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TRAFFIC

Continuing road
construction ties
up Highline drivers

By Robert Everhart
STAFF REPORTER

It's Tuesday and traffic is backed up for a half-mile where south-bound Pacific Highway South narrows to one lane at the Kent-Des Moines Road. On 240th, the west-bound lane is blocked by a Des Moines police car, so utility crews can get to a manhole in the middle of the street. The line of cars in the eastbound lane extends west to Highline's tennis courts. Tomorrow these backups may be gone, but it's likely others will take their place on the roads around Highline.

Construction on Pacific Highway South and adjacent streets has been making Highline commuters miserable for two years. Frequent lane closures, diversions and detours make getting to Highline a challenge. It's a challenge that

changes every day.

"You never know where it's going to be," said Mindy DeCastro, who drives in from SeaTac. She gets stuck in construction-related traffic a couple of days a week, she said. Today she got stuck in both backups.

"I leave about an hour early every day," DeCastro said.

Sometimes that's not enough.

"It makes me late for class," said Jennifer Feuling. Today Feuling left early, but still arrived late for a midterm exam. Sometimes she makes the long detour through the Des Moines business district to avoid Pacific Highway South, she said.

Despite its negative effects on traffic now, the Pacific Highway South improvement project should make the road a better, safer place to travel when it's completed in 2005. The project will upgrade the highway and establish a consistent thoroughfare from High-



Photo by Chuck Cortes
Construction workers dig a trench in what used to be a sidewalk at the corner of Pacific Highway South and Kent-Des Moines Road.

way 599 in Tukwila to Federal Way, said Tim Laporte, design engineering manager for the City of Kent.

"The overall goal is to improve mobility and make it safe for pedestrians," LaPorte said. The construction will widen the highway from five to seven lanes, adding two HOV lanes for buses and carpools.

Road construction won't start until April, when warmer weather will allow paving to begin, LaPorte said. Today's traffic mess

actually started beside the road.

"Most of the work is on the shoulders," LaPorte said. Utility companies such as Qwest, ATT and Puget Sound Energy that have equipment in the highway's right-of-way are being required to move cables and power lines to make way for the new lanes. Old equipment must be dug up and new equipment must be buried outside the new, wider roadway.

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IDENTITY
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Student Bookstore
soon to change
credit card receipts

By John Montenegro
STAFF REPORTER

Despite recent high trends in fraud and identity theft, Highline's bookstore still leaves the entire credit card number on the receipt.

You're walking out of the bookstore having just loaded up on your daily craving for fat and complex carbohydrates, a big gust of wind hits, you notice that your receipt goes flying out of your bag, you consider picking it up, but don't, you think you just lost a silly old receipt. But little do you know that you may have just lost your identity.

Because of consumer interest in credit card safety the U.S. government has passed recent legislation that states that all retail outlets should have software in place that protects cardholder information.

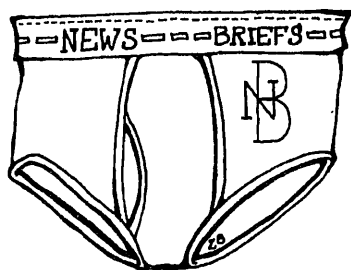
Highline's bookstore is one of the only facilities on campus that still prints the entire credit card number on receipts.

Because of the recent trend most facilities as well as most major retail outlets have technology that leaves only a few numbers of the credit

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Campus — Life



Spoken Word takes place tomorrow

Team Highline and Black Student Union are co-sponsoring a Black History Month event, "Voices Empower" tomorrow in Building 7 at 5 p.m.

Voices Empower is a spoken word and poetry event. Admission is free and all ages are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information or if you would like to speak at the event, contact Krystinna Williams at 206 878-3710, ext. 3537 or Black Student Union President Takesha Flowers at BSU20032004@yahoo.com.

UW Tacoma offers scholarship

The University of Washington, Tacoma is offering a one-year Phi Theta Kappa scholarship for incoming students.

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is March 1. For more information about this scholarship and requirements, contact Siew Lai Lilley in the transfer center at 206-878-3710, ext. 3936.

For more information about other scholarships available at UW Tacoma, go to www.tacoma.washington.edu/finaid/.

Don't forget to register for classes

You can now register for classes for Spring Quarter '04.

Registration on the web is available daily from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. at www.Highline.edu. Click on "Admissions, Registration and Records", then click on "Web Registration". The last day to register is April 9. For questions, visit Registration in the bottom of Building 6 or call 206 878-3710, ext. 3242.

Correction

In the Feb. 12 issue of the Thunderword, The Arts Calendar stated Nancy Warren will be playing in a concert on March 11 from 7-9 p.m. Warren will not be in the concert, but she will be with the masters class before the concert from 4-6 p.m.

Transfer fair brings universities to Highline

By Derek Markland
STAFF REPORTER

The Winter 2004 College Transfer Fair will be held today from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Building 2.

The Transfer Fair is an opportunity for students to gather information on colleges they're interested in. They will also be able to speak with representatives from those schools.

The Transfer Fair is open to all students. Students do not need to make appointments to speak with the representatives.

More than 15 schools from

Washington will be represented, from the Art Institute of Seattle to Western Washington University, including multiple programs from WSU and UW. There will also be a few out of state colleges including Portland State University.

UW will have officials from Bothell, Seattle, and Tacoma campuses. UW will also have representatives from their Evening Degree, Environmental Studies, and School of Social Work programs.

WSU will offer information for their main campus in Pullman, as well as information on their Distance Degree Programs.

All of the schools will offer application packets and information on the degrees and programs their schools offer.

Students will be able to learn the different requirements for the various schools. Information regarding application deadlines, fees, and G.P.A. requirements will be available.

General information about tuition, school size, diversity, and

financial aid and scholarship information will be available as well.

The Transfer Fair is a yearly event at Highline and has met with much success in the past.

Siew Lai Lilley, director of the Transfer Center says she has been working hard to provide as much information to students as she can.

"Students should start early," Lilley said of planning to transfer.

Lilley often stresses the importance of researching the schools that students are interested in transferring to.



Lilley

CRIME BLOTTER

Feb. 12-Feb 18

Student comes back to vehicle with stereo missing

A Highline student returned to her Ford Ranger after a day of school and realized her doors were unlocked and stereo and amplifier were both missing.

She parked her car on Feb. 12 at around 8:45 a.m. in the South Lot.

Kids caught tampering with pipe

Juveniles were found hammering on a three-foot drainage pipe on Feb. 12 at 5:20 p.m. in the north access road near

Highline. The three 8-year-old boys were on top of the pipe hitting it with softball bats when security arrived on the scene. A verbal warning was given and the children were told to depart the area. The children complied, leaving no damage to the pipe.

Student tries to leave school, but doesn't find his vehicle

A Highline student went for his car on Feb. 13 at 1:50 p.m. only to realize it was missing from the South Lot. The student parked his light blue, Toyota Camry at 11:45 a.m. that morning and returned to find the vehicle stolen. The incident was reported to the Des Moines Police Department.

-Compiled by Josie Jacobson

Degrees in Your Neighborhood!

Attend one of the information sessions on **Feb. 24** for all the details!

EWU Information Fair

Bellevue Community College
Building N, room 201
1-4 p.m.

EWU Information Night

Red Lion Inn-Bellevue
11211 Main Street
Bellevue, WA 98004
Hunts Room 6:30-9 p.m.



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Marine Science Center gets new look

Center
receives
funds to help
with facelift

By Rob Goodman
STAFF REPORTER

Highline's Marine and Science Technology Center on Redondo Beach is seeking a makeover. New funds for the facility may just be the key to what they're looking for.

A full agenda is set out for the Marine and Science Technology Center, also known as MaST, after Highline received a \$497,000 congressional award from the U.S. Department of Education for setting up a marine science center. The money awarded will go into funding for the reopened center, for equipment, technology, and faculty management.

To match the award, the Highline Foundation is also raising funds for the center.

"The foundation has made a commitment to raise \$500,000," said Lisa Skari, executive director of institutional advancement at Highline.

In spring 2002, MaST underwent intense reconstruction due to earthquake damage. It slowed them down for roughly two years. Since then, bottom portions of the



Lisa Skari



Photos courtesy of Lisa Skari

Visitors and divers at the Marine and Science Technology Center view a crab and other creatures in a tank.

facility have been replaced with better supporting iron cross beams. Also, many Highline students and faculty gladly volunteered to renovate the center, which was abandoned for storage use in the early '90s, and remained closed for several years until it was used occasionally as a lab beginning in 1999.

Support has also been given to MaST by local groups and facilities such as the Seattle Aquarium, who donated tanks to the facility.

Since reopening, MaST's prime priority is to work with the neighborhood.

"The biggest thing is teaching the public," said Rus Higley, MaST center coordinator and Highline oceanography and marine biology Instructor. "A lot of them, their introduction to the environment is *Finding Nemo*."

Currently, MaST is attracting close to 100 people with their "Water Weekend" tours, when opened for just several hours. Almost all of their exhibitors are just passing by, where they can see and feel the marine life in the touch tanks, such as starfish, or they can view animals in the aquarium, such as squid. Higley and others find many of the marine life in their facility by diving right off the dock, collecting it, and returning it to the tanks and aquariums.

MaST is slowly but surely improving, but with the added funds they plan on doing much more than weekend tours.

"Eventually the facility is going to be very active," said Higley.

Other than setting up all classes with an ocean component at the center full-time and part-time, the



Rus Higley shows a giant starfish from Puget Sound.

new funds will provide the construction of seminar rooms and a computer technology center. The dock space will be utilized better to accommodate all of these things, including an area open to the public that will have touch tanks, aquariums, and display artifacts and data.

Opening the renovated center also provides an opportunity for students to learn with a more hands-on approach, where according to Higley, they can "touch, see, and feel" the environment they are learning about, and this is not just exclusively for Highline students. Many K-12 groups in the Federal Way School District have scheduled trips to MaST, and with so many activities occurring, MaST is looking for help.

As of now, MaST is seeking volunteers to become MaST stewards. Those who participate will receive training to speak to the public, and to care for the marine life in the touch tanks. The MaST steward program can be for those who need a science lab credit, those who need money (such as work study), or for those who just truly and genuinely love the ocean.

"It all depends on interests and needs," said Higley.

MaST is open to the public every second and fourth Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For those who wish to find out more information on the steward program or any updates on Highline's MaST Center, you may visit their website at <http://flightline.highline.edu/mast/>.



Divers and visitors examine the backside of a starfish caught from a dock.

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Opinion

Breast cancer is not a death sentence



February is Breast Cancer Awareness Month here at Highline, and the Women's Programs of Highline are again sponsoring the yearly event. The Women's Programs office, located in Building 6, offers an abundance of information to any interested staff member or student.

In today's society, cancer affects one out of four people. This fact indicates that you or someone you know can always have the chance of obtaining this deadly disease. However, some of the staff at Highline feel women are afraid to pick up information if accompanied by their friends or boyfriends.

If this is the case, the sad truth is someone may die because of this peer pressure. Try giving your friend or boyfriend a Pink Ribbon in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, as men too are diagnosed with the disease. This way, students will no longer have to fear the possibilities of cancer alone.

One item available in the Women's Programs office is a shower card showing how to give self-breast examinations, accompanied by the Pocket Pal to record your tests. They also tell of how research efforts have focused on the discovery of cancer risk factors and means of first preventing said disease.

First of all: Maintain a healthy body weight. Women who exercised during adolescence and adulthood have experienced a significant reduction in breast cancer risk.

In addition to a steady exercise regimen, eating a lot of fruits and vegetables, or at least beginning a low fat diet, is highly recommended. Evidence suggests that one third of the 550,000 cancer deaths in the United States each year are due to unhealthy diet and insufficient physical activity.

Finally, your chances of survival are greatly increased with monthly self-breast examinations that should be started when you are at least 20 years old.

The Women's Programs have, in the past, sponsored walks, scavenger hunts, self-breast exams, and other events to help out with Breast Cancer Awareness Month. But due to recent budget cuts and staff shortages, no other events are planned.

With Highline offering so many other medical programs, why can't they hold more breast cancer awareness events? The college could assume some costs.

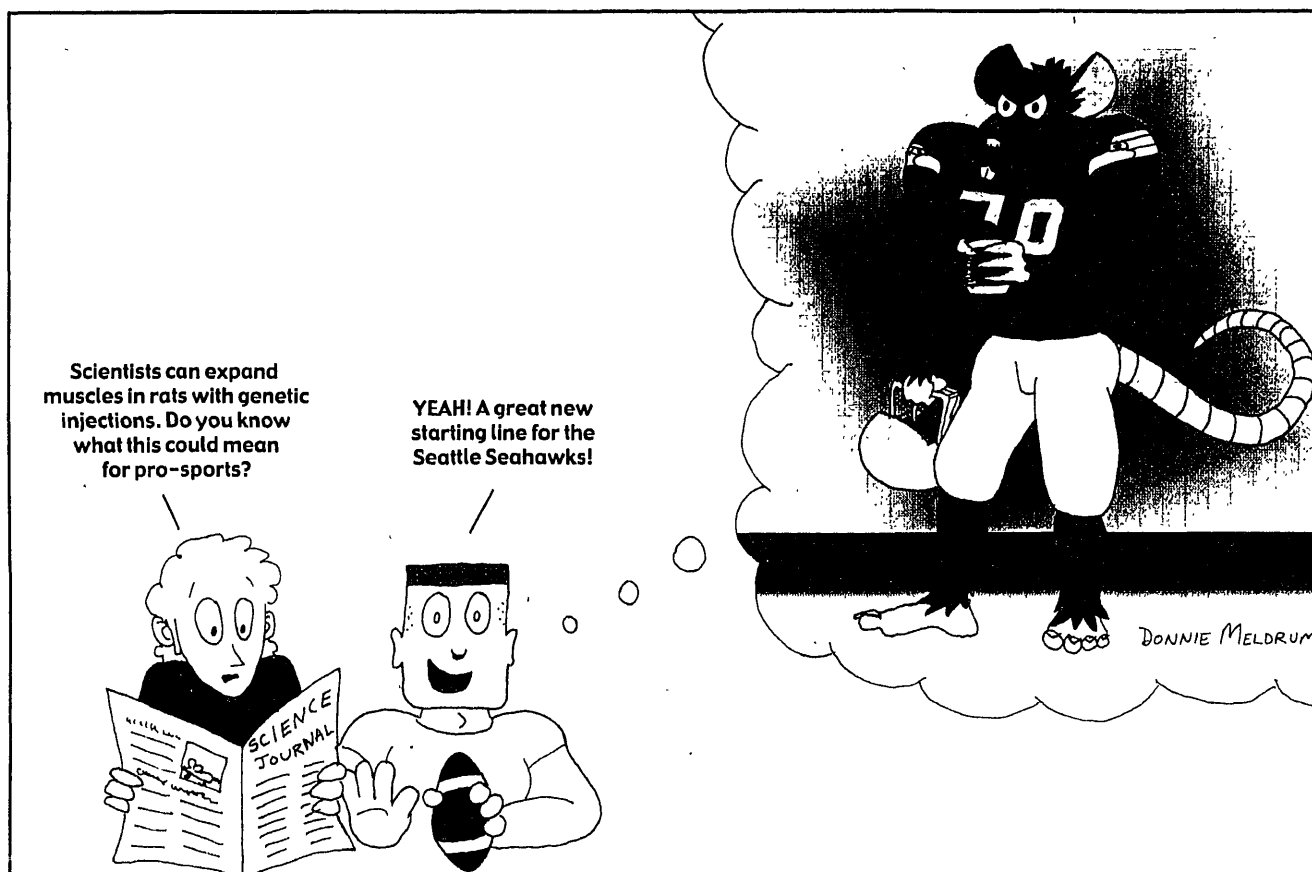
Breast cancer claims the lives of 40,000 women annually in the United States alone, with over 200,000 diagnoses and it is the second leading cause of death in women. However, breast cancer does not equal a death sentence as long as there is an early detection.

The ways to fight this deadly disease are reasonable, easy and take little or no time. A healthy diet, exercise and self-breast examinations are the most common, not to mention simple ways of staying in a peak physical condition.

Do not let cancer take over your life. You do have the time to fight the disease. Join the battle by picking up and wearing a Pink Ribbon in support for a cure.

The life you save may be your own.

Karen encourages students to pick up a Pink Ribbon in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



EDITORIAL

The registration rush hour

As Highline prepares to enter into the eighth week of the current quarter, many students are in a tizzy over both the mind-numbing finals week to come and the even more stressful process of signing up for next quarter's classes.

It seems like only yesterday that staff and students were awaiting another snow-induced day off from school. Now, with the quarter being more than halfway through, the Spring Quarterly awaits to be examined and courses chosen.

If done properly, the procedure of choosing these classes should not be a difficult task. Some have even known it to be a bit exciting.

Nonetheless, even though student registration begins next week, there are always going to be those who wait until right before the start of the next quarter to sign up for classes.

This fact has led to an increasingly serious dilemma.

As Highline is a two-year college, many students are making plans to move onto a four-year university. And in order to do so, any necessary scholarly requirements must be completed.

Thusly, certain courses that may fulfill these prerequisites are in great demand.

This situation produces desperation on the part of those who fail to register in a timely manner, and forgery has become an all-too common alternative.

