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Candidates make election pitch

By Menna Tesfatsion
Staff Reporter

Three candidates from the 33rd District for the Washington state Senate and House of Representatives met last Wednesday at a forum at Highline in anticipation of the Nov. 4 election.

They drew straws to see who would deliver the first blow. Democrat incumbent Sen. Julia Patterson won the draw over her challenger, Republican Senate candidate John Creighton. State

Rep. Rod Blalock spoke alone because his Republican House hopeful Jim McCune could not attend.

Patterson began and the first weapon in her arsenal was a pre-



Patterson

pared script that told of how the Legislature truly is. "I am the only one that comes home to three kids with homework. The majority of the Legislature is retired men that have not stepped into the classroom for decades.



Creighton

I bring them back to reality. "Schools need to provide alternatives for teenagers," Patterson said while discussing her philosophy on deterring juvenile crime.

"The state should assume full responsibility for funding higher education, making raises in tuition predictable and fair."

"We hear of how bad things are around us, but we never hear of the good," Patterson said. "In

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Photo by Bruce Jarrell

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Library highest crime area at Highline

By Christl Croft
and Carrie Sukert
Staff Reporters

The most dangerous place for theft on campus is the Library, college officials say.

Although students may worry more about their unattended cars in the campus parking lots, more theft actually occurs when students leave book bags unattended outside the Library and outside the bookstore.

Signs have been posted all around the Library, warning students not to leave their valuables alone. Recently, two students fell victim to such theft in a span of five minutes.

Security and Library officials say theft is not a big problem



anywhere on campus, and say students can take steps to protect themselves.

Textbooks are a frequent target of thieves, especially early in the quarter when students

need textbooks for their classes.

"The Library is one of the leading places where theft is experienced," said Lynne King, a librarian who works at the circulation counter.

"We have seen thieves get caught in the Library," she said.

According to King, students think the Library is a safe place to leave belongings lying around. Last week, two thefts occurred in the Library.

Sometimes personal items get left behind.

King said, in one week alone, the Library collects approximately 10-15 personal belongings, ranging from purses to calculators.

Many students in the Library said they do, in fact, leave their

belongings lying around while they go to the bathroom, or while they are getting a book of some sort.

"It depends on who is around. If there is no one around then I will bring my belongings with me, if there is someone around, I will ask them to watch my books while I go somewhere," said student Matt Carlsen.

Others are more careful.

"I get a little nervous if I have to go somewhere and leave my bag alone," said Jennifer Vogtsberger.

King said because students tend to go to the Library and sleep, thieves have a window of

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New program ships students into jobs

By Petr Borishkevich
Staff Reporter

Highline's Freight Forwarding program of two years is moving students out the door and into jobs.

Freight Forwarding provides customer service education for employment with air/ocean cargo companies, freight forwarders, consolidators, and import/export.

"It is not driving with a forklift and moving stuff," said Kathy Dunn, chairwoman of the Business Division at Highline.

If you want to get an education and skills for a career with a future, this is the right place to be, program officials said.

About 15 to 20 students are enrolled in the class, ages 20 to 50.

"The majority of the teachers in Freight Forwarding are working full-time in the transportation and freight industry, and some of them have worked for



Daniel Ngatia, a freight forwarding student, investigates maps.

Photo by Bruce Jarrell

years in freight industries," Dunn said.

This class is different from others in that there are no books.

Instead, students use handouts, freight materials, notes, and videos. Classes include such topics as introduction to transportation,

managing customer service, business machines, and ocean freight documentation.

Growing international trade and a location near the ports of Seattle and Tacoma and Sea-Tac International Airport all make freight forwarding a particularly promising field in this region in particular.

According to the Washington Council on International Trade,

one in five jobs, or about 600,000 jobs, is directly related to international trade.

"I work at Boeing. Management wants me to take classes in the transportation field at Highline college. They want to transfer me to another position," said student Don Pomer, 36.

Linda Treasure, 40, wants to research which company needs workers in the freight forwarding field, and how much they pay.

"I would have no problem finding a job after graduation. A lot of companies call Highline College for graduates in the freight forwarding field," Treasure said.

A certificate of completion requires 57-63 credits and usually takes one full year to complete. The certificate provides a general knowledge of cargo operations.

An Associate of Applied Science degree is also available in General Business with emphasis in Freight Forwarding. It requires 100-102 credits and takes two years to complete.

Beginning salaries in freight forwarding range from \$8 to \$10 an hour, and managers' salaries run from \$35,000 to \$50,000 annually.

UW-Tacoma to offer scholarship

By Shannon Stroud
Staff Reporter

One top student from each of six local community colleges will be granted a full-ride scholarship to the University of Washington-Tacoma as early as next fall.

"We are the only college in the state of Washington that offers this type of scholarship," said Vicky Carwein, Dean and Vice Provost of UW-Tacoma.

Carwein was at Highline yesterday to talk about the Next Step Scholar Endowment Program.

This scholarship is targeted

toward community college students so they can stay in the Puget Sound area.

Before the scholarships can be handed out, however, UW-Tacoma will need to raise \$1.5 million.

"Any contributions to this will be greatly appreciated," said John Idstrom, director of development for UW-Tacoma.

