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Photo by Sean Egan
Adam Smith speaks at Highline Monday.

Smith urges change in foreign policy

By CASSI CORELLA
Staff Reporter

The United States needs to improve foreign policy, said U.S. Rep. Adam Smith, D-9th District, during a visit to Highline's campus.

Smith appeared on Highline's campus on Monday, Oct. 29 with a laundry list of things that the U.S. needs to work on. Topics included our attitude of superiority, levels of

foreign aid, understanding of foreign cultures, and global public relations effort.

He believes that due to a loose visa policy, no one knows who is in America and when. This is a major problem in times of war such as we are currently in. He also supports establishing an understanding of the Muslim culture.

"Now, more than ever, we need a good relationship with Muslim Americans," Smith

said.

Smith wants to tighten airport security, naturally, and believes that the best way to do so is to replace to airport workers who are being paid minimum wage and replace them with higher paid, experienced individuals. He believes that more money should be spent on foreign policy, rather than the 0.5 percent that is currently being spent from the national budget. He covered the main problems

that the terrorist group, Al Qaeda, has with the United States, including the complex issues of U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia, which they consider their Holy Land, and our contribution to the Russian war with Afghanistan but lack of follow-up help.

"The U.S. is the most power-

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LACK OF DIRECTION

Many worry that COMPASS test may lead students astray

By SAMANTHA VAIL
Staff Reporter

The COMPASS test may not always help students find their way. Many teachers and students say the COMPASS test doesn't always place students in the right math classes.

"COMPASS has a hard time making distinctions in that area," said mathematics instructor Diana Lee.

All students must take the COMPASS test to attend Highline. It tests students in mathematics, writing, and reading. The purpose of COMPASS is to place students in the correct classes. It is untimed and computerized unlike the ASSET test.

Some math instructors have taken the math section of the COMPASS test and

are dissatisfied.

"The COMPASS doesn't ask enough questions. There may be a problem with placement. We debated whether we should write our own test," said mathematics instructor Helen Burn.

Instructors said if the COMPASS can't adequately place students in the correct math level it will also prevent students from taking the needed science courses.

"I totally got screwed over," said student Nicole Scoccolo. "When I took the COMPASS test there was some stuff I didn't know be-

cause of the integrated high school program I was in. I feel since the COMPASS test had so few math problems I didn't get to show my math knowledge," said Scoccolo.

Scoccolo is fresh out of high school at 18, and has to pay for two math classes that won't count toward her degree.

Student Maleisa Bennett took the timed ASSET test and didn't score college level.

"I tested into Math 97. Financial aid will cover it so I don't care, but I feel bad for other people," said Bennett.

The COMPASS test helps students who are ready for advanced college courses and it places students who have been out of high school for a while into the right area.

"It should do a pretty good job if you test above 100 level. Students should ask themselves if they were honestly ready to take the test. Preparation is important,"

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Kaplan comes out to the city of Des Moines

By CASSI CORELLA
AND JOHNNY PAK
Staff Reporters

Des Moines City Council incumbent Dave Kaplan is gay. His constituents may not care.

Des Moines will know for sure on Tuesday, when Kaplan seeks a second term against challenger Gary Peterson in the general election.

Several Des Moines residents said they don't care about the councilman's sexual orientation, and Kaplan said it shouldn't affect the outcome.

"It's not that big of an issue, it's just a part of who I am," said Kaplan. Although Kaplan has never publicly announced his homosexuality, he insists it is irrelevant to his campaign.

"There have been very few issues in town that have regarded sexual orientation that it would have come up," said Kaplan.

Des Moines residents interviewed last week said sexual preference is not an issue when

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Crime Blotter for Oct. 25- Nov. 1

Accident in the East lot leads to dented door

A student was attempting to park her '98 Toyota 4 door in the East lot, when she struck an unoccupied Nissan Pathfinder on Monday, Oct. 29. The owner of the Pathfinder was notified and insurance information was exchanged.

Missing items that need to be found

One electronic dictionary, one 605-XE timing watch, five computer software CDs, a pocket dictionary, a pair of black sunglasses with silver frames, and three Highline IDs were missing this week from various places on campus.

If you have information on any of these items please contact the security office.

Bracelet stolen or missing

A student is missing a silver charm bracelet with a small hat on it.

The bracelet was last seen in Building 17 in room 102.

Purse taken from bookstore

A Highline student reported that her black leather shoulder bag was stolen Oct. 25 when she left it on the table in front of the bookstore.

A half-hour later the stolen bag was found in the men's restroom.

Compiled by
Josh Davis

Vectors head in the right direction

By ROBIN COLLINS
Staff Reporter

Not many people would think that a sports car, an arrow, a disease-carrying parasite, and a set of mathematical coordinates could have something in common, but they do.

They are all vectors.

At the Oct. 26 Science Seminar, "Going With The Flow: A Vector's Tale," Professor Eric Scott focused on the mathematical meaning of the word.

Arrows are used to represent mathematical vectors. "An arrow is the simplest stationary visual element we can use to convey motion in a specific direction," says Scott. "It gives you that sense of flow—a conversational in one direction."

Vectors aren't just objects found on pieces of graph paper or in math textbooks. To illus-

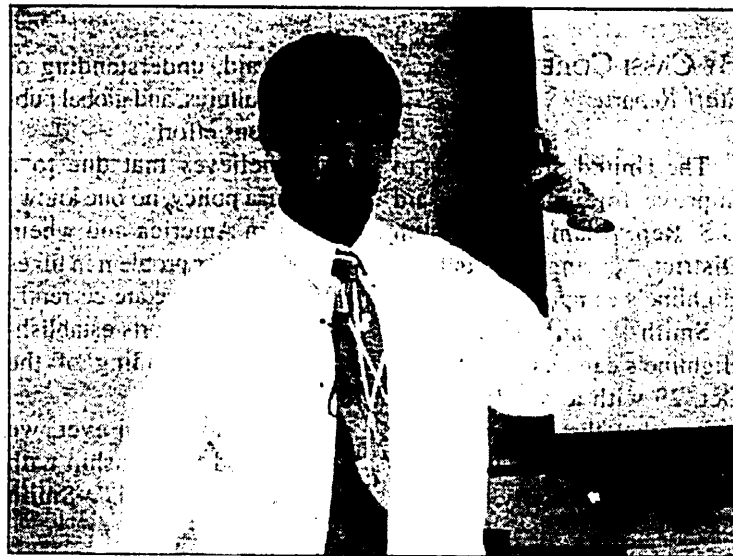


Photo by Tomo Yabuuchi

Scott explains the importance of vectors at Seminar.

trate this, Scott showed a slide from one of his favorite Friday evening cartoons, *The Power Puff Girls*.

Flying with arms extended forward like Superman, the

Girls did indeed resemble arrows pointing accusingly toward a hapless criminal.

When vectors are grouped together in lines to show movement, they become a vector

field. These fields can be generated by taking repeated measurements in many locations, such as checking currents in a river, or by building differential equations. "A vector field takes motion physically and translates it into a recognizable physical shape," said Scott.

Artists also use vectors frequently, according to Scott, especially the Impressionists. For instance, picture the motion of the sky in VanGogh's *Starry Night*.

"Artists have a pretty keen sense of space," Scott said.

Next week's seminar, "The Acoustics of Musical Scales," will be given by Paul Mori, a lecturer for the Seattle symphony. It will be held at 2:10 p.m. as usual, but will meet in Building 4-104 in order to have access to a piano. Science seminar will return to its usual location on Nov. 9.

Learn how write a resume at Career Connections

By KENT NUTH
Staff Reporter

The Career Center is now offering a weekly workshop program called Career Connections. The workshops are held each Thursday at noon, and last for 90 minutes, depending on the amount of students or faculty attending.

Subjects such as how to write a powerful resume, researching

potential careers and future employees, interview techniques and mock interviewing, as well as other job hunting skills are offered during these workshops.

Career Connections also offers career assessments, tests and questionnaires that put into account your interests, skills, and personal preferences and suggests possible career choices or directions.

The highlight of this

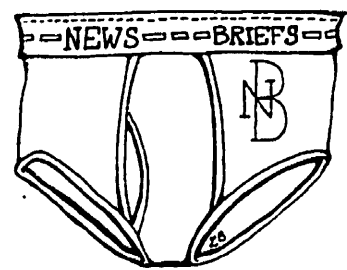
quarter's workshop is a visit from local author John Murphy. He will be discussing his book *Writing Your Life Story in Advance*. The workshop will target on teaching students to visualize building their future.

"Students can register for Career 291, a one-credit class, where they can earn one credit for attending 11 hours of workshops, but they would have to see me first," said Erik

Tingelstad, director of Career and Employment services.

The workshops are free, with an exception of the career assessment, which cost \$10. The workshops are held in Building 23, room 111 unless otherwise noted.

For more information, contact the Career Center at 206-878-3710, ext. 3350, or visit them in Building 6 in the upper lobby.



Free workshops

A workshop for all those interested in learning about degrees offered here at Highline will be here this week.

On Nov. 5, the workshop titled "Paint Your Own Future with a Highline Associate of Arts Transfer Degree," will meet at 1:30 and 6 p.m. in Building 23, room 111. The same workshop will also offered on Nov. 6 in Building 10, room 205 at 1:30 and 6 p.m.

A workshop titled "Unraveling the Mysteries of the New Associate of Science Transfer

Degree" is offered Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. and Nov. 6 at 1:30 p.m. in Building 23, room 111.

For more information contact Denny Steussy at 206-878-3710 ext. 3534.

Another workshop titled "Expressive Therapies: Reduce Stress, Increase Self-Esteem," will meet in Building 19, room 101 from noon-1 p.m. Anyone interested in learning about creative lifestyles is welcome to come.

Headliners

Kim Wasiersky is the new financial aid adviser in the Financial Aid office.

No dean decided

Highline is still without an Associate Dean of Enrollment Services. After interviewing two finalists earlier in October,

Vice President of Students Ivan Gorne said the college will look at more candidates. Gorne said he reached the decision after

consulting with the hiring committee and with executive staff. Scott Hardin continues as interim dean.

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Campus life

Japanese students seek links

Programs try to help students connect with each other

By TAKUYA IRISAWA
Staff Reporter

When you go into the cafeteria, you may see all-Asian tables, such as Japanese, Korean and Taiwanese. They have lunch and chat together. But why are there few American students included? It seems that Asian people at Highline are isolated. Asian students themselves think this is bad behavior.

Kensuke Sasaki, who is a Japanese student has studied at Highline for nearly one year, has been worried about the language barrier.

"I warn myself that I need to talk to American people to improve my English skills, but I feel frustrated when I do not understand what they say and I cannot tell them well what I want to tell. Therefore, I tend to hang around with people who speak the same language," said Sasaki.

Mariko Fujiwara, assistant director of International Student Programs, has considered this problem for a long time.

"I personally want international students to talk with different people, but they tend to speak with people of the same



Photo by Tomo Yabuuchi

Japanese students sit and talk in the Student Center, which is usually the place where they go to hang out and chat with others.

nationality because they feel insecure if they are alone. They feel comfortable and secure with being in a group," said Fujiwara.

Some people have had bad experiences and have become afraid to speak with American students.

"A student shared his experience that he asked a question in class, but it was silly question for the other students, and he got

negative reaction from his classmates. International students have feelings that they are stupid and they shouldn't ask anything at all. They feel as if they are outsiders," said Fujiwara.

Some American people may think Asian people hate Americans because Asians are not as friendly as Americans are.

"We are not unfriendly. We are just shy. We were raised up in a silent culture, so we are not

used to talking to strangers," said Japanese student Koji Kanemoto.

"For example, when I am on a bus, people chat with strangers including a bus driver here, but in Japan, we do not do that, so it is very quiet in a bus. Asian students are not as active and friendly as American students because of the cultures," said Kanemoto.

Many Asian students are

seeking opportunities to make American friends and have fun together.

"There are few opportunities to share our special abilities and hobbies. When I used to be in a college in Japan, there were various kinds of clubs and activities. I made friends throughout those clubs. But here, there are only a few competitive sports clubs. There are no non-competitive fun clubs here," said Japanese student Hiro Saito.

"We can have some fun clubs, for example, the club to play the tennis twice a week and to learn how to cook," said Saito.

International Student Programs make efforts to help foreign students to make American friends throughout the quarter. There is Global Lunch Table, which is to mix the international students, have lunch together and make friends on every Wednesday.

There is also the International Conversational Pal Program, in which American students volunteer to become a conversational partner and meet the international students at least once a week on or off campus.

"There are a lot of things to learn from other cultural people. This is the best thing to study abroad. I would like American students to learn our culture as well," said Japanese student Toshiaki Kawada.

Fujiwara recruits Japanese students

By FARID KARZAI
Staff Reporter

Highline is recruiting students from Japan.

Mariko Fujiwara, assistant director of Highline International Student Programs, is on a trip to three Japanese cities to recruit students to Highline.

She left on Monday, Oct. 22 and is expected to be there for 10 days.

The first stop of her trip was in Tokyo to be followed by Osaka and Nagoya.

Fujiwara is a native of Japan and because of her familiarity with Japanese language and culture, she is the first choice to go east.

"The purpose of my trip to Japan this October is to attend Educational Fair where I will be representing Highline," said

Fujiwara.

According to Fujiwara, in 1997 Highline had 60 Japanese students.

That number has been doubled since because of Highline's outreach, she said.

Fujiwara will be giving presentations to high school students and their parents.

The presentation will include video tape clips of the campus, classes, faculty, students and Highline's location.

"The video tape is narrated in Japanese language to make it simple for the audience there to understand," said Fujiwara.

Fujiwara said the unfortunate events of Sept. 11 have had no negative effect on Highline's student recruitment from overseas.

"I expect this to be a very successful trip," said Fujiwara.

International students still on high alert

By TAKUYA IRISAWA
Staff Reporter

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, some international students are afraid of another attack.

"My mother calls me and asks me if it is OK around here twice a week," said Japanese student Shinya Hashimoto.

"She knows what happens more than I do. I heard about anthrax first from her and she told me not to go to a Mariner's game," said Hashimoto.