Students signing add/drop slips with teachers' signatures in order to gain entry into the desired classes is a clear and reckless violation of the student code of conduct.

And after numerous student and faculty complaints, Highline has recently decided on implementing a class wait list to be tried out next quarter on business and science courses.

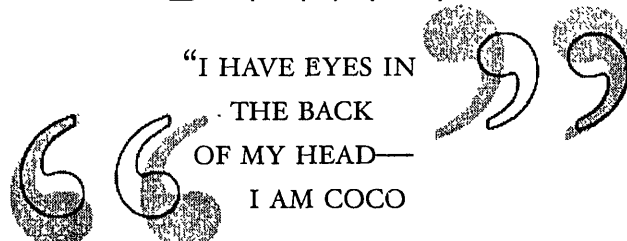
Students who are unable to register for these classes are put on this list, which follows a strict first-come, first-serve policy.

Hopefully this policy, coupled with basic common sense and decency, will encourage students to not put off registration until it is too late.

Those who do not wish to deal with any registration rush hour need to sign up for their desired courses as soon as they are allowed.

Thus guaranteeing a seamless transition into their future.

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A star's life is the

By Jessie Elliott

STAFF REPORTER

One of 12 children, Sharon Kibbie has always craved the spotlight. She gets her chance to shine this quarter with the leading role in *Lysistrata*.

Lysistrata is a comedy about the strength of women and their protests against the many wars that have been going on in the world of Ancient Greece. It will be put on by Highline's Drama Department, Feb. 26 to Feb. 28 and March 4 to March 6.

As *Lysistrata*, Kibbie will be leading the liberated women in their fight.

"The bug really bit me when I was 12," Kibbie said of acting. She now has half a dozen years of experience in theater.

This is Kibbie's third year at Highline, and it keeps her very busy. "Time is a precious commodity; I have a habit of stretching myself," Kibbie said.

Not only has she been in the Drama Department at Highline for two years, she is majoring in music and is also involved with the technical aspects of the productions here.

Outside of Highline, Kibbie is interning at Breeders Theater, a local professional group. Her nickname there is the "Galactic Intern of Doom," she said with a laugh, but she isn't quite sure how that title came about.

The first play Kibbie performed in was a road show entitled *These are the Days*, in which she played Cleopatra. It was a competition in which they tied for first, and that was very exciting, Kibbie said.

A memory that sticks out in Kibbie's mind from that first play is working with a girl she didn't quite get along with.

"Theater is a wonderful place that can bring people who don't typically get along and put their differences aside for a common goal," Kibbie said.

Though Kibbie's major is music, drama and performance art are her true passions. When talking about the anticipation and that time just before the light hits you, Kibbie shows her love for theater.

"It's a magical moment," she said.

To prepare for her leading role in *Lysistrata* she has had to do a lot of research. Before beginning to memorize her lines, she reads the play three times; once for general understanding, twice for a grasp of the character, and a third time to understand specific meanings.

"You can't say a line and have meaning come across if you don't have imagery behind it," said Kibbie.

She looks up words so that she understands the full meaning of them in context with the play, as well as studying with anyone who may be able to help her better understand her character.

So much work is going into this project for Kibbie, as she

is not only the leading actress but a technical worker as well.

Between rehearsals, building a stage, and making sure the lighting is correct, Kibbie is at Highline from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. nearly every day. Stage manager Rick Lorig and guest director Dora Lanier are very helpful and supportive, Kibbie said.

With all of this work to do, Kibbie says she stretches her time to the limit. "I'm pretty amazed with how I find time," Kibbie said.

She usually squeezes in her homework in the mornings, but she said the first sacrifice is sleep, and then food.

As for Kibbie's future, things don't appear to be slowing down any time soon.

Kibbie has one more year at Highline on the calendar to complete her AA degree, after which she will be applying to five schools: Purchase College in New York; North Carolina; the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London; the Royal Scottish Academy of Dramatic Art; and the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

Kibbie recently decided not to go into a five year contract with the Navy, because even though it would pay for her tuition to the schools where she will be applying, it seemed too long of a period of time to stay away from her true passions.

"Five years is forever to be away from something you love," Kibbie said.

She does however, have enormous respect for people who do choose that path, she said.

The most difficult aspect of acting for Kibbie would have to be the research and memorization, she said.

When Kibbie spoke of her favorite part of acting, it was apparent that this is a lifelong passion for her.

"Once the lights hit your face, it's just the best," Kibbie said.

Kibbie's passion will continue to be a large part of her life.

"My whole life has been a stage," she said with a smile.

Sharon Kibbie is *Lysistrata* the heroine in the comedy 'Lysistrata'



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ARTS

Burien Gallery offers a diversity of styles

By Laura Goodwin

STAFF REPORTER

The Burien Arts Gallery is offering a new showing of artists. The gallery offers everything from paintings and sculptures to hand made ornaments. The director Barbara Jorgenson has impeccable taste.

In the first gallery, Pamela F. Farrell's artwork lights up the room. Her pastel paintings are stunningly eye catching with vibrant colors. Not only does she paint but she also does excellent picture framing and surface design.

Farrell graduated from Arizona State University in 1990 with a bachelor in fine arts, fibers, and a minor in textiles, ceramics. She has taught all over the Northwest including Green River Community College and has her own private studio. She has won awards such as artist of the month twice by Auburn Valley Artists Association, and Covington Fine Arts Critique.

Artist Corky Storer is also featured this month at the Burien Gallery. Corky makes spectacular sculptures. His sculptures are unique in a way because he uses metal to sculpt. Sadly his inspiration had started from death of a long time friend and family member.

Storer has been on the cover of a national metal magazine where he received national

recognition. He has been involved in showings in California and east coast cities, which eventually led to a show in Port Townsend.

On another side of the gallery is the works by artist Kristine Delong. Delong does watercolor paintings. She was self taught and born here in Seattle. Friends and family urged Delong to pursue her artwork and as a result, she started a full time art career in 1995. She has done work such as commercials, residential murals, and illustrated a children's book called *Color Me Seattle*.

"This showing is different from the others, it's special," said Jorgenson.

She is really excited about the new artwork presented in the gallery.

To have your artwork displayed in the gallery might not be so easy.

Before the work is displayed, a group of artists jury samples of the artists work to see if it meets their standards.

Once a year the gallery also allows high school students to show their artwork in the gallery.

The three artists works, will be on display in the gallery until April 6.

The Burien Art Gallery was first founded by Dottie Harper in 1975. The gallery is open from noon to 4 p.m. at 421 S.W. 146th St., in Burien.



Metal Sculpture titled "Siren" by artist Corky Storer

Musical duet presents dual act

Reknowned talents
offer music
and class

By Chad Martinez

STAFF REPORTER

Richard Farner, piano, and Svend Ronning, violin will present an evening of duet music from the classics On March 11, at 7. p.m. in building 7.

Richard Farner and Dr. Ronning have been studying music extensively through out their lives.

Farner is Chairman of Piano Studies at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. Farner is a native of Cleveland. He studied at the Cleveland Institute of Music and holds degrees from the Oberlin College Conservatory in Ohio and the University of Michigan, where he taught before coming to Tacoma in 1976.

Farner was awarded first prize in the Cranbrook Institute's Festival Piano competition. He is known to Northwest audiences as recitalist, adjudicator, and chamber musician, appearing in the Seattle Symphony's Taste of Beethoven Series in Tacoma, the Mostly Nordic Series at Seattle's Nordic Heritage Museum, and in the Water Music concerts on Long Beach Peninsula. He has participated in PLU's Lila Moe Memorial Concerts, and the Music You Have to Love Scholarship Concerts, both of which he founded.

Professor Farner served as a member of the Washington state music teacher executive board and was Chairman of the College Faculty Forum for two terms. His music theory text, *Patterns in Music*, is published by the Appoggiatura Press.

"Innate musicianship, abundant tech-

nique, lovely tone and poetic imagination," said John Herr of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, while describing Farner's performance.

Accompanying Farner will be violinist Dr. Ronning. Dr. Ronning is an assistant professor of music at Pacific Lutheran University and Concertmaster of the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Ronning enjoys a diverse career as an educator, chamber musician, soloist, and concertmaster. He has recorded and performed throughout the world.

As a recording artist Ronning has appeared on Clearfield, MMC, and New World Records. His recent recording of Walter Ross' Violin Concerto with Prague Radio Orchestra gave him praise from Fanfare Magazine.

As a soloist Dr. Ronning has performed with the Charlottesville Symphony, the San Jose Symphony, the Spoleto USA Chamber Orchestra, and the Tacoma Opera.

In 2002 Dr. Ronning helped to found the Puget Sound Consort, Tacoma's ensemble for early music. A graduate of PLU and Yale, Dr. Ronning also serves as first violinist of the Regency String Quartet, in resi-

dence at Pacific Lutheran University.

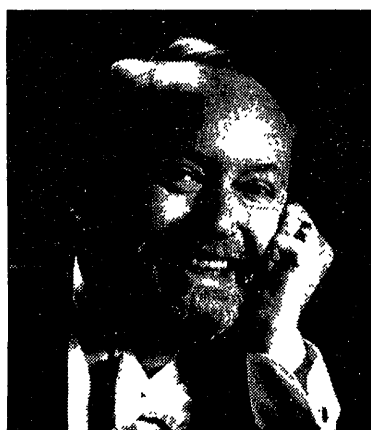
Farner and PLU colleague violinist Svend Ronning will release their CD of Gershwin transcriptions and other violin treasures later this spring.

Before the concert, Farner and Dr. Ronning will offer their expertise in a master class, featuring Highline music students Jessica Graybill, Amanda Kopscak, Faina Morozov and others. Nancy Warren will assist the string players on the Estonia grand piano.

"This class gives Highline students the privilege of working with recognized artists. The students will perform for them and receive suggestions and critique," said Dr. Stegall.

Attending this master class is a marvelous learning experience for all who are interested in music. The class begins at 4. p.m. and ends at 6. p.m. prior to the concert. Attendees should arrive a little earlier than 4 p.m.

This event is co-sponsored by the Music Department and Highline Community College Foundation. Both actively enrich the academic community.



Richard Farner



Svend Ronning

Outstanding
musicians
present classical
notes

Four Highline students will get the opportunity to tweak their performances by playing together in an evening program called the Outstanding Musician's Concert

The concert will be held Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in Building 7 and is open to the public.

Amanda Kopscak will play violin, Jessica Graybill, piano, Kevin Payne, classical guitar and Faina Morozov will provide vocals for an evening of classical music. The concert features the music each student plans to use for his and her auditions next fall.

Dr. Sandra Glover, a vocal instructor at Highline, said the Music Department tries to identify early on those students who show an interest in transferring to other baccalaureate institutions.

"We, the faculty, guide them to the appropriate classes and keep track of their progress," she said.

Dr. Glover said the musical staff at Highline work hard toward high standards of achievement while students are under their auspices. In that vein, the faculty uses venues like Outstanding Musicians concerts to help the students gain invaluable experience in performance, in preparation for the many interviews and auditions they must negotiate to enter the next level of study.

"This rigorous training also speaks well of the quality of teaching available at Highline's Music Department," Glover said.

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ARTS CALENDAR

March 11, Building 7, 4-6 p.m. Master Class and 7 p.m. Recital presented by Richard Farner, and Dr. Svend Ronning at Highline. Highline Music Department seeks string and piano students who may be interested in performing in the master class. For information call Dr. Sandra Giover 206-878-3710, ext. 6170.

The Rainier Symphony presents Family Concert 2004 featuring Britten, Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra; Rodrigo, *Concierto de Aranjuez* with Michael Parington, guitar; and Beethoven, *Symphony No. 8*. Performance is Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, 400 South 2nd St. Renton, and Feb. 22, 3 p.m. at the Foster Performing Arts Center, 4242 S 144th St. Tukwila. For information visit www.rainiersymphony.org.

Auburn Arts Commission presents Brownbox Production's award winning play, "Black to my Roots," a contemporary African American theater about black women and their relationship with their tresses, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb 27 at Auburn Riverside Theater, 501 Oravetz Road Auburn. Tickets are \$10. For information call Auburn Parks and Recreation 253-931-3000.

Tickets are available to the Kent-Yangzhou Sister City Committee's 7th Annual Comedy Night 2004. Performance is Friday, March 12, 2006, 6-10 p.m. at the Kent Senior Center. Tickets are \$25 each. All proceeds benefit the HCC Jazz Band trip to China.



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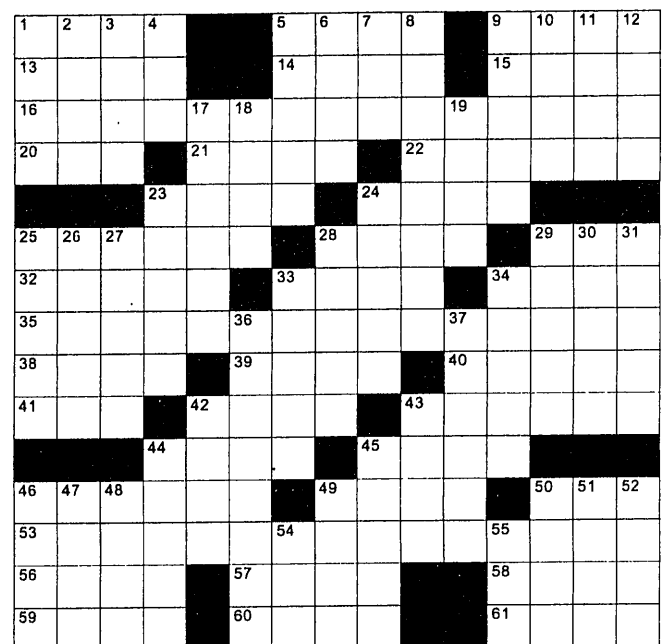
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Quotable Quote

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.

... Bill Cosby

Arts Briefs

Jazz Band needs notecard sales

Highline Music Department asks the community to support them by buying notecards which will help pay for the costs for a trip to China.

Cards can be purchased in Building 4 through Dr. Glover or in Building 9 in the Foundation Office.

The cards are the art work of kindergartners from Yangzhou China. Highline Jazz band will perform there this spring.

The cost is \$6 for one packet of two seasons or \$10 for two packets of all four seasons.

The Jazz Band trip is partly made possible for our students thanks to the Bo Yingling Memorial Fund, in honor of one of the founding members of the Jazz Band. Bo passed away in June, 2003. He loved Asian culture and loved jazz.

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Correction

Last week's Art's Calendar incorrectly stated that Nancy Warren and Highline students would perform in the Concert, March 11 at 7 p.m.

Ms. Warren will be playing during the Master Class part of the evening which is held before the concert from 4-6 p.m. Ms. Warren will be playing on the Estonia grand piano.

In addition Dr. Ronning and Richard Farner will offer the Master Class their expert advice and help critique students who will perform for them.

Help Wanted

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Highline must win final two games

T-Birds have to beat Clark and South Puget Sound to make NWAACCs

By Jordan Goddard
STAFF REPORTER

Two games stand between the Thunderbirds and the NWAACC men's basketball playoffs.

With only a pair of games remaining in the regular season, Highline needs to win both to guarantee a playoff spot.

After upsetting No. 2 Centralia 91-84 and then losing to No. 5 Pierce 79-71 last week, the Thunderbirds have found themselves tied for third place with an 8-6 league record, 13-11 overall.

Highline is one of five teams separated by only a single game.

Many possible outcomes still remain for the season, from a second place finish to a sixth.

The Thunderbirds need to at least place fourth to qualify for the playoffs.

"We're excited about these next two games. Two wins will give us a nice seed going into Pasco," guard Aaron White said.

Highline faced Clark College Wednesday, Feb. 18 on the road in the first of their final two contests.