Scholarship winners will be chosen primarily on grade point average. Leadership and community involvement will then be considered. Although an Associate of Arts degree is not required, 90 credits toward the degree is recommended.

UW-Tacoma is currently offering programs including nursing, liberal studies and business. Carwein said they would like to add a science program, but they also need to raise more money for this to happen.

Each scholarship is valued at about \$12,000. Other colleges participating include Tacoma, Green River, Pierce, Olympic, and South Puget Sound.

"Because we are an upper-division school, the community colleges are our lifeblood. This scholarship will help to strengthen the already-strong ties between our institutions," Carwein said.

News briefs


Win \$200 certificate to HCC bookstore

The financial aid office is offering a \$200 gift certificate to the bookstore for the winner of the Design the Bulletin Board contest, being held during the month of November.

All students are eligible to try to decorate the informational

bulletin board outside of the financial aid office. A meeting will be held Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. in Building 8 in the conference room. Information will be given about deadlines, board size, and information that must be included.

Corrections: The names of Steve Pinney and John Gans were misspelled in the "Alcohol week goes unnoticed" story in the Oct. 16 issue.

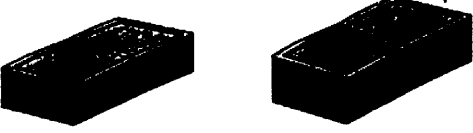


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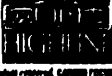
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Students feel safe, but want change

By Shannon Stroud
and Nathan Golden
Staff Reporters

Ninety percent of Highline students feel safe on campus but think there is room for improvement, according to a survey.

Students want more frequent parking lot checks, with a high emphasis on the Midway lot; better lighting for evening classes;

quicker responses to reports; security cameras; and more security guards on bikes.

Richard Fisher, head of Campus Security, hopes within the next two years the Legislature will provide more funding for further security upgrades, including, possibly, cameras for parking lots.

The survey polled 100 students on campus last week. Some 61 percent agree that Security is doing an effective job protecting them. But many said the only time they see or hear of Security is when they issue parking tickets. One student even questioned if Security was on campus.

"It is our job to enforce parking," Fisher said.

At least one 18-year-old female respondent said she does not feel safe on campus.

"I was verbally and physically threatened by two students, with witnesses to testify," she wrote. "When I reported the situation, they (Security) said there was nothing they could do. Then I was assaulted; that's when they actually did something."

Fisher said he didn't know of any women who have been assaulted. He said that anyone who is threatened should report the situation, and speak with the dean of students.

Sixty-nine percent of students feel reasonably safe leaving their cars in campus lots.

"But I would feel better if someone was present in the lots, at all times," said one student.

Several students said they use theft-protection devices such as The Club and security alarm systems as a way of preventing car theft. Others remove their stereos or hide their high-priced items under seats.

There have only been three reported break-ins this quarter.

"I don't know why they would go unreported. You need a police report to turn into your insurance company," Fisher said.

Highline security qualified for job

By Christi Croft
Staff Reporter

Highline's security say they are not just "rent-a-cops."

Highline Police Chief Richard Fisher says he makes sure the new recruits are fully qualified. Fisher worked for the State Patrol for 25 years, and was a Sergeant at Arms for the state Senate for four years.

Two types of security officials police the campus: police officers and security guards.

Highline police officers are to perform general duty police work to protect life and property. They enforce laws, and prevent and investigate crimes.

A police officer must have a high school diploma or equivalent; be 21 years old; have no previous felony convictions; have two years of full-time college in Police Science or allied field; or one year of police or campus security experience.

Demetria Guillen has been on Highline's police force for eight years. Prior to being at Highline, Guillen was in the military for three years.

She said that most of the police officers working at Highline have some military experience.

The new recruits also are



Photo by Norman Godwin
A security guard writes a ticket for a parking violation.

evaluated for driving skills, ability to follow instructions, training, and physical and personal qualifications.

Guards maintain the campus security by inspecting buildings and grounds. Requirements include having the physical capacity to perform duties; possession of a valid driver's license; and no previous felony convictions.

The requirements for being a Highline officer are basically the same as those for the Des Moines Police Department.

Highline Security works with the Des Moines Police for bicycle training, and the sharing of information.

Highline currently has five full-time, and four part-time officers. They do not carry guns.

Highline Officer Reggie Snowden said at times he would like to be armed for safety reasons, but overall he feels safe without a weapon with him.

"The number of officers we have right now is a decent amount for this campus," Fisher said.

Some Highline students agree with Fisher's statement.

"I don't think we need any more officers on campus. I think the officers we have are doing a great job," said Highline student Micah Bolar.

Others think differently.

"I see one to two officers a day in the parking lots. I would like to see them more on campus," said Nicole Radzik. "Overall, I feel safe at Highline."

Highline has installed emergency call boxes in some buildings. These boxes, installed this summer, will make it easier to reach the Security Office in case of an emergency.

Until recently, the boxes were not labeled and the office had been receiving false calls. The security office said that it is no longer having this problem, but is asking that the buttons are not pushed unless there is a true emergency.

Theft

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opportunity to steal at that time.

"Last year, a student fell asleep with his belongings right beside him, when he woke up he found that he had gotten pick-pocketed in his sleep," King said.

