



# THE FRANKLIN TOLO

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## Are all academies created equal ?

By Allegra Powell

The academies at Franklin provide us with something that all of us students desire – choices. Not only do the focuses differ in each one, but the quality of education does as well.

Being able to choose from different types of academic structures and areas of interest is truly a privilege. However, there does not seem to be much consistency among them. The teacher motivation, structure and requirements do not sing to the same tune.

The C.R.E.A.T.E. Academy, which stands for Construction Related, Engineering, Architectural, Technical Experience, is geared toward architecture and construction. The unique wood products are ever-present, but its academic focus is not evident for some..

Quakers did not provide much feedback about C.R.E.A.T.E., most claiming that they really did not know anything about it and most commonly expressed, "Isn't that the academy where they build stuff?"

However, Senior, Leonard Hunter, likes his academy for the most part. "It's very intriguing because all of your projects are based on creating something." Hunter said that an advantage of being a part of C.R.E.A.T.E. is that "you become a great mathematician because to build and design things you need to know math. And they bug me about doing my senior project and the SAT." However, when asked if he felt that his academy prepared him for the



Above: PSA Students took a field trip to Vashon Island on Oct.26 for a class retreat.

future he responded with, "I don't believe so because we don't do anything except math all the time."

Building and creating things is great. But there should be a lot more to school than that. The building perspective from the students differs greatly with those of the educators.

C.R.E.A.T.E. teacher, Lindsay States thinks that her academy is beneficial. "because our program is three years, students are able to find a 'place' here at Franklin and have teachers who really know them and who can act as advocates for them."

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## Skateboard Controversy Revealed

By Joanne Nguyen

Skateboard club is new at Franklin and causing a stir among students at Franklin high School.

Khang Nguyen, junior, has started a group at school to discredit the current skateboard club which is full of posers and aren't real "boarders." People in this group are a couple of seniors and alumni of Franklin that occasionally go skateboarding on the boulevard.

A difference stated between the groups is that Nguyen's group is "hater-free."

Skateboard Club wears black and yellow shirts marked with "FHS SB" and the Nike sign represent unity among the group. They wear it every Wednesday for meetings.

When shirts were distributed among members, a couple of shirts were also given to some students to support the club and promote it. Nguyen and friend of his, Fanta ....

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## Fighting the Symptoms of Senioritis

By Shelbi-Keiasha Gross

Senior year is no joke. This is the time where you shouldn't be slacking off in anything. This year is the most stressful time of all. This is the time when you need to make sure you have all your credits in order to graduate, and it's also the time where you need to successfully do your senior project. Your recommendations from your teachers are also required and your college essays are too. This is the time period where you need to fill out those college applications to get into the college of your choice.

Not only do you need your applications turned in, but you also need to take the SATs if you want to get into the four-year college of your dreams.

Feeling the pressure to keep up in her senior years, senior, Kamiesha Patton said, "I feel that I need to include myself in more school activities and I also need to stay on top of my game".

Colleges look at your transcripts and see what you have accomplished during your four years in high school. Let them see that you have tried to make an effort. Don't let them push your application aside when they've found out that you have failed about half your

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## Quakers Reflect on Recent Violence

By Jacqueline Hamilton

It used to be a rarity that people knew someone who has been shot. But in the last few months that rarity has become less and less rare. During the summer of 2006 to present we have had a noticeable increase in violence not only in our nation but also in our area. From gang violence to random crimes no one can say they haven't seen the change.

Seattle has always been a peaceful city, and a lot of people agree that there isn't a real place where you couldn't travel. Due to an increase in gang violence that statement may no longer be true. "I think a lot of the violence in our area comes from the youth and people beefin' over living fifteen minutes apart." says junior Alyshia Mims.

On a nation wide aspect violence has also increased. In the past few weeks we have had several school shootings across the nation, which may or may not causes a lot of students to question their safety here at Franklin High School.

"Yeah I feel safe at Franklin, I think the security has really got things under control." stated Michael Metu. But what once used to be thought, as it could never happen to us, is now striking to close to home.

The aftermath of Homecoming is perfect example of why violence is in our backyard. "I ran because that's what I know. I wasn't going to stand around and wait to get shot." Stated Junior Arianna Toussaint. As gun shots rang through the air everyone responded differently. Some people fled the scene as fast as possible, some were frantic, and some people were just trying to figure out what was happening. So what's next?

So what is the solution and is there one at all. To get to a solution you have to look at the source, so what's the source? "There is no solution, people will always be out for revenge and it's just a continuing cycle of violence." says Leonard Hunter who was shot several weeks ago in a random act of violence. So who is the prevention team? The Seattle Police Department should be our prevention, and our reactionaries.

So are the police doing all they can do? "Yea I feel like the police care and they're doing everything to protect us" says junior Brian Hayes. I guess it's a matter of opinion whether you feel like your safe. The real question is when and how is this violence going to stop.

## A True Homecoming Game

By Jackie Hamilton

As Quakers anxiously waited for homecoming day to approach, they all had to agree that they didn't know what to expect at the game.

In past weeks, the football team has lost and won games. Franklin football fans could only assume what was going to happen, but no one expected the blowout win that Franklin's furious football team provided.

Our players came out strong and stayed strong throughout the game. In the first quarter, Aaron Clark Harris scored a touchdown and things only went uphill from there. The only thing Roosevelt truly succeeded at was a safety and blocking a couple of field goals.

"We smacked them 33-2. It was like we were playing their JV," said Deonte Jackson-Durden.

Due to the dance, attendance was low, but nothing could stop the Quakers from dominating the way they did. Quarter after quarter, touchdown after touchdown, we secured our lead and our victory.

Marquez Davis had two touchdowns, while superstar athlete Andre Davis had one. In the fourth quarter, Payton Siva, sophomore, caught an interception, which led to a touchdown.

"I felt it was our most complete performance of the year," said Coach Mario Bailey.

The night was all about Franklin, at halftime when our dance posse and band put on a show. If one thing was certain, Roosevelt would never forget the night they played against the FHS Quakers.

As Franklin's football season winds down to a close we can't help wondering what to expect for next season.

"Hopefully this season will effect future seasons in a positive way with the new field and success it can go only go up from here," said Bailey.

The Quakers have impressed and surprised everyone and we couldn't ask for more.

"I didn't really go to games my freshman year, but I was impressed by Franklin's team this year," said Mariah Bones, sophomore.