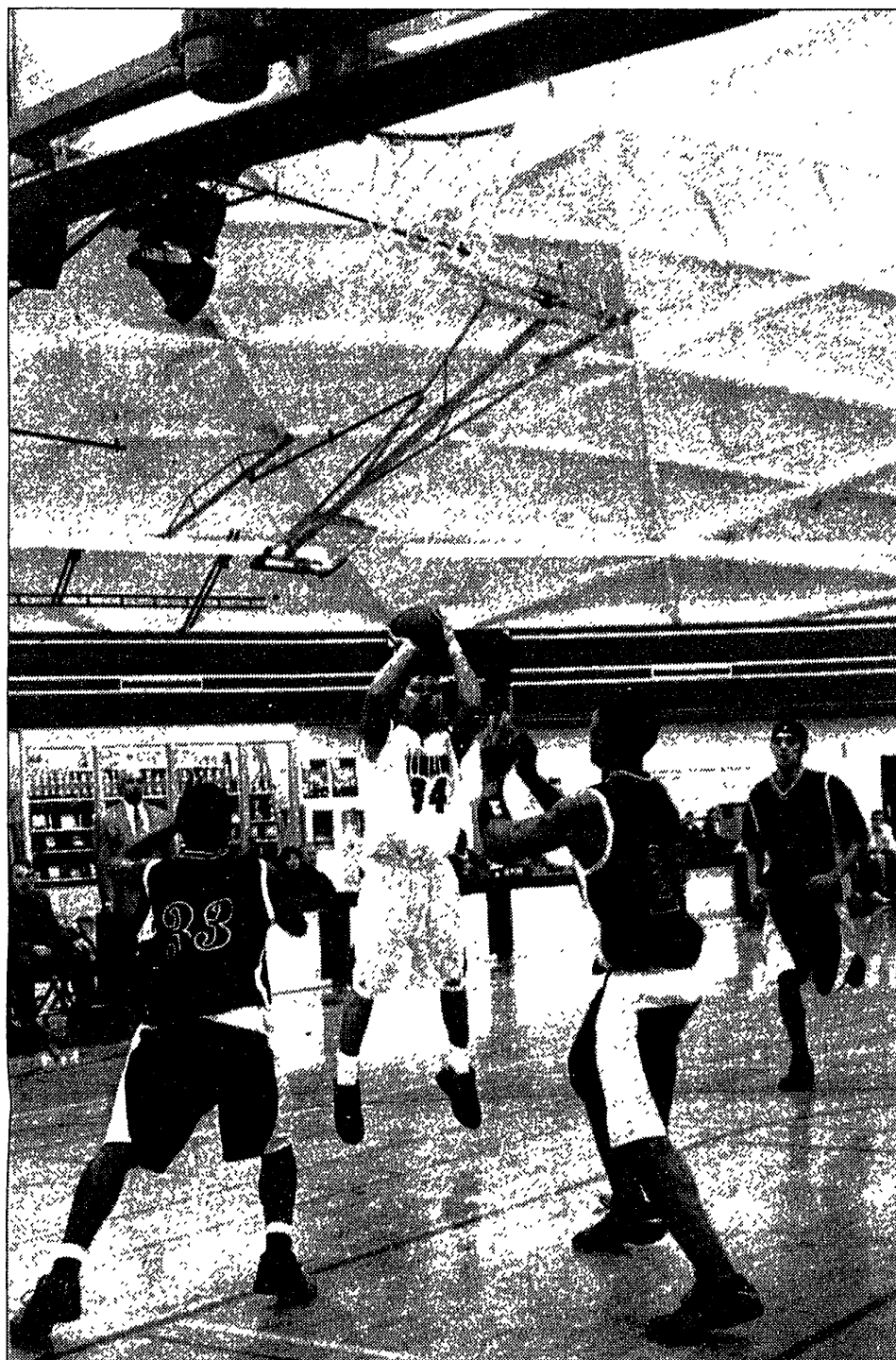
Game results were unavailable at press time.

The T-Birds defeated the No. 7 Clark Penguins in their only previous meeting.

The Thunderbirds face No. 8 South Puget Sound Saturday, Feb. 21 at home in their last regular season game.

A power outage two weeks ago left Highline's game against Pierce postponed.

Friday's rescheduled match up picked up where the two teams left off, 10 minutes into the first half.



Lucas Eaton shoots for two in the game Friday versus Pierce.

Photo by Amber Trillo

The Thunderbirds began with a two-point lead and possession of the ball.

The T-Birds held onto their lead

through the first half, thanks to a fast-paced attack and strong rebounding.

Up by four, Highline tried to ex-

ecute a similar plan in the second half but met with less success. Pierce's defenders were more prepared for the up-tempo push after half-time.

"We turned the ball over too much," Head Coach Che Dawson said.

The Thunderbirds' 20 turnovers marked one of their worst ball handling efforts of the season.

"At times we got a little frustrated out there," forward Jacob Manning said.

Turnovers were not Highline's only source of frustration in the second half.

"The key to the game was we didn't have the desire to stop anybody from scoring," Coach Dawson said.

After shooting only 40 percent in the first half, the Pierce Raiders made an incredible 57 percent of their field goals in the second half.

"Down the stretch, if we had more defensive intensity, it would have helped us stop the penetration," Manning said.

Despite the loss, Manning had one of his best games of the season with 13 points and two blocks. Guard Zenrique Tellez led the team in scoring with 14 points and three assists.

Forward Kellen Williams contributed 12 points and 20 rebounds.

Even with a 12 rebound advantage, the Thunderbirds could not find a rhythm on either side of the court in the final minutes against the Raiders.

"We didn't compete as hard as they did," Coach Dawson said.

Forward Tavar Proctor had a solid effort with eight points and eight rebounds but was visibly upset after the game.

"Defense," Proctor muttered repeatedly afterward.

Fortunately for the T-Birds, the loss comes after a 91-84 win on the road over the Centralia Blazers.

Highline began last Wednesday's game by jumping out to a large lead over Centralia.

The Blazers bounced back though and re-took the lead by halftime.

The Thunderbirds fought hard in the second half and forced the Blazers to play Highline's style of fast-paced basketball.

"We responded well to adversity," Coach Dawson said.

The Thunderbirds hit clutch free throws in the final minutes to secure their lead and the win.

Kellen Williams led the team with 23 points and 15 rebounds. Zenrique Tellez had 19 points, and Jacob Manning contributed 16.

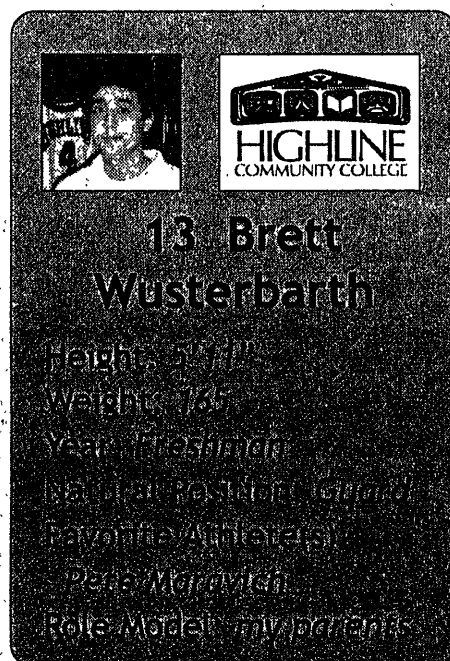
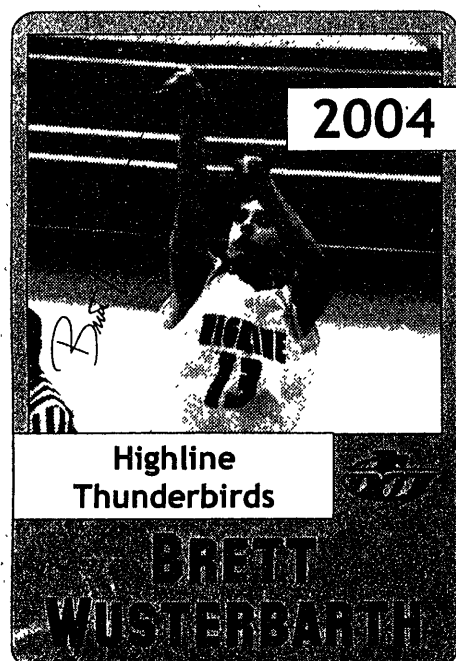
The Thunderbirds have their final game of the regular season at home this Saturday at 3 p.m. versus South Puget Sound.



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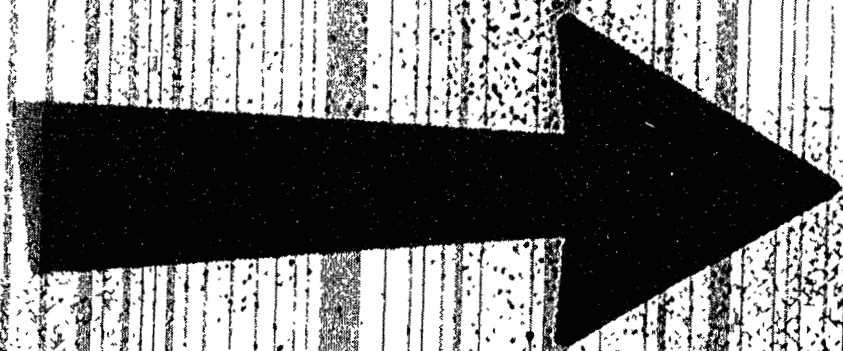
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TRANSFER 101:

Planning your escape



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Make the process of transferring easy

Planning ahead will save stress and money

By Derek Markland
STAFF REPORTER

Transferring to a four-year college can be stressful, especially if students try doing it alone.

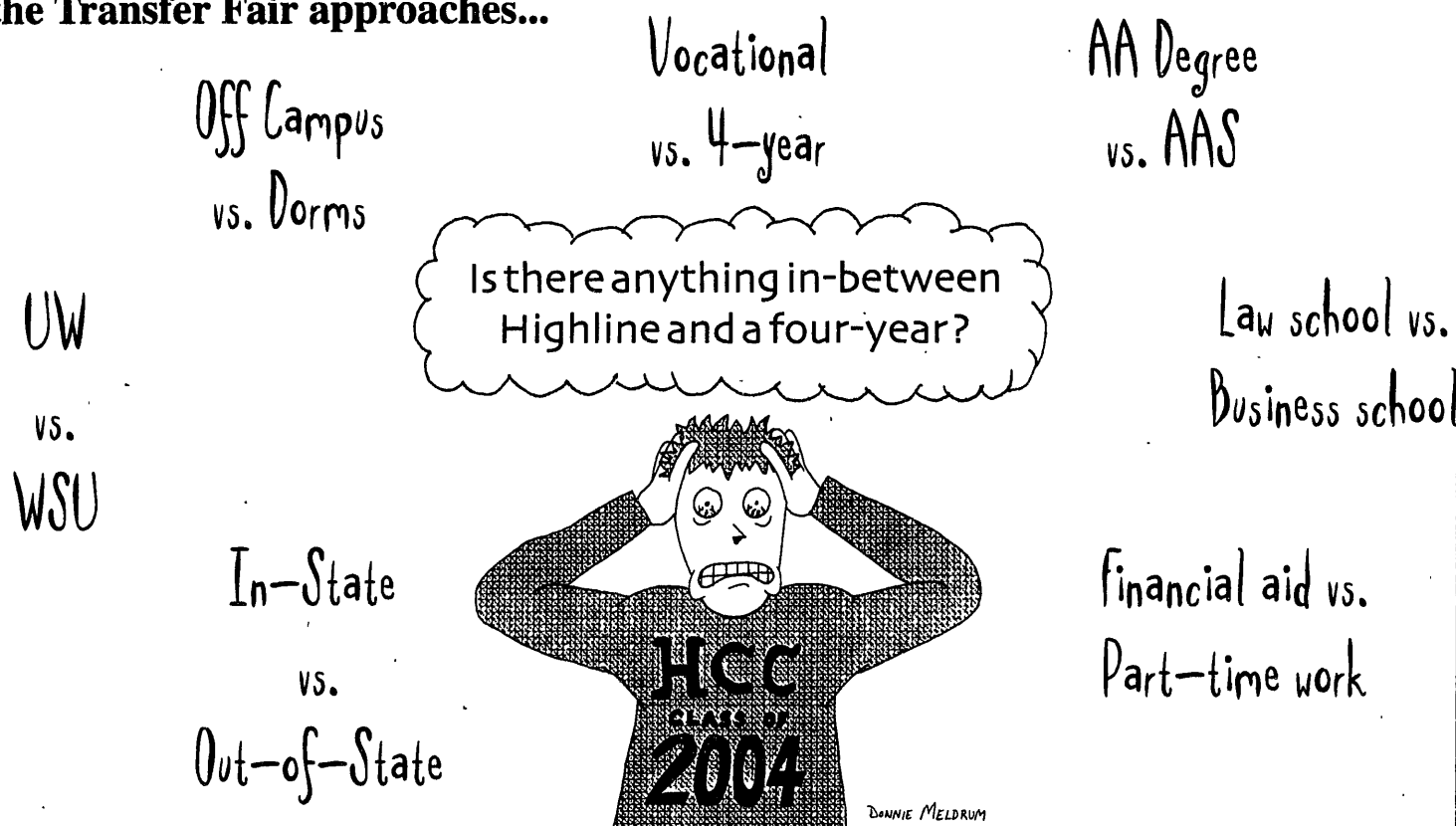
The Transfer and Educational Planning Centers, located upstairs in Building 6, may provide students with a much more pleasant transfer experience. The key to simplifying the process is to start early.

Students sometimes wait until their final quarter at Highline before beginning to plan their transfer. Siew Lai Lilley, director of the Transfer Center, can't stress enough the importance of starting early.

"Student should start early," said Lilley, "even as early as their first quarter at Highline."

Starting early allows students to research the schools they are interested in. Lilley believes that researching the schools that students are interested in is imperative in order to learn what is required, as well as deadlines for applying, how much the school will cost, what majors are offered, and other useful information crucial to a

As the Transfer Fair approaches...



successful transfer.

The Transfer Center contains additional resources that include a trained staff with knowledge of transfer requirements. Phones for contacting schools, even those that are long-distance, are available for students' use free of charge.

Lilley has noticed a trend in students being more open to look into other schools, rather than just UW.

Since the announcement that UW will be accepting fewer transfers, there has been little decline in how many students look into UW. However, students are more open

to seek secondary and tertiary options.

Some students remain reluctant to meet with advisers and want to transfer on their own. Although it is possible to do this, Lilley recommends that they still meet with an adviser at least once, either at Highline or at their desired school, for assurance that all credits are transferable and students are on the right track.

Aaron Boswell, a student finishing his last quarter at Highline, has planned his transfer on his own with the exception of meeting with

an adviser in the Educational Planning Center last quarter to ensure the classes he has been taking were the correct ones. Boswell plans on transferring to UW next quarter to finish his bio-tech studies.

"I called the UW transfer center and made an appointment with advisers there," said Boswell, who wanted to ensure that the information he gets was coming direct from the school he's transferring to.

Students sometimes end up attending Highline for an extra quar-

ter after thinking they were prepared to transfer. This is usually attributed to classes that didn't meet requirements at their desired school.

Lilley recommends that any students who knows what they want to do ahead of time look into several schools and compare requirements. It may be helpful to take the differing requirements as electives. If a student isn't accepted into their first pick, it is reassuring to know that they have the second school's requirements taken care of.

Not sure of your major? Transfer Center can help

By Noellani Bacnis
STAFF REPORTER

The major you choose may be one of the most important decisions you make in your college career, said Transfer Center Director Siew Lilley.

The major of your chose can influence the type of job you acquire in the future.

Since many college students are unsure of their major, there are re-

sources Highline provides to help with this decision.

Free career assessment tests are available for Highline students who are not clear on what to major in. The free test narrows down jobs that fit the student's answers. The questions consist of personality traits, types of skills, and personal interests.

"The test doesn't give the student a final decision, but is designed to give the student possi-

bilities," said Lilley.

Taking different courses at Highline can also help students search for a major that is appealing.

Students are advised to talk to the faculty members in the department they are interested in.

"They have made it their life, and they can tell you what you should be aware of," said Erik Tingelstad, director of career and employment services.

Once a major is found, the next step will be what you plan to do with it, Tingelstad said.

Highline offers internships that gives a student first glance at certain jobs a particular major may provide.

It gives students a sample of what to expect in the field, said Tingelstad.

Highline has provided many avenues for students to find that perfect major by self-assessment

tests, internships and workshops.

A workshop on how to choose a major and its related careers will be held on Feb. 19, 2004, in Building 10, Room 204.

This workshop will answer question on choosing a major and help students narrow down major choices.

Although there are many tools available for finding a major, the final decision is ultimately up to the student to make.

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Financial Aid

By Shayla Conrad-Simms

Financing a college education leaves thousands of Washington students in debt after graduation each year. "Each year tuition goes up and it's ridiculous to think that the people graduating from college to start their careers, are already thousands of dollars in debt. Wow, great start," Rosheida Adams, a graduate student at Eastern Washington University, said sarcastically.

The costs of tuition, housing, and living expenses to attend college in Washington is more than most can afford. But there are options to help finance a college education.

To apply for financial aid assistance, students must complete the Free Application For Student Aid form or FAFSA. The only eligibility requirements are that students must be registered with the selective service, attend a participating school, make satisfactory academic progress, and be without any prior drug convictions.

FAFSA forms can be obtained by visiting the financial aid office at any college, or you can submit FAFSA over the internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Filling out the form electronically is the fastest in most cases. It takes about six weeks to for the application to process, after which you will receive a Student aid report summarizing the aid you're eligible for.

The deadline for the completion of the FAFSA for Fall Quarter 2005 is June 30, 2004. There are three types of financial aid: grants, work-study, and loans. Grants, scholarships, and fee waivers do not have to be repaid.

After a student is found to be eligible for aid, the financial aid administrator packages various sources of aid to meet the student's need. The decision depends on family circumstances, eligibility, costs to attend, and funds available.

The Pell Grant is one of the largest sources of tuition offered by the government. Money is offered to those in the low and middle-income range. Numerous other grants are available as well.

Scholarships are another option for many students. Thousands of scholarships are available for minority students and women.

College websites like myuw.com offer scholarship searches that can help find scholarships that meet particular criteria and eligibility requirements. There are thousands based on ethnicity, background, financial situation, and career choice. Financial aid counselors have resources for applying for all types of scholarships.

Sara Parks, a financial counselor at Central Washington University, described two types of loans, subsidized and unsubsidized. Subsidized loans are based on need, and don't gain interest while the student is in school or for a authorized period of time. Unsubsidized loans are available regardless of need and interest is charged as soon as it is obtained.

