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Photo by Jamie Turner

A student waits to board a Metro bus at a stop in Highline's South parking lot.

College subsidizes bus passes

By David Froyalde
Staff Reporter

Students and faculty now have the opportunity to purchase Metro bus passes at a cheaper rate for the first time ever.

This is an attempt to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles parking on campus, college officials said.

Beginning with the November pass, Highline and Metro will each cover \$5 making each pass cheaper by a total of \$10.

The new monthly price for a bus pass are as follows: \$36 for a one-zone pass during off peak hours, \$45 for a one-zone pass during peak hours or a two-zone pass during off peak hours, and \$63 for a two-zone pass during peak hours.

The Growth Management Act states that colleges have to reduce the amount of single occupancy vehicles coming to campus.

The transportation management program is looking for ways to encourage alternatives to single occupancy vehicles.

Laura Saunders, vice president of administration, believes lower bus fares will help them



Laura Saunders

achieve their goal.

"We hope this (reduced bus fares) will reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles on campus," said Saunders.

Last school year, Highline sold a total of 474 bus passes. Saunders hopes that the cheaper prices will increase that number.

"I encourage people to take a look at it. The price is reasonable. It's convenient because it takes you directly to the campus," said Saunders.

Students trying to find an empty parking space on any of the campus lots know how diffi-

cult that can get, especially from 9 until 11 in the morning.

However, riding the bus can eliminate those frustrations. Saunders would also like to remind students that carpool parking is free.

In light of the lower prices, some students may consider hopping on the bus.

"On a day like today, I feel it would have been much better to ride the bus," said one student after driving around for 30 minutes looking for an empty parking space.

However, to the majority of students, this price decrease won't convince them to leave their cars at home.

Students said they only would take the bus if they didn't have any transportation to the campus.

"I would think about riding the bus. However, I find my own vehicle a little more reliable than public transportation. But if I didn't have a car then, yes, I would ride the bus since the bus pass has been lowered," said student Tiffany Fisher.

Students point out the advan-

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Group urges diversity support

By Laura Adele Soracco
Staff Reporter

A group of faculty, staff and administrators has signed and sent a letter to the Board of Trustees encouraging them to choose a president who continues supporting diversity.

Sometime next year, the board will choose a new president to replace Ed Command, who plans to retire in July 2000. Committees to aid in the search process are already meeting.

Replacing



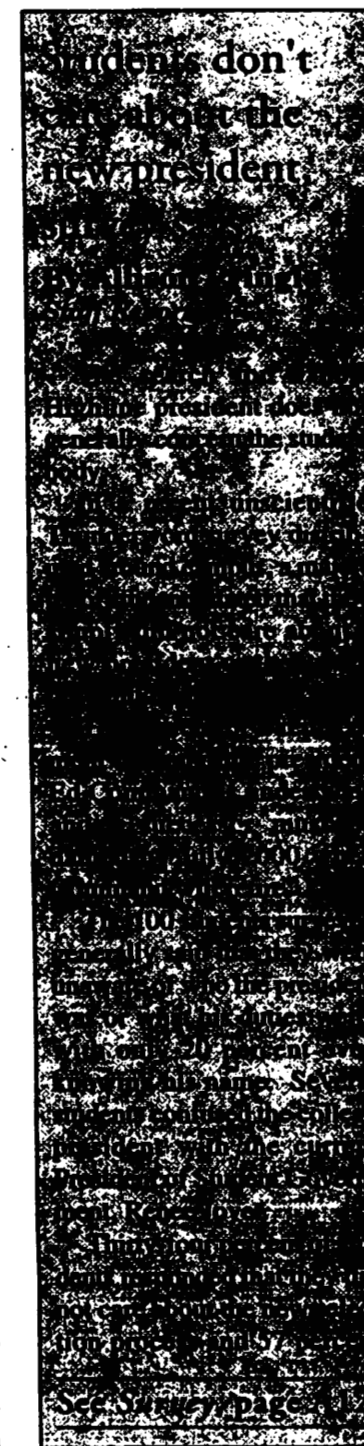
The group's concern is to make sure that the new president is "someone who shows that he or she believes in diversity by actions not only in words," said Ed Morris, math instructor.

"We are pleased with our direction right now; we created the climate we have now," said Dean of Instruction Bob Hughes.

He said it's necessary to continue with these efforts, which have been supported greatly by Vice President for Instruction Jack Bermingham and Command.

The last 10 years have been crucial to the campus community, which has been influenced by the growing immigrant population, Hughes said.

The college adopted a cultural diversity policy statement in 1993 and reaffirmed it in



1998.

The letter originally was written by Hughes, Morris, and Director of Multicultural Programs Toni Castro. Others on campus have signed it as well.

The letter encourages the Board of Trustees to seek a candidate who "has shown a sig-

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Crime Blotter for week of Oct. 21-28

Hit 'N Run

A recycling truck was seen striking a sign behind the Building 6 Bookstore while departing and drove off without any effort to inform Highline. The matter is being looked into.

CD player stolen

A Toyota Rav 4 was broken into on Oct. 20. The culprit broke the passenger side window and stole a portable CD player and various CDs. The thieves have yet to be found.

Hubcaps find new home

A student reported that all four of her hubcaps were stolen off of her car while parked in the Midway Parking Lot. The culprit has yet to be found.

Departing student in too much of a hurry

A student reported that while hastily leaving the East Parking Lot, her car scratched a Nissan Maxima. The Nissan's owner was contacted and the problem is in the process of being resolved.

Sliced 'n' diced

A student reported that the back of her jacket was cut several times by three or four young teenagers after she left it unattended in one of the Library's study rooms. She didn't notice the slits until after she had returned home. The matter is being investigated.

Lost

The following items were lost on campus. If you have found any of these items, please return them to the Security Office in Building 6:

Math Pre-Calculus text book

"Author Ware" Book
Columbia Jacket was lost in Building 12, 13, or 14.

Math 81 Textbook was lost in Building 17.

Purple folder was lost in the Library.

American Studies text book was lost in the Library.

Compiled by
Bryan Ford

By Lora Curdy
Staff Reporter

A supporter and an opponent of Initiative 695 clashed over what the measure could mean to state budgets.

A forum on the controversial initiative was held Wednesday in Building 7 before a crowd of more than 100 people.

If Initiative 695 passes, it will drop vehicle excise tax to a flat \$30 a year, and bring all increases in taxes, fees, or monetary charges to the voters for approval.

Opponents of I-695 say that the money taken away from the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) will have drastic effects to Washington's transit system -- cutting it by 25 percent, and taking \$360 million away from local programs such as fire and police departments, and Medic One.

Supporters disagree, saying that the Legislature's budget will only be cut by 2 percent. This change, supporters say, will cause the various programs currently receiving money to have to re-justify their funding.

"I think taxes in our state are



Photo by James Bowen

Ian Bauer makes a point in the I-695 forum Wednesday.

too high," said Jim Rigby, a Seattle attorney who spoke in favor of the initiative at the forum. "It is time for the voters to take charge."

On the other hand, Ian Bauer, a staffer on the anti-695 campaign who spoke against the measure, urged voters to use their common sense, and to do their homework. "Before anyone should vote, they should know that facts," said Bauer.

At the forum each speaker

had the opportunity to give an opening statement, a rebuttal, and an opportunity to answer questions from the audience. The audience, made up mostly by Highline students, played an active part in the forum by posing difficult questions for the two speakers.

Even though the two speakers could not agree on I-695, both did agree that on Nov. 2 every one registered to vote, should.

Literary festival info available at Bookstore

Northwest Bookfest brings the Seattle area more than 250 acclaimed writers and 90 different literary programs. The Bookfest will have author presentations, book signings and more.

It will be held Nov. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in downtown Seattle.

Bean moving on to Pierce College

Highline Assistant Director of Facilities Shirley Bean has been chosen to be Pierce College's director of finance.

"Shirley did anything and everything in the Facilities Department," said Facilities Director Pete Babington.

Bean will begin her new job at Pierce's Fort Steilacoom campus on Nov. 15. Babington gave no word on a replacement.

Student center planning moves forward

By Ericka Wood
Staff Reporter

People would like to see Highline's new student center include everything from the bookstore to a recreation room.

The student center building committee, comprised of students, faculty and staff, met on Tuesday to formulate some preliminary ideas for the new building.

Associate Dean of Student of Student Programs Diane Anderson felt that the 19-member committee was too large, so they are breaking off into subcommittees. The subcommittees are Food Service, Meeting, Conference and Programming Space, Recreational Space and Services, Office Space, Miscellaneous Space, and the Bookstore.

Some of the things the committee members want to see in the new building include general-purpose performance space, lounge space, a gallery, a multicultural meeting room, club offices, the Thunderword, and a pub.

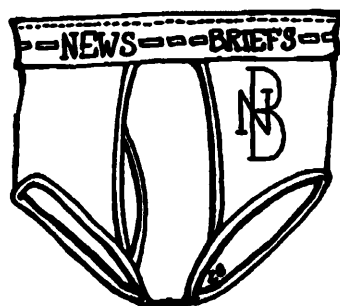
The committee is far from settled on what the new building will house, and hopes to gather more ideas from the campus community.

"There are all kinds of options for student input," Anderson said, including a survey.

Student Senator Joe Nalley encouraged students to fill out the surveys so they can get their voices heard.

The building is currently set to go up in the Summer 2001.

The 15-month process will yield a new building by the fall of 2002.



Library offering free workshops

Free library workshops over the next three weeks will be offered at Highline. Workshops include Reference Sources, Periodicals and Computer Databases, Web Basics, and Advanced World Wide Web. Each workshop runs approximately 50 minutes long. The schedule is listed at <http://flightline.highline.ctc.edu/reference/workshops/sch-curr.html>.

Women's Breakfast Forum promotes leadership

Identify your true self and bring it to your leadership and those with whom you interact. Join the next Women's Breakfast Forum where trainer/facilitator Marlene Harris presents "How Authenticity Creates Outstanding Leadership."

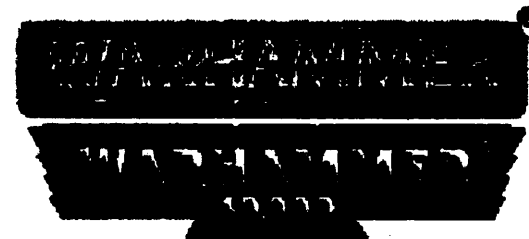
The next breakfast will be Nov. 4 from 7:30 - 9 a.m. at the Federal Way Campus. The fee is \$10. Any questions can be answered at 206-870-3757.

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Highline gets Japanese sister college

By Lora Curdy
Staff Reporter

A memorandum of agreement has been signed between Highline and Hachinohe University of Japan.

The agreement, signed by Highline's President Dr. Ed Command and Hachinohe's President Kojiro Hioki, is an agreement that signifies a partnership between the two schools. The meeting was a way for the schools to meet, and form a relationship.

The faculty and staff lingered into Building 2 to see their new sister college.

"This institution (Highline) is the first community college or educational institutional that we are going to have this partnership with," said Kojiro Hioki, Hachinohe's president.

Hioki went on to say that he agrees with Command's plan on incorporating global perspectives into schools.

Highline's involvement with Hachinohe University came after Federal Way's involvement with the city of Hachinohe.

Hachinohe and Federal Way are sister cities.

Command sees the college's ties with Hachinohe University as a way to build strength with Federal Way as well as with



Photo courtesy of Sandy Moser

Hachinohe University President Kojiro Hioki speaks at last week's reception.

Hachinohe University.

That way, the local communities are benefiting and not just the college.

As far as Highline and Hachinohe's partnership, Command sees Hachinohe as fitting into Highline's plan to infuse elements of global perspective and diversity into the classes at Highline. "I want faculty diversity to reflect student diversity," said Command.

At the meeting, Hioki and some of his colleagues discussed commonalities among the two

schools in an attempt to find an area in which both colleges had similar interests.

Hachinohe, whose primary area of instruction is business, has some similar ideas as Highline's.

Possible exchanges of faculty and students are likely to occur in the future to explore these areas of interest.

While at Highline, Hioki and his colleagues also got a chance to see the campus and learn about student life.

In addition, Hioki had a

chance to meet with some faculty members here.

Through the agreement, a formal relationship was established between the two schools.

It serves as a framework to develop the details of student, faculty, and staff exchanges between Highline and Hachinohe University in the future.

Both colleges are also recognizing, through the agreement, the value of socio-cultural diversity and the importance of deepening an understanding of our two countries."

Dukakis encourages taking action

By Marta D. Pelayo
Staff Reporter

Women should take charge of their lives, said Olympia Dukakis. The Academy Award winning actress (*Steel Magnolias*, *Moonstruck*) spoke at Highline on Oct. 22 to a packed house in Building 7.

Dukakis spoke as part of Nordstrom's 10th annual "A Salute to Cultural Diversity" and titled her speech, "Overcoming Personal Barriers, Finding Success, and Giving Back to the Community."

Dukakis spoke of the personal barriers she has overcome, such as the serious car accident her husband was in, which left him hospitalized for nearly a year and confined to their home for another two years.

Dukakis was left to care for her husband and three children on her own. She spoke of that time as a logistical nightmare because she had to organize her children's many activities as well as work and care for her husband.

Dukakis organized the household duties on a board in the kitchen to make sure nothing was forgotten. Even then, she said, she forgot to pick up her youngest son from ice hockey practice twice.

Dukakis also spoke on encouraging women to take action in their lives instead of silently keeping the status quo. "We are trained not to act," she said.

She brought up poor health care for women as one reason this is necessary.

Dukakis spoke about finding out what makes people happy and how people take different paths. "Each one of us has our own way," she said.

The Total Experience Choir performed twice during the event.

