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I-200 is bad news, speaker says

By Sandra Kruize
Staff Reporter

Initiative 200 would end Affirmative Action, which is still needed, a noted diversity advocate said here Tuesday.

Tim Wise spoke to a standing-room-only crowd in Building 7.

"Initiative 200 is the biggest assault on Affirmative Action in this country," Wise said.

Washington state Initiative 200 appears on the November ballot. It would prohibit government from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.

The speaking event was sponsored by Student Government, and coordinated by Vice President of Legislation Riko Durrett. Wise is the author of "Little White Lies; The Truth about Affirmative Action," and founder of AWARE, Association for White Anti-Racist Education.

According to Wise, he is one of only five white males who are professional public speakers on social justice issues in the United States.

For almost an hour he spoke

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Halloween warm-up



Photos by Kirk Elliott and Raul Sedano

The Des Moines Haunted House has a volunteer staff of more than 500 people. On Monday all of the ghouls and goblins came out to play, after putting their makeup on, of course. The Des Moines Haunted House is located at 22030 Cliff Dr. S. at Des Moines Beach Park, and is sponsored by KZOK and proceeds go to the Des Moines-Midway Rotary Club.

College looks away on smoking

By Kim Hipol
Staff Reporter

Rumors that Highline's campus will become a non-smoking campus are not true. Any proposals for creating designated smoking areas are still smoldering in the ashtray of student government.

At the final student government meeting last spring, a student proposed creating designated areas for smoking, but never took it any further.

"Since that was proposed so late in the year, and students' minds aren't on starting new projects at that time, it was left at a suggestion," said Diane Anderson, director of Student Programs at Highline.

The administration is not planning on enforcing any restrictions on current smoking privileges outside, college officials say. If changes are going to be made, they will have to be initiated and followed through by the students.

"If students came up to me with a proposal and there was a majority of students in favor of making changes, I will work with them to get the necessary

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Election might mean something here

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

The upcoming election could have a large impact on Highline.

The two issues that affect the college directly are Initiative 200 and Referendum 49.

Initiative 200 is the so called Anti-Affirmative Action measure, which would prohibit Washington state government from discriminating or granting preferential treatment.

Referendum 49 would reduce the motor vehicle excise tax and would reallocate those funds from the state general fund in order to finance \$1.9 billion in state and local highway improvements.

The college has no official position on either I-200 or R-49.

"The college tries to stay on both sides," said Highline President Dr. Ed Command.

Less controversial than I-200, Referendum 49 could have the most effect on the college. Because it proposes to take money away from the state general fund it would reduce the amount of funding available for all publicly funded schools.

"[R-49] has the very real potential to leave the general fund short," Command said.

Command said that the college is very concerned about the possible effect of this bill.

According to Command, community colleges are usually the last ones to receive funding from the approximately one quarter of the budget used for schooling.

"We take the cut," Command said.

I-200 is by far the most controversial measure on the general election ballot, which contains measures regarding such hot button topics as marijuana and abortion.

Command says he has heard varying opinions on what effect I-200 would have on the college.

"There's so much rhetoric out there," Command said.

Command doesn't feel that the Initiative will have any noticeable effects.

Regardless of the results of the election Highline will be watching the upcoming legislative session closely.

"We expect this to be a difficult session," said Command.



Des Moines Police: Oct. 21:

Wednesday nearly ended with a bang. Around 7 p.m. a man walked into the lobby of the Des Moines Police Department. He was carrying with him a paper bag containing a tennis ball bomb that he claimed he found.

Thanks to the efforts of this man the entire police station had to be evacuated. People were required to stay outside of a designated blast radius until thirty minutes later when the county bomb squad arrived. Upon their arrival a robot was used to defuse the bomb.

It is still under investigation as to where the bomb originally came from.

The moral of this story is that if you should happen to find a bomb don't pick it up! Leave the explosive device where it is and call the police. This will help reduce the number of police station evacuations.

HCC Campus Security:

No crime to speak of for this week. However the primary responsibility of Chief Fisher and his squad of elite security personnel kept them plenty busy this past week. Ten cars needed jumping.

There is some speculation as to just what caused this rash of dead batteries. The leading theory is this: A certain weather pattern involving low hanging clouds reduced visibility, turning causing people to...

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Speech instructor is one busy guy

By Dalon Howard
Staff Reporter

Don Pitzer is a busy man. When he's not teaching speech at Highline, he's the owner and operator of a home-based business, Creative Communications.

Pitzer says the two actually work together, since both have the goal of helping people to communicate clearly.

Pitzer began teaching at area colleges in 1992, including Highline, Bellevue, Shoreline and Tacoma. He prefers Highline because of its good reputation for communications.

Pitzer was born in Tacoma. He attended Washington State University, majoring in communication.

In the early 1970s, Pitzer moved to Syracuse, N.Y. to continue his crusade in communication and marketing. He graduated from Syracuse University with a master's degree in com-

munications in 1976.

Pitzer moved to New York City, where he worked on a variety of advertising, including campaigns for American Airlines and Burger King.

In 1978 he moved to Los Angeles to write for a television comedy variety show.

"You don't see comedy like that anymore," said Pitzer. Pitzer wrote a number of skits and bits for various comic acts, including Andy Kaufman, David Steinberg and for the Dick Van Dyke Comedy Hour.

In 1979 Pitzer moved back to Seattle and got a job at KJR, where he primarily worked on radio station marketing and public relations. This is the same year he found the woman, who would later become his wife and mother of his three children.

"Jan, and our children daughter Happy 21, son Joel 15, and daughter Jana 13 have been a tremendous support," said Pitzer.



Don Pitzer

Pitzer started his business, Creative Communications, in 1982. What he does is gather information to put together speaker support presentation audio and videos aids, web sites, advertisements, brochures and packets, public and private. His mission was to help other businesses communicate their messages clearly.

Pitzer says he greatly enjoys

teaching here at Highline. The diversity of the college adds to the community, through the differences that each individual brings to the campus and the perspectives that they offer.

"The college emphasizes giving students a really good education and strong skills that will help them compete in today's job market," he said.

Pitzer says his biggest reward from teaching is the satisfaction of students who return to him with their success stories.

"The experiences of running a business and teaching helps me to grow and mature on a constant basis," Pitzer said.

"In these times we are such a dynamic culture our words, symbols and languages are constantly changing," Pitzer said. "The individual decides on their own interpretation of what is expressed. Communication is just one of the principles that we live by in order to understand each other's point of view."



Seminar to be held

Pacific Capital Consulting will be holding a series of seminars beginning in November here on campus. The seminars will be held on three consecutive Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in Building 19, room 109 and will cover such topics as investments, and retirement plans.

The pre-registration fee is \$59. To register or for information call Karen McGrann at (206)-340-2706 or email at info@pacificcapital.com

Former Highline Dean passes

Former Highline Dean of Students Jesse Caskey died last month at his home in Wisconsin. He served in the position (now known as vice president of students) in the '60s and '70s.

"He served Highline and the entire college system very well," said College President Ed Command. "His efforts pioneered an early model program for student services and he encouraged a student-centered approach to community college education long before we used this phrase in our tag line."

"Like many of our early faculty and staff members, his service to Highline helped make us what we are today," Command said.

Job Club meeting

The Job Club meets to today in Building 30 from noon-1:30 p.m. The topic will be "Job Search Via the Internet."

Also, a panel of employers will be on campus Nov. 5 to talk about job issues. The event will be held in Building 2 from noon-1:30 p.m. For more info call Ellison Ivory at ext. 3327.

Used book sale

The Friends of the Valley View Library are sponsoring the annual Used Book Sale and Trick-or-Treat Saturday, Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Valley View Library is located at 17850 Military Road South.

Forum to be held

Highline's Federal Way campus is holding a Women's Breakfast Forum on Thursday, Nov. 12 from 7:30-9 a.m. The subject will be, "What if the Hokey Pokey is What It's All About: Goal Setting in the Year 2000." The featured speaker will be Patt Schwab. For more info call 206-870-3757.

Corrections

ASHCC International Student Senator Mydung Tran's name was misspelled in last week's issue.

Also, the WPEA is not affiliated with the campus food drive.

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Home at Highline

Foster grandma works at Child Care Center

By Tami Stuart
Staff Reporter

As Lilia Arreola follows the children around cleaning up after them, she always has a smile on her face and looks forward to each day she comes to work.

Arreola, a 68-year-old mother of six and grandmother of three, has been working at the Child Care Center for the last two years.

Arreola is in the Grandparenting Program. This program, which places senior citizens in jobs around the Seattle area is based in Bellevue.

Highline's Child Care Center provides day care for the children of students and employees of Highline. Many children attend the center each day.

Arreola was born in Italy



Photo by Sharalee Pfau

Lilia Arreola works with a Child Care student.

and raised in Texas. She moved to Washington in 1952 and raised a family of her own. She didn't graduate from high school, but hopes to one day get her GED.

"It feels good to come to work, I enjoy it here," says Arreola. Even though Arreola makes only \$2.45 per hour, which is paid by the federal government, and receives food and transportation which is provided by Highline, she values her job.

"I love the kids, but I need the money too. With living on Social Security from month to month, every little bit helps,"

she says.

Arreola has many duties at the center. They consist of reading to the children, helping out in the kitchen, doing the laundry, substituting for the teachers when they are absent, along with an assortment of other duties.

"She is always here and she is a great person to have work with us. We would like to see more grandparents working here" says Rhonda Stafford, a teacher in the Child Care Center.

Arreola says she really loves her job and hopes to be around for a very long time.

I-200 sparks campus debate

By Marta Pelayo
Staff Reporter

The merits of Initiative 200 were debated yesterday afternoon here at Highline.

