New and improved student lounge to open today

Shannon Smith
Staff Writer

Course offerings slashed

Tom Chornon
Staff Writer

Board members step down

Cynthia O'Hara
Staff Writer

The HCC Board has recommended 10 candidates who are being considered by Gov. Booth Gardner for the 30,000-member board. Gardner, who chairwoman of the board, is planning to step down in the near future. There are already several board members who have expressed interest in the position.

Highline Community College is a public institution that provides higher education opportunities to students in the area. The college offers a wide range of programs and degrees, including associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees.

The board of trustees is responsible for overseeing the college's operations and ensuring that it meets the needs of the community. The board is made up of 15 members, who are elected by the community.

The college's mission is to provide quality education and training to meet the needs of the community. The college offers a variety of programs and services, including general education, vocational education, online education, and community services.

The college's faculty and staff work closely with students to help them achieve their educational goals. The college also offers a variety of support services, such as counseling, academic advising, and career planning.

The college is committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. The college offers a range of programs and services to support students' academic and personal success, including academic support services, counseling, and career development.

The college is dedicated to serving the needs of the community and is committed to providing access to higher education to all qualified applicants. The college offers a variety of programs and services to support students' success, including financial aid, scholarships, and work-study programs.
Brown can read minds

Molly Winkler
Staff Writer

Once again Halloween is over. Thoughts of spooks and spirits, black cats, witches and supernaturals are pushed aside. While not everyone is superstitious or believes in spirits from the other world, there are certain powers or magic which are hard to explain away. Mind reading, or telepathy, is one of these mystical happenings.

Bill Brown, who works as a media technician on the sixth floor of the library at Highline Community College, has an interest in psychic phenomena for years. Brought up in a religious atmosphere, Brown became interested in the supernatural, or the unexplainable, as a young child. When he was 11 years old, he gave his first mind reading performance at a party by guessing at cards. He even appeared on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour with a slight variation of the shell and shells game.

Is Bill Brown blessed with vision? According to him, "Anyone can try to use the known senses in ways that appear to be the mind reading." Though it may seem hard to believe that people could train themselves to guess which number another person is thinking without having ESP, Brown said ESP is not literally a sixth sense. "It's using the other senses to feel if something is right," he said.

Since most people don't consciously train themselves to use senses in this way, it amazes people when Brown can recreate alleged psychic events. Events which our minds cannot explain are no longer a mystery to him.

Highline

Beverly J. Ott
Staff Writer

"Start here. "Volks here.
"Arrowcross pint cards..." These signs marked the start of a Volkswalk in Highline Community College. The walk was sponsored by the American Volkssporting Association and Pacific Rainbow Assembly of Federal Way, according to Dr. R. W. Coldren, Advisory Chairman of Federal Way Volkswalking. Volkswalking means a walk of the people, a non-competitive walking sport, which started in West Germany in the early 1960s, off-shoot of a failed 10-kilometer run. The first event was through the United States 10 years ago by American military personnel and their families who had been stationed in Germany. Washington Holds the nation with 57 clubs. The benefits of walking are both physical and mental. It is an exercise anyone can do and enjoy.

Lightning Bolts

Media Technician and mystical Bill Brown is seeking a new partner for his mind-reading exhibitions. Explained as trickery or hoax, Brown has a couple of videos of some of his reading abilities which he performed at Highline a few years ago. There have been no performances lately, though, for he lacks a partner to help him keep his show going. Mind reading takes a lot of work and is helpful to someone working with you, Brown said. Also, like in magic acts, it looks better in the show to have a partner.

Brown has had two partners who worked out well. The first partner, Josephine Tang, has gone back to Hong Kong. The room partner with whom he recently worked is still at Highline. Brown wouldn't say who she was, but he would still like to work with her. Brown loves the supernatural, which he finds interesting to try and figure out. It's also fun to use in order to disprove people around him. Brown says he doesn't get into the "false-world" or pseudoscientific method for "that is going beyond being in touch with yourself and is not to tell as God."
Baker in Brown Bag: What if women ruled the world?

