittee includes Castro, Social Sciences Division Chairman Bruce Roberts, Hughes, Personnel Director Sue Williamson, and writing Professor Lonny Kaneko.

This subcommittee is in

charge of looking at how to better recruit, hire and retain a more diverse faculty on campus. They are also looking at how the institution can benefit by hiring a more diverse faculty.

Highline's student body is 33 percent non-white, but the faculty and staff are only 4.3 percent non-white. That number actually has dropped since 1991, when it was 7.1 percent.

"We have been concerned about matching our faculty di-

versity to our students," said Dr. Laura Saunders, vice president of administration.

Subcommittee members said the task is important to the continued development of the college.

"It demonstrates a true commitment to diversity," Castro said. "This is a challenge for all institutions."

"I think there is a need for a

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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 have always been a part of her involvement.

During her college years at Western Washington University, Morgan was the president of Student Organization, was a fa-

cilitator 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 Steussy, 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



Lashawn Morgan

Crisanto, Touraan 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.

Thunder Word News Briefs

College reps to visit

Transfer time is here and this is your chance to get advice from a college representative. Today, in the upper level of Building 6, college representatives from Seattle University will be available to answer any transfer question you might have. They will be there from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m..

On Feb. 10 representatives from the University of Washington will be in the lower level of Building 6 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Central Washington University representatives will be there on Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m..

Hip Hop R & B Night

This Friday night from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the upper level of Building 8 is an event you won't want to miss.

Hip Hop R & B night is sure to be a hit, with the full schedule coordinators have planned. The event includes everything from DJ "Be Mellow," a talent show, and to open microphone session.

Tickets are \$3 each and are available in the Student Programs or Team Highline Offices.

Comedy Cafe returns

Once again Team Highline presents its quarterly laugh festival, Comedy Cafe. The event is sure to be a hit with Floyd Phillips, as the featured comedian and Ken Chorost as the opener.

Come early and lounge in the Tazza coffee shop where you can enjoy a latte, or a yummy pastry. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m..

Tickets are available in the Student Programs Office for \$5 or you can purchase your ticket at the door for \$7.

Job Club meets

If you're looking for work and having trouble staying positive the Job Club has the perfect workshop for you.

Today from noon to 1:30 p.m. the Job Club presents "Keeping your Spirits up While Looking For Work," with Barbara Muller, from Women's Programs.

The workshop is free and will be held in Building 4 room 123.

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 situation.

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.

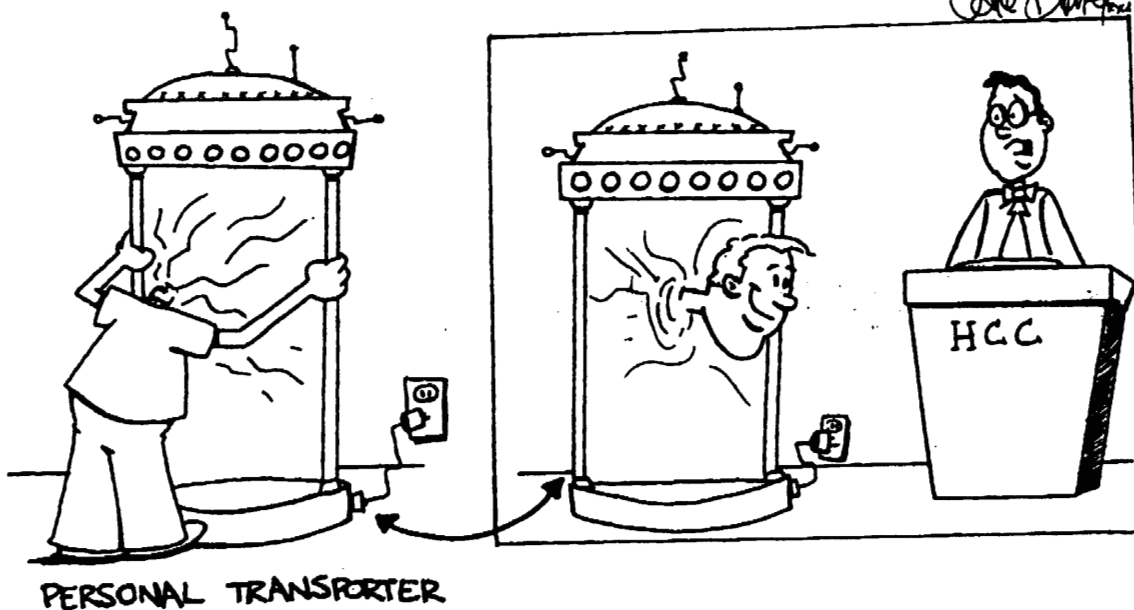
In addition to Saunders, Director of Facilities Pete Babington and Director of Campus Security and Safety Richard Fisher were present to hear the staff.

"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

PARKING SOLUTIONS...



PERSONAL TRANSPORTER

Technology may yet solve Highline's parking dilemma.

Graphic by Jake Dill

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.

Some ideas included giving out time-share permits, for staff who would use the new reserved area at opposite times, or to just do away with the new addition.

"There weren't enough [staff] spaces in the first place,

and then 30 more were taken back," part-time staff member Cybill James said about the new reserved staff lot.

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

Students rack up \$5,000 in tickets

By Jess Kelley
Staff Reporter

Bad habits have cost Highline students around \$5,000 in accumulated traffic tickets in the last three months.

Ignoring traffic or parking rules is likely to get you a ticket, says Highline Security Chief Richard Fisher.

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 se-

curity 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, reg-

istration 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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College fund faces dim reception

By Scott C. Murray
Staff Reporter

A bill has been introduced in Olympia which would earmark money to be matched with private dollars, creating a higher education endowment fund.

But the idea isn't getting a passing grade from majority Republicans or from Democrat Gov. Gary Locke.

Over a five year period, the state would set aside \$250 million in public funds.

Colleges and universities would raise an equal amount of private donations, creating a total of \$500 million in a permanent endowments for the state's nearly 40 public colleges and

universities.

The endowment would allow two-year 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 communication's 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-Des Moines, who is also a chairwoman of Highline's Board of

Trustees, had hoped for the Republican majority and the governor to add this fund to his budget. It didn't happen.

"On any new major initiatives, without the leadership of the Republican party, or the governor, 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 educational 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."

Wrestlers seek trip funds

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, that event was cancelled and the team is in need of money.

Assistant Wrestling Coach John Clemons 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 it will 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 \$441.57 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 appeared 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.



Child Development Center Director Joyce Riley shares a smile with student Amanda Spackman.

Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Help wanted: Center seeks men

Child care sees need for male role models

By Anna Hackenmiller
Staff Reporter

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 quarter. 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 206-878-3710 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 Micki, puts it, "Getting in is tough because it is a great program."



Photo by Bruce Jarrell
April Garvin helps Brent Kester at Highline's child care center.

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 misprints: The "ASHCC Constitution and By-Laws" govern the ASHCC Student Government Offices not the student body.

The Student's Rights and Responsibilities Code is what governs the student body. Also, the Budget Review is not affiliated with this committee, that is strictly separate.

Lastly, the new scheduled time is every Monday 4-5:30 p.m. Please make a note of this. Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Yenerma De Las Alas
Chairwoman for By-Laws Committee

Opinion Policy

The Thunderword Opinion section presents a perspective on the news and the newsmakers of the Highline campus community. It offers analysis and background, debate and opinion, and is produced by the Thunderword staff.



Food chain applies to dating too

One of my friends once told me, "You're always lower on someone else's food chain."

Last weekend, I experienced first hand life as an amoeba.

One of my co-workers, Barbie, invited me to go line dancing with her and her sister Skipper.

I accepted, and as I hung up the phone, I suddenly became aware of what I'd just done.

Let me tell you about the long blonde-haired and big blue-eyed duo that are Barbie and Skipper. Both surpassed 5-foot-3 me by a very healthy four inches.

Barbie and Skipper are calendar girls. No joke. They were in a freakin' swimsuit calender.

Either could be the next Miss America. Maybe the next two.

Any feelings of inadequacy I'd encountered before looked like ripples on the seashore compared to this tsunami of ineptitude.

Brown-haired, dark-eyed squatty me began to panic. With a fevered frenzy, I slapped on a few extra layers of lipstick, and attempted to fix my hair.

It was no use. Who was I fooling?

Getting dressed, I remembered I hadn't gone shopping since I graduated high school. That was two years ago.

My fashion choices were dorky, dorkier, or my grandma bought this for me. I went with dorky.

I drove to their house in my sensible Subaru.

I wanted to cry. They looked like someone ripped them out of the pages of Seventeen.

Barbie, Skipper, and Stumpy. That was us.

I felt like a clumsy junior high boy, testing out the slick moves he'd learned in the line-dancing curriculum of his P.E. class.

Seven line dances and one near-breakdown later, my worst

Lisa's World

By Lisa Curdy

fear became a reality. They played a slow song.

Skipper was the first to be asked.

Then Barbie.

So I, the lone Stumpy Stumpkins, held up the wall and tried to look cool and uninterested.

Then, a huge ogre-like beast in pointy little cowboy shoes

and a striped shirt reminiscent of King County Jail-wear asked me to dance.

I politely declined. I might've been an amoeba on the food chain that night, but that guy was a nasty patch of slime mold.

A few moments later, as if sent from panic-sensing heaven, a decently cute guy came over and rescued—I mean—asked me to dance.

That night I learned, no matter how far down the food chain you are, someone might mosey over and ask you to dance. Maybe even a hot flagellated protozoa. With cowboy shoes.

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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

Arts and Croft

By Christi Croft



Media label. "Soul Garage Ska" was produced by ska celebrity Vinnie Nobile.

The group is fronted by Trisha Verdolino, who has an interesting voice, bringing in a different singing perspective compared to most ska bands.

When ska is mentioned, the first thing that comes to mind is something fast and upbeat. This CD was a little laggish on that note.

Metro Stylee holds a somewhat "rock steady" type of beat. "Rock steady" is a mix between Ska and Reggae.

Two songs caught my ear's attention. "Destroy" and "Back Again," had decent guitar riffs and the added horns in the background made it even more appealing.

Now I do admit, I'm not an expert in this area, but lucky me, I had some help from a fellow Highline student, confidant, and extreme ska buff, W.B. Heming.

"They switch the rhythms during some of the songs, and that makes it hard to dance to," Heming said.

The type of dancing he is referring to is "skanking." Now don't get any ideas, the name sounds a lot worse than it actually is. Skanking is a school of dance related to Ska.

On that note, I stumbled upon a wide array of lingo used by Heming during my trip down ska lane.

"Chops," is another word for sideburns, which happens to be the in thing. Jason Priestley must be a hit at ska concerts throughout the country.

"Tips," a phrase for shoes, is another diddy that is said quite often. Do you think a ska dictionary will be made? Lets hope.

Christi Croft is Arts Editor of the Thunderword. She's a skankin' nice red-head. Really, she is.

World-beating drum beat

New instructor provides percussive perspective

By Matt Neigel
Staff Reporter

Highline's newest music instructor, Mark Ivester, is bringing a new, global beat to Highline's World Percussion class.

Ivester, who has been playing percussion instruments for 32 years, attended Eastern Washington University and the University of Hawaii. He also made a living as a live performer.

Ivester's life-long love for music took off when he learned how to play the snare drum in his elementary school band. His love for the snare drum flourished over the following years, taking him on to learn the entire drum set and countless other percussion instruments. The drum set still remains his favorite instrument.

"It's where I feel most at home," Ivester said.

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 liked everyone from Led Zeppelin and Steppenwolf to Miles Davis and John Coltrane.

Ivester's experience in performing over the last 22 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



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Mark Ivester warms up on a drum in his World Percussion class.

1987 in Spokane where he was able to perform with the great tenor saxophonist Michael Brecker. Brecker is 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 was offered the job.

The class will be offered next quarter. Ivester suggests any students interested in percussion instruments from around the world should sign up.

You do not need any previous percussion history, just a willingness to learn.

New movie receives 'great' review

By Shannon Stroud
Staff Reporter

Paltrow and Hawke keep expectations high in the new movie, "Great Expectations."

Based on the novel by Charles Dickens, "Great Expectations" is a modern-day romantic tale about destiny and soul mates.

Ethan Hawke co-stars with Gwyneth Paltrow as two people who grow up in the same small town in Florida, but lead completely different lifestyles. Fate continues to bring them together throughout their lives. Anne Bancroft, Paltrow's wealthy, eccentric aunt has one too many screws loose. Raised around art and tea gatherings, Paltrow's character differs from Hawke's, as he was raised by his sister's boyfriend, a poor fisherman.

Hawke's portrayal of a simple, small-town boy (Finn) in love was passionate and heartfelt. His true love for Estella (Paltrow) will warm the heart. Throughout the movie, Finn's only care is where Estella is, and how badly he wants to be with her.

Paltrow's classic face lights up the screen with her "heavenly" look.

One scene that appealed to me was when Estella informs Finn that she is getting married. Although you cannot see their faces, the pain in their voices say it all.

I would recommend this movie for people of all ages. So girls, grab your guy and head down to the theater. (He can be romantic for two hours, can't he?)