There are numerous loans available to students. Parks said there are four major loans that most students apply for. They are the Perkins Loan, a federal loan for disadvantaged students who want to attend college in which the school itself is considered the lender; PLUS loans (Parental Loans for Undergraduate Students) for parents trying to fund their child's education; Stafford loans, government loans, either subsidized or non-subsidized; and HEAL loans (Health Education Assistance Loan)-are neither need based or subsidized, for students in health related careers.

Work-study is another option for students seeking financial help for college. Work-study programs are run by the college aid office and available for middle and low-income students. Students can gain valuable work experience and money for school.

Eligible students receive an award letter representing the total (gross) amount of money they can earn under the program and the period of award. The student works at a job for the college until the full reward is earned.

Although, as Parks added, that the financial aid office will consider replacing work study awards with loan eligibility if a student does not wish to or can't participate.

The Office of Student Financial Aid at UW Seattle said some employers are reluctant to hire students with small awards, since those students are unable to commit enough time to their jobs, as the employer would like.

"There are lots of different jobs available and usually more jobs than applicants," said Marlea Wilkins of UW. Jobs can be on or off campus. Information on work-study can also be found by visiting college's financial aid or work-study office.

At many schools like UW, students may only work a maximum of about 19 hours per week when classes are in session. Students can usually work full-time (maximum of 40 hours per week) during quarter breaks if there is work to be done.

For information on Highline's work-study programs contact Bev Dockstader at 206-878-3710, ext.3992.

Living on campus is generally cheaper at universities in Washington. According to Washington State University's Housing Services Department, it undoubtedly is. A survey conducted by WSU found that students underestimate their cost to live off campus by almost 50 percent.

On average, WSU students spend \$6,732 annually living off campus, while those living on campus spend about 5,500.

There are many advantages to living on campus, students save money on transportation because they are already closer to class, and don't have to travel to get groceries, or spend time cooking.

UW Seattle offers some apartments on campus for \$503 monthly, significantly cheaper than most off campus apartments in Seattle, this includes cable, Internet, utilities, and local telephone service.

Eastern Washington University offers annual housing in its residence halls including a meal plan for only \$4,700; this is currently the cheapest in the entire state say faculty. This includes food, internet, phone service, cable, and even voicemail.

For information of financial aid programs at Highline, student should contact the Financial Aid office at 206-878-3710, ext. 4848.

Personal Statement

By Derek Markland

Students will be able to learn how to write a personal statement essay for college entrance in an upcoming workshop. The workshop will take place on Thursday, Feb. 26 in Building 10, room 202 from noon to 12:50 p.m.

The session will be hosted by Bryan Stumpf; a Writing Department faculty member at Highline. This will be the fifth workshop Stumpf as hosted in the past two years.

"The first workshop had about 15 students participating; the last workshop had closer to 50 participants," said Stumpf.

Stumpf has received feedback from students who were accepted into the college they applied for. Stumpf attributes this success mostly to the help of the Transfer Center.

The workshop will focus on two key elements of a personal statement essay: content and language. Stumpf believes both of these elements are equally important for a well-written essay.

Whether students like writing or not, four-year colleges want them to submit an essay with their applications. When equally qualified students are competing for the same spot, it often comes down to the quality of the aforementioned essay.

It can be nerve-racking to write an essay if students don't know what the admissions offices are looking for, but many students may not be able to attend the workshop. Luckily there are resources available at Highline to assist students in their endeavors.

The Transfer Center in Building 6 has resources available to help students.

Teachers and faculty members can be great source for information about entrance essays, as most of them have written one themselves.



UW Packed and Prestigious

By Chad L. Martinez

Seattle is known as the emerald city due to its rich landscapes and wealth of parks, the University of Washington is no exception.

The mild climate and moderate temperatures keep the city green, allowing outdoor activities to be enjoyed year round.

Founded November 1861, the University of Washington is one of the oldest state supported institutions of higher education on the Pacific coast. As one of the states premier teaching and research institutions, the university is committed to maintaining an environment for objectivity and imagination.

The core focus of the University of Washington is its College of Arts and Sciences. To aid their capacity to make humane and educated decisions, the university has an environment in which its students can develop, mature and appreciate the range of diversity of the campus, UW officials said.

The University of Washington is a place where students who are looking to obtain a graduate degree flourish. However what about students who are simply looking to obtain an undergraduate degree? "Yes, we are looked at mainly for graduate degree's, but we tell students going for an undergraduate degree that the university can give you what ever you wish to put into it," an admission spokesperson said.

The University's policy is to offer admissions to those applicants who are most able to benefit from and contribute to the college's educational resources. The university doesn't just make its admission decisions exclusively on the basis of predicted academic performance.

The student's skills and talents derived from diverse backgrounds are carefully examined.

"Transferring students have one major concern, our recent change in acceptance," an Admission Spokesperson said.

Through autumn 2004, applicants will be considered through one of the two major pathways, the Direct Transfer Agreement or the Comprehensive Review. After autumn 2004, all applicants will be considered through the Comprehensive Review.

The Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) is being discontinued soon.

It remains in effect only for community college applicants who complete an associate degree during Spring Quarter 2004 or earlier and who apply to the UW for Autumn Quarter 2004 or earlier.

There is no minimum GPA that assures students admissions under the Comprehensive Review. Students with GPAs of 2.50 or better will be assured of receiving a comprehensive review to determine admissibility.

"I have been planning my education since sophomore year, I was counting on Direct Transfer Agreement. Now all my plans are out of whack," Jessica, a Highline student, said. Many factors are considered in making admission decisions, which are based on much more than grade-point average or predicted academic performance.

Among community college transfer students, the top admission priority will be given to those with academic associate degrees and those with 90 transferable credits taken in preparation for a professional academic major. Applicants with fewer than 90 credits may also be admitted when early transfer is advisable, however the number of such transfers will remain low.

All prospective transfer students are encouraged to attend Transfer Thursdays, held every Thursday afternoon in the Undergraduate Gateway Center, 171 Mary Gates Hall. Transfer Thursdays offer prospective students drop-in academic advising, beginning at 1 p.m., group sessions on transfer admissions starting at 2:30 p.m., and workshops and informational sessions focused on making your transfer experience fun and educated.

There are two ways to apply to the university. You can either apply online at www.washington.edu/students/uga/tr/apply or download a PDF version of the application from your home or school computer. Both options are available at the web address above. If you do not have access to the web, please contact Admissions to request that they mail you a copy of the PDF application.

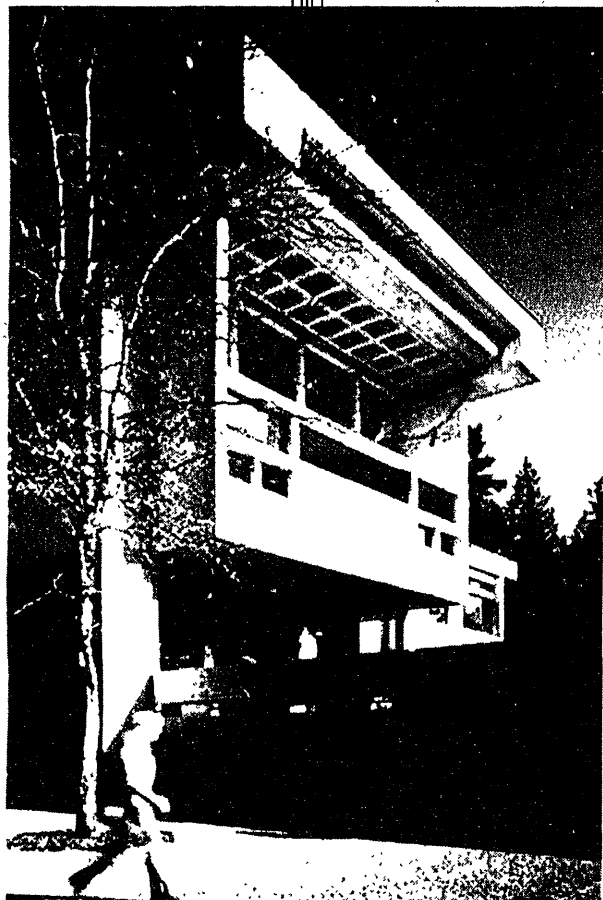
The University of Washington welcomes prospective students to come and visit and experience the campus for themselves. First you must visit the Visitation Program of the Office of Admissions.

The tour is free of charge and is offered Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The tour generally lasts about 90 minutes and is led by a UW student.

The other option is to actually sit in on a class. You can do this too by visiting the Visitation Program office located in the Office of Admissions



TESC Definitely Different



By Noellani Bacnis

The Evergreen State College is a public liberal arts and sciences college located in Olympia.

Evergreen is known for its innovative academics. This allows students to enroll in a single comprehensive program instead of a series of separate courses.

Evergreen students are able to learn many aspects of a theme or topic through related academic subjects.

"Our students learn how to think, write, and analyze things," said Director of College Relations Jim Beaver.

Evergreen offers bachelor's degrees in arts and science, and master's degrees in teaching, environmental studies, and public administration.

Evergreen is known for collaborative learning. Faculty members work in teams of two or more to teach a program. Seminars, workshops, activities and labs are planned together to create an atmosphere of shared learning.

Unlike other colleges, Evergreen does not give out letter grades. Rather, students are evaluated in detail through written narratives by faculty members. A self evaluation is also included in the student's transcript.

"Evergreen's campus is smaller than your typical college, giving the students an opportunity to meet the professors and have a one-on-one exposure to the faculty," Beaver said.

Full-time Washington residents receiving 10-18 quarter credit hours pay \$1,217 per quarter.

Non-residents pay \$4,443 per quarter.

Tuition estimates for an academic year for residents which include housing and meals, books and supplies, personal needs, and in-state travel is approximately \$13,551.

Non-resident tuition per academic school year is roughly \$23,649.

Evergreen offers many scholarships and tuition awards for current students.

The Shauna May Memorial Scholarship is offered to a new transfer or currently enrolled student who is pursuing studies in humanities. Two letters of recommendation, written by recent or current faculty members within the past year is required.

The Congressman Brian Baird and Rachel Nugent Scholarship is given to one male and one female who are newly enrolled. The applicant must demonstrate involvement in political activity or government. A one-page letter addressing political activity or involvement in government, the reason for involvement and related educational goals are necessary.

The Evergreen State College Foundation Scholarship is offered to students who are entering Evergreen in Fall Quarter 2004. This scholarship is awarded to students who have distinguished themselves in different areas. Previous transcripts from both high school and colleges attended are required.

Students who plan to transfer to Evergreen are required to hold a minimum GPA of 2.0 cumulative, be on good standing at the last institution attended and complete a variety of courses in liberal arts and sciences.

Fall Quarter admission applications are due on Sep. 1, 2004. A \$36 application fee is required.

"Ranking organizations have compared Evergreen to private liberal arts colleges around the nation," Beaver said.

Evergreen has been included in the 2004 Newsweek-Kaplan's edition of How to Get Into College as one of the "12 Hot Schools" on their list.

UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX:

So close, yet so far

Don't let the name fool you, the University of Phoenix has campuses right here in Washington; actually, they have 130 campuses located throughout the country. The main Washington campus for the University of Phoenix is located in south center, but there are also learning centers in Bellevue, Renton, Tacoma and Mountlake Terrace.

The University of Phoenix has a drastically different format than the other private universities in Washington. "Basically the University of Phoenix is catered toward working adults," University of Phoenix Director of Admissions Brock Smith said.

Classes at the University of Phoenix are structured so that students can work full time and still receive a bachelor's degree in the amount of time that it would take them at a normal university, Brock said.

Students attend class one day a week for four hours. They also meet with their study group for four hours a week.

A study group is a group of three-five students from a class who work together on projects related to the class, Brock said.

Brock said that study group is designed to help students learn how to work together in small groups, a skill that is necessary in the working world.

Working full time is a requirement for students who wish to attend the University of Phoenix.

Brock said that the school does make acceptance to this requirement, but students must still have access to a work environment.

The reason that students must have access to a work environment is because the University of Phoenix what's their students to apply what they are learning directly to a work environment, Brock said.

The faculty at the University of Phoenix is also unique. "All our faculty work in the fields that they teach," Brock said.

The minimum age for attending the University of Phoenix is 21, but the average age of students is 34, Brock said.

The University of Phoenix has an open enrollment policy; as long as students meet the age requirement and are working they can enroll in classes.

Tuition for under graduate courses is \$330 per credit.

The University of Phoenix operates on a semester system, so each course is three credits or 27 credits a year for a full time student.

Brock said that most people are under the impression that the University of Phoenix is only an online school; this however is not the case.

The University of Phoenix does offer online courses, but it also offers courses on its campuses.

In the Seattle area there are five University of Phoenix campuses.

The main campus is located in Southcenter, but there are also locations in Bellevue, Renton, Tacoma and Mountlake Terrace.

Students have three options for the types of courses they can take at the University of Phoenix: Online courses, on-campus courses, and flexnet courses.

A flexnet course is something half way between an online and an on-campus course. Students who take flexnet courses meet on campus for their first day and last day of class and do all the classes in-between over the internet.

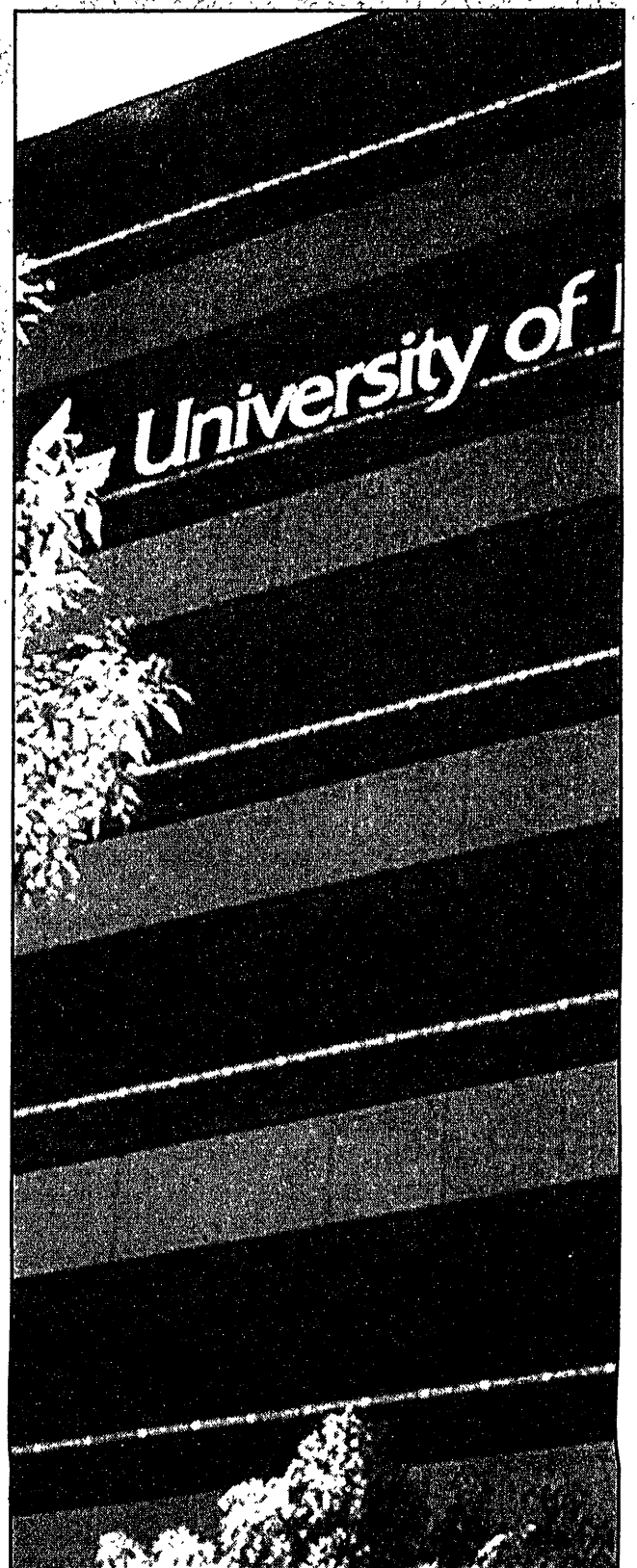
The University of Phoenix has a block-transfer agreement with Highline: meaning that the courses students take at highline will transfer directly to the University of Phoenix.

As long as students take general-ed courses their credits should transfer directly, but Highline students should still take advantage of Highline's educational planning counselors who can help them make sure they choose the right courses, Brock said.

"The first thing I would recommend is that they (students) work with a counselor; counselors are there for a reason."

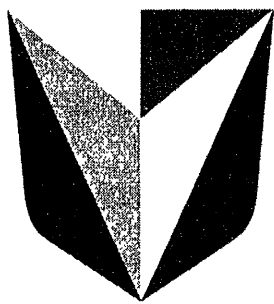
If you would like to find out more about transferring to the University of Phoenix you can contact the school at 1-800-697-8223, or you can visit their website:

www.uophx.edu/washington.



DeVry

University



Simple but technical

The DeVry University has locations all over the nation, locally in Federal Way.

DeVry notes that students are exposed to high-quality, career-oriented undergraduate and graduate programs in business, management and technology.

DeVry incorporates general education with industry-specific course-work.

"DeVry helps you focus on what you want to do," DeVry student Brandon Sherman said.

To be accepted into the college a prospective student must interview with a DeVry admissions advisor and complete an application with its fee of \$50 included with a \$50 tuition deposit.

