Two for the price of one: Highline officials hope

By Antonio Mittlestadt
Staff Reporter

Highline is hoping to get two new buildings instead of one. The college has been seeking state funding for a new science and technology classroom building to go on the south end of campus. The new building was to include new facilities for the Child Care Center. College officials now hope it will include two new buildings instead of one, and that the square footage of the two structures will be the same as the single structure.

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By Emily Hathaway

Haunted House

Bringing out the child in us all

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Buchta rates this year's haunted house as an eight out of 10. "Our group received an award for the best volunteer group by King County Event Productions. We have worked with them for the past five years," Buchta said. "We have worked with them for the past five years," Buchta said. "We have worked with them for the past five years," Buchta said. "We have worked with them for the past five years," Buchta said. "We have worked with them for the past five years," Buchta said. "We have worked with them for the past five years," Buchta said.

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Domestic violence gets attention

By Chelsey Eck
Staff Reporter

Every 15 seconds a woman is beaten. One out of every two women experience domestic violence at some time in their lives.

October is domestic awareness month all over the country. Highline will host two events on domestic violence, sponsored by Team Highline and Women's Programs.

The first event is a discussion about domestic violence given by Home Alive, 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Home Alive is a community agency committed to ending domestic violence in the community. Representatives from the agency will discuss how domestic violence affects not only the victim but how it affects the community as well.

"We all need to know what is happening to women, and domestic violence does not just affect the victim, it affects everyone in the community," said Kelli Johnston, director of Women's Programs.

The estimated value is $7,035.

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The second event is the Clothesline Project, which allows people to paint t-shirts to honor women who have been victims of domestic violence. The t-shirts will share the stories of victims through visual interpretation.

Anyone is welcome either to share a story or pay tribute to victims by decorating a shirt for display.

The Clothesline Project will take place 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26 in Building 8. The shirts will be displayed afterward is Building 8.

Both events will address the problem of domestic violence and how it impacts victims, the victims' loved ones, and the community in which they live.

Home Alive is looking for participants to wear t-shirts as part of the project. Highline students are encouraged to participate.

"I hope it will let people know that people here on campus are victims of domestic violence," said Johnston.

Transfer fair

Outreach services will be hosting the Washington Council for High School College Relations 2000 Transfer Fair. More than 15 representatives will be on campus from in-state four-year colleges and universities.

They will be here on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the upper level of Building 8.

New financial director named

Marion Davis is the new Director of Financial Services.

She will be starting on Nov. 1. She is coming from Federal Way High School where she has gained most of her experience.

Dick Arbak retires

Dick Arbak is resuming his retirement from campus technology development and the Systems Services office.

Win a DVD player

"Vietnamese Student Association is having a DVD player raffle. The price of a ticket is $1. The player is a Sharp DVD-710 worth over $200. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 27. The drawing will be held at 11 p.m. You don't have to be present to win. Only 500 tickets will be sold. To purchase a ticket go to the educational planning center or advising center in Building 6 or the student programs office in Building 8."

The Reserve Gates were broken.

Two laptops were stolen from the south parking lot on Wednesday, Oct. 18. It was stolen from the south parking lot on Wednesday, Oct. 18. It was not stolen.

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Domestic violence includes forms of emotional abuse such as ridicule, insults, attempts to isolate and control. This often leads to physical or sexual violence, pushing, slapping, punching, and use of a weapon.

Isabelle Darq, a member of Team Highline who works with Women's Programs, believes that domestic violence must be openly addressed.

"If victims do not bring the abuse they are suffering out into the open, nobody will know that they are being abused and we won't be able to help them," said Darq.

Women must speak out against the abuse or else it will continue, she said. She looks forward to a time when people learn from the mistakes of domestic violence.

"I like being a part of a dream that tomorrow people will change," Darq said. "When those who mistreat others will become fair those who are hurt and those who are hurt will come to love and forgive them, so that we can live in a peaceful world."
Building 17 gets Styrofoam

By Rachelle Flynn
Staff Reporter

A pink insulation wall was put up on Friday, Oct. 13 behind Building 17 after complaints of noise. The noise was caused by temporary crews doing shooting on the now-delayed Building 30 addition.

The construction work produced complaints from faculty and students, coming relatively close to Building 17's classrooms and during a peak hour of instruction at 11 a.m.

The college responded by having the contractor put up the two-inch thick slab of insulating foam to block the noise. "The estimated cost is $2,700," said Pete Babington, director of facilities.

"It prevents smoke and dust from getting sucked into the building's air intakes. We left the north end of the wall open so the building's air intake will get fresh outside air," Babington said. "The insulation wall blocks the visual distraction. The faculty seems to be as happy with the loss of visual distraction as they are with noise reduction."

The earth work and shoring the college parted ways over for this month.

South Africa helped by Highline

College helps to raise education standards

By Tiffany Eck
Staff Reporter

Highline is extending a helping hand to South Africa in the expectation of improving their educational system.

Highline has a relationship with the National Access Consortium of the Western Cape of South Africa (NACWC), which is funded through a United States Agency for International Development (USAID) grant. Kathleen Hasselblad, manager of the college's Office of Instruction, aided in writing an effective proposal to get this program off the ground.

"It is important to write successful proposals to support this kind of initiative because a lot of what we do is paid through grants," said Hasselblad.

Although the 1999 grant just ended, USAID has just agreed to provide Highline with more funding.

"What our program does is work with the NACWC to develop training curriculum and training methods for students at all levels," said Hasselblad. The NACWC aims its program at students who are 16 years old and up who have not had much educational background or work experience, but do have a strong desire to learn.

Hasselblad believes that these programs will prepare the citizens of South Africa for a successful integration into the global economy.

"The access to good educational programs are limited in South Africa and they are not well developed."

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"Change has been difficult especially when you have a generation of people that have been undereducated, but we are proud of what we have done and have high expectations of what we can do," said Hasselblad.

Hasselblad explained that Highline also benefited from this program. "The NACWC is extremely diverse and they have devised very interesting and very cutting-edge methods for reaching South African students," said Hasselblad. "As we worked with them to develop programs we found that a lot of their ideas enable us to do things better."

In the future Hasselblad hopes to keep the relationship with South Africa alive and expand them in part to include faculty.

Hasselblad also believes that we are in a global market place where this type of cooperation and outreach helps support the mission at the college to promote global diversity. "It is a very positive part of what Highline does."

Just Vote

It brings fun to election

By Kiara Stephenson
Staff Reporter

Team Highline and Student Government will be sponsoring a Just Vote it week Oct. 23-27.