Ron Kunst
Staff Writer

"What If Women Ran The World?" was the question posed by Linda Baker, journalism coordinator at Highline Community College, to her audience at the Nov. 8 Brown Bag Series sponsored by Women's Program. Actually, Baker felt the question she asked was, "How would the world be different if feminine values and the way women make decisions were practiced more than it is today?"

Baker believes there would be a difference in our world because there are major differences in the ways men and women make decisions. There is empirical evidence to back her up, she claims. Baker was thinking about this topic while preparing for a talk she gave last winter at Highline's Last Lecture Series. "In this series, the speaker imagines that this is the last lecture she or she will give to an audience," she discovered that what was most important to her about her life was "my experience as a woman." As a woman in a largely male-dominated society, Baker found some of her experi-
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For example, in graduate school at the University of Washington School of Communications she found unprecedented competition between graduate students for the favor of the teacher. She had to graduate school looking for the intellectual world where she could discuss ideas, not compete unpro-
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Don't feed the world

Brian Hcsey
Guest Columnist

For the last three million years or so, the human species has been surviving on various staples, fauna, and other hardships. But these hardships have taken their toll on our species. Life can be full of pain and suffering. But in the 1900s things began to change. New medical practices began to ease some of the hardships placed on humans. This means that more of us could lead happy, productive lives, and more of us could live to an old age. Some people believe that this increased lifespan was the beginning of the population explosion. But isn't it the population explosion really began by decreasing the infant mortality rate? Don't get me wrong. I don't think babies should die. It's just that before we made all of these strides in the field of medicine, families would have seven to 10 children, but only one or two of them would survive into adulthood. Now if a family has seven to 10 children, most, if not all of them, will make it into adulthood. This causes a rapid population increase. And we are now at the point where our numbers are causing us to exploit and degrade the planet in a rate that will not support us much longer.

Hey guys, Mom won't always be there

Mary Lou Holland
Guest Columnist

The majority of individuals seen in doc-
or's offices, clinics and college health centers are female. Does this mean that women are the weaker sex? Biologically speaking, the homunculus femina is the stronger. This is also true historically; women just live longer than men. Apart from life-style factors that affect the health of males, such as nutrition, fitness, stress, alcohol/nicotine/drug abuse, and based on my experience as a college health nurse, I think I may have found a common factor (why adversely affects the health of college males). This common factor is the lack of experience and knowledge of self-care. Generally speaking, college males have a wide knowledge base. They know a lot about math, science, auto mechanics, building, operating computers, installing stereo equipment, baseball batting averages and the most Snehasha defensive sacks of quarterbacks per game. They even know how to swim and cook some and how to clean some. They read a lot too: Sports Illustrated, Movie and rock magazines, parts of the newspaper and, of course, textbooks.

Our numbers have increased from 1 billion in 1800 to 3 billion in 1950 and 6 billion in 1990. It is projected that in 1997 the billion babies will be born. These numbers are staggering. But it isn't the numbers themselves which are hurting us. The quality of life is too. Seventy five percent of the world's population lives in poverty. These underdeveloped countries are the ones that we are in numbers at a rapid rate. Developed countries have a better control on their birth rates. In an industrial society (like the U.S.), babies can be an economic burden. You have to' house, clothe, and feed them. Career choices often turn a family away from having children too. And contraceptives are usually readily available to keep the number of children born under control. But in rural, developing countries, having children can be an economic asset to the family. So when they are younger (they typically start about four years old) and can help their parents when they're older. So the more kids we have, the bigger our population. And contraceptives are self-service. The majority of individuals seen in doctor's offices, clinics and college health centers are female. Does this mean that women are the weaker sex? Biologically speaking, the homunculus femina is the stronger. This is also true historically; women just live longer than men. Apart from life-style factors that affect the health of males, such as nutrition, fitness, stress, alcohol/nicotine/drug abuse, and based on my experience as a college health nurse, I think I may have found a common factor (why adversely affects the health of college males). This common factor is the lack of experience and knowledge of self-care.
Getting out of the "pink-collar" habit

Stefanie Novacek
Guest Columnist

"Any woman who can carry a child plus two bags of groceries doesn't need to worry about being strong enough to do blue-collar work." declares Marlea Hanson, a woman who has been working in the blue-collar field for years. Then there are the high-line Women's Program students. For these reasons, High-

line Women's Program will be sponsoring a workshop on "Women Making Money in the Trades" on Thursday, Dec. 1st.