Congratulations Quakers and good luck for next year.

## Who has spirit?



(L to R) Ms. Watts, Ms. Kovach, Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Luthe, Ms. Kerr, and Ms. Morningstar show their support by wearing the jerseys of their students.



Bridginiae Greene and Lanese Lovings hit the books hard on Urkel Day.

Photos by Allegra Powell

## Academies (Continued)

States continued to praise, "Also, we prepare students for many different fields after high school; our graduates go into apprenticeship programs, two-year and four-year colleges pursuing C.R.E.A.T.E. related careers."

The conflicting views could be a difference in maturity level and interpretation. But it could also be that the teachers' attempt to provide an exceptional educational environment is not being received by the students.

The Academy of Finance (AOF) appears well regarded pertaining to ethics and career preparation. Senior Sylarina Powell stated, "I think AOF is the best academy. They take pride in what they do, like professional dress up day. It's like it prepares you for the real world."

Javonne Gartrell-Hall, an AOF Senior claimed that there was in fact no emphasis on the Senior project or the SAT and went on to say, "The teachers need to be more focused and experienced. It gives me a reason not to be focused and to not take pride in what I do."

AOF provides many opportunities however. Gartrell-Hall continued, "We have workshops and internships. They teach you about the financial part of college like grants, loans and scholarships."

The *big* trip to New York for AOF Seniors looks to be the focal point for the students. Both Gartrell-Hall and her sister, Jasmine, who is not in an academy thought the main advantage of being in AOF was the excursion to Brooklyn.

No AOF teachers responded for press time.

The Public Service Academy is another academy at Franklin. Numerous students have expressed an interest in it, which is evident as the population rapidly increases. Most who are able to participate in it love it.

Senior, Doreen Jones said, "I love being in PSA! We do and learn things that actually matter in our society, but we have fun doing it."

When asked about its preparation for college, Jones responded, "I wouldn't say it doesn't prepare us for college but I will say it is not its main objective. It is more focused on getting young adults to develop a political standpoint in order to make a difference."

In the past, PSA has been known for its field trips, which consist of frequent visiting the state capital and getting directly involved in politics and events throughout our community. Those who are not in an academy have quite an opinionated view of what has been dubbed as the most popular academy.

In regards to structure, college preparation and academics, Powell, who was in PSA but dropped out to take Running Start thought that it was the worst academy. "They're unorganized and not disciplined. People seem to join PSA because their friends are in it and not because it's what they want to do."

Gartrell-Hall agreed.

A common opinion from students is that PSA is the "easy" academy. Since a lot of the work requires off-site studies, it appears as if this academy gets the long end of the stick.

The Humanities academy is known for its rigorous projects and challenging courses. With rumors of it being dismantled last year, those who took it for granted are glad that they have the opportunity to continue being a part of it.

"The atmosphere for learning isn't as bad compared to other academies," said Jackie Saarenas, Humanities Senior. "It's very challenging and you get some college work. It's challenging because it requires a lot of individual work like taking notes. They don't tell you to, but you should."

Saarenas continued saying that there was a big emphasis on the senior project. "We talk about it every few days with updates on where you should be with it. But there isn't so much of an emphasis on the SAT."

Judith McBroom, a FHS transformation team leader said, "For many years at Franklin, the Humanities Program was considered the place to be if you were interested in going to college. That may still be the perception in some of the student body."

Responses from Humanities teachers were not provided by the time of print.

McBroom added, "...the most important determiner of whether a student is prepared to go to college is student effort and initiative rather than the SLC that the student is in. Our goal is to prepare ALL students for college. Whether or not the student chooses to go to college or to pursue some other path after graduation is up to the individual student."

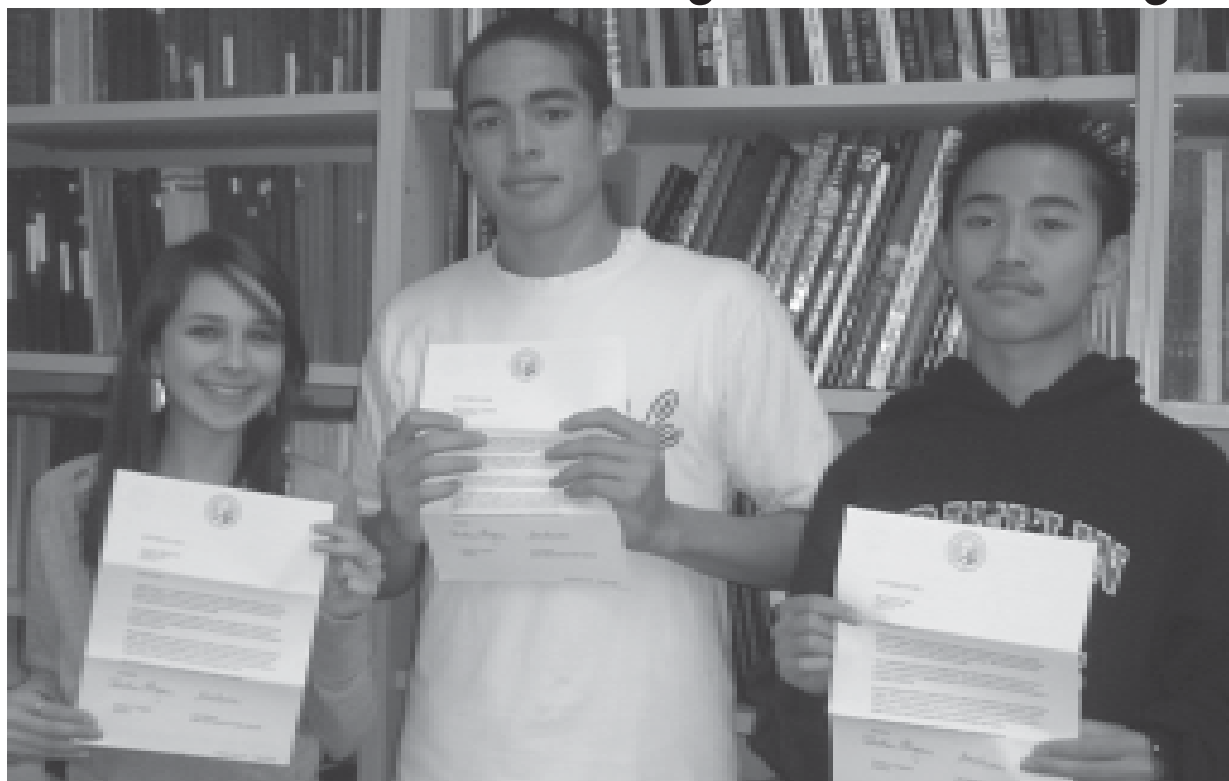
At the 10<sup>th</sup> grade level, all students are expected to join an academy. The two newest academies at FHS, Health and Health Sciences, and Arts and Textiles are only offered at the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, but these academies are expected to expand into 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the near future.

