Media lags behind society in portrayal of women

By Stevie Frink  STAFF REPORTER


Women in politics judged by their appearance rather than leadership skills. These are a few ways the media portrays women in a negative way.

That was the message from Jennifer Pozner, director of Women in Media & News, when she visited Highline earlier this week to give a speech on the portrayal of women in the media.

She lectured on how the media shapes our views of women. Pozner said "speaking about the media is the strongest tool against propaganda in today's culture."

"Media is largely responsible for what we think we know to be true," she said.

However, Pozner said the information that is given to the media is about "85 percent male, 92 percent white and 75 percent Republican.

Therefore, she said, we are only getting a very selective point of view from the media.

Pozner spoke on the horrifying events in 2000 in New York City's Central Park. There was a riot on a hot day in which several women had been sexually assaulted and raped. However, Pozner said the media blamed the victims rather than the men doing the assaulting.

One reporter from Dateline asked the question, "What responsibility if any did the women have for what happened that day?"

According to Pozner, the men interviewed at this event said "everything was hot, the weather was hot, the food was hot, and the women were hot."
The media stated the reason for this was the "natural sexual tendencies that men have took control of them and the women were asking for it."

"The media used victim blaming in this instance and showed no respect for women," Pozner said.

Pozner said this story disrespected some men, "self-respecting men who are not violent or convicts would not agree that the sexual tendencies could not be controlled."

She also used welfare for women to explain the bias against women. Pozner polled the audience on what they thought of the words "welfare mother."

Pozner first asked how old the audience thought the majority of the women on welfare were, and the reply ranged from late teens to early 20s. She then asked what ethnicity it thought most of the women on welfare were, and the reply was "African American, Hispanic, and White."

The third question Pozner asked was how long it thought women stayed on welfare, and the unanimous reply was "as long as they can."

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Fasting, reading of Quran mark Ramadan observance

By Raph Cox  STAFF REPORTER

Imagine having