Assignment Computing Pricing: Mission Critical

Bryan Smith
Guest Columnist

ASSIGNMENT.

To find

computer

equipment

ranging from

$600

to

$1,000

and then trudging through 23 computer stores just to find the right system is not something I would wish on anyone.

I was guided to a computer store in Federal Way, the Apple end of the computer world, the Apple Mac+ is still a great buy for those of you just starting out. The Mac SE is a wonderful machine, too, and you can get either of them at a lower cost at the Federal Way Computerland, listed above. Also don't overlook the Apple IIgs and the Apple IIe--Both are very powerful and versatile. In this article I learned more about the IBM clone systems, since there seems to be more confusion about them.

For printers other than the HP DeskJet, I would recommend the Panasonic KX-P1096, near letter quality dot matrix printer. This printer is listed for around $200. All of the stores mentioned in this article offer repairs, software support, warranties, and most of all, credit purchasing. Most of the stores' prices that I have listed are still negotiable.

I sincerely hope that my running around will in some way help you in your search for a computer.

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Macintosh Plus

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Challenges faced .. and

Impaired students leap life's hurdles

Shannon Smith Staff Writer

Students who are physically impaired or disabled can receive assistance through the Handicapped Services Program located in building 20, room 205.

The service consists of a variety of programs to aid the disabled students in overcoming the significant hurdles they encounter when attending college.

One such hurdle for students who are visually or hearing impaired is taking notes. Taping and advice on alternate methods are available. Students who are visually or hearing impaired are taking advantage of the use of tape recorders to replace traditional reading. Students who are hearing impaired can use tape recorders and have the taped notes interpreted in sign language at the program office.

The service provides help with schedule preparation and tutoring. Referral services are offered to other programs on campus which are available to meet the needs of these students.

There are currently more than 60 students benefiting from the service. Of them, eight are hearing impaired, eight are visually impaired, and 37 are either physically disabled or have serious health impairments, and 23 have learning disabilities, such as dyslexia.

Teresa Pierce, director of the program for the handicapped says that contrary to popular belief, most of the students using her service are attending Highline for the same reasons as any other students on campus. "The classes taken are not related to the disability or to the adjustment of dealing with the disability. The students are taking classes to improve job skills as well as to transfer to four-year colleges," she said.

Several students who are visually impaired have completed four-year degrees, and one is currently working in the music field. According to Pierce, other students who lacked the skills necessary to become employed have established themselves in careers after attending Highline.

One of the most difficult challenges faced by these students is coping with the layout of the campus. Highline, as well as most colleges, was designed with the average student in mind. The campus has steep hills and narrow pathways making it difficult for those students using wheelchairs or scooters. Many of the doors are heavy or hard to open without help from others.

The campus recently underwent extensive construction projects to alleviate these problems. A new ramp was installed on the exterior of Bldg. E, replacing the stairs that led into the student lounge. Bldg. 6 had new automatic doors installed, complete with a covered area for students who are waiting for rides.

"The improvements are wonderful for the accessibility they provide the disabled students," said Pierce.

One of the most frustrating difficulties disabled or impaired students face is dealing with other attitudes toward their disability.

The attitude that the disability or physical limitation could limit the degree of success for the student past pressure on the students to prove themselves. Occasionally others perceive the disability as limiting the student's potential for equal success because of the added struggles they must overcome.

According to Pierce, "The disabled student knows they can do as well and accomplish as much as other students; the problem is they have to convince other people of their ability." Pierce pointed out that disabled students do not want special treatment from other students or faculty. They feel accepted and find both students and faculty friendly and helpful.