Many international students' parents are worried about their children. A few Asian students have already returned to their home countries because their parents told them to do so.

"If something happened, who is responsible for that? If par-



Fujiwara

ents told them to come back, we cannot do anything about it," said Mariko Fujiwara, assistant director of international student programs.

It affects to Middle Eastern students, too. There were 52 Middle Eastern students last Spring Quarter, but this quarter, there are only six. Twelve students registered this Fall Quarter, but the other six did not come back from their summer vacations.

"We do not know sure, but they may feel uncomfortable to study in the United States right now," said Fujiwara.

"I feel uncomfortable to stay in the U.S. right now. I feel that all American people think all Arabic guys are terrorists. I do not go out lately. I do not go to the mall as much as I used to," said Highline student Abdullah Nassar, from Yemen.

"It is against our religion to kill any creatures. We are not allowed to step on even sprouts. We leave them stand, and let it grow. I cannot stand what the terrorists did," said Nassar.

"I, of course, feel scared that something terrible may happen around here, but I believe that nothing will happen, so I did not quit the school and go back to my home country," said Hashimoto.

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editorial

Voting is tantamount to what you vote for

There is a lot at stake in the upcoming elections on Nov. 6. This is especially true in the Des Moines City Council races, which are close races. The fact of the matter is that the city council could do a complete about-face as a result of this election. If you want to break it down, if you want to make it simple, then what the race really comes down to is growth. Of course it is not as black and white as that, there are other issues, but a lot of what it all comes down to is just that.

In this election we have choices. In the King County Council race we have the confrontational style of Pam Roach versus the passion for social welfare that Julia Patterson does possess.

Ron Sims is very much for growth management, specifically advocating the development of the light rail project. His main opponent, Santos Contreras, thinks the light rail project is a big mess. If Contreras was elected it could mean significant changes in the county.

Whatever side of the debate you stand on is not as important as voting itself. Right now many politicians would tell you that we are currently fighting for the right to protect such things as the right to vote, the right to democracy. If you want to do something really patriotic, maybe even more so than, say, waving a flag, then voting is your answer.

The issues that we will be voting on will have a real effect on the greater Seattle area and its citizens. It is incumbent upon us responsible citizens to make our voices heard at the polls. We can help to eradicate voter apathy by realizing that our one vote does make a difference.

The government and its elected officials are supposed to reflect the general wants, needs, and beliefs of the society that they represent. That is why it is important for all people who have the right to vote to do it.

But in order to vote effectively we should educate ourselves on the issues that the candidates are discussing. Reading the voters pamphlet is a good start. Time and again the importance of education has been stressed when a decision needs to be made. There is nothing different here.

the opinion page

Editorials are the opinion of the management of the newspaper which includes the Editorial board members Bryan Sharick, Janica Lockhart, Jason DesLongchamp, CJ Gambrel, Joe Walker, and Jordan Whiteley. Columns represent the opinions of the individual authors. Letters to the editor represent the opinions of the readers.

Letters to the editor are welcome. Letters should be no more than 300 words long, and are subject to editing for style and length. The Thunderword invites contributions of all types from the campus community. Please send submissions to Thunderword@hcc.ctc.edu or deliver to Building 10, room 106.

I can't tell you what to do

It was 3 in the morning and I woke up in a blaze of insight that burst into my conscious mind from the subconscious cauldron of dreams and half-baked thoughts. What follows is what I managed to scribble down in my partially conscious, dreamlike state.

I want to change people. I've grown so frustrated with the way the mass of people live their lives. I feel like we've grown too comfortable, too materialistic.

And I want to blame. I want to blame mass media, government, capitalism. I want to say that they are the reason our lives (in general) have grown so superficial and money driven.

And I want to preach. I want people to listen to what I have to say and then change their lives because of it. I want influence.



I want this world to change. I feel like I've got a line on the truth and everyone should listen and agree.

But now I realize that I can't do that. As much as I want to, I cannot presume to know the mind of the American people. It seems to me that the way that the mass of Americans live their lives is extremely unfulfilling.

But I can't know that. Maybe people really want television with 500 channels, \$200 pairs of shoes, some guy's name on their underwear. It's not

what I want, but I can't speak for everyone else.

After realizing all of this, I can only say one thing: Do the things you're doing because you actually want to do them (I know, my eloquence baffles even myself at times).

Examine yourself to see if you are doing things, not because you want to but to fit in. Make sure you're not doing things because you want acceptance, because you want to be liked.

Why would that be bad? I think that you might get to the end of your life and regret that you didn't do the things that you really wanted to do. You cheated yourself by not being true to yourself.

Jason has an array of voices in his head that tell him what to do.

Letters to the editor

Thoughts on I-747

Dear Editor:

I have but just a few comments on the Initiative 747 article written in The Thunderword newspaper Oct. 25, 2001. Your unknown author I believe has misrepresented the initiative and misinformed the students of this campus.

The article stated, "Initiative 747 is a proposal that limits property tax to 1 percent per year." This sentence is false, or the source was misinformed. The truth of the matter is that the property tax will be limited to a 1 percent increase per year unless by popular vote.

The article also states, "Currently there is no restriction on property tax..." This is incorrect, because property taxes are currently limited to a 6 percent increase per year.

The author goes on, "a lot

less money will be spent for programs that actually need it." How is this true? The proposal isn't digging into current funds that are going towards worthy causes. This initiative limits the amount of money that exceeds a 1 percent increase without public consent in the future. The public deserves to vote on whether a program increasing property taxes pass the 1 percent mark is a worthwhile cause.

When you say that people selfishly want steak and eggs and television without a care for the fire departments or other public services, you are insulting a very large portion of the population, including myself.

I will gladly vote and pay for what I believe is the right thing, when I am told specifically what I will be paying for. If the author of The Thunderword article "Initiative 747" thinks that Washington state will vote immorally just to save a few bucks,

I personally believe that he is mistaken.

Nicole Murphy

Praising uniqueness

Dear Editor:

I loved your article "Take the road less traveled." Being a unique individual myself, I too, believe that more people shouldn't be afraid of not fitting in.

I would also like to add, that it's not that you should go against the grain, it's that you should not be afraid to be yourself.

If you're trying to be unique, and something you like becomes trendy, then who cares? You're just being yourself, and if other people don't like you for being you, then they're not worth your time anyway. Thank you.

Jessica Slagle

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Backstreet Boys just another brick in the wall

In this day, much of the music that comes to CD or radio lacks any real depth or emotion. I rarely find a CD on which I enjoy all the songs or find any reason to buy it in the first place.

One new CD I will be purchasing in the coming week,



however — *Echoes, the Best of Pink Floyd*.

After 20 years the band has decided to release their best songs on a double disc set. It includes the songs *Time*, *Money*, *Wish You Were Here* and many others.

You would figure this new Pink Floyd CD would be the talk of the radio airwaves. It isn't. Pink Floyd, with their diverse music and emotional depth, deserves as much attention as they can get.

But no, another greatest hits CD came out Oct. 30, with its sappy, monotone songs, which has overshadowed Pink Floyd's long awaited collection.

That CD is the *Backstreet Boys' Greatest Hits, Chapter 1*. How do you get away with a greatest hits collection after only four albums?

The Boys lineup of greatest hits includes *I Want It That Way*, *As Long As You Love Me*, and *Shape of My Heart*. All are petty, lovefest songs with no emotional depth or intrigue.

Consider *I Want It That Way*: "You are my fire, my one desire." Gee, nobody ever said that before. This could have been written by anyone who knows how to read the back of a milk carton.

They shouldn't even call their disc *Chapter 1*. They are assuming they will have more hits and more chapters to tell, which is highly unlikely after the mediocre success of *Black and Blue*, album No. 4.

Pink Floyd, on the other hand, deserves the money.

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Playin' to beat the bands

Highline professor Keith Paton, SFU Band win world championship

By CHRIS NUEZ
Staff Reporter

When Keith Paton blows into town, people notice.

Paton and the Simon Fraser Pipe Band blew into Glasgow, Scotland last August and won the World Pipe Band Championships.

Paton is a Highline physical education instructor by day, but at other times he's one bad piper.

Paton has been a member of the B.C.-based band for three years, driving back and forth for practice most weekends. He just recorded his first CD with them during a concert at the Sydney Opera House in Australia last April.

Paton has been playing the pipes for 32 years.

"There are a lot of stereotypes that get under our skin," Paton said of the bagpipes. "Usually when someone hears a piper, it's a bad piper and it gives us a bad reputation."

Paton finds it most irritating when pipe music is referred to as sounding like a screeching cat. It takes a lot of stamina to play the pipes, he said.

The trip was funded by Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C. The band raises

money from local and overseas concerts and CD sales.

More than 200 bands competed this year in Glasgow on Aug. 11. The Simon Fraser University Pipe Band competed at Grade One, the highest ranking, along with 22 others. Paton's band was one of six who



Paton, far left, performs at the Sydney Opera House in Australia. Below is the CD of that performance.



pre-qualified for the finals from last year's competition.

Paton said the competition was intense.

The all-day competition took place in a huge park with each grade-level playing at the same time. Each piper wears standard Highland dress, which consists of a kilt, some sort of hat, and a specific tartan worn by each band. Paton's band wears the Ancient Clan Fraser tartan.

With 20 pipers plus a drum

corps, Paton said, "It's a constant battle to keep the pipes tuned." Climate affects everything and one tuning only lasts 15-20 minutes for the wooden pipes. If needed, tuning can be done by one to three persons using tuning meters while the band plays, which makes the job a lot easier than just using sound. There is normally, however, one person designated to tune all 20 pipes before the band plays.

It's an amazing feeling when 20 pipers can come together and feel like only one person is playing, he said. "It's a rush when everything locks in," Paton said.

Amazing Grace is one song pipers get tired of playing, said Paton, but a lot of Celtic music is becoming popular. The band's music can be purchased online. *Blue Cloud* and *A High Cut Above* are songs that can be listened to at www.sfupipeband.com.

Aside from competing in the world championships, Paton got to visit his mom and other family in a trip he says was a "two-for-one deal."

Paton gets a lot out of playing the bagpipes. "What every musician gets out playing is a sense of expression and rhythm of the music."

'Monsters, Inc.' a sure scream for audiences

By JORDAN WHITELEY
Staff Reporter

Remember laying in bed, unable to sleep, certain that something just moved in the shadows over there? Did you ever wonder just what it was, rustling in your closet, and where it went?

Did you ever want to find out?

Tomorrow, Nov. 2, Disney and Pixar will take you through the closet door, into the world of *Monsters, Inc.*

Mike (Billy Crystal) and Sullivan (John Goodman) are on their way to being the top scaring team when they accidentally bring back the most dangerous creature imaginable through the closet door: a child.

Facing monstrous dangers, nefarious corporate schemes, 5-year-olds, paperwork and even banishment, Mike & Sulley race to return the child to her bed before she destroys their world.

Pixar's ability to bring you into their collective imagination

gets exponentially better with each movie, and the amount of detail in *Monsters, Inc.* is incredible; light reflects & glitters, hair (or fur, as the case may be) flows and swirls with wind and movement, all the while keeping the essential cartoony feel intact. The sound mixing was just as precise, from howling blizzards down to the subtle thud of each of Sulley's footsteps echoing through the factory floor.

John Goodman provides just

enough of a growl to make a perfect gentle giant character; Billy Crystal plays off of him fabulously as sidekick, and Steve Buscemi gives a great rendition of Larry, the kind of co-worker you always sort of suspected was up to no good.

Bring the kids (surprisingly little sex for a Disney movie these days), bring the parents (see if it reminds them of a local aerospace corporation they may work for); just go see this, it's easily \$8.50 worth of funny.

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Rhythm and rhyme: professors unite music, poetry

BY HEATHER DURKEE
Staff Reporter

Ahh. Music and poetry. There's nothing better, claims Highline's own percussion instructor Ben Thomas and writing professor Debby Bacharach.

Thomas will be composing music for Bacharach's poetry. He has chosen three of her pieces, titles including *Yellow Island*, *Begonia*, and *Raspberry Picking*.

This ensemble is made up of the clarinet, voice, and various percussion instruments.

Thomas will play percussion instruments including the toms, xylophone, vibraphone and various other tuned and untuned instruments. The vibraphone, Thomas says, is basically a metal xylophone. Most of the music however is on the piano.

The soprano and clarinet players have both previously worked with Thomas. Coincidentally, they are married. Eric Likkell will play the clarinet, and his wife, Alicia, will sing.

"I really like the poems and love the musicians," Thomas said. "Debby's an excellent poet and explains herself very well."

Strangely enough, they already have an intertwined past. Both Thomas and Bacharach are alumni from Swarthmore College near Philadelphia on the East Coast.

"I'm trying to express as much of her ideas as possible as well as keeping my ideas at the same time," Thomas said. "It's good to work with someone you know rather than trying to interpret someone else's thoughts and ideas."

"I'm not going to go out there and say, 'NO! It means this...' Everyone interprets [things] different," said Bacharach.

She is very excited to hear how Thomas will interpret her poetry and how he will turn her words on a page to the melody in a song.

Bacharach, with a master of arts in creative writing, says that a poem is a song in itself.

"When Ben puts music to [my poems] there's going to be more layers in it than before," she said. "He will add music and lift it from the page. Another layer will be added by musicians and emotion."

These pieces, once completed will be performed on campus (date to be announced) and hopefully in Downtown Seattle as well.



Photo by CJ Gambrel

Ben Thomas composes music for Debby Bacharach's poetry

Something like a phenomenon

BY MONICA KOSTECKA
Staff Reporter

Students lined up to sneak a peek into their future last Thursday in Building 8. Team Highline presented Phenomenon Day with a mix of a psychic, tarot card reader and magician.

Sheila Lyon, the psychic, spent most of her time reading the palms of curious students.

"The big question that most students had was, what is going to happen in my love life," Lyon said.

Lyon had a lot to tell each student by the individual lines on their hands. Darcie Tocco, a Team Highline member jumped at the chance to get her palm read.

Tocco listened carefully while Lyon told her she is a nice person with a strong highway of life. Lyon also said that Tocco will live in another country for a while and her work ethic is extremely strong.