The initiative, which would end Affirmative Action in the state, was argued by Steve O'Donnell, volunteer for I-200, and Terry Ross, coordinator of the Interactive Media Program.

O'Donnell began the discussion by comparing the initiative to the Civil Rights Bill in that it prohibits government agencies from discriminating. "It gets us beyond checking boxes for gender and race," he said.

Terry Ross, speaking against the initiative, began the discussion by pointing out the contradictions between the "all men are created equal" assurance from the Constitution and the history of slavery and internment camps.

In rebuttal, Ross stated that he feels I-200 will pass in Washington because of the misleading wording, specifically the reference towards the Rev. Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr. in the measure. Ross also informed the audience that Loretta Scott King, Rev. King's widow, has subsequently issued a press release saying that her late husband would not support I-200.

Running 15 minutes over the time limit, the debate became heated when members of the audience were allowed to ask questions.

Some audience members felt that although the nation is in need of something to end discrimination, Affirmative Action is not the answer.

"I can see why people want special programs for blacks, look at all the black people in prison," said Don Stevens, adding, "I don't like the term 'people of color.' It makes this country seem more racist than it is."

Most, however, leaned against the initiative, "That's why Affirmative Action was put into effect, because minorities did not have a voice. If you take Affirmative Action away, who's going to have the voice?" said one person in attendance.

Experts say women aren't treated fairly

By Dalon Howard
Staff Reporter

The women of the world aren't always getting a fair deal, two equality experts said here last Thursday.

Victor Lewis and Hugh Vasquez told an audience of about 90 students, faculty and staff that women still are not treated well in much of the

world.

Although women are 50 percent of the world's population, 70 percent of the world's labor is done by women; 10 percent of the world's wages earned by women; and only 1 percent of the world's property is owned by women.

The pair also said that 90 percent of men are murdered by men, 90 percent of women are

murdered by men, and 50 percent of women are murdered by a spouse or a boyfriend.

"We must all realize that we're all in the same boat, we are all in the same family," said Lewis.

"These conditions are constructed by individuals, institutions, and society," said Lewis. "They contributed to the situations that we are faced with as

well as inherited, we did not create these stats, but the larger society carries them on."

The presentation was designed to be interactive, with both men throwing out topics for small-group discussions about racism, power, privilege, prestige, agism and sexism.

Lewis is a trainer and speaker on violence prevention, diversity education and environmen-

tal justice. He is co-chairman of the National Organization of Men Against Sexism.

Vasquez is a consultant and founder of TODOS: Shriver Simms Alliance-Building Institute.

The pair urged the audience to work for justice for all people, by continuing to communicate and create positive change.



Editorial

Election '98: Voting smart is voting well

The upcoming election features many important issues, several of which will affect you in your academic endeavors in the near future and a few that will likely not affect you at all for some time to come. However it is important to vote, and an informed voter is best. After minutes of exhaustive research the Thunderword recommends you vote the following.

• **No on I-200.** Washington and the rest of the country are not yet ready to abandon affirmative action

• **No on I-688.** The minimum wage is designed to be a starting wage, not a living wage.

• **No on I-692.** The medical marijuana measure is poorly written and leaves too many vague points. This initiative allows you to possess a "60 day supply" of marijuana, but doesn't bother to define "60 day supply." Can you say loophole?

• **No on I-694.** A poorly written anti-abortion bill that is hard for even doctors to understand.

• **No on Referendum 49.** Takes too much money away from schools. Where is Ed Commando when you need him?

• **Patty Murray for U.S. Senate.** A track record that, although not stellar, is predictable.

• **Adam Smith for U.S. representative, Ninth district.** Pro education and environment stance, with a no nonsense attitude.

• **Julia Patterson for state senator, 33rd district.** She is running against Wayne Erickson, 'nuff said.

• **Shay Schual-Berke for state representative, 33rd district.** Pro education and health care, supported by law enforcement.

• **Karen Keiser for state representative, 33rd district.** Pro education and on the Highline board of trustees. Why punt our own in-house legislator?

• **Norm Maleng for King County Prosecutor.** The crime rate is down, and fewer middle school students are having sex with their teachers.

Letter to the Editor

Affirmative action may not be what it seems

Dear Editor:

Affirmative action was started by Richard Nixon as something the liberal Democrats would have no choice in defending, but which is, in most part, indefensible. In February 1971, through his secretary of labor, George Schultz, who later served Reagan as a tireless, if uninspired secretary of state, Nixon bought \$1,000 worth of stock which today exceeds \$10 million in value.

There is no such thing as "people of color." It is pure fiction. Many people are working very hard to establish this fiction as myth; unfortunately, relatively few people have the courage to resist this new myth. They do not want to be called racist. Why? Because they are not.

To accept the concept of "people of color" is to say that a billionaire from Japan or even the emperor of Japan has more in common with a Lakota Indian from South Dakota than I do. (I'm from SD.)

Affirmative action grants advantages to Chinese and Japanese Americans, who compete rather well with Russian Jews now living on Long Island, but only transferred to New York

100 years ago. Yet, it denies assistance to Palestinians, Ukrainians, Albanians, and Romanians, all of whom are arriving at our tarmacks, with far less ability to compete. It grants advantages to Mexicans, who have come in great numbers, finding many already established services in church, family and government in their language and culture. Why?

Because blacks needed political allies in the mid 1970s and went to other groups to convince them that they, too, were oppressed minorities. It was a great strategic mistake. The result has been a general political confusion. To believe in "people of color" is in reality to grant an inordinate compliment to the traditional and dominant culture of America and to ancient Rome, whose excessive vanity and ebullient generosity they now practice. All societies, however, mislead the outside world, just as all families do.

Therefore, let me close with a message to all, including those who are new to these shores and therefore these games: The leading minorities in America are Jews, Armenians, and Mormons; moreover, white liberals will do anything for blacks except explain Mormons to them.

Don Stevens
Kent



Halloween: It's in the bag, man

Halloween is a special time of year. A time when the freaks of the world (like myself) can go out in public dressed in the clothes that they would prefer to wear.

For the rest of you, it's a great time to get drunk and eat a lot of candy you didn't have to pay for.

I love Halloween, and I have compiled a list of reasons why everyone should:

- My girlfriend isn't always that ugly, she's just wearing her costume. When else can you say that and get away with it?
- Candy! Not that fine young woman in your political economy class, the kind that's guaranteed to rot only your teeth.
- You can dress up as a sexist pig and be a sexist male jerk without getting dirty looks from every woman in a 100-foot radius.
- You can wear a dress. I've

It's supposed to be funny



By Mike Stampalia

never done this, but I have heard of people who have.

- Opportunity to scare the living crap out of your neighbor's annoying kids.
- Have you ever seen the look on a kid's face when you give him rocks for a treat?
- Knocking on the doors of houses with No Soliciting signs.
- Another reason to have an insanely huge party! Anyone for a kegger?
- Trick or treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat. If you don't, I don't care, I'll pull down your underwear. (You had better hope they are wearing some!)

• Office pranks. Try to be original. Don't do those lame pranks you read in some magazine.

- Another reason to get wasted. Hey, guys don't hog the keg!
- Beating the crap out of bag snatchers in your neighborhood.
- Egging your annoying Political Economy professor's house. Call him Sell and watch the fireworks fly.
- TPing it first.
- The Jack O' Lantern cookies.

• Carving your pumpkin in the image of the Virgin Mary and watching how many people come to see it from Wisconsin. Those funny Catholics.

• Jack O' Lantern carving contests. If you live in the boonies you have probably entered one.

• Smashing pumpkins: Learn where the band got it's name. Mike will be among the many dressing up as Ed Commando for Halloween this year.

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Vote for X, he's not one of them.

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Election '98 Voters Guide



I-692 seeks OK for medical marijuana

By TINA M. McDONALD
Inside Scoop

Herman Moore is dying from AIDS. AIDS is a very slow and painful death that makes its victims wish for relief in any kind of drug, without thinking about the tradeoffs.

"Legalizing marijuana might help relieve some of the pain, but what it will ultimately do is take away many rights that AIDS victims would normally have regarding privacy," said Moore (not his real name). "If marijuana is legalized, all HIV positive victims will be required to register with the health department, which immediately takes away certain rights for privacy."

"People don't realize both sides to this initiative because the ballot title is so deceiving," Moore said.

Supporters of Initiative 692 say it is an initiative of fairness that calls for the legalization of



Initiative 692

marijuana for medical purposes. It would authorize the use of marijuana to treat patients with certain disabling diseases such as cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, glaucoma and other "qualifying patients."

But opponents of Initiative 692 say there is more to it than just what the ballot title says.

"This initiative is not just about legalizing marijuana, it is about legalizing malpractice," said Mike Suydam, Coordinator for Opposing Initiative 692.

"It is dangerous to make drugs legal because they sidestep FDA testing processes, which takes away liability of doctors because if a patient gets

a bad batch of a drug and dies, no one is responsible for it, so doctors will not get in trouble for malpractice," Suydam said.

"This initiative would make marijuana legal at the state level, but it still won't be legal at the federal level, which supercedes state level," Suydam said.

Federal law makes it illegal for citizens to possess drugs unless prescribed by a physician. All it would take to make it legal for a patient to have marijuana is a note from a doctor. This would make it easy for the seller of the marijuana to get busted, but the patient would be safe.

"Doctors can't prescribe or

give marijuana; they can only give patients a note saying it is okay for them to have it. It sets up a situation where patients have to go to the street to get their drugs," Suydam said.

"This initiative will only spotlight the Green Cross, who currently gives out drugs, and the federal government will raid them just like they have in California where marijuana has been legalized," Suydam said.

But supporters of Initiative 692 say it will help relieve the suffering of many patients.