"If a disabled student needs help, it is just as you would any student on campus."

Powers lifts herself up

Melissa Powers (Vicki), a 35-year-old student at Highline Community College, has great determination in her life by, ironically, having to spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair.

Powers was 18 when she was in a car accident. She severed her spinal chord which resulted in her being a quadruple amputee (all four limbs impaired) and spent four months in a hospital recuperating physically and mentally, more physically than mentally. "I didn't allow myself to get discouraged. You step before you get too discouraged and then go back to it. I try to use this in my everyday life; it avoids depression," said Powers.

If she had been depressed, it would have been understandable. After the accident, she was transferred out of state to Houston, where she recovered at the Texas Rehabilitation and Research, the largest rehabilitation center in Texas and considered by many to be one of the best in the country.

While she was there without family or friends she had to learn how to do all the everyday chores. Powers had to learn how to use a pencil and eat with a fork and how to adapt to other equipment most people take for granted in their daily lives.

Strangely enough, physical therapy may have been the most enjoyable part of her stay. She had to build her strength back. Along with stretching, Powers also had to lift weights which, by coincidence, she had enjoyed doing before the accident.

She has her wheelchair stop her from falling. She lifts almost every day in the weight room. "It's enjoyable and beneficial to my health," said Powers.

Weightlifting isn't the only thing she does well. Powers has taught herself to crochet. She makes baby blankets, which she sells. She also enjoys listening to a wide variety of music, but lists Country Western as her favorite. Powers lives in a condo by Puget Sound. For relaxation she says she loves to watch the sun go down by the water.

"I enjoy cooking for people. That's my way of loving them," said Powers.

This quarter marks the beginning of her second year at Highline. Three years ago, when she moved to the Seattle area, she never with the intention of going to school. She chose Highline because of its accessibility, but also because she got involved and found that Highline had the ability to provide her with needed assistance and personal service.

"The instructors and staff have gone out of their way every time I have needed help at Highline, a successful one," said Powers.

She is presently taking courses in the Engineering Program. She works for the Easter Seal Society in the Architectural Bureaus Department. She goes out on a sista as an apartment complex, and makes sure that the builders are following codes set in 1986. When Powers travels, she has to find her own transportation. She has the physical ability to drive a vehicle made for someone in a wheelchair but doesn't have access to one. She used to take the bus, but found it to be a "pain."

Now she travels with Reserve A Rider, a program through Metro. "They're helpful to me. I call them 46-72 hours in advance and they pick me up at my door. I don't have to worry about buses being late or wasting in the rain. And people have input on any changes that may be needed," Powers added. "Thanks to all the people and their help for trying to make this campus easier for the physically handicapped. Nobody else who has a limitation."

Photo by Anthony Longhi
Focus

overcome by students

Most people think that people who have physical disabilities are sheltered from the real world. Not necessarily true. Katie MacDougall who is hearing impaired is as independent as the next person.

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She chose Highline because of its courses but also because she didn't want to go to a special school for hearing impaired.

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She wasn't aware of the excellent services which Highline offered for people with physical disabilities.

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Focus Editor

Jeff Connon

Student travels toward a hearing society.

Her goals are not unlike others her age who want to travel and make their own living and be self supporting.

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The student at Highline Community College doesn't want to spend all her life in one little corner of the world; she wants to travel. Already she has traveled to Mexico, Disney Land, Disney World, Oregon, Wyoming, Montana and is in the process of planning a trip to Las Vegas.

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Former student reaches the stars

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Staff Writer

If you recall Dolly Parton, Lisa Minnelli, Coach John Madden, Prince, Rambo, or almost any other personality to appear at your party or function, Jerry Harper is the man to see.

The one qualification he makes is that you can’t expect the real person, only a professional imitator.

Harper, a former Highline Community College student, has been managing these professional impersonators with his agency, Celebrity Look-a-Likes of the Northwest. His employees impersonate famous people at parties or events, charge rent, and make appearances at charity events.

In short, they are in any situation where a real celebrity might be desired, but the availability of the real person or high cost makes booking them unfeasible.