Lyon went on to tell the people waiting that their index finger represents the goodness of life, the thumb is a metaphor for how you approach life, and the shorter the pinky finger, the more likely the person is to take risks.

Also, Lyon pointed out that the individual lines on the three sections of the pinky finger each



Photo by Joe Walker

Stephanie Carpenter gets her future told by tarot card reader Carol Best.

represent something different. If there are a lot of lines on the bottom section, it means you have good logistic skills, middle section means good writing skills, and top section means good political skills, she said.

Over a two hour period, Lyon spent time reading more than 50 students' palms.

The tarot card reader, from a company called Merry Makers, had a sign up sheet of students waiting. Ania Michnicka, another Team Highline member got the opportunity to get her cards read.

"The tarot card reader gave me contradicting opinions about the direction of my life, I found

her to be kind of weird," said Michnicka.

Bruce Meyers, the magician, entertained students while they were waiting to speak to the other two guests. Each performance he put on created a lot of laughter and questions.

"How did you do that, please just show me, I won't tell anyone," said a student.

There was a large turnout for this event, and most students seemed to enjoy it.

Fashion show meeting this Friday

Team Highline is sponsoring this years "Cultural Shock Fashion Show." This is a chance for students to participate by modeling the clothing from their different cultures.

There is an informational meeting Friday, Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

in Building 7.

This meeting is mandatory for all models that want the chance to participate.

If there are any questions, please contact Team Highline member Ania Michnicka at ext. 3903.

Choir to perform at First Thursday/Arts Night

Tonight is the second First Thursday/Arts Night.

Tickets are pay what you will at the door.

The night starts off at 6 p.m. on the fourth floor of the library where artwork from "Inner Vi-

sions, the NW Breast Cancer Survivor Art Exhibit" will be on display.

After the reception at the Library, there will be a choir performance in Building 7 at 7:30 p.m.

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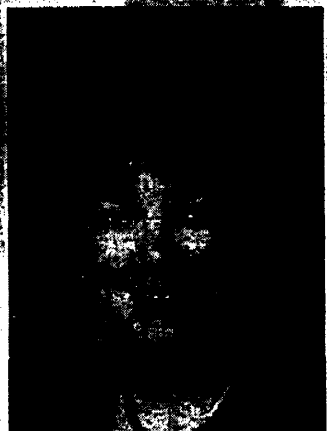
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Council argues over churches

By JOEL SPENCER
Inside Scoop

Charter Amendment No. 1 is here to protect your religious freedom.

Whether you're religious freedom needs more protecting than already provided by the United States Constitution is debatable.

But King County residents found out in their Voters Pamphlet that on Nov. 6 they would be voting on just that.

Last February, the King County Council voted 8-5 in favor of a moratorium being placed on the construction of further churches in rural King County. Six months later, in August, the Council voted on the issue again and the moratorium was repealed 7-6.



Kent Pullen

According to County Councilman Kent Pullen, R-9th District, that six month moratorium was a serious violation of constitutional rights and it became his charge to make sure it never happened again. In King County, "absolute freedom shall

be guaranteed," he said.

All that stands in the way of Kent Pullen and the other supporters of the amendment, Councilman David Irons, R-12th District and Councilman Rob McKenna, R-6th District are Councilwoman Louise Miller, R-3rd District, and Councilman Larry Gossett, D-10th District.

Louise Miller and Larry Gossett were not available to comment on this issue.

The Voters Pamphlet that most registered voters received in the mail recently did not make clear what exactly this issue was about.

Charter Amendment No. 1 is about growth. Those opposed to the amendment would like to slow the building in rural King County. Those in favor see

nothing wrong with the current trend of expansion and development.

The explanatory statement in the Voters Pamphlet says, "because King County is bound by the Washington State Constitution, the proposed charter amendment would neither add nor detract from the existing rights of religious freedom."

Pullen does not see it that way. "Earlier this year churches and schools were effectively outlawed in the rural areas of our county," he said.

Passing Charter Amendment No. 1 would make the King County Charter "more protective of religious freedom than the 1st amendment to the United States Constitution," said Pullen. This would prevent another instance of what

he called "a terrible situation for churches" from ever occurring again.

In the statement against the amendment prepared by council members Miller and Gossett and printed in the Voters Pamphlet, the amendment is called unnecessary and that "it simply restates federal and state constitutional rights."

In response to Pullen's accusations that religious freedoms were being violated while the moratorium was in place the opposition states that "there is no evidence that any county official has ever refused to follow the religious freedom protections guaranteed by our state constitution" and that "duplicating the language of the state constitution in our county charter does not strengthen it."

City of SeaTac may change mayor's job

By JOHNNY PAK
Inside Scoop

The citizens of SeaTac will decide once again whether to stay with the current council-manager government or to change to a mayor-council one.

It is called Proposition No. 1.

The main difference between the two systems is a mayor gets elected by the people and a city manager is appointed by the council.

The mayor also has the final say on what gets done. But the council can override the mayor with a supermajority vote.

This same proposition was on the ballot in 1996 but it failed miserably.

City Council member Gene Fisher says things may be different this year.

"The vote towards the change of government will be a lot closer than last time," he said.

Fisher says the reason is better advertising and there is also less opposition this time around.

He says before the 1996 election, the council actively campaigned against the government change.

However less opposition does not mean no opposition.

Candidate for SeaTac's Council Position No. 4 Steve Stevenson Sr. says he has reasons why he is against the change.

"Most people don't have the expertise to be mayor,"

Stevenson said.

Stevenson says a change of government does little because it is just paying someone more money to do the same work that is being done now.

Incumbent Position No. 4 Frank Hansen agrees and says being mayor is not an easy task.

"It's not easy to do. It's very difficult to do. There's not a lot of people with the qualifications," he said.

That is another reason against the change. "The mayor can be anyone. All they have to do is get a bunch of votes and they don't have to know anything," Hansen said.

Council member Fisher admits that is one of the drawbacks.

But he says a mayor can do more for the people because the mayor will feel obligated to answer to the taxpayers.

"If they don't like him, they don't have to re-elect him," Fisher said.

He says that if the mayor is not doing what he needs to do, the council can override him with five votes.

Fisher says there are disadvantages with the current council-manager system.

Voters cannot fire a city manager if they feel he is not doing a good job. The city manager can only be hired and fired by council members.

"It's pretty easy for a city manager because he doesn't have to be elected. He just

needs to convince four people," Fisher said.

But incumbent Hansen does not think a change is necessary because the current system is doing a good job.

"I see no good reason to go to that form of government," he said. But he says if there is a change, it is not going to be the end of the world.

"If you get the right person, then it'll be fine," Hansen said.

Fisher is leaning towards the change of government more than the other council members.

But he says the decision is up to the people. "The citizens should have the right to vote for whatever form of government they want. It needs to be up to the taxpayer," Fisher said.

Learn to vote the right way

When it comes to politics we are constantly learning. We learn about new laws, new ideas, and new candidates. We are overwhelmed with the notion that our decisions will not make any impact at all. This can be very intimidating.

It seems as though college is where we begin to really take interest. Maybe because most of us are over 18 or it could be that we are actually becoming more responsible. I personally know that I have become more aware of what goes on in our community. I want my generation as well as the new generations to come to believe in their community, and have faith that it is being run properly.

It is so important to have



leaders that we can trust to do what they propose. This is why I encourage my fellow students to take the time and read about the candidates that are running and vote. I used to feel as if one vote wouldn't make a difference and even worse the wrong vote would be horrible. So if I did not feel strongly about a particular candidate I simply would not vote.

Now I feel differently. I real-

ize that if I just take some extra time to learn about what is going on around me and who can possibly help fix things I am more likely to vote. I know that it can be difficult when you may not agree with either candidate, but it all comes down to choosing the person who reaches you in one way or another. Even if there is only one idea you like. I am not trying to preach to you by any means, just letting you know how important you really are. Let me leave you with this, even though you are busy with school and your home life it will be to your advantage to simply look over the upcoming elective campaigns and see if there is someone who might see things the way you do.

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Roach and Patterson battle for county council seat

Patterson says differences between them is 'Just our style'

By JOEL SPENCER
Inside Scoop

One County Council race will decide who takes the power in King County government.

The county has 13 council districts. Six districts downtown are Democratic. Six districts in the suburbs and rural areas are Republican.

That leaves South King County's 13th District as the power broker for King County politics. The winner of this seat tips the balance of power on the council.

The choices for this election are Pam Roach and her politically polar opposite, Julia Patterson.

State Sen. Pam Roach of Auburn is the Republican candidate for the 13th District, which stretches from SeaTac to the Auburn valley.

"I was the first Republican ever elected from South King County," she said, with a hint of pride in her voice. She speaks rapid fire with conviction and passion for the issues of her campaign.

Sen. Roach is painfully aware of the disadvantage she



Photo by Joe Walker

Pam Roach shares her views in a discussion with a political science class on campus.

shoulders as a Republican in liberal Washington State.

"I am known as a populist and a Republican with a liberal bent," she said.

Among Sen. Roach's concerns are constitutional rights, traffic congestion, and the third runway at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. She says there

are two questions she asks herself before every vote: "Is it constitutional?" and "Is it needed?"

The senator focuses her energy on her pet issues and on assuring the Republicans the majority in King County. While her supporters call her feisty and determined, her detractors see

"Confrontation is the lifeblood of politics and if that bothers you, you should get into something more sheltered."

-Pam Roach

her as uncompromising and uncooperative.

She quotes a mentor who once told her, "Confrontation is the lifeblood of politics, and if that bothers you, you should get into something more sheltered."

In stark contrast is the Democratic alternative in this election, State Sen. Julia Patterson, D-SeaTac. Sen. Patterson is a lifelong resident of SeaTac, where she got her start in politics with its incorporation in 1996. Her primary goal in bringing about SeaTac's incorporation was to ensure better police protection

I also promise to work on traffic congestion. It is one of the main reasons why I'm running.

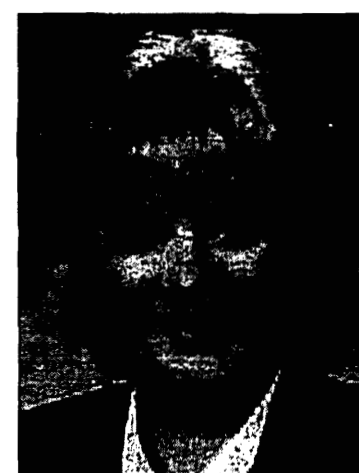
-Julia Patterson

to that area. Public safety has remained at the top of her list of important issues. She says that she is proud of the degree of public safety in King County.

"Public safety here is among the best in the country and if I'm elected, it will continue to be. I also promise to work on traffic congestion. It is one of the main reasons why I'm running," she said.

Other important issues for Sen. Patterson are urban sprawl and the third runway in her hometown.

Although Roach and Patterson actually agree on issues such as the third runway and traffic congestion, they do have their differences. Sen. Roach has a laundry list of every issue the two have ever squared off on. Sen. Patterson says the difference is "Just our style."



Julia Patterson

Sims and Contreras differ on transportation

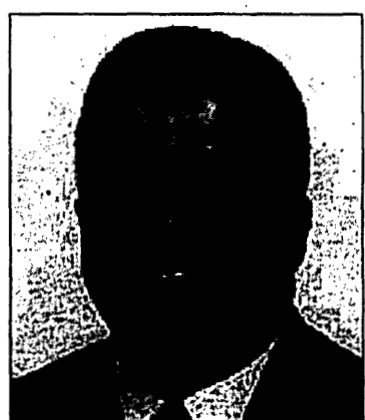
Both candidates have different answers to the same problems

By JENNIFER ESPINOSA
AND BRYAN SHARICK
Inside Scoop

Ron Sims believes very much in the Sound Transit light rail project, while Santos Contreras does not. Although



Santos Contreras



Ron Sims

the two King County executive candidates disagree on ways of controlling our traffic problems, they both agree that traffic is our main issue right now.

Santos Contreras is a man who wants to get the job done.

"I will provide more leadership," says Contreras.

Contreras was raised in Seattle where he attended St. Benedict's Grade School and O'Dea High School. After graduating from Seattle University he served as an U.S. Army officer. He later was elected to the Kirkland City Council,

"Gary Locke has said I was the best King County Executive we've had here. He [Contreras] will have to learn the job. I all ready know it."

-Ron Sims

where he served nine years and is deputy mayor. If elected, he said that his main issue is to help reduce traffic. "I want to stop the light rail project," says Contreras.

Another important issue to Contreras is the rise in property taxes.

"The property tax went up with Ron Sims," said Contreras.

Not only would Contreras like to represent the people who live in the cities, but those who live in the unincorporated areas as well.

Ron Sims is the incumbent King County executive and has been working hard to address

challenges such as traffic congestion. Sims spent 11 years on the King County Council and nearly three years in his present position.

"Gary Locke has said I was the best King County executive we've had here," said Sims. "He [Contreras] will have to learn the job. I already know it."

Born in Spokane in 1948, Sims is the only son of the late reverend James and Lydia Sims. Both were long time civil activists in Spokane. He graduated from Spokane's Lewis and Clark High School and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology

from Central Washington University where he was student body president in his senior year. Sims, his wife, Cayan Toacio, and his three sons live in South Seattle.

If re-elected, Sims wants to work with legislators to get the tools to make investments in transportation. Work with businesses to mold and shape policies to keep businesses here and continue to implement the Growth Management Act.

"I believe these efforts will help protect our unique Northwest quality of life," said Sims. "I am pretty pleased with what I've been able to accomplish."

Ensuring the health, safety and well being of our children is his No. 1 priority.

"I have managed the city well. Contreras has never had to manage a government of this size," said Sims.

Both Ron Sims and Santos Contreras say that they will work hard to preserve our community and be the best leaders they can.

White tries to get on the right Foote for Des Moines City Council

CASSI CORELLA
Inside Scoop

White wants to bring a unique feel to Des Moines City Council while Foote wants to bring something new. Both are running for Position No. 7 on the council.