"It is time for the people of Washington to put in place a law that allows for the relief of suffering," said Dr. Rob Killian,

head of the Washington Citizens for Medical Rights committee.

"The public has told us that they support the right of suffering patients to use medical marijuana and that if presented with a simple straightforward initiative, they will vote for it," Killian said.

"I think as long as it is legalized for the purpose of medical usage it is okay," Candy Cox, a student at Highline who previously worked in the medical field said. "But I am afraid that it would be abused by unethical doctors, prescribing it to patients solely based on bribes."

"If someone is in severe pain, all they want is for it to be gone," Jody Madson, a student at Highline said. "Marijuana relaxes and calms people, so why would we want to withhold the best cure and best form of relief from them? It would be inhumane to deny them the one thing that could help their pain."

Abortion question returns in Initiative 694

By JOE McLAUGHLIN
Inside Scoop

If passed, Initiative 694 will end late-term partial-birth abortion.

Supporters of the measure call for "the end to a horrible, unnecessary procedure," said Yes 694 campaign representative Larry Stickney.

The opposition to the initiative believes that supporters are trying to mislead voters by writing one thing and campaigning for another.

The ballot title reads, "Shall the termination of a fetus' life during the process of birth be a felony crime except when necessary to prevent the pregnant woman's death?"

"This measure will legally eliminate a heinous and barbaric procedure that can be seen as nothing other than infanticide," said Stickney. "This measure is of no threat to the right to choose an abortion."

"This is the story of the cam-



Initiative 694

paign season," said Stephanie Bowman, campaign manager for No-694. "There is no mention of one particular procedure in the text of the initiative. (Supporters are) trying to play off of this fear using words like 'infanticide.' By doing this they are trying to mask the measures true intentions which are to confuse the abortion issue and change the definition of a legal abortion."

The terminology used in the measure is at the center of this debate. The "process of birth" is defined as beginning when any living fetus has partially or wholly exited the uterus or womb by any means, including artificial extraction.

Abortion is defined as "any medical treatment intended to induce the termination of a pregnancy, except for the purpose of producing a live birth."

Another term used in the measure is "viability of a fetus." Viability is defined, by current law as "the point in the pregnancy when there is a reasonable likelihood of the fetus's sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures."

Any person who performs an abortion not authorized by these provisions is guilty of a Class C felony, as stated by current law.

"The language used in this measure is not consistent with

current medical procedures," said Highline Human Sexuality instructor Rod Fowers.

"Too much is left to interpretation in the text. I disagree with their definitions. At what point are we talking about protecting a child and at what point are we just protecting tissue?" Fowers asked.

The procedure in question is a late-term abortion in which the fetus is extracted from the uterus into the birth canal. A device is then used to cut the brain stem thus disabling the nervous system. The terminated fetus is then disposed of.

The definition that has Bowman and other people opposed to 694 concerned is the process

of birth.

"The events that are covered by this definition all occur in a legal abortion. If this measure passes it will create confusion and result in expensive lawsuits," Bowman said. "It is already illegal to abort a viable fetus. If they wanted to end this procedure they should have written it into the measure."

This procedure is used very rarely and only in cases in which the life of the pregnant woman is in jeopardy. Section 4 of the Initiative states, "This chapter does not apply to partial-birth infanticide performed to prevent the death of the mother where no other procedure, including the induction of labor or cesarean section, would suffice to prevent the death of the mother."

For further information you can call the campaign headquarters of both sides. For Yes-694 campaign offices call 360-863-1077. To reach the No-694 offices call 206-728-5919.



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Affirmative Action could come to an end

Initiative would erase all gender, racial or ethnic hiring guidelines at the state level

By JOE McLAUGHLIN
Inside Scoop

Initiative 200 would end Affirmative Action in Washington state.

Supporters say it's time for that to happen. Opponents of the measure, which will appear on the statewide ballot Nov. 3, say Affirmative Action still is needed to help level the playing field for women and minorities.

The initiative's title reads: "Shall government be prohibited from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in public employment, education, and contracting?"

As Colin Hastings, a campaign representative for supporters of I-200 says, "This initiative wants to drop all basis of race and focus more on people who need help regardless of what their face looks like."

Section one of I-200 states, "The State shall not discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education or public contracting."

Translated into English, exactly what does that mean?

"It wipes out Affirmative Action," said No-200 campaign communications director



Michelle Ackerman.

In Washington state, women are the No. 1 beneficiaries of Affirmative Action. "If I-200 passes, programs that are set up to help women get ahead, as well as other state-funded programs that are protected by Affirmative Action will be wiped out," added Ackerman.

This initiative will only effect those programs that are state funded. Federally funded programs will not be affected. Programs that target certain groups based on race, gender or national origin will be affected and stand to have funding cut if the initiative passes.

"We just want to be judged on our performance and abilities. Start judging people as equals instead of using quotas to fill positions of employment and education," said Hastings.

The campaign has adopted as its poster child a Marysville woman named Katuria Smith.

Smith worked her way through community college and

then transferred to the University of Washington where she graduated with honors.

She then applied to the University of Washington Law School. Despite her excellent grades and test scores, she was denied entrance into the program, I-200 supporters say.

"Katuria Smith graduated in the 95th percentile of her class and was not accepted. Fourteen of the 15 African American students that were accepted had lower test scores than Smith," said Hastings.

Initiative supporters say Affirmative Action is an outdated process and blames it for what happened to Smith.

"The quota system used by universities and other state agencies is unfair. We have grown beyond it. Initiative 200 will help to draw the line and allow people to be judged on merit rather than on which quota they will help fill," Hastings said.

Those opposed to I-200 be-

lieve that the way the initiative is written is misleading and will cause confusion.

In a letter to the Washington voters, Gov. Gary Locke writes, "Because of the vague and broadly written language, I-200 can and will be read many different ways. It is confusing and will create a tangle of expensive law suits."

Michelle Ackerman takes it one step further.

"The text of the measure is very broadly worded and if it passes it has the ability to wipe out public programs that are protected by Affirmative Action," Ackerman said.

"What kind of community do



you want to live in? Do you want to live in a community where doors of opportunity are open to all or do you want a community where exclusion exists and those doors of opportunity are shut? Don't you want your sisters, mother and daughters to have opportunities to succeed? I-200 will close those doors," added Ackerman.

In 1996, California voters passed Proposition 209 into law. Prop 209 had the same intent as I-200.

Initiative opponents say the similarities between the two measures stops there. They point to the differences in the social makeup of the two states as evidence. California has a much larger minority population than Washington, therefore the people that stand to be most affected is different in our state.

"The population of Washington is 87 percent white, so obviously the people who will be most effected by this measure are women," said Ackerman.

I-200 backers feel that the positives outweigh the negatives with the passing of Prop 209 in California.

"Prop 209 has done good things in California," said Hastings. "It is providing help to economically disadvantaged people but not on the basis of race or gender rather on the basis of need. Initiative 200 will have the same effect in Washington."

Minimum wage measure aims to raise floor

By TINA M. McDONALD
Inside Scoop

Raising the minimum wage would bring relief to Rachel Nevin, a single mother and first quarter law student at Highline.

"I've worked hard trying to support my daughter, but the minimum wage is not high enough," Nevin said. "Even if I work full time, I still don't make enough to pay for day care, rent, and all of the other bills I need to pay."

Supporters of Initiative 688 say it is only right to let those making wages less than the poverty level have a better chance to better themselves, while the opposition says it will only bring the economy down.

Initiative 688 will raise the minimum wage in Washington State to \$5.70/hour in 1999 and \$6.50/hour in 2000, and would be adjusted for inflation every year thereafter.

Earners of minimum wage in Washington state currently make an annual income of approximately \$10,000, which is far below the family poverty level.



"Washington has the lowest minimum wage on the West Coast," said Cory Black, Communications Director for Initiative 688. "If we raise the minimum wage, it will keep us in parity with other states."

California residents currently earn \$5.75/hour for their mini-

um wage and Oregon residents receive \$6/hour.

"Initiative 688 is one of fairness," Black said. "Wages are less than 20 percent of making a business, so increasing the minimum wage will affect businesses positively, not negatively, because the more money people make, the more they spend that goes back into the economy."

A recent University of Washington study found that those who earn minimum wage are not the typical teenager or part time worker. More than two-thirds are over the age of 20, one-half are between 25 and 65 years old, 70 percent are women, and one third are the primary wage earners for their families.

"Rather than financing people who need help from the government because they can-

not make enough to support themselves and their family, we can raise the minimum wage so people are capable of getting off welfare and other government aids and support themselves," Black said.

But the opponents of Initiative 688 say it will only succeed in creating fewer jobs.

"When wages are artificially forced up, all other costs go up as well," the committee against 688 wrote in the state voters pamphlet. "This will hurt working families and those on fixed incomes, especially senior citizens."

Initiative opponents have their own set of statistics: 92 percent of state businesses already pay more than the minimum wage; more than 80 percent of those making minimum wage are teenagers or living in a family with more than \$30,000 in income.

At least one Highline economics professor thinks the initiative is not a good idea.

"Raising the minimum wage causes distortions in the marketplace," said Phil Droke, an Economics instructor at Highline.

"The idea of the minimum wage helping people out really doesn't work," Droke said. "In the end, it really helps out the skilled workers, because artificially raising prices will raise the demand for more skilled workers. And they will get more, while unskilled workers get less."



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State's female senator race heating up on TV

Linda Smith looking to become state's second female senator by ousting Murray

By BEN OLSON
Inside Scoop

In 1992 Washington State elected its first woman senator, Democrat Patty Murray. Now it is 1998 and Murray must defend her position against Republican Linda Smith, in one of the only races in the country to pit two women against each other.

