I-200 is bad news, speaker says

By Sandra Kruize

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

"Initiative 200 is the biggest assault on Affirmative Action in the 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 Association and the office of the President of Legislation Riko Durrett. Wise is the author of "Little White Lies; The Truth about Affirmative Action," and is sponsored by Student Government Association.

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

The Des Moines Haunted House has a volunteer staff of more than 200 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 1-200. The Upcoming election could have a large impact on Affirmative Action, which would prohibit government from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.

The administration is not planning on enforcing any restrictions on current smoking privileges on campus. College officials say.

Regardless of the results of Initiative 200, Referendum 49 could have the very real effects on the college.

Command says he has heard both sides, and he is concerned about the future of this bill. Command doesn't feel that Initiative 200 is by far the most controversial measure on the general election ballot, which contains measures regarding tax and tuition caps and school construction.

"If students came up to me with a proposal and there was a majority of students in favor of new smoking laws, I will work with them to get the necessary legislation passed."

See Smoking, page A8
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 communications. 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 communications 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 scripts and his 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.

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 language 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.”
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 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 well as inherited, we did not create these states, 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, ageism and sexism.

Lewis is a trainer and speaker on violence prevention, diversity education and environmental justice. He is co-chairman of the National Organization of Men Against Sexism. Vasquez is a consultant and founder of TODOS: Sherree 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:

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- 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 to make the liberal Democrats have no choice in defending a policy they, in most parts, 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. Yes, it denies assistance to Palestinians, Ukrainians, Albanians, and Romanians, all of whom are arriving at our doorsteps, 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 to really 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, must face 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, while liberals will do anything for blacks except explain Mormons to them.

Don Stevens
Professor

Opinion

Oct. 29, 1998

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! Candy! Candy! Candy! Candy! Candy! Candy! Candy! Candy! You can dress up as a sexiest 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 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 one!)

It's supposed to be funny

By Mike Stampalia

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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 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 side-step 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 supersedes 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 beliefs."

"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 unnecessary procedure," said Stickney. "This measure is of no threat to the right to choose an abortion."

"This is the story of the campaign 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 which take away liability of doctors because if a patient gets a late-term abortion in which the fetus is extracted from the uterus 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 women 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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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 will be 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, public education or public contracting?”

As Colin Hastings, a campaign representative for supporters of I-200 says, “This initiative wants to drop all bases 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.

Michelle Ackerman.

Rather than financing 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 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 Affirmative Action will be wiped out.”

“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.”

The campaign has adopted its poster child a Marysville woman named Katrina 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.

“Katrina 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.

Supporters of Initiative 688 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 believe 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 vagueness and broadly written language, I-200 can and will be read many different ways. It is confusing and will create a tangle of expensive legal 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 does that 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 the opportunities to succeed? I-200 will close those doors,” added Ackerman.

In 1996, California voters passed Proposition 209 into law.

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 77 percent white, so obviously the people who will be most affected by this measure are women,” said Ackerman.

I-200 backers feel that the positives outweigh the negatives by 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. MC DonALD  
Inside Scoop

Raising the minimum wage would bring relief to Rachel Coe, 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 overtime, I 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 only will 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.

Minimum wage and Oregon residents receive $6.00/hour.

“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 minimum wage and Oregon residents receive $6.00/hour.

“Initiative 688 is one of fairness,” Black said. “Wages are less than 20 percent of making a living, raising 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’t 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 aid 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.”

Remember to vote Nov. 3
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 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 state.

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 government 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 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 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.

"The government should help parents pay for education. Scholarship vouchers are very popular among black and brown families." --Ron Taber
Incumbent Patterson challenged by messiah

By TINA M. McDONALD
Inside Scoop

State Sen. Julia Patterson, D-33rd District, is being challenged by messiah 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 reducing 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 stay 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

Blue collar vs white collar in battle for state rep

By JOE McLAUGHLIN
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 watchdog 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 in 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 said 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 minority 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 citizens," 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 how the government is spending our taxes 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 who are limited by curriculum and by this socialistic, feel-good type of system that is being used.

"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 love my independence," Monteith said. "The Constitution is the guide in my life."
Veterans Schow, Eide square off in 30th District

By JOE MCLAUGHLIN

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 woes, 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 provide 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.

Schow says he uses the same no-nonsense approach to ward 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 administrative interaction.

"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 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, King County Disability and Retirement Board 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. "As a result, we should consider slowing 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 unmanageable," 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.

By JOE MCLAUGHLIN

Former Federal Way mayor Skip Priest and Democrat Dick 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, particularly 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 meet freight mobility goals."