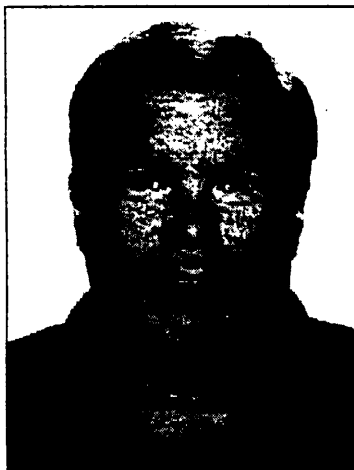
Foote says he has a wide range of experience, serving on the Board of Commissioners of King County Water District 54, the board of directors of the Marina, and as the vice president on the Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm really concerned with the direction of our community... if they knew what was going on with the finances, they'd be nervous," said Foote.

Foote is eager to get new faces on the council, saying that basically the same group has been running it for the past 10-15 years.

"I tend to have differing ideas on how city government should be run... it's an uphill battle," said Foote.

Because he lives on his boat at the Marina, he feels he understands the feelings of the boaters on the large Marina project that is a big issue coming up for the council. Foote is proud that he is involved in not only the difficult aspects of the community, but the fun as well. Foote enjoys helping with something that he says is "all for the kids."



Mike Foote

He also coaches his 9-year-old son's sports teams in his free time. Foote has been employed as a real estate agent since 1974.

Susan White is concerned with promoting positive growth in the community. Although she has no history in politics, she serves as an adviser on the Legacy Committee as a guardian advocate for children in courts. White feels that a woman's input is needed on the council.

"I feel I can provide a valuable and unique perspective on the City Council," said White.

She became involved in Des Moines when Redondo, her home of 13 years, annexed five years ago. White used to be a real estate agent.

Much controversy has surrounded this race, with local media digging up a story on Foote being charged in 1995

with fourth degree assault with sexual motivation. Foote was disgruntled with the way the story was being sensationalized.

"It wasn't what my opponent and her friends made of it, but that's politics," said Foote. "It's a situation that involves what was a friend of mine... We had kind of developed a pretty good friendship and what turned out happening was that we hung out a lot together and we just found ourselves in a situation that was a misunderstanding. It was never anything meant to hurt anybody, it was just one of those boy-girl things that got out of hand."

White seemed considerably more concerned by the whole episode. "As a woman, I'm very disconcerted... personally, I'd rather have an opponent that I could be as happy if they won as me."



Susan White

Kaplan seeks second term for city council and goes against Peterson

BY CASSI CORELLA
Inside Scoop

Dave Kaplan hopes to finish the job he started as the Des Moines City Council Position No. 3 but Gary Peterson wants to take over, and believes he can do the job right. Kaplan is running for re-election for his second term.

"I'm running because some of the things that I've pursued are not finished," said Kaplan.

He opposes the construction of the third runway at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, is for improving parks and recreation for children, and also supports the transfer of the senior center.

He said that the center can-

not stay down at the Marina, and that it was merely a temporary fix.

"There's no more parking for the seniors, and the buildings aren't stable," said Kaplan.

Kaplan believes that business in Des Moines is lacking due to more businesses leaving than arriving, and that changes are needed to bring in profitable organizations.

"We need to encourage business to come into town and stay in town," said Kaplan. "I don't think that a lot of people have been looking at the long-term financial situation."

Kaplan values education and the significance of Highline in the community.

"The Highline Community

College is essentially a sleeping giant in Des Moines. They have an important role in the community. Education is what provides the people to make the businesses thrive." He believes that the college needs to work hard to be a good neighbor, and wants Highline to be a resource to students all throughout King County.

Kaplan has been involved in politics since 1984, when he used to volunteer in many campaigns.

He served as a policy analyst in the Washington State Senate. He is a member of the King County Big Brothers program, Citizens Against SeaTac Expansion, and the Friends of the Des Moines Creek.

Steenrod wants to end Brazil's reign

BY CASSI CORELLA
Inside Scoop

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Terry Brazil wants to continue what he considers the good work of the Des Moines City Council, but his opponent, Maggie Steenrod, believes that it's time for a change.

Brazil is the incumbent for Position No. 5, and it will be his second term on the council if he is re-elected. Steenrod wants his reign to end. Brazil is eager to complete the projects that he has been working on (one of which is stopping the construction of the third runway at SeaTac Airport, a major issue for all the candidates).

"If we get the Third Runway the city will suffer greatly," said Brazil.

Besides his experience on the council, he served for seven and a half years as the president of the Suburban Cities Association, in which 37 representatives from King County cities meet to discuss common issues. Brazil is also our South King County representative on the Board of Directors for the Association of Washington Cities.

He said he is dedicated, committed, and a positive person, which he believes Des Moines needs.

"I want to continue to protect the quality of life in Des Moines," said Brazil.

As a resident of the Highline area since 1971, he moved to Des Moines 12 years ago and was part of the annexed neighborhood of North Hill. Brazil was a teacher at Glacier High School (which was later closed due to the expansion of

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the airport) for seven years, and taught driver's education at local high schools. Currently he is employed by Boeing and has been working there for the past 23 years.

Maggie Steenrod believes that she is a good candidate for the council because of her inquisitive nature.

"I think we need some changes,"

said Steenrod. "I ask a lot of questions and want answers."

One of her major

Brazil concerns is

the city budget, which she believes has gotten out of control. "To reduce the size of the city government [budget] we really need to look at needs versus wants," said Steenrod.

Although she has no experience in politics, she is a founding member as well as treasurer for the local Des Moines chapter of the Dollars for Scholars scholarship fund, which has been running for one year. The program gave away \$8,000 last year alone to local students.

Steenrod said the program targets students already in college as well as high school seniors who are the usual recipients. She is also the president of the St. Vincent de Paul society. In the past she worked for Boeing, which she said has given her a well-developed corporate background. She now runs her own mortgage business, which moved from Kent to Des Moines in 1997.

children.

"I feel there's a need for a person who is more dedicated than there is now," said Petersen.

He served on the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, and believes that as a small business owner he will have an important perspective on the council. One of the major issues that he has is with the money management the council has done so far. "We should run our government the way we run our households-if you can't afford it, you don't buy it," said Petersen.

Sherman, Benjamin offer contrast

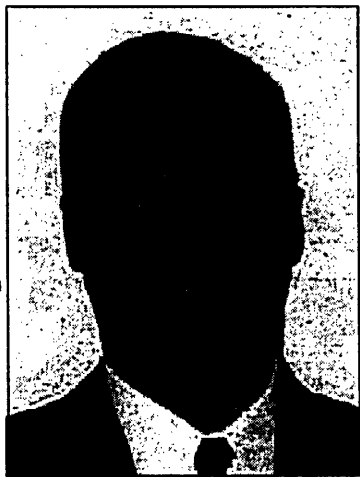
Pair differs on city's approach to growth

BY CASSI CORELLA
Inside Scoop

Dan Sherman is running for a third term on the Des Moines City Council against Richard Benjamin for Position No. 1. Sherman is proud of all the accomplishments of the council in the past eight years that he has served.

"No one can accomplish anything by themselves. We need to work as a team," said Sherman.

Before serving on the council, Sherman got his experience in how it worked by actually ap-



Richard Benjamin

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pearing before the council numerous times protesting the building on land in front of his neighborhood's homes, obscuring their view. Finally, he ran for a seat on the council after deciding he wanted his views represented. Among the many things he stands for, Sherman enthusiastically supports education.

"Our civilization is based on education," said Sherman.

He supports the preservation of residential neighborhoods, the Des Moines creek trails and beach parks (making them accessible for those with disabilities), wants to build a community center, and is opposed to keeping the senior center down at the Beach Park. He claims that the center was only put there as a temporary measure, and needs to be relocated due to annual severe flooding that closes the center and makes it a safety hazard. This is a major issue facing the council, and Sherman is not impressed by those who promise the seniors that they can remain where they are.

"They're essentially misrepresenting the seniors," said Sherman.

Due to laws regarding preserving wildlife which directly forbid building over a stream, which the center is located over, the building cannot be renovated legally. Sherman suggests the center be relocated next to the sports parks, proposed to be built on 24th Avenue in Des Moines.

He has lived in Des Moines for the past 26 years, and prior to that he lived in New York. He works as a psychiatrist.

Richard Benjamin became involved in the City of Des Moines when he bought a home here four years ago. He runs a small business, Electric Beach and Company, which is located in Federal Way. He decided to become involved with city politics when he became worried about the way Des Moines was being run.

"I'm running because I'm concerned with the city and the wasteful spending of our tax dollars. One [thing] I'm concerned with is crime and safety, and the other is our tax base. There's been a lot of creative taxing, one of the proposals was a street light utility tax that would have affected the college [Highline] it was a tax based on parking spaces," said Benjamin.

"That's the kind of tax that



Dan Sherman

I'm against. What they were proposing was taxing schools, churches, and other individuals. I want to prevent that creative taxing from happening in the future," said Benjamin.

Another major issue for Benjamin is the construction of the third runway at SeaTac Airport. He feels that little progress is being made.

"They've [the council] been fighting this thing for a long time now, but they [the airport] keeps building it or at least bringing in the dirt to build it. I'm not sure if what they're doing is effective," said Benjamin.

He is very positive about increasing business in Des Moines, and believes that one of the first steps towards doing this is increasing police support. "I think the safety that the police provide is the most important

thing that a city can provide," said Benjamin.

Although he has no history in politics, Benjamin thinks that this is a plus rather than a minus for his campaign.

"I think one of the reasons why I'm qualified is because I'm not a politician. I'm a homeowner and a resident," said Benjamin.

He is involved in various parts of the community, and supports many charities including the AIDS Foundation and the cancer relay race. He is a longtime member of Friends and Family of Victims of Violent Crimes, and helps with fund-raising for scholarships for students at Mt. Rainier and Tyee High School.

Benjamin emphasizes his interest in education, including what happens at the college.

"I'm really concerned with education, and I think that all the students at Highline Community College are as well. That's why I've supported them and gone out and fund-raised to help high school students with scholarships for college," said Benjamin.

He encourages all students to come out and vote on Nov. 6. "I'd like to have the support of the students to vote me into City Council and together make this community a better place to live."

Lamphear and Campbell believe they are the best for Burien

BY CARRIE WOOD
Inside Scoop

Incumbent Stephen Lamphear and challenger Chad Campbell each say they have the right approach to be a Burien City Councilman for Position No. 5.

Lamphear says he will continue his dedicated work to strengthen neighborhoods and Campbell says he will redevelop the downtown core to increase sales for businesses and tax revenue for Burien.

With a master's degree in public policy management from the University of Washington, Lamphear has always been interested in government and politics. In high school he was elected as a student representative to the Lynnwood City Council. He served the state Legislature as clerk of the Senate Local Government Committee while attending college. He then continued to serve as an intern for the Seattle City Council. Lamphear is currently active in many issues, with em-

phasis on human services.

"There is a tremendous need for human services in Burien. The teen pregnancy rate is increasing, as well as domestic violence. There is a high level of children who are currently eligible for free meals in schools- 60 percent. Human services is very important," said Lamphear.

As one of three children to a single mother, Lamphear grew up on welfare. Since then, he said he has given back to the community in several ways. Lamphear is responsible for the building of homeless women's shelter that consists of ten churches in Burien. These women are putting their lives back together, Lamphear said.

Also, Lamphear has re-established the late night teen program as a preventative to juvenile crime and cofounded the South King County Human Services Forum to develop regional solutions.

"There are a number of issues out to condemn me in the Seahurst area which is where

my opponent lives," said Lamphear. One of these issues involves the addition of police officers.

"I did not vote against adding police officers. In fact, since I have been a council member there have been three new officers added plus two more this past year," said Lamphear. "A police officer costs \$110,000 per year. This same \$110,000 is our human services program. Balancing those is the job of a city council member."

Another claim against Lamphear was his decision to vote for the elimination of a moratorium for adult businesses.

"Yes, I did vote to end this moratorium," Lamphear said. "The Supreme Court ruled that communities must allow adult businesses, which adheres to freedom of speech. But adult businesses can be restricted. I put in zoning for adult businesses to be restricted to one area by the airport in Burien. But so far there are no adult businesses."

"The city of Burien needs to encourage economic growth through the revitalization of the downtown core," said Campbell, the other candidate for council member.

Campbell has lived in Washington for four years and is a business owner working as a commercial real estate appraiser. During the past 12 years he has appraised hundreds of commercial and residential properties in several cities throughout the Pacific Northwest.

"By focusing our efforts to revitalize the downtown core there is a domino affect that benefits the city's residents and business owners alike," said Campbell. First, pedestrian traffic will increase which will ultimately lead to increased sales for existing businesses. Increased sales will lead to increased tax revenue for Burien, Campbell said.

"My professional experience has given me the skills and tools necessary to evaluate various locations, physical and socio-

economic influences on property values," Campbell said.

Some of the issues facing the Burien City Council that are of top priority to Campbell include: finding options to ensure Burien generated, increased revenues that outpace increasing expenses, and his position on Initiative 747, the initiative which proposes to limit tax increase to one percent.

"I am opposed to I-747," said Campbell. The city will be in grave danger of not being able to provide adequate public safety or basic human services without increasing taxes, said Campbell.

Also, like Lamphear, Campbell finds it important to ensure Burien residents that public safety as well as human services is adequately funded.

"My knowledge and professional experience will bring the practical skills needed in our council's decision-making process as the city continues to face serious developmental and financial issues," said Campbell.

Henry and Lasco differ on crime solutions

By JOHNNY PAK
Inside Scoop

Marion Henry and Kay M. Lasco both say they have the experience, dedication and credibility to serve on the SeaTac City Council.

However, the two candidates for Position No. 2 disagree about how to deal with issues of crime.

Henry has lived in SeaTac for 28 years. She has been involved with many projects around the city.

And for the past seven years, she has attended every City Council meeting.

But getting involved politically is not her only goal.

"I get in touch with anybody that needs help," said Henry.

She said she is the type of person who not only listens to people, but will also do something about it.

Henry wants to help seniors by improving some programs and facilities so there will be adequate space for them.

She is also concerned about children's safety.