Murray was born in Bothell and earned a bachelor's degree at Washington State University. After earning her degree, she married Rob Murray, with whom she had two children. She has been an educator, school board president and state legislator.

Linda Smith was born in La Junta, Colo. and operated a tax consulting business for 14 years. She and her husband Vern have been married for 30 years and currently reside in Vancouver, Wash. She has two children and six grandchildren.

Smith has served as a Washington state legislator from 1983 to 1994 and currently serves Washington's 3rd District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Murray, in her first term in the Senate, serves on highly influential committees that include the Senate Budget Committee and the Appropriations Committee. She views herself



Murray

as dedicated to working families, education, and women's issues.

Smith serves on the House Resources Committee and the Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight. Smith is currently fighting for a flat tax. She also wants to help balance the budget while protecting Social Security.

Murray also wants to protect Social Security, and increase the quality of education to prepare children for their future. She is "unwavering" in her support of women's right to choose and wants to continue fighting for better trade for Washington



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state.

Murray supports Initiative 688, which raises the minimum wage and will index it to inflation. Smith, on the other hand believes that because there are no safeguards for small businesses included in I-688, it

should be voted down.

"We can create higher paying jobs by fair trade, lower taxes, and a strong economy," says Smith. Smith also notes that she supported an earlier minimum wage increase because it was fair to business, while I-688 is not.

Murray has been an active

supporter of publicly owned lands, saying, "Our national parks and national forests are part of our tradition of managing our natural resources for the good of all Americans."

Smith believes that independent management of Washington's resources is the best way to preserve our state lands.

The campaign has featured a number of negative campaign ads.

The Smith campaign has attacked Murray's voting record. In retaliation, Murray's team has aired ads that show Smith as enemy of public education and accuse her of catering to the whims of big business.

Murray has been labeled the favorite in this race, but Smith won her seat in the U.S. House of Representatives as a write-in candidate.

Still, Murray has maintained a healthy lead in statewide opinion polls.

"We can create higher paying jobs by fair trade, lower taxes, and a strong economy."

--Linda Smith



Candidates say schools need more money

But both support Referendum 49, which could end up costing schools in the long run

By TYLER HURST
Inside Scoop

Republican Ron Taber is challenging incumbent Democrat Adam Smith for the Ninth District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The district includes much of Southwest King County, including Des Moines, Federal Way, Burien and Kent.

Taber, a retired rancher, believes highly in the value of education and thinks the gov-



Smith



9th District

ernment can help make higher education more accessible. He suggests allowing parents and their student children the ability to have a tax free education savings account and use government scholarship vouchers.

"The government should help parents pay for education," Taber said. "Scholarship vouchers are popular among black and brown families."

He also suggests that schools begin giving teachers merit raises, effectively rewarding the better teachers by giving them more money. He says that many teachers go above and beyond what their job requirements are, and get nothing in return for it. Taber believes this could discourage people from becoming teachers in the first place.

"We simply need to reward those that do better job," Taber said.

Taber believes tenure should come to an end.

"Some people just should not be teaching," said Taber.

He does support Referendum 49, which opponents say could end up hurting education in the long run.

"That is just a scare tactic from those against R-49," said Taber. "School funding is guaranteed by the state Constitution. If schools need money, then taxes will just have to be raised."

He says the country needs well educated children, and adds, "Our whole future is dependent on how we educate our children."

Adam Smith is also pro-education, and believes that teachers should not be burdened with all the red tape that the government continually throws at them.

"Teachers should be able to do their job," said Smith. "That is to teach our children, not deal with the government."

Smith recently gave Highline College \$500 of his congressional pay raise for the General Scholarship Fund.

Smith said he will vote yes

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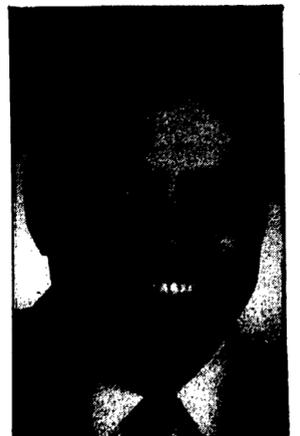
--Ron Taber

on R-49, but with some regret.

"Although this is something I have little control over, as a citizen I believe we have horrible traffic problems in our state," Smith said. "I wish we did not have to take away from education, but something needs to be done."

Smith also believes that Washington needs to preserve its salmon runs, pointing out that it is one of the Northwest's biggest assets.

"Whether it be by the state or federal government, we need to make sure to protect our salmon runs," said Smith.



Incumbent Patterson challenged by messiah

By TINA M. McDONALD
Inside Scoop

State Sen. Julia Patterson, D-33rd District, is being challenged by Republican Wayne Erickson, who claims Jesus told him to write a letter to a parish priest and "sign the letter Jesus."

With three children in local public schools, Patterson's No. 1 priority is to improve public education.

"We need to work on reduc-



Patterson

ing the class sizes in the K-12 grades, raising academic standards, and improving accountability," Patterson said.

Growth management in the Seattle area is another concern of Patterson's.

"One million people will move to the Seattle area in the next 10 years," Patterson said. "We need to think progressively and not stray from the thought of public transit."

Patterson has consistently opposed tax hikes. By adjusting priorities and by cutting government waste, Patterson believes Washington can meet its responsibilities.

Being born and raised in the community has given Patterson an advantage over many other candidates, she says.

"I am a life-long resident, an active volunteer in the community, and a board member with Judson Park retirement home, so I am committed to the community," Patterson said.

Erickson earned about 35 percent of the vote in the September primary, despite not campaigning actively for the



seat.

Erickson says he has fashioned his campaign after the late Bobby Kennedy's approach to politics. He says he plans to win over low-income families, minorities, and single mothers.

"No. 1, I am pro-life. I pray the rosary several times a day, and want to bring the Bible back into our public schools."

--Wayne Erickson

"No. 1, I am pro life," Erickson said. "I pray the rosary several times a day and want to bring the Bible back into public schools."

Erickson stands firmly for lowering the taxes in Wash-

ington state.

"Washington Foundation Institute says Washington state will have \$954 million in tax surplus at the end of the biennial," Erickson said. "This shows that too much money is being collected by the state for taxes."

He also feels that teachers are underpaid and deserve to be respected more for the work they do.

Erickson sees himself as the next king of the U.S., but does not think that the U.S. will be around that long. He says he will settle for being president from Mississippi to the Pacific.

Sen. Patterson disagrees, she believes that our country is fine without a king, and adds, "Our system of government is great. We all have a responsibility to vote."



Blue collar vs white collar in battle for state rep

By JOE McLAUGHIN
Inside Scoop

Democrat incumbent Erik Poulsen, a self-proclaimed champion for children and education, is being challenged by Republican Chris Monteith, who is a firm believer in the power of the Constitution and wants to see less government.

Poulsen says he is a polished legislator who has been involved in politics in one way or another since he was a child. He looks at the issues with a political eye and with an understanding of how to make things happen. As a Democrat, which is the minority party in the Senate, he has served as a sort of watch dog toward the Republican members.

Poulsen, who is running for his third term, looks forward to continued work on education reform. As the father of two young children, he cites their attendance in public school as the main reason he became involved in politics.

He has sponsored legislation to make class sizes smaller and require background checks on all school employees. He would like to see further changes in the way that schools are run.

"I would like to put decisions on school curriculum more into the hands of the parents and teachers," said Poulsen. "Let the people who are closer to the problems solve them."

Poulsen has sponsored Safe School grants, which use funds



to hire specialized positions in school districts. One such position included is Conflict Resolution Specialists. It is the responsibility of these people to monitor children with disciplinary problems.

Another position funded by these grants is the on-campus security guards. Poulsen believes that the personal touch is still the way to guard our school campuses.

"It is sad that we have to have security of any kind," Poulsen said. "Metal detector systems that are used in Tacoma are definitely not the answer."

Poulsen also says he has also fought passionately as a minor-



Poulsen

ity party member in the Legislature to protect the rights of utility consumers. Energy rates in Washington state are among the lowest in the country. He would like to keep it that way.

Poulsen believes the big challenge that our state faces in the near future will be protecting basic services when the economy takes a downturn.

"As second in seniority on the Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for writing the budget, I am in a good position to make sure that those basic services do not get funding cut," said Poulsen.

Poulsen states the basic differences between Republicans and Democrats are Democrats tend to focus more on education and public interests while Republicans focus more on tax breaks for big businesses.

Chris Monteith disagrees. Monteith is a Vietnam Veteran and blue-collar worker. His views are conservative and geared toward making government more responsible.

"I see myself as an advocate for the working class citizen," said Monteith. "I am a Boeing employee who gets up at 4:40 a.m. every morning so I understand what the average citizen faces."

Monteith is in favor of reducing taxes and is concerned with

"Public schools have failed in our state. More money won't do a damn thing to help our schools."

-- Chris Monteith

how the government is spending our tax dollars. As Chairman of Referendum 48 in Seattle, Monteith fought to make government responsible.

"Basically, what 48 would have done is made it so that when government takes a person's property that person would receive compensation," said Monteith.

Monteith is very passionate in his views on education and takes a hard stance toward the needed changes. As Vice President of Citizens for Better Schools he is familiar with the subject.

"Public schools have failed in our state," Monteith said. "More money won't do a damn thing to help schools."

Monteith proposes that we get back to the old style of teaching. He believes that kids today are not being taught the



basics of reading, writing and math.

"Kids shouldn't be required to carry around a Pee-Chee so that they can use the math table in it to make change of a dollar," Monteith said.

He is also concerned about schools' curriculum.

Monteith thinks that we have "many fine teachers that are limited by curriculum and by this socialistic, feel-good type of system that is being used," he said.

"It is like telling the kids, hey you gave it an effort so I guess we will let you pass. What has the kid learned?" he asked.