First they performed their version of R. Kelly's *I Believe I Can Fly* before Dukakis came out, and then performed two more songs to close out Dukakis' speech.

Overall, Dukakis' speech was one of inspiration and encouragement. She spoke of the importance of giving people attention and hope, particularly young people. Everyone has "a piece of good news," she said.



Dukakis

Biology class plants new course landscape

By Melinda Charlshe
Staff Reporter

Working in groups under the supervision of instructor Gerry Barclay, the Biology 119 class and a few environmental club members added nine trees to the east lawns' landscape.

The class planted three ginkgos, three monkey-puzzles, and three dawn redwoods. Barclay specifically chose the ginkgos and redwoods because "they go way back in the fossil record."

The monkey-puzzles were chosen for their prehistoric look.

Students used a combination of teamwork and brute strength to accomplish the task. Planting the trees was one of the weekly lab activities for the biology class. However, it turned out to be more challenging than many of the students expected.

Hard, dry, rocky soil created a major obstacle for a majority of the groups. One student commented that she

helped dig the "hole from Hell." In the process of digging a hole that was supposed to be approximately two feet deep, her group broke a shovel and a pick-ax.

Fellow digger Chris Russell commented that from working hard, he woke up the next morning with a sore back. "That was the hardest 10 points I've ever earned," he joked. "The digging site didn't have ideal conditions, but I think most of us agreed that the planting was fun and it turned out to be a good way to earn extra credit," Russell went on to say.

There was an incident where one of the groups accidentally struck a water pipe. However, the damage was minimal and was promptly assessed and taken care of by the maintenance crew.

Pictures and information about the different trees will be available on Barclay's website (<http://flightline.highline.ctc.edu/gbarclay/default.htm>) in the near future.



Photo by Gerry Barclay

Students in Gerry Barclay's Biology 119 class plant one of three *gingko bilobas*, or maidenhair trees. The class also planted three monkey-puzzle trees and three dawn redwood trees.

Editorials

I-696 does not properly tackle salmon issues

Salmon are very important to people in the Northwest. For the Native Americans, these fish are considered sacred and are part of a heritage dating back centuries.

But even for people who are not Native American by blood, the salmon have been an important part of both their economy and diet.

For sport and occupation, many people are interested in catching the fish, and even more are interested in eating them.

The extreme interest in catching the fish has caused their numbers to be depleted. Also, hydroelectric power has throttled off many of the places salmon once spawned.

Thus, saving the salmon is an important issue that needs to be addressed.

Unfortunately, Initiative 696 will not save the salmon. Instead it is a poor solution to a problem with many factors.

Initiative 696 looks to prohibit commercial net, troll, and trawl fishing in all Washington state fresh and marine waters.

The law now does not prohibit net or troll fishing, but it does specify whether and where certain types of gear can be used. For example, commercial net fishing is prohibited all fresh waters except in the Columbia River.

Annual commercial fishing licenses specify what species can be taken and what type of fishing gear they can use.

Commercial fishing is not a big industry in the state of Washington. I-696 will ruin what fishing families we have, instead of saving the salmon they intended to do.

A similar initiative was put on the ballot in 1995, and was shot down. Due to its ineffectiveness to save the salmon population.

The initiative does not even describe how removing nets will save the salmon and seabirds.

The Sierra Club and Gov. Locke oppose the measure because they know that salmon restoration takes a comprehensive approach, which merely removing nets does not accomplish.

Salmon restoration requires the cleaning the water, removal of dams, and habitat restoration.

Initiative 696 has good intentions, but doesn't solve the problem it intends to.

Voters should take time to make it to the polls

In this country, citizens are given certain rights that many other countries' citizens are not afforded.

We are allowed to play an active role in the governing of our country, running for offices, voting, and the initiative process.

Along with these rights comes a certain responsibility to truly think, then vote in elections.

While often times, citizens are apt to complain about how they believe the nation is poorly run, what we must remember is that we are directly responsible for what happens in our government.

Yet despite citizens' concerns, even in presidential election years it is rare for half the eligible voters to bother to cast a ballot.

Given this tremendous opportunity to have a voice in the laws that govern them, it is imperative that each and every person who is eligible to vote does so.

Claiming that voting is too much of a hassle is a weak reason to avoid it, because more and more, voting is becoming easier.

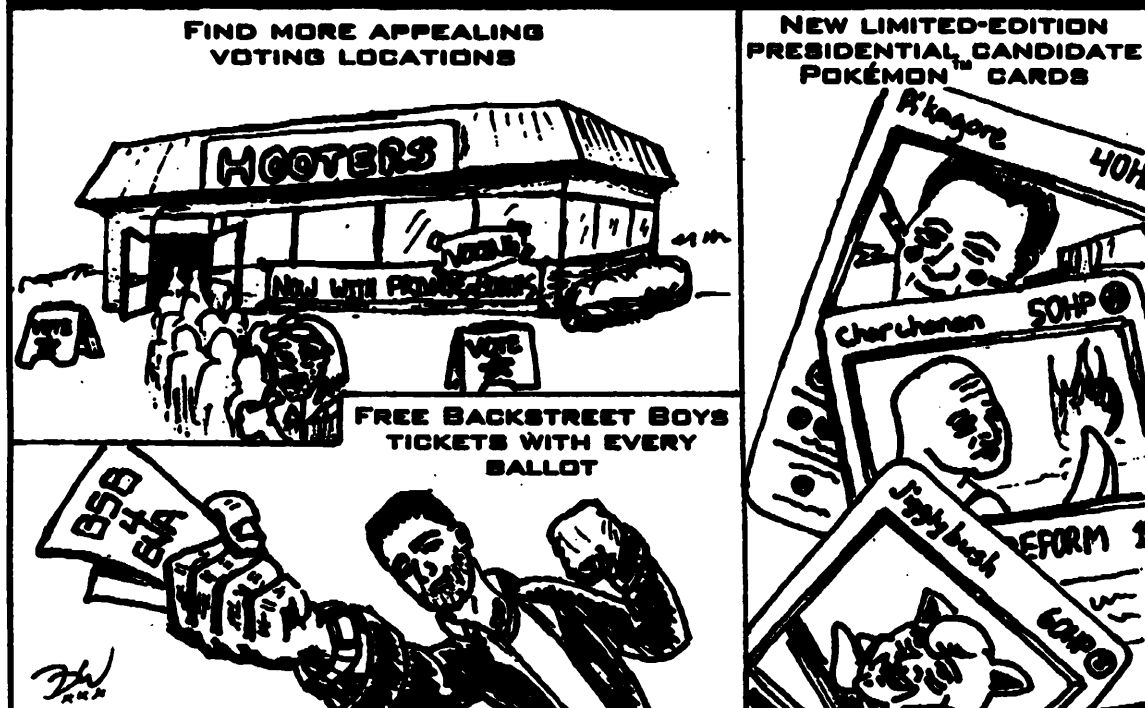
Registering to vote is probably one of the simplest things a person can do; anyone who is of age is asked when they go in to receive or renew their driver's license if they want to register, and from there it takes about 30 seconds.

After that, actually voting takes about five minutes out of a November Tuesday, and is usually done at a polling place near the individual person's residence.

If that's too difficult a proposition, it takes only a very short form to be mailed an absentee ballot for every election. With that method, the ballot comes to each person, and voting can be done while eating, watching TV, or doing anything else around the home or office. Voting by absentee ballot takes an extremely short amount of time and is very easy.

It is each citizen's duty to cast a ballot in the Nov. 2 election, and, given how easy it is to do, there are no excuses to avoid voting.

SUGGESTIONS FOR INCREASING VOTER TURNOUT...



Midterm blues strike Highline

It is currently the worst time of the quarter, also known as the miserable midterm.

It is when the concept of hard work begins to hit you in the face, along with some mean looking pimples.

Currently I am wearing the fall edition of red dot acne on my forehead. I need some zit cream and a good umbrella.

The weather is starting to look as gray as the lead going on those 14-page term papers some of us are starting to write.

My instructors are starting to become more grumpy. One of them told our class that we were getting worse and worse at turning in homework.

Don't become disturbed with the abundance of empty chairs

The Island of Dr. Moreau

By Teresa Moreau

in your classrooms. If there is one less student, there is one more parking space.

Right now is the time of the quarter when you have to push yourself 10 times harder than you did at the beginning of the quarter to make it through.

"The library is becoming more busy and people stopped checking their E-mails and are more focused on research," said Reference Librarian Jack Har-

ton.

Harton says that the prospect of an impending midterm tends to focus students' minds. He also notices a student migration from the first and sixth floors to the more quiet floors.

Up in the bookstore, stress food becomes more popular during midterms.

"The bookstore is selling tons of candy and juice," said bookstore employee Katrina Sandeen.

So if you're on a diet, watch out for the midterm munchies.

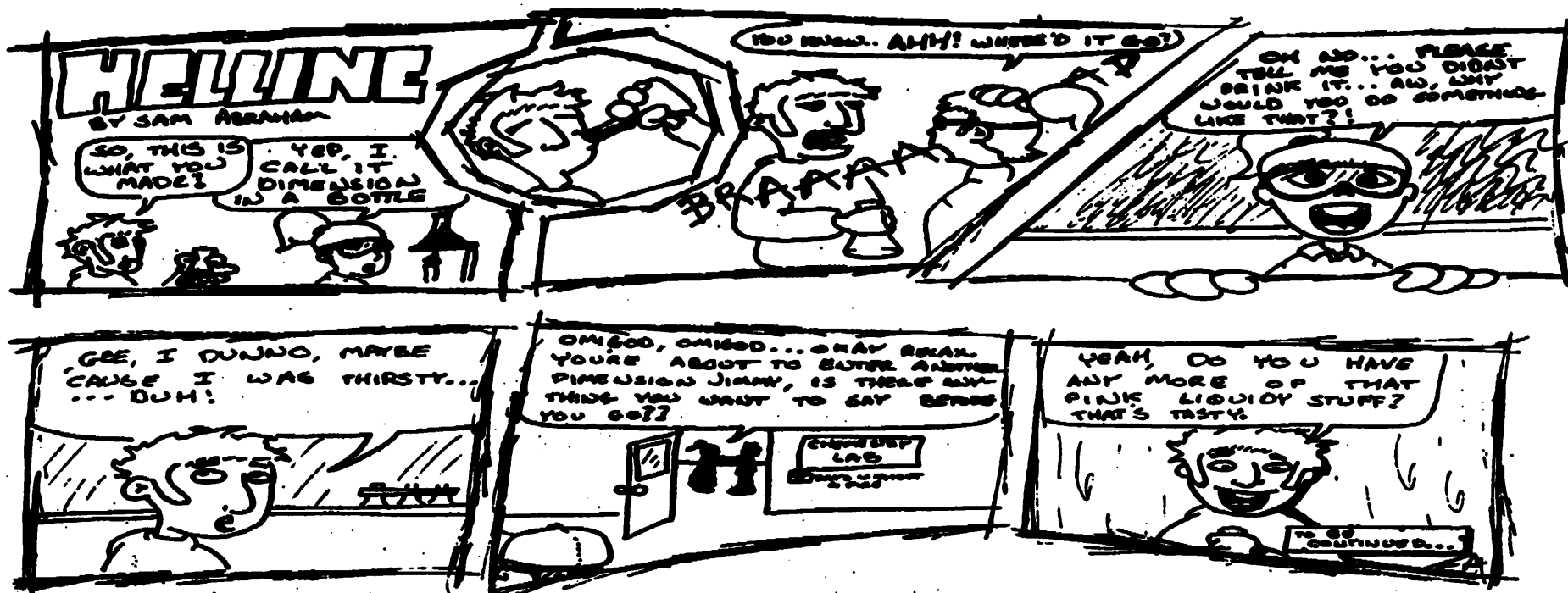
The registration office would like to remind you that if you fail your midterms, Nov. 24 is the last day to drop your classes.

Teresa thinks that falling asleep in a textbook is studying.

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ASHCC up close and personal

By Kyle Maschhoff
Student Senator

Kyle Maschhoff at your service, I don't have any stories and I don't know what I want to be when I grow up just as long as I live by the ocean and don't have to wear a tie.

I am your 1999-00 student senator. I was told to write a commentary for the fabulous Thunderword.

Here we go. I love my jobs, as senator, and as a promotion specialist for Fisher broadcasting (STAR, KOMO, and KVI). I get to meet the greatest people. One day this week I'll be in the booth with Jill Taylor from 2-7 p.m. This weekend I'll be working at the haunted house in Factoria.

Lots of people ask me what I look for in a woman, since, we are on the subject.

There are many things that I look for in a woman but the

Guest commentary

most important would be a caring heart.

Someone who does not dwell on or point out faults. If something is bothering her, she'll let me know and I'll make it better. I love a girl who has a great sense of humor.

I want her to play hard to get, but let me know that she likes me. What I want is what I've not got. What I need is all around me.

I hate driving on the freeway when the person in front of you is going ten under but when you try to go around them they get all mad at you for driving on the shoulder.

Do you ever dream about the future? I have dreams that come true all the time.

Dreams are portraits of the future.

I had the best ice cream this

past weekend. It was called Chocolate Truffle Explosion.

I sure like the new student senators they are great. Sandra Allen and Janice Valdez - talk about your eye candy.

Not only are these girls beautiful they can really get the job done. These girls are a great addition to the team and I am very happy to have them in the office.

I think music is a great way to help express yourself and also a tool to help you come to terms with situations in your life. I like all sorts of music and aggressive in-line skating.

I miss the sun, the warmth and happiness that you feel on a sunny day.

Well it is about time for me to wrap this up. I'd just like to have a great day - you guys were great. Gracias!