Students, not including Information Technology programs, enrolled for 1-11 credit hours are charged per credit hour. Charges per hour is approximately \$390. Students who are enrolled in the Information Technology program are billed \$6,500 per semester.

There are also requirements that must be met pertaining to age, prior education and evaluation of proficiency prerequisite skills needed for college-level work. Students must also complete an enrollment application for selected programs.

Students who are requesting a transfer to DeVry from prior post-secondary education need to submit an official transcript before acceptance is awarded.

"DeVry offers a faster way to get a bachelor degree by going year round," said Sherman.

DeVry applicants must have earned an associates degree or higher from an approved U.S post-secondary institution, with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00.

WWU No. 2 in the West

By Derek Markland

Western Washington University is located in Bellingham, a city of 60,000, situated 90 miles north of Seattle.

In recent on-campus surveys, students have conveyed their reasons for attending WWU. Academic reputation, the size of the college, and graduates getting good jobs were among the top answers of respondents.

Education and business are the two most popular majors at WWU.

Students interested in transferring to WWU have a deadline of April 1, which is a month longer than freshman applicants have. There is a \$37 fee for processing the application.

There were 12,680 full and part-time students enrolled in the fall of 2003 at WWU.

Tuition for WWU is \$1,213 per quarter, or roughly \$3,650 per school year.

Many scholarships are available for transfer students and freshman alike. The Alumni Association offers several scholarship awards for students with a strong drive toward academic excellence and whose current cumulative GPA is 3.5 or greater \$1,000-\$3,000 per school year. Students applying for this scholarship are also eligible for the Alumni/President Scholarship which awards students \$10,000 in \$2,500 payments per year for four years.

The Bill Reed Scholarship is available for African American students whose GPA is 3.0 or higher.

Students living away from home to attend four-year colleges understand the cost of food and the burden of having to prepare their own meals. That is, if they don't purchase a meal plan for their school's dining facilities. WWU has meal plans ranging from \$1,966 to \$2,598 per school year.

These costs can be broken down on a quarterly basis to range from \$636 to \$913 with the cheapest prices in Winter and Spring Quarters and the most expensive plans during Fall Quarter.

Dorm housing for fall ranges in price depending on the type of room a student desires. For students who want a room to themselves they can expect to pay \$1,790; students who want to be alone with extra space will pay \$1,930. Double rooms will set each student back \$1,430, and triples will cost each student \$1,230.

Non-dorm housing ranges in price depending on whether students stay in an apartment on campus or one off. Apartments on campus, though small, are a great deal for any student, or students seeking a greater feel of autonomy.

On-campus apartments cost anywhere from \$687 per student in a two-person bedroom to \$1,374 for the same apartment for one student per bedroom. These costs are for an entire quarter, and are not monthly charges.

WWU has been ranked by U.S. News & World report as the No. 2 master's-granting public school in the West.



EWU Cheney anyone?

By Derek Markland

Eastern Washington University, located in Cheney, Washington, is home to 9,506 students in a town where only 9,470 people claim residence.

EWU is a school equipped for at least 12,000 students, so there are ample spaces available for qualified students to transfer.

The top four sought-after majors at EWU are education, business, biology, and nursing.

There is a \$35 non-refundable application fee for EWU. EWU requires transfer students to have a minimum 2.0 GPA in all transferable college credits. Students applying for next fall must apply by March 1. Winter and Spring Quarters must be applied for by October 15 and February 15, respectively.

Scholarships are available both internally and externally for EWU and range from general academic scholarships granted on a yearly basis to the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship which is a \$2,000 scholarship available for transfer students only. Several other internal scholarships are available and can be found on EWU's homepage.

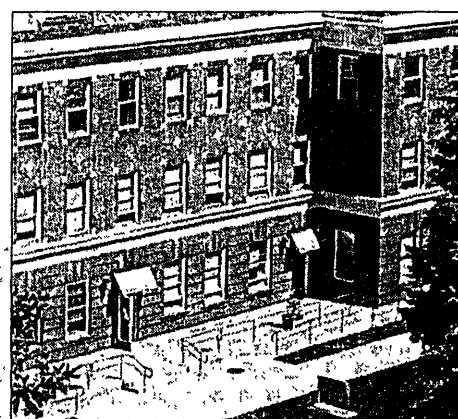
Current quarterly tuition for students with Washington residency is \$1,194. This covers 10 to 18 credits, but does not include room and board. Non-resident students pay \$4,146 for the same amount of credits.

For students looking to move away from home to attend college, EWU provides a great environment. Like most schools, EWU has several housing options for students.

This school year EWU offered a housing incentive sign-up that saved students \$500 if they had applied for housing before May 1, 2003. This Housing Incentive Grant made EWU's dorm housing the cheapest of all four-year in-state institutions. With the meal plan offered by the college, residents of the dorms would be paying from as little as \$4,700 with a one year contract up to \$7,492 on a quarterly basis. These costs cover room and board.

Non-dorm housing will range in price depending on how and where students decide to live. Apartments are available both on campus and off. Apartments on campus are considerably cheaper than others.

In the end, EWU can cost students anywhere from \$3,600 per school year if they live with family rent free in Cheney, up to \$10,000 if they are living in an apartment. Non-resident students will pay more than \$12,000 in tuition alone to attend EWU for one school year.



CWU Chimp + Ellensburg

By Derek Markland

Central Washington University is located in Ellensburg, Washington, a city home to 15,500 people. CWU had 9,465 students enrolled in the Fall 2003 quarter.

CWU's quarterly tuition for Washington residents is \$1,218 and covers from 12-18 credits.

CWU's most popular major is business. CWU also has a very strong education program and a new music facility.

Room and board costs vary from dorm to dorm as there are over 15 different dorm and housing options to choose from. These options are offered by CWU as on-campus housing choices.

Depending on whether or not a student chooses a meal plan, and then which meal plan they choose students will pay for either their own food or up to \$2,700 per school year for prepared food in one of the dining halls.

On-campus housing can cost from \$3,000 up to \$5,700 per school year, depending on which type of room the student stays in.

CWU is a good location for almost anyone living in Washington, as it is only 90 minutes away from downtown Seattle and only 30 minutes away from downtown Yakima.

Admission requirements for transfer students are as follows: students must have completed 40 or more credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and must also include a \$35 application fee when applying to CWU. If the applying student's GPA is in the range of a 2.0-2.5 their application will be personally reviewed before an admission decision is made.

CWU does not have any sororities or fraternities endorsed or officially recognized by the school.

CWU is also home to the world famous Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute (CHCI). The CHCI holds regular "Chimposiums" in which visitors attend a one-hour workshop to learn about the efforts made by the CHCI in teaching chimpanzees to communicate with humans via American Sign Language. Since 1966, the CHCI has been a respected institute in the study of chimpanzees, as well as communication development as a whole.

CWU also has six satellite campuses with a seventh one being built at Highline.

The additional campuses are located in Seatac, Lynnwood, and Steilacoom, Yakima, Moses Lake, and Wenatchee.



Private Schools

By Justin Williams

They might be more expensive than a Escalade with spinner rims, but they do offer an alternative to the heavily populated public universities.

Tuition at a private school in the Seattle/Tacoma area can range anywhere from \$20,000-32,000 for one year.

The price is steep, but private schools tend to offer considerably higher financial aid packages than public universities.

UPS

The University of Puget Sound, located in Tacoma Washington, prides itself as one of the only nationally recognized liberal arts colleges in the Washington state (based on the Carnegie Mellon Rating of Schools), UPS Transfer Counselor Zach Street said.

UPS's liberal arts curriculum is a unique environment designed to better prepare students for the situations they will be in after college, Street said.

"Liberal arts is designed to introduce students to different ways of thinking." It's also "much more interactive and hands on."

Average class sizes at UPS range from 18-19 students. This provides students with an opportunity to interact with each other and discuss the issues they are studying. The interpersonal communication skills that the smaller classes allow students to develop will also be useful for the students after college, Street said.

One of the possible disadvantages of UPS is that they do not offer the pre-professional approach that some of the public universities offer, Street said. "We don't offer any undergraduate certification."

UPS still offers 42 different majors though, ranging from fine arts to chemistry. "Basically the traditional academic disciplines are still here," Street said.

UPS's School of Music and School of Business have high reputations. "We also have a strong reputation in the sciences and Asian studies," Street said.

If you are thinking about transferring to the University of Puget Sound, you might want to start picking your classes carefully at highline, Street said. "We do not do the Direct Transfer Agreement."

The Direct Transfer Agreement, or DTA, is an agreement between the different community colleges and four-year universities that enables students who have received a 90-credit Associate of Arts degree to transfer to four-year university as a junior with the majority of their core requirements satisfied.

Street said the reason UPS does not honor this agreement is to make sure that students do not transfer in with untraditional academic courses.

Highline students who wish to transfer their credits should speak with someone at the college or go to the school's web page where there are listings of what Highline courses will transfer to the University of Puget Sound (www.ups.edu).

Although this might seem like a drawback for some students, it can also be an advantage, Street said. "Students don't need an A.A. to go to UPS."

Students who wish to transfer to UPS must have completed one year's worth of credit courses from a two-year or four-year university, Street said. "If they have less than one year of graded college courses we need to see high school transcripts and standardized test scores."

A good GPA is an important factor in transferring to UPS. "We look primarily at the transcript," Street said.

The average GPA of students who transfer to UPS is 3.3. One of the best things Highline students can do if they wish to transfer to UPS is to make sure they have "good grades in good courses," Street said.

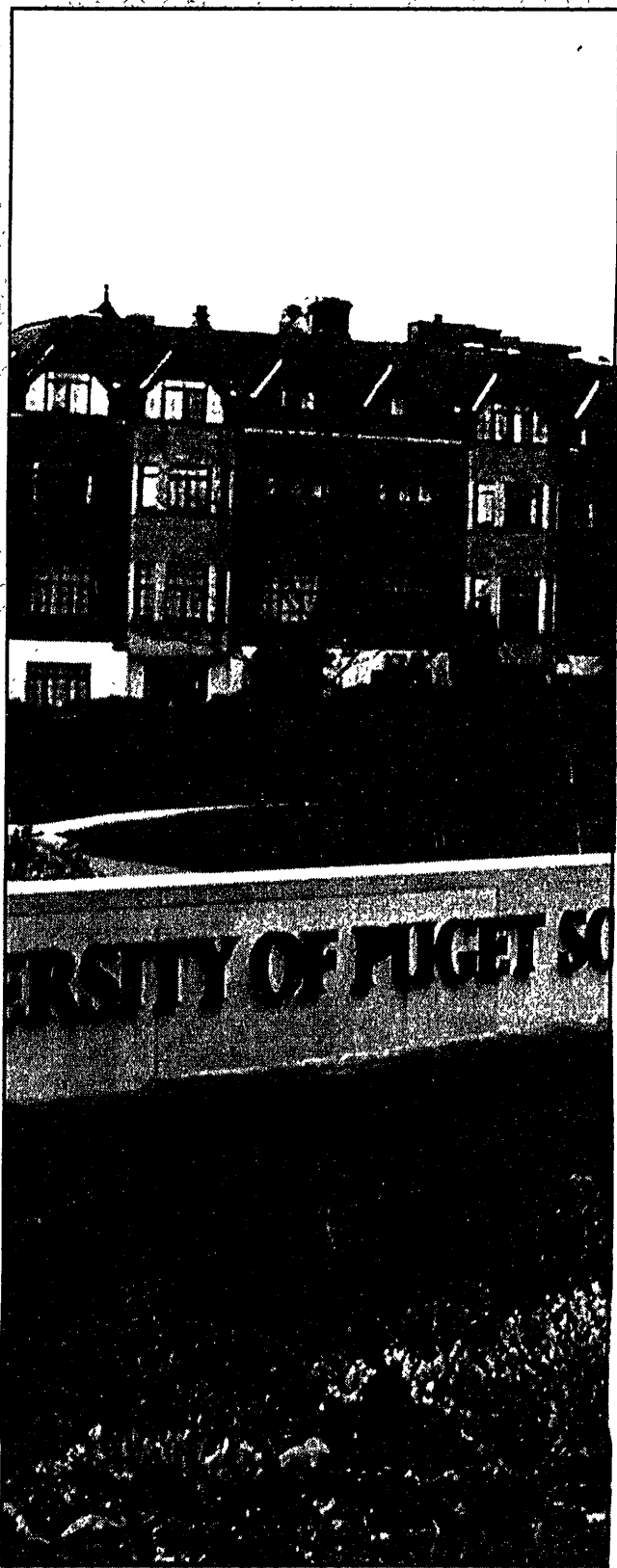
Students who transfer in with a 3.4 GPA or above are in good standing to receive a merit scholarship. Merit scholarships range from \$3,000-9,000, Street said.

A full one year's tuition package that includes room and board at UPS is about \$32,000.

Street said that although \$32,000 is considerably larger than a full tuition package for attending one year at one of the states public universities, 80 percent of UPS' students receive some sort of financial aid.

UPS offers on average \$20,000 in financial aid per student, reducing the amount to about \$12,000, Street said. "Our goal is to make it affordable for every student we accept."

If you would like to visit the University of Puget Sound or talk with an admissions counselor you can contact their admissions office at 1-800-396-7191.



PLU

Pacific Lutheran University is also located in Tacoma. Director of Admissions David Gunovich said that PLU is "... a comprehensive private university."

Gunovich also said that PLU's curriculum and atmosphere are designed to better prepare students for the competitiveness that they will experience after college.

The average class size at PLU is about 20 students; Gunovich said that this allows students to become more involved.

The environment and community are also unique aspects that students will find if they attend PLU, Gunovich said.

He said that people who have attended PLU say that the environment and community were both excellent.

The curriculum at PLU includes a distributive core, as well as an international core.

The international theme is also something that sets PLU apart, Gunovich said.

For students who wish to have a more in depth international theme PLU also offers Scandinavian and Chinese study programs.

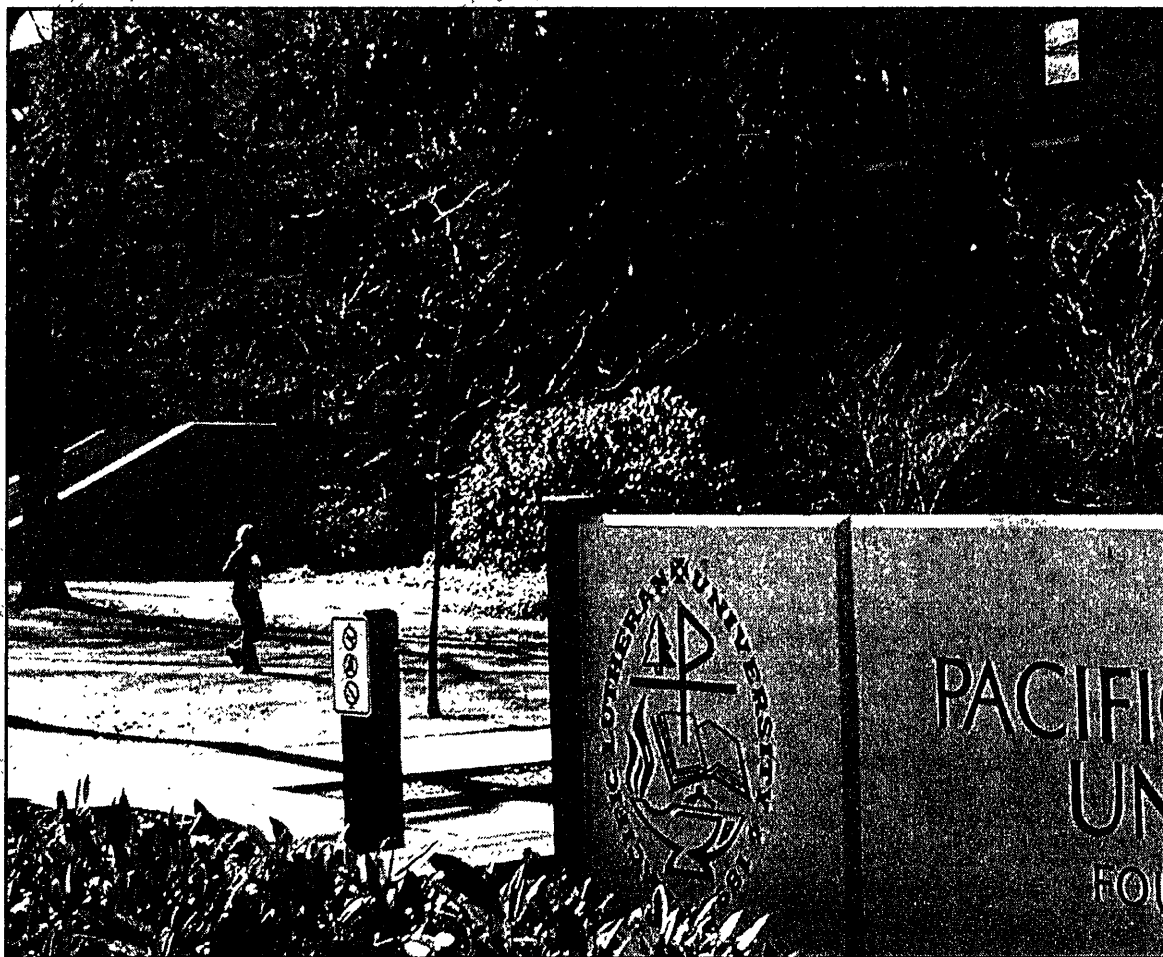
Transfer students make up about one-third of the population at PLU, Gunovich said.