10<sup>th</sup> grade coordinator, Mark Greenway suggests when considering to join an academy, students should look for "future interests, career pathways and how their choice connects themselves to their community". As for the benefits of joining an academy, Greenway suggests that joining will "allow you to be apart of a community, focus on interests and gain a long term relationship with the faculty."

Still some students find themselves outside of the academy. Junior, Alan Baysa says that he and his non-academy peers refer to themselves as "floaters". As conversations begin about expanding academies into 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades, all students will likely need to choose an academy.

# The WASL is coming. Are you ready?

By Jintana Lityouwong



Olivia Montoya, Nick Toering, and Matthew Ma all passed the 06 WASL and are showing their Certificate of Academic Achievement

Though it may feel like a long time away, before you know it, it's that time of year that all sophomores dread: the WASL. On Tuesday October 9th all 10th graders took a pre-math WASL test for practice. With only 18% of sophomores who passed, people are now starting to worry whether or not they're prepared to pass the WASL, especially now that students must pass it in order to graduate from high school. One factor that must have caused so many students to not pass was the limited time given to work on the pre-math WASL. 10% of students didn't finish their test. When taking the real WASL, there will be no time limit.

There is also the Seattle School District-wide Pathways Program that has recently started. It helps 10th graders who failed the WASL in 7th grade improve their math, reading, and writing skills so they can pass this time. For some students it's a normal class in the school day, but there is also after school tutoring. The classes during the day are designed for students who need to do more work and the after school tutoring are for students who are close to passing. Mr. Jeffreys and Mr. Shearer are the deans of Pathways.

In the Seattle School District 55% of the students passed the math WASL. Here at Franklin, 44.1% of students passed. Overall there should be some kind of math components, whether it be analyzing, making graphs, or something else, taught in every class. "In your math class, you should do the hardest problems that are presented to you. It deals with anything that involves words, thinking, and language. Notice math anywhere you are, because math is everywhere. Relax, and look at every possible problem. The math WASL is easy, but it's the way the questions are worded that people have trouble with," says Mr. Alkire, the math coordinator. "Word problems are the big thing. Anyone can do an easy number problem, but kids usually shy away from word problems."

In reading and writing, the scores from Franklin have been increasing every year. "Students knowing they must pass now is a big motivation," says Ms. Kovach, literacy coordinator. For students who need help in

reading and writing particularly, there is the "Read 180" class taught by Ms. Phillips to help them with that.

Some saw the pre-math WASL as a wake up call to start getting serious.

"I'm worried about the WASL because that math practice was pretty hard and the I think the real thing will be more difficult. I might not pass and not be able to graduate," says Vivian Tong.

Nicole Czubin said, "I am not worried about the WASL because it's all stuff I know or should know and that math practice WASL had problems I did in middle school. If that's what the WASL is going to be about then there's no reason to be worried."

With some students worried and others not, everybody is preparing themselves personally in different ways. "My motto is simply: DON'T STRESS. It's not worth it. This is all stuff we should know as sophomores," said Czubin. While sophomores like them are relaxed, Tong is already preparing. "I'm going to take advantage of all the practice tests we get to prepare," she says. Last year, when Nancy Pham took the WASL she prepared by reviewing most material.

But who knows what taking the WASL is like better than those who actually took it last? Lena Nguyen, a junior said that she should've taken her time during the test and not rush through it. "Sophomores should start paying attention in class now," she said. "Don't panic, don't rush, and don't cheat," warns Princess Fernando. Lena, Princess, and Ken Carino all agree that the best thing someone should do to prepare is just to get enough sleep and eat.

So maybe you're someone who's tearing their hair out, frustrated, and freaked out and worried that you won't pass and never get to graduate. If you are, maybe it's okay to relax for a bit and not cram in so much studying. Maybe you're calm, cool, and collected. You're confident about passing and not worrying over studying. If you are, maybe you should consider preparing, just in case. Whoever you are, just know that you've been warned. The WASL is coming whether you're ready or not.

## Seniors (continued)

classes during your time in high school. It's going to be difficult but try to keep up as best as you can.

Senior year is also a great time to reflect on who you are and who your true friends are. Many students who are seniors... ..once had a lot more friends than they do now. Mainly it's because of he said and she said.

Other times it just happens because of something little. Nobody really understands the true meaning why these things happen and other times he or she does. How are we to solve this? It's up to you.

Bridginae Green, senior, feels that some people don't get along because they're feeling like a grown man or grown woman, and they don't care what others think. Plus they're ready to get out of here.

But if a little situation occurs, don't let it get to you.

Times are hard, and anybody can relate to you. Just don't let certain things get to you. If you're having problems in school, try tutoring or ask for help from people around you.

Don't give up. Don't start skipping either. That is the worst thing anybody could do. If you skip once then you're going to think that it's ok to keep doing it. Your attendance is very important to you. Teachers are going to start giving you more tardies and especially more absences.

If you really think about it, you're really hurting yourself. The more you keep missing classes, the more you're going to fall behind in classes, and eventually you'll end up failing. Sometimes this can cause you to become a 5<sup>th</sup> year senior. You don't want to become one, so skipping shouldn't be on anybody's mind.

Senior year is not all about stressful times. This is also a time when you can reflect on the good times you've had throughout your four years of high school. You can reflect on the time when you were a freshman and your first day of school.

Remember the dances you went to and you could dance anyway you wanted to without worrying what others thought? Doesn't that give you a happy thought? You could also go back to your long-term relationships, or arguments with your enemies who are now your friends, and even with teachers. There have been good times here at Franklin High School, and it's up to all of you guys to make the best of the time you have here.

Senior year is the best and worst time of your experience in high school. Do your best, and keep a good head on your shoulders. Don't let anything or anybody stop you from achieving your goals. Good luck to everyone and good luck to the class of 2007.