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• The deadline for submissions to the Nov. 4 issue is Monday, Nov. 1, at 12:30 p.m.

T.V. in need
of make-over

As I aimlessly clicked from one channel to the next, I came to a staggering revelation. Television, the medium which has meant a great deal for my life (poor study habits, dateless Friday nights etc.) is as dull as the Yankees/Braves World Series.

The
Roche
Motel

by Derek Roche

The major networks (ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX) and that network wannabe, the WB, offer insipid lineups which consist of pretty white people either stumbling through unfunny sitcoms, muddling through unentertaining drama, or *WWF Smackdown*, which makes *American Gladiators* seem almost Shakespearean.

The quality of the once jovial TGIF has even diminished. I want my *Full House* and *Family Matters*. Urkel and the Olsen twins should be given their own show; *Two girls, a nerd, and a pizza place*.

What do people see in *Friends*? Evidenced by their nearly nonexistent movie career (the monkey in *Ed* upstaged Matt LeBlanc), they have little talent to offer. Set in the Big Apple, the screenplay conveniently avoids the city's ethnic population.

After the Ringmaster himself, Jerry Springer, was ordered to tone down his show, the trailer trash and bimbo housewives schtick has become a bit stale, and Oprah, with her uppity book club and feel-good shows on "cute house decorations for the holiday season," is growing tedious. At least the fat Oprah took some risks.

The cast of *Beverly Hills 90210* can begin collecting Social Security. The brooding Dylan needs Rogaine; David looks ill and quick; someone help Donna, she's not eating enough.

And how depressing; two hour long dramas (*E.R.*, *Chicago Hope*) centered on disease, death, and malpractice lawsuits. At least *Doogie Howser M.D.* had a gimmick.

Cops, now there's some reliable entertainment for you. It's unpredictable, it's funny (often unintentionally) and one has a solid chance of seeing their crazy, shirtless cousin refusing to take the sobriety test.

Derek will be appearing in the mid-season replacement, *Pretty Hispanic Columnists with Issues*, on UPN.

This roadhouse rocks to a regular beat

By Heidi Larsson
Staff Reporter

For those of you who live for love, or merely like to dance to live music, you have probably already discovered the remarkably few places there are left to do it.

After trying to endure the blank faces and the hostility ever present in some of the new wave dance clubs downtown, a change of pace can be refreshing.

Club Scene

The Firwood Roadhouse in Fife is definitely that change of pace.

The bar and restaurant, established in 1929, is housed in a large warehouse size shack. The front of the building is adorned with beauty bark and an ocean of vintage and newer Harley Davidson motorcycles fill the parking lot.

At first glance, one might think that no one in their right mind would approach this establishment, especially at night, without aid from a native.

The crowd going into this roadhouse share tough guy expressions that might make you turn around and go home. However, having traveled a long distance to Firwood, located far



Photo by Heidi Larsson

A crowd of men and women dancing the night away at the Firwood nightclub in Fife.

east of Fife, you may be compelled to take a chance and enter.

The inside, although not adorned with any more finesse than the outside, presents itself as a very cheery and welcoming place.

The business has a comfortable complement of some rough and tough security personnel, and some very nice employees, who after paying the \$5 cover charge will allow one to enter

one of the nicest live band dancing environments.

The Firwood has two bands that play regularly on Friday and Saturday nights. Generally, on the last two weekends of the month the classic rock band *Boinkers* perform. This is a band that is very well versed in the old and exciting dance music of the '70s.

"Our main goal is to have a bunch of fun helping people have an outrageously great time.

We do that by playing the best rock-n-roll tunes of all time looking like escapees from St. Vinnies," according to the band's web site.

The band was founded in 1987 by two of the members, Scott Collier and Scott Wilson. They formed a band that played rock tunes but refused to dress in spandex. T-shirts and propel-

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Poor screenplay makes 'Body Shots' hard to swallow

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

Body Shots is a raunchy sex romp of a comedy trying to pass as insightful, intelligent commentary on the dating rituals of young adults. It's in the tradition, I guess, of *St. Elmo's Fire*, in which both sides of the gender spectrum are explored, but unlike *St. Elmo's*, which actually had something refreshing to say about sex, *Body Shots* is an overwrought, poorly acted piece of cinema in which the characters are way too pretty to identify with, and so shallow, we really don't care to.

The film follows four men and four equally superficial women through one night of sexual carelessness that begins at a nightclub, amid heavy liquor consumption, and ends the morning after with the characters not knowing if they were raped, if they thoroughly enjoyed the experience, or if the actual act even took place. Caution; virgins may want to see *Body Shots*, since no one in the film actually enjoys the sex they have.

Much of the film is narrated through characters speaking directly into the camera, a gimmick better employed in the *Wayne's World* films, because the tone and subject matter was a great deal more synergetic.

Sean Patrick Flannery plays Rick, a lawyer who is a decent human being and the most sympathetic of the male cast, which includes Michael (Jerry O'Connell), your archetypal one-track-mind jock; Shawn (Brad Rowe) and Trent (Ron Livingston) who will just about lay anything that moves.

The estrogen gamut comes via party girl Sara (Tara Reid); Emma, the sweet one played by Sybil Temchen, and Whitney (Emily Procter), a full blown hottie who's, of course (the screenwriter's male), the most kinky of the bunch.

What happens to these characters through the course of the night is matter-of-fact, unimpassioned, and really not the point. Everyone just about hooks up, in some form, with one another, thus there's no emotional anchor to keep the film grounded in validity. The scenes are played



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Sean Patrick Flannery and Jerry O'Connell in *Body Shots*.

like a sitcom, and we come to the realization that none of these shallow characters really deserve to be in love.

We're provided replay, after replay, of what actually took place behind close doors. Was she raped? Wasn't she? No one really knows. Here's some advice to the characters: Stop drinking to the point where you

can't remember the next day what had taken place the night before.

The screenplay was written by David McKenna, who was in far better form with *American History X*, and is, I'm sure, capable of better work in the future. He has an ear for dialogue and the conversations contain truth, but nothing interesting.

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Thomasson, Foote have aspirations for city

By Heather Baker
Inside Scoop

Des Moines voters' may have a hard time deciding between Scott Thomasson and Mike Foote for Des Moines City Council Position 4 because they see eye to eye on many city is-

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sues.

Thomasson has lived in the Des Moines area for 24 years and has served on the city council for 12 years.

He graduated from Mount Rainier High School and went to the University of Washington to get his degree in civil engineering.

Thomasson is currently working for the City of Redmond as the manager of the Utility Engineering Division. He manages a crew of 10 people and designs the water and sewer

system.

Thomasson decided to run this year as a continuation of his service to the City of Des Moines.

Foote has lived in the Des Moines area for 48 years.

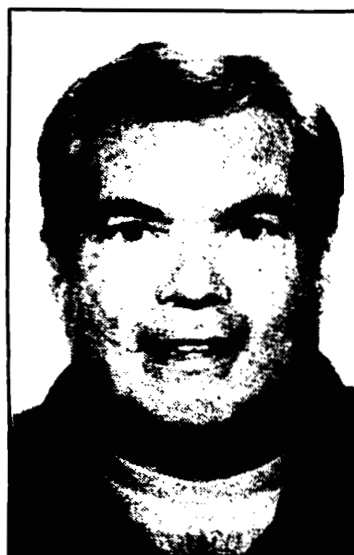
He graduated from Glacier High School in 1969. Since then he has taken business classes.

Foote considers himself as the "out of the closet, silent majority" candidate.

After the prodding of citizens, and his own dislike of how the government is being run, he decided to no longer be an "armchair leader."

Both candidates see the third runway at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport as a problem. Thomasson vows to continue to fight the runway, while Foote questions the money the city is spending on the effort.

Foote estimates that the city has spent \$2.5 million fighting



Mike Foote

the runway, construction of which is already under way.

He also said that the City of Des Moines has borrowed \$900,000 more to give to the coalition.

Foote thinks the money could be used for other areas of the city, such as improving the

beach the senior center rests on, instead of relocating the center as the council plans to do.

Thomasson wants to improve local neighborhoods such as the one in between Interstate 5, Pacific Highway South and Kent-Des Moines Road. He wants to "encourage redevelopment."

A big issue that concerns Foote is what is happening to the city police department.

The council already has laid off four community service officers and is already considering shutting the department down after 11 p.m., Foote said. He said this scares him because he has a 7-year-old child to protect. Thomasson also says he wants to strengthen the department.

Where the candidates do not see eye to eye is Initiative 695. "It will devastate the city budget," by cutting it 25 percent, Thomasson said. On the other hand, Foote welcomes the initiative as another way to "cut



Scott Thomasson

the fat," out of the government.

Thomasson said that he is the best candidate because, "I've been on the council for 12 years. I have the experience and knowledge. I have insight what people living in this town want."

Foote said that he will be the best choice because, "I'll speak."

Candidates identify key issues

By Heather Baker
Inside Scoop

Marty Michalson and Bob Sheckler are running for Des Moines City Council Position 6. Sheckler was unable to be

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reached after repeated attempts.

Sheckler is a current city council member and is the chairman of the Airport Communities Coalition, an anti-third runway group.

Sheckler wants to redevelop the Pacific Highway South corridor between South 216th Street and Kent-Des Moines Road.

Michalson has lived in the Des Moines area for seven years and in the Seattle area for 10.

He graduated from Washington State University with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics.

Michalson works for a small company that provides first aid emergency kits to groups for fund-raising purposes. He works closely with groups such as the American Red Cross, Special Olympics, Shrine Organizations and the American Legion posts.

Like many other candidates, Michalson decide to run because people asked him to.

"I agreed to run because I was tired seeing my tax dollars spent unwisely," said

Michalson.

Michalson is concerned with all the problems and difficulties that face Des Moines. He questions the city for still funding the third runway coalition when their lawyers already lost seven lawsuits and construction still marches on. He wants the city to redirect their attention to address issues such as fuel dumping, and sound installation in homes and schools.

"The Port of Seattle puts sound installation in homes, but there is no one in the city to help homeowners with problems occurring with the sound installation," said Michalson.

Another thing that worries most of the candidates is the laying off of community service officers in the

police department.

Michalson is angry over the situation. "One of these 'nonessential' personnel was a community service officer who brought a three-year grant around \$400,000. The money is funneled into local schools for working with kids and also adult remedial education," said Michalson. Michalson said that

the community service officers help police officers by letting them focus on hard crime. He witnessed this when he went on a ride-along. A community service officer was able to respond to a call about a stolen bike, and the police officer was able to apprehend a drunk with no license, and who had drugs on him.

The Des Moines City Council is also proposing to shut the department down after 11 p.m.

"My question is where will someone go when they need assistance?" said Michalson.

If elected Michalson can't promise any changes because he is only one of seven but said he will do right for the community.

"My only agenda is the betterment of Des Moines and its citizens," said Michalson.

"In the race for Position 2, incumbent Don Wasson faces challenger Rod Blalock.

Wasson is in his first term on the council and cites his votes against the third runway, and to save the taxpayers money.

Blalock, a former state legislator, is a member of the Des Moines Civil Service Commission and Drinking Driver Task Force.

Blalock says he has a history serving the city in various volunteer and civic organizations.

He feels that his experience will make him a positive force on the city council.



Sheckler



Blalock



Wasson

I-695 has the good and the ugly

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support them. Initiative 695 has nothing to do with the police and fire departments.

A program that will most definitely see a cut is transportation. Maybe this is a good idea, because the money going to transportation is not being used to widen roads, build parking spaces, and alleviate the traffic mess. What is going to transportation is going into convincing people to ride the bus, which is not happening. So as conditions get worse on the road, let's all be thankful that are money is going into Sound Transit, so they can continue to convince people to ride the bus.

The only truism the opposition has is that I-695 will hurt small towns. The only reason these towns incorporated the first place is that the state made them rely

upon the MVEI. Cities or towns should not rely upon one source of income. Those that cannot survive should disband and let the county take over.

What strikes fear into the opposition is that the state government might actually have tell voters reasons why they have to raise taxes. Colorado, who passed a similar initiative, has no problems with getting tax increases pass, because the government knows that it has to give just cause to raise taxes.

The opposition says that proponents for the initiative are playing on paranoia about the government. It is the opposition with their commercials and fight against the initiative that has implanted the paranoia. The opposition more raised quadruple more than the proponents.

What makes this initiative appealing is it's grass roots. It from the people and by the people. It is the foundation this country stands on.

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increases now, or at any time in the near future, because spending cannot increase so much that a rise in taxes would be required, due to I-601. No sane politician would raise a tax when they won't be allowed to spend it.

Also, one thing that must be noted in this initiative is that the supporters are playing on the paranoia that elected officials are not doing a proper job representing them,

in this supposed day and age of Political Action Committees (PACs) "buying" votes with campaign contributions.

This is all very interesting, considering that most of the large contributors to the campaign are auto dealers, and their ad hoc PAC isn't making any contributions to voters' campaigns, just directly to their bank accounts.

Above all else, when looking at the initiative, the same rule one must use in any initiative applies: Initiatives are all or nothing; if one part of it is bad, it's all bad.

Yingling and Young want to revitalize Kent

By Jenny Mitchell
Inside Scoop

The Kent City Council Position 3 candidates are Rico Yingling and Donna Young.

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Yingling was born in Portugal. He has lived in Washington for 13 years. He was voted class valedictorian in 1974 at Lincoln High School in Tacoma. He has a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Washington.

Yingling is the incumbent councilman and is running for reelection. "I've already done good things and have been effective for the citizens and the community and would like to continue," he said.

As a councilman he says he has represented the voters and other community stakeholders. He set policy and direction for the city and had meetings with citizens and took phone calls on complaints and policy issues. He handled policy matters like city performance and the protection of citizens' taxes. "I made sure money was protected and spent correctly," he said.