This week will consist of forums and events to promote and encourage voting in November's elections.

To help kick-off the week, King County Executive Ron Sims will be speak on Monday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. in Building 7.

All students and staff are invited to come listen to Sims lecture on the importance of voting and issues in the coming election.

Also, on Monday, it is a Candidate Promotional Fair, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., upstairs in Building 8.

On Tuesday, local comedian Brad Upton will be upstairs in Building 8, from noon until 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 25 brings a Presidential Roundtable Discussion, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Building 7.

Representatives from the Gore and Bush campaigns will participate in an open discussion on issues surrounding the presidential candidates.

That evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Building 7, legislative candidates from the 30th and 33rd legislative districts will debate. The debate will be moderated by the South King County League of Women Voters.

"Presidential Jeopardy" will take place on Oct. 26, from noon until 1 p.m. Win prizes while testing your knowledge of our past and present leaders.

"Election Activity Day" will wrap up the week. The day will include a variety of games upstairs in Building 8.

"Can the Candidate" will take place the entire week. Bring cans of food and participate in Highline's election of candidates by dropping your can in the bin of your choice for the next president. Bins will be located upstairs and downstairs in Building 8. Results will be announced at Friday's Election Activity Day.”
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Incumbents shine in legislative races

Voters face clear choices in the state House races in the 30th and 33rd districts.

These are the districts that cover most of Highline's service area. Highline community members can be expected to have a big impact on the college when the Legislature votes on a new two-year budget in 2001.

In the 30th District, which includes much of Federal Way, the Thunderword endorses incumbent state Rep. Mark Miloscia, a Democrat, for Position One. He supports traffic improvement projects, and has been advising force behind critical transportation projects. He also supports higher standards in education and a patient's bill of rights to protect consumers. He encourages citizens to get involved in their government to make the changes they feel are necessary.

For Position Two in the 30th legislative district, our support is with the Republican incumbent, State Rep. Maryann Mitchell. She is also a strong supporter of solving traffic problems; she serves as the co-chairwoman of the Transportation committee. Much of her political career has been devoted to the disabled and elderly of the community, as well as public safety and health care.

In the race for the Position One of the 33rd legislative district, which covers Des Moines and parts of Burien, Kent and Normandy Park, our support goes to the incumbent in this race, Democrat Sheryl Schaudt-Berke. She has focused her energies while in office toward better health care and safer, more effective schools. As a retired cardiologist, Schaudt-Berke possesses the knowledge of the health care system that would benefit its reform the most. She is also a parent and former Highline School Board member.

As for Position Two in the 33rd district, State Rep. Karen Keiser, Democrat, is favored by the Thunderword. Keiser has a long record of strong support for education. She serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for Highline. She also supports tax cuts in appropriate situations applied to people who need it, such as college students, first-time homeowners, the disabled and the elderly. Keiser possesses a realistic approach to her responsibilities in the House. She knows she can't accomplish everything, but seems to have a pragmatic approach to the situations applied to people who need it, such as college students.

Fall has begun, and back-to-school fashion trends are in full swing. Some will go for trendy, some for comfortable, while the braver citizens of the fashion world will live by the more impractical, the better.

Don't get it wrong. I enjoy my knee-high vinyl boots as much as the next girl. However, four-inch heels aren't exactly conducive to a long walk from your parking spot near the far corner of Midway. No matter what anyone tells you, blisters are not sexy. At all.

Another common trend seen making its way up the runways of Highline has been the very, very short skirt. Again, a closet item fun in concept, but rather impractical in the real world. I'll be whipping mine down in one.

Another fact that many of the more fashionably conscious seem to be ignoring is that summer is over. Here's a tip: when there's frost on your windshield in the morning, the halter top is probably not a very practical choice.

Though very stylish, your black eye makeup will not be quite as glamorous if you need tape to hold it in place. Being an umbrella, or vest in the waterproof mascara.

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Horiuchi to leave Highline

By Nicole Gilliam
Staff Reporter

This quarter will be the last for Highline ceramic teacher Alford University ceramics department. Since the age of 4, Mark Horiuchi has been amazing people with his natural abilities for all art. He was in high school that he knew he had a real interest in ceramics.

He attended the Harrow of ceramics colleges, Alfred University in New York. He then went on to the University of Colorado, University of Dallas, and was actually recruited and paid a salary to attend UCLA with a full ride scholarship, where he was considered a professional graduate student. He was later supported by the Canadian government, studying as an art resident at the Banff Centre for the Arts in Alberta, Horiuchi was free to make art as he pleased while admiring the Canadian Rockies just beyond the window. He has been affiliated with the Washington Potters Association, the National Council for the Education of Ceramic Arts, and was on the Artist Advisory Panel for the Bellevue Arts Commission. Horiuchi also solds his own handmade plates at $5 a piece, with more than 3,000 sold, and paintings at exhibitions as well.

With all the experience under his belt, one may ask why Horiuchi would teach at Highline.

"I love teaching," Horiuchi said. "I hope that all of my students throw away their preconceived notions that they do not have the ability to do art and ceramics." "Everyone can be an artist," said Horiuchi.

His goals for first-year ceramics students is that they feel comfortable with expressing their creativity and having fun while doing it.

It is obvious from speaking with him that he clearly enjoys his job.

After three years at Highline, Horiuchi will move on to the new Bellevue Art Museum. This is a $23 million dollar facility that will feature all kinds of art to the public.

He will be coordinating the ceramics department there as well as acting as lead ceramics instructor.

This museum is not open yet, but will open in January. Interviews to fill his position will be taking place next week.

You, too, could be in my video

First things first. My boy band needs a name. It must scream sex, yet simultaneously capture the innocence of adolescence and the purity of virginity. 'N Sync is quite clever. The problem here lies in the fact that the five-member boy band rarely sing in sync, or in tune for that matter.

The Backstreet Boys is simply hackneyed and unimaginative. I'll eat my hat if any of them is actually from the back streets.

I'm not quite understanding the meaning behind the name 98 degrees. Their title actually suggests that they are 0.6 degrees cooler than a human being's stable body temperature. How hot could they be?

A boy band name must be colorful, charming and accurate. Wait, I got it. No, that's the name: "I Got It." It's perfect. I got the talent, I got the moves, "I Got It."

Granted my bandmates may feel this is an egotistical move by a boy band member who believes he's greater than his whole. "There is no 'I' in boy band," they'll cry.