Goodbye American cheeseburger, hello Thai food

This week was my try at Thai, and it was hard to say goodbye!

I tried two Thai restaurants: the Thai Cafe, and the Eastern Restaurant. I took my kid sister Emily along to both places. She didn't know what to make of the food, but I personally found the food to be good, more so at the Thai Cafe.

We first ate at the Thai Cafe on Kent West Hill.

The lighting was very subdued.

The art displayed on the walls was of golden, sequined stitched elephants and Buddhas.

Huge, bulbous goldfish lazed in an aquarium. I felt a strong temptation to drop a fishing line into the aquarium and catch me some. It was pretty neat.

Emily ordered shrimp fried

Mr. Food



By Scott C. Murray

rice, which consisted of pan fried rice, served with shrimp, eggs, tomatoes and onions. The price came close to \$6.

I ordered Rama chicken, which was broiled chicken on a bed of spinach topped with peanut sauce.

That came close to \$6 as well.

We both ordered Thai iced teas. They are ADDICTING! Beware and pace yourself if you decide to order one.

I give this restaurant four stars.

Our next eating endeavor took place at Eastern Restaurant in Burien, which served Thai, Vietnamese, and Chinese food. This restaurant was better lit compared to the Thai Cafe. It also had similar Asian art.

We decided to take part in the dinner buffet.

Vietnamese and Chinese food such as jicama and pork, Kung Pao chicken, and chow mein were featured at the buffet.

The Thai food included bean sprouts with imitation crab, Pad Thai Tofu, deep fried fish, vegetable curry and egg flower soup.

I thought the food was OK, but not prepared as well as I thought Thai Cafe's food was.

Emily and I ordered Thai iced teas again, and found they were just as good as at the Thai Cafe!

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 \$6-\$7. The dinner buffet consisted of Thai and Chinese food.

The Thai Cafe is located at Woodmont Place Shopping Center, 26218 Pacific Highway S., Kent. Their phone number is (253) 941-1024.

The Eastern Restaurant is located at 14816 First Ave. S., Burien. Their phone number is (206) 246-5889. Bon Appetit!!

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

Men's hoops wins tight road game

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

Highline's men's basketball team's winning streak is now 20 games after victories over Olympic on Saturday and Skagit Valley last Wednesday. The Thunderbirds' record now stands at 21-1 overall and 10-0 in league play.

The Thunderbirds went into Olympic Community College on Saturday and came away with a victory after an 83-79 nailbiter.

The Thunderbirds began the game with a 10-0 run over the first four minutes, a lead which would be cut to as little as two points by the Rangers midway through the first half.

Highline then staged a rally of its own stretching, their lead to a game-high 15 points before leaving for halftime with a 46-36 score and a ten point lead.

The Thunderbirds started the second half by taking a 14 point lead in the first four minutes. Highline then saw that lead vanish as they were outscored 18-2 in the next six minutes, allowing Olympic to take a two point lead, 64-62.

Highline quickly regained the lead on a three-point play by Shaun Madsen, who scored nine points off the bench.

Olympic didn't let up, coming back to tie the score at 71-71 with 5:02 to play.

After a first half in which Quincy Wilder was held to just two points, he exploded to score eight points in the next 4:32.

"They just converged on him in the first half," T-bird forward-center Garrett Miller said.

Olympic, down 78-80 after a key three-point shot by the



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Quincy Wilder looks for an opportunity against Skagit Valley

Rangers Mikael Moore with only 19 seconds remaining, fouled Wilder with 18 seconds left, who made one of two free throws.

Highline then fouled Moore who hit one of two.

The Rangers then fouled Todd Watts who converted on both free throws to seal the victory for Highline with 13 sec-

onds remaining at 83-79.

Head Coach Joe Callero said that this victory shows his team hasn't gotten complacent.

"I think it shows people the character of this team," Callero said.

Olympic kept the game close on the strength of their 43.8 percent three-point shooting, despite shooting only 40.6 percent

overall.

"I thought we did a good job of contesting their shots," Callero said.

Reggie Ball led the Thunderbirds with 11 assists and seven steals while scoring nine points and collecting eight rebounds. Center Marty DeLange had 10 points and 12 rebounds and forward Todd Watts scored 17 points.

The Thunderbirds received strong support off the bench from Adam Enfield, 14 points and two steals in 14 minutes, and Shaun Madsen, nine points in 13 minutes.

Highline defeated Skagit Valley last Wednesday 103-73 at home, which brings the Thunderbirds home record to 13-0.

It was the third time Highline had scored 100 points against an opponent at home.

Wilder led Highline with 29 points, as Reggie Ball scored 14 and had 10 assists.

Watts had a season-high with seven assists as Madsen added 19 points and Enfield scored 14 points.

The team has this week off before going to Whatcom on Saturday to play a team that the Thunderbirds defeated 102-53 earlier in the season.

The Thunderbirds are using the off week to practice before playing the last six games of their league schedule.

"I'm looking forward to putting in some new things on defense and offense," Callero said.

If Highline manages to win the rest of its league games it would be the first time since 1982 that the T-Birds have gone through their league schedule undefeated. "We want to lock up league," Callero said.

Wrestlers win one, lose two

By Frankie Cenicerros
Staff Reporter

The Highline T-Bird Wrestling team won one match and lost two last weekend.

The 'Birds slaughtered Yakima Valley CC, 33-9. Highline won nearly every match, with only 142-pounder John Rosevear losing in overtime.

At 118 pounds Nelson Crisanto pinned his opponent in the second round.

"It was a cake walk," Crisanto said. Other wrestlers that pinned their opponents were 134-pounder Andy Clark and heavyweight Mark Kisler, who was the only wrestler to pin his opponent in the first round.

"The team wrestled pretty well. Key matches gave the kids confidence," Head Coach Todd Owens said.

On Saturday, Jan. 21 the 'Birds had two matches and lost both. Two-time national defending champions, Lasson Community College defeated Highline 25-15.

The 'Birds had three winners. At 118 pounds Crisanto won, 142-pounder Rosevear won and 190-pounder Trevor Howard emerged victorious.

They were tough; 25-15 is not that bad," Crisanto said.

Wrestling against such a powerful team "puts a lot of pressure on you," Assistant Coach John Clemens said.

The 'Birds lost the second match of the day, just two hours after the first, to Southwestern Oregon CC, 21-18.

The match came down to the final contest, which Kisler eventually lost in overtime.

Other victories included Crisanto, who won by forfeit.

"He was a wimp, he didn't want to wrestle me," Crisanto said.

At 150 pounds Jesse Barnett defeated his opponent by pin, and 158-pounder Eric Worden and 167-pounder both won.