He works for Da Vinci Gourmet, Ltd. He is the director of

operations. Da Vinci Gourmet, Ltd. is a producer of syrups found in flavored coffees. Yingling directs purchases, manufactures, quality control, and shipping. Along with this job he works with four other organizations to improve the community.

Yingling is a board member of the Kent Chamber of Commerce. He is a former president. He works with lobbyists, trade shows, and trade missions. "My job is to make the community a good place to live," he said.

Yingling is the President of the Washington State Quality Award Organization. They award state organizations that meet criteria and make continual improvements.

To improve the community Yingling also works on the Mayor's Multicultural Task Force.

Yingling is also raising a family. He's a husband and a father of three teenage boys.

He will be voting against Initiative 695. Although he's voting against it, he does support parts of it. He agrees there should be a drop in car tabs but a flat \$30 is too big of a drop. He is against the other part of I-695, and that is that government has to go to voters every time



Rico Yingling

they want to increase a fee or tax. "This would be very costly and this is what the councilmen are for," he said.

The change he plans to make, if he is reelected, is the traffic. He wants to slow down speed in neighborhoods and increase speed on the main roads, like Pacific Highway South. He would also like to revitalize downtown Kent.

"I'd like to make Kent a bigger, funner, and better place that people would like to live in," he said. To do this he'd like to see more restaurants, stores, and the advancement on the train station project. Yingling is confident that he is the person for the job.

He has professional experience and has been in leadership positions for seven years. "I'm doing things I was made to do," he said.

Challenging Yingling is Donna Young, the owner and operator of a day-care center. She grew up in Kent and has lived in the same house for 11 years. She has owned her day-care for eight years. Prior to that she worked for Packer in the Design Engineering Group for several years.

"I believe that the citizens of Kent need someone on City Council, like myself, that will listen and represent them by protecting their rights," said Young. She says she wants to listen to the people and make plans for improvements on things like the traffic congestion caused by the poorly planned growth.

Young plans to vote for Initiative 695. She believes the people deserve the tax break and agrees that people should vote before taxes are increased. "What you save with I-695 you will probably be spending on other taxes that will be raised," she said.

Some improvements she plans on making if she's elected are a better plan on the Growth



Donna Young

Management Act. A better plan would alleviate many of the problems with the city's rapid growth and development. She would also like to enforce government fiscal responsibility to the taxpayer.

Young thinks she's most qualified because she is a citizen herself. "If you don't like the way things are now, then it is time for a change. By keeping the same people in office you should not expect things to change."

She considers herself a conservative, resourceful, and responsible individual with a successful business. She'd like to see the government run like a well-managed business.

Orr has several years of experience over White

By Matthew Ellis
Inside Scoop

Newcomer Bruce White is challenging incumbent Leona Orr in this year's election for Kent City Council Position 5.

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Orr has lived in the Kent area for 33 years. She is the line supervisor in a mutual department at Emerald Downs. She graduated from Fort Benton High School in Montana and went on to a business college in Spokane.

Orr is currently the Kent City Council president. "I originally ran," she said, "because Kent was growing rapidly, but irresponsibly." She was elected and she said she has helped change the population problem by changing the type of housing.

Originally when she was elected, 75 percent of all housing in Kent was apartments. She says she helped bring more single family homes to the city.

If she is reelected she plans to continue to resolve any problems that arise from the new growth.

She is concerned with many issues. The salmon, she believes, need to be placed on the endangered species list. Orr says she has helped the effort to



Leona Orr

save the salmon by working on numerous projects.

She has worked on putting a filtration system near the Green River to make safer water for the salmon to live in. She has also helped turn an old sewage area into a 300-plus acre wildlife preserve with trails for people to hike on.

Another issue that concerns Orr is Kent's growth.

The Growth Management Act will help with the growing number of families that are moving to the city.

As for Initiative 695, she has mixed feelings as to whether it should pass or fail.

"I can understand the taxpayers' feelings, but it could

"I have had 10 years experience and a reputation of being a good listener."

--Orr

cause a heavy financial burden," she said.

She said that if it did pass, though, she is prepared to deal with the financial impact.

If she is reelected, she plans to get more citizen participation in all programs, to get citizen input. Orr believes in reserving space for parks because of the rapid loss of space.

The council has plans to build four new ballparks for kids to play in. She is looking forward to the new commuter rail and she wants to add a parking garage in downtown Kent to improve the look of the town.

The main reason Orr believes she should be elected is that she has experience. "I have had 10 years experience and a have a reputation of being a good listener," she said. She has made it through tough times and has started numerous programs at schools to help kids.

But the one thing she is con-



Bruce White

cerned with is public safety.

Bruce White has no political experience, but is running because he has watched many City Council meetings and wants to see some changes.

White is a web systems designer and has lived in the area since 1991.

He earned his bachelor of science degree in computer science at Linfield College in Oregon. He wants to see changes in how the council deals with financial issues.

A major issue that concerns him is the fiscal one. "Spending money like water is a big deal to me," he says.

Unlike Orr, White wants I-695 to pass.

He believes it is the only way

"Spending money like water is a big deal to me."

--White

to get the government to cut back. Washington has the highest license tab fee in the nation. "It is an unfair tax and nobody should have to pay it," White added.

White lived in Oregon and they survived the \$15 fee, he said. "It will affect the city," he said, "but it won't decrease the service."

He says he wants to hear the public's voice. He wants to hear input from the outside.

A change White wants to make is to have a cost-benefit analysis before any more spending, he does not want to waste more money.

Kent does not have a web page and he is willing to design one if no one else makes one.

White admits that Orr has experience.

But, he said, "I'm smart enough to do a good job, but I am stupid enough to run."

Bruce admits he is inexperienced but has fresh new ideas, and he can make a changes for the better, he said.

Shaw and Woo have experience to give to the city

By Lora Curdy
Inside Scoop

Gordon Shaw and Wing Woo are two candidates with big ideas for the future of Burien. The two are running for Position 6 on the Burien City Council.

Both candidates have experience working with their com-

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munities.

Woo, who has been a police officer for 15 years, has taught landlord-training programs, been involved in citizen academies for the police station, and is a former DARE officer.

Shaw has served on the Burien Planning Committee for more than four years, the library guild for seven years, and coached community sport teams for numerous years.

Shaw also ran the company Compass Consolidators for 14 years, and is currently working in real estate.

Economic development is an issue that both candidates are

concerned about.

Woo intends to "preserve and protect the well established characteristics of our neighborhoods," by keeping low density in the residential areas.

In addition, Woo wants to revitalize the businesses in downtown Burien.

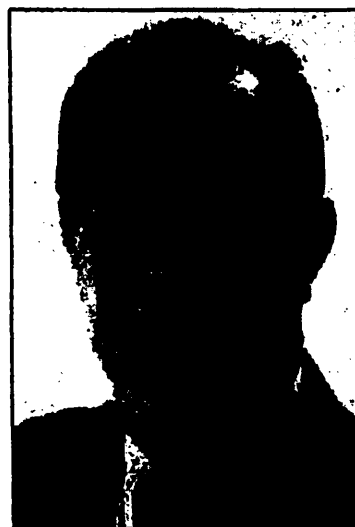
He is in favor of incentives for developers, such as higher height restrictions, to come into Burien and build new stores.

He is not interested in having big skyscrapers, but does think that extending the height limit for buildings to around six stories would spur the economic development of downtown Burien.

Shaw also has concerns of his own, and supports growth in all areas of Burien, but particularly in downtown Burien.

As a planning commissioner, Shaw has in the past voted for 8-12 story buildings to be built in the downtown area.

"We can't have a no-growth attitude 'it's my way or the highway,' that's not going to work," said Shaw



Gordon Shaw

While Shaw wants to see economic growth in downtown Burien, he would like to see it limited.

"I don't want to see Burien become a Bellevue," Shaw is also committed to revitalizing the current businesses in Burien.

Shaw also would like to see a change in downtown Burien's storm water system.

It was built to serve the residential communities and later

forced to serve the business areas as well.

This has now caused it to be at or over capacity to handle storm water in downtown.

Shaw would like to implement a fast response system to fix the current system.

Woo is committed to "keeping outstanding schools" for the communities children.

Woo also thinks that members of the council should not be receiving medical benefits.

The council position is like a part time job that he sees more as community service than any thing else, and that the taxpayers shouldn't be paying these costs.

Both candidates have different qualifications that they feel make them the best for the position.

All around experience is what Shaw feels makes him qualified for the position.

He said the 52 years that he has lived in the area makes him very familiar with Burien and what is best for the city.

He is also familiar in dealing with large sums of money due to



Wing Woo

his experience running a large company.

As for Woo, his leadership within the community, integrity, and his service record with the community makes him qualified for the position.

"Win or lose I still have a job as a public servant, serving in the best interest of the citizens to increase the quality of life in the community," Woo said.

James and Robison have opposing views

By Kristin Brotnov
Inside Scoop

Kevin James and Gerry Robison have one thing in common: they both want Position 2 of the Burien City Council. The resemblance stops there.

James thinks the most important issue is residential density,

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he believes it's ruining the neighborhoods. Robison would like to make Burien a more attractive place to live.

James is adamantly against Initiative 695, saying it would gut essential services.

Robison believes that taxes should stay within the budget, and should come from property taxes.

James has lived in the area since 1983, and was a council member from 1994-1997.

He earned an associates degree at Blue Mountain Community College, and is currently finishing his bachelors degree in work-force training and development. James now drives for Metro Transit.

Robison, on the other hand, has lived here 23 years. Robison is a graduate of Issaquah High

School, earned his AA at Highline. He went on to get his undergraduate degree at Central Washington University, and his law degree at the University of Puget Sound. Robison is a



James

member of the North Highline Unincorporated Council.

James said he was running because he

Robison "wasn't happy with the decisions the council has made for more residential homes."

Robison is running because he was asked by the planning commission to do so. Robison is out to "make the Burien City government more responsive to the citizens," and will encourage economic development. "He'll do this by making it easier for businesses to open, which will make more people want to live in the area. Robison is for an increased tax base, less crime and more police protection.

James believes he's had the most experience in crafting solutions. When he was a council member, he made 14 promises and kept all of them. Robison believes his experience as a citizen working on legislative positions, and his information and knowledge as an attorney, makes him the most qualified for the position.

Basarab, Clark run for city council

Two candidates have very little in common when it comes to ideas for the City of Burien

By Lora Curdy
Inside Scoop

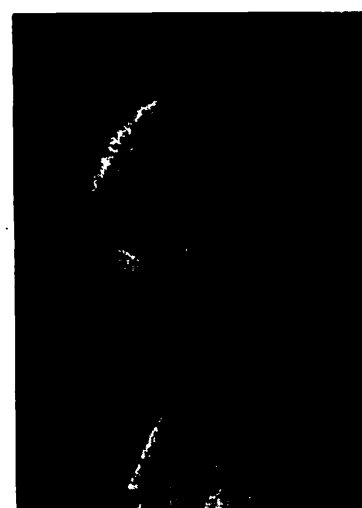
Shirley Basarab and her opponent Rose Clark have very different goals if elected to Position 4 on the Burien City Council.

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Both candidates are long time residents of the Burien area.

Basarab, who is currently a writer and formerly a Realtor and college instructor, has lived in the area for 23 years.

Clark, who has lived here for 33 years, works at Tyee High



Shirley Basarab

School as an assistant librarian.

Though Clark has no previous council experience, she has served on the Burien Planning Committee, and is currently vice president of Regional Council on Airport Affairs (RCAA), an anti-third runway group.

This experience, Clark says, makes her "very qualified to deal with airport issues." Clark's primary concern, however, is with economic development in Burien, something she learned a lot about while on the Planning Committee.

Basarab has served on the council since 1996.

During her time on the council she has worked on many important issues facing Burien.

She noted particularly her work on enhancing Burien's "downtown core" through revitalization of streets and sidewalks with flowerpots and other attractive features, something she is still committed to doing.

Basarab's goals if re-elected are to "clean and revitalize downtown, demand mitigation for airport takings, and to protect private property rights through metering."

Clark's main goal is economic development in Burien, but also says that council credibility ranks high on her list of priorities.

She thinks that past councils have had a reputation for not getting much done.

She would like to see the council come together.

"My strongest skill is to get people to work together," said Clark.

The candidates have different opinions about Initiative 695, the initiative that would lower car tax fees to a flat rate of \$30 a year.

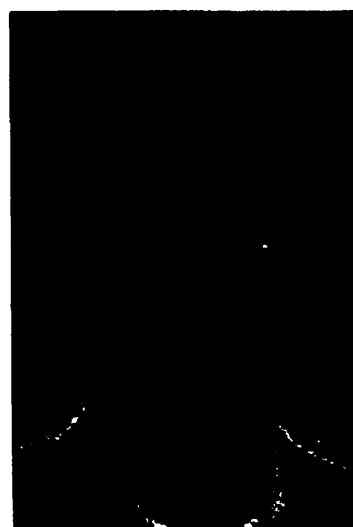
Basarab supports the initiative.

"The Legislature has increased spending by 11 percent. This initiative would roll that increase back to 9 percent; 9 percent I feel is a more than adequate increase since it far exceeds inflation."

Clark, opposes I-695 "I'm not in favor of high taxes, I am in favor of tax reform, but let's do it sanely."

Clark's major qualifications for the position are that she will "work for the people, and not against them," and that she will "represent what the people want."

Basarab declined to compare herself to Clark, only saying that she has experience and a "proven track record."



Rose Clark

Putman, McColgan square off

Candidates for council position differ on I-695, agree on traffic

By Josh Nelson
Inside Scoop

Donald Putman and Dean McColgan both want to make the city of Federal Way a better city.