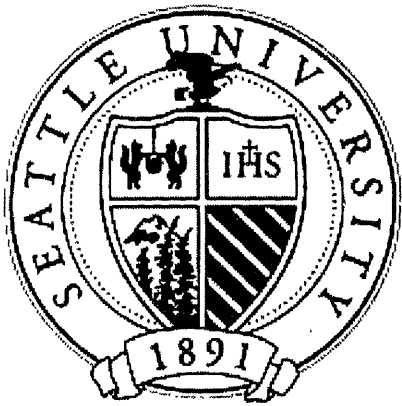
Tuition for this year at PLU is \$20,200. Students wishing to live on campus will pay about \$27,000.

Although tuition might be high, Gunovich said that the average financial aid package for one year is about \$15,000. Attending PLU might be much more affordable than students think, Gunovich said.

Gunovich said that the key for transfer students is to get their applications in on time. "The real trick is doing everything in a timely process."

Students wishing to visit PLU or talk with an admissions counselor can call PLU's admissions office at 1-800-274-6758.





By Justin Williams

Seattle University, located in Seattle's Capital Hill area, was founded in 1891 and is one of the 28 Jesuit colleges in the United States.

"The Jesuits (the Society of Jesus) are an order of Catholic priests, founded more than 450 years ago by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Since the order's inception, its priests have been committed to education and devoted to peace and social justice," Assistant Director of Admissions Merida Escandon said.

The Jesuit order also defended Galileo, a mathematics teacher and astronomer who was born in 1564 near Florence Italy and was condemned for holding Copernican views that the earth orbited the sun.

Seattle University was also the first Jesuit University to admit women, Escandon said.

Seattle University does recognize the Direct Transfer Agreement; this allows students who have completed their AA degree at Highline to transfer 90 credits from their AA degree to Seattle University and start as a junior. If students wish to transfer more than 90 credits they must declare their major, Escandon said.

The AA degree will knock out most of the core curriculum for a student transferring to Seattle University, but they will still need to take a theology, philosophy and an ethics course.

The full annual tuition package (45 credits) for students living off campus is \$20,070.

Students can expect also spend about \$4,394 on personal expenses (transportation, books, supplies and loan fees) and \$6,858 on room and board.

Students living with relatives or parents will pay the same for tuition, but their personal expenses are estimated at \$3,473 and their room and board will be about \$2,679, Escandon said.

The average transfer student receives



about \$20,258 in financial aid; this aid includes scholarships, federal aid, grants and loans.

Seattle University also offers on average an institutional award of about \$7,109 per student.

Escandon said that some one of the reasons students should consider attending Se-

attle University is the class sizes.

She said that because of the smaller class sizes, it's hard for students to hide in the back of the class.

Escandon also said that the rigor of the coursework is also a unique quality of the Jesuit education that students will receive at Seattle University.

Some of the more recent programs that Seattle University has begun offering are their criminal justice program, forensic science program and a forensic psychology program.

The business and engineering programs are among the top 50 in the nation's private schools and Escandon said that the nursing program has had a good reputation since 1931.

Highline students who wish to transfer to Seattle University should start planning ahead Escandon said; if they know what their major is early they can chose classes at Highline that will be more applicable to their major.

She also recommended students taking advantage of the advisors at Highline, as well as visiting the Seattle University campus to explore the environment and meet with counselors at Seattle University. "It's going to save them a lot of time and headaches if they meet with someone here at

Seattle U," she said.

The grade point average is also an important factor in being considered for Seattle University, Escandon said. "They have to have a solid 3.0 GPA."

She also said that "professional degrees are going to be highly competitive.

"The stronger the GPA the more competitive the student becomes."

Escandon said that the best time to apply to Seattle University Fall Quarter.

Applications for fall quarter are due March 1.

Seattle University does have ongoing admissions, but Fall Quarter is when financial aid is offered.

Tours are offered daily at Seattle University; students wishing to take a tour or meet with an admissions counselor can call the admissions office at 206-296-2000.



Seven wrestlers are headed to nationals

By Jesse Nordstrom

STAFF REPORTER

The Highline wrestling team had one of its strongest performances in years, qualifying seven wrestlers for the national championships at last Saturday's Region 18 Championships in Couer d'Alene, Idaho.

The T-Birds finished the tournament in fourth place. Host North Idaho won, followed by Lassen and Southwest Oregon. Yakima Valley finished fifth and Clackamas sixth, with team point totals unavailable at presstime.

The national tournament is Feb. 28-29 in Rochester, Minn. Last year Highline only sent one wrestler to the championships.

The coaching staff had been preparing the team all year for this tournament and when it came time for the T-Birds to perform out on the mat, they answered the challenge. With perennial powers North Idaho and Lassen, this is one of the toughest regions in the country.

"We went into this tournament with expectations and I think that we met those expectations," said Assistant Coach John Clemens.

Highline wrestlers who qualified included Kyle McCarron, 125 pounds; Francisco Gonzalez, 133; Jason Mendez, 141; Brandon Hunter, 149; Skyler Marler, 157; Patrick Bradley, 197; and Jacob Peterson, heavyweight.

Gonzalez, Hunter and Bradley each placed second at regionals. Mendez finished third, and McCarron, Marler and Peterson each placed fourth.

After a first-round bye, Gonzalez began the day in the semifinals against Josh Sampos of Southwest Oregon, which he easily won by a 12-5 margin.

In the finals, Gonzalez met Lassen's Charles Lloyd, who is ranked No. 1 in the nation. Gonzalez got the initial takedown and Lloyd escaped so that both wrestlers were on their feet, Lloyd then performed a move that

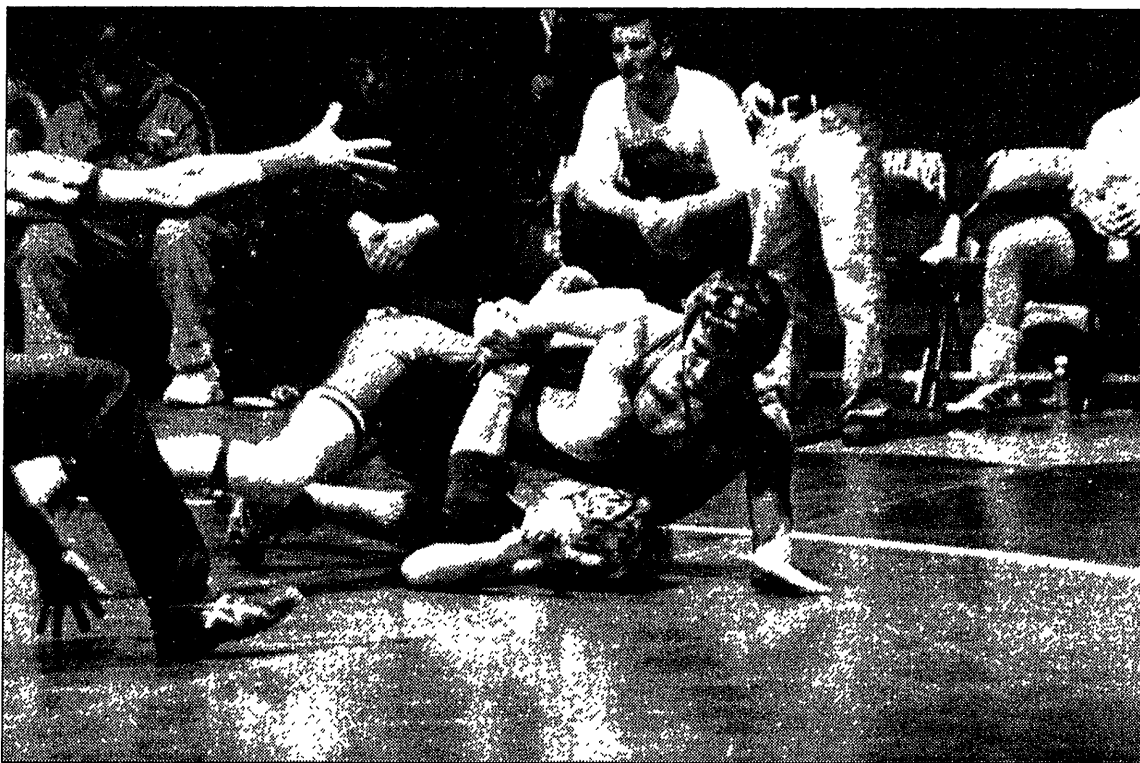


Photo by Amber Trillo

125 pounder Kyle McCarron in a meet earlier this month.

Gonzalez had never even heard of before. He caught Gonzalez in a funky roll which put Chico on his back and gave Lloyd the pin.

Despite the loss, Gonzalez was very optimistic about the upcoming national tournament.

"I'm happy with the way that I wrestled," Gonzalez said. "This same Lassen guy has given me three of the five total losses that I had received this entire season and he'll be on the opposite side of the bracket at nationals. I feel good [about nationals] and I'm ready to go."

The second T-Bird to finish second in the tournament was Brandon Hunter.

Hunter's trek through the 149-pound weight bracket started off with a bye in the first round an 11-4 win over North Idaho's Quinton Moreno in the second. Then things suddenly got harder for Hunter as he advanced to the finals against Zach Haynes of Lassen. Hunter lost, 13-1.

"He didn't get any near fall points on me but beat me with takedown after takedown," said Hunter. "It was a long day and the

finals were at the end of the day, but if I had another shot, I really think I could beat that kid."

Another second place finisher for Highline was Patrick Bradley.

Bradley's first action came against a tough opponent in J.B. Plato of North Idaho. Bradley scored the go-ahead two-point takedown a little way into the third period and instead of trying to score more points and perhaps make a mistake, wisely chose to ride Plato out for the remaining minute for the 7-6 win.

Bradley's second match was also a tough one against Jon Stevens of Lassen, but this time Bradley took advantage of a poorly-executed throw by Steven which resulted in a pin for Bradley at the 2:09 mark of the match.

In the finals, Bradley once again faced some stiff competition in Bridger Sacher of Clackamas. Bradley ending up losing 8-3 after Sacher got a couple of shots in and just kept pulling away.

"I'm really happy with how I did at this tournament," Bradley said. "I mean, my goal was to get to nationals all year, but I could have

wrestled better in the finals."

The only wrestler from Highline to come in third place was Jason Mendez. He lost 11-2 to Derek Kipperberg of North Idaho, before beating Southwest Oregon's Phillip Lopez 2-1. He earned third by beating Yakima's Jeremy Darling 3-2.

"I feel like this tournament was good for me," said Mendez. "I've been out for awhile and I haven't wrestled any real matches besides practice for over a month because of some surgery I had on my ear."

Kyle McCarron began the day with a tough first match against Forest Bouge of Lassen, losing 10-4.

He didn't break a sweat in round two, however, beating Yakima's Romero Gonzalez 12-2.

McCarron's third match was against Bouge once again. Unfortunately, he was unable to avenge his first round defeat, losing by pin at the 4:20 mark in the match.

McCarron then had to wrestle one last time to determine which 125-pounder would receive fourth place. He beat Tim Cook from Clackamas to earn his trip to Min-

nesota.

"I'm not really happy with my performance and I feel like I could have done a lot better," McCarron said. "But nationals is a whole new tournament and hopefully I can place there and become an All-American."

157-pounder Skyler Marler also finished fourth in the regional championships, but his road to Minnesota was a little bit bumpier than the rest.

Everything started out smoothly for Marler as he easily won his first-round match in the second period by pin at the 3:48 mark against Britt Crooks of Clackamas.

Things were also going very well in the second round for Marler as he pulled to an early 5-0 lead over Brian Seibel of North Idaho, only to be thrown on his back and eventually end up losing 9-7. In the third round, he defeated Gus Palacios of Lassen on a takedown with only 10 seconds left.

He ended up fourth after losing to Joe Casey of Southwest Oregon in four overtimes.

"I think I should have won," Marler said. "I was beating the guy from North Idaho and he won the tournament, but I got out of position and he took advantage."

"After that North Idaho loss, it got to me," said Marler. "I was still dwelling on it, and that affected my performance."

"I do feel confident going into nationals, but I need to show up ready to wrestle the whole seven-minute match and then go hard the whole time I'm out on the mat."

Heavyweight Jacob Peterson was treated with a first round match-up against nationally-ranked Israel Silva of North Idaho, losing 8-4.

Peterson breezed through the second round, beating Zachary Henson of Southwest Oregon 11-1. He then lost 3-2 to Yakima's Dick Wittle to finish fourth.

"This was a good accomplishment for me," Peterson said. "I'm excited to be moving on, but nationals is going to be a battle."

T-Birds blaze trail over Centralia to possible tourney berth

By Bobby Lemmon

STAFF REPORTER

Highline has taken another step forward in its dream of making it to postseason play, with an upset victory over second place Centralia last Wednesday.

The win pushed Highline (10-4) a game ahead of Green River and Tacoma, and just a game behind Centralia, with only two games remaining on the Thunderbirds' schedule.

The most likely situation would be Highline going into the playoffs as the third seed from the NWAACC western division.

The top four teams from each division will qualify for the playoffs.



Plypick

This situation would be likely because Highline and Centralia have an easy

schedule closing out the season, meaning Centralia would finish a game ahead of Highline if both teams close out the season with wins.

A less likely situation would be Highline winning out the season and Centralia losing out the season, moving Highline into the second seed from the Western Division.

The least likely situation would

be Highline losing out the remainder of the season and either Tacoma or Green River winning out the season, resulting in Highline missing the playoffs.

"This win puts us in a good spot for the playoffs," freshman guard Taryn Plypick said.

Highline needed overtime to upset No. 6-ranked Centralia. After an intense overtime period, Highline came away with a 77-75 victory.

In the last seconds of the game, Centralia had a chance to tie but they couldn't convert the last-second shot.

"The overtime win was fun, and at the same time we gained more experience," Plypick said.

Michelle Aurelio led the Thunderbirds with 19 points and seven rebounds. Aurelio has played consistently well throughout the entire season.

"Michelle makes playing basketball more fun, but when it's game time, she is all business," Plypick said.

Kelli Marcus also had a solid 19-point performance. Rebekah Proctor scored 13 points, and Bree Marcus finished up the game with seven rebounds.

Centralia's Nikki Johnson had an outstanding effort, finishing the game with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Erika Miskar had an equally impressive game, as she scored 21 points to go along with

11 rebounds.

The win marked the second time Highline has defeated a first- or second-place team this season. Highline beat No. 1 Lower Columbia on Jan. 24. The Thunderbirds have now beaten each team in league at least once.

After winning six straight games before losing to Tacoma, Highline has begun a new two-game winning streak.

The Thunderbirds were away on Wednesday Feb. 18, where they faced Clark. Game results were not available at press time.

Highline plays its last game of the season against South Puget Sound at home on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 1 p.m.

Track stars in step for bright season

T-Bird runners have good showing at meet

By Fabio Heuring
STAFF REPORTER

The Highline track team finished the indoor track season with the most impressive effort that Coach Robert Yates has seen in a while.

The meet was on Saturday at the Dempsey center at the University of Washington.

"This was the best meet we've had in three I've been here. Five records were set. Monika White took 13th in the 60-meters with a score 8.09. She also took 40th in the 200-meters with a score of 27.77," Yates said. "She keeps improving and is getting better every time she runs."



Yates

In the women's 800-meters

Amanda Kamm took fifth place with a school record time of 2:18.1.

Melvin Jenkins took second in both the 200-meters and 400-meters.

In the 200-meters he had a time of 22.25 and in the 400 meters he turned in a time of 48.17 which was the second fastest time ever at Highline in the 400 meter.

"It was a big day for Melvin. He's one of the most talented sprinters here," Yates said.

Also with an impressive time in the 200-meters was Alex Harcourt



Kamm



Photos by Amber Trillo

Highline runner Josh Frazier leads the pack in the 3,000 meter in a meet at the UW.

who took fifth with a time of 22.5.

In the 800-meters Clay Hemlock took fourth place and set the indoor record at 1:55.15.

"It was surprising, he's a long distance runner and for him to run the 800 meter that fast is unusual," Yates said.

In the 3,000-meters Josh Frazier set his personnel record at 9:10.12.

David Larpentuer also ran well in the 300-meters with a time of

9:16.58.

Jacob Foyston won the 60 meters hurdle with a time of 8.55 in the final round.

After not long jumping for a year and half,

Mason Kein took second place in the long jump with a distance of 22'7".

"He showed what kind of talent he has," Yates said.

Coach Yates is confident in his

"They have been working hard over the season,"

**--Robert Yates,
Highline Track Coach**

The Indoor season was supposed to be over but the team had a last minute change and will compete on March 6.

Some of the athletes will compete at University of Washington while some will compete at Western Washington University.