Howard lost his match in overtime, which would have caused a tie.

"I should have won. My wrestling match was tough. I was wrestling not to be scored on, not to score," Howard said.

The 'Birds were hoping for a win in the final match, but Kisler lost in overtime.

"It's getting better in the end of the year, where you finish at the end is way important," Owens said.

The 'Birds' next match is the Regional Championships at Northern Idaho CC, on Friday, Feb. 13.

Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

Standings

Northern Division	Lea	Sea
Highline	10-0	21-1
Olympic	6-4	17-4
Edmonds	6-4	10-13
Shoreline	6-4	11-11
Peninsula	5-4	9-11
Skagit Valley	3-8	12-9
Everett	3-7	10-12
Bellevue	3-7	9-13
Whatcom	2-8	6-15

NWAAC/Horizon Air Top 8 Coaches Poll	W-L	Points	Pts
1. Highline	21-1	90(9)	1
2. Lane	18-5	68	4
3. Columbia Basin	17-5	38	6
4. Grays Harbor	14-6	37	8
5. Olympic	17-4	23	2
6. Linn-Benton	13-7	10	nr
7. Chemeketa	17-5	6	3
8. Tacoma	16-6	4	5

Scores

Highline 103, Skagit Valley 73

Skagit Valley (73)

Perez 1-2 0-0 2, Teeple 5-10 10-12 20, Gallagher 5-12 7-8 19, Esemann 4-10 2-2 11, Anderson 2-4 0-0 5, Williams 1-1 0-0 2, Gilmore 4-11 0-0 9, Bates 0-0 0-0 0, Wozniak 1-3 3-5 5. Totals 23-58 22-27 73.

Highline (103)

Ball 5-9 4-4 14, Watts 2-9 0-0 5, Ladd 1-2 4-4 11, Miller 2-4 0-0 4, Wilder 13-15 1-2 32, Enfield 4-7 1-2 11, Madsen 8-9 3-4 19, Guy 0-3 2-2 2, Luedke 1-1 0-0 2, DeLange 4-7 0-0 8, Johnson 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 41-68 13-18 103.

Highline 83, Olympic 79

Highline (83)
Ball 4-14 0-0 9, DeLange 6-8 0-0 12, Watts 5-8 4-5 17, Ladd 0-3 0-0 0, Miller 1-3 0-0 2, Wilder 8-18 3-8 20, Enfield 5-9 0-1 14, Guy 0-0 0-0 0, Madsen 3-6 3-3 9, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-71 10-14 83.
Olympic (79)
Petrov 1-4 0-0 2, Moore 5-18 7-9 20, Harris 5-16 0-0 23, Landrum 5-15 2-4 16, Anderson 1-2 0-0 2, Brien 5-12 0-0 16, JTF 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 28-68 14-32 79.

Women's Basketball

Standings

Northern Division	Lea	Sea
Skagit Valley	9-0	20-0
Olympic	8-2	17-5
Everett	7-3	12-11
Whatcom	5-5	9-11
Highline	4-8	5-14
Edmonds	4-6	5-16
Shoreline	4-5	10-11
Peninsula	3-5	9-14
Bellevue	0-10	2-17

NWAAC/Horizon Air Top 8 Coaches Poll	W-L	Points	Pts
1. Skagit Valley	20-0	82(7)	1
2. Umpqua	20-2	82	2
3. L. Columbia	18-4	66(1)	3
4. Spokane	18-5	24(1)	4
5. Chemeketa	17-6	23	7
6. Clackamas	15-6	18	8
7. Wen. Valley	19-8	15	6
8. Olympic	17-5	1	5

Scores

Skagit Valley 95, Olympic 71

Skagit Valley (95)

Simonseth 2-2 2-4 7, Ludwig 1-5 0-0 2, Wilson 3-8 0-0 7, Morgenstaler 6-10 1-2 17, Moses 2-8 2-2 7, Maples 2-3 0-0 5, Apodaca 6-8 0-1 14, Clark 3-8 2-4 10, Bergema 5-13 3-3 13, Berendsen 6-15 1-2 13. Totals 38-78 11-18 95.

Highline (82)

Ruggiero 3-7 0-0 8, Wilcoxon 1-7 4-4 6, Nadeau 5-18 0-0 11, Couch 0-3 0-0 0, O'Leary 0-2 1-2 1, Biddle 0-2 0-0 0, Eckert 1-1 1-2 3, Tardif 4-6 2-2 10, Johnson 0-4 0-0 0, Gifford 2-4 4-4 4, Duggins 13-14 3-14 14, Miller 2-7 0-0 5. Totals 30-72 15-17 82.

Highline 73, Olympic 71

Highline (73)
Wilcoxon 0-4 0-0 0, Ruggiero 2-5 0-1 4, Wilkins 1-3 0-0 2, Miller 5-21 2-4 22, Eckert 1-2 0-0 5, Tardif 5-10 0-0 10, Johnson 2-3 0-0 5, Madsen 5-15 2-16 16, Brien 2-11 1-2 10, Anderson 2-11 1-11 7, Harris 1-3 0-0 3, Landrum 1-3 0-0 3, JTF 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 28-68 14-32 79.

Recreation groups invited to campus

By Todd Watts
Staff Reporter

Highline is teaming up with Federal Way and Des Moines to expose local groups to Highline's campus.

John Dunn has joined with Federal Way Boys' and Girls' clubs, Federal Way Parks and Recreation, and Des Moines Parks and Recreation to provide an environment for local activities.

This gives Highline a chance to show the community what the college has to offer by getting them involved with the college.

"This type of exposure is great for H.C.C. because we bring in people that otherwise might not ever get to see our campus, or what it has to offer," Dunn said.

Some of the current projects include the Federal Way Boys' and Girls' Club youth basketball league, which meets at the Thunderdome every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Not only does this attract 300 to 400 kids every time it meets, it also brings in all of the parents and family members of those participating, Dunn said.

"It's a great way to share our campus with the community, especially the kids," he said.

But adults aren't left out either. There is an adult basketball league which meets on Monday nights. This league contains 12 teams, which equals 120 players, not to mention the 100 plus supporters per night.

As far as the future, Dunn has already planned a youth camp for the summer.

He is also entertaining thoughts of using the pool for some lessons and among other ideas, he would like to also use the track and softball field.

"My whole goal is to expose the community to all of what Highline has to offer through recreational programs," Dunn said.

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 6-4 frame clogging things up foreshadowed 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 Morgenthaler had 17 points for the visiting Cardinals, Sabrina Moses had 13 assists, Sherita Apodaca had 14 points and six assists, and Lisa Berendsen had 13 points and 15 rebounds.