## Victory Club is Missed by Some

By Anonymous

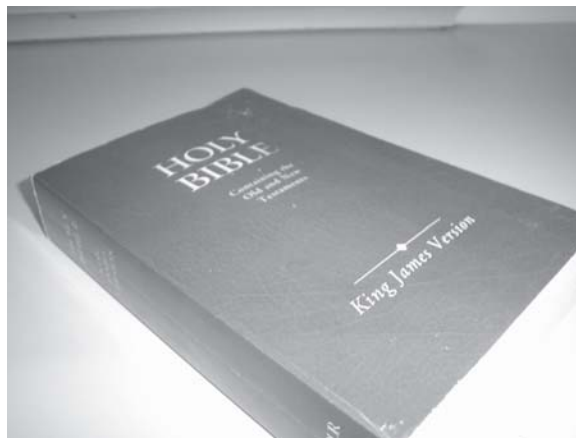
Franklin is a diverse school with many clubs. There's the anime club, the skateboard club, the Pacific Islander club, and a plethora of other clubs. However, there is one critical club that is missing this year: Victory club.

For the past few years, Victory club, formerly known as bible study has been under the charge of Mr. Magill, however, for the 2006-2007 school year he has chosen to step down as advisor.

The reason for this being, despite the bible clearly stating that where two or more are gathered you can praise *His* name. "There's not enough people", or because he "takes too much heat from other teachers".

Some seem to believe that bible study simply isn't needed, so let me lay down some facts that you may or may not choose to acknowledge.

High school is a time when teens can chose to either validate or reject the religion in which they've been raised. By having bible study at school, it can serve as a safe haven to those who either choose to embrace Christianity, to those who are standing in the crossroads faced with the difficult decision of discovering Christianity relevance to their lives, or to those who don't believe, but rather choose to believe in. Lately, students are dieing, students are getting



The Victory Club reads and interprets the Christian bible during club meetings.

shot, and students are dropping out. There are religions that allow you to leave class to pray; yet another can't mention the bible without the teacher changing the subject.

In the mist of this chaos, students need somewhere to turn. Ms. Cathy Sheridan-Green continues, "How you gonna have dance posse, and room for all these other clubs but you ain't got room for God? I understand that teachers are afraid to cross the line between church and state, cause they gotta protect their jobs. But, our youth... some of them don't have anyone to talk to, some have no one to trust, some of their parents aren't around. We're always pointing at the youth, but whose talking to them, whose helping them, whose taking the time? We gotta bring them to Christ young."

Teachers teach us about math, science, and language arts, but do you ever hear them say, "Keep your legs closed," "have your boyfriend or girlfriend checked for STD's before you get too serious," or "You're already dumb as a plum and failing my class, smoking and drinking doesn't help." No.

Breyanna Atherton says, "We've just gotta get a bible study so we can bring some of these druggies and hoes to Christ!"

What we're learning in class is fine and dandy and most of it will help us later in life, but what about now? Students need a support base. They need to be able to walk into a club, scared and alone, and leave knowing that they're never alone because Jesus Christ walks with them everywhere they go, and they don't have to give in to peer pressure, or the ways of the world.

There is power in prayer. Who knows the blessings that could be bestowed upon Franklin if we were to have a bible study, but if we don't get one soon it's going to cause havoc, because our school is under attack, and it's time to fight back.

## I Don't Want to Wake Up

By John Liao

Open up sleepy eyes of yours  
Say your prayers, so if you see me in your  
dreams  
I'll take you to the beach  
Doo Doo oooo Doo oo oo  
Doo ooo in the ocean blue  
When spirits wake up to dance with us  
At the beach party  
I don't want to wake up  
In another moment it will be over  
To relax in the sun  
I don't want to wake up  
In another moment it will be over  
Crazy in the beach party breeze  
I go with you  
To hang out and party and grab some food  
I want to kiss you on your lips  
Open up those sleepy eyes of yours  
Say your prayers  
So if you want to walk with me  
I'll be delightful  
I don't want to wake up  
In another moment it will be over  
I'm afraid that I lost you  
I don't want to wake up  
In another moment it will be over  
I let go before I say sorry  
Open up your sleepy eyes  
Say your prayers  
So if you love me  
I am just a dream boy

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## Sleeping Habits affect Teen Lives

By Ruel Olanday, Jr.

You wake up feeling tired, weak, and restless. And yet at 10:30 last night on a Thursday, *Drawn Together* just came up on Comedy Central, and you decided that it would be a great idea to just watch the episode and head off to sleep. After the show, you can't really fall asleep, and then go on to do other things until you're sleepy. By the time you actually have fallen asleep it's 1 a.m. the next day. Sound familiar? Well if it does, get familiarized with the benefits of a well-rested night of sleep. Sleeping is proven to make you healthier, smarter, stronger, nicer, and more beautiful.

An average human spends one third of their life sleeping. If they get about eight hours of suggested sleep every night, nothing more or nothing less because it may damage your sleeping habit.

Janel Brown, senior, says, "I don't get 8 hours of sleep. But I really believe it is important because people's bodies need adequate rest to be able to function throughout the day. You can't really do anything if you're super sleepy." It's been a proven fact that sleeping will make you healthier. Over night when we sleep our bodies go through a "repair" mode. During this time the body regenerates and replaces old and broken cells making us a healthier and stronger person for the next day.

Jeffery Lau, freshman, says "I sleep early for that same reason, to be healthy."

Not only does it do that for us but makes us more beautiful and handsome. They don't call it beauty sleep for nothing! You can spend hundreds of dollars on facial crèmes but you need sleep to have glowing skin. Sleeping gives the body enough time to restore all the skin cells on the face.

Don't stay up all night to cram for a test the next day. A good nights sleep with ensure you a higher grade.

Munir Abdol, senior, explains "It's quite hard to stay awake during school when I don't have

enough sleep; I tend to fall asleep or become lazy during the first couple of periods of school."

During school we learn countless amounts of facts, but at night when you're sound asleep is when the information sets into our brains. Harvard's Medical School proved that people who have slept after learning a new skill remembered more the following day than others who haven't slept.

We need sleep to concentrate and overall, be a nicer person. Less sleep causes you to have a slower reaction time. This is even more dangerous when driving a car, when you need to pay attention to everything that is on the road. Sleep also makes you a nicer person.