My retort: It's the price of fame, and the curse of musical genius. I'll have to swallow my pride, sneeze up my ego and hand my bandmates the tissue. This is my boy band, dammit. If I ever decide to rename the group "Derek and the four guys who back me up," they have no choice but to like it.

Speaking of which, I need four other members to complete the group. They must not be too good looking or they'll steal my thunder, and they must be willing to act as stage fillers, as my musical aptitude launches "I Got It" to superstardom.

Auditions for "I Got It" will be held every day at noon, in Building 10, room 106.

I will select a panel of 12 very attractive young ladies on campus to judge and ultimately select the four other boy band members.

Auditions for the judges will be held privately, where I can conduct a 1 on 1 interviews and see Roche page 8.
The Greeks are coming to Highline. Aaron Spelling department instructor, will be by Euripides for Fall 2000, Greek tragedy that I have not done.

This is a famous and great Greek tragedy that I have not done. Medea is among the four most powerful women in literature. She is unforgettable, a powerful and shocking legend may have lived during the Golden Fleece from her father, restored Jason, and she reciprocates by killing their two children, a main character. The principal character is Medea, from the central Asian territory called Colchis who lived in Corinth, the Aegean Sea, during the 5th century B.C. She is unforgettable, a powerful and shocking legend may have lived during the 5th century B.C. She is unforgettable, a powerful and shocking legend may have lived during the 5th century B.C. She is unforgettable, a powerful and shocking legend may have lived during the 5th century B.C. She is unforgettable, a powerful and shocking legend may have lived during the 5th century B.C. She is unforgettable, a powerful and shocking legend may have lived during the 5th century B.C. 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New initiatives target tough topics

By Justin Midland
Inside Scoop

The 2000 election ballot will feature six initiatives, which is about a record in the century-long history of the initiative in Washington state. At stake this year are trapping regulations (I-713), property taxes (I-722), education reform (I-728 and I-733), charter schools (I-729), and allocation of transportation funds (I-745).

Initiative 713
Initiative 713 concerns the use of certain poisons and traps by hunters and furriers. If passed, it would outlaw the use of “body gripping” traps, such as steel-jawed or snare traps, as well as sodium cyanide or Compound 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate), to capture animals.

The sale of animal pelts caught using those methods would also be illegal. Supporters of the initiative say that these methods often catch non-target animals, including endangered species or family pets. They would prefer that more humane methods be used to capture animals.

There is dissent, however. The National Trappers Association claims that the use of these poisons is legitimate to manage animal populations, which might otherwise grow too large and cause the spread of diseases.

There is also some question as to why the use of poisons is targeted, as sodium cyanide is not available for sale to the public in Washington state. Likewise, Compound 1080 has been an unregistered poison in this state since March of 1999, meaning it is already illegal to purchase or use it.

State Rep. Jim Buck, R-24th District (the Olympic Peninsula), doesn’t think that trapping is the actual issue here.

“This isn’t about trapping, it’s about animal rights,” he wrote in a letter to the NTA.

“Do any of you think (the Humane Society) will help you if beavers flood your property? Will they come to your aid if coyotes eat your calves, lambs, or pets? Nope.”

Initiative 728
Students and teachers at state K-12 schools could benefit from the passage of Initiative 728. The objective of I-728 is to aid students by lowering class sizes, offering advantages like pre-kindergarten, and perhaps lengthening both the school day and the school year.

Taxes will not be altered if the initiative passes. Instead, money for the funds (officially called the student achievement fund and the general fund) will be diverted from property tax revenues, the state budget surplus, and lottery revenues.

“A lot of people are surprised that the lottery profits don’t already serve education purposes,” says Elaine Rosenstiel of the K-12 2000 organization that supports I-728.

As for property taxes, the money taken would be from funds that are over the state spending cap.

There is some concern, however, that this may impose longer school schedules on districts that don’t want to deal with the hassle. And some conservatives worry about other things as well.

David Blomstrom, a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, believes that the money which should go to students would be used to finance the wallets of corrupt school board officials, because the individual school district has carte blanche to distribute the money as it sees fit. On his web site, Blomstrom provides links to several news stories about local school scandals to back up his claims.

Initiative 729
A charter school is a public school operated by a board of directors, usually involved with a nonprofit organization. Initiative 729 would establish charter schools as a viable option within Washington state.

Supporters say this would improve the public school system; the presence of charter schools would force public schools to improve themselves to stay competitive.

In fact, unions that are associated with public schools seem to be the biggest opponents with the exception of the Washington Education Association, which has made no noise about this initiative despite being a vocal opponent of a similar one in 1996.

Initiative 722
Initiative 722, or “the Son of 695” as it is called by its sponsor Tim Eyman, targets all property taxes that were pushed through last year in the wake of I-695.

If passed, it would return state and local property taxes to their 1999 levels. The government would keep all money collected from such taxes. Property taxes could not be raised more than two percent a year or the rate of annual inflation, whichever figure is lower.

Although Eyman claims to be working for a beleaguered public that is tired of high taxation, some government officials express doubt.

The Office of Financial Management reports that I-722 will cost the state just over $1 billion by 2006. The Washington Senate Ways and Means Committee says that the passage of this initiative will add people that have high-value properties more than the middle class or poor. Ways and Means is also debating whether or not refunding legitimately collected taxes is within the bounds of the state’s constitution.

Initiative 745
The second of two Eyman brain children on the ballot this year is Initiative 745, which regards transportation funds. If passed, 90 percent of the funds allocated to transportation services would have to be spent on road repair and expansion.

It’s unclear just how this may boost the state’s transportation budget. Depending on whom you ask, you can get several different figures regarding how much of the budget is spent on roads already. Opponents fear that allocating 90 percent of the budget to road funds will give short shrift to other funds such as the public transit. Transit budgets have already been cut in response to last year’s passage of Initiative 695; some worry that the subsequent lack of funds may cripple several bus routes.

The initiative also targets carpool lanes. Eyman hopes that by eliminating carpool lanes, the extra room will allow more traffic to flow easier on highways.

Eyman is backed primarily by the American Paving Association, whose members would stand to gain much more in terms of wages and hours worked.
A battle royale for supreme candidates

By Chelsery Eck
Inside Scoop

Washington voters are preparing to vote for seats in the state’s highest court, and from the fields emerge four candidates for two positions from the September primaries.

The candidates for the State Supreme Court Justice for Position Two include Susan J. Owens and Jeff Sullivan. Owens believes she is the best candidate because she has presided in Clallam County District Court and she has served as a Chief Judge of the Lower Elwha S’K Enhancement and the Quileute Tribal courts.