Skagit Valley forward Kim Bergsma left the game with six minutes left after colliding with Highline's Amie Johnson on a scramble for a loose ball.

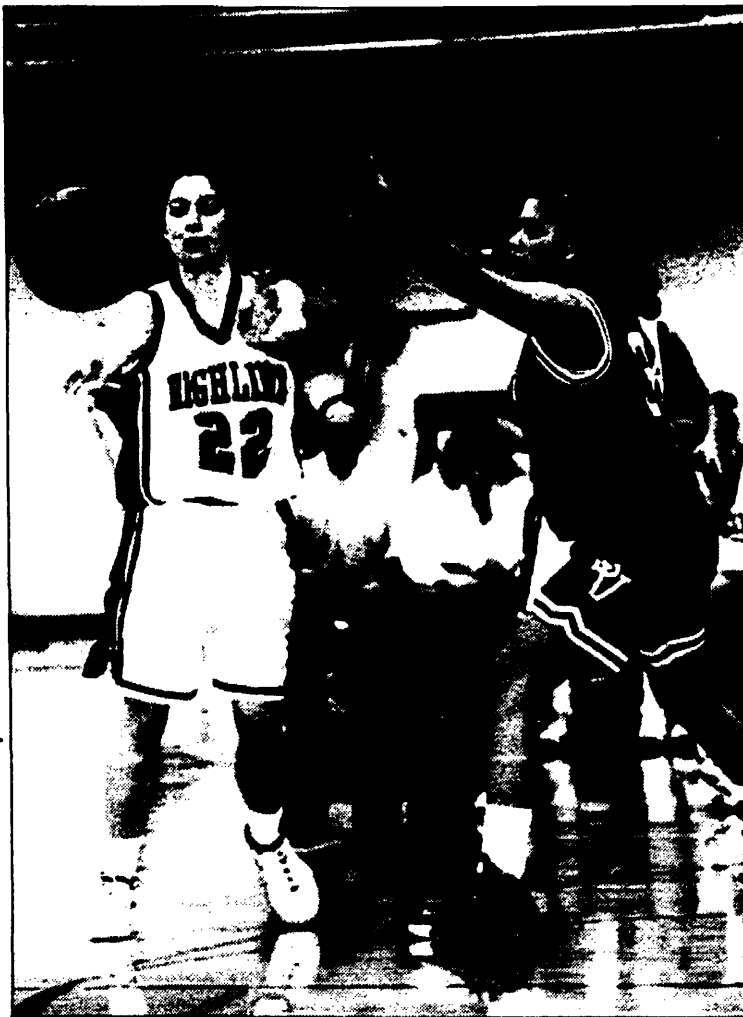


Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Kristen Couch passes to a teammate during a loss against top-ranked Skagit Valley.

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 Rangers, not allowing them a single point.

The defensive stand, combined with 13 Highline points, brought the Lady Thunderbirds within one point.

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 Renae Ross tied the game and sent it to overtime.

Neither team established themselves early in overtime. After Nater fouled out with two minutes remaining, sending Ross to the line, it appeared as if Olympic would be able to regain a tie then go inside for easy buckets immediately.

This was not the case, as Ross missed both her attempts and the team did not take advantage of Highline's lack of interior size, instead taking a 69-68 lead on Megan Buckman's three pointer with 1:40 remaining.

Clutch rebounding by Johnson allowed Highline to tie the game near the end.

Following a turnover with 10

seconds left and only needing one point to win, Duggan passed the ball to Nadeau, who stood behind the three point line.

Unfazed by the pressure situation, Nadeau took a step back, gaining separation from a defender, rose, and fired a three pointer which dropped, hitting nothing but net.

"I knew it was in because of the way it was going," Nadeau said.

After the shot dropped, Lady Thunderbird fans and players alike erupted during an Olympic time out.

"I couldn't stop smiling," said Nadeau.

Smart defense by the Lady Thunderbirds stifled the Rangers chances, not allowing a shot attempt and not fouling.

"It was something all of us wanted," Johnson said.

"Now we've finished our games a lot better," said Nater about the team's sudden turnaround.

"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.

"It's really important that we keep our focus," Nater said.

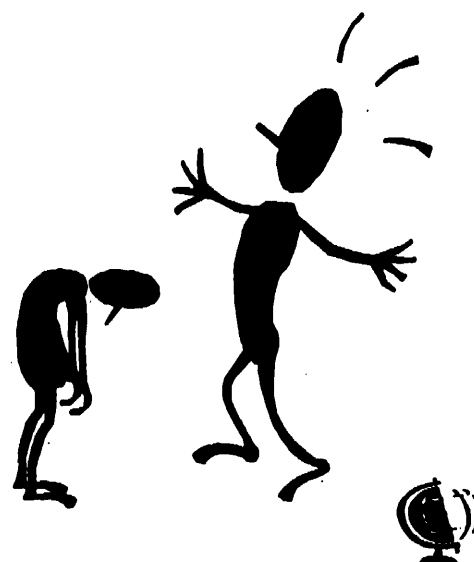
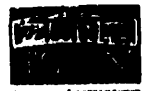
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Head for the mountains

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 driest snow or the lightest powder, 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 face 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 day time 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 lift in the Northwest, and a drive of only an hour

Highline students stay close to home for good skiing

Stevens Pass shines gloriously during twilight skiing.

and a half, can't help but the varied terrain at "At 3,100 feet, the most vertical feet of all the Washington ski areas, and we have wonderful backcountry terrain for the expert skier," Gretchen Vetter from the Marketing Department at Crystal said.

And now, Crystal Mountain is under new ownership.

Last year Crystal was sold to Boyne USA, the same company who owns Montana's Big Sky and Utah's Brighton ski resorts.

Boyne USA has committed to investing over \$15 million into Crystal in the next ten years.

"There are many improvements to be made at Crystal Mountain over the next five years, such as a new lodge, an aerial tram going directly from the base to the summit, new lifts and expanded night skiing, to name a few," Vetter said.

With these plans already in progress, it won't be long before Crystal Mountain is the Pacific Northwest's most popular ski resort.

With a higher annual snowfall than anywhere else in Washington, Mt. Baker is one of the most diversified ski resorts around. They receive over 595" of snow a year and have a vertical drop of 1,500 feet.

Forty percent of the runs at Baker are intermediate runs, 28 percent expert runs, and 30 percent beginner runs, leaving the mountain open to just about any type of skier. Whether they are conservative or aggressive, the diverse terrain at Baker leaves room for its skier's to breath and enjoy the skiing.

With 37 major runs covering 1,125 acres, Stevens is one of the largest ski resorts in Washington. And, since Steven's is only 78 miles east of Seattle on I-90, a two hour drive, it is still convenient to reach.