Elaine Farin, sophomore, says, "When I don't get enough sleep, I tend to be a little short tempered during school." Without enough sleep you'd be cranky, aggressive, and unsociable. Here are some helpful tips in getting a good nights sleep

- Go to bed at the same time every night so that bedtime becomes routine.
- Bed is for bed and not TV or reading.
- Minimize light and noise in your bedroom.
- If you are unable to fall asleep do not lie in bed trying to fall asleep, leave your bedroom and do something that relaxes you
- Get up at a regular time, even on days off and weekends
- Drink a warm glass of milk. There are amino acids inside the milk that convert into a sleep-enhancing compound to the brain.
- Do not drink too much liquid before bedtime to avoid going to the bathroom in the middle of the night



Left: Ruel Olanday demonstrates how well he listens in class after 8+ hours of sleep unlike Josh Yee.

### Fact or Fiction: Take the Quiz on Sleep

1. As we age, we need less sleep.
2. Counting sheep is a good way to fall and stay asleep.
3. A large meal before bedtime can make you drowsy and enhance sleep.
4. Drinking Caffeine is a bad thing to do before going to sleep.
5. Taking naps longer for any hour won't hurt.

### Answers

1. Fiction. Older adults require the same amount of sleep as younger adults, but may experience more difficulty in sleeping.
2. Fiction. Counting sheep may distract and bore you enough to get to sleep, but it may not help you achieve restful sleep is you are experiencing frequent awakenings through the night.
3. Fiction a light snack before bedtime may improve sleep, but large meals, especially those high in fat, may inhibit sleep.
4. Fact. Drinking caffeine prevents your body from going to sleep. It will cause fragmented sleep in the night. Don't drink anything caffeinated 4 to 6 hours of bedtime.
5. Fiction Sleeping longer than an hour means taking you longer than an hour to fall asleep.



Please get enough sleep so you don't end up sleeping at school.



## Haunted!

Spooky Spots in Seattle  
By The Grim Reaper

Hey there, it's me the Grim Reaper, here to announce the commencement of this year's October Celebrations for the FHS community! The leaves are starting to fall, summer long past, but not forgotten. 'O! Hallow's Eve is right around the corner, quite possibly the scariest time of the year, right? Of course not... Cheap decorations and cheesy costumes not enough of a scare factor for you? Look no further than within the pages of this very newspaper. I've scoured Seattle's history looking for a couple of the spookiest spots in Seattle, and eureka! I've found them.

Anyone familiar with Seattle Central Community College? That right... It's haunted... Next time you're sitting in your Running Start English 101 class, keep that in mind. According to an online source "Sometime during the Burnley School years, the owners of the school invited 3 mediums (psychics) into the building. All three of the mediums made contact with the ghost of an 18 year old boy, who was killed, in 1913, after a basketball game in the gym on the third floor. During a fight, he was thrown down the back stairs. This ghost was named Burnley by the students."

Not in Running Start? Try taking a midnight stroll through downtown Seattle, if you aren't already scared stiff by the drug dealers, and prostitutes, then head 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and veer slightly to your right into the Pike Place Farmers Market. If you're lucky, you may find an apparition of a Native American woman; "Described as being bent and wrinkled wearing a red handkerchief as a head covering and a shawl around her shoulders." "It was believed that long after the Natives disappear from Seattle, the descendants of the white people will not be alone; the spirits of Duwamish will be with them."

Head west and check out the ever so popular Suicide Bridge. Coverage on this particular haunted site is scarce, so actual written history, and stories about this place is limited. However, from what I've heard, there once was a young boy, a reject, a misfit, feeling down and blue one day, he hung himself off of the bridge. To this day, eye witnesses have given their first hand accounts of their cars stalling out under the bridge, and the sound of cold dead flesh banging against the metal supports under the bridge echoing through the still night air.

While you're checking out Suicide Bridge, make sure to head deeper into West Seattle, and check out the beloved Rainbow House. Rumor has it, the house has been painted time and time again, but the following morning, the mysterious rainbow

pattern on the back of the house shows though. Don't expect a warm welcome when you go to visit though, throughout the years the houses popularity has grown, along with the visitors that stop by every night; the neighbors aren't pleased at all. So. If you must go, please be quiet and respectful!

Feeling artsy? Visit the Harvard Exit Theater to catch a show. Entertainment is what this place is all about, even the supernatural beings will try to impress you, a regular spirit often encountered here, is a "male manifestation, described as being portly, slightly see-through and wearing an old-fashioned suit has made his appearance known. Calls himself Peter, and described as "a very lighthearted fellow, kind of goofy."

If you're too scared to visit these local sites, then you could always check out Fright Fest at Wild Waves, or check out the new Kube 93 haunted house in the Ikea parking lot in Kent.

So please... take some time... Celebrate the spookiest time of the year by visiting these spooky spots. Until next year, this is the Grim Reaper, signing out. Peace.

## Skateboard Club (continued)

.....Phimphrachanvongso, plotted to buy the shirts, cross off the S.B. logo, and promote their group instead. However, the plan was never initiated.

Nguyen said, "I guess they called us posers. We didn't like that too much, so we took the shirts off and said "[Forget] it, we'll make our own crew."

The conflict began in late September when Andrew Subelbia and Connor Lawson, both freshmen, saw several non-skateboard members wear the S.B. shirts

"We weren't even beefin' with anyone. We were just like, 'look at these posers because they had S.B. shirts,' and I guess some kids took it personally," said Suburbia.

Jordan Nicholson, president of skateboard club, had started the club back in September after he skateboarded over summer with a bunch of guys. When he came back from summer vacation, he wanted to assemble to group of guys and skate. It was never about being a "skater-looking gang". The whole club revolves around the fact that they go skating.



(L to R) Tommy Teav, Jordan Nicholson, Jaytee Teav, Connor Lawson, and Andrew Subelbia are just a few members of FHS SB Club.

"I've skated with his crew. They're cool. A few of them are pretty good so maybe that's where his attitude comes from. We never said we were good. We just love to skate," said Nicholson, junior.

From students who have seen Nicholson's group around school, it's been reported that they don't do anything, but sit on their boards and roll down hills. "I just started this year and gotten better over the days," said Jaytee Teav, freshman.

The misconception is that most people don't go skating with S.B club. If anybody went to observe S.B. meetings or skateboarding sessions, Nicholson

says they'd realize the guys love to skateboard and there's nothing more genuine than loving what you do.