"I think we should have police patrolling all the time,"



Marion Henry

Henry said.

She says children should not walk alone on the streets.

"They also should be under supervision," Henry said.

From safety to children's education, she does not believe in spending millions of tax dollars to have one fancy school.

"All students should have the opportunities," she said. Henry thinks the facilities are as important as the teachers.

However she does see a big problem relating to kids today: Working parents. She says working parents mean they do not have time to discipline their kids.

It is visible from schools, businesses and neighborhoods. SeaTac is a growing community that is becoming more diverse.

Henry says it is important to welcome fellow citizens no matter what race they are.

Also on her agenda is transportation. The Sound Transit light rail project was originally planned to reach South 200th Avenue. However that plan is being reconsidered. The line could end well short of the airport.

"I think they made a big mistake," she said. However an official decision has not been made yet.

Henry said ending the line short of the airport would be "less sufficient."

Her opponent, Kay Lasco, agrees with the idea that the light rail should run past the airport.

However she has a slightly different perspective when it comes to schools and education.

Lasco says the Highline School District has lacked credibility for many years. One of the reasons is that the schools are not properly maintained.

Instead of getting the best

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teachers out there, she wants to upgrade the facilities in the schools.

"We have top-notch teachers," Lasco said.

She is also in favor of smaller classes in the elementary grade levels so students and teachers can have more one-on-one interaction.

Since the terrorists attacks on Sept. 11, SeaTac's economy has taken a hit. Lasco said the city may even face a loss of revenue this year.

To minimize those losses, she would like to see more advertising so people will begin spending more money on services and even airfare.

"Air travel is still safe," Lasco said.

She wants people to continue on with their travel plans and not let the attacks discourage them from flying within the United States.

When it comes to the issue of crime, Lasco has a different take than her opponent.

Rather than having police patrolling all the time, she thinks the community should be more involved to keep areas safe.

"A neighborhood watch is one of the best ways to get started," she said.

Lasco thinks that one of the main issues for SeaTac is the Port of Seattle. The city works with the Port especially with issues regarding the airport.

She believes it is important for the Port of Seattle to have a good council to work with.



Kay M. Lasco

Stevenson fights Hansen for council position four

By JOHNNY PAK
Inside Scoop

Frank Hansen and Linda Stevenson both say they are qualified to serve on SeaTac's City Council Position No. 4.

Hansen says his record speaks for itself while Stevenson says the city can and will make better decisions if she is elected.

Stevenson is the wife of the former council member Steve Stevenson Sr. She is the newcomer while Hansen has been on the City Council for the past 12 years.

Hansen says if he is re-elected, people will have someone who knows the history of the city and someone who has years of experience. Stevenson on the other hand says she is new, but it is also time for a change.

Hansen has been deeply involved with the city's projects throughout his term as a council member.

He has also served on the Puget Sound Regional Council and he is currently the Chairman of the 509 Executive Committee.

Hansen says what he has done for the city gives people a good reason to re-elect him.

"I think my record speaks for itself," he said.

Some of the main issues Hansen stresses are the importance of having an ongoing working relationship with the Port of Seattle and also SeaTac's transportation.

Hansen says it is important to have a good relationship with the Port of Seattle because they work together on issues regarding the airport and many other projects.

"I want to get the extension of 509 finished up," he said.

Hansen also thinks the light rail should extend past the airport to 200th street.

A current plan is being considered to have the light rail terminate at 154th and Pacific Highway.

Since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, the city's economy has slowed down.

To get things back to normal, he encourages people to spend money and "go on with everyday lives," Hansen said.

But he says that does not mean the city should go on a spending spree on unnecessary things.

"Just don't go crazy on spending," Hansen said.

He says keeping the city financially secure is another goal.

Hansen also said he is looking forward to moving into the recently purchased city hall.

According to Stevenson, she



Frank Hansen

thinks that purchase was a waste of money.

"We had a building all ready to go but they voted to buy another building that cost more," she said.

Stevenson says the plan to build a new city hall from bottom up would have cost the city \$11 million. However, that plan was voted down.

But Hansen disagrees with that figure. He says building a brand new city hall would have cost the city \$19.5 million.

Nonetheless, Stevenson says the city overall can improve on how it spends its money.

Despite some conflicting views, Stevenson and Hansen do share some similar perspectives regarding other issues.

She agrees with Hansen that the light rail should extend past

154th Street.

However, "whether it goes to 200th or not, I don't really care. It should go through the airport," she said.

Stevenson also agrees with Hansen on how to get the economy going again. She thinks people should spend money and move on with their lives.

"Life has to go on. You really have to spend money to live," she said.

Stevenson also thinks that it is important for the city to have a good ongoing relationship with the Port of Seattle.

But she thinks the relationship could be better.

"From what I have seen at the council meetings, sometimes the city is a little arrogant and sometimes the Port of Seattle is a little arrogant," Stevenson said.

She said it is not until the last couple of years that the communication between the Port of Seattle and the council has improved.

Stevenson is the newcomer in this race but says she is willing to give it a shot.

"I'm new at it and I'm willing to give it a try. I want to give people another choice. I want to see the city spend more money on the citizens than businesses," she said.

Taxes and city hall center issue for Stevenson and Brennan

By JOHNNY PAK
Staff Reporter

Steve Stevenson Sr. wants to cut taxes and spending more money on the citizens of SeaTac.

Incumbent Joe Brennan wants to kick start the economy and improve on transportation.

Either way, the city of SeaTac will get someone who has experience to serve in Council Position No. 6.

Stevenson served on the city council back in 1996. Brennan has been on the council for the past 12 years.

And Stevenson says it is time that SeaTac gets a change.

One of the first things he wants to do if elected is to cut taxes.

Stevenson says he has seen his opponent voted to raise taxes when the city did not need to.

Stevenson says he gives the citizens of SeaTac a younger outlook. And because four of the existing council members

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An outcry of support and opposition for Initiative 773

BY JOHN MONTENEGRO
Inside Scoop

Backers of Initiative 773 want to raise the tax on tobacco products and it has created an uproar in the tobacco industry. About 90 percent of the extra taxes are earmarked for low-income families to help with affordable health care. The 10 percent left will be given to smoking prevention programs.

"The object is to provide affordable healthcare for low income families and to increase smoking prevention," said Dan Newman, the campaign manager for I-773.

If the initiative passes, the current tobacco tax would rise 60 cents to \$1.14, giving Washington the highest tobacco tax in the nation.

One argument against 773 is that if taxes are raised, then



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Initiative 773 would raise the tobacco tax 50 cents.

those places that sell cigarettes will lose business.

"Raising taxes will hurt business," says Wayne Choe, vice president of the Korean-American

Grocers Association.

Choe adds that many Korean-American store owners want to help those low income families but are curious as to

why their insurance can't pay for their health care.

"Why do we have to pay for their taxes?" says Choe.

Big tobacco has taken a stab at trying to stop I-773 from being passed by voters. Initiative supporters claim that big tobacco companies are spending several hundred thousand dollars in advertising against the initiative.

Opponents say it's a bad idea anyway. The initiative, "usurps current government health care policies ... which directly affects the already fragile budget," said former State Rep. Tom Huff.

If tobacco taxes are raised then "statistics have shown that contraband sales of cigarettes will rise," said Huff. Huff also said that the only people that would benefit would be the health maintenance organizations (HMOs).

Initiative 747 would limit property tax to 1 percent

BY BRYAN SHARICK
Inside Scoop

Tax-cutter extraordinaire Tim Eyman is back, this time with an initiative he claims will withstand court challenges.

Eyman's latest blast at government is Initiative 747, which would limit property tax increases to 1 percent per year, unless approved by voters in that taxing district.

Eyman's previous two measures passed, only to be overturned in court.

As the law presently exists any taxing district can raise taxes up to 6 percent each year, so this initiative would put a cap on that.

Calls to the pro-747 offices get only a message asking for money to help pass the measure.

"If this initiative passes we will continue to provide the service we are today, but when the demand increases we won't be able to add new positions," said Kelly Fox, president of the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters.

Supporters of this initiative say that this is a way for us to "defuse Washington's property tax time bomb so working class families and senior citizens, and not just rich people, can afford to buy and own homes," according to the voters pamphlet.

The main reason for this proposal, according to the voters pamphlet, is meaningful tax relief for families. And they say without this relief soon only rich people will be able to afford homes.

"I'd rather have my \$23 go to services we already have," said Fox.

According to the voters pamphlet, "I-747 will restrict funds we invest directly in local services like fire protection, public hospitals, libraries-even transportation."

Opponents say that if this initiative passes it wouldn't allow fire, public hospitals, and road crews to keep pace with inflation and population growth.

"King and Snohomish County residents are sick of goldlock. I-747 means intersection and county highway improvements won't get made," said Snohomish County road crew worker Roger Moller in the voters pamphlet.

Initiative would let home care workers unionize

BY CARRIE WOOD
Inside Scoop

Do you care who will feed, dress and bathe your mother when she can no longer perform these small tasks herself? What will happen if the person taking care of her leaves because they need a higher paying job? I-775, the home quality care initiative in the Nov. 6 election, will help ensure that elderly and disabled people as well as home care providers will be protected.

When an elderly or a disabled person can no longer perform their daily living tasks they have two options. They can either go into a nursing home or stay in the comfort and privacy of their own home to be cared for.

Home care is a program for people who need assistance in order to live independently in their own home. Such tasks include transporting the person from their wheelchair to the bed, bathing, feeding, cleaning and ensuring that the person takes their medication on time.

"Most people prefer to stay in their own home," said Jackie Branz with the Services of Employees and International Union, a supporter of I-775. Choosing in-home care not only allows a consumer to feel more comfortable, but it also saves the state money.

According to the Washingtonians for Quality Home Care, the approximately 23,000

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home-care users in Washington continue to face imposing threats.

It is sometimes difficult to find quality home care workers.

"Training doesn't match," said Branz. "Sometimes workers start work before training." I-775 will establish a caregiver registry to help consumers to find qualified home care workers who would be the best suited for the consumer's needs. This registry will list caregivers who have already been trained and who have passed employment and criminal background checks.

Consumers and home care providers have testified that turnover among providers has currently risen to 60 percent, according to Quality Home Care. More and more providers are leaving their jobs because they are only being paid \$7.58 per hour, on average.

Providers are also not given many benefits such as workers compensation or even vacation pay. I-775 plans to reduce this turnover rate considerably by allowing providers to unionize. This would enable providers to

approach the Legislature for negotiation of better wages.

I-775 will also require a performance audit biannually and will establish a board of home care consumers to set standards of improved training and quality.

Yet not everyone agrees that I-775 is a good idea. The Washington Protection and Advocacy System, which works on behalf of the elderly disabled, doesn't think it will work.

"That is our job and we have nothing else to gain," said Phil Jordan of the advocacy system. "Consumers are already vulnerable. We need to address this issue as a whole."

The Washington Protection and Advocacy System has found some problems with I-775. According to this agency, although I-775 talks about standards and training, it states nowhere that the Legislature is required to fund those provisions.

"We can't legally tie the hands of the Legislature," said Adam Glickman, a spokesman for the campaign at Quality Home Care. "A union can certainly pressure the Legislature to put those funds into the budget but the Legislature has the final authority."

I-775 does not have a standard for termination, according to Protection and Advocacy. Termination of employment must be for "just cause" when a union engages in a collective bargain. Consumers need stron-

ger protections because they should not have to justify why they terminate a provider.

Initiative supporters say it won't be a problem. "If it is a consumer's desire to fire, the standards are 'at will.' A union and collective bargaining cannot do anything about it," said Glickman.

Jordan disagrees. "They have said this a few times," he said. "I-775 clearly says...right to hire and fire. I am a union member myself and my boss doesn't have the right to fire 'at will.' He needs 'just cause.'"

"It is simple to put in a brief clause about these standards but there is no clause so obviously there is a problem here," said Jordan.

Also, according to the Protection and Advocacy System, state Attorney General Christine O. Gregoire is responsible for writing a statement explaining the initiative. The advocacy system claims Gregoire did not want to tell voters about the section limiting liability because she could not figure out how to explain it.

"That is not accurate," said Jim Pharris, senior assistant for Gregoire. "The attorney general is responsible for determining which parts of the measure are going to be important. The section limiting liability was too technical and wouldn't be important to the voters."

Davis, Denmark want to fix schools

By JOHNNY PAK
Inside Scoop

Bob Davis and Steve Denmark agree that the Highline School District needs improvement.

If they are elected as the District No. 2 director, Davis and Denmark both say they will do their best to make sure that each student has the opportunity to get a good education from the best teachers in up-to-date facilities.

Davis says improving the credibility of the school district is one of his top goals. Denmark says education in computer technology ranks as one of his top priorities.

Davis has served on the Normandy Park City Council for seven years. He has spent six years as the registrar of the West Highline Soccer Club.

Davis also has 24 years of experience working on government programs in which he has managed tens of thousands of

dollars.

If he is elected, "the first goal is to get the school bond passed," Davis said.

The school bond to improve facilities failed to pass by less than 1 percent in the Sept. 18 election.

He says it is important for the district to get more funding because a lot of the schools were built in the 1950s and many of the buildings and facilities either need to be renovated or replaced.

Davis also wants more funding for teachers. "The teacher in the classroom is the most important thing," Davis said.

He wants to use the money to invest in hiring the best teachers out there as well as giving teachers the salary they deserve.

"Another goal is to improve the credibility of the school district," Davis said.



Davis

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Davis said he wants to improve that by making things better for education so students and teachers will have one less challenge.

Aside from improving facilities and getting better teachers to give students a better education, "I think for the student to become successful, one of the first things they can do is to take the core courses," he said.

Denmark agrees and says students should concentrate on the basics because it gives them a foundation.

He also agreed with Davis that teachers play an important role in the students' lives. "It is because of some teachers that has made me who I am today," Denmark said.

Denmark says computer

technology is one of his biggest interests.

"One of my biggest interests is the improvement of students ability to learn technology," he said.

He would like to have study programs where students can learn about computers at home and at school.

Denmark said he is partly responsible for helping to establish the Hi-Tech Learning program in the Highline District.