Last season, Steven's Pass opened the first high speed quad for night skiing in the entire Northwest. Every year they have an average of 415" of snowfall, with a vertical drop of 1,800 feet.

"Our wide variety of terrain and our consistent snowfall is what really makes us stand out from other ski resorts. Our geographical position gives us tons of better quality snow, and allows us to keep more runs open for night skiing," Tom Fortune, Director of Operations at Steven's Pass said.

"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 Hogsback chair," Fortune said.

So, whether you want powder or sunshine, friendliness or variety, Washington has it all. For a minimal drive, we Washingtonians are free to ski just about any terrain that the Alps or the Rocky's might have.



Photo by Darryl Heasley

A local skier enjoys the run at Snoqualmie Pass.

Shaped skis improve control

By Tina McDonald
Staff Reporter

One of the hottest items this year is the new sidecut ski.

"Sidecut 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 scrapes the snow from turning too sharply.

"Another hot item this season is the new K2 ski with the added Piezo strip," Heasley said.

The Piezo strip is an anti-vibration device that runs electrical circuits throughout the ski. When the ski vibrates, the electric circuits turn the vibrational energy into electrical energy, then dissipates the vibration.

New Logic1 bindings have a spring that absorbs fast compressions and a cam that absorbs slow compressions. This creates a more rigid binding and a smoother release.

The binding is also safer than many other bindings. Backwards twisting falls are eliminated because of the improved release, reducing knee injuries.

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

Why can't skiers and snowboarders get along?

It's not because of cultural, age, race, or economic differences.

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Skiers (like myself) were on the slopes first and now the snowboarders come along and think they own the place.

It's all an old-fashioned turf war.

Spin on Sports

By Michael Stampalia

So, all of you snowboarders can just get off our slopes.

Go back to the snowboard parks, and the kiddy runs.

You definitely don't belong on the moguls of a double-black diamond, or on any moguls pe-

riod.

What is with the long hats and the stupid-looking designs on your snowboards?

How original is a sword or a clown?

Do you try to look like brain-dead pot smoking juvenile delinquents on purpose or does it come naturally?

Why is it that snowboarders always smoke on the chair lifts

between runs?

If that isn't bad enough, then they try to flick the ashes at unsuspecting victims passing underneath.

There's nothing wrong with having a little fun.

But, when you endanger other people with your gnarly 360 spin right into a bunch of little kids and all you can say is 'Whoa dudes' you don't belong

on the mountain.

That's what snowboard parks are for, to keep you out of the skiers' way.

So take your wallet chains, skater shoes, bad haircuts, dyed hair, stupid hats and your momma's money and go home.

Stay there until the snow has melted. I'm sure you have some schoolwork to catch up on. Mike needs a time out.

Instructor recuperates in the classroom

Stores is back in class after surgery

By Russell Kirkegaard
Staff Reporter

Charles Stores is glad to be back and teaching again at Highline.

Stores suffered from multiple heart attacks last August, the fourth of which put him under the knife.

The first two were only mild heart attacks, but more severe ones followed.

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 really 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.

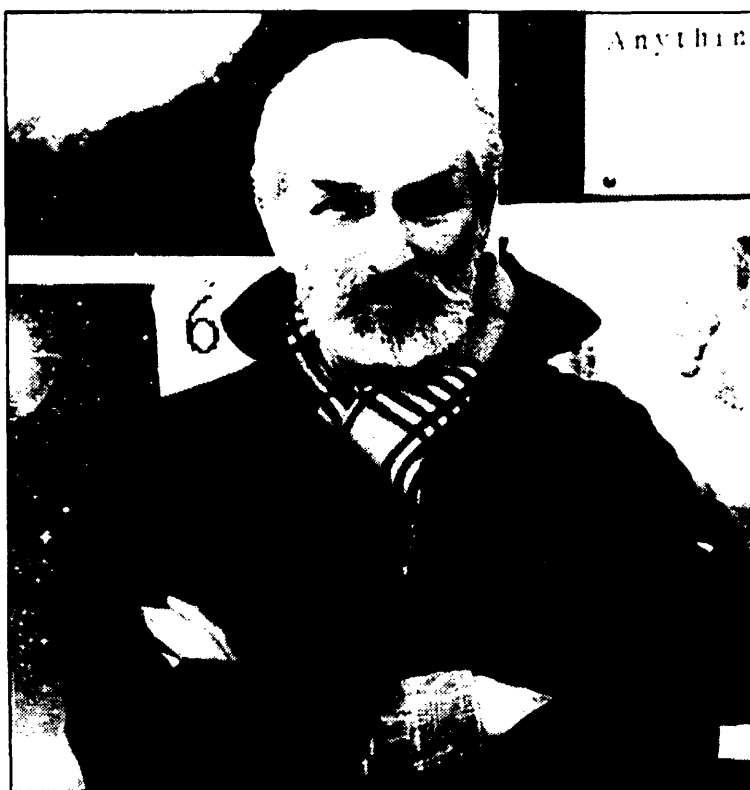


Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Instructor Charles Stores took a two-quarter leave of absence while he recuperated from quadruple bypass heart surgery.

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."

Along with Kim, 23 Korean professors and graduate students were sentenced to prison terms of up to 20 years for protesting against the military dictatorship.

"I felt that we should take a stand," said Albin. "People were being locked up for speaking out."

Albin quickly met with a Korean specialist at the University of Washington and sent an urgent telegram to Washington, D.C., requesting action from then-President Jimmy Carter.

"We put enough pressure on them [the South Korean government] to let Kim out of prison and to tear up the criminal



Photo courtesy of Frank Albin

Frank Albin shakes Kim Dae Jung's hand at a meeting in the early 1980s.

records of the students," Albin said.

When Kim was released for

medical purposes to the United States, Albin began sending him American and Japanese news

articles covering South Korea.

Grateful to his supporters, Kim traveled to Seattle.

"I got a chance to meet with him at the meeting of the Korean Human Rights Association of Washington State," Albin said, holding up a photograph of himself and the new leader of South Korea.

Kim returned to South Korea under house arrest, but Albin remained concerned.

"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.



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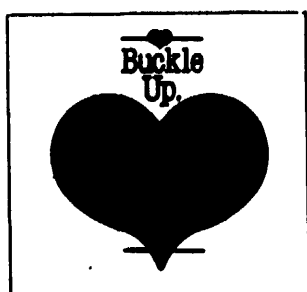




Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Building 30 will be extended 17,500 feet in the next five years.

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 student's use of the computer facilities.

"Some of them [new rooms] will surely be additional computer labs," said Tim Wrye, director of instructional computers.

"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 about 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 Bean, associate director of facilities.