Harper says that it wasn’t a hunch but more of a brainstorm type of idea to start the agency; it just evolved.

“I was working in Reno, Nevada, and people would say that I looked a lot like Sylvester Stallone or Rocky,” said Harper. “At first I took it as an insult, you know, ‘Yo! Admiration!’ That sort of thing, but then I thought, ‘You know, I wasn’t a jerk. I wasn’t too happy to have people see me as looking like a person like that.”

But his reluctance gave way when a Hollywood agent asked him if he would like to be a celebrity impersonator. Harper took third. His employees impersonate famous people at parties, film openings, and charity events.

If you need Dolly Parton, Liza Minnelli, or Coach John Madden, Harper is your go-to person. Some clients, he says, have even paid him to impersonate the Pope!

If you want to start a business in entertainment, you should consider the type of business you really want to be in. Jerry Harper is the man to see. The possibilities are unlimited.

Kollen Jenne
A & E Editor

Jim Hendrix
Live at Winterland
San Francisco

Ryko Disc

Oct. 11 marked the twentieth anniversary of the legendary concert in the history of rock and roll. San Francisco’s legendary “Winterland” was the site of a three-day extravaganza of sound that would include the likes of Steve Winwood, the Allman Brothers, and the Grateful Dead.

You can now buy “Live at Winterland,” a live album that was previously available only in compact disc format. This represents the best example of life Jim Hendrix. The album has been beautifully transferred to extremely high quality vinyl - clear vinyl that is.

The inside of the album cover is a black and white photograph of Jim Hendrix in a black jacket and sunglasses. The packaging, however, is no small representation of the quality of the album contained within. Quotations by the album’s creator are inspiring for any rock fan. This album is an essential ingredient in any rock purist’s collection.

Outside of Jim Hendrix standards like “Little Bird,” “Are You Experienced?” “Voodoo Child (Slight Return)” “Hey Joe,” “Purple Haze,” “Wild Thing,” and “Helter Skelter,” this album offers several songs which are very rare. In fact, four of the songs which can only be found on this album.

Some of the rare gems on this album are “March of the Green,” “Sweet Home Alabama,” “Fire,” and “Fire,” which is a blues standard written by Howling Wolf (aka Chester Burnett), and Red House.

 recommended Hendrix Recordings

Live Albums:

- Are You Experienced?
- Electric Ladyland
- Band of Gypsys
- Electric Ladyland
- Live at Winterland

Recommended Hendrix Recordings

- Lake of the Possibilities
- Dreamland

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- Band of Gypsys
- Electric Ladyland
- Fillmore East

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- Electric Ladyland
Foster accuses public of apathy

Joy Irwin  
Senior Staff Writer


Foster plays the victim of the rape, Sarah Tobias. Sarah is a woman who likes to go to bars and blow off some steam by having a good time. A good time, that is, until the rape.

After the rape, Sarah is sided in her case against the rapists by Katherine Murphy (McGillis). McGillis, who also appeared in films such as "Witness" and "Road to Perdition," is superb in this film. She is completely believable in this role and had me wondering for my lawyer if I ever need one.

I have never been a really big fan of Jodie Foster, but if she keeps this up she's going to have to revise my opinion. In fact, the next time I hear her name, I'd rather it be after the words, "And the winner of the Academy Award for Best Actress is..."

Of course, even with great actors such as McGillis and Foster you still need a great script for them to work with and this movie definitely has one. There have been several rape cases on which the writer, Tom Topor (who also wrote "Nuts"), has put so much into a script that you can't help but enjoy it. Anyone who can direct well and has this much talent doesn't make the audience in the theater become the victim of the movie, but his direction is superlative. A number of scenes, including a picture of a girl on a rainy day, are particularly touching and very well done. Viewers might be a bit uneasy viewing this film, but it is a 4.00 G.P.A. A rape happens every six seconds and "One out of every four rapes has more than one assaul- tant." I'm extremely glad that the producers chose to include this message at the end because this movie not only touches the public but then also gives them some kind of idea just how serious a crime rape is.