### Logo is a no-go

The Nike logos on the S.B. t-shirts have the infamous swoosh that's been recognized across the globe for many years. A common thought people ask when they see the shirt is, "Can he do that?"

No he can't.

Nicholson is violating a trademark that clearly belongs to the Nike Company. The company has a skateboard division, and that's where the club took their inspiration for their shirts from.

Chris Moore, a Seattle lawyer, said, "[Nicholson's] out on a limb. He's using the trademark without authorization and creating confusion in the market place."

Nike doesn't want people using their swoosh. People will think it's a Nike shirt. If someone in the S.B. club commits a crime or causes trouble while wearing the shirts, they could put Nike in a bad position. People affiliate the shirts back to the company and Nike wants to be careful about that.

Legally, Nicholson should've obtained written permission or a license by Nike requesting use of the swoosh but he didn't.

It was questionable whether or not he could use the "Fair Use" defense (laws that allow an individual to use a trademark without conviction), but the t-shirts do not comply with the specifications of "fair use" and therefore dismissed.

The original S.B. logo from Nike contains the word Nike, a swoosh, and S.B. in the bottom right corner. The club's shirt logo also has contains a swoosh and S.B. in the corner, but the difference is that "Nike" is replaced by "FHS".

At Franklin High School, it's against the rules for anybody to place the school's name on anything without approval by administration.

"We can't have people place 'FHS' on anything without consent because they're affiliating themselves with us, and we need to know who they are," said Ms. Wiley, principal.

According to Mr. Shearer, activities coordinator, he acknowledges the t-shirts, but doesn't remember going through the process of approval.

Nicholson is clearly misusing a trademark. He downloaded the trademark, caused confusion among students, and was previously warned that it was illegal by the shop who printed the shirts.

The risks of being detected are low. Nike is a big company, but they wouldn't go through the process of suing him. He'll most likely be sent a "Cease and desist" letter if caught.

Currently, the president of skateboard club is in the middle of trying to get the shirts to comply with school and federal rules. For now, he'll just wear the shirt underneath his sweater because they're "cool."

## I saw you . . .

The things we see when you weren't watching.

A newspaper staff member walks down the hall. They can see, hear, smell, and touch you. Gladly they can't taste you, but their eyes see everything and maybe its you or your friend. Why don't you take a look and check if its you.

- I saw you in your Famous Stars and Stripes hoody, laughing with your friends on the first floor.
- I saw you last Tuesday in your big red belt and flats at lunch on the ground floor.
- I saw you with your North face backpack walking in the commons.
- I saw you in your new Jordan 5's on the seven going to the South end.
- I saw you with your flat iron and hoop earrings flirting on the ground floor with the football team on Friday
- I saw you at the Homecoming dance with your stilettos shaking your moneymaker.
- I saw you with Vans listening to your iPod at lunch on Wednesday.
- I saw you in your Superman costume during spirit week.
- I saw you switching your hips with your French tips and Ugg Boots.

## A Word From

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## He Said/ She Said

**I met this guy at homecoming and he asked me out and I don't really know... so... I said "I think we should talk first..." then I shook him. Was I at fault?**

**He Says:** Dats the greasiest thing to do... ever. So you told him you should talk first then you shook the sport. Are you at fault? Hell Yeah! Did you even give the guy a chance to get your number? Doubt it. You could have missed out on a good night...

**She Says:** You could have just as easily told him that you didn't want to talk to him. It would have hurt him for a little bit but he would have got over it & you would feel better too.

**I saw this girl walking down the street. I really wanted to talk to him her, but I don't know how. What if she doesn't give me the number? What should I do?**

**He Says:** All you have to say is "Yo, I don't know your name, but excuse me miss, I saw you from across the street." Yeah, Chris Brown said that but so what, hey it just might work. Don't knock it 'till you try it.

**She Says:** Get over it. There are plenty of fish in the sea.

**My boyfriend does things that get on my nerves and I hit him. Am I abusive?**

**He Says:** First of all, tell your boyfriend that there is a 1-800 number that he can call. Second, why do you let what he says effect you so much? And finally... YES!!! You are abusive.

**She Says:** When it gets to violence, it becomes serious. How much more will he take? If its not abusive now, it will be later so you better stop it now.

**There is this dude that I like. He likes me too but we have a hard time talking to each other. I swear it seems like he flirts with everyone but me! He doesn't think I even like him even though I told him I do. What should a sista do?**

**He Says:** If you like each other then why don't you guys go out? Maybe that might help a little. If you're official there would be no doubt in his mind. It may seem like he's flirting with everyone because your tryin to notice it. Give da guy some time to come around and maybe you two can work it out.

**She Says:** If you really do like him, & he doesn't believe you, there's nothing you can do. You shouldn't have to prove yourself.

## Fall Sports

By Gienah Armean

Girls swimming, girls soccer, boys tennis, boys golf, cross country, girls volleyball, and football are this years 2006 fall sports here at Franklin. Although Franklin sports have never been recognized for winning streaks other than its all star basketball team, this years fall sports have managed to make significant improvement, showing us Quakers that we can make an amazing comeback in just a year after losing majority of our games.

This year's football team has managed to have a 4-3-win season, with the possibility to make it to play-offs if they win their next match. It's a far cry from their season last year, having only won one game against Ballard High. "I've worked with a core group of people for the past three years. We've been through a lot of hard times, but we didn't give up and we stuck through it. I knew if we stuck through the hard times, in the end, we would get glory," says Nick Johnson, Junior, who plays both receiver and safety. Johnson's favorite moment was when they killed Juanita 41-28. "The line did their job by opening up holes for the running backs, and gave our quarterback time to throw the ball. Our defense covered well and played physical football."

This seasons boys tennis team has managed to win a team match against Redmond and send six players to districts; two singles and two doubles teams. The tennis team trained Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 5:30 and through hard practices, managed to improve from last years season, particularly in doubles. "Doubles works better because I'm in it" boasts Senior varsity player Taylor Matsui. But even though the team has come a long way since last year, Matsui still says, "FORGET THE SCORES, OUR TEAM IS TIGHT!"

Senior Joe Eng, Captain of the boy's golf team beat all four Seattle schools, placed 13<sup>th</sup> out of 66 players in the district, and is the only person from the Seattle School District to make it to state. "I beat a kid from Inglemoor to earn that 13<sup>th</sup> spot." says Eng. As a whole, the golf team has only won a single match, but has done better then they have last year. Eng continues to say, "We need more players. We only have 8 or 9 people on the entire team."