"I am the only candidate with judicial experience," she said. She is currently President-Elect of Long-Range Planning Committee, she serves on the statewide Board of Judicial Administration, and she works with Justice 2001. Her major concerns are economic growth in rural areas, and the alienation in youth.

If Owens is elected she hopes to make the court rules simpler and promote domestic violence awareness.

Opponent Jeff Sullivan has practiced for 29 years as a defense attorney, public defender, and prosecutor. He has argued and won many appeals before the Washington State and United States Supreme Courts.

Sullivan currently is the only candidate from Eastern Washington who is recognized as a policy leader on a local, state and national level.

"He is committed to improving the court system through technology, hard work, and common sense," according to his website. Sullivan was unable to be reached for comment.

Supreme Court, Position 9

The candidates for the State Supreme Court Justice for Position 9 are Tom Chambers and Jim Foley.

Chambers has worked for 20 years in a private practice representing many different types of people.

The areas of law he has practiced include administrative, criminal, estate planning, family, business, construction, poverty, personal injury, real estate, transactions and workers compensation.

He also has a record of community involvement. He has committed over 20 years to helping the Residents of Seattle Public Housing. He was a board member of the United Way of King County organization and Providence Seattle Medical Center Foundation.

The major issue that concerns Chambers is bringing the judicial court system into the 21st century.

He believes that since it was established in the 1800's, it does not function well today.

"I want to make the court system more user friendly, get people involved, and make it less confusing for the consumer," said Chambers.

If Chambers is elected he has three major goals that he hopes to accomplish.

Bryan and Schaffer for Position 11 in Superior Court

By Chelsery Eck
Inside Scoop

The candidates for the Superior Court for King County, Position 11 include Robert S. Bryan and Catherine Shaffer.

Bryan has been 33 years of experience as a King County trial attorney, is a former deputy prosecutor who has practiced civil, family, juvenile, appellate and criminal law.

His major concerns are with victims, the elderly and minorities.

Bryan was unable to be reached for comments.

Shaffer, has spent many years as a civil litigator, handling a wide variety of civil cases as well as criminal defense work. She has also had substantial judicial experience as a judge pro-tem, handling both civil and criminal in municipal court, including motions, trials, and sentencing.

"I believe that it is critical for judicial candidates to have civil and criminal experience, and substantial judicial experience," said Shaffer.

In addition to these qualifications Shaffer has a deep background in community involvement.

She has served as an officer and board member of the King County Bar Association, a board member of the King County Washington Women Lawyers, a board member of the King County Employees Charitable Campaign, and a board member of the African American cultural center of Kent.

Shaffer is also chairwoman of a working group on domestic violence and sexual assault in the Seattle schools, a member of the King County Sexual Assault West Women’s Law Center, and the King County Bar Foundation.

The issues that most concern Shaffer are barriers to the access of justice and the increasingly high price of justice.

"I believe we can make it easier by simplifying forms and providing electronic and telephone access," she said "We can make it more affordable by supporting arbitration, mediation, and the use of legal advocates."

Some of her major goals include becoming top flight Superior Court Judge, contributing to improving access to justice and the price of justice.

"Finally I would like to make a contribution to educating the public and school students about the court system and its operations," said Shaffer.

"If I am elected I hope that I can help to improve the quality of our already strong bench, educate our citizens about the court system, and help to bring about court improvements which will allow for easier and less expensive court access," said Shaffer.
Due to her trip to Europe, Mitchell was unavailable for interview. She is currently serving her third term as the state representative from the 30th District, Position Two. The district covers most of Federal Way.

While in office, Mitchell said she had focused her energies on public safety, lowering taxes, and improving health care, according to a statement made on the Vote 2000 web site. In the last session, Mitchell served as co-chairwoman of the state House Transportation Committee.

Mitchell said she has been involved within the community since the late 1960s, focusing most of her time on the disabled and elderly. She has supported Washington state's Special Olympics, and has also served on numerous local boards and committees.

Mitchell is the Democratic candidate. He graduated from Cleveland High School in 1973 and then served 19 years in the U.S. Air Force.

After retiring, Maine attended South Seattle Community College. He is very passionate about his views on education, said Schual-Berke.

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Candidates reveal their political plans

By Bryan Sharick
Inside Scoop

After the primary election in September, it looks as if Republican candidates in the 11th and 34th districts face an uphill battle. Democrats won big in all four state House races in the two districts. Higher voter turnout in the November election usually benefits Democrats. Nonetheless, the Republicans say they are working hard to be heard in the two districts, which stretch from Vashon Island to West Seattle to Renton. The districts include the northern part of Highline's service area. Here are brief profiles of the candidates.

**District 11, Position Two**

State Rep. Velma Veloria, D-11th District, was 75 percent of the vote against Republican challenger Richard D. Zwicker in the September primary. Veloria, 50, was born in the Philippines. She now lives on Beacon Hill and has lived there for 16 years. She has been married to her husband Alonso for three years. Veloria is a legislator and union organizer for a living. "I enjoy working in the Legislature arena and the challenge of helping to make this a better world," she added. As a lifetime resident of Renton, Richard Zwicker says he's ready to bring people together to get tough jobs done.

Zwicker's family consists of his wife, Zawiera, and their four cats. Zwicker, 36, has been married for eight years. When Zwicker isn't running for office he works as a paralegal for the State of Washington. He has worked for the state for 10 years. "I'm a very strong supporter of community and technical colleges," said Zwicker. Zwicker also believes that access to student loans should also apply to community and technical colleges. "The state should support these colleges (community and technical) too," he said.

**District 11, State Senator**

State Sen. Meganza Prentice, a Democrat, is unopposed in this election.

Prentice did not respond to requests for an interview.

"I believe all college funding should be private. There should be no government funding of higher education," said Knutson.

District 34, Position Two

State Rep. Joe McDermott, D-34th District, won 73 percent of the vote against Republican challenger Les Ungerleider in the September primary. McDermott did not respond to several requests for an interview. He holds a master of public administration degree from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree from Gonzaga University.

According to the voter's pamphlet, McDermott is committed to solving some transportation dilemmas, and approving efforts to expand the gravel pit on Vashon/Maury Island. Ungerleider, 38, was born in the Bronx, N.Y. He has been a resident of Washington for 16 of the past 22 years. Ungerleider and his wife of 14 years, Lyn, have lived in the same house in West Seattle for 14 years. Ungerleider has worked at Boeing for 18 of the last 22 years as an analyst. Ungerleider has also worked for Yale University, the Library of Congress, and taught in several degree programs.