As an 11-year member of the U.S. Army, Monteith says he fought in Vietnam for the rights that he so strongly believes in.

"I covet my independence," Monteith said. "The Constitution is the guide in my life."

Veterans Schow, Eide square off in 30th District

By JOE McLAUGHLIN
Inside Scoop

Two familiar faces are running for the Senate position in the 30th District. Incumbent Republican Ray Schow and former House of Representatives member Tracey Eide are battling for the right to represent the Federal Way, Fife and Northeast Tacoma areas.

Schow is running for his third term. He has been voted legislator of the year six times and says he has earned the respect of his peers from both sides of the aisle.

He is the widowed father of seven, grandfather of 22 and great-grandfather of two.

Population is still on the rise in the region. As the population has increased so too has the need for a creative solution to traffic problems, Schow says.

"Transportation is the No. 1 problem facing this district," said Schow.

As a solution, Schow would like to revive discussion of a viable perimeter highway. This new route would connect Interstate 5 on the north and south ends while passing over Interstate 90 to the east in the process.

"This would limit the amount of semi-truck traffic on I-5 and give the commuters of the region an alternate route to the over-crowded highways that they face today," he added.

Schow is against the Regional Transit Authority plan, which proposes a train system stretching from Everett to Tacoma.



"I am a big supporter of buses. They can go where people are. The train defeats the purpose of public transportation because you have to drive to it and park your car," said Schow.

Schow says he uses the same no-nonsense approach toward the public education issue. He suggests more money go directly into the classroom by hiring more teachers and less administrative positions.

"When I was in school the administration staff consisted of a principal, vice principal and a secretary," he said.

Schow realizes the differences between schools in the '50s and schools now. He feels if class sizes are smaller there will be less need for adminis-



Schow

trative interaction.

"The teachers will have more control over the classrooms and have to focus less attention on discipline problems. Teachers will then be able to concentrate on teaching the materials," Schow said.

He also would like to see more emphasis placed on basic skills in education.

"I am a big supporter of programs like phonics," said Schow. "Due to the large class sizes at the lower grades, less attention is being given to the basics of education like reading, writing and mathematics. Kids are passing through the lower grades without developing these skills. As a result, class time at the higher grade levels is being wasted playing catch up."

Schow says he is familiar with the problems facing the 30th district. If elected, he plans to continue pushing for common sense answers to the issues and will rely on his experience to guide him.

Democratic nominee Eide says she possesses a wealth of experience and knowledge, both in politics and with the problems facing the district. She was a member of the state House of Representatives in 1993-94.

Other community involvement includes service on the Federal Way Parent Teacher Association Council, King County Disability and Retirement Board



Eide

and Juvenile Justice Reform Task Force. Eide believes that her record of community involvement coupled with the fact she is a lifetime resident of the South Puget Sound area, make her a strong candidate for her district.

Eide has been involved in educational improvements at all levels including the community colleges.

"I helped get the money necessary for the day care center at Highline," she said. "As a mother and former Highline student myself, I understand the many obstacles facing people who are trying to receive an education. I will remain focused on doing anything I can to keep those doors of opportunity open for people of all walks of life."

As a two-time winner of the

Golden Acorn award for being a strong advocate for children, Eide is familiar with the public education issues in the area. In an article for the Seattle Post Intelligencer Decision '98, Eide said, "Education must be a top priority for our state Legislature. We must improve funding and academic standards in our public schools. This can be achieved by shifting resources within the state budget and by not passing Referendum 49, which will divert general fund money from education to pay for road projects."

Eide is happy with the reforms made while she was in the House of Representatives.

"Dollars are going into the classroom in the form of more teachers and newer textbooks, but more is needed. I will continue to focus on this," she said.

Eide is concerned about the growth of the area as it pertains to the traffic problems.

"Growth in population in Federal Way and Northeast Tacoma has been staggering. As a result the traffic is unbearable," Eide said. "Lawmakers should emphasize innovative public transportation as a solution."

She is a supporter of commuter rail projects, believing this will lessen the strain on area roads.

Eide says she realizes many improvements are needed in her district in a number of different areas. She cites her "hands on" involvement with the issues and familiarity with the area as reasons for your vote this November.

Priest, Miloscia disagree over schools, roads

By JOE McLAUGHLIN
Inside Scoop

Former Federal Way mayor Skip Priest and Democrat Mark Miloscia are vying for Position 1 in the state House of Representatives for the 30th District.

Priest, a Republican, served as a Federal Way City Council member from 1991-97, the last two as mayor. A former corporate senior executive, he currently is president of a local small business. He is a Boy Scout district chairman and Aquatic Foundation board member. He is married and the father of two children.

Priest says he is concerned about public education. Like other candidates he wants to see more funding go toward schools, but he is more specific than most with where the money should go.

"We should strongly consider reducing class sizes with the addition of more teachers, par-



Priest

ticularly at the K-3 level, where greater attention to fundamentals is needed," Priest said.

Priest wants to see "an end to the nonsense debate over class sizes."

"This issue has become political. We need to figure it out once and for all and move on," he said. "The Legislature needs to focus on their job

which is to figure out the budget. It is not their decision how the money is spent. That is the job of the school districts."

Priest lives in Federal Way and has first-hand experience with the traffic problems of the area. Priest told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Passage of Referendum 49 is an important step in improving Puget Sound transportation. In addition, over the near term a comprehensive regional plan must be developed that identifies specific projects and justifies to the taxpayers how these projects will cost-effectively improve traffic and/or meet freight mobility goals."

Priest believes his political history in the area, along with good business sense makes him the clear choice.

"As a Federal Way City Council member, I was involved in the growth of the seventh largest city in the state," he said. "I understand the issues that face this district."

Miloscia is the Democratic candidate for the district. He was unavailable for comment. His views have been documented by other area publications.

He studied at the U.S. Air Force Academy and received a Bachelor of Science degree in



Miloscia

engineering. He was a pilot in the USAF. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Federal Way Boys and Girls Club and the Federal Way Community Caregiving Network. He is married and has three children.

Miloscia told the PI: "We must increase efforts to make parents involved partners in their child's education. . . . We should look first for using our budget surplus to help reduce class size and make college education more affordable."

Miloscia doesn't support Referendum 49.

"I am tired of waiting in traffic," he told the PI. "First, let's move toward having gas and motor vehicle taxes fund only transportation projects, not put into the general fund. Second, our legislators should stop passing ridiculous referendums (R-49) that would cut education funding and actually make reducing traffic jams a top priority."

Keiser, Ross focus from different angles

By TINA M. McDONALD
Inside Scoop



Karen Keiser and Bob Ross both think schools need higher standards.

But Keiser thinks they need more help from the state, whereas Ross thinks high school just too easy.

State Rep. Keiser, D-33rd District, is up for re-election for Position 2. She is being challenged by Ross, a Republican determined to win and determined to make some changes.

Ross, who works as a contract compliance officer, monitoring and enforcing federal labor standards on construction projects, is married and has two

daughters. He says he sees the importance of family and is concerned about life philosophy and the dependence upon government.

"We need to be self-reliant and independent so that we don't have to rely on the government to get us everything we need," Ross said.

Ross is concerned with improving education, taxes, transportation, crime and allocating more money into the classrooms of schools.

"I don't appreciate students who pass without learning," Ross said. "Too many indiscriminate As are given out and that does the student a disservice. Schools need to be held responsible for students that aren't prepared to continue on after graduating from high school."

"I believe that the cost of any graduate of a public school in Washington who requires remedial education in college should be charged back to the school district that the student graduated from," Ross said.

Ross is concerned with creating a friendly tax system for both families and businesses.

"We need to increase the net income for families and reduce business and occupation (B&O) taxes," Ross said. "Bigger government is not always better, and in this case, the smaller the government is, the better it will be."

Keiser, meanwhile, is deter-

mined to keep her spot in the state Legislature.

Keiser, who works for the Washington State Labor Council, is a member of and former chairwoman of Highline's Board of Trustees.

"Being a member of the board at Highline is my favorite part of my work," Keiser said. "It is really encouraging to talk to the students about their opportunities for their future."

Keiser's No. 1 priority is education for both K-12 and be-

yond.

"We need to make the state more responsible for their share of the cost of building and remodeling schools," Keiser said. "Lately the state has backed away from funding schools and local homeowners' taxes have been forced to take over."

Keiser is determined to improve higher standards in K-12 schools.

"There is a high percentage of newly graduated students needing remedial classes before continuing with college level courses," Keiser said. "We need to set the bar higher for students to get out of high school so they are ready when they get into college."



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--Bob Ross



"We need to make the state more responsible for their share of the cost of building and remodeling schools."

--Karen Keiser

Schual-Berke challenges McCune for House seat

By TINA M. McDONALD
Inside Scoop



State Rep. Jim McCune, R-33rd District, is facing a strong challenge from Highline School Board member Shay Schual-Berke.

Schual-Berke came close to McCune in September's primary election, despite a low voter turnout, which usually favors Republicans.

McCune paints himself as a blue-collar worker who can empathize with many of the other blue-collar workers in Washington. He says his main goal is to make the government more accountable by standing up for taxpayers, supporting local schools and addressing the district's transportation issues.

Democrat Schual-Berke says her No. 1 priority is in education. Schual-Berke wants to toughen academic standards for both K-12 and higher education and increase accountability.

"Higher education and continuing education are vastly under funded," Schual-Berke said. "People need an ongoing education because the world is changing so fast. The skills that people have will have to evolve to remain competitive in the work force. We must also stop funding schools through property taxes because it results in pitting homeowners against the schools."

Being a retired cardiologist, Schual-Berke is very concerned with affordable healthcare.