But as I said before, the strongest points of the movie were the performances of McGillis and Foster, especially Foster. To sum it up, this movie was excellent, I rate it at a 4.00 G.P.A.

Photos hold Washington's past

Tiffney Stuck  
Staff Writer

"One heart-pounding manner, one roller-skating nun, one snarling elementary school girl, and a pot of 4,000 other signs of life in Washington state were captured on Sept. 23, 1983. Photographically captured that is.

It was the "Washington Dayshoot," in which about 127 professional photographers from all over our state participated. They produced some 4,000 prints in the 24 hour period, 40 of them being exhibited at the Kent Public Library.

The "Washington Dayshoot" was a take off of "One Day in the Life of America" featured in a 1970 issue of Life magazine. The idea has been duplicated by Australia, Oregon, and now Washington.

Some of the photographs were really impressive. A number of them are emotionally captivating. They include: a picture of a girl leaning from the back window of a car cruising a Spokane street and an elderly man playing guitar for his 107-year-old mother and one particularly touching photo of newborn Crystal Diederick with her mother, who had just discovered a kidney donor could not be found in time to save her young daughter's life.

The photographs are many, varied, and very well done. Viewing them might be a fun thing to do on a rainy day.

"Sister Frances Bittorman" - the roller-skating nun

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Men's team "hoops" for success

Rob Abbott
Staff Writer

When Highline Community College's basketball season starts Nov. 25, Coach Fred Harrison has hopes for one of the best seasons in years. The Thunderbirds bring back three starters from last year to go along with an excellent core of freshman prospects.

Returning at the forward-center position are Jeff Coleman, a strong inside player, and Jerry Bush, who last year was a Region One all-star. Coming back to quarterback the offense is point guard Tom Turcotte.

Among the incoming freshmen are forward Terri Mesner and point guard Mark Schelbert, both long-range shooting stars from Bethel High School. Setting the pace with a strong work ethic is Forward Eric Weter from Juanita High School. Coach Fred Harrison says of Weter: "He's real aggressive out there. He sets a tone for the others to follow."

There, six players, along with freshmen Paul Clark and Eric Christianson, have been together at Highline for more than six months, now, playing in spring and summer leagues. Harrison sees this as important because it is hard to establish continuity on the community college level. "It's very frustrating with only two years..."

As soon as you develop a team concept, it's time to start over."

But Harrison, who has been coaching at Highline for 15 years, enjoys his role as coach and teacher and sees it as much more than basketball. "I tell my players that basketball is a temporary thing. Their primary goal here is to get an education. I'm looking to develop the whole person. I'm lucky; I have good people as well as good basketball players."

Filling out the roster are: six-foot-three forward Phil Feliciano from Margarita High School; six-foot-four guard Jump Wrege from Lake Quinault; and five-foot-five guard Rod Graven from Chief Seattle High School.

Also on the coaching staff are Jim Tevis and Joe Colaluca.

Basketball schedule: Nov. 24 & 25 time-TBA, @ Green River Community College; Women's basketball schedule: Nov. 24 & 25 time-TBA, @ Green River Community College.

Coach Harrison expects 110 percent from each and every player.

Photo by Anthony Lingi

"Men's team can hardly wait for the season opener. Photo by Virgil Stadig.

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Jenny Kuehlthau
Staff Writer

Highline Community College's women's basketball team is in a winning streak. -- seven straight league wins to be exact. With the new season approaching, Dale Bolinger knows the only way his team can continue the tradition is through commitment and preparation.

Bolinger, who has coached basketball for 18 years, has been through commitment and preparation. Harrison knows the only way his team will be fairly balanced is through conditioning his team one hour a day, since the beginning of the quarter. With the help of new assistant coach Glenn DeLisle, the team is preparing for an exciting season which Bolinger says will be worth watching.

Last season, the Lady Thunderbirds finished with a 27-4 record. The team made it to the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAC) championship game against Skagit Valley, a team they had previously beaten three times during the season. Although they lost and came in second, Bolinger had nothing but praise for his athletes.

