On the Dec. 31 editorial supporting the Running Start program:

I highly recommend Running Start. My daughter was a participant and I am proud to report she is now a Ph.D. in Public Health employed at Washington University in St. Louis. Her motivation and maturity was all her own. She told me if she would have been forced to stay at the local high school, she doesn’t know how she would have survived it. It worked for us. I dropped her off at Clark College on my way to work. Sometimes the grandparents helped with return trips. Daughter was able to be on the HS cross country team.

—glkortes

My dad graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, from night classes in 62. He finally finished the education that World War II had interrupted. Yes, it’s a very, very good university, and it has a beautiful old campus. I fell in love with the superior library, glkortes, your daughter is in a very good place.

My youngest granddaughter is in the same type of program in Gresham at Mt. Hood CC. And my grandson will enter the Clark College program next year. His mother, my daughter, graduated from Clark College with honors before attending, and graduating from, U of Portland. She was also inducted as a member of the junior college honor fraternity while at CC. Junior colleges are such useful institutions for communities.

—pen

Highline defeats Clark women

The Columbian

Cold shooting combined with turnovers to sink the Clark College women’s basketball team on Saturday in a 61-49 loss to visiting Highline Community College.

The Penguins had 25 turnovers, went to the free-throw line only six times, and made only 20 of 63 shots from the field. It was the first loss in three NWAACC West Division games for Clark women (4-7 overall).

Carol Howard had 20 points to lead Highline (6-6, 2-0) of Burien.

Macy Mukensnabl and Deborah Simmons scored 10 apiece for Clark.

Clark men fall — Highline used a big second half to earn a sixpoint win over the host Penguins. The final score was not reported.

Clark coach Mike Arnold called it a disappointing loss because the Penguins’ defense struggled in the second half. Highline grabbed 17 offensive rebounds in the second half after being limited to five in the first half.

Clark post Austin Bragg was limited by foul trouble, reserve post Durham Rosser (illness) and third guard Danny Anderson (ankle) missed the game.

Clark’s basketball teams play on Wednesday at South Puget Sound.