However the cost of constructing the building, of the maximum allowable construction cost is much more.

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--Tim Wrye, director instructional computing

"The maximum allowable construction cost for the project was advertised at \$4 million, although that may change," Bean said.

A total of nine firms bid on the architectural design.

The nine was then whittled down to three, Duarte Bryant, S.M. Stemper, and Waldron Akira.

"Waldron Akira did the original design on Building 30, which is standing right now," Bean said.

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.

Duarte Bryant was selected as the firm for this project.

"Duarte Bryant put on the best presentation. They have a really strong reputation and will be an asset to the college. I think they will design us a beautiful building, one that really meets our needs," Bean said.

Next month, the president's staff will come together to decide where the funding will come from for the interior of the labs.

Construction is projected to begin July 1, 1999, and the project is estimated to be finished by September of 2000.

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 Alicia Tseng made sure the cashiers were prepared for the crush late-paying students.

Tseng's office fielded hundreds of calls from students wanting to apply for the Hope Scholarship.

Tseng scheduled extra cashiers and extended registration hours to 5 p.m. for Jan. 2 and 3.

These actions meant that students would not have to apply to the college for the tax credit.

"We allowed students the choice, instead of making the choice for them," Tseng said.

Ramped up for the rush, in just two days the college completed 4,293 transactions and collected nearly half of the tuition it normally collects for the whole quarter.

Though misnamed, because it's not a scholarship in the traditional sense, the Hope Scholarship offers tax relief in the form of a tax credit.

The way a tax credit works is that the taxpayer (that's you) subtracts the credit amount from their taxes after figuring their Adjusted Gross Income and taking out any deductions.

Credits taken after your deductions can take a big bite out of your tax bill, which is up to \$1,500 in this case.

Deductions lower your tax bracket, and reduce your taxes incrementally, without the punch a tax credit packs.

Any qualifying taxpayer may use this credit, but if you nor-

Any qualifying tax payer may use the Hope Scholarship's tax credit.

mally pay no taxes, the credit will not increase the size of your refund.

Most students at a "qualified institution" such as Highline, qualify for the tax credit, beginning in the tax year of 1998.

Briefly, here's how:

\$ You or your parents (if they are claiming you on their tax return,) must make between \$40,000 and \$50,000 (\$100,000 if filing jointly) in order to qualify for the full credit of \$1,500 per year. Non-resident legal aliens are generally not eligible.

\$ The student must be in their first two years of schooling.

\$ You must be enrolled at least half-time to qualify

\$ Maximum benefit is calculated at full credit for the first \$1,000 paid for education, and 50 percent for the next \$1,000 for a total maximum of \$1,500.

\$ Qualifying expenses are limited to tuition and fees directly related to the cost of attaining your education.

Some 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 Crisanto, 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, Crisanto 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 ASHCC, then talks with the administrators about the problem or concern, Crisanto said.

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

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

He likes hearing how he and his other officers are doing and how they could do better.

"Our mission is to represent the students," Crisanto said, and good student response is important in keeping the group functioning well.

You can call Student government at ext. 3315 or 3325.

Hip-hop into sociology

Students study Tupac Shakur and earn credit

By Alex P. Hennesy
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 introduction to 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 use 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

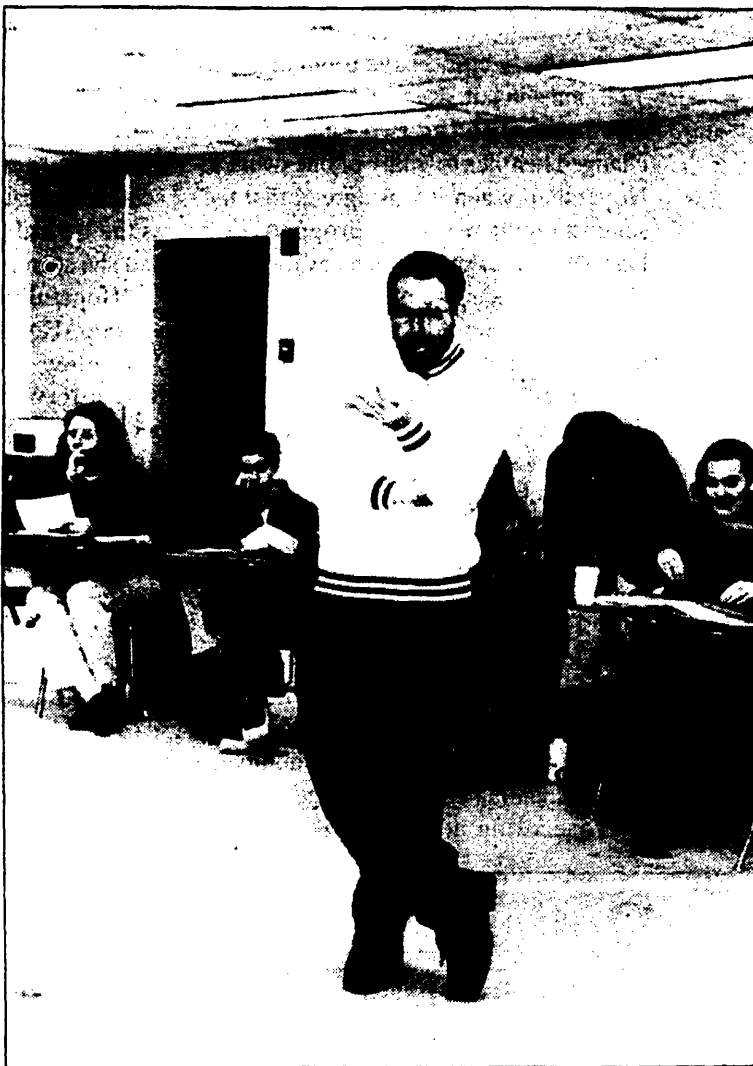


Photo by Bruce Jarrell

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

influence.

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 un-

til 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.

Center has career directions

By David H. Cole
Staff Reporter

If choosing a major has become frustrating, then maybe the Career Center might be the answer.

The Career Center offers several opportunities to search for an occupation that fits your personality.

"Students just don't take advantage of the resources such as the computer and the career library until they are almost done here," said Ingrid Gintz, Career Center manager.

The Career Center features the Computer Guidance Program that utilizes strengths and weaknesses to match you with specific occupations.

The service is free, and they have an abundance of books with different fields of occupation.

The Career Center also features the Winway Program.

"This invaluable program provides hundreds of sample resumes, helps choose specific words and styles for resume writing, and a job search," said Gintz.

They encourage attendance of weekly workshops that emphasize job and interview skills.

Maplestone to lead sciences

By Alex P. Hennesy
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 chairman 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 co-ordinator for the Engineering Department.