Priest believes his political history in the area, along with good business sense makes him more prepared to make the clear choices.

"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 seat. She 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 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."

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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.

Inside Scoop
By TINA M. MCDONALD

"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 improving education, taxes, transportation, crime and allocating more money into the classrooms of schools.

"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 academic standards for both K-12 and higher education and increase accountability.

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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."

McCune 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.

"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 childcare 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 make it an issue that can be voted on." -Jim McCune, sponsor of the Endowment for Higher Education

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.

"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 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."

"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 school boards and addressing the district's transportation issues.

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--Shay Schual-Berke

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--Jim McCune

Get out and vote November 3
R-49 takes a cut from state General Fund

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 more money available for criminal justice programs.

Olson's 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.

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 education.

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 Decl. "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 them- selves 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 me sound like the only people that supported her were tobacco companies and the Devil himself.

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.

Next commercial break, an ad about confusing the hell out of me. I do not know who to vote on? Simply read the Thunderword, takes notes, who to vote on? Simply read the Thunderword, takes notes.

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 bars back and forth. I wish I had the money to go on TV and make fun of everyone I don'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.

Then I could find the kid who is 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 on 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 I have written the letter himself?

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

I 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 "Distin- guished 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 think 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 me on this one. I think we did a respectable job. All right, here we go.

Joe McMahon 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 for? Simply read the Thunderword, takes notes, view a lot of TV 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 rhapsooding on corporate talking heads forcing him to wear a uniform, or com-

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parting a term cotta building to a lover, (It's the "Ooh!" moment of life. The "Yes! Yes!" "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, "... see 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" raves on about all most divorcing the city in the last year as well as the city's apparent need to compensate for it's shortcomings. After noting that architecture is all phallic symbolism, "Speed" states, "The Empire State Building is utter catharsis." In response to a female tourgoer 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. Eroticism. Voyeuristic. Tumultuousness. Re-capitulate. Ambivalence. All used to describe 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 Thoms, 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 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.

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). Advance tickets are available at Student Programs also in the TUB for $5 in advance and $8 at the door.

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Good guys don't always finish first

By Martin Smith

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 started All year, quit last week.

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

"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 Sea Patch in Renton.

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

The Knights already defeated the Lady T-Birds 3-2 back in September. The T-Birds think they're ready.

"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.

Men in home stretch of playoff chase

By Jamie Kirk

The Thunderbirds 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 Prenowitz.

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 midfield Steven Mullinax.

"Shoreline played us well," said Prenowitz. 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 opportunities wasted. Though the T-Bird's defense came up to help carry the team offensively, Peter Wilson and Clement Chai 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 builder before we play Skagit."

--Gerry DiPietro

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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 5 p.m., Wednesday Nov. 4 at French Field in Kent.

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Volleyball continues roller coaster season

By Jewanna Curver
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 listening," middle hitter April Haim said.

Another reason could be the injury of their starting outside hitter, Nallasone 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 defeated the fine-ever Everett Community College squad in four games 15-10, 11-15, 15-11, 1-15.

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 Heinz were putting up picture perfect sets, and dumping the ball occasionally, catching Everett on their heels.

"We kept them moving," Heinz said.

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

Hitters Heinz, Amy Stiefs, and Angie Burgess pounded away with multiple kills.

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

This last win was 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 a away game Wednesday Nov. 4 against Bellevue. They that travel to the Pierce Tourney Nov. 5-6.

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ASHCC certifies clubs

By Jesse L. Wolbach
Staff Reporter

The Associated Students of Highline Community College for the 1998-1999 school year have approved a list of new clubs. Those clubs include four new clubs and one new organization.

The four new clubs include the English Speaking Association, American Historical Society, Arabic Programmer's Guild, and American Sign Language Association. The new organization is the American Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

The English Speaking Association is a club for students who are interested in the English language. The American Historical Society is for students who are interested in history. The Arabic Programmer's Guild is for students who are interested in computer programming. The American Sign Language Association is for students who are interested in learning sign language.

The Associated Students of Highline Community College (ASHCC) is the student government of Highline Community College. It is composed of students who are elected by their peers to represent their interests. The ASHCC is responsible for promoting student involvement in the college and for providing a forum for student input into college decision-making processes.

ASHCC Wise, president of the Associated Students of Highline Community College, said that the new clubs are a testament to the diversity of the student body at Highline Community College.

"We have a large and diverse student body," Wise said. "We want to make sure that all students have the opportunity to participate in the activities that interest them."