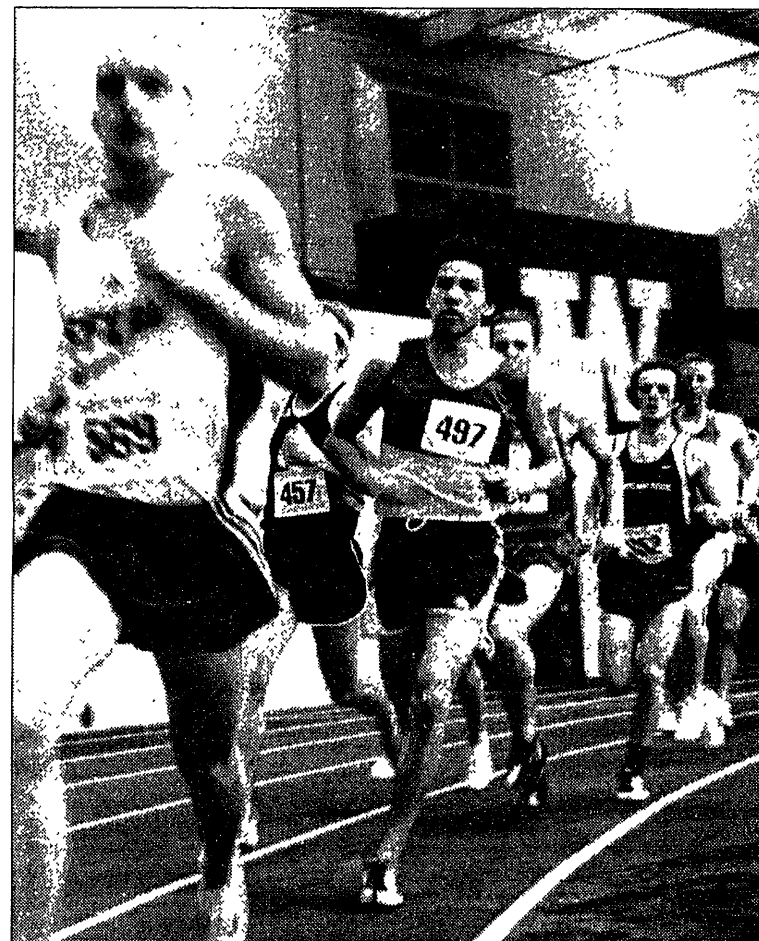
The outdoor season is when it really starts to get serious for the runners.

"From that point on they're trying to qualify for championships.

For some indoor is part of their conditioning period. When we go outdoors it gets more serious," Yates said.

team's ability heading into the outdoor season.


"They have been working hard over the season and they're ready for the outdoor season. We look very promising," Yates said.



Clay Hemlock moving up in the pack at a recent meet.

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Highline Thunderbirds

SKYLER HUNT

Skyler Hunt



Nickname: *Esky*
Event(s): *mile*
Year: *Freshman*
Favorite Athlete: *Bam Margera*
Role Model: *Barry Carol & my brother*



2004

Highline Thunderbirds

JEROME R. SIRMANS

Jerome R. Sirmans

Nickname: *Roots/Captain*
Event(s): *400 m, 800 m*
Year: *Sophomore*
Favorite Athlete: *Michael Johnson*
Role Model: *Tupac Shakur*

Gearin works hard on and off the court

By Desiree Lewis
STAFF REPORTER

School comes first for Highline point guard Sean Gearin, but it was basketball that brought him here.

"The coaching staff convinced me that this would be a good school to attend and a good team to play for," Gearin said.

This is his first year playing the point guard position for his team.



Gearin

"I'm not the quickest ball handler but I think that I have an advantage as a point guard by being strong," Gearin said.

"I would have to say I think my biggest asset to the team is passing the ball and creating good shots for my teammates," Gearin said.

"They are all great shooters; I just try to encourage my teammates no matter how I am playing."

His family lives in Mountlake Terrace, where Gearin attended his high school years. His high school team went to state by winning three loser out games to get there, which has been a big achievement for Gearin so far.

Gearin is very interested in business financing and management. He is getting his associate's degree

with an emphasis in business.

In his free time, Gearin likes to read finance books and books to learn about real estate.

"I'm very interested in business and financing. I know there is life after basketball and basketball has been a ticket to get an education for myself. Academics definitely comes first over sports," Gearin said.

Gearin wants to earn his way through school on his own. He said he worked very hard the summer after his high school graduation to earn money to live on his own and go to college.

"I wouldn't let my parents help me out. I wanted to pay for living and school by myself and show my parents that I was responsible," Gearin said.

Gearin lives in an apartment with two of his teammates, Ben Wade and Jeff Ray.

"Living on my own is so different, it's nice, but different," Gearin said.

The men's Thunderbirds basketball team is 13-11 overall and 8-6 in league. Highline is currently tied with Centralia for third place.

The biggest obstacle for Gearin so far has been losing.

"We lost a bunch of games at the beginning of the season but now were playing better together as a team," Gearin said.

Gearin is very confident that the team is going to come out on top in the end.

"We're going to NWAACC. We're on a good roll right now; hopefully we can keep it going,"



Photo by Amber Trillo

Sean Gearin drives against a Clark player earlier this month.

Gearin said.

This freshman has a little pre-game ritual that he does every Saturday morning before his games.

He eats pancakes and he puts his double-layered socks on from left to right.

After Highline, Gearin definitely

wants to continue his education in California at a third- or second-division school -- and continue playing basketball.

Scoreboard

NWAACC Men's Basketball Standings (As of Feb. 16)

WEST

League Overall

| | | |
|-------------|------|-------|
| L. Columbia | 12-2 | 21-4 |
| Tacoma | 10-4 | 12-13 |
| Centralia | 8-6 | 13-11 |
| Highline | 8-6 | 13-11 |
| Pierce | 8-7 | 15-9 |
| Green River | 7-7 | 12-9 |
| Clark | 6-8 | 12-13 |
| S. Puget | 3-11 | 5-19 |
| G. Harbor | 2-1 | 6-17 |

NORTH

League Overall

| | | |
|---------------|------|------|
| Peninsula | 12-2 | 18-6 |
| Seattle | 10-4 | 16-8 |
| Edmonds | 10-3 | 18-6 |
| Skagit Valley | 6-8 | 9-15 |
| Everett | 6-7 | 9-15 |
| Bellevue | 6-9 | 8-17 |
| Olympic | 5-9 | 7-15 |
| Whatcom | 5-10 | 7-16 |
| Shoreline | 4-10 | 7-16 |

NWAACC Women's Basketball Standings (As of Feb. 16)

WEST

League Overall

| | | |
|-------------|------|-------|
| L. Columbia | 12-2 | 18-4 |
| Centralia | 11-3 | 20-5 |
| Highline | 10-4 | 11-13 |
| Green River | 9-5 | 12-12 |
| Tacoma | 9-5 | 14-10 |
| S. Puget | 5-10 | 9-15 |
| Clark | 3-11 | 9-15 |
| Pierce | 3-12 | 5-18 |
| G. Harbor | 2-12 | 2-20 |

NORTH

League Overall

| | | |
|---------------|------|-------|
| Skagit Valley | 12-2 | 18-4 |
| Whatcom | 11-4 | 16-10 |
| Shoreline | 9-5 | 18-6 |
| Everett | 9-5 | 13-12 |
| Olympic | 7-7 | 11-11 |
| Peninsula | 5-7 | 10-11 |
| Edmonds | 5-9 | 8-17 |
| Bellevue | 3-12 | 8-17 |
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Saving lives can really suck

By Rob Goodman
STAFF REPORTER

Leeches suck, in more ways than one.

They're ugly, slimy, repulsive-looking parasites that survive by sucking the blood out of other living creatures, including humans. Although leeches are often reviled, in the world of medicine they are more than just pests. Leeches can heal, and they can save lives.

Leeches help return venous blood flow (blood that flows back to the heart) to affected areas of the body that can't support venous blood flow at the time. As a result of a lack of venous blood flow, arterial blood (blood that pumps away from the heart) rushes into the affected area but has nowhere to go, so the blood clots and builds up.

"[Leech therapy] is not often needed," said Highline Nursing Instructor Donna Rydberg, who spoke at last Friday's Science Seminar about the rarity of leech use for encouraging venous blood flow. "There are only a few cases where you're going to have arterial flow without venous flow."

But when venous flow isn't happening, the leech is the best cure.

Leeches can be used to suck out blood from the affected area, almost like an artificial vein, until the veins have enough time to heal, Rydberg said.

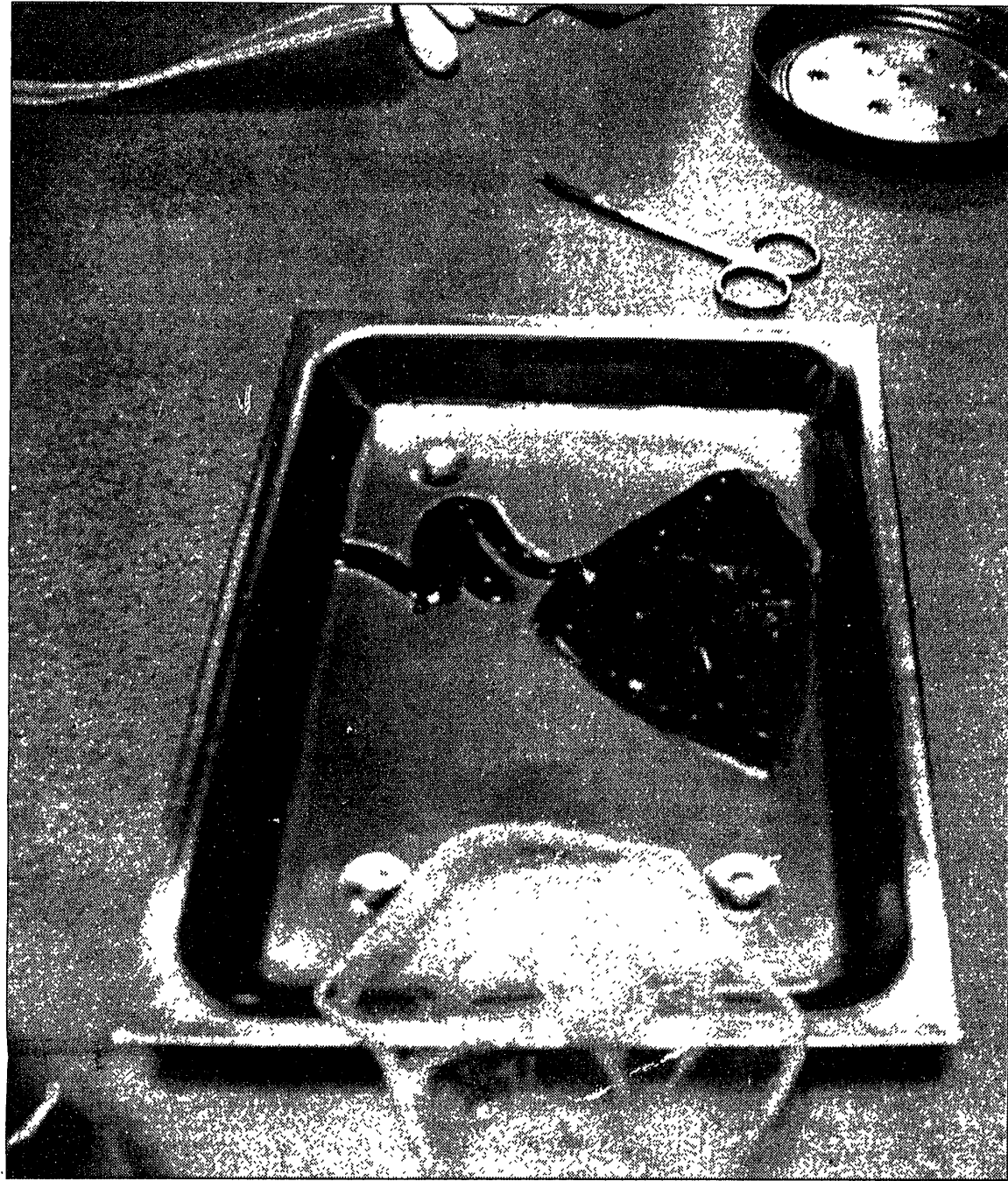
This method is extremely vital to reconstructive surgeries, such as reattaching a severed finger, or cosmetic surgeries, such as breast implantation.

Leeches also secrete different substances into the blood system that can help. An anticoagulant allows the bite to bleed further after the leech is finished. Local anesthesia makes the bite painless, a local vasodilator dilates and relaxes the blood vessels, and hyaluronidase helps the blood flow from the affected area. Also, three types of proteolytic inhibitors inhibit the formation of blood clots. The secretion of these substances allows the bleeding to continue after the leech finishes, until approximately 50 milliliters of blood is extracted. However the bite can bleed for more than two days without intervention.

Rydberg, with help from Biology Technician Donn Walter, spoke to a packed crowd at Science Seminar last Friday about the medicinal use of leeches, specifically the medicinal leeches known as hirudos. Rydberg has worked with hirudo leeches on several occasions, and has witnessed various reactions to leech therapy.

"Most people, what they don't want to do initially is watch the leech attach," she said, explaining a common first reaction.

After the patients have been bit-



Photos by Chuck Cortes

The topic: medicinal uses for leeches. The instructor: Donna Rydberg. The room: packed. The gross-out factor: high. Rydberg brought her slithery friends with her for her presentation last Friday.

ten, they often don't even realize it's occurred. Some are fascinated by the process while others may be terrified. Either way, it's hard to deny that when leeches are needed, they get the job done.

Dr. Rydberg has encountered a number of situations that involved a serious need for leech therapy. One case involved a 25-year-old man who had fallen off a ladder and lost a part of his ring finger that needed to be reattached. When venous blood flow did not return after surgery, the finger was failing to recover. Leeches were brought in to restore venous flow, and resulted in the man having his finger saved, Rydberg said.

Although this man's finger was saved from amputation once more, not all have been so positively receptive to leech therapy.

Leeches do possess drawbacks. Unlike maggots, leeches cannot be grown sterile, therefore their cleanliness is not guaranteed. What's most frightening and surprising about leeches is their stealth abilities, and where they will go when no one is watching.

"Unfortunately where they like to attach the most is in people's noses," Rydberg said.

She also recalled an incident in which a man had to have a part of his ear reattached, and when leech therapy was needed, they had to



plug his ears with cotton to, "ensure the leech wouldn't go in his ear." None of this means that leeches will go deep enough to suck the blood out of your brain, rather they feel more comfortable in dark places. Most of the time it just, "wants to get up there, attach, feed, and then it comes back out," Rydberg said. It's not wise to mess with leeches while they're feeding, or they may regurgitate back into the blood system—the blood they put back into you possesses the bacteria they carry in their stomach.

Also, sharing a leech is like sharing a needle, meaning infection can be carried from one source to

another. Due to this, leeches are used on a one-time basis, and they are killed and disposed of once their job is finished, Rydberg said.

In response to the negatives of leech therapy, an artificial leech machine has been developed that will take the blood from an affected area just like the creature. But compared to the machine, leeches are cheap, and convenient.

"You can go through a lot at one time," Rydberg said. Next week's Science Seminar will focus on the "Science of Persuasion: Why did you just buy a _____?", and will explore advertising techniques. The seminar will be led by Sue Frantz in Building 3, room 102.

Registration hopes wait list will ease overloads

By Maya Castro
STAFF REPORTER

With more than 7,000 students enrolled at Highline each quarter, getting into a class is sometimes challenging. But now Enrollment Services has devised a plan to change all that.

A waitlist is being put into place in the registration process. With this function the registrar can place students in chronological order onto a waiting list for classes that are full.

If students are registering online and a class is full, the student will be given an option to be added to the waitlist. If they are added, their position on the waitlist will be shown.

However, if a student has a block on their name when the computer tries to register them, they will automatically be placed at the end of the list.



Riverman

It is the student's responsibility to check their schedules to see if they had been added to the roster.

It's an automatic process by which a student's name is placed in the computer's system. When openings happen, the computer automatically registers the first name on the list.

"Students are gonna love it," said Becky Riverman, Enrollment Services associate dean.

This waitlist is an easy aid that is going to benefit students and staff, Riverman said. Staff uproar is what caused this new change. They have been begging for it for the last few quarters.

The change allows for an equal opportunity of entering the class instead of the previous manual lists that allowed for students to cut in the lines. Thirty students will be allowed to wait on the list up to three days after the quarter starts. One student may only be allowed on three waitlists at one time.

Test runs will be conducted with the Pure and Applied Sciences and the Business divisions for Spring Quarter. The registrar will have a chance to fix any problems that may occur during Spring Quarter.

"I think that's great that they are starting this program. I think that it is really efficient," said Kristen Regier, a Highline student.

Twenty-one classes in all will be affected by the Beta testing during the upcoming Spring Quarter. Riverman hopes to have the complete program up and running by summer and fall quarter. Registration for Spring Quarter starts Feb. 18.

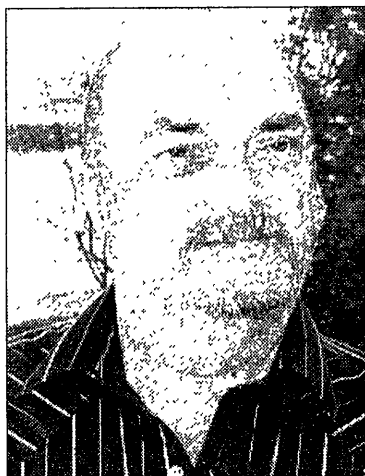
Faculty senate hits broad swath of campus issues

By Justin Williams
STAFF REPORTER

You might know what classes you have to take to get the degree you want, but you probably don't know who decided what those classes would be.

The Faculty Senate decides what courses you will be required to take and makes decisions that affect the future of your academic career.