With his promotion, Maplestone will reduce his teaching from full-time to one-third time, and spend most time



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--Bob Maplestone, chairman of Pure and Applied Sciences

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 provider for science and engineering students in the area.

Maplestone welcomes any input student might have.

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

Maplestone feels that too often he only hears 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 Gloster, 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," Gloster 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 Gloster.

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) 878-3710, 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.

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lege and the City of Des Moines," she said.

Keeney has been receiving mental health counseling, and is required to continue with it.

Keeney was originally charged last April with two counts of threats to bomb or injure property in connection with the bomb threats made to Highline between 1994 and 1997.

According to court documents, she telephoned 911 on 17 occasions to report bomb threats to Highline. The documents further stated that she was the only person in the security office at the time of the supposed threats, and no threats were made when she was not there.

Police responded to each call. Buildings were sometimes evacuated, and the Port of Seattle Bomb Squad came, but no bombs were ever found. Keeney was charged for the Oct. 10, 1996 and Jan.

14, 1997 bomb threats.

Two counts of threats to bomb or injure property could have brought six to 12 months in jail. Keeney initially pleaded innocent to the two charges, but changed her plea to guilty of one count in November, when it was agreed that the second count would be dropped, said Dan Donohoe, spokesman for the King County Prosecutor's office.

One count could have brought up to three to nine months in jail.

Keeney's attorney asked for all jail time to be converted into community service hours and for any restitution to be paid back through more community service because of her financial situation.

Judge Michael J. Fox disagreed. "I can't just say no restitution in a case like this," Fox told Keeney in the courtroom at the Regional Justice Center in Kent.

The prosecution suggested a first-offender waiver, which allows jail time to be from zero to 90 days, and the ability to impose mental health requirements.

Prosecuting attorney Mike Hogan

pushed for 30 days in jail without conversion to community service mainly because Keeney implicated foreign students as making the supposed threats and identified one student in particular.

Hogan said he was pleased with the sentence because he doesn't see Keeney as the typical person that he deals with, and she seemed apologetic.

"Hopefully she won't be back in the system," Hogan said.

Keeney is currently working at a freight forwarding job, but will lose it because the employer does not hire convicted felons, her attorney, Joseph Breidenbach, said. Keeney had hoped to be a certified public accountant, but will not be able to for the same reason.

Breidenbach, said that Keeney was a woman who was desperate for attention, but said he wouldn't make an excuse for her either.

"Frankly, in this, and in many cases, there isn't an excuse. Ms. Keeney is a sad example of when a victim turns into a victimizer," he said.

of knowledge, psychology instructor Eve McClure said.

Educational Planner Denny Steussy added that the school might benefit from a statement of what advising really means.

Many people agreed that the college needs to take a closer look at who is coming through the doors at Highline in terms of age, background, and life experiences. Advisers should cater to who the students are rather than who the college sees them as.

A faculty-staff committee has created an advising model to demonstrate how the Educational Planning Center and faculty advisers can contribute to increasing educational success. Taking into account students' needs, goals, and interests were among the points of interest.

Suggested outcomes of the advising model were put to a vote at the end of the meeting. The outcome most preferred will become the future goal of the Advising Steering Committee.

Retention

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"Any loss of students and lack of success is a problem," said Jim Sorensen, vice president for students.

Retention rates are measured in various ways and fall under many different categories. The rates used are based on students enrolled at Highline in the fall with fewer than 45 credits, who intend to transfer to a four-year institution and who are still enrolled at Highline in Spring Quarter.

Over the last four years, Highline has been slightly above average compared to the other 26 community colleges in Washington state.

One area that is considered vital to retaining students is advising.

"Advising and getting students connected to information are key players in retention," said Kay Balston, director of advising and educational planning. "We want to make sure people know what they need to know."

This fall, the college began assigning specific advisers to students. But the responsibility to meet with an adviser, assigned or not, is still up to the student.

A two-year experiment with converting one week of class time to "Advising Week" was junked after last year.

"In college, students need to be more self-reliant. That's the real world," Balston said.

Highline has also initiated Project Declare, a program to help students select a major, learn about transferring to four-year schools, get connected to occupational programs, visit and talk with university representatives and making sure courses transfer.

"Retention is keeping students who want to be in school, in school, and helping them move towards a goal," Balston said.

Along with Project Declare, Highline offers a free Educational Planning Guide to answer many frequently asked questions about starting a college education.

Students give reasons to leave Highline

By Shannon Stroud
Staff Reporter

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

What has happened to the motivation students are lacking? Several students said that there are only a few motivating teachers.

"They are there for help when you ask, but they are not very enthusiastic," one girl said.

Students also claim that Highline has a depressing atmosphere. The location of the school and the look of the building all seem to be depressing factors.

"Even the drive to Highline is so drab," many said.

For other students, it is other interests that keep them from going to school.

Courtney Harding, 18, said, "I take time off every few quarters because I get bored and I'd rather work." Harding plans to go back soon.

One girl, 19, went last year then quit Spring Quarter to work.

"I had no motivation to continue," she remembered.

Now she is back and taking a full load.

"I always knew I would go back," she said.

Maybe some students don't have the dedication to return to school after taking some time off.

Alicia Fuller, a full-time student at Highline, believes this to be true.

"For some, after taking time off, it's just easier not to go back," Fuller said.

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But opinions varied about how to improve the current advising methods.

"We used to advise only those who needed it, but most of my students don't want or need it. It's irrelevant to my program," said Tony Wilson, coordinator of the Library Technician Program.

Several other faculty members disagreed, stressing the importance of the advising to student success. Advisers are able to prevent students from taking classes that do not apply to their goals, provide information about job opportunities, and help students establish goals.

The majority of faculty who attended agreed that the responsibilities of the adviser need to be defined more clearly.

Currently, advising incorporates a lot of career counseling for which faculty may not be qualified other than their area

Diversity

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diverse faculty and this provides an opportunity to begin working in that direction," said Kathy Dunn, chairwoman of Business Division and a Cabinet member.

Castro said the meeting with students is an important step in the process. "I feel that students should have some say," she said.

The students who will meet with the panel are Menna Tesfatsion, Kris Daniels, Moira Windon, Theresa Guerrero and Jeff Crisologo.


"This is an opportunity for students to voice the need for faculty of color," said Tesfatsion, a member of Team Highline.

From here, the student committee will meet with the screening committees who do the hiring on campus.

"The students for diversifying faculty committee's goal is to make Highline a better place for all of its students," said Moira Windon. "White students deserve a diverse faculty just as much as students of color do."

"This is not a people of color versus white people, this is about all of us, and because of that I feel that all of us will benefit from this," Windon said.

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