Denmark also has been involved in volunteer work with the PTA and the local swim club.

He shares a similar view with his opponent on the school bond issue.

Denmark says many of the schools in the district were around before SeaTac became a city.

"A number of schools in the

district need to be replaced," he said.

But aside from facility upgrades and good teachers, Denmark stresses on the important role that the parents play in their children's lives.

"For parents who have been very involved with their students, they have been very successful," he said.

Denmark says parents can contribute in many ways by helping their kids with homework and picking them up from school.

"The more involved the parents are, the better the students," he said.

Denmark said in order for him to be successful, he is going to rely on the experience of other board members.

But for students to be successful, he says they need as few obstacles as possible and they also need opportunities.

"Every student should have the opportunity to get a good education," Denmark said.

Federal Way school candidates promise improvements

By JOHN MONTENEGRO
Inside Scoop

The candidates for the Federal Way School Board all agree that there needs to be change, but they differ on how it should be done.

• Ed Barney and Stephen Percival are the candidates for district one.

Both candidates want to change current education standards. Both feel that they have good listening skills and have the best interest of the students at heart.

They both have plenty of background in education. Barney has five kids and has had 16 years of experience in education. He has been PTA president and has been in

charge of several legislative issues with the board.

Stephen Percival has had eight years of experience in education with three kids in elementary, junior high and high school. He has been involved in levies and policy changes.

Barney wants students with "solid core backgrounds in reading writing and arithmetic," he said.

Percival wants more accountability for teachers and more technological advances in schools, leading up to, "creating an environment for better learning," he said.

Candidates for board Position



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No. 2 are Scott Best and Charles Hoff. With 30 years of experience in education and the only incumbent on the ballot, Hoff believes that he is the best candidate.

Hoff has been to Canada and Europe to observe teaching methods there. He feels that there is still more to do in respect to education reform. He also said that there is a lack of standards in school, especially at the elementary level.

"Elementary schools should raise their standards," Hoff said. Scott Best was not available for interview.

• Candidates for Position No. 4 are Earl VanDorien and Karla Dyer.

With two kids junior high and high school age, Dyer hopes

to pursue different avenues for schooling. Dyer wants to put much more emphasis on basic learning skills.

"I would like to see a return to a well rounded education with higher standards," Dyer said.

Dyer has a degree in business administration from the University of Washington.

She also attended Highline and spent several years abroad and believes that she can use those skills on the school board.

Earl VanDorien was not available to be interviewed.

Candidates for Position No. 5

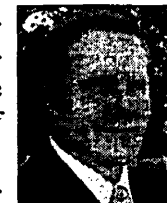
are Don Putnam and Lonnie Acree.

• Acree feels that the school board has not done a very good job with education. Acree was, "very disappointed with the low Washington Assessment of Student Learning test (WASL)," Acree said.

Acree hopes to also help teachers more. He believes that education is a two way street that takes cooperation from both teachers and parents to raise scores and improve students.

With 25 years that he spent at Boeing and his degree from the UW School of Business, Acree feels that he is the right person with the right skills to join the board.

Putnam was not available to be interviewed.



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are retired, his perspective will give the city a new look.

Stevenson says another reason for change is council members who have been there for a long time begin to stray away from the needs of the people.

"It's time to start spending money on citizens," he said.

For a start, Stevenson says he can improve the building permit process to prevent slowing businesses and home improvements.

Stevenson says smarter

spending of tax dollars is another priority. He thought the newly purchased city hall was not a smart investment.

The new city hall will be in a building that is 20 to 25 years old. It cost the city \$12 to \$14 million. He says it will cost probably \$3 million more for remodeling.

Stevenson said the plan that was voted down would have cost the city \$12 to \$14 million but it would be a brand new building. "It would be a state-of-the-art building," he said.

His opponent says he believes otherwise. Brennan thinks one of the reasons why

Stevenson is running against him is because the plan for a new city hall did not go his way.

Brennan said he has been serving the SeaTac community for 35 years. "I'm here for one reason. It's to serve the people of SeaTac."

If re-elected, one of his main goals is to jump start the economy. Since the Sept. 11 attacks, he said the city has taken a terrible hit. People are not spending as much and there are not as many tourists. And since the city depends so much on tourism, businesses in SeaTac are suffering.

Brennan is the Chairman of

the City Council's Hotel/Motel Tax Committee. He plans to spend \$1 million from that tax money to help tourism. He wants SeaTac to continue to be known as "The Hospitality City."

Brennan is also the Chairman of Safety and Justice Committee. He says one of his accomplishments is turning the stretch of Pacific Highway that was once known as the "strip," into a respected area where businesses have prospered.

Brennan said the turnaround was the result of more policing and an ordinance called SOAP. SOAP stands for "Stay Out of

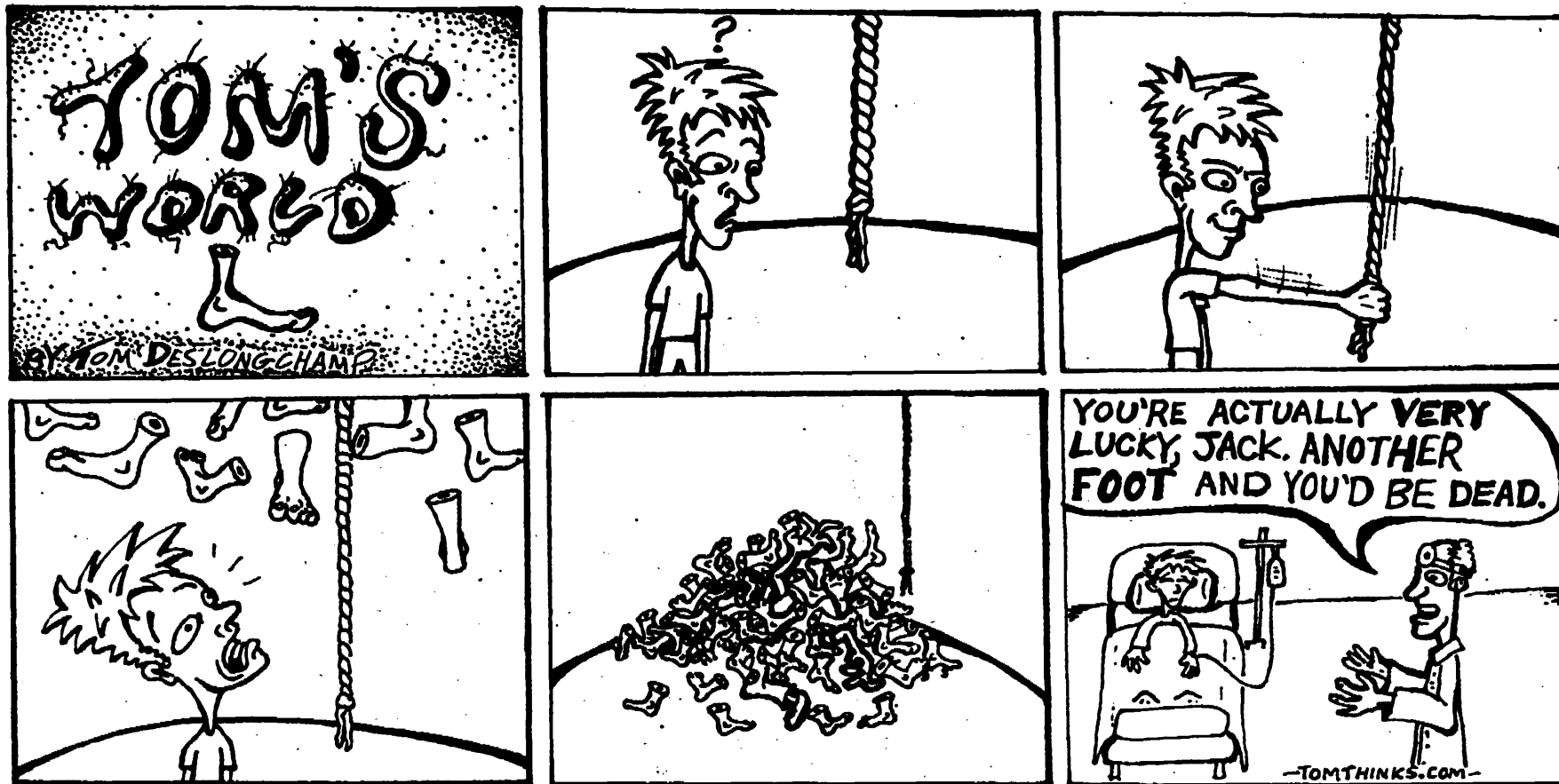
Areas of Prostitution." No hookers are allowed in that part of the city.

If they are caught, "they'll get a \$5,000 fine or a year in jail," Brennan said.

He also praises and supports SeaTac's no-pothole rule. "We do not allow potholes in SeaTac." He says if there is a pothole in the road, it will be fixed within 72 working hours.

Brennan says his years of dedication and experience speak loud and clear on why he should be re-elected.

"I've lived in this house for 42 years. I know the city and I know the people," Brennan said.



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Releasing nine CD's over the band's career, with various live albums, the band excelled at being original.

Dark Side of the Moon is a true classic. The CD remained on Billboard's Top 200 list for a record-breaking 724 weeks and when the album finally came out on CD it sold 25 million copies worldwide.

The Backstreet Boys have had an accomplishment with *Millennium* staying on the charts for a little over a year but they used MTV and propaganda to make their faces and voices heard. Of course 12-year-olds are going to listen to five attractive guys.

Pink Floyd became successful with no MTV. They didn't even bombard fans with adver-

tising and propaganda when their CDs were released.

They let the music speak for themselves with great success. It takes true musicians to let music be their voices.

It is disheartening to know that my generation and future generations will not take the time to listen to Pink Floyd's music. My generation turns to Backstreet Boys for musical enjoyment.

In a time of repetitive music, we need Pink Floyd to expand our minds.

So this Tuesday, Nov. 6, go out and buy Pink Floyd's *Echoes* or one of their other CDs such as *Dark Side of the Moon* or *The Wall*, instead of the Backstreet Boys greatest hits. Hey, why not just buy the box set, *Shine On*. It's more than \$100, but worth it.

Janica really is from the dark side of the moon.

Solution to last week's puzzle

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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

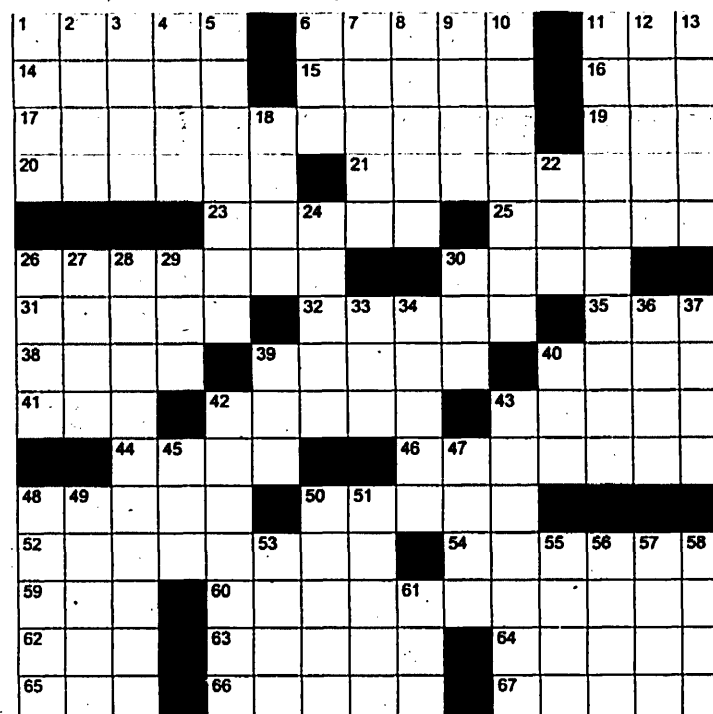
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- 20 Soccer player
- 21 Large circular rooms
- 23 Plebe
- 25 Bakery offering
- 26 Spicy
- 30 Dried-up
- 31 Opera solos
- 32 Very small amounts
- 35 Commercials
- 38 Bookings for musicians
- 39 Provide with property
- 40 Leave out
- 41 Residue
- 42 Father
- 43 Actress Verdugo
- 44 Giraffe-like
- 46 Tailor
- 48 Precedes Dolly
- 50 Free-for-all
- 52 Kind of rug
- 54 Tell's needs
- 59 Small piece of cloth
- 60 Nonstop
- 62 High degree
- 63 Act theatrically
- 64 Skylighted central areas
- 65 Drunkard
- 66 Fling
- 67 Suspicious

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- 1 Vocal music
- 2 Three performers
- 3 Seaweed



- 4 Former German chancellor
- 5 Lures
- 6 Special interest grp.
- 7 Orange-yellow color
- 8 Rush along
- 9 Gait
- 10 Military greetings
- 11 Wishful thinker
- 12 German submarine
- 13 Thick
- 18 Scorch
- 22 Neither cousin
- 24 Expiring
- 26 Completely infatuated
- 27 The eyes have it
- 28 After hours burner
- 29 Fuel
- 30 Follows hand or hack
- 33 Keats' product
- 34 Aggregate
- 36 Have brunch
- 37 Hotshot
- 39 Moray

- 40 Spanish cheer
- 42 Said to have more fun
- 43 Perpetual
- 45 Beverage
- 47 Direct
- 48 Trumpets
- 49 Muse of lyric poetry
- 50 City manager
- 51 Fill with optimism
- 53 Pack down tightly
- 55 Marriage ceremony, e.g.
- 56 Fiend
- 57 Soft swishing sound
- 58 Dog command
- 61 Born

Quotable Quote

Time goes, you say?
Ah, no!
Alas, Time stays, we go.

• Austin Dobson

T-Birds victorious in battle of unbeatens

Men's soccer continues to win and look unstoppable

By JASON WALKER
Staff Reporter

Highline has won a lot of games this year but no win was as big as the 3-1 victory over Tacoma last Wednesday.

The T-Birds entertained the Titans in a battle of the last two unbeaten teams in the league. The two teams tied 1-1 in their first meeting of the season on Sep. 26 in Tacoma.