Putman is one of the candidates running for Federal Way City Council Position 7.

The 44-year-old has been a resident of the city for eight years.

He received his associates degree in radiological sciences from Indiana University.

Currently, Putman is a radiation therapist at the Veterans Hospital, where he's worked for a year.

"I had the desire to be a positive influence in the community," Putman said. This was his main motive to run for city council.

"There are a lot of people who feel the government isn't listening to them," he said.

Putman also said he is con-



Donald Putman

Position 7

cerned about traffic congestion.

Putman is the lone candidate who is completely for Initiative 695. "I think it would be a great occasion."

Some improvements that Putman would like to make are more Dart buses and he would also like to see 336th Street enlarged for a better flow of traffic.

Putman also would like to see standardization of building inspectors.



Dean McColgan

Putman said one strength is his "ability to work together with diverse personalities." Putman believes this more than qualifies him for this position.

Dean McColgan has lived in Federal Way for 20 years. He received his bachelor's degree from Gonzaga University.

Past jobs include being a business owner for Play It Again Sports and information systems manager at US West. Currently he is an on-loan executive with the United Way.

Urged by other community leaders, McColgan decided to run for city council. "I've been

"There are a lot of people who feel the government isn't listening to them."

--Donald Putman

involved in the community for the past 10 years working with the Boys and Girls Club," McColgan said.

McColgan said he is concerned about traffic, public safety, and improvements with police and fire departments.

He is also concerned with I-695. "I need to decide how to deal with the impact," said McColgan.

McColgan would also like to develop the downtown area for new businesses, have a fully staffed police force, and would also like to improve Pacific Highway and South 320th Street.

Having lived in Federal Way for 20 years, McColgan feels he is definitely qualified to serve on the city council.

I-696 asks voters to save the salmon

By Erin Landers
Inside Scoop

Initiative 696 asks voters if commercial fishing nets should be prohibited in all Washington fresh and marine waters, except tribal fisheries.

If approved, I-696 will "remove the commercial fishing nets that kill endangered and threatened species like salmon, seabirds, and other sealife, but doesn't ban nets that don't kill," said sponsor and writer of I-696 Tom Nelson. Nelson added that there are 16 species on the list in Washington and it is expected that anywhere from five to 18 will be added to that list next year. It's because of these deadly nets that the list of endangered species is increasing, he said.

Millions of dollars have been spent by tax payers to help in the effort to save the endangered species. Nelson said these costs won't decrease unless the nets are removed from the waters.

"We cannot count on the state agencies to help with the problem," said Ramon Vanden Brulle of the Washington State trout commission. The Washington department of fish and wildlife missed an escapement goal six years in a row. The escapement goal is the number of salmon and other fish to returning to rivers. "We can't wait for the state especially if they can't meet their own goals," said Brulle.

Washington wouldn't be the first state to ban the nets in its waters. States including California, Florida, Louisiana, and Texas have all banned the nets. These states have seen a dramatic increase in their marine life and the increase in threatened species.

It will take a more comprehensive approach to water quality, habitat restoration and resource management, opponents claim. "70 percent of fish caught in Washington is caught by tribes," said Aisling Eoghlan who is with the Ed Owens committee chair.

Scientists and environmentalists oppose I-696. Scientists say that it misleads the public into thinking that it might help the fishing industries and salmon life.

Opponents say that I-696 divides organization's long term recovery plans. "The nets aren't the only thing we need to focus on; we need to focus on more habitat issues and long term solutions," said Eoghlan.

This isn't the first time a similar initiative has been attempted. It was attempted in 1990, but failed.

Council battle features Reid, Hellickson

Candidates differ on approaches to city government, as well as in age

By Josh Nelson
Inside Scoop

Barbara Reid and Michael Hellickson are very different from each other, but both say they want what's best for the

Position 5

City of Federal Way.

The two are vying for position 5 on the Federal Way City Council. They are different in ages and approaches to city government.

Barbara Reid, 69, has lived in Federal Way for 16 years. Her college background includes the Interior College of Art in Ontario, Canada and Washington State University.

Reid is currently retired, but she is a certified business communicator and worked for Boeing as a corporate commu-

nications project media planner. She came out of retirement for four months to work as a planning consultant for Boeing.

Reid decided to run because everyone withdrew.

Some of the issues she is concerned about are public safety, traffic congestion, and overhead lighting for Pacific Highway.

Reid is also strongly opposed to Initiative 695, the \$30 flat car tab proposal.

Reid plans to have more effective communication between the city and its people. She also wants more public meetings and a quarterly newsletter for the people of Federal Way.

Reid says she is most qualified for this position because she and her family have lived here for a long time.

Michael Hellickson, 26, is a lifelong resident of South King County, and has been a success from the start. While attending Tyee High School, he received his real estate license. He quickly became the highest producing agent while still in high school. Hellickson also finished school a semester early.



Barbara Reid

Hellickson has worked at a mission in a church in Germany. For the past five years, he's been working for the real estate agency John L. Scott, where he met his wife.

"My wife and I work because we want to, not because we have to," Hellickson said. This is one of the reasons Hellickson decided to run for city council. "We feel strongly that we need to give something back to the community," Hellickson would



Michael Hellickson

like to see Federal Way hire more police officers. "Public safety first and foremost," he said.

Hellickson is neither for nor against I-695, but is more concerned with what the city will do if it passes.

He believes that the city government needs to be held more accountable.

"We need to get people's permission to spend their money," said Hellickson.

DeHan, Ruth differ on SeaTac priorities

By Corey Long
Inside Scoop

Running for SeaTac City Council position 7 are candidates Don DeHan and Glenn R. Ruth.

A native of Canada, Ruth attended South Seattle Community College, where he received his real estate license, along with his electrician technology



Don DeHan

says the initiative is not needed and if passed would put the city in debt even further. "People have been taxed with no say which isn't fair," said Ruth.

As the council stands right now, "they are supporting bigger businesses, and not focusing on the small things that really matter," said Ruth, who if elected promises to re-institute community meetings so that the community could feel better recognized.

Position 7

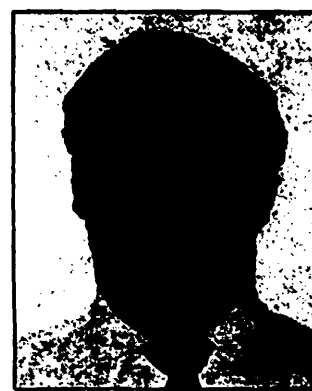
degree. During this time he also received training with the federal government. He has lived in Washington for 21 years and has been living in the city of SeaTac for two years, and is currently employed as a King County Metro operator.

DeHan is finishing his first term on the council. A 35-year resident of the SeaTac area, he graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in engineering and business.

DeHan recently retired from Boeing as a manager of maintenance in the aerospace division.

DeHan believes Initiative 695 is a good thing and would like to maintain the city's police and fire facilities, while Ruth

DeHan would like to take a look at adequate park facilities for the public and also see that the traffic congestion problem is addressed. There has also been talk of having a public access TV channel for people in Normandy Park, SeaTac and Burien area. Highline College



Glenn Ruth

could be involved.

"This would give the students an opportunity to learn more about communication work field," said DeHan.

Ruth is optimistic. "I'm just a plain person, no one special, however I will act upon the people's will and I think I have a really good chance to win this race," he said.

Ruth said some dirty campaigning has been going on. He said houses have been trashed and signs have been burned. "I believe dirty politics have stormed this race, however we all just need to stay focused and on course," said Ruth.

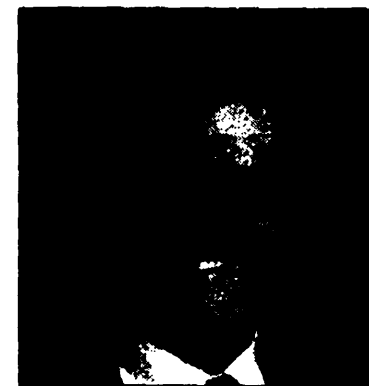
DeHan said he is unaware of any dirty politics. "If this is happening someone needs to call the police," he said.

Johnsson, Edwards vie for port seat

By Tyler Barton
Inside Scoop

Bob Edwards and Laurie McDonald Jonsson both have plans for port expansion, however they differ in their direction.

The two survived a crowded primary to meet in a run-off for a seat on the Port of Seattle Commission. The port manages Seattle-Tacoma International



Bob Edwards

Port of Seattle Position 6

Airport, Shilshole Bay Marina, and much of the Seattle waterfront.

While Jonsson is focusing on bringing in cruise ships to the area, Edwards is focusing on speeding up the areas freight and transportation, while keeping commuter traffic under control.

Edwards's plan to move freight more efficiently is to increase train traffic via the planned fast-freight corridor. This will move semi trailers off the freeway, and their contents on to trains, unfortunately at the same time causing more traffic backups waiting for the long train lines to pass.

"You will see more train traffic which will cause more traffic backups," said Edwards.

Edwards's solution is building overpasses to bypass this increased train traffic. This is of course assuming that I-695 fails, and government still has enough money to do these projects. This is one specific area in which Edwards and Jonsson are in agreement.

"If it goes away we can't do traffic projects," said Edwards. "Half the money goes to traffic."

Edwards also said that a quarter of the funding from I-695 goes to the court system. This damages more than just the court and traffic funding. "It also hurts the educational system," said Jonsson.

Jonsson is aiming at bringing in two cruise ships in the year

2000. She said this will bring in 400 port jobs and roughly \$1,000,000 per day the ships are docked here. She feels that Seattle is very capable of handling the tourists, if we clean up the city a little and deal with some traffic problems.

Both Edwards and Jonsson agree that the third runway at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is a done deal. "It is not going to stop," said Edwards. They both agree that plenty must be done to insure the community is not fatally affected.

"We have to make sure we have fair mitigation to the community and schools," said Jonsson.

Both candidates were born and raised here and went to the University of Washington. Edwards studied aeronautical engineering, graduating from the University of Washington in 1973. Jonsson studied sociology, graduated from the UW, received a master's degree at Michigan, and did graduate work at Stanford.

Edwards is an investment analyst. Jonsson is the owner of Stellar Travel.

Some of the changes Jonsson plans to make include working closer with neighboring ports, such as Tacoma, to increase trade and business, and increasing tourism in Seattle. Edwards plans to clean up Puget Sound, and find a sensible solution to our region's transportation problems.

In the other Port Commission race, incumbent Clare E. Nordquist faces a challenge from Socialist Workers Party candidate Chris Rayson.

Nordquist was appointed to fill the vacancy on the commission when Paul Schell was elected mayor of Seattle. The eastside businessman did not file any material in the county voters pamphlet.

Rayson, on the other hand, had plenty to say, pledging to fight for shorter work weeks ("with no reduction in weekly pay"); affirmative action; canceling Third World debt; and ending capitalism as we know it.

Fisher thinks SeaTac has been taking on too much bond debt

By Heather Baker
Inside Scoop

Gene Fisher and Steve Stevenson are running for SeaTac City Council Position 1.

Stevenson could not be reached despite repeated phone

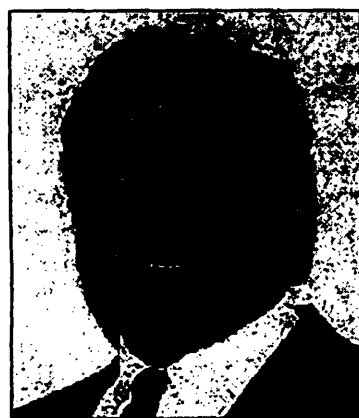
Position 1

calls. Fisher has lived in the SeaTac area for 30 years and has completed the paralegal program at Highline. He plans to attend Highline this spring to further his education.

Currently Fisher is working for M.A. Segale as a maintenance supervisor. He also has a U-Cut Christmas tree farm.

Fisher said the current council's action motivated him to run. "They've been on a spending spree," he said, producing rising debt. "The city uses the sale of bonds like credit cards."

Fisher said that the \$11 million the city is spending to build a new city hall should be diverted to build low cost affordable housing. He would also



Gene Fisher

like to see other cities work to make housing affordable, because SeaTac is running out of room.

Fisher sees Initiative 695 as the slamming of the government's checkbook. "Voters are closer to a tax revolt," said Fisher. He predicts that the initiative will pass.

Fisher sees himself as the ideal candidate because, "I've got a business and handle a multimillion dollar budget," he said. His main goal if elected is to get the money to the people.

In the race for SeaTac City Council Position 3, incumbent Terry A. Anderson is being challenged by Marion L. Henry.



Steve Stevenson

Henry says she is a longtime SeaTac resident.

"My one and only objective is to help make SeaTac a community that both the citizens and business owners can look at with pride," she said in the county voters pamphlet. "I am not in this race as a professional politician."

Anderson cites the council's record of cutting taxes every year but one.

"We have improvements in streets, sidewalks, recycling programs, parks and recreational programs, fire and police services, and traffic controls without raising taxes," she said in the voters pamphlet.



Laurie McDonald Jonsson

Ballestrasse, Nickels running for spot

By Lora Curdy
Inside Scoop

Republican Dwight Ballestrasse is vying for the District 8 seat on the Metropolitan King County Council against Democrat incumbent Greg Nickels.

Ballestrasse, who has had no formal experience in government, has a career in sales.

He said he looks at government with more of a citizen's perspective, and as a homeowner.

One of Ballestrasse's main objectives if elected to the council is tax relief. As a homeowner, "I saw taxes go up, and services go down," said Ballestrasse. "I saw homeowners get taken to the cleaners by these people."

Ballestrasse would also like to put efficiency back into government. He suggests that this could be done with a zero-based budget.