"I would like to see Washington follow the lead of New York City and California, in that every student who graduates high school will have a seat in a post secondary facility," said Ungerleider. "No student should have to worry that if he or she gets into a program they will not have the resources to finish that program."

**District 34, State Senate**

State Sen. Dow Constantine, D-34th District, won 56 percent of the vote against Republican challenger Frank Bradley in the September primary. Constantine, 38, has lived in West Seattle for all of his life. He has never been married and has no children.

"I believe that in two House terms I have proven myself to be a capable, thoughtful legislator who represents the interests of the people of my district well," said Constantine. Constantine is supposed to be practicing law, but the Legislature takes up all of his time.

Bradley, 71, was born in Longview, Wash. Before Bradley went into politics he managed Conseco Manufacturing. Bradley has been married for 30 years this year to his wife Kathy. Bradley had three main points on why you should vote for him.

First, he wants to stop the new taxing district because that is being pushed to Olympia. He says the government is doing this because it is a way to go around the people. Secondly, he questions the Sound Transit light rail system. Bradley said he "needs more information before more money is given to do the project. They are already $450 million over budget, but no construction has been done yet."

Finally, he opposes rent controls. "The only thing rent controls do is reduce the quality and quantity of housing for rent," said Bradley.

**District 34, Position One**

State Rep. Erik Poulsen, D-34th District, won 82 percent of the vote against Republican challenger Gary H. Knutson in the September primary. Poulsen was born in Waukesha, Wis., but now resides in West Seattle. Poulsen is 36 years old and is not married. He has two sons.

Poulsen moved to Seattle in 1987. His current job is freelance writer-editor, working primarily for local firms specializing in public affairs and business communications. Poulsen's biggest goal is to build public confidence in the government. He will try to do this by providing responsive service to constituents, being accessible, forthright, and trustworthy in all situations. Poulsen also said he will, "make decisions not just for my district, but the entire state."

Knutson's Republican challenger is 61-year-old Gary Knutson.

Knutson was born in Minneapolis and is now a resident of Vashon Island. Knutson has lived on the island for the last 25 years. He has been married for 33 years.

Knutson was a pilot for Northwest Airlines for 34 years. He retired as a 747 captain in February of 1999.
Smith, Vance offer opposing viewpoints

By Mike Bangs

U.S. Rep. Adam Smith, D-Ninth District, says people need to believe in government again. "Government needs to be more efficient, effective, and the people need to feel that is working for them," said Smith, who is running for a third term in the U.S. House of Representatives. "That's what I've done during my four years in office. I've reached out to the people, worked with them directly." Smith's opponent, Republican Chris Vance of Auburn, feels differently. Vance, who has focused mainly on transportation problems, said that Smith has been ineffective as a congressman.

"The biggest local issue is transportation. Smith has not done anything to alleviate this problem," said Vance, a current King County Councilman and, like Smith, a former state legislator.

"During his time in office he hasn't passed a single bill," Vance said. "He even voted to continue to divert the gas tax away from transportation, and that's wrong." Smith contends that this is false. While it is true that none of the bills of which he was the prime sponsor have passed, "I have worked on many important and successful bills. Furthermore, the gas tax is being spent solely on transportation.

"The problem with Vance is that his focus is too narrow," Smith said this week. "No one thing is going to fix transportation or education, and if that's the case, what has he been doing on the King County Council?" said Smith. "I want to continue my bipartisanship to better Washington and the nation," he said.

Gorton, Cantwell do not agree

By Rachelle Flynn

U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton is facing a solid challenge from former congresswoman Maria Cantwell. Smokers for the two campaigns declined to be interviewed, and the candidates themselves were completely unreachable. However, information from their campaign materials does help tell their story.

Cantwell, the Democrat challenger, served in the Washington state Legislature from 1986-1992. In 1992 she was elected to Congress to represent the First District, but she was defeated in the 1994 election. For the last five years, Cantwell has been senior vice president of marketing and e-commerce at Real Networks.

Cantwell says she is in favor of long-term solvency of Social Security and Medicare. If elected, she says she wants to ensure every child has speedy Internet access and that everyone will have job training. Cantwell says she wants to make sure parks, open space and park land are protected.

Gorton, meanwhile, says that Cantwell is in favor of raising taxes. His campaign says that Cantwell voted 42 times to raise taxes. Cantwell's campaign says the votes were minor increases in permit fees and the votes were taken on a single measure. Cantwell says Gorton's claim that he's against the government's lawsuit on Microsoft is false. Her campaign says the Republicans carefully orchestrated the assault on Microsoft in the U.S. Senate four years ago and Senator Gorton did nothing to stop it.

Cantwell wants to expand Medicare so prescription drug prices will be covered. She claims Gorton acts as though prescription drug price issue was just discovered. Her campaign claims the matter came up a decade ago and Gorton passed on the opportunity to do anything about it. He voted to preserve tax breaks for pharmaceutical companies faster than the rate of inflation.

Gorton started his political career in 1958 as a member of the Washington State House of Representatives. In 1968 he was elected to the state Senate where he served until 1980. He received the Wyman award for outstanding Attorney General in the U.S.

If reelected as senator, Gorton says he will make sure educators and parents make all education decisions. He will fight to keep dams open and help to mantle them like radical groups want to.

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den, while Miloscia wants to reform the tax system to help average people. "I want the government to run like a business; cheaper, faster and better," Miloscia said.

Until his election to the Washington State House of Representatives in 1998, Miloscia was Director of the Commercial Services Division of the Tacoma Goodwill Industries. He also served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force.

Improving education is one of Miloscia's main goals. Pierson also believes the government should provide quality education and be the vehicle for providing good schools.

"Improving education is one of my most important issues, because education is the key to a successful future for our kids," said Miloscia. "I would also like to push for a long-term transportation plan that addresses our current needs and those of the future," he said.

"I want to be the only one who has better things to do other than sitting in traffic." "I am a proud veteran of standing up on behalf of ordinary citizens and making government work for them," he said, but he added "I will still be more to done," said Miloscia.
Hopefuls vie for state executive jobs

By Rachele Corella Inside Scoop

Washington voters will face a bewildering variety of candidates seeking statewide positions in the November election. Contested races include lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, commissioner of public lands, attorney general and insurance commissioner.

Lieutenant governor

Democrat Brad Owen is campaigning for re-election as Washington's lieutenant governor, and he faces a challenge from Republican Mike Elliott.

Neither candidate was available for interview.