"The thieves who commit these crimes will take anything that is valuable to them," she said.

"The most common thing lately has been the theft of textbooks. Thieves steal the textbooks, and then they sell them," said King.

King also said that she, as well as many other Library workers, believe that these criminals are not just students, but outsiders as well.

King also believes that the thieves work in teams.

"Students just need to be more aware of their surroundings," said King.

Library staff are making more frequent walk-throughs of the building to deter thieves.

Students also get hit when they follow bookstore rules and leave bookbags outside while they're inside shopping.

"The way to keep your objects safe without carrying them around with you all day is to rent a locker in Building 8 for just a quarter," said Security



Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Students who are diligently studying are easy prey for thieves.

Officer Demetra Guillen.

Highline Police Chief Richard Fisher says it is up to the students to make sure their personal items do not get stolen.

"It is the student's responsibility to take their belongings with them at all times," Fisher said.

According to Fisher, the cafeteria, Library, and vehicles are the hot spots for theft.

"Theft occurs at all different times of the day, but mostly during the morning and early afternoon classes," said Fisher.

"If a student were to come

with me right now, I would be able to show them at least 10-12 cars that are unlocked or that have valuables that are out in the open," said Guillen. "You are your worst enemy."

Fisher said that in most cases, the people who commit crimes are not caught by the security officers.

"It's not our fault that we can't be everywhere at once," Guillen said.

Fisher has only been here since May 1995, and in that time he has not seen a thief caught.

Fisher said that once the thieves are caught, the Des Moines Police Department is in charge of what actions will be taken.

If it is a felony, the criminal may be sent to jail. If it's a misdemeanor, they will most likely get a ticket, and get sent to a court hearing.

"What happens to the criminal is up to the Des Moines Police," Fisher said.

"The best thing the students can do is to be more aware, and take responsibility for their belongings," he said.

Editorial

Candidates should abide by the rules

This year's student-at-large elections may have produced a record setting turnout, but left a bad example for candidates and the students they represent.

According to the current Associated Students of Highline Community College (ASHCC) campaign rules, candidates are limited to only 30 pieces of written material. Yet almost all of this fall's candidates broke this rule by a substantial amount.

Violators, according to the rules, could run the risk of forfeiting the election, but no disciplinary action was enforced. In fact, candidates were given permission to break campaign rules by the director of student programs.

Rules and guidelines are used in order to keep the campaigns fair and equal, so as not to give any one candidate an advantage over the others.

Why have rules and guidelines if you're not going to enforce them?

Campaigning of this nature doesn't teach students respect for the law. This in part shows the problem that many politicians have in society today, with their lack of respect toward rules and regulations.

Granted, 30 pieces of campaigning material isn't reasonable by today's election standards, but rules are rules.

If the student programs office was going to allow candidates to have more than 30 pieces of written material, then they should have used established procedures: Convene the appropriate body of student government, and vote to change the rules.

Another major violation of campaign etiquette was campaigning too close to the voting booths.

Many candidates were seen soliciting votes actually at the voting booths. No place else in the United States is this allowed.

This behavior shouldn't have been allowed to happen. Student government has noted this problem, and has made it a priority to rectify it for future elections.

Exercise your right to vote next week

The Washington state general elections are nearly here. The general election is scheduled for Nov. 4. Polling hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This is everyone's chance to personally make a difference in your community.

Using your right to vote is one of the single most effective ways to voice your opinion.

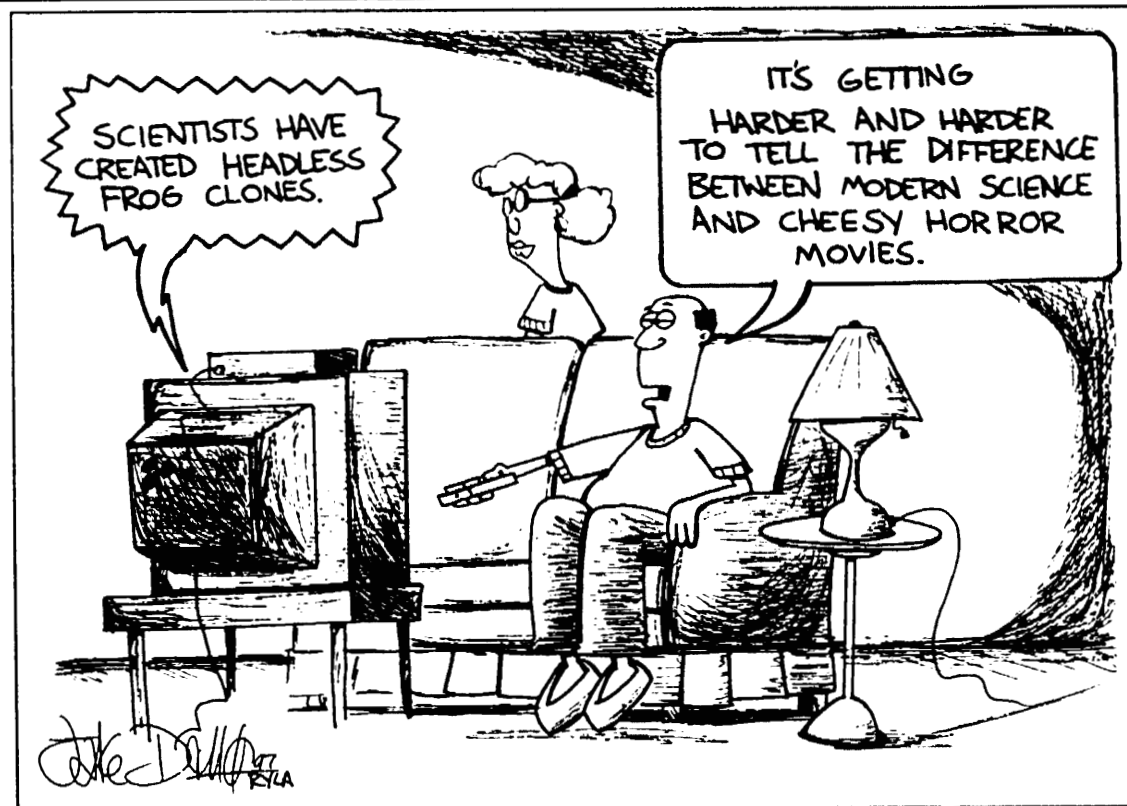
If you are not currently registered to vote, it's too late for this election. This doesn't mean you shouldn't bother, however. There are several ways to register, such as "Motor Voter" registration, which is offered when you renew or apply for your driver's license. Mail-in registration forms are available from your county auditor or elections department as well as many public libraries, schools and other government offices. A voter registration form can even be obtained via the Internet by logging on to <http://www.wa.gov/sec/voting/regform.htm>.