Economics Professor and Senate Chairman Phil Droke says the Faculty Senate is a body of elected faculty members who discuss and make decisions about issues ranging from degree requirements to the new smoking policy.



Phil Droke

The Senate's primary function is to discuss issues that concern the students and faculty at Highline as well as consider and make changes in policy, mainly relating to academics, Droke said.

However, other issues are dis-

cussed. "The Senate is the venue that is usually chosen to get faculty input."

The AAST (Associate of Applied Science Transfer) degree and the decision to add the globalism requirement to the Associate of Arts curriculum are some of the more recent changes the Senate has made.

Members meet on the first and third Wednesday of every month while school is in session in room 411, in the library.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

"When there is something that affects students like the smoking policy we usually invite the Student Government," Droke said, but other than that students don't usually chose to attend.

Droke said that academic issues can only be decided by the Senate. "How else are you going to make decisions dealing with degree requirements if you don't use the faculty? I can't think of anyone else who could do it."

Rod Fowers, psychology professor and Senate representative at Highline, said that the voting process at meetings is pretty standard: Once someone makes a motion, it must be seconded, and then the issue is decided by a majority vote.

The Senate consists of 15 members: the chairman, vice chairman, secretary, two representatives from each department, and two members at large.

Both representatives and officials serve two-year terms.

Most recently the Senate has voted to allow students to place

their name on a waiting list if the class they want is full. The list will automatically add them to the class if a place opens up.

Droke said the new option will hopefully eliminate the hassle of the cumbersome add-drop forms

that students and staff are all too familiar with.

The new system is not a campuswide decision yet. Each department must choose whether they will implement the new program.

The Faculty Senate is just one part of the cooperative government at Highline, who strive toward one common goal, Droke said. "...We all want to make an open college operating in the best interest of the students."

Drumming up some sunshine



Photo by Kyle Drosdick

Markus Garthe, Highline student and wrestler, decides to enjoy last week's beautiful weather by serenading passersby with an impromptu cadence.

Jesus in Islam presentation next week

The Moslem Student Association will be hosting a presentation on Jesus in Islam Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The MSA will be welcoming back Ahmed Awal as speaker for the event, which will take place from noon-1 p.m. in Building 7.

Awal is an expert on comparative religion and gave a presentation last quarter at Highline as well.

Refreshments will be served at the event.

Cultural Cafe discusses nonverbal communication

Cultural Cafe presents the power of nonverbal communication tomorrow, Friday Feb. 20 from 1-2

p.m. in Building 3, room 103.

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Ezeonu transcends background to open doors

By Dana Hammond

STAFF REPORTER

Hard work paid off for Rolita Ezeonu.

Ezeonu, speaking at Wednesday's Honors Colloquy, told how she made it through college and to a rewarding career at a speech professor at Highline.

It wasn't all easy, she said. The oldest of three children, Ezeonu was the first in her family to attend college.

Her father dropped out of school in second grade to work with his family in the Philippines, drying salt. When he turned 17, he moved to Hawaii to work with sugar cane, hoping to start a new life in the United States and try to

get out of poverty.

Ezeonu's mother did graduate high school and had dreams of college. She enrolled, but was forced to quit because she didn't have enough money to pay tuition.

Due to the poverty that both of the Ezeonuses had experienced, they knew that schooling should be the first priority in their daughter's life.

"I am so lucky. My parents were the first to open the doors for me. They kept telling me that I should go to school, get an education, set an example and get out of this poverty to make a better life for myself," said Ezeonu.

Because of the strong support from her family, Ezeonu was able to attend a private high school and

continue to college.

Everyone in her family wanted her to go to a college close to home and help with the family.

That would mean that she should go to the University of Hawaii, but that wasn't her dream. She wanted to get away. Her friends encouraged her to apply for other colleges out of state. She did and soon after she was accepted to Washington State University.

Her parents were furious, but had to accept her decision to move.

"This time I had to open the door for myself. I needed to because I wanted to find myself and to not be so angry," said Ezeonu.

Ezeonu finished her four-year degree and decided to apply to a

graduate school.

She applied and was accepted, but had to drop out because she did not have enough money. That semester she worked full time and gathered enough money, then planned to attend school again the next semester.

Two days before the next semester started, Ezeonu received a phone call that informed her that her father had died. Once again her plans of graduate school were delayed because she had to fly back to Hawaii to arrange the funeral and take care of her family.

Though it was a struggle to get back into her studies, she was determined to finish, and she finally did.

After graduating and eight dead-

end jobs later, Ezeonu ended at Highline. She started as a part-time speech instructor and helped develop the Speech 80 course. Later she was offered a full time position and was finally delighted and satisfied that all her hard work finally paid off.

Now she is working toward a doctorate.

"My advice to anyone in my position is to create relationships, don't be afraid to asking for help, stay focused and take time to care for yourself. But most importantly is to realize that your life is not a race and you do not need to sprint to the finish. Have a pace and take it one step at a time," Ezeonu said.

Honors Colloquy meets every Wednesday in Building 7, from 1:10-2 p.m.

Legislature wrestles with high schools' failures

By Justin Williams

STAFF REPORTER

Washington's high schools are not succeeding in preparing students for college.

Last year 57 percent of the students who enrolled in community college directly out of high school needed to take remedial courses.

"It's a real problem," said Vice President of Administration Laura Saunders.

Saunders said that the problem, as she understands it, is that the math courses required to receive a high school diploma do not meet college requirements.

"I think we (educators) need to do a much better job of informing students of how much math they need," Saunders said.

In an attempt to address the problem of remedial education, State Sen. Don Carlson, R-Vancouver, purposed Senate Bill 5139.

The original bill would have required school districts who issued a diploma to a student who needed remedial courses within three years of graduation to pay for those courses.

The bill was later amended to make students who needed to enroll in remedial courses within five years of receiving a high school pay for their own courses.

"Carlson wants to address the issue of paying for it twice," Saunders said.

Carlson said that the bill has passed in the Senate Higher Education Policy Committee and has been moved to the Rules Committee where it will remain until it is scheduled to be read on the Senate floor.

Hopefully the bill will be voted on sometime in early February, Carlson said.

The bill as it stands now is a substitute bill that is much different from the first two proposals, State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines said. "It's now a study bill."

Substitute Bill 5139 will require

the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to review why students who have recently received high school diplomas in the State of Washington need to take remedial courses upon entering college.

The State Institute for Public Policy is a non-partisan organization that was created in 1983 to study a wide range of issues that affect Washington under the direction of state legislators.

A preliminary report of the Institute findings are due to the Legislature Sept. 1, 2004 and the final report is due on Dec. 1, 2004.

The bill will also require the K-12 community to engage in an organized strategy aimed at reducing the need for remedial education, Upthegrove said.

The new WASL exam (Washington Assessment of Student Learning), a pen and paper exam that students are required to take in 4th, 7th, and 12th grade, will also complicate the issue of remedial education, Upthegrove said.

Starting in 2006, Washington students will be required to pass the WASL exam in 10th grade in order to receive their high school diploma in 2008.

Students who cannot pass the WASL exam in 10th grade will be given an opportunity to retake the test in 12th grade, but they will not be able to move past 12th grade until they have passed the exam.

"The whole dynamic is going to change when we start testing for graduation," Upthegrove said.

Washington students are already required to take the exam, but so far it hasn't been required for graduation.

Once the WASL exam becomes mandatory for graduation, students and legislators will be faced with a new problem, Upthegrove said. "The new problem will be that we will have students who are 12th grade age who haven't earned their high school diploma."

Students who have not passed the WASL by 12th grade will then be left with two options: either they can retake 12th grade, or they can drop out and get a GED.

Although the state will pay for the remedial education if students cannot complete the WASL, they will have to take their classes in high school and not in a community college.

"I think students will drop out rather than take 12th grade over again," Upthegrove said.

After the WASL exam becomes a requirement for graduation lawmakers will not only have to address the issue of who will pay for remedial education, but they will also have to consider where students will take the remedial courses.

Community colleges seem like

the place best suited for 12th grade students to keep working towards their high school diploma because they provide students with an age appropriate environment, Upthegrove said. "I think it makes sense to move to a community college setting, students should keep moving."

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Island fun and sun in Des Moines

By William Schlegel
STAFF REPORTER

The Des Moines Spice Island Company is a jewel worth a visit. Since, opening in the first week of June 2003, the local company has seen an overwhelming form of positive response from local residents.

"We wanted to bring something to the community," manager and Highline graduate Claudia Alderman says. "Now, it's the most unique business in Des Moines."

When she first started, Alderman simply wanted to bring some extra diversity to Des Moines, after living here for 35 years.

Currently, the Spice Island Trading Company collects items from such places as Indonesia and Thailand.

"Some of our most impressive items are in our collection of masks," Alderman says.

The first time you step inside, it is these masks that first garner your attention.

Many of the masks are from the Indonesian island of Lombok and despite the fact that the masks are primitive and basic in design, many of them are beautifully inlaid with pearls and carved en-

tirely from mahogany wood.

The store's collection also includes furniture; textiles; jewelry; and much more. One can also find items priced for every budget.

For example, if home décor items are your thing, and you're running low on money, you could find incense or candles that cost \$1.63.

But, something that is always fun for Alderman is the fact that every month the store features an "item of the month" which is then 50 percent off.

"It keeps things fun and exiting," Alderman says, "Especially, when you have people stop in and ask, what's the item of the month?"

The company has customers who come from all around the Pacific Northwest, as far away as Everett and Olympia.

But, most of all people sometimes just stumble onto the store.

"Sometimes, you get people who come in and say, 'I've been driving down this street thousands of times, and I didn't even know this place even existed.' It kind of turns out to be a great surprise."

One would also find surprising the amount of merchandise in such a small space.



Photo By Kyle Drosdick

Spice Island Company sends a little sun and fun to Des Moines.

"Everyday, you look at it as you've never seen it before," Alderman says. "But then you put on a fresh face and carry on. Then, you think, who would think

there would be this treasure trove?"

The Des Moines Spice Island Company is currently open Monday- Friday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

and on Saturday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Spice Island Trading Company is located at 22307 Marine View Drive.

TanCat tanning lightens up Des Moines dark and dreary days

New Des Moines
business lends a
little levity to
residents

By William Schlegel
STAFF REPORTER

Have a hard day at the office or at school? Owner Kim VanParys, says TanCat Tanning is the place for you.

"It's really just a nice place to relax," VanParys says. "It's clean, comfortable, and our workers are very well experienced. It's just really relaxing to spend 20 minutes getting your shoulders rubbed."

Having just opened, Sept. 4, 2003, TanCat Tanning is one of the newest businesses around in Des Moines, as VanParys explains.

"We decided to bring something to an older town. To bring some fun into Des Moines."

Before opening, TanCat Tanning, VanParys had spent time working with a construction company and a hair salon, the Hair Shack, whose clients she hopes well eventually follow her to Des Moines.

The business's clients already include high schoolers, college students, and even retirees, something which at first surprised VanParys.

"Yeah, we get some people in their 60s and 70s. It's kind of strange, when you first see them. It's like, you tan?" VanParys said.

The business offers bed and stand up tanning; tanning lotions;

body moisturizers and much more. But, the business also makes, VanParys, a self-professed people lover part of something special, as she notes.

"We treat every customer as family. People have realized that and that is why they come back. But, that should be every business's goal. To make people feel good about themselves."

Appointments for TanCat Tanning can be made by either calling 206 824-4864, or by simply walking in.

TanCat Tanning also features jewelry made from Renton police officer Ken Hall and it will eventually feature a full-fledged art gallery.

"We also want to be able to inspire young artists. To help them out and get them off the ground. It would help the both of us," VanParys said.

VanParys and her co-workers are currently waiting for art donations to come to their business and they would like anyone to step up who would be interested in having their work showed.

TanCat Tanning is located at 805 S. 219th St. in Des Moines.

TanCat Tanning is open 7 days a week.

Its hours are: Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

And Sundays from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.



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TanCat Tanning employee and Highline student Ashley George.

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The lane closures and diversions that are occurring now are due mostly to the utility companies' work. Planners try to limit necessary lane closures and traffic diversion to off-peak hours, LaPorte said. But some of the work has a 24-hour-a-day effect.

On a stretch of Pacific Highway South just north of the Kent-Des Moines Road, an excavating machine is busy cutting a 3-foot-wide trench along the western shoulder.

The trench extends several blocks, and is lined on both sides with orange construction cones. A single, muddy 8-foot-wide bridge across the trench threads between cones near one end of a business complex.

The trench may as well be a moat for the small businesses in the complex behind it.

"My customers can't park here. They can't get in and out," said Trong Phan, of The Printers, an imaging and printing service.

He has lost his walk-in trade, and even his regular customers sometimes opt to go to Kinko's rather than deal with the construction outside his door.

"Business is down by half," said

Phan. He doesn't know how long he can continue to operate under present conditions, he said.

The problem is the same at Night Lights Nails.

"It's very slow. We lose a lot of money," said Brenda Nguyen. She sits alone behind the reception desk watching a movie on television, waiting for anyone who might make it in. Whole mornings go by with no customers at all, she said.

"Maybe [it will] kill the business," Nguyen said.

The Pacific Highway South renovation project itself has financial difficulties.

"The primary difficulty is

money," Tim LaPorte said. Each of the municipalities along the 15-mile span of the project is responsible for the design and construction costs associated with renovating the portion of the highway within its boundaries. The cities involved - SeaTac, Des Moines, Kent, Tukwila, and Federal Way -

must compete for limited state and federal grants. Some parts of the project are still not fully funded, LaPorte said.

The City of Kent's responsibility for its portion of the project is \$20 million.

The city's general fund revenues

for a year are only \$55 million; the project would devastate the city if it didn't get money from other sources, LaPorte said.

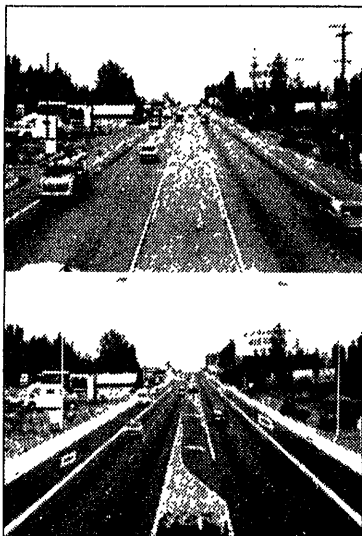
Kent has also had difficulties with utility companies that balked at the cost of moving their equipment, LaPorte said.

The utilities don't have much choice, though. The

companies' contracts with the city make clear the city's right to make them move.

The City of Kent's work continues on schedule.

That means Highline commuters can count on their traffic nightmares continuing for at least another year and a half.



Shown here is the before and after of the Pacific Hwy. South construction project.

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card on the receipt if any at all.

Bookstore employees have steadfastly stated that they have encouraged college students to keep their receipts by stapling the receipts to the return policy slips.

But nonetheless it is still a problem, bookstore employees are aware of the issue and have already started to do something about it.

"That will be changing soon, the whole number will no longer on the receipts," said Bookstore Director Randal Fisher. "It's a software issue."

The software that maintains all the credit card numbers in the bookstore will be changing the software in the next few months.

Sequoia Systems Retail Inc. a company based in Mountain View, Calif. supplies Highline with the software needed to operate the cash registers. The California-based company maintains bookstore cash machines for a lot of the colleges and universities in the U.S.

The software will be in place in the next few months but company spokesman Dave Eisen said that Sequoia has had the software for

the past five years (since May of 1999), but the demand for the product was not as high as it is now.

"Customers really do care a lot about this," said Eisen.

With the sudden rise in credit card fraud and identity theft in the U.S. one wonders why the systems were not changed earlier.

"At first there was not a lot of customer interest," said Eisen.

But since the outbreak of fraud and theft, the software to take out the entire credit card number has risen dramatically.

"It's a hot item," said Eisen.

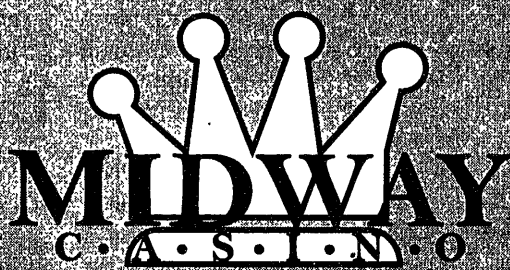
With the recent rise of fraud and identity theft all over the country, Highline students should be cautious.

On Jan. 22, 2004, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reported that along with Washington, DC and San Diego, Seattle, Everett and Bellevue have the highest reported fraud complaints in the country.

FTC also reported that they received over 516,740 complaints in the year 2003 and a little under half the complaints were for reports for identity theft.

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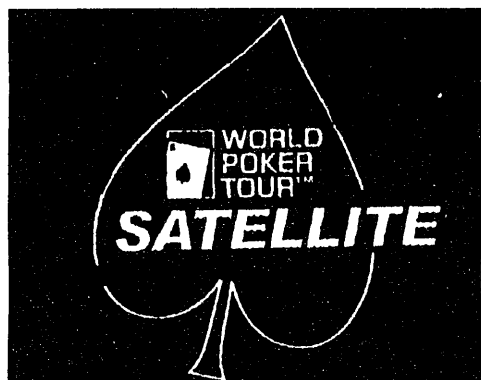
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