"As lieutenant governor, I keep my campaign promise of four years ago to be a full-time and caring advocate for our communities," Owen said in a statement on the Vote 2000 web site. "Throughout my career, I have made healthy children and safe communities the hallmark of my administration." Owen says that he will also focus on economic development and trade as lieutenant governor.

"My goal is to keep our economy moving and maintain the prosperity and quality of life that we have enjoyed over the last decade," he said.

Elliott

As lieutenant governor, Owen introduced legislation to ban college dorms and the Model Drug Free Workplace. He has also visited over 200 schools to speak about the dangers of drug use.

Challenger Elliott says that he has the interests of the people in mind.

"I am running for lieutenant governor because I believe in my heart that we have the same values, struggles and needs, and I want our state to be as prosperous as you do," Elliott said in a statement on the Vote 2000 web site.

Elliott served as a helicopter instruction pilot in the Army until 1991. He has also served as mayor of the town of Rainier.

As mayor, he helped to develop Rainier's Growth Management Plan, served as a member of the Thurston County Regional Planning Council and the Thurston County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, and has represented South Thurston County on the Intersity Transit Authority.

Owen dominated in the primaries, earning 43.53 percent of the votes in comparison to Elliott's 24.21 percent.

Secretary of State

Democratic candidate Don Bonker and Republican Sam Reed will face off in the upcoming race for Secretary of State.

Bonker and Reed were not available to be interviewed.

Bonker says that he is definitely qualified to be Secretary of State, according to a statement on the Vote 2000 web site. "I bring proven leadership and experience to this position and a deep commitment to the betterment of our state," Bonker said. "I will be a relentless advocate for campaign finance reform and promote higher standards for public service."

Reed, however, believes that he is the best candidate for the job.

Reed

He was the assistant secretary of state under two administrations, and is currently serving in his fifth term as a County Auditor, and established Internet and cable television voter guides and "the Voting is Cool" program for children.

He plans to "guard against election fraud, increase state worker productivity, expand voter information and participation, place state archives online, and, as an experienced election administrator ensure extensive public involvement in shaping Washington's future primary election system," he said on the Vote 2000 web site.

Bonker and Reed were neck and neck in the primaries, coming up with 21.20 percent and 21.99 percent of the vote, respectively.

Treasurer

Democrat Mike Murphy has been State Treasurer for four years, but he faces a challenge from Republican Diane Rhodes.

Murphy said on Vote 2000 that he plans to stick to the ideals that he promoted in his last campaign. "My campaign in 1996 was based on three principles: integrity, customer service, and working smarter. I'm proud that we lived up to these standards in my first term as State Treasurer," he said.

Prior to being elected in 1996, Murphy served as Thurston County treasurer for 10 years.

Murphy said on Vote 2000 that he will continue to work for greater accountability over tax dollars and make sure the doors of government are open.

Republican Challenger Rich McEntee feels that he can offer to the experience and ideas necessary to change things for the better.

"Studies have shown that, out of the roughly $20 billion our state spends each year, at least nine percent is wasted when compared to a well-run business," said McEntee, who holds a degree in Chemical Engineering and has worked as Head of Operations for Nielson Fine Foods. "A knowledgeable, qualified leader as State Auditor can be instrumental in eliminating this waste and returning it in the form of lower taxes and better delivery of services."

McEntee also hopes to improve the system by holding more audits than are currently being held. "I am competent and experienced in performing auditing and will present a plan and seek approval from the legislators to conduct 20 or more of these audits each year," he said.

Equally, Pope said that during Gregoire's terms, "preventable lawsuits have cost Washington taxpayers tens of millions because of bad legal advice and botched representation."

If elected, he plans to "investigate and prosecute corruption and mismanagement in state government."

Pope is a graduate of the University of Washington Law School.

Commissioner of Public Lands

Pierce County Executive Doug Sutherland will be running against former Gov. Mike Lowry for the position of Commissioner of Public Lands.

In the primary, Sutherland took a slight lead with 32.99 percent, and Lowry followed up with 29.16 percent of the votes.

Sutherland, a Republican, says that he decided to run for the office because, "I saw the need for someone who would..."
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By Kiara Stephenson
Inside Scoop

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Our hero, Jimmy James, is trapped in the ninth dimension with no means of escape. Nothing is as it seems. He has decided to try to leave the hellish school he now attends, making his way towards his comfortably parked car.

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The same old trick. On that note, an uneventful piece of the album is when Kriz pulls a Puff Daddy move and samples portions of one-hit wonders such as "Vasity 6's" short-lived "Nasty Girl" and the well-known "Hall and Oates song, "Maneater."

All in all, Kriz has produced a decent album, with the exception of the aforementioned drawbacks, giving us some tracks perfect for parties. If hip-hop is your main listening interest, Lil Kriz's new album, "Gimme the Night" might be the album for you. On the other hand, if you're into a wider range of music and are maybe tired of the same old pop cliches, leave this one sitting on the shelf.

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and really got to know the candidates. Like every successful boy band we've heard of. A certain expressive factor is all that counts to the world "boy, I'm here, look at me."

Next on the agenda, but certainly not least, is our music. We need a break from it in order to secure a record deal. I was thinking of having our first single inspired by our band's title.

"I got it, you want it, give me your heart love me right from the start yeah, yeah, oh yeah. Baby, yeah, yeah, I got it!"

I smell plagiarism.

Derek is a former member of the long-running band Boyz II Men.

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**Crossword 101**

**"Film Flam"**

By Ed Canby

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**Solution to last week's puzzle...**

**REVOLUTIONARIES**

By Dustin Rodes  
Staff Reporter  

The Highline women’s soccer team continued to struggle last week while losing to Green River, 4-2 on Saturday. Despite the loss the Lady T-Birds are still in fourth place with a 3-3-2 record. The game was tied most of the way and the teams appeared evenly matched. 

Bren Schultz scored the only two goals for the T-Birds, both coming in the first half of play. She used her head to out-smart the goalkeeper on a penalty kick for her first goal, and literally used her head for the second when she banged the ball off of her cranium and into the goal. The turning point of the game came from a goal off of one of the Gators’ shins that went into the goal in the second half. We controlled the game until the last 20 minutes of play when the third goal came,” said assistant coach Teresa Aloe. 

Lerin Farrion moves with the ball in Highline’s 4-2 loss to Green River. The Lady T-Birds are in fourth place. 

“Our defense fell apart. The midfield was not coming back to help. The girls all wanted to get a goal; they started to play as individuals instead of a team,” Aloe added. 

The demanding physicality imposed by Green River left Highline running on fumes toward the end of the game. “It was a hard physical game. Green River always plays a tough game, but we came in expecting to win,” said Aloe. 