"People deserve a quality health care that is affordable," Schual-Berke said. "They deserve the choice of who they want their doctors to be without insurance companies telling them who it has to be."

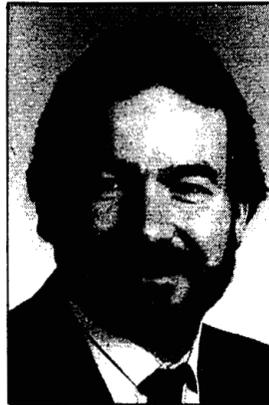
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"We need to make plans to find adequate funding for junior colleges," McCune said.

Last year, McCune was a sponsor of the Endowment for Higher Education, which helps with funding for part-time teachers and helps low-income students with tuition and child-care fees.

McCune says he is especially dedicated to issues pertaining to those affected by the SeaTac airport.

"I want to pass several bills to make the port more accountable for the things they are doing," McCune said. "I want to eliminate port taxes, or at least



"I want to pass several bills to make the port more accountable for the things they are doing,"

--Jim McCune

make it an issue that can be voted on."

Being a member of the Transportation Committee, McCune is concerned with cracking down on making sure

trucks are kept covered.

"We need to make sure trucks keep their speed down and make sure there are spot checks for safety," McCune said.



"Higher education and continuing education are vastly under funded."

--Shay Schual-Berke

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R-49 takes a cut from state General Fund

Motor Vehicle Excise tax could go back to transportation to help build and repair roads

By TYLER HURST
Inside Scoop

Starting in 1999, schools all over Washington state may have less money.

But, the state could possibly have better roads, spend less on license tabs, and have more money available for criminal justice programs.

On this year's ballot is Referendum 49, in which the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, the money we pay for our tabs, will be taken out of the General Fund and put into the Transportation Fund. If transportation does not get the money it needs through this bill, a higher gas tax is possible. The referendum will also give car owners a \$30 break on tabs, which many claim are too high already.



Referendum 49

The General Fund reduction will mainly affect education. Most of the money for higher education comes from this fund, and without it, schools may not be able to offer as many services.

Supporters of the measure say last year's budget will still have a surplus of \$700 million to cover any shortfall for schools.

Highline officials say they

will need more money than they got last year just to stay even, if only because of inflation. Colleges statewide could be short \$137 million next year, they say.

"Democrats in government know if Referendum 49 passes, we can't operate at current levels," said Highline President Ed Command.

Lack of funding already has hurt accreditation for Highline's nursing program. Command

says the college is having trouble hiring enough nursing instructors; first-year nurses earn almost twice as much per year as their instructors did teaching them.

"It is difficult to pull people away from the hospital to come teach," said Mary Newell, coordinator of the Nursing Program. "You have to love what you do."

If R-49 passes, the nursing program will not have enough

money to maintain its current level of funding. Without the money from the General Fund, fewer classes will be offered, less teachers will be on staff and less students will enroll.

"Every adult in our society should be able to improve themselves in college," said Command.

Those against the bill, including Gov. Gary Locke, claim that R-49 really is a blank check that is riding on the state's economy. They interpret the bill as a 25 year loan for five years of road projects.

Opponents claim if the state's economy stays right where it is in terms of growth, this will work. But if it slows, Highline and all other education institutions around the state could be in trouble.

Political ads all about confusing the voters

Whoa.

Political ads are getting mean nowadays.

Every time I turn on the TV, I see yet another ad undercutting an opponent. Just last night I saw an ad against Linda Smith accusing her of voting against working families, education, lowering taxes and on and on.

How in the hell did she possibly get enough supporters to run for anything? The ad made it sound like the only people that supported her were tobacco companies and the Devil himself. Jeez.

Next commercial break, an ad against her opponent, Patty Murray, came on. It proceeded to try to convince me Murray is a freaky liberal who wants the government to control our lives. Strangely enough, it was during the X-Files, which made me wonder if Fox Mulder himself wrote the script. What happened?

The problem is: Who do you believe?

Most voter's guides I have seen have done a great job of confusing the hell out of me. I do admit to not being extremely knowledgeable of politics, but

Thinking out loud

By Tyler Hurst

after doing this preview, I have learned at least a little bit.

I will make it easy for everyone who is just as confused as I am. Trust the Thunderword. We know the truth. Mulder and Scully heard from the cigarette smoking man and then told us.

All the political ads feel like a grade school classroom, with candidates yelling barbs back and forth. I wish I had the money to go on TV and make fun of everyone I didn't like.

That would be fun. I would find everyone who made fun of me during my ninth grade year and humiliate them on national TV. I would start with the guy who almost fought me in my science class, and show the world what a wife-beating, weed-toking, disservice to society he really is. Bastard.

Then I could find the kid who in my fifth grade year decked my brother and then proceeded to beat the hell out of me when I stood up for him. Never mind he was three years



older, (only one grade older, however) and about four times as strong. He is probably in jail now, with a leash around his neck.

I have yet another concern. How do people like Wayne Erickson get to run? Over twenty years ago, Erickson claims he talked to Jesus, wrote a letter to a parish priest, and signed it Jesus. Kind of hard to believe that, and if Jesus really appeared, couldn't he have written the letter himself?

Now, what was I talking about? Political ads, oh yeah.

Need to stop getting off track.

I watched Star Wars last night, good movie. I feel sorry for anyone running against Vader for a spot on the Imperial Senate. What would his ads look like? A spot of him breathing real heavy and strangling his opponent with the Force? Maybe he killed everyone who didn't vote for him.

I should run for office some day. I think I would style my campaign after Eddie Murphy's run for Congress in "Distinguished Gentleman." Learn a couple of new languages,

change my name and move into my new digs.

Next, I would hire some attractive female interns and proceed to hit on all of them. I'm kidding. I would hire some robots so I wouldn't even be tempted. Yeah, that is what I would do. Wink, wink.

I should take some time to thank everyone who worked on this gargantuan insert with me. Actually it is not that big, but it is the most pages I have ever been in charge of, so go with me on this one. I think we did a respectable job. All right, here we go.

Joe McLaughlin and Tina M. McDonald did most of the reporting, with Ben Olson contributing one story on short notice.

Marta Pelayo and Paris Hansen handled a little over half the layout and all the copy editing, with some help from T.M. Sell himself.

Still having trouble deciding who to vote on? Simply read the Thunderword, takes notes, view a lot of T.V. ads, watch the X-Files, close your eyes and make your choice. May the Force be with you.

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Cruise through New York

By Marta Pelayo
Staff Reporter

Surprisingly, this film isn't about male prostitutes selling themselves on Sunset Strip.

A unique documentary about a New York City double-decker bus tour guide, *The Cruise* is an intimate look into the fascinating mind and heart of Timothy "Speed" Levitch.

The actual cruise, of course, is the tour. However, the Cruise is much more for Speed; it is a metaphor for life; To live your life the way you were truly meant to, regardless of economics or traditions. Cruising is what "Speed" does best.

Whether rhapsodizing on corporate talking heads forcing him to wear a uniform, or com-

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paring a terra cotta building to a lover. (It's the 'Unh!' moment of life. The 'Yes! Yes!' The 'Oh God!' moment of life," he said) "Speed" shows he has two priorities: New York City and his individuality.

Brilliant and charming in otherwise mundane situations, ("Speed" encourages bus riders to, "... sense the grandeur of your power," after their bus blocks an intersection, thus causing a traffic jam,) or writing off New York's confusing infrastructure, "Ludicrous. This cannot last. The new Anne Taylor store on your right."

As a man in love with the city, "Speed" rattles on about al-

most divorcing the city in the last year as well as the city's apparent need to compensate for its shortcomings. After noting that architecture is all phallic symbolism, "Speed" states, "The Empire State Building is utter catharsis."

In response to a female tour-goer who says, "I can't imagine not liking the group plan," "Speed" goes off in a tirade, "That's like saying, 'I can't imagine not having individuality,'"

The adjectives "Speed" tosses off to describe buildings read one part Penthouse Letter and one part verbal SAT question: Avaricious. Eroticisim. Voyeuristic. Tumultuousness. Recapitulate. Ambivalence. All used to describe New York



Timothy "Speed" Levitch puts a unique spin on New York.

City's structures and people. Although the novelty of "Speed" and his prolific tongue wear out after 45 minutes, the film is well worth it if you're interested in seeing some real "cruising." *The Cruise* opens Nov. 25.

City offers entertainment

Des Moines offers wealth of opportunity at Rec. center

By Janelle Marsh
Staff Reporter

With the City of Des Moines Recreation Department you can shoot hoops, dance, play pool, skateboard, party and swing.

Take your pick from aerobics, open gym, art classes, youth activities, kayaking trips, festive seasonal events, youth basketball leagues, an adult basketball tournament and even swing dancing.

Low-and no-cost programs include, free open gym on Fridays, an indoor playground for children 4 and under for just \$1 and a free outdoor skateboard park.

"You do not need to live in Des Moines to participate in the programs," said Tracy Thomas, Recreation Manager.

Upcoming festivities include a Halloween Carnival, a youth basketball league and an adult basketball tournament on Highline campus.

The Halloween Carnival for youth, ages 3 to 12 will be from 1-3 p.m. on Oct. 31. The carnival will include a costume contest, game booths, a magic show and refreshments for only \$1.