Ballestrasse, unlike Nickels who "vigorously opposes" Initiative 695, defends it.

"Lower taxes boost both the



Dwight Ballestrasse

economy and tax revenue," said Ballestrasse in the recent voters pamphlet. "I support I-695, collected signatures for it, and will vote for it."

As far as qualifications for the position, Ballestrasse is the first to admit that he doesn't have the experience his opponent does, but said that educationally he and Nickels are just the same.

Nickels, who said it is his



Greg Nickels

experience that makes him the candidate for the position, has spent his career working in politics.

Nickels has served on the Metropolitan King County Council for 12 years, a total of three terms.

Before his experience on the council, he worked for the Seattle City Council as Norm Rice's legislative assistant.

Prior to that, Nickels worked

in the Department of Community Development.

Nickels' time in office has made him active in the development of the Sound Transit plan for light rail, which consequently will be finalized on Nov. 18.

As Chairman of the King County Board of Health, Nickels has also played a large role in food safety programs, and would like to, if re-elected, "continue to make our food safety program a national model."

While in office Nickels also sponsored legislation that created Safeco Field. If re-elected, Nickels would like to oversee the actual building of the light rail system, and as well as make sure that the neighborhoods affected by it will be treated well.

Nickels will also continue to take interest in health issues, dealing with the King County Board of Health.

"My experience is significant. I know how to make local government efficient and effective for all the people in King County," said Nickels.

School board incumbent seeking reform, safety

By Matthew Ellis
Inside Scoop

Highline School Board President Tom Slattery is being challenged by Timothy Ramsey for Position No. 1 on the board.

Slattery has lived in the area since 1986.

Slattery was once a program manager for Neighbor House and he currently works in public relations for The Dykeman Children's Center.

He received his bachelor's degree in education at Ohio State University and did some work in

children's education at San Francisco State University.

Slattery is running again because there are a number of issues he wants to see through. Especially education reform.

"I want safe schools and higher standards," he said.

Slattery is very concerned with creating a safe environment in schools and to help make the students smarter and more resourceful.

Slattery does not support Initiative 695 because he believes it is a poor effort to reform. "It will hurt a lot of programs," he said, "and it will hurt public education."

While he is in office, he plans to help raise kids' test scores by raising the standards and levels of working. He wants to show that kids have learned by increasing the standards. Good experience, both public and private, is one reason why Slattery believes he should be elected. He has served eight years on the school board and has worked with many parents.

His opponent, Ramsey, could not be reached for comments. According to the county voter's pamphlet, Ramsey said, "It's time for Highline to start teaching again."



Slattery

Candidate wants to represent taxpayer

By Devon Oman
and Lora Curdy
Inside Scoop

The race for the King County Assessor's office pits six year incumbent and Democrat Scott Noble against Woodinville Fire Commissioner and Republican Dave Callon.

A resident in the Eastside area for the last 12 years, Callon is no stranger to the area.

He is currently running three Subway sandwich stores around the south Seattle area.

An experienced property owner, Callon has run up to 35 rental houses at once.

Callon's main agenda, if elected, is to lower taxes. "Someone needs to be an advocate for the taxpayers, and not the tax spenders. I've seen how much property taxes hurt everyone's pocketbooks."

His plans for office include changing annual assessments to every other year.

Callon's reasoning behind this is, assessments every other year would slow down tax in-



creases.

Callon would also like to make the appeals process easier for the public. "The current process is extremely complicated and convoluted. It discourages appeals. There's hundreds of people who have appealed their property taxes seven years in a row, only to be ignored," said Callon.

The assessor is an office in which Callon feels managerial skills are a must. "I've owned companies, and started companies. I can manage people. My policies will be to help represent

"My policies will be to help represent the taxpayer and not the tax spender. I am anti-tax."

--Dave Callon

the taxpayer and not the tax spender. I am anti-tax. I feel the government needs to be accountable."

Democratic incumbent Scott Noble is the man on the other side of the spectrum.

Noble did not return numerous phone calls seeking information on his candidacy.

A longtime resident of King County, Noble was first elected assessor in 1992, winning re-election in 1995.

According to information on his campaign website, over the next term, Noble promises to

build upon his record for fair and equitable property assessments.

He would also like to enhance productivity in the assessment process.

"One key indicator on how an assessor is performing is by the number of appeals from evaluations," said Noble. "When I took office, there were over 18,000 appeals. Today there are less than 4,200."

Noble's accomplishments in office include saving property owners \$45 million in tax increases from an illegal tax shift, as well as doubling property tax relief for over 25,000 senior citizens through exemption programs.

Noble has also shown to conserve his resources by doing more with less.

His staff of 241 employees in 1999 managed over 650,000 accounts, compared to 552,000 accounts by 265 employees in 1980.

"My record is one of fairness, fixing the problems and getting results," he said.

Hey you, yeah you in the 'N Sync hat . . .

The Thunderword is looking for musings on the millenium for a special end of an era issue. Art and writing of all types are encouraged. Deadline is Nov. 15, so get on with it! For more information, see us in Building 10 room 106, e-mail us at thunderword@hotmail.com, or call our newslane at 206-878-3710, ext. 3317.

Initiative 695 has voters pondering

By Devon Oman
Inside Scoop

Voters will get their say on the controversial Initiative 695 on Nov. 2.

Sponsor Tim Eyman is the man behind the initiative, which drops car tabs on any vehicle to \$30 as well as requiring voter approval on any sort of tax and fee increases.

Initiative 695 showed strong support early on, gathering over 514,000 signatures, far beyond the required amount of 180,000 to put it on the ballot.

Currently, car tabs are 2.2 percent of the value of your car.

It is identified as the Motor Vehicle Exercise Tax (MVET), and is used to fund local transportation programs. It represents about 2 percent of the state government's spending.

"Vehicle tabs are outrageously expensive," said Eyman, who is a Tacoma car

dealer. "Families can't afford them."

Opposition against I-695 claims that it is poorly written, and contains loopholes that allows cars to be taxed as personal property.

In addition, the initiative slashes funding everywhere, including \$360 million in local government assistance, such as public health, police and fire departments.

Thirty-nine percent of the Washington State Department of Transportation's funding would be cut.

The No I-695 campaign reports that over the next six years, the total loss of transportation funding would total more than \$7 billion.

People against I-695 are also worried about the state imposing an income tax to recover the money lost.

"Our state Constitution explicitly prohibits an income



Photo by Heather Baker

I-695 will cut costly car tabs to the flat rate of \$30.

tax," said Eyman. "It's incredibly difficult to change the Constitution. It takes two-thirds of the House and two-thirds of the Senate plus the vote of the people. We ain't ever going to have an income tax in Washington, with or without I-695."

The fight against I-695 is re-

lentless, outspending Eyman's initiative 10-1.

I-695 has encountered accusations from all directions, from just benefiting the rich to ruining Referendum 49, which provides \$2.2 billion from license tabs to address traffic and safety concerns.

Anti I-695 supporters argue that it specifically favors the wealthy. Someone with a \$40,000 car will save \$850 in tabs compared to \$80 a person with a \$5,000 car will save.

"Bill Gates wasn't getting signatures for I-695 at Costco," said Eyman. "It was our senior citizens, working families, and struggling college kids that got 514,000 signatures for I-695."

The No I-695 campaign notes that the "surplus" is actually a "reserve" which requires a two-thirds vote by legislature to use, in addition to being limited as to how much of it can actually be spent.

Former Washington Gov. Mike Lowry even challenged Eyman to a formal debate, which was held in Vancouver.

"The more you bash I-695, the better," scoffed Eyman. "Every time you bash us, we get a huge surge in donations and our poll numbers go up."

Two points of view on a difficult initiative

Initiative 695 is a short-sighted, shallow measure that will be destructive to the vital services our state and local governments provide.

Unfortunately, the fact that it will place money directly in the bank accounts of individual voters has blinded many people to its realities.

The initiative will eliminate the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET), replace it with a flat \$30 registration fee for all cars, and require that any tax or fee raises proposed by state or local governments be approved by voters.

The direct effect of this is obvious: \$850 million would be cut from the state budget, and even the slightest increases in library fees would be placed to a vote.

Proponents say the state doesn't need the MVET money because of the state's \$1 billion surplus. Unfortunately, the supposed surplus is not entirely a surplus. Half of it is an emergency fund mandated by Initiative 601, which was passed in the early '90s to limit legislative spending.

Spending this emergency fund requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature, where oftentimes even a simple majority on budgeting issues is difficult to muster.

Even if it were to be spent to make up for the loss of the MVET, simple math suggests that it would evaporate in only one year. After that, any increases to make up for the missing funds would need to be approved by voters.

In all honesty, one cannot ex-

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K.M. Petersen

pect the same electorate who approves this initiative to then turn around and approve any increase in taxes, no matter what the purpose.

When looking at where the MVET goes right now, there are two problems with its elimination.

First is the sales tax equalization passed in the mid-'90s, which moved MVET funds to cities whose retail sales don't allow them sufficient sales tax revenues (i.e. small towns). Eliminating the MVET would deliver a serious blow to small town governments, who generally use the money for police and fire protection.

Second is the fact that just one year ago, voters approved the allocation of a large portion of the MVET toward road improvements. Why then should voters turn around and say this tax, which is the direct source of funding for something they approved, should be eliminated?

Proponents of this measure are very right on one count, however: Washington's tax structure is really messed up. Unfortunately, proponents believe this for the wrong reasons. Believing that the tax structure needs fixing simply because you actually have to pay taxes is a very short-sighted view.

The reason the tax structure

in Washington needs reworking is because we have one of the most regressive taxation systems in the country. What this means is that poor people pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes than do rich people.

This bill would only amplify that problem, because the rich people who now pay around \$1,000 for the tabs on their Lexus would suddenly have the tax cut by about 97 percent, while the poor people paying less than \$50 on their Pinto would have that cut by a grand total of less than \$20.

The solution to the taxation problem in Washington would be the implementation of an income tax, not the elimination of the MVET. An income tax would be deductible from federal income taxes, so Washington residents would actually pay less overall in taxes, while providing state and local governments with adequate revenue.

On top of the problems with eliminating the MVET, the fee increase clause is simply ludicrous. If a public building had a copy machine and charged 5 cents per copy, if operating costs increased and they needed to raise it to 10 cents a copy, it would require a public vote. All fee increases except tuition would also be subject to a vote.

Voting on taxes is a bit trickier than on fees. A lot of people want their voices heard on tax increases, and feel it isn't being done currently.

But, really, at the state level, there are no real need for tax in-

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Initiative 695 has less to do with money people save on car tabs and more to do with saying no to excessive state government spending and taxation.

Washington State residents are inundated with taxes; high sales tax, property taxes that soar every year, motor vehicles excise tax (MVET), and many others. The excuse the government gives to their constituents is that it is all because there is no income tax.

It seems that the state is doing fine with the \$1 billion surplus it has. The reason the surplus is there is because of all the money the government is collecting from these ludicrous taxes.

Certainly the surplus would be cut into if I-695 passes, but that means the government will have to start working within a budget. Even without I-695 the state will not see a surplus next year, because the state government would have spent it all on social programs or pet projects.

Initiative 695 will slam the

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Heather Baker

checkbook shut on the state government, forcing them to wisely spend the money where needed.

Commercial for no on I-695 implies that the initiative would harm our local police and fire departments. It is not I-695 that hurts the police and fire departments it is your city council. City of Des Moines already laid off four community service officers from the police department and is looking to closing the department after 11 p.m. That is some police protection.

A candidate running for King County assessor says he supports the fire department, and he wants to raise property taxes to

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Here's to the people: Give them a light and they'll follow it anywhere.

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Campus to observe 'Day of the Dead'

By Travis Hanson
and Laura Soracco
Staff Reporters

The dead will come to life at Highline next week.

El Dia De Los Muertos or "The Day of the Dead" is traditionally celebrated on Nov. 2, or "All Souls Day." Team Highline has several events scheduled for the week of Nov. 1-5. The overall theme for the events is "a celebration of life" which is designed to observe the holiday as well as remember the late Latin ancestors.

All the events will be held in Building 8 starting at 9 a.m. on Monday.

The week's activities include: The opening ceremony on Monday, Nov. 1. The day begins with Spanish Instructor Arline Garcia giving a talk on the meaning of "The Day of the Dead."

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, the group "Los Del Rio" will perform all different kinds of music, and on Wednesday, Nov. 3 the Brazilian dance group Capoeira Oxala will be displaying their talents.

You can bring flowers, poems or pictures honoring the memory of the loved ones. These will be placed in a shrine in Building 8.

All events are free and open to the campus community.

Firwood

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ler beanie caps are more their style.

A surefire crowd pleaser is the always reliable, Jeff Crane. Crane emerges from backstage wearing a Gene Simmons mask, singing *I Wanna Rock-n-Roll All Night*, by the band Kiss.

In front of the stage is a comfortably large-scale dance floor where people dance all night and have a great time.

Although the bar serves a full complement of hard liquor, beer and wine seem to be the alcoholic beverages of preference.

Water is always on hand however.

This is a good idea, considering the amount of dancing that can be done in one night with a hard working band on hand.

The people that frequent this place are rather diverse. The parking lot runs the full gamut from '70 Chevys to Mercedes.

The Firwood Roadhouse is open seven days a week serving food, but only offers live music on Fridays and Saturdays. Friday nights are less crowded than Saturday nights.

If you want to dance the night away, then take advantage of this great band and the all-American atmosphere this roadhouse has to offer.

Also, don't forget to bring your motorcycle and your dancing shoes.

The Firwood Roadhouse is located at 8014 Valley Ave. E. For more information call 253-926-0476.