Though there were four goals scored by the opposition, Aloe noticed some positive aspects on the defensive end. 

“Goalkeeper Amaada Ross had a great game. She did everything she was supposed to,” said Aloe. 

The women had a lot to talk about and a lot to work on at Monday’s practice. “The defensive part of the game is going to have to pick up on every part of the field,” said Lerin Farrion. 

The Lady T-Birds played South Seattle on Wednesday, with results unavailable at press time. 

They will travel to Southwestern Oregon Friday morning, having just one night to rest and then play again on Saturday. 

The women did not fare well against the Southwest Oregon Lakers earlier this year. Highline was defeated 2-3 when they played them at home in the third game of the year.

By Anthony Hamilton 
Staff Reporter 

The Highline men’s soccer team bounced back this week to get a win and a tie. The Thunderbirds are now 7-3-2 and are currently in fifth behind Tacoma, Shoreline, Pierce, and Clark. 

“We feel good going into the last half of the season,” said Team Captain Fawzi Bellal. 

On Wednesday, Highline faced off against first-place Shoreline, who beat the Thunderbirds 1-2 in the season opener. 

In another hard fought game, Highline was able to hang on and earn a 1-1 tie. Bellal scored the lone goal for Highline and currently has a team-leading eight goals. 

“Fawzi is just a great player and he will be going on to the next level,” Head Coach Jason Prenovost said. 

On Saturday, Highline continued their dominance over Green River by downsing the Gators 2-0. Highline outscored the Gators by a total of 11-0 this season. 

Datu Kelly and Bellal each had a goal. “We’re still in it,” Prenovost said. 

The victory kept Southwestern Oregon from moving into a fifth-place tie with Highline. With a little over three weeks left in the season Highline is alone in fifth place but is only one win out of first. To go to the playoffs the T-Birds need to be in the top four. “We’re getting better,” Bellal said.

Highline will need to stay consistent in the next few weeks to remain in the hunt. 

The T-Birds will be making a road trip this weekend with back-to-back games at Umpqua and Southwestern Oregon, Friday and Saturday. The time on the road should give the guys a chance to do some bonding.

Playoff Picture 

Rank Team Points 

1. Tacoma 26 
2. Shoreline 26 
3. Pierce 25 
4. Clark 25 
5. HIGHLINE 23 

Bumming a ride to London 

The Highline men’s soccer team will soon be known, at least temporarily, as the Highline men’s football team. 

No. 4 Coach Jason Prenovost isn’t ordering his team to hit dummies during practice or clotheline tackle the opposition in the next game, although that would be fun to watch. But the team will soon be travelling to one of the many places where what we call soccer is known as football, London, England. 

Prenovost is currently working with Highline Athletic Director John Dunn on ways to earn money for this goodwill trip to the land of fish and chips and The Beatles. 

The athletic department has already started planning a raffle, which is now awaiting approval from the state. 

The grand prize in this $5-per-ticket raffle is going to be a trip for two with the team to London. 

Other prizes are said to include: free carpeting for a room in your house; a Seattle Sonics® autographed basketball; season tickets to the Seattle Sounders; and dinner for four served and prepared by Prenovost, Dunn, and other members of the Athletic Department. 

Hopefully I won’t have to wait for Dunn to draw my number to travel with the team. I mean don’t you think that the Thunderbird should have a correspondent in London to cover the three games? I think that I should be that person and here’s why: I love fish and chips; I’ve never been east of the Rocky Mountains; I would be nice enough to date any of the Spice Girls; and I really want to know the difference between a bar and a pub. 

So hopefully sometime in December I will be writing an edition of “On the Rebound,” from a London pub while Posh Spice sits on my lap as we share a big plate of fish and chips. 

Patrick is known in the newsroom as “Stretchy Spice.”

Men’s soccer team bounces back
Vollevball team stung by Devils

By Maria Williams
Staff Reporter

The Highline volleyball team battled its way through a tough loss to division rival Lower Columbia last Wednesday. The team also had a tough time at the Columbia Basin Crossover where they were 1-5.

Some of the tension that has been building through a thus far tumultuous season was released when the first match Highline prevailed by a score of 15-9.

When the second match was played, the women really pulled together to show their determination and focus by coming out on top, 15-12.

The last three matches, however, did not favor Highline. They were unable to close the door on the Red Devils losing the last three matches 5-15, 4-15, and 9-15.

Despite the loss, improvement in the team was definitely noticed by many spectators.

"They are playing more as a team now, rather than individuals," Highline students Colette Van Ruth and Selena Gutz said.

Head Coach Andrea Lancaster added, "they can play better now as a team than in the beginning of the season - staying focused is one of the most important things that we need to work on."

Team players Shelly Markham and Lisa Crater played an exceptionally well game. Trying to pass volleyball between these ladies' blocks is similar to trying to run straight through a brick wall - nearly impossible.

Melinda Knooth has also dramatically improved her game from blocks to lips, and everything in-between. Her dedicated effort scored the winning point in the second match.

Looking around the gym, you could definitely notice where Highline was lacking - fan support.

"It's pretty depressing when you see more away fans at a home game, said Giovanni Baldwin, another fan of the T-Birds. "That's got to have some kind of impact on the team, one way or another."

On Friday, Oct. 13, the ladies made their way down to Columbia Basin Community College to play in a two-day tournament.

Friday afternoon did not go as well as the T-Birds had anticipated.

Functioning as a team can be one of the most frustrating things that an individual can accomplish.

The tournament seemed to bring the women closer together - both on and off the court.

There is a copious amount of talent on the court, but the real challenge is bringing them all together to operate as one.

Not only do the players have to be physically prepared on the court; mental readiness is crucial to the game.

"The team that keeps the most focused will win. To me, the game is all about keeping focused mentally," Lancaster said.

On Saturday the Lady T-Birds pulled together to play a much better game than the previous day.

Their victory over Clark was a major highlight of the weekend. The Lady T-Birds beat them in three out of five matches.

Green River Community College is currently in first place, but after scrutinizing the things that an individual can accomplish.

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Scores and statistics for the game on Wednesday Oct. 18 against Tacoma will be available in next week's Thunderdome.

Highline's next game will be played tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in Highline's Thunderdome against Centralia.

The Lady T-Birds beat Centralia earlier this season.

Lisa Crater and Shelley Markham sky to block a Lower Columbia shot last Wednesday. The lady T-Birds won the first two matches but were unable to close the door.

X-country team is taking the right steps as finals approach

By Monica Angeline
Staff Reporter

The Highline cross-country team was at the Pacific Lutheran University Invitational last Saturday Oct. 14.