The Des Moines Recreation Department is co-sponsoring a fall adult basketball tournament with Highline College, Nov. 19 to Nov. 21. Winners can receive individual awards and a trophy to the

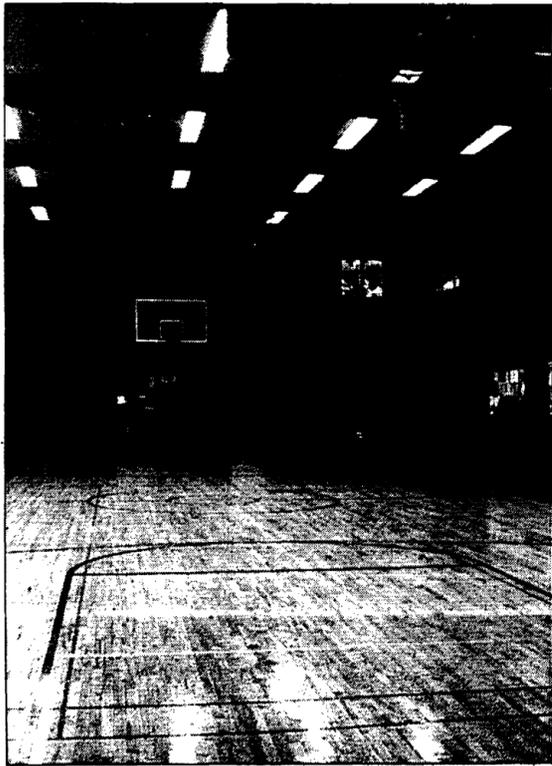


Photo by Raul Sedano
The basketball court at the Des Moines Field House is used for open gym, dance and aerobic classes and a variety of community activities.

winning team.

Residents of Des Moines receive program and service catalogs by mail that have activity descriptions and costs.

You may also obtain a catalog at the Des Moines public library, city facilities or call 206-870-6527 to be put on the mailing list.

Most activities, including the Halloween Carnival, are held at the Field House at 1000 S. 220th St. in Des Moines.

Employment opportunities in Des Moines in adult and

youth recreation consist of, seasonal, part-time and work study positions.

If you have a special talent or skill, the recreation department would like to hear from you.

"We are always looking for new class instructors," said Thomas.

Volunteers and interns are also needed for special events, office help, recreation programs and facility maintenance.

For job information call the Job Line at 206-870-6593.

Where it's at

•**KUBE 93 FM** presents their annual haunted house. The haunted house runs through Halloween night. Hours are as follows: 7 p.m. to midnight on Wednesdays, thursdays and Sundays with admission being \$5 and 7 p.m. to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays with admission being \$7. The haunted house is located at 815 Eastlake Ave East.

•**KZOK FM** presents their annual haunted house located at 22030 Cliff Dr. S. at Des Moines Beach Park. The haunted house runs through Halloween night with hours as follows: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. The price of admission is \$5.

•**Hop on over** to building 7 (the turtle building) today from noon to 1 p.m. where various members of Highline's staff will be reciting their own poems, short stories etc.

•**Outspoken words**, a prose reading at which students recite poetry, spoken words and short stories. This will be held Nov. 2, from noon to 1 p.m. in Tazza located in the TUB (building 8).

•**Team Highline** brings you the Ann Frank Performance. The performance will be held in building 7 (the turtle building) on Nov. 5 from 11 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The performance is free.

•**The Vietnamese Student Association** is holding a back to school dance. The dance will be Nov. 6 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the TUB (building 8). Tickets are available at Student Programs also in the TUB for \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door

•**Come check out the Really Big Art Show.** The art show is an excellent way to take a look at the work of highline's talented students, staff and alumni. The show will be located in the Union Bay room located downstairs in the TUB (building 8) Nov. 17 & 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Fun times with V.S.A.

By Janelle Marsh
Staff Reporter

The Vietnamese Student Association is sponsoring a back to school dance for students on Nov. 6 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the TUB (building 8).

Live music will be performed by a Vietnamese family band.

"It is a time for new and returning students to get together, have fun and meet new people,"

said Nga Pham, Retention Specialist in Educational Planning and the advisor for the Vietnamese Student Association.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

"We have invited students from all colleges in Seattle and Tacoma," said Tram. "The door is open to everyone."

Advance tickets are available at Student Programs in the TUB (building 8) for \$6, or \$8 on Nov. 6 at the door.

Good guys don't always finish first

Josh Lukyamuzi did not make the basketball team.

I met an example this week of why the phrase "student-athlete" shouldn't necessarily be followed by cynical remarks or laughter.

"I went to O'Dea High School in Seattle, but I didn't play for them. I've just played a lot of pickup games," said Lukyamuzi.

"Last spring I decided to try out for Highline."

"I came to the open gym during the summer, but could only

Stone Cold Sports



By Kevin Wintersteen

get in on one game," he said.

Lukyamuzi was one of the many in the fall afternoon hoops class, which is basically a tryout for the men's B-ball team.

"When I started there were around 30 guys trying out," he said.

"I think I worked as hard or harder than anybody," Lukyamuzi said.

Unfortunately, Head Coach Jeff Albrecht wasn't in need of guards. "We were looking for big guys," said Albrecht.

"It was a tough decision," he said.

But as they say, size isn't everything.

"I didn't see a lot of leadership on the team," says Lukyamuzi. "If I made the team I would have been a leader on and off the court. I think leadership might have made up the gap for the talent they're missing from last year." Highline graduated three Division I players last year in winning its second straight Northwest championship.

Lukyamuzi is 22, older than most athletes at Highline and owns his own auto detailing business.

"At the first day of practice he (Albrecht) said they were keeping 12, the last day he said it was 13. Up until the very last day I was very confident," Lukyamuzi said.

So what does he plan on now?

"With another year of hard work I feel I could try again at another school, or even walk on at the UW," Lukyamuzi said.

Depending on how many Honeys he gets for Halloween Steen may or may not be back next week.

Lady T-Birds on playoff bubble

By Martin Smith
Staff Reporter

With three games left, the Highline women's soccer team is fighting for their playoff lives.

They will do so with a new player in goal. Tonieka Johnston, who had started all year, quit last week.

Coach Shari Andresen named defensive veteran and one of the three team captains, Kim Armstrong, as keeper.

"She will do well, she's strong with good hands," says Andresen.

Rachel Moyer will be filling in for Armstrong at back, while Melissa Sager will be returning to fill Moyer's position.

Highline hosted first-place Tacoma yesterday, with results unavailable at press time.

Next Wednesday Nov. 4, the T-Birds face second-place Edmond, 3 p.m. at the Pea Patch in Kent.

Highline closes the season at Wenatchee Valley on Nov. 7.

The Knights already defeated the Lady T-Birds 3-2 back in September.

The T-Birds think they're ready.



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Women's soccer players scrumming between each other during a recent practice

"We are working hard at practice this week so we can stand strong and hold our ground while playing these last three games," starting forward

Jamie Kirk said this week.

Andresen said Highline doesn't have any room for error.

And with games versus the division leaders, she's right.

"We are going to at least have to win two out of the three games," she said. "It will probably come down to the match versus Wenatchee."

Men in home stretch of playoff chase

By Jamie Kirk
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbird men's soccer team is in third place after their two victories over the weekend, and are in the running for the Northern Division playoffs.

The T-Birds bounced back after their only loss of the season with a 2-0 win over Shoreline and a 4-1 win over Pierce.

"It was nice to get a win," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

The men played well against Shoreline, they had a lot of shots on goal and they brought the ball down and worked it around well.

In the second half, the passing and the many attempts on goal paid off with two scores. The goals came from Michael Koo and Jason Soper.

"We controlled the ball very well," said midfielder Steven

"We controlled the ball very well."

--Steve Mullinax

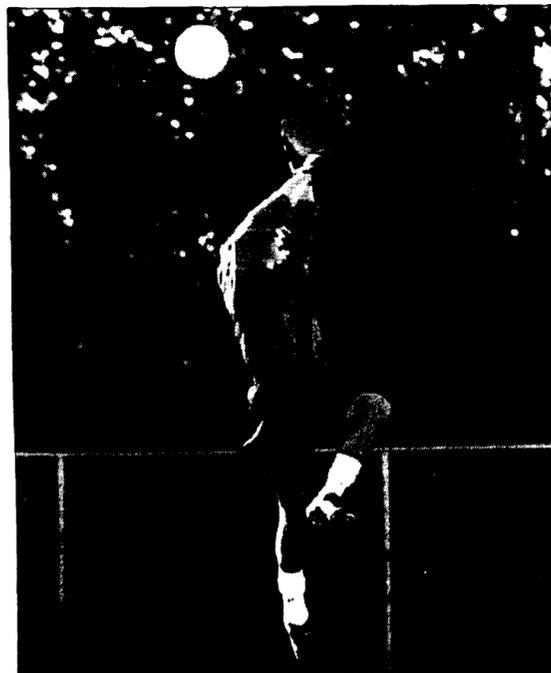


Photo by Kirk Elliott

Highline Men's soccer keeper practice's jump blocking

Mullinax.

"Shoreline played us well," said Prenovost.

The men kept up the good play for their game against Pierce with a 4-1 win.

"We played a solid game," said forward Gerry DiPietro.

The game was very aggressive with many scoring opportu-

nities wasted. Though the T-Bird's defense came up to help carry the team offensively. Peter Wilson and Clement Chiabi came up from defense to take shots on goal.

The goals were split, two from Michael Desimone and two by Mullinax.

"This was a good confidence

"This was a good confidence builder before we play Skagit."

--Gerry DiPietro

builder before we play Skagit," said DiPietro.

The top two teams in the division will advance to the playoffs; Skagit Valley, Edmonds, and Green River are the teams in position to prevent the T-Birds from advancing. Highline has six games left and needs to win to make their way into the playoffs.

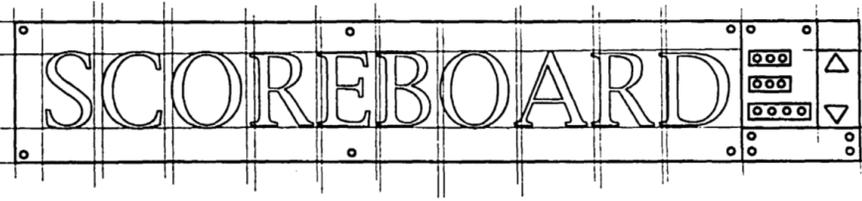
The Thunderbirds played Skagit Valley on Wednesday Oct. 28 in Mount Vernon, with scores not available at press time.