Many candidates and initiatives are being voted on this year, so it's very important to be well-educated on the candidates and issues on the ballot.

In-depth information on all the candidates, as well as the initiatives and referendums to be voted on, can be found in the official voter's pamphlet.

Pamphlets can be picked up at any local library and post office.

Election information can also be found by visiting the Secretary of States's on-line voter guide at www.wa.gov/sec/.



Letters to the Editor

Alcohol week did raise some awareness

Dear Editor:

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week is a time to acknowledge and educate others about the effects of drunk driving, and the effects of alcohol consumption poisoning. There are many people who have been affected and victimized by this issue, many of those have resulted in death. This is a very serious issue, and it is nationally recognized in October.

This is the main message I was trying to convey throughout the week. I beg to differ with the article title "Alcohol Awareness Week goes unnoticed." To me, that was the exact opposite; there were quite a few students who stopped for a moment to look at the damaged vehicle (that was parked outside of Building 8), and then looked at the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week sign and asked questions to inquire about the significance of the week. Whether or not they became experts about his issue, they became aware. Anytime one becomes aware, they are able to open their minds and give ideas a second thought. My main intention was to give other students and idea to think about. I was very disappointed with how the article was presented. The article should have been more focused on the seriousness of this awareness week, not on "How is Yenerma's version of Alcohol Awareness Week going?" Again, I want people to be aware about the issue, and not aware about the turnout.

I would also like to clarify a phrase that was wrongly put. "She said she didn't get help from other student government members," was not interpreted correctly. The question was vaguely answered as it was gen-

erally asked. I want to specify that the ASHCC Student Government each have their own individual roles and responsibilities. We work on our own projects throughout the term. We also have our own objectives with our positions, but we all share the same mission, and that is to serve the students.

I want to express my deepest sincerity to Nelson, Paul, Alexandria, Moira, and Bettina. They are very energetic and positive people, who are dedicated to improving the atmosphere at Highline Community College. Whether it be having a Clubs and Organization Officers' Training, Elections Video

Format, organizing a Formal 33rd District Legislative Candidate Forum, conducting an Evening Student Orientation, or having a giving tree for children with HIV and AIDS, and many more; they work very hard to see it happen. They, like myself, want to make a difference in other peoples' lives. You guys, this was a mix-up. I hope you know that I think you all are wonderful, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Yenerma De Las Alas
Student-at-Large

P.S. Congratulations to the new S-A-L John Rugan and Raul Sedano.

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We're the people our parents warned us about.

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Halloween comes to class with me

Nightmare on South 240th Street: "Oh, for the love of humanity, say it isn't so!"

My dream started pleasantly enough--in a classroom here at Highline. And Highline is a great place to be, because it's where the love is.

Class began, and the maimed and bloody professor walked in.

Lisa's World



By Lisa Curdy

There were three of him, and I don't know why.

Meanwhile, a small boy-child, no older than 6, walked zombie-style into the room. Must be a new fad, that "hey, look at me, I'm a crazy zombie," thing.

Let's call the boy Lionel.

Up to the pseudo-chalkboard he trudged, red dry-erase marker in hand.

Little loopy Lionel wrote, very assertively, MRETDIM on the board.

I'd never thought about buying stock in Depends Undergarments until that very moment, because I just about wet myself.

You see, MRETDIM backwards is midterm!

The students began rifling through their notes on subjects I'd never even heard of--scientific analysis of Madagascarian bullfrog immunizations, Atilla the Hun's third nipple, and the ever-popular mating rituals of the naked mole rat.

And I had to take a midterm on all of it.

Far off, an annoying beep became louder and louder until it was unbearable. I think my ears began to bleed.

A warm slime covered my lips, and I became frightened.