In a game which neither team could put together a significant number of passes due to the effect that the wet grass played in controlling the ball, Highline did manage to jump out to a 2-0 lead at halftime.

The T-Birds got their first goal midway through the first half. Midfielder Ryan Haney sent a corner kick into the box that found the head of Kelly Laprowse, who calmly tucked



By Joe Walker

Nathan Louvier keeps the ball away from two Grays Harbor players, while Scott Baldwin (15) follows the play. The T-Birds are 15-0-1 with three games remaining in the season.

the ball into the goal.

Just before halftime the T-Birds struck again. Haney picked up his second assist of the match from another corner kick.

This time his low line drive

found Fanah Mansaraya camped out at the top of the box. Mansaraya hit a deadly one-time shot that gave the Titans keeper no shot at saving.

The T-Birds put the game out of reach when Mark Noorda

scored Highline's third goal in the second half. Noorda took a pass from Daisuke Kimpara at the top of the box and ripped a shot that found the back of the net.

"This team puts teams

away," said Jason Prenovost about his team ability to put games out of reach.

The Titans got their goal with 10 minutes left in the game. A Tacoma attacker hit a low drive that was deflected into the goal by a Highline defender for an own goal.

"Our team has a lot of confidence," said Prenovost after his team's victory over previously unbeaten Tacoma.

The T-Birds second win last week came on Saturday against Grays Harbor 4-1. After falling behind 1-0 Highline scored four unanswered goals for the victory.

The T-Birds got goals from Nathan Louvier, Jesse Wheelock, Gabe Andrews, and Noorda.

Results from yesterday's match with South Puget Sound were unavailable at press time. This weekend Highline hosts Clark on Friday at 3 p.m. and then travels to Pierce on Saturday for a 1 p.m. game. The T-Birds conclude the regular season next Wednesday with a home game against Shoreline at 3 p.m.

Women's playoff hopes out the window with tie

By MATTHEW MILLER
Staff Reporter

Highline was at home last Wednesday against a tough Tacoma team that shut them out 5-0 in the rain.

"They [Tacoma] are just a really good team," said Head Coach Ben Calvin. "We didn't get beat as bad as the first time we played them though."

Highline was simply over-matched by Tacoma who has dominated their competition throughout the entire season.

Highline's Sara Short was ejected near the end of the game because of fighting. Short was battling the entire game with a Tacoma player and when the game was completely out of

reach Short had had enough. She body slammed the Tacoma player and ultimately was ejected. Short was given a two-game suspension, and will be back for the season finale against Shoreline.

On Saturday Oct. 27, the T-Birds had their backs against the wall when Lower Columbia came to play. With anything less than a win, Highline would be eliminated from playoff contention. With Short, the attacker and main goal scorer out it was going to be a challenge. Pam Smethers filled in at forward for Short.

It was a close, defensive game that saw only two goals. Unfortunately for Highline they only had one of them. The game ended in a 1-1 tie, which meant that all hopes for the playoffs were lost.

"We dominated Lower Columbia. It's just without Shorty we didn't have a finisher," said Calvin. "Pam played well but she was out of position so it wasn't as natural a feeling as it would have been if Shorty was in there."

Smethers scored the lone goal for Highline with about 20



By Joe Walker

Jilian Leavitt (left), Linden Wright (3), and Stephanie Carpenter (right) chase down a Lower Columbia player as she dribbles the ball up field. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.

minutes remaining in the game. Lower Columbia tied the game on a penalty kick with eight minutes remaining.

"It sucks that we can't get to the playoffs because of a penalty kick," said Calvin.

The T-Birds have something to prove in their next game against Clark. In their last meeting Clark shutout Highline 3-0. Two of Clark's goals came from penalty kicks. If the T-Birds can keep mistakes to a minimum

they will have a good shot at the win.

Highline plays its last two games at home, tomorrow against Clark at 1 p.m. and next Wednesday against Shoreline at 1 p.m.

"It sucks that we can't get to the playoffs because of a penalty kick."

**-Head Coach
Ben Calvin**

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Wrestling season gets started with Highline challenge matches

By MATTHEW MILLER
Staff Reporter

The Highline wrestling team is back on the mat and their first match is this Saturday against defending national champions North Idaho in Couer d'Alene.

Last Saturday challenges were held in the Pavilion to decide who would be the starters against North Idaho. At 133 pounds, team captain Carlos Adamy is one wrestler who does not fear this weekend's match against last year's champs.

"I feel really confident because we have a lot of young

guys and I think they're going to step up to the plate," said Adamy referring to this weekend's match. "I'm hoping to win. I think we have the confidence to win and I think we have the talent to win."

Head Coach Todd Owens views the match as a good indicator of where the T-Birds are at. "They [North Idaho] are always tough, they are never down, they are a real powerful program. It's always a good way for us to go over there and measure ourselves," said Owens.

A few starters for this weekend's match are: Javonn Albert

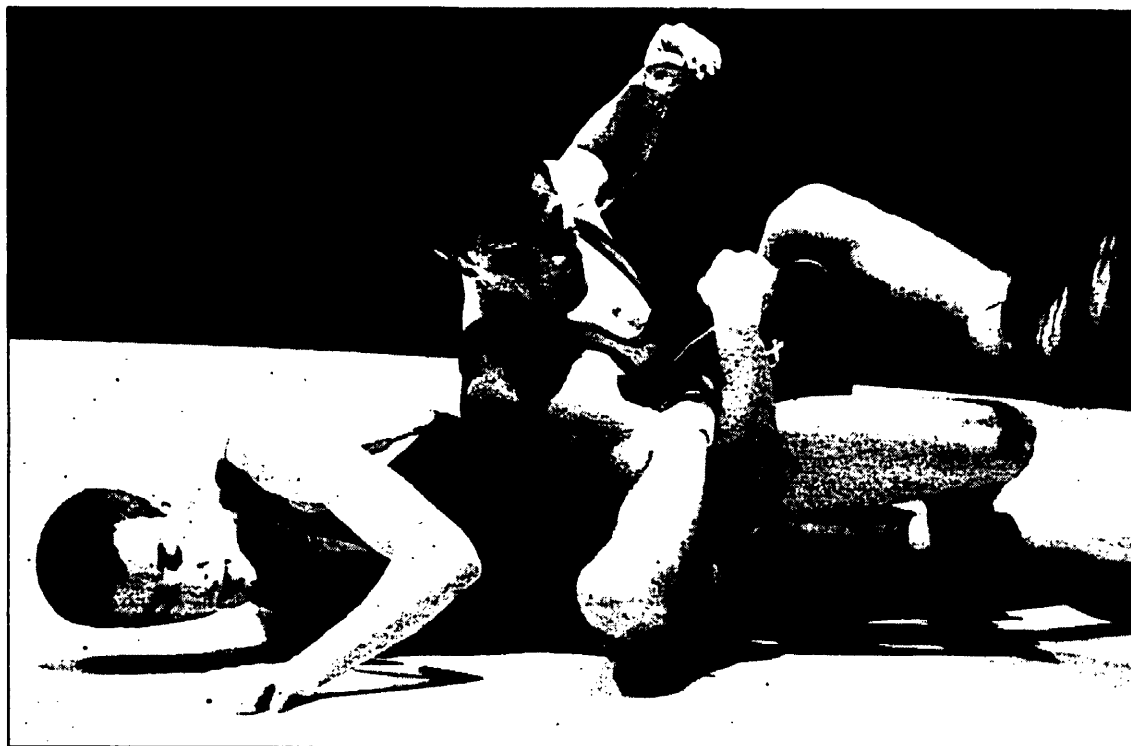


Photo by Joe Walker

Carlos Adamy beats up on Joben Nuesse at the Highline challenges last Saturday.

125 pounds; Daryl Gardner 141; and Shawn Winters 149 who had a close challenge with last

year's starter Steve Grimm. One of last year's team captains Andy Olson is out this sea-

son with a knee injury. At 184 pounds Trevor Smith is a team captain along with Adamy.

Volleyball drops two more in division play

By MICAH THECKSTON
Staff Reporter

The Lady T-Birds were handed two hard losses from league powerhouses Green River and Clark College last week.

On Wednesday, Highline traveled to Green River to try and knock off a giant.

The Western division frontrunners would not fold so easy, however, and made short work of a Highline team that needed a win.

Coach Andrea Tinney's struggling team left the Green River gym with a harsh loss, 30-22, 30-23, 30-17.

"We played well two of the three games," said blocker Jennica Lind. "There was more up than down."

That was the feeling from the rest of the team.

"We had some really outstanding rallies to keep us in the game," said coach Andrea Tinney. "The thing that killed us was all the unforced errors."

Clark College came to the Pavilion to take on the wavering T-Birds on Friday. Highline hung with playoff bound Clark the first two games, but still lost in three games 30-27, 32-30, 30-24.

"We had fun and everybody was intense," said Lind. "Everybody did their part, sometimes it just doesn't hold up."

Leading by four in the sec-



Photo by Joe Walker

In a game against Clark Staci Ellis (front) digs out a ball as Lisa Crater (right) backs her up and Mary Buchan looks on.

ond game, Highline formally announced they were playing under protest. Play was stopped for over 10 minutes while a missed call was sorted out.

"Robin [Clark's coach] and I were both disappointed with the way the game was called," said Coach Tinney. "They [referees] totally missed a ball-handling call."

The long break helped lose the lead for the T-Birds and one game later the match. "The

break definitely hurt our momentum," said Tinney.

"We'll beat Tacoma, and I still can't believe that we lost to Grays Harbor the first time," said Tinney.

Results from Wednesday's game against Tacoma were not available at press time. Highline has a Tournament at Southwest Oregon on Nov. 2-3. Then Highline will travel to Grays Harbor on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

T-Birds run well

By JEFFREY G. PARKER
Staff Reporter

The T-Birds ran their second to last race last weekend at Luther Burbank Park on Mercer Island.

The course was wet and rainy while the T-Birds ran the five kilometers that made up the race.

The men usually ran eight kilometers, and the women ran a five-kilometer race.

Aaron Fulwider placed 19th with a time of 17:08; Mike DeFoe ran his best race of the season with a 21st place finish and a time of 17:22; Jon Rigney, 26th place and a time of 17:30; Sean Mitchell, 27th place and a time of 17:37; and Dennis Hill placed 41st with a time of 18:19.

For the women, Wogahata Haile placed 15th with a time of 22:20 being the only woman runner for the Thunderbirds at this meet.

"She equaled her best time of the season on a course that was wet and sloppy," said Head Coach Robert Yates.

"She had her best performance of the year. She continues to improve with each race. And she has a good chance of breaking into the 21 minute range at the championships," said Yates.

"The team used this meet for a tune up for NWAACC Championships. If each of them can run their best race at the championships we can place in the top five," said Yates.

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Former dean, adviser die

Elections continue today for senator positions for Student Government

By JANICA LOCKHART
Staff Reporter

Highline experienced a great loss last month when two of its first employees, Betty Strehlau and David Story, died.

Strehlau had been here at Highline from the beginning as The Thunderword's adviser.

She lived in Washington state all her life and attended the University of Washington. At the UW she got her bachelor's degree in journalism.

After receiving her degree she taught at the UW for many years as an assistant professor in journalism.

After working at the UW, she joined the staff at Highline as journalism advisor. She also taught journalism classes, advertising, and public relations.

Virgil Staiger, Highline's director of public relations, was just one of her many students.

"She was an outstanding teacher," Staiger said. "You were ready to go to a newspaper after you were done with her. She developed a strong group of journalists."

The newspaper was her life and the students on staff she treated like her children, Staiger said.

Mark McKay, Highline



Betty Strehlau in 1965

Foundation president, also was on staff at The Thunderword when Strehlau was here.

She developed a one-on-one relationship with her students, said McKay.

"She was caring and compassionate and enjoyed teaching," he said.

The current advisor for The Thunderword, Dr. T.M. Sell had Strehlau as an adviser also.

"She was a dear, sweat women with a great deal of knowledge. She had a sincere love for students," said Sell.

"As long as we got the newspaper done and did a good job she was fairly forgiving," said Sell.

During her years at The Thunderword, Strehlau and the newspaper won many national awards for excellence.

Outside of Highline, Strehlau was involved in Theta Sigma Phi and was a member of the national Matrix Table.

Story, also an employee here at Highline, passed away on Oct. 11 in Longview.

He was dean of Vocational and Technical Education here at Highline in the 1960s. He later became the president at Lower Columbia College.

Services for Strehlau will be on Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery in Seattle.



David Story in 1965

By RICHARD MULLEN
Staff Reporter

With two late filings, six candidates have filed for three senator positions in Student Government.

Highline students will have the chance to choose from among the six in voting today and tomorrow in Building 8. All Highline students are eligible to vote.

Whether they will is always an open question; historically only a few hundred of Highline's 9,000 students have cast ballots.

This year might not be any different. In the little more than week since the filing deadline, candidates appear to have spent little time or effort campaigning.

"I really haven't seen anyone trying to inform students like myself about the elections, besides The Thunderword and this makes me wonder will tomorrow's elections change the atmosphere here at Highline," said Highline student Michael Boyakins.

Candidates did get a chance to tell their stories at a forum on Monday, Oct. 29. About 20 people attended the forum in Building 8, in which all six candidates appeared.

The focus of the forum was the involvement of students on Highline's campus.

All the candidates in some way agreed about the importance of getting students involved in Highline outside of class.

Patrick McGuire who is involved with cross country said



he wants to see more support for athletes. "I would like to see athletes get more recognition and student support at the home and away games, it seems like people just come here for grades and not a complete experience," he said.

Dan Fortin is involved with Phi Theta Kappa. "I am a big advocate for student involvement in our community and here at Highline. Highline can make Des Moines a better place," Fortin said.

Dorothy Dutcher said she is very involved with her family life.

"I would like to see a better learning environment and more participation from the students of Highline," she said.

Carlos Calvo, who is active in the drama program said, "Highline is an incredible resource and I will show students how they can get involved on campus."

Stephanie Carpenter plays for the Lady Thunderbirds Soccer Team. "I would like to see clubs get more involved with each other and help on the Highline campus," she said.