'Grande' a so-so, coming-of-age tale

Rancho Grande, At the Asian American Theatre, 409 7th Ave. S. in Seattle, Runs from Oct. 14 until Nov. 7. General Admission is \$12. For information, call 206-340-1049.

By Sam Abraham
Staff Reporter

The Northwest Asian-American Theatre opened the first production of its 29th season with the Chinese Western, titled *Rancho Grande*.

The play, written by Eugene Chan, a renowned Chinese playwright, follows a young Chinese girl named Mamie, on the verge of becoming a woman.

Her father is out of town, her mother is on the verge of insanity, and her brother is beginning to explore the aspects of sexuality.

The family is joined by Moonlady and Oxboy, a pair of mythical Chinese figures in

love, but separated by Oxboy's duty to the Gods.

Mamie is played by Mona Armonio in a convincing performance. Mamie is a young woman right in the middle of her own coming-of-age, and her parents won't talk about it with her, much less provide her with answers. This sends her on a roller coaster of emotions.

It seemed as though the play had a very stereotypical approach to it, right from the very beginning. Ma (Vera Wong) attributes her insanity to the lack of her husband's presence. Throughout the play all the male figures seemed to be the type who were interested in nothing but sex and the open road, while the women put off this loving, deeper vibe.

The men would always leave as the women mourned, implying that men have no sense of love and companionship. The playbill even included a poem

entitled *Lamentations of Estranged Wives*.

The play was drenched with sexual overtones and seemed crucial to the story when dealing with such topics. One disturbing element was the incestuous relationship between Mamie and her brother. They seem to each have a longing for another person, but being in the middle of the desert only left them with each other.

Arguably the most enjoyable element of the play was the chemistry between Oxboy and Moonlady. He would chase her around the stage, making groping motions as she giggled girlishly.

The theater itself was great. It was quaint, with a maximum capacity of 148. This provided an intimate connection between the actors and the audience. All in all, the play is decent, the theater is nice, but for \$12, it's not quite worth it.

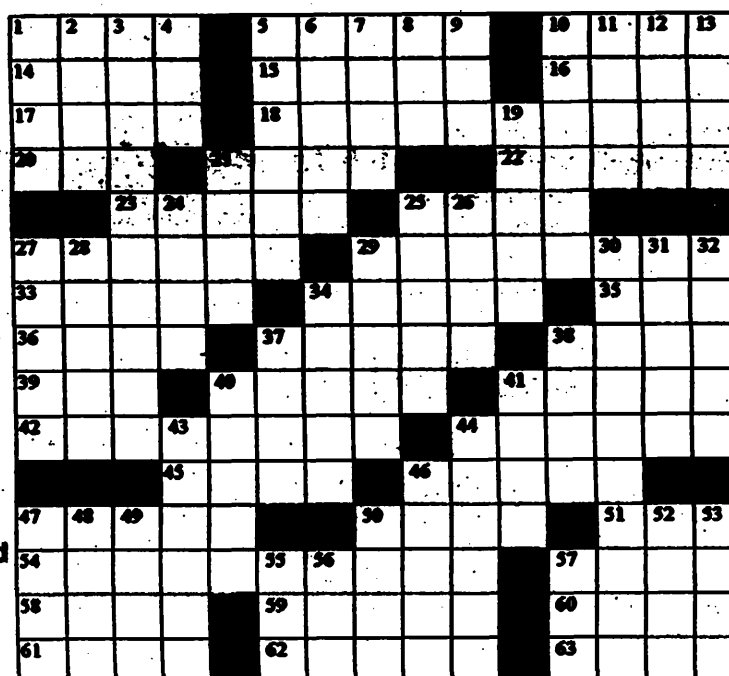
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"Bare Necessities"

By Ed Canty

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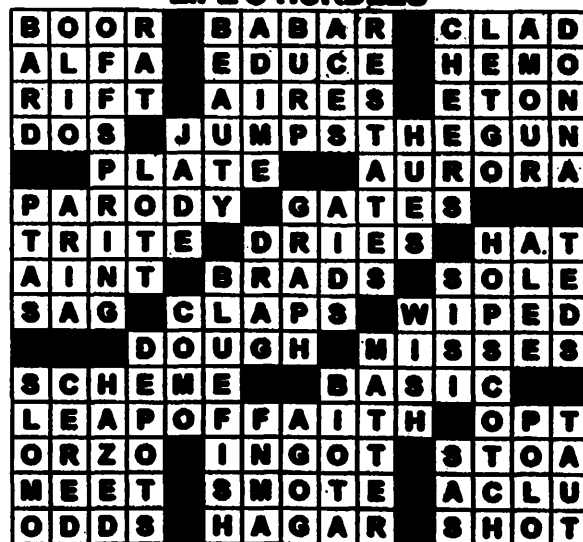
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Dunn makes smooth transition

Even with the change of Highline's athletic director, the athletics program is still running smoothly.

John Dunn's first year as the athletic director seems to be going pretty well.

"I haven't noticed any transition between Fred (Harrison) and John, and that's a good thing," said Highline men's basketball Coach Jeff Albrecht.

Nothing But Net

By Matthew Ussery

Dunn, who started working at Highline nine years ago, is in a good position.

About a year ago, when he wasn't yet the Highline athletic director, Bellevue Community College offered him the same job. Dunn turned down that position largely due to his love for Highline.

"This was where my heart was and where I wanted to be," Dunn said.

He would also have had to do some major rebuilding of the program at Bellevue. By staying at Highline, Dunn stayed in a strong program.

"The table was already set when I got here," he said. "We're only going to make very subtle changes."

The athletic program has the strength of good, veteran coaches and an expanding number of sports being offered. Because of this, Dunn only plans to tweak the program and add some personal touches to it.

An example of this attitude is the recent generosity to two programs. For the first time, the athletic department awarded scholarships to non-sport programs. Paid for by the athletic program's fund-raising budget, the scholarships were given to the Drama Program and the Thunderword.

"We (the athletic department) wanted to recognize two programs that were excellent contributors to the campus," Dunn said.

The scholarships were intended to be used by the programs for recruiting.

Dunn also wants a boost in athletic involvement.

"We're always about getting people involved," he said. "We want to give everyone a chance to try. More is always better."

T-Bird women take two big games

By Pete Wilson
Staff Reporter

Any doubts were put to rest this week by the women's soccer team.

The T-Birds pounded South Seattle with an impressive 5-0 win and pulled off a 2-0 shutout against Bellevue. These victories moved Highline into a tie for first place with Tacoma in the Southwest Division.

The Lady T-birds eased their way to victory in their game against the last place Seattle Storm on Oct. 20.

Highline opened up with two goals by forward Nancy Merrill, with assists from midfielder Joanna Plenkovich, and defender Theresa Gibson.

Midfielder Rachel Moyer punched one in off a corner kick from Vickie Upchurch.

The last two goals, scored by Jessica Andresen and Heather Warner, were more than enough to finish off the Storm.

"I'm asking a lot of the midfield to control the ball and close down opponents. They are doing an excellent job and are definitely helping us win games," said Head Coach Shari Andresen.

South Seattle is 0-9-0 and had yet to score this season. The first-year team has allowed 58 goals scored so far and has no chance to make the playoffs.



File Photo

The Lady T-Birds, shown here at a recent game, have moved into a tie with Tacoma for first place.

Highline next faced Bellevue on Oct. 23, at Zenith Park.

The T-Birds started off with early pressure on the Helmswomen defense. It wasn't long until midfielder Rachel Moyer tallied off a cutback from Heidi Schab.

Moyer later finished on another cutback, this time from fellow T-Bird Lerin Farrison. It was all that was needed to put Bellevue back in their seats.

The Helmswomen were limited to only five shots on goal, whereas the T-Birds had 24

shots but only put two in the back of the net.

"Our crosses were well struck and the runs were effective but our finishing needs to be more consistent," said Andresen.

The season is still far from over and the Lady T-birds are in good shape.

Limiting their opponents' attacks, the T-Bird's defense has been standing strong all season.

"The defense is doing well and not letting anything get behind them," said Andresen.

Highline has scored 28 times this season and only allowed four goals.

Four teams are competing for three playoff slots. Highline and Tacoma are both undefeated. Bellevue and Southwest Oregon are close behind, and are fighting for the final spot.

"It is too early to start thinking about the playoffs," Andresen said. "We have a couple must win games against Shoreline and Green River coming up and a very important game against Tacoma."

Results from Wednesday's match against Shoreline were unavailable at press time.

Highline next travels to Tacoma for a game at 12 p.m. on Saturday, and then hosts Green River at Celebration Park in Federal Way at 1 P.M. on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

T-Bird volleyball team breaks losing streak

By Jahmal Corner
Staff Reporter

The T-Birds' volleyball team has conquered the streak. Winning in three straight games against Tacoma, down came the walls of constant defeat.

At the start of the opening game, it looked as though the match would be no different than the rest. With the game all square at three points apiece, Highline lost the next eight points and found themselves trailing 3-11.

As the Thunderbirds have done so many times this season, they rallied back. Only this time they made it interesting, and won. The score was 15-13.

It was the most difficult game they would face in the match.

They jumped out to a 12-6 lead in game two, resulting in a Tacoma time-out. It could've been a turning point for Tacoma but three points later it was only an afterthought. Highline won 15-6.

Game three was much of the same, with a final score of 15-5.

"We always manage to come back in the third game, but it's always too late. This team has the talent, but we never start well."

--Andrea Lancaster



The T-Birds looked sharp in the win, and picked up some jaw-dropping statistics.

Jenoa Potter turned in a beautiful game, recording nine service aces. She was aided by teammate Joanna Schwartzkopf, who had two aces and 14 assists.

As much as people want

them to, not every story has a happy ending.

After turning in this stellar performance, Highline dropped consecutive matches to Centralia, 9-15, 1-15, 12-15, and to Green River, 6-15, 1-15, 14-16.

Head Coach Andrea Lancaster summed it all up. "We always manage to come back in

the third game, but it's always too late," she said. "This team has the talent, but we never start well."

Setter Joanna Schwartzkopf also had something to add. "I thought we played real competitively in the first two games, and in the third game we picked ourselves up."

Results from Wednesday's game against Clark were unavailable at press time. The T-Birds have a week to prepare before visiting Pierce, on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

The Thunderbirds will then travel to Walla Walla for the annual Crossover Tournament on Nov. 5 and 6.

Corrections

The women's basketball roster was incomplete in the last edition of the Thunderword. Chandra Rathke and Lisa Milne were not included on the roster. Both players made the team.

Sean Christopher was last week's men's cross country runner of the week.

T-Bird men drop two straight

By Jamie Kirk
Staff Reporter

The men's soccer team had a tough week, playing undefeated Green River in back-to-back games. The T-Birds lost both, 3-0 and 3-1.

Highline took on the Gators last Wednesday at home. Green River came out strong, putting in two goals in the first five minutes of play.

"We controlled the rest of the game," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost. But the men didn't get many shots on goal and couldn't recover from the 3-0 deficit.

On Green River's turf. Highline came out hard and intense. "We came out less nervous than last time. For the first half we took it to them hard," said Prenovost.

Brian Iblings put Highline up by one early in the first half. Both teams battled hard and in the last minute of the first half Green River evened the score.

"That goal really hurt. It gave them a lot of momentum," said Prenovost.

Green River did not stop there. They put in three more before the end of play.

"They (Green River) are the most dangerous team that we have played. We control the field between the 18-yard lines but inside of them they are dangerous," said Prenovost.

The T-Birds had to play these games without their leading goal scorer, Jason Soper.

"It made a difference," said Prenovost. "We have guys who can score but we have been using his speed all year. It will be hard to adjust."

The Thunderbirds are in fourth place with a record of 7-3. Highline faced Clark yesterday but the score was not available at press time. The T-Birds travel to Oregon for a game against Umpqua on Friday and Southwestern Oregon on Saturday.

By Mike Fusaro
Staff Reporter

Hanging off a 150-foot vertical column of ice with nothing to support you but a pair of ice axes and a pair of crampons is exhilarating.

It can also scare the fecal matter out of you.

When you're trying to climb nature's slickest surface, the only thing you have to depend on is your man-made gear — if it fails, you fall.

Sometimes the ice is so brittle and hard, you will be swinging your ice ax into the ice just to find it shattering and shingling off in the size and shape of dinner plate, making a lethal weapon for your belayer below you.

If you do get the ax to stick into the fragile ice, it may only be stuck in a quarter of an inch or so, which hardly seems sufficient enough to support the weight of a body.

So what is the purpose of climbing ice? Ice climbing literally allows you to go where no man has gone before. It gets you close and personal with some of God's most artistic creations, such as iridescent waterfall ice or fluorescent blue glacial ice.

Climbing ice can also take a lot of self control, like taming your fear and trying not to get wiggled out when you're 100 feet or so above a stable surface. It is also one hell of a rush.

Ice climbing is not for everyone. First of all it takes someone who is not afraid of heights and has a little extra coin to spend. Ice climbing is expensive so you had better be sure you like the sport.

The best way to get into ice climbing is to go to a clinic or an ice climbing school. You could shell out \$3,000 to buy the necessary equipment, but you could rent the gear for around \$200 at REI or some other high-end outdoor gear store.

The cost of climbing schools can range from \$30 to \$900. Most schools provide the rope, a



The Thunderword's own Mad Mike Fusaro gets up close and personal with an Alaskan wall of ice.

climbing rack, and an instructor.

Because of the amount of money it takes to climb ice, most of the people who climb either have money or make ice climbing their life. There is also a new-age craving and thirst for adventure. Many local schools see this desire and charge in the \$900 range.

Although \$900 seems like a lot of money to spend, most of that goes to insurance, permits, guides, taxes, and equipment as well as profit. Ice climbing areas are also relatively inaccessible in Western Washington. This lack of climbing places makes schools much more expensive here than in Alaska.