Trying to escape the craziness, I attempted to spring kangaroo-style out of my chair.

And then I woke up. To the sound of my alarm clock. With drool on my lips.

Man, did I feel like a fool. No midterm, no notes on nipples, and the worst part was, I forgot to turn off my alarm clock the night before.

It was Saturday.

Lisa Curdy is Arts Editor and was raised by wolves. Yep.

Buckle Up.



By Marisa Kind
Staff Reporter

Beware! Coming to Highline soon is a man determined to change your outlook on life and leave you feeling happy.

Chris Alpine, a comedian appearing Highline's Comedy Cafe, wants you to laugh.

"I want people to feel better when they leave than when they came in. I want to lift their moods, so...life seems a little bit happier," Alpine said.

Alpine is excited to perform at the Comedy Cafe at Highline on Nov. 7.

Alpine has appeared at many colleges and universities and has always enjoyed doing the shows.

"They're fun, because there is usually a good turn out, and they come to have a good time," Alpine said.

College audiences are "a little bit sharper and more in-tune with what is going on in the world," Alpine said.

But Alpine hasn't always been a comedian. In fact, he used to build log cabins.

After getting married, Alpine and his wife moved to Minnesota to live off the land.

They grew their own food and lived in a

house with no electricity or running water.

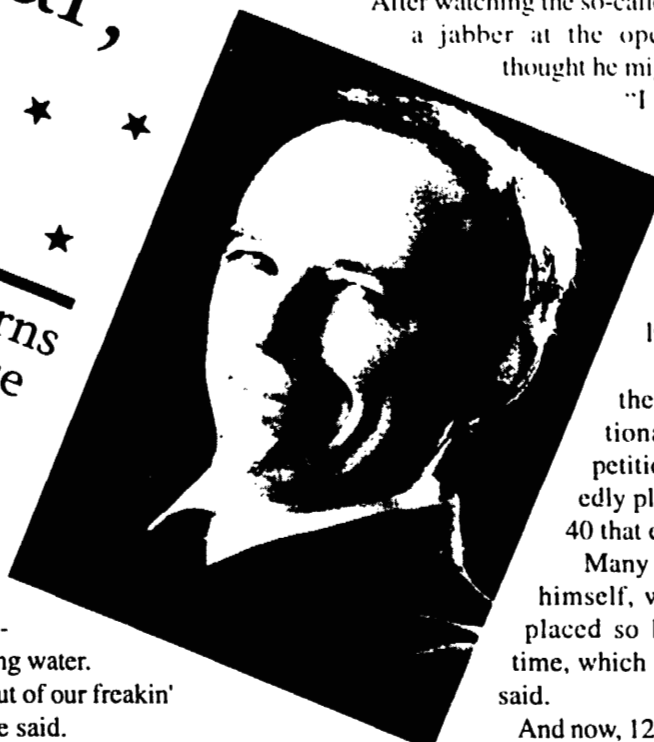
"We were out of our freakin' minds!" Alpine said.

Learning the trade of a carpenter, Alpine made a living in the summers by building log cabins. In the winter he wrote, because it was too cold to go outside.

After having enough of the pioneer life, Alpine divorced and moved back to his native hometown, birthplace and stomping ground, Seattle.

While teaching seminars at various colleges in the area on log cabin building, one

Big star,
small
school
Chris Alpine returns to Highline because the audience isn't smashed, and they get the jokes



of Alpine's students suggested he try stand-up comedy.

Alpine, taking him up on his advice, headed to a comedy club in Seattle to check it out.

After watching the so-called comedians take a jabber at the open mike, Alpine thought he might have a chance.

"I was thinking, I can do better than some of these guys," he said.

So, he went and tested his luck.

Alpine entered the Seattle International Comedy Competition, and unexpectedly placed 12 out of the 40 that entered.

Many people, including himself, were surprised he placed so high for his first time, which rarely happens he said.

And now, 12 years later, Alpine is still going strong.

Not only is Alpine busy almost every weekend doing comedy shows, he also stays busy during the week working on his own television shows.

Alpine is in the process of producing a 13-week series for KBTC-PBS series called "TV Dinners," where he will appear as the main cook.

"I love to cook!" Alpine said.

Halloween spooks for your little munchkins

By Santi Permpool
Staff Reporter

Grab your little ghouls and haul them to the fifth annual fall community carnival at the Klahanee Lake Community Senior Center, today from 6 to 8 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the City of Federal Way Parks and Recreation.

Cotton candy, carnival games and concession stands will be available to everyone.

It's a fun time for parents and kids of all ages to gather in a safe environment the eve of Halloween.

All proceeds go back to the carnival, making it bigger and better for years to come.

"It's a good time for the kids, and everyone wins," said Holly Peterson, arts and special events coordinator for the city of Federal Way.

"On average, approximately 500 people attend and about 350 of them are kids with their parents," Peterson said.

Admission into the carnival is free, however, the game tickets range from 25 cents - \$1.

Carnival workers will be dressed up in Halloween costumes, but the costumes worn at the carnival will not be too frightening.

The center is located at 33901 9th Ave. So. in Federal Way. For more information, call the City of Federal Way Parks and Recreation at (253) 661-4050.