Unfortunately, not all of our sports teams were able to have an all-star season, but did show improvement from the previous year. "I broke 20 minutes on a 3.1 mile race" says cross-country runner Nick Toering, Junior. "This year we improved a lot. We actually had some runners finish in the top 20, and this year we had a full girls team, which we didn't have last year. Senior Grace Fong, captain of the girls swim team says, "We won a couple of individual races and improved in the freestyle, breast stroke, backstroke and fly. There were a lot of people on the team at the beginning of the season that didn't know how to swim but by the time the season was over, they were able to complete all their races. To top of their season, they were able to send Alicia Flint to districts.

FHS Quakers have heart, win or lose, good or bad, our teams battle though every practice and every game. And although not all teams have had a successful season, everyone agrees that even though they don't always win, they stay involved for the love of the sport and the love of their team members. Junior Bailey Hedequist of the girl's soccer team says, "We improved so much from the summer to the very last game. We became more comfortable with each other; we all got really close. The best thing I got from playing soccer was a group of sisters! Even though we never won a match, we learned that scoring isn't the only way to win. We played with heart that most teams can't compare to.

## Juggling Jobs & School

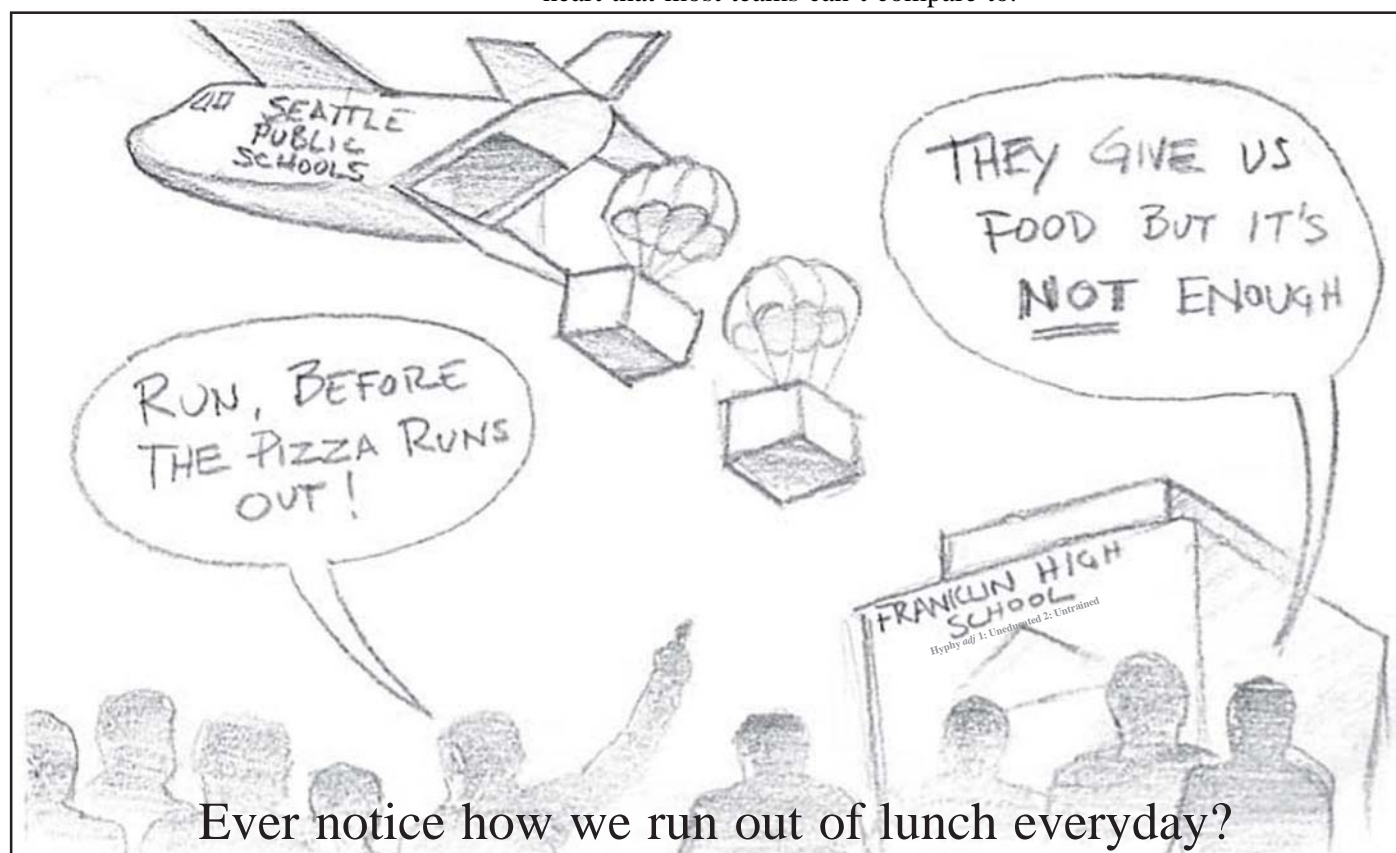
By Jeremy Chaten

Being a high school student requires you to change. From an adolescent to a full fledge adult. From being dependent on your parents to actually helping your parents pay for the utilities. Referring mainly to the upper class of the school, going to work and maintaining your academic credentials is a arduous task. About 60% of the senior class is working for a business of some sort. Whether if it's bagging groceries at Safeway, or fixing up a Caramel Frapaccino at the local Starbucks, money comes in many forms and sizes.

I went around the school to see how many seniors are coping with working and still doing the whole school thing. Senior Deonte Jackson- Durden was quick to respond. "Honestly my grades have fallen just a little since I have been working... But hey when those pay checks come everyone Friday it's all worth it." I had to ask myself one question, "Is it the school work that doesn't interest them or is it a time management issue?"

Being an employee at the local Safeway I feel that the decline in grades had a lot to do with time. You may work for 4-5 hours a day after the regular 6-hour school day. That may give you about an hour or two to so homework and study. And now a days that isn't enough time to get a decent study session in. Basically all this adds up to the increasing decline in senior's grades that are involved in the work circuit.