I went to climbing school through an Alaskan based climbing shop called A.M.H. All the instructors there were big time Denali guides and very experienced in their field.

Although Alaska seems like quite a jaunt from Seattle, A.M.H. only charged me \$30. The savings over a Washington climbing school should easily pay for your plane ticket and food while in Alaska.

The A.M.H. climbing school was two days long and lasted for six hours each day. The first part of each of the days began with a couple hours of instruction followed by about four hours of pure climbing and fun.

After a hard day's climb and a bit of relaxation, the party began. In the evening all of the climbers relaxed by the camp fire and shared their adventures and life experiences with each other.

The crisp Alaskan air and the great company of all the climbers that I had something in common with made the evening just as memorable as the climbing adventure.

The whole trip was perfect and euphoric.

Either climbing in Alaska or here in Washington state, I would highly recommend splurging and trying out this adrenalizing sport.

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Returning student is big gun for women

By Rob Stafford
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's cross country team has a unique runner among them: Lou Edwards.

Edwards is a 42-year-old mother of four who excels in cross country. She has many demands on her time. To say she is busy is an understatement. Yet she still runs cross country, and has a lifelong passion for it.

Head Coach Tracy Brigham said the "team has a lot of respect [for her] and look up to her; she is inspirational."

In practice, if Brigham tells the runners to run three miles, she says that Edwards would run four. She has been the No. 2 runner on the team for most of the year.

Edwards missed the first week and a half of practice and was scared of how the younger runners would treat her.

"They were playing football once, and it was cool that I could be with kids and their youthful energy," she said. She feels accepted, and they don't treat her special or weird.

"In high school, I was the girls' team. Solo," Edwards said. "Since I

was the only girl, I trained with the boys and got real tough. I won state in 1974. Cross country now is much more popular for girls, but they still number well below guys."

She was quite successful in high school track, but not consistent.

Edwards took second in state in the 1.5-mile race in 1973 while at Sehome High school in Bellingham, and won dozens of road races (the first woman to do so) in her 20s.

When she started running 30 years ago, it was in men's shoes, because women's shoes weren't made at the time. "People would squint at me funny and say 'why do you run?'," she said. "They just couldn't fath-

om why anybody would do it if they didn't 'have to' (or for 'fun')."

According to science, a bumblebee is incapable of flight, it is aerodynamically unable to fly.

Edwards says that is just like her, she theoretically shouldn't be running, couldn't be running, but she is, despite being out of running for several years.

To avoid injuries she runs somewhat cautiously. "I run with one foot on the gas and one on the brake," Edwards said. She has suffered from hamstring problems.

Speaking of earlier in her life, Edwards said "I chased boys on the playground, I could catch them, but then I didn't know what to do with them." She reached her peak at about the age of 25.

She has run in three marathons (26.2 miles). At the Port-

land Marathon in 1984, Edwards placed third, among national talent; she ran the Emerald City Marathon twice. Her best marathon time was two hours and 53 minutes; she never ran longer than three hours (most of the women did).

"For several years I was undefeated in the Skagit-What-

com County area," Edwards said.

One thing Edwards likes about running is the endorphin high, or runner's high. "I'm in recovery," she said. "Running is an affirmation of your commitment to your recovery."

For many years she worked with men doing tough jobs, and she didn't quite get the respect she deserved. She is going to Highline to become a chemical dependency counselor.

Edwards' oldest and only son goes to high school in Issaquah, and he also runs cross country. Edwards is very proud of this top running Skyline student.

His sisters haven't caught the Edwards passion for running yet.



Lou Edwards

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Men's Soccer

Standings

Northeast

C. Basin	11-0-1
Spokane	9-1-3
Skagit Valley	9-3-1
Bellevue	8-2-3
Edmonds	8-4-1
Shoreline	5-7-2
Walla Walla	3-10-1
W. Valley	3-10-1
Everett	2-12-1
South Seattle	0-9-4
Southwest	
Green River	12-0-0
Clark	7-2-1
Tacoma	7-3-1
Highline	7-3-0
Pierce	4-5-3
SW Oregon	4-7-2
S. Puget Sound	2-9-1
Umpqua	2-10-0
Grays Harbor	1-8-2

Women's Soccer

Standings

Northeast

Columbia Basin	8-0-1
Spokane	6-2-2
North Idaho	6-1-2
Wenatchee Valley	5-3-1
Skagit Valley	4-4-0
Walla Walla	3-6-1
Edmonds	2-9-1
Everett	1-9-0
Southwest	
Highline	7-0-2
Tacoma	7-0-2
Bellevue	7-1-2
SW Oregon	7-2-0
Lower Columbia	3-8-0
Green River	2-6-1
Shoreline	1-8-1
South Seattle	0-9-0

Volleyball

Standings

Western

Pierce	10-0
Lower Columbia	9-1

Green River

Clark	7-3
Centralia	5-5
Grays Harbor	3-7
Highline	3-7
Tacoma	2-8
	1-9

Cross Country

Northwest College

Invitational

Men

Central Wa.	27
St. Martin's	75
Alaska Fairbanks	81
Highline	86
Skagit Valley	87
Bellevue	no score

Women

NW College	16
Central WA	41
St. Martin's	107
Alaska Fairbanks	116
Highline	144
Bellevue	148
Skagit Valley	180

Highline places well in Issaquah meet

By Rob Stafford
Staff Reporter

Highline's cross country teams fared well in Issaquah on Saturday.

The women's team results were: Northwest College, first; Central Washington, second; St. Martins, third; University of Alaska, fourth; Highline, fifth; Bellevue, sixth; Skagit Valley, seventh; and Trinity Western (without a full team), eighth.

Out of a field of 60, individual runners finished in the following order: Jenny Trujillo, 19th; Lou Edwards, 29th; Karla Booth, 43rd; Jessica Cook, 47th; and Sara West, 49th.

Coach Brigham noticed quite a bit of improvement in Cook and West.

The men's team results were: Central Washington, first; St. Martins, second; University of Alaska, third; Highline, fourth; Skagit Valley, fifth; Bellevue (without full team), sixth; Trinity Western (without full team), seventh; and Northwest College (without full team), eighth.

Of about 70 runners, Highline's individual runners placed in the following order:

Verne Patterson, 21st; Peter Rutter, 22nd; Salaben Muhamed, 27th; Fred Lekanoff, 30th; Jeff Parker, 37th; Shawn Thayer, 39th; Tim Richart, 46th; Sean Christopher, 60th; and Ben McNelley, 62nd.

Pat Boyd, running unattached, placed 10th; and Brian Reed, also running unattached, placed 16th.

Brigham believes that Patterson, Rutter, and Muhamed have the potential to run 8 kilometers in less than 27 minutes. Pat Boyd is already doing that.

Coach Brigham's runners of the week are Peter Rutter and Lou Edwards. Rutter had a personal record with his time this week.

The last meet of the regular season, the Bellevue Invitation-

al, is this Saturday, Oct. 30. The NWAACC Championships are Nov. 13 in Clackamas, Ore.

Only seven runners per team are allowed to compete in the championships. The women have less than that anyway, but the men are competing against each other for those seven spots.

Redshirt Pat Boyd could become eligible for the championships, but that is unlikely.

After this week, Coach Brigham will start to taper off workouts to avoid overtraining for the championships.

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Printing program prepares students for jobs

Students develop
skills and gain
job experience

By Jeff Markley
Staff Reporter

The Highline printing program has been a place that can bring people of all cultures into a new world of expertise.

It was originally created by Dick Schepper in 1969. Schepper retired in 1995 and left Doug Whipple in charge until Whipple retired in 1999.

Whipple left fellow printer Dave Weber in charge with a very capable and friendly staff.

Weber views Schepper as his mentor and looks very highly upon Schepper and his staff.

Weber graduated from Highline and in 1995 started his career here as a part-time teacher and photolithographer.

Photolithography is another way of saying photo printer.

Weber's "dream team" staff, as he considers them, consists of Karin Keller, the graphic production specialist; Seana Barker, the instructional tech; and Pam Morten, the teaching aid.

Weber and his team introduce printing skills to many students, which offers them prom-



Photo by Tannya Carter

Students in the printing program have fun while working on projects.

ising job opportunities. This program can lead to jobs such as: a press operator, computer operator, pre-press production, and production manager.

Students can contact employers who can then set them up with temporary or even permanent jobs during or upon completion of their college education.

The printing program consists of 24-30 students who

work with hands-on projects. They first learn basic but essential skills, and then work on actual projects that the school needs to accomplish for its clients, numbering over 80.

The students are brought into a simulated working environment with a break room and lobby, almost as if they had a real job.

Weber teaches a printing style of offset lithography which

reproduces graphic images. He teaches both traditional methods and more technologically advanced methods.

Many of the graphic image designs that the printing program uses come from the art class next door.

Since its creation, the printing program has grown technologically.

Over the years, the printing presses have received upgrades

to enhance their capabilities, including working with colors and new styles as they appear.

The computer lab within the program's structure is completely Mac oriented. The software corresponds to the printing presses and students have the opportunity to learn the Mac operating system.

Some of the machines within the program are printing plate machines and an image setter, which is a giant laser printer.

Including the 10 printing presses they already have, the program is adding two new presses, an AB Dick 9910 "T-head" press that is able to work with two simultaneous colors, which beginners would use, and an AB Dick 8920 that is for intermediate to advanced students.

If you can withstand the noise, you could print from 3,000 to 10,000 printed copies an hour.

"Highline has one of the best printing programs around," said Weber.

If you have an interest in printing skills, then Building 16 is your destination.

It would be a good idea to take advantage of the resources provided by the program.

You can call Dave Weber at 206-878-3710 ext. 3317, or e-mail Weber at daweber@hcc.ctc.edu

Advising week set to prepare students

Advising Week for Winter Quarter is on Nov. 1-5 and the Educational Planning Center is offering two workshops on the Associate of Arts degree Option A.

The workshop is designed so that students can better understand how to fulfill their degree requirements.

Both workshops will be on

Wednesday Nov. 3, one at 1 p.m. in Building 10 room 206 and the other at 6 p.m. in Building 21 in room 106.

During Advising Week students are encouraged to meet with their advisers and go over their educational plans.

Students without advisers are encouraged to go to the Educational Planning Center and have one assigned to them.

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Passes

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tages of having their own vehicle over the bus. Among many things, they can study and take naps inside a car.

It will take a couple of months to see the effect the lower prices have on the number of passes being sold.

The passes will be available at discounted rates throughout

the year and will again be offered next year, depending on their success.

Students and faculty wishing to purchase a monthly pass can do so at the book store in Building 6. A student or faculty identification card is required as proof of enrollment.

"It's a really good deal. It will ease down the number of people in the parking lot," said Bookstore Manager Randy Fisher.

Letter

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nificant amount of experience and has been successful in implementing policies and rules regarding diversity among students," Hughes said.

"We believe that the changing cultural diversity of Highline offers new opportunities for our college," the letter says. "The new president must begin under the direction of the Board and implemented by Dr.

Command."

Highline has "never been any tension; that's why we want the new president to say, 'This is the priority,'" Hughes said.

One of the recent changes at Highline has been the addition of Culture, Gender and Globalism studies program, as well as a diversity course requirement for the associate of arts degree.

The letter was displayed at Hughes' home page and everyone who wanted to sign it had to contact them personally.

Survey

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only care somewhat.

A large part of the problem seems to be the lack of current presidential interaction with students.

"I'm not exactly sure what the president does," said one student. "If I was more informed maybe I would be able to answer better."

Another student said that the school needs a president who will "give good leadership and raise school awareness, and with that will come recognition and more people will know who our president is."

A few qualities that students want to see in a new president are leadership, interaction with students, focused on student issues, and a willingness to improve the quality of education at

Highline.

One student named Jeremy doesn't care about qualities a new president has to offer, as long as he has good facial features so a comic can draw him.

While most of the student body is in agreement over their level of interest in the president, they have conflicting views on the most important issues a president can address.

Students view everything from parking to bookstore prices to financial aid as the issues most affecting them.

Student Aaron Wilson believes that a critical issue at Highline is uniting the multicultural campus in leisure and academic activities.

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Board to interview consultant

By Teresa Moreau
Staff Reporter

The Board of Trustees may interview a consultant to help them find a new college president as soon as Nov. 4.

The board decided Wednesday morning to interview Gold Hill Associates, one of three applicants to be the consultant to the college as it looks for a replacement for Ed Command, who will retire in July 2000.

Gold Hill was chosen because they have more local experience than the other consultants who made proposals. Board Member Mike Emerson said that Gold Hill got a good recommendation from Lake Washington Technical College.

The board is hoping to interview Gold Hill's president on

Monday morning.

They plan to make it clear that they want decisions to be based on the data that they have collected from the community. Board members said they do not intend to leave the important decisions up to the consultant.

"I don't want a consultant to influence the job description," said trustee Karen Keiser.

They want the consultant to look over the job description to see if there are any gaps or weak areas. The board also wants the consultant to help with finding candidates, marketing, and the screening process involved in finding a president.

"The job description committee has been diligently working with an overwhelming schedule," said Sue Williamson, the committee's facilitator.

Command suggested, and the board agreed, that the college advertise for the president's job in the Chronicle of Higher Education, a nationwide weekly publication noted for its substantial help-wanted section.

The board has decided to advertise for longer than the job description committee recommended, because they want the best pool of candidates possible.

"What if we don't like any of the candidates?" Board Chairwoman Ester Patrick asked Command.

Command answered back that he wouldn't leave the college in a bad situation, but seems confident they will find good candidates.

The board hopes to hire a new president by mid-May 2000.

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