It's a hypnotizing time

By Mike Stampalia
Staff Reporter

Listen carefully: You are feeling very, very sleepy. You're relaxed. Tomorrow, you will wake up and attend a presentation by hypnotist Robert Mac, noon - 1 p.m. in Building 7, the Lecture Hall. And you will like it.

The event, sponsored by Team Highline, will feature Mac explaining what he does, then hypnotizing 15 audience volunteers.

Mac is hoping for 40 or more people to attend.

Mac has been hypnotizing

people for 23 years, but this is his first time at Highline.

Hypnotism has been practiced since medieval times and has a purpose other than making people cluck like chickens.

Hypnosis can help people lose weight, quit smoking, or relieve stress.

Some say 15 minutes of being hypnotized is like two hours of deep sleep.

So sashay yourself down to Building 7 tomorrow for some serious laughs.

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Aging faculty face women once again

Annual game pits T-Birds against aged few

By K. M. Petersen
Staff Reporter

The Highline staff and faculty basketball team is convinced that this year is a shining opportunity to defeat the women's basketball team in their annual game on Nov. 14.

"We're trying as hard as we possibly can," history professor and faculty basketball coach Robin Buchan said.

Perhaps not hard enough, as his troops have been defeated in both of the past two years; once in overtime, and once by one point.

The staff and faculty of Highline have been playing the women's basketball team since the 1970s. The series was discontinued for about 10 years



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Faculty Coach Robin Buchan says his squad is old but wise.

before being resurrected three years ago, Buchan said.

This year's game will be played on Nov. 14 at 12:30 p.m. Admission to the event,

which benefits Northwest Harvest and the Des Moines Food Bank, will be \$1 or two cans of food.

"Back in the '70s we kept up

with them," Buchan said. "We're certainly much wiser. It's certain they've improved, because we've not degenerated."

Buchan has had a hard time gathering a team. "The problem is, some of the players have other things to do, like go out and take medicine," he said.

The aging staff/faculty team, which will feature players from many campus departments, was last victorious during the initial series. Buchan said, "We do have people who know how to win, but I think one or two have Alzheimer's, so they've forgotten."

Another problem facing the team is the lack of a dominant player. "We don't have a go-to guy yet...we're hoping in the next 30 years we can hire somebody like Michael Jordan," said Buchan.

However, according to Buchan, all the obstacles facing

his squad are minuscule in comparison to the burden of Athletic Director Fred Harrison's officiating.

"It's terrible. He thinks the women can't foul. Every time we simply knock someone down he (calls a foul)," Buchan said.

Harrison responded to his critic by commenting, "Actually, his evaluation improved, so I take it as a compliment."

Harrison also attacked Buchan's coaching, saying, "It's an embarrassment to the game."

"His team has so much to overcome with him as coach; it's insurmountable. He has such a huge ego, he should just step aside. He has no control over his team," Harrison said.

Harrison concluded his comments by launching a threat at Buchan's team. "If he tries to put any fingers in, like Joe Calloero or Cara Hoyt, I'll foul them out," he said.

Rippers bounce back, beat first place Skagit

By Nathan Golden
Staff Reporter

With a physical win over Wenatchee and a heart-stopping victory over Skagit Valley, the Highline men's soccer team proved its will to win.

Force of will may pave the T-Birds' way into the playoffs. Highline is in second place in the Eastern Division, behind Green River and followed closely by Spokane. The top two teams in each division advance; Highline has five regular season games left to play.

The T-Birds didn't leave anything on the field last week.

"You must give everything and want it," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

The "Rippers," as the team likes to be called, defeated Wenatchee 2-1 on Oct. 24.

Freshmen Gerry DiPietro and Mike DeSimone each scored a goal.

Sophomore Shobo Tilbury was taken out by a Wenatchee player and suffered a very painful knee injury.

Prenovost said they had to carry Tilbury off the field, but he came back and played a great game against Skagit Valley.



Jason Prenovost

Defender Ryan Hinkson had knee problems during the game and Steve Mullinax suffered bruised ribs when Wenatchee's goalie collided with him.

It was evident that fourth-place Wenatchee was taking its frustrations out on Highline, Prenovost said.

Great defensive play by Jeff Chamberlain was a key factor. "It was his best game up to date," Prenovost said.

Prenovost, although upset with the injuries, was glad to walk away with a victory on

Wenatchee's home field.

"Anytime you drive three hours to play, it almost magnifies the win," the coach said.

Highline defeated the North Division's first place team, Skagit Valley, 3-2. Prenovost said it was one of the best games he has ever seen.

Highline was down 1-0 going into half time, but Prenovost was not worried about losing.

"I was confident going into half," he said.

Freshman Randy Rolewicz said the coach was very calm and confident. "He told us what we needed hear," Rolewicz said.

Within the first few minutes of the second half, co-captain Tony Rolewicz hit a beautiful shot to tie the game at 1-1.

"He kept it low and buried it. It was a great shot," Prenovost said.

Prenovost said the team was waiting to erupt, and Rolewicz did what was needed to get the volcano going.

"One play can literally sway a game," Prenovost said, "Tony's goal was like turning a switch."

Skagit responded with a goal to reclaim the lead at 2-1.

But the Rippers were still on fire. Hinkson knocked in a header, bringing Highline even at 2-2.