Stefan Alano is in the U.S. armed forces. "Highline is a unique opportunity and luxury that not everyone has. There is more to school then getting good grades getting involved is also something that needs to be pursued," he said.

Six vie for three Port Commission spots

By JOE WALKER
Staff Reporter

The Port of Seattle has three positions up for election on Nov. 6. People who are elected to these positions are responsible for bringing in trade and commerce to the Seattle area.

Some of the projects they oversee are the Sea-Tac airport's third runway construction, traffic congestion relief and ensuring the security of the airport. The Port of Seattle is the second largest employer in Washington, second only to Boeing.

The candidates for the Port of Seattle Position No. 1 are Lawrence Malloy and Jack Block.

Malloy is a chairman on the boards of Transportation Choices Coalition and Rainier Valley Transit Advisory Committee.

Malloy is endorsed by King County Labor Council, King County Executive Ron Sims, Mayor Paul Schell and eight Seattle City Council members.

Jack Block is the incumbent port commissioner. He first ran

for port commissioner in 1973. He won and has been reelected four times since.

Block served as the president of the Port Commission in 1996 and 2000.

Block is endorsed by the Seattle Marine Business Coalition, Women in Unity and SeaTac Airport Firefighters Local 1257. Candidates running for Position No. 3 are Paige Miller and Richard Pope.

Paige Miller is the incumbent for Position No. 3. Miller serves as the President of the board of the Office of Port JOBS. Port JOBS helps find jobs and training for disadvantaged people.

Miller is a community activist and is concerned with the impact of the port on local neighborhoods.

Richard Pope is also running for Position No. 3. If Pope is elected he wants to modernize cargo terminals, stop third runway construction and increase security at the airport.

Pope has a law degree from the University of Washington, a bachelor of arts in Economics

and graduate studies in international trade.

Candidates for Position No. 4 are Pat Davis and Christopher Cain.

Davis, the incumbent, said she has worked to bring in cruise business to the port. This year 77 cruise trips will go through Seattle. Each trip brings in about \$1 million in tourism to the area.

Davis is working to relief traffic congestion around the airport, and continue to clean up the Elliot Bay area.

Continuing to bring in trade to the Seattle area is important and Seattle needs to be competitive.

"Vancouver is out to eat our lunch and they advertise that," said Davis.

Christopher Cain opposes the third runway and believes that the taxpayers are not getting their money's worth. He views the third runway as unnecessary.

Cain feels that the Port of Seattle is out of control and wants to restore accountability to the Port of Seattle.

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Holiday spirit comes to life on campus

An ogre, Randy Fisher, a nice-looking clown, Shannon Greiwe, and an evil clown, Mike Nisco, all show that you're never too old to dress up for Halloween and show your spirit. Highline student Serena Webster, below, decorates her own personalized pumpkin in hopes of winning the gift certificate for dinner as part of the holiday festivities put on by Team Highline in Building 8.

Photo below by Joe Walker and
Photo right by CJ Gambrel



Junejo helps Highline with understanding Islam

By MONICA KOSTECKA
Staff Reporter

The Islam religion is a place to bring peace, love, and justice to the world.

Aziz Junejo was born and raised Muslim and is the host of "Focus on Islam" a cable television program.

Junejo spoke on "Islam: Clash or Coexistence?" before an overflow audience in Building 7.

"Teachers and followers of Islam are not supporters of terrorism," Junejo said. "It is sad to say that a deadly radical minority of Muslims do exist, and people like Osama Bin Laden and the Taliban appeal to this minority."

"The Taliban have narrow-minded interpretations of Islam, women, and radical views," Junejo said. "These people are ignorant, and their views of Islam are distorted."

"The acts of Osama Bin Laden can be related to a Chris-

tian radical blowing up an abortion clinic," Junejo said. "But judging the many by a radical few is wrong," he said.

"Islam and Muslims are not a threat to the world; this religion embraces peace and honesty," Junejo said.

"It is overwhelming that something as tragic as Sept. 11 gives Muslims the chance to reach out," Junejo said.

There are 1.2 billion Muslims spread out among 56 countries around the world. Junejo said right now, one out of every five people are Muslim and by the year 2025 it will change to one out of every four.

"Muslims come to America to be great contributors," Junejo said. "These are highly educated people who before coming to this country, don't have a place to practice what they have learned."

"We need to take a look at what Muslims and Islam have brought to the west," he said.

The Koran is a book that is a

complete way of life, not just about moral teachings. "The idea of suicide bombings and determining the time of your own death is not allowed in Islam," he said. "We are also not allowed to convert people to Islam, so the idea 'Islam was spread by the sword', is incorrect."

It is important to learn about these aspects of Islam before judging a large group of people.

"The question of why do they hate us, has been brought up numerous times in the media," Junejo said. "We need to realize that they see more of us than we see," he said.

Junejo also stressed that many Arab-Americans are frustrated and angry with U.S. policies.

"Although this does not in any way justify the actions on Sept. 11, these are issues that need to be addressed," Junejo said. "Bringing these perpetrators to justice is very important. We need to stand up for what we

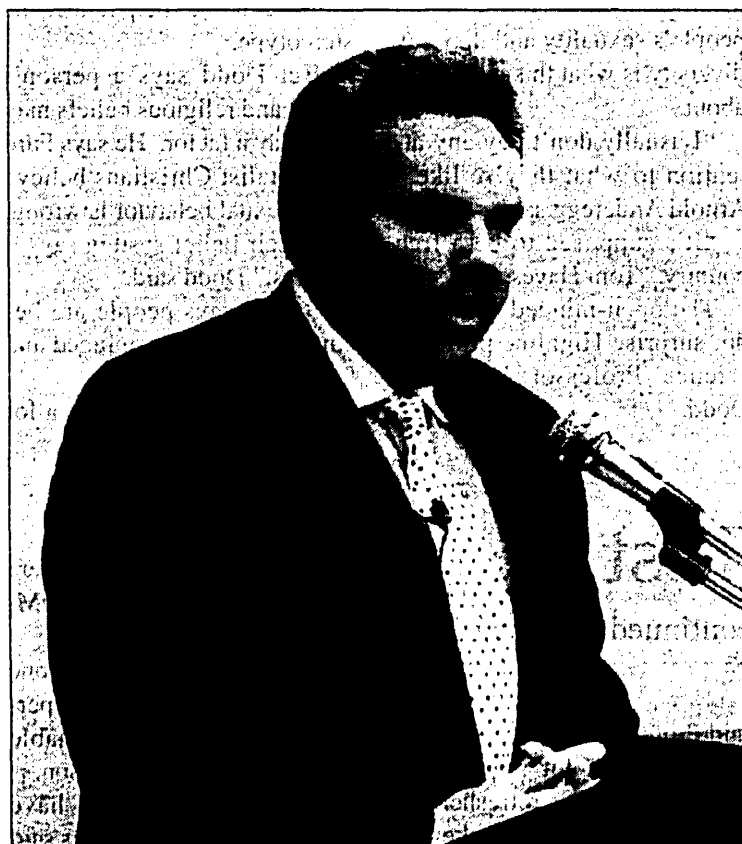


Photo by Joe Walker

Aziz Junejo speaks at Highline last week and helped many people to understand Islam and what it means to be Muslim.

believe and what our country stands for."

"But, it must be guided by remembrance of our past mistakes," he said.

"Foreign policies must be reconsidered, or this will be a

breeding ground for hatred and the uprising of more Bin Ladens," Junejo said.

"The events of Sept. 11 give everyone the opportunity to search out any religion and get in touch with each other."

Breast Cancer Awareness month

By SUZANNE LONG
Staff Reporter

Breast cancer, with early detection and treatment, is in most cases curable.

"It is preventative care and awareness," said Louise Story, adviser at the Women's Center, "not the fear of the unknown which gives a woman her best chance for survival."

In November, the Women's Center in Building 6, is promoting Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They will be providing resources and information at their office on the first floor in Building 6, giving women the tools to be proactive with their own health. The center is working on activities to be sponsored throughout the month.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women in America. "We would like to reach out to women of all ages and cultures," said Story. "We need to get the message out that this is not just an old woman's disease. It can and does happen to young woman."

"Inner Visions, the NW Breast Cancer Survivor Art Exhibit" will be displayed in the Gallery on the fourth floor of the Library, 6-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1. In cooperation with this event, the Women's Center will have an information table available.

For more information contact Louise Story or Jean Munro at the Women's Center at 878-3710, ext. 3842.

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ful nation in the world. You can't go to very many corners of the world and not feel the United States' influence," said Smith.

He believes that our power contributed to the Afghanistan hatred of America. Currently, the United States is hardly admired in the Middle East. Smith claims that even countries that are supposedly our allies such as Saudi Arabia are funding programs in Muslim schools to encourage their children to hate us. America is portrayed as evil and anti-Muslim.

Smith thinks that the country

was too swift in shooting down the Anti-Ballistic Missile and Kyoto treaties and this caused the rest of the world to be bitter toward the U.S. The situation could have been handled with more finesse and we could have ended up with the same result minus the hard feelings. Smith believes that most of our problems with the Middle East wouldn't exist if America wasn't so reliant on the area for oil.

"If we weren't so dependent on oil, we wouldn't have half as many problems," said Smith.

He defends America's attack on Afghanistan in spite of their obvious weakness as a country, is because of the fact that there are located most of the training facilities used by the terrorists

against us. If we take away their protection that the country has been offering them, they are at a major disadvantage, says Smith. At the same time, Smith is iffy on the issue of bombing.

"I support the war, but I wonder if the bombing was bad timing," said Smith. "The Taliban was already losing authority as it is."

But he supports the national sentiment that Al Qaeda was certainly in the wrong. They have what he calls circular reasoning, in which we're wrong for trying to help rebuild Somalia's government but also wrong for not helping them rebuild Afghanistan's after the war with Russia.

"The rest of the world believes that we're so big and

powerful, we can solve any problem. And if we can't, it's because we just choose not to," said Smith.

Smith compares the United States to the foster care system, in which we're expected to deal with all the world's problems and get bad press if we can't handle all of them. But, as Smith pointed out, "the world is a very messed up place."

Smith also expressed his feelings on the economic stimulus package which was presented before Congress.

"I hated it, just to be honest. It must be easy to be a Republican, because they have the same solution for every problem-cut taxes," Smith said.

He says that the proposal wanted to cut \$300 million,

when the recent Bush tax cut already gave back more than \$1 trillion. This money is needed in fighting the war with the terrorists, says Smith. However the package was dead on arrival before the Senate, and therefore will not have any impact.

People are encouraged to donate money to local charities not dealing with the Sept. 11 incident, which are suffering due to the recent focus on those in need. Smith explained that people need to remember that there are still people other than those in New York City who need ongoing assistance as always. He also wants Americans to hang in there and be patient over the war on terrorism.

"This is going to be a long running battle."

Kaplan

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it comes to elections:

"I don't think sex has anything to do with it. It's not the issue," Des Moines shopper Connie Cole said.

"I just don't believe in holding anything against the person for what he believes in and what he does," Des Moines shopper Scott Michaels said.

Some senior citizens say they usually do not think about people's sexuality and they say diversity is what this country is about.

"I usually don't pay any attention to what they're like," Arnold Anderegg said.

"It's supposed to be a free country," Tom Hayes said.

The open-minded views do not surprise Highline political science Professor Davidson Dodd.

He says whether people care about someone's sexual orientation really depends on the individual.

"The more you are perceptible to prejudgment, the more you will be affected," Dodd said.

But he says education also play a small role in people's judgment.

"People with college education are less susceptible to prejudgment," Dodd said.

He says education does not eliminate the narrow point of view but it does help reduce the stereotype.

But Dodd says a person's moral and religious beliefs may also play a factor. He says Fundamentalists Christians believe homosexual behavior is wrong.

"Their belief system says it matters," Dodd said.

But he says people are becoming more open-minded and tolerant over time.

"It has been changing a lot

over the last 20 years," Dodd said.

He says the stereotype cannot and will not disappear but it can be more tolerant.

"For real change to occur, time has to be used constructively. Can we get rid of it completely? No," Dodd said.

Homosexual politicians may be becoming more widely accepted in Washington, but openly gay State Rep. Edward Murray has experienced discrimination first-hand due to lack of acceptance.

"In politics I've often had things said to me that have been offensive, and also letters and phone calls threatening my life," said Murray.

He first realized his homosexuality early in adolescence, but didn't come out until after

college because he feared others' reaction.

"I think it was scary to know that kids who acted a certain way such as effeminate were terrorized, and you didn't want to be tagged that way," Murray said.

Olympia City Council member Curt Pavola has had a different experience.

"There's nothing that I could point to you directly and say: 'That was discrimination because of my orientation,'" said Pavola. "However you can't always prove a negative. Maybe opportunities were closed to me that I didn't even know about."

Pavola found that most of his family and friends were very accepting. "I was very relieved to come out. Hiding who you are from people takes a lot of

energy, because you always have to portray something that isn't accurate."

Kaplan says that although not many knew of his homosexuality, it was because he didn't think it was that important. "It probably doesn't garner that much attention ... but I don't hide the fact that I'm gay," said Kaplan. "It's just a question of honor and integrity."

He also claims that his sexual orientation is something that he's had to come to grips with rather recently.

"I didn't come to terms with the fact that I was gay but in the past five years," said Kaplan. "And I don't believe that it should be an issue for anyone, but everyone seems to have a different perspective on what it means."

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said Professor Lee.

"I forgot a lot since high school. So this is a refresher for courses I'll be taking in the future," said student Leah Ismael, enrolled in Math 97.

The COMPASS test works for some and not for others so instructors said they were talking about making a new one but it wouldn't be easy.

"When you make a new test you have to test the test. And that's a three-year process," said Lee.

Lance Gibson, director of

counseling, said currently there is no plan to change the COMPASS test.


"I don't think there is anyone who will say COMPASS is perfect but it does a reasonable placement test," said Gibson.

If students feel they have been misplaced, instructors said there is an alternative.

"My word of advice is that students should go to a full time math instructor with their information to help get into the correct class," said Professor Lee.

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