The competition was tough going up against schools like: Simon Fraser University of Puget Sound, Central Washington University, Northwest Nazarene and George Fox.

There were a total of 16 different schools at the Invitational. Simon Fraser won the meet with a total of 27 points. Puget Sound placed second with 71 and in third was Lewis & Clark with 111.

The Highlines men placed 15th with 402. Showing their strength in numbers Highline had six runners getting under 30 min. "We are really excited for the NWAACC meet," said lead runner for the Thunderbirds, Dale Smith. "We see changing our workouts around getting ready for NWAACC."

Head Coach Charlie Smith is thrilled with how everyone is improving, getting stronger and more intense as the NWAACC's draw nearer.

The Highline men beat St. Martin's University, which was quite an accomplishment for them. Smith is enthused with how the team is moving up in the rankings and gaining ground on other schools. With the NWAACC's only three weeks away the team is showing that they will be ready.

As for the women of Highline both Andrea Ring and Wogafa Haile were up against some tough schools and tough competition.

Central Washington won the Invitational with 40 points; PLU came in second with 104 and Simon Fraser third with 114. Both Ring and Haile showed improvement.

"They are both improving and getting stronger each meet," Smith said.

The Highline cross-country team is off this weekend but will pick it back up Saturday Oct. 28 at the Bellevue Invite in Bellevue at 11 a.m.

Bellevue will be the squad's final race before heading to the NWAACC's Nov. 11.
**Kuolt has much to juggle in her life**

**By Jessica Kirkwood  
Staff Reporter**

Melinda Kuolt has always enjoyed being an athlete. In fact, whether she's spiking a volleyball or making a behind the back pass in basketball, Hightline's two-sport athlete has little time for anything else.

Luckily the two sports take place in different seasons, because Kuolt also juggles her academics with a full class load with an emphasis in business. While working at Costco as a cashier 25-30 hours a week.

When she is not practicing or working, she is either studying, or watching her younger siblings. Kuolt juggles all of these things and still maintains a 3.0 grade point average.

"It is very hard to find time to study," said Kuolt. "I have to prioritize many important things," she said, but she has had to juggle priorities before.

Kuolt grew up in San Diego. While there, Kuolt did not have time to play any sports. When she was in school she was watching her younger brothers and sisters while her mom worked at the airport.

Kuolt got involved in sports after her family moved to Washington. Kuolt says that her family is always big on sports, especially football. In Kuolt's seventh grade year, her parents got her on a basketball team. She has played basketball ever since.

After middle school Kuolt went on to play volleyball, basketball, and track at Kentwood High School. Now she is on Hightline's basketball team, where she plays "everything but point guard."

When Kuolt came to Hightline she also joined the volleyball team. "K.K. is a utility player. I can put her anywhere and she does a good job," said Kuolt's volleyball coach, Andrea Lancaster.

Lancaster said that Kuolt has a good attitude. She gets frustrated like everyone else but she can turn it around and pump up the team instead of letting it get to her, said Lancaster.

Kuolt's typical day now includes going to school, to volleyball practice, and then to work at Costco. Kuolt says she dislikes some things about her busy days, like working the closing shift at Costco.

When Kuolt does have some leisure time she may find her upstairs in the student center playing pool or hanging out with her boyfriend.

After Kuolt is finished at school, she will be going to a four year college in California to get her degree.

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China sends teacher to Highline

By Tiffany Eck
Staff Reporter

ABCs, Ding Yaping was nicknamed "little teacher" by her parents. At the age of 5, Yaping knew she wanted to teach. "I had a small black board and I taught my cousins their numbers, one, two, and three," said Yaping.

Teaching came very naturally for Yaping. She says it was in her personality to become a teacher and deciding that teaching would be a very enjoyable profession, "I like the flexibility; I'm never doing the same thing," said Yaping.

Since her early experiences with teaching, Yaping has gone on to college and majored in English. She is currently a professor at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, one of the largest universities in Shanghai, China.

Yaping has come to the U.S. because she is a part of a teacher exchange program put on by Highline. Yaping is the third visiting professor from China.

Over the next few years Highline will host two more teachers from China and allow them to come here and learn about American teaching styles as well as teach classes for the school.

"Teachers from Highline also have the opportunity to go to China and teach in Chinese universities," said Yaping. "Yaping will stay here for one semester teaching Chinese and teaching English, as well as Chinese literature, history and cultural studies."

Respite care hires students to help families in need

By Melissa Johnston
Staff Reporter

The Respite Care Program is looking for some Paging ( spelling mistake ) help.

"The students themselves not only gain the great satisfaction and personal enrichment that comes from helping others in need, but they also earn an hourly wage and tuition assistance," said Lynne Boettcher, the Respite Care program coordinator.

Last year Highline began involving students in families of children with developmental disabilities.

This program is designed for children up to the age of 18 with disabilities including autism, Down's syndrome, and fetal alcohol syndrome. Children at risk for neglect and those with chronic or terminal illnesses also qualify for Respite Care.

Families benefit from students providing temporary relief in the children's daily routine, said Boettcher. "Families actually do the training in the homes," said Boettcher.

Some of the things that students do with the children include playing video games, cooking, coloring, help with homework, taking them to the park, or just simply talking and listening to them, said Boettcher.

"By giving just a few hours a week, students have the ability to dramatically change these families' lives," said Boettcher.

All students who have been residents of Washington state for three years can immediately become involved in the Respite Care Program. Those not a resident of Washington get a background check before enrolling a family's home.

Approximately 18 Highline students participated in the Respite Care Program last year, including Lynne Boettcher. "Our goal was to get 50 families matched up with 50 students," Boettcher said.

The Respite Care Program has many families to help the only thing standing in its way is, "Getting the word out and getting students involved," said Boettcher.

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If you are interested in being involved or have any additional questions, please contact Lynne Boettcher, Respite Care Program Coordinator, at 206-878-3710, ext. 3593 or visit Building 20.

Highline email system crashes do to overloading

By Mike Bangs
Staff Reporter

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Apparently the limited disk space was being far exceeded. Of the 600 accounts, 78 had surpassed the amount planned, eight of which were extreme.

Once the program dropped below its operating threshold, the system completely shut down. It took nearly 12 hours to fix the problem by adding more disk space, said Cunningham.

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Cunningham hopes that in the future they will be able to create a server that allows for more disk space, so that one server fails, the others are designed to carry the load until the problems is repaired.

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By Melissa Johnston
Chair Reporter
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