"After Ryan's goal, we were going crazy," Rolewicz said.

Highline forward Mike DeSimone headed in the game-winning goal with about five minutes left.

Prenovost said DeSimone was tearing up Skagit's defense the entire game.

"He turned in a great game," Prenovost said. "He was working as hard as he could."

Rolewicz said it was a highly intense game, and added he has never had so much fun

while playing in a soccer game.

Coach Prenovost said that anyone who witnessed the game, would be a fan of Highline.

Highline will play Clark at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1 at Clark, and then travel to Edmonds on Nov. 5 for their 3 p.m. scheduled game.

The results from the Wednesday game against Bellevue were unavailable at press time.

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T-Bird netters come up short

By Jennifer Francis
Staff Reporter

The women's volleyball team lost once again.

Last Wednesday, Oct. 22 they lost against Shoreline 6-15, 7-15, 13-15.

Over the weekend the Lady Thunderbirds participated in a tournament hosted by Mount Hood.

They played in five matches against Treasure Valley, Clark, Clackamas, Columbia Basin, and Edmonds.

Despite an outstanding effort the T-birds lost all five matches, not even winning a game.

"Even though we lost, I was very happy with the way we played," Head Coach Tanya Burkett said.

A lot of coaches complimented our team which made me feel much better about our season," Burkett said.

The women Thunderbirds hope to finish strong, they have one more tournament and three matches remaining in the season.

"We have come a long way since the beginning of the season," Burkett said. "The girls are playing really solid as a team, that is all that matters to me."

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 31



Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Volleyball team practices its bumping technique at practice.

and Nov. 1, the team travels to Spokane to participate in one more tournament. They are hoping to pick up a couple of

wins to add to their record.

The team goes to Bremerton for a match against Olympic on Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.

School -- and life -- are a lot better with sports

I was walking around the Highline campus one day and I decided to take a stroll down to the Pavilion.

When I arrived, I opened the door to an empty, lifeless gymnasium with no banners of past NWAACC championships, not even any sporting equipment.

There were no basketball hoops or volleyball nets, not even wrestling mats. Bleachers were non-existent. It reminded me of a four-cornered room with no windows.

I woke up from this awful nightmare in a cold sweat, thinking to myself, "Sports would suck without school, or is that the other way around?"

Where would we be without sports in school?

Highline's enrollment would be cut, you and I would probably have less friends, and we might not have people like Fred Harrison, John Dunn, Margo Buchan, or Joe Callero, and the rest of the athletic department.

These athletes and coaches are some of the most animated people on campus. And the coaches aren't just coaches, they are also a very important nucleus to the teaching staff.

I guess there are some positives to having no sports. There would definitely be fewer parking piranhas.

But parking is not the point of this column. Parking will always be a problem.

I had never even been to an HCC basketball game until the end of last year. Their championship run was probably the most exhilarating time I had ever experienced.

The Tee Time

By T.M. Wyse

It gave not only the players and coaches something in common, but also any student or parent who was attending.

That goes for any sport. Right now the men's team is as hot as any sporting team in the state. Without injuries, the women's soccer team would be trying for its third championship appearance in three years.

In the winter it will be wrestling and men's and women's basketball. In the spring it will be softball and track.

Think way back to those grade-school days when you were wearing those knee-high socks and stylish first-year Michael Jordan basketball shoes that were priced at \$79 and probably cost two bits to make.

How many friends did you girls or guys make by playing in boys and girls club basketball, softball, and soccer with your peers from school?

Think about how many people you know on this campus that are in some way involved with Highline athletics.

Would you really like a world without basketball, football, soccer, track, baseball, apple pie and Chevrolet?

So if you didn't know that Highline had a basketball program or a soccer program, take time to find out when and where and go watch few games.

I guarantee that a lot of you have been missing out.

T.M. Wyse is sports editor of the Thunderword.

Women's soccer team sets new tie record

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

The Lady Thunderbirds tied Wenatchee Valley 2-2 on Saturday to set a new NWAACC record for ties in a season with their fifth tie of the year.

Highline led 2-0 early in the match before Wenatchee came back with two goals of their own to tie the contest.

Farah Wilcoxon and Teresa Almer-Aloe scored for Highline.

On Sunday the Thunderbirds tied first place Spokane 3-3 on the road after having led 3-1 earlier in the game.

One Spokane goal was contested by Highline players after an official ruled the ball had entered the goal before Farah Wilcoxon could clear it out.

"They said the ball went in the goal when it was obvious that it was way in front of the line. Farah might have been in but the ball definitely wasn't,"

Assistant Coach Tracy Brigham said. "In our hearts we know we won."

Jaime Johanson scored all three goals for the Thunderbirds.

The weekend's results gave the T-birds a somewhat dubious record.

"The girls are proud of the record," Brigham said.

The outlook for the playoffs isn't good.

With only the top three teams in each division earning a playoff berth, Highline trails Columbia Basin and Walla Walla by one point for the final playoff berth in the Northeastern division.

Columbia Basin and Walla Walla have five games remaining while Highline has only three.

"It's not mathematically impossible. The best scenario would require Columbia Basin to lose all of its games and that isn't going to happen," Brigham

said. "It's out of our hands."

After battling injuries all season and the toughest schedule in the league, the Thunderbirds aren't ready to pack it in even though they have very little chance of making the postseason.

Highline has games at home against Walla Walla at 3 p.m. Friday and Columbia Basin at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Pea Patch in Kent.

The Lady T-Birds finish up their season at Edmonds on Wednesday.

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Highline representatives to speak on importance of team

By L.M. Curdy
Staff Reporter

Two Highline students and one professor will travel to Alabama Nov. 3 to explain the importance of teams.

Derek Greenfield, sociology professor, was chosen to speak as a keynote speaker at the Reaching and Teaching conference for educators in Birmingham.

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1993 we passed legislation demanding the bar be raised in our schools by the 21st century."

John Creighton, a Seattle native, then stood and began his attack. He made no mention of government in the first three minutes of his five-minute monologue. The only thing discussed was John Creighton.

"I was a combat fighter pilot in Vietnam and spent 14 years in Houston with NASA," Creighton said. "I am now the public relations speaker for Boeing and also a test pilot."

After telling the audience his life story, he then discussed some of his views.

"I'm running because I don't like the way government is being run," Creighton said. "We are protecting the criminal instead of the victim."

"They need to be put away," Creighton said while discussing juvenile crime. "We need to really shake them up, we need to lock kids up the first time." He believes in boot camps for juvenile offenders.

"I will continue to make sure that anyone has the opportunity to get higher education that wants it," Creighton said.

Rep. Blalock began by relaying the World Series score.

"I was raised in South King County all my life," Blalock said.

"I, along with my wife, co-founded teen night which is an attempt to get kids of the streets and have fun," he said.

"Our children are our future," Blalock said. "We need to work with intervention and prevention."

"It is real sad that we look at bad juveniles and look over good kids. Lets not clump all kids together, kids in general get a bad rap," Blalock said.

"I will work to protect your right to have the opportunity to a affordable good education," Blalock said.

Jim McCune was not able to come. He sent his campaign manager, Chris Blanchards.

"Jim has lived in the area for 40 years. He runs an orphanage home and thinks the third runway (at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport) is a huge problem," Blanchards said.

ence for educators in Birmingham.

He had the opportunity to bring with him two students and give an additional presentation on Together Everyone Achieves More, or TEAM.

Students Moira Windon, Associated Students of Highline Community College club and organizations liaison, and Menna Tesfatsion, Team Highline

member, were chosen to attend because of their leadership skills, academic record, and involvement in the school.

"We're going to have a blast," Greenfield said. "We've been working hard to make this a great experience."

The goal of the trip to Alabama is "for educators to realize that team is the only way," Tesfatsion said.

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Paralegal orientation next week

Highline's paralegal program is having an informational meeting on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 6-7 p.m. in Building 7.

Faculty will be present to answer questions about the profession and Highline's program in an informal setting.

For more information, contact Joy Smucker, ext. 3856.



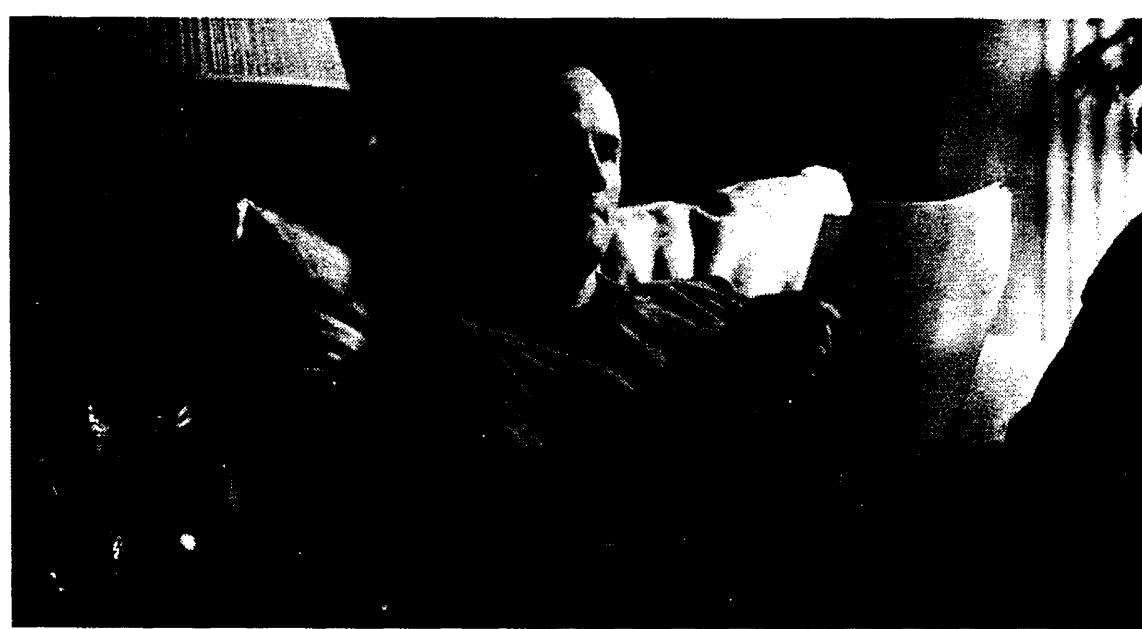
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