For some student's money makes the world go round, but honestly without proper knowledge they're going to be bagging groceries their entire life. In today's society a college education is barely enough to even be considered for a decent waged job. If students are thinking the little money they are making now is doing the job then wait until thy start making real money. The point is school should be your first priority because you can work for the rest of your life but a good education only comes around once.



## A+ For A-Yes

By Jackie Hamilton

Everyone listens to music from heavy metal to gospel and everyone has a preference. A nation favorite is hip-hop, where the variety of artists is incredible. From 2-Pac to Tech 9 there is always an artist for anyone and everyone to relate to. With so many artists popping up in different cities all over the country you can't help but wonder when Seattle will get its turn. The last rapper to come out of Seattle was 80's star Sir Mix A lot. His career was short lived and so was the already dim lime light for Seattle.

Seattle rappers come in a huge variety from Franklin Alumni Micstro (Marcellus Clayton) to Low Profiles Erasa. There is a style for everyone to run with. Presently, there is a rapper who tends to be a true crowd pleaser, A-Yes, also known as Anthony "Chicken" Stewart, is something refreshing for the 206 from the 206. So let's get inside his head and see what this 206 rapper is all about.

### When did you start rapping?

My senior year in high school, or at least that's when I started getting serious about it. I had always played around and free styled with my friends but I didn't take it real serious till I was 18.

### What or who inspired you to start rapping?

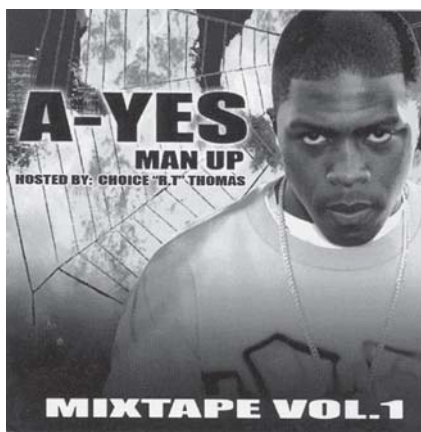
Honestly, it was D. Black. I was at his house and he showed us his studio. Me and my homies were just playing around in the booth. D. Black called me the next day, and told me what I did while I was playing around sounded good. So he told me to write a song. I wrote this song "To Me It's Nothin'" and I've been doing this ever since.

### Where do you draw your inspiration for your music?

Life. I'm inspired by the things that go on in my life. If I witness something unfair I speak on it. I have a strong opinion and when I rap, I voice it out. Life is an inspiration for me.

### What's your favorite song that you've made and why?

Slave To The Game. I like that song because I think that everybody is a slave to the game in some way. Any parent that works a 9-5, anyone who hustles from sun up to sun down, and it doesn't matter your skin color, age, or how much money you make. Life is a game, you just got to know how to play it.



Left: The cover of A-Yes' CD. To know more about him, visit his myspace online.

### How confident are you in yourself to achieve success?

If you don't believe it, you don't achieve it. So I'm very extremely confident in myself.

### If you could do a collaboration with anyone who would it be and why?

I can't say just one name. I'll do a song with anybody. I'm not a picky person. I'll give anybody a chance, because I would want them to do the same for me. But I like rapping with my dudes. Because they're going to feel me and what I'm rapping about, and vice versus.

### If or when you make it what will you look forward to the most?

Making the people proud of me who told me I could do it. And proving the people wrong who told me I couldn't.

### If you can describe your music in one, two words, or phrase how would you describe it?

Inspiring and visual.

### Do you think Seattle will ever be compared to places such as Atlanta, or New York when it comes to music?

If I have anything to do with it. If I stop now, then no. But we got to network, we all got to work together and help each other succeed. That's how they do it in places like Atlanta and that's why they're on top.

### For those people who don't know about you, give them five reasons to listen to your music?

1. Don't knock it until you try it.
  2. My music isn't weak.
  3. It's from the heart.
  4. Versatile, you get a little bit of everything
- Oh and did I mention it was hot.

## Halloween Movie Review:

### The Grudge 2

By Josh Yee

Looking for a few "Cheap" thrills and chills this Halloween? Hit up your local movie theater and catch a showing of The Grudge 2 (TG2). Just as anticipated, TG2 was a mediocre thriller, with occasional gruesome scenes, and startling attacks made by supernatural beings.

A brand new face (Amber Tamblyn) appears in the sequel to the first Grudge movie, she starts out on a quest to Japan to retrieve her partially psychotic sister (Sara Michelle Gellar) who was being held in a hospital after making an attempt to burn down the benevolent house that we have all come to know and love. Unfortunately, she soon finds herself being swept up into a world of curses and grudges, in what seems to be a never ending tale.



Above: Takeo Sakei slides down the stairs looking for something to kill.

Unfortunately, I very strongly feel that the time, and money that I spent on this movie has been wasted. Many of the original scare tactics and themes were carried over from the initial movie, making it somewhat of a fraternal twin to the first.

Despite its copycat tendencies, the movie held a FEW moments that would make even the most stone cold "gangstas" jump out of their seats and into their neighbor's laps in fear.

Quiet obviously, I am not entirely impressed with what director Takashi Shimizu had to offer, but... If you're bored and lonely on Halloween night, you should at least give this movie a chance. A few scares are better than none... Right?

## Got Used Clothes?

By Deb'Viyone Fisher

We at Franklin all know, that as time goes by, we all grow and change, as do styles. You're not always going to be able to fit those jeans you've been trying to squeeze into since last year. Losing weight is not going to make those jeans look any better on you, so what are you supposed to do?

Most people like myself pass them down to younger siblings, cousins, and other family members. Sometimes passing clothes on can be a drag because you love those jeans and that shirt so much, and even worse, they are still in great shape.

Well now there is no more need for the sad face. There is way to make a little cash off those really cute jeans. I'm pretty sure all of you guys heard of Plato's Closet. If you haven't, Plato's Closet is a store that buys your slightly

worn clothes from you, then re-sells them to the public. Plato's Closet is a great place to sell name brand clothes that no longer fit.

Another great place to swap wardrobes is Buffalo Exchange. Unfortunately you must be 18 years of age or older to sell, or buy clothes. Buffalo Exchange also has a tendency to card you when making any. So this one is strictly for the senior class, sorry underclassmen.

Now if you're the type of person that likes to give to charity, Goodwill stores are all around Seattle. They take all kinds of clothes and re-sell them to the public. There is also Value Village, Salvation Army, and the St. Francis House these places are all really great stores, that sell clothes for little to no money.

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