Taking over the position of assistant coach is DeLisle, who had previously coached at the high school level in Olympia.

The team's first big scrimmage hosted by Green River will be held over Thanksgiving Day weekend. Among Highline's major competitors will be the defending NWAC champions Skagit Valley, along with Green River and Bellevue. With a 27-game schedule ahead of them, the Lady Thunderbirds are preparing for a championship season.

"It's a super activity," said Bolinger, "I'm proud to be coaching in the women's system."

"It was an awesome game," said Bolinger. "We played well."

Looking back at the upcoming season with four returning players and 11 newcomers, Bolinger says the team will be fairly balanced and very mobile, allowing them to fit in with the fast-paced game style associated with basketball.

Although the team does not have much height, they will make up for it in quickness.

"We have good skills and a lot of hustle," said freshman Kelly Anderson, who previously played for Fife.

Misty Reimer, who played for Auburn High School last year, said, "We're good all the way down the bench."

One of the returning players, Chris Maple, will be invaluable as a point guard due to his excellent ball-handling skills. Last year after making the switch from forward to point guard, Maple became the team's best three-point shooter. Also returning are Mary Force, Angale Pettinella and Shelly Cooper.

One of the reasons the team has been successful is good recruiting. Bolinger has managed to get high school standouts from local schools such as Everett and Auburn, as well as players from Olympia, Sequim, and Spokane. Reimer said Highline's previous records and the fact that "they're a good team" persuaded her to play basketball at Highline.

Another key to Bolinger's success is his commitment to the game and his players. "It's a super activity," said Bolinger. "I'm proud to coach in the women's system."

"He's really enthusiastic about playing basketball," Anderson agreed.

Bolinger attributes much of the success of the past three years to his former assistant coach Kelly Beymer. Beymer left after last season to turn her attention to coaching softball and being a commissioner to the NWACC.

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Hotdoggers rejoice: Ski slopes "express" high tech

Sara Green
Staff Writer

Start waxing your skis, dressing your wool socks and getting that boys bag ready; ski season is just around the corner. Starting the end of November, the opening date depends on sufficient snow base to begin the yearly downhill season. Several changes occurred over the summer at local favorite ski areas to improve lift capacity, transportation needs and lodge facilities.

Silver Fir triple chairlift, constructed at the east end of Silver Fir, is the 51st chair for the Big Three ski complex. The tower and base area were completed at the end of November, the opening date depends on a sufficient snow base to begin the yearly downhill season. The chair serves 1,040 vertical feet of terrain; the length of the chair is over 4,000 feet which is approximately a 25% grade. Its automated system moves around the terminal, but can be converted in future years to a high-speed, high-capacity lift.

"The "Rambler Express" is such a lift now. It will transport skiers from the base to the summit in less than 1/2 minute, that's twice as fast as the old chair 2 lift. To ensure ample time to load and unload passengers, the chair automatically detaches from the high-speed cable onto a rail system which travels around the terminal at lower speed. The chair, once safely loaded or unloaded, accelerates and reattaches to the high-speed cable.

Silver Fir triple chairlift, an 11-passenger gondola, was added at the east end of Silver Fir Village to the Roundhouse is 18 minutes, a trip which took 45 minutes by chairlift last season. The ski complex is home to an expanded ski rental and repair shop, ski school, patrol room, the Short Run Deli, restrooms and administrative offices.

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Blackcomb's $14 million dollar expansion this year is nearing completion and expanding trails. The next 15 seasons brought Ed Glass, Rod Mcker, Terry Cushman and Chris Helm across the finish, with Helm coming in first.

The team scores showed HCC 55 points in front of its closest competitor Spokane, with HCC scoring 19 points and Spokane CC finishing with 74.

At the Regional Championships on Nov. 5, 1975, HCC again led the pack by holding the top ten places.

Walter won the race in 21.12 while Hawkins crossed the 4.2-mile course in 21.9. Helm was next while Mcker, Leonard and Burrel finished the top ten places.

Goller repeats as champ

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