Clark and Highline meet on 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at Zenith Field. Highline follows that up by hosting Edmonds 6 p.m., Wednesday Nov. 4 at French Field in Kent.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Division	W-L
Northern Division	
Skagit Valley	8-0
Shoreline	8-1
Olympic	3-5
Highline	4-5
Edmonds	3-6
Bellevue	3-6
Everett	1-7
Eastern Division	
Spokane	7-0
Columbia Basin	5-2
Big Bend	5-2
Blue Mountain	2-5
Yakima Valley	2-5
Walla Walla	0-7
Western Division	
Pierce	9-1
Grays Harbor	8-2
Clark	6-3
Green River	5-4
Lower Columbia	2-6



Centralia	1-7
Tacoma	0-8
Southern Division	
Chemeketa	10-0
Clackamas	9-1
Mt Hood	6-4
SW Oregon	5-5
Umpqua	2-8
Lane	2-8
Linn-Benton	0-8

MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

W-L-T Pts GF GASO	Division
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W. Valley 6-8-0 18 36 40 2	S. Valley 10-3-2 32 38 18 7
Walla Walla 2-12-0 6 16 65 0	Edmonds 11-3-0 27 40 14 3
	Green River 8-4-3 27 31 18 4
	Highline 9-1-5 32 50 13 6
	Shoreline 5-8-2 17 27 28 1
	Everett 1-12-2 5 16 65 0
	Eastern Division
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	Bellevue 11-4-1 34 46 29 4

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 Green River 5-6-1 16 21 29 2
 Spokane 5-6-0 15 25 18 3

Scores
 Green River d. Highline, 3-1

Men's Cross Country took fifth among NWAACC entries in the Western Washington Invitational

Cross country gets tuned before final meet

By Diana Ruggiero
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's cross country team finished fifth overall against a tough field at the Western Washington University Invite in Bellingham last weekend.

In a final tune-up before the upcoming Northwest community college championships, the men finished in the top half of out of 12 colleges who ran. Only 10 colleges placed as a team because two of the colleges ran unattached due to lack of runners.

"The guys ran strong and with NWAACC coming they have a good chance to place," said Tracy Brigham, cross country head coach.

Dagen Bedixen placed 31st, Andy Gist placed 40th, Andrew Russell placed 60th, Chris Bendicksen placed 72nd, Yonus Teke placed 88th, Fred Lekanoff placed 102nd, Peter Rutter placed 103rd, Brian Reed placed 109th, and Ben McNelley placed 123rd.

"This was tough," Russell said. "It was one of our hardest meets.

Frankie Ceniceros who ran unattached placed 10th.

The Thunderbird women had



Photo by Kirk Elliott
Highline's Water Polo club members Chris Lebo, Ron Granquist, Melissa Goldsmith and Cameron McCoi scrimmage

a tougher go of it. They were short one runner of a full team.

"We were a little disappointed we could not place as a team but we did not dwell on the problem," Brigham said.

First time runner Freshman Becca McKenzie is also frustrated with the situation.

"You want the team to do good but its hard to do that when you don't have the runners," McKenzie said.

Becca McKenzie placed 62nd, Karla Booth placed 105th, Erin Stevens placed 107th, and Rae Oe placed 111th.

"I felt I did good even though

it was a hard coarse," McKenzie said.

For the next meet the women will hopefully have seven players so they can place as a team.

Amanda Eckert is one of the new women they picked up. She runs on her own and heard the team needed help so she answered their call.

"This is my first track meet ever but I'm happy to help out the team," Eckert said.

The next big meet is the Northwest Community College Championships, Nov. 7th., in Spokane.

Volleyball continues roller coaster season

By Jewanna Carver
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbird volleyball team couldn't step up to the tough Shoreline team.

The ladies lost their rematch against Shoreline Community College on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

It was an embarrassing defeat for the team. They were knocked out in a short three games on their home court, 1-15, 8-15, 9-15.

This is the second time this season that Shoreline has gotten the best of the T-Birds in three games. The first was on Sept. 25, but some of that loss could be attributed to the newness of the team.

This last game, however can't be explained away as quickly.

When asked what happened out there on the floor, the only explanation given was one that's heard often: lack of communication.

"We weren't there, no one was talking," middle hitter April Helms said.

Another reason could be the injury of their starting outside hitter, Nashonne Watkins. Watkins dislocated her shoulder in last week's game against Edmonds, and hasn't been able to participate.

Friday's Oct. 23 game against Everett was a much better show of skill.

The hard-working team de-

feated the fierce Everett Community College squad in four games 15-10, 15-11, 11-15, 15-9.

Players felt that their game was on, and that they were working together. "We were a whole different team than we were against Shoreline," one player said.

Everyone on the team contributed to this victory.

Setters Mariah Goodchild and Annie Heintz were putting up picture perfect sets, and dumping the ball occasionally, catching Everett on their heels. "We kept them moving," Helms said.

Defensive specialist Michelle Bonoan wasn't letting anything hit the floor in the back row.

Hitters Helms, Amy Streib, and Angie Burgess pounded away with multiple kills.

Coaches Shauna Sheppard and Barb Borgen gave the ladies direction and kept them motivated throughout the match.

This last win has the ladies feeling optimistic about going to the playoffs, which is only a couple of weeks away.

The T-Birds have a little break this week, with no games scheduled.

Their last home match will be on Monday Nov. 2 against Olympic. That will be followed by an away game Wednesday Nov. 4 against Bellevue. They then travel to the Pierce Tourney Nov. 5-6.

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ASHCC certifies clubs

By Jember Woldeab
Staff Reporter

Twenty-three clubs, new and old, were approved by the Associated Students of Highline Community College for the 1998-1999 school year.

Eight new clubs include Muslim Students Association, Programmer's Guild, Arabic Students Club, American History, Gospel Choir, Kicking Club, English Speaking Association, and American Sign Language (ASL).

Present at last Wednesday's ASHCC meeting were representatives from clubs, organizations, students, faculty and guest speaker Derek Greenfield.

During the recognition of clubs and organizations, representatives from each club stood up and gave the purpose of their club and explained why they want to start the club.

"... The purpose is basically to make a way for people majoring in computers more accessible to others, help students interested in the field of computers, help them get experience by helping others," said a representative from the Computer Club.

A representative from the Muslim Students Association said, "The purpose of the club is for Muslims to have a place to pray, afternoon and noon prayers, educate others about the Muslim culture."

For two representatives it was not just enough to state the purpose of their club, instead they gave the crowd a taste of the beautiful sound they would add to the Highline community through the Gospel Choir Club.

"The purpose is to share an interesting subject as the gospel to the community," said April Pennix.

Kicking Club is another new club primarily for those who want to play soccer and plan to meet on weekneds, said a representative.

There are many more clubs and organizations representing students at HCC.

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Wise

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without stopping, describing what he says are the truths and lies about Affirmative Action and Initiative 200.

"In this state, [Washington] the dialogue on Affirmative Action is dominated by pathological liars," Wise said. "It's 2 o'clock; you ask them what time it is; they say, '6 o'clock,' and expect you to believe it."

"The language of the initiative is deceptive," Wise said. "If you read it, it sounds nice, like apple pie - but," he continued, "as my grandmother used to say, 'You can call your ass a turkey, but that doesn't make it Thanksgiving.'"

"There is no definition for preferential treatment," Wise said. "[The promoters of Initiative 200] want you to believe it is quotas."

But, Wise said, "there's not one program in this state that requires quotas."

The "Plus Three Program," the biggest Affirmative Action program in this state, does not use quotas," Wise said. State employers are asked to add three more names to the top seven job candidates if those top seven did not include any minorities.

The person who proves themselves best for the job, gets hired. "If you believe that is preferential treatment, then you go vote for it," Wise said.

"If we vote for Initiative 200, we get rid of all there is," Wise said.

Smoking

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steps done to make things happen," said Laura Saunders, vice president of administration.

"This has to be student motivated," Saunders said. "I am not interested in being the campus nanny."

If there is interest in moving smoking to designated areas Saunders said enforcement will be entirely up to students.

"I am not for making designated areas, but I wish smokers would take into consideration those that do not smoke," said Nashonne Watkins, student government vice president of ad-

ministration.

The main concern people seem to have is that smokers seem to congregate around the fronts of the buildings where everyone has to breathe their polluted air to go to class.

I think it would be kinda lame (to have designated areas)," said a smoking student, Tony Kitchin.

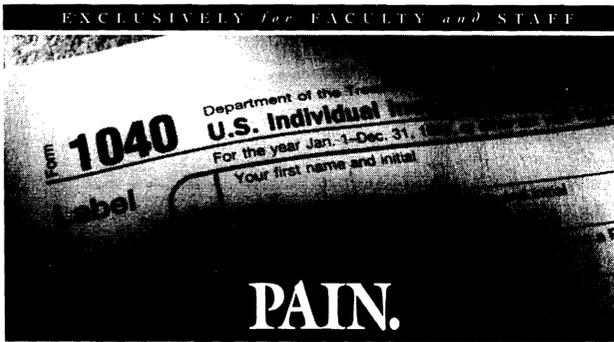
Kitchin also suggested instead of creating designated smoking areas, to create designated non-smoking areas.

"Personally I hate cigarette smoke and I hate walking out of the buildings and having to breathe it. I wish there were a way to create designated areas without infringing upon people's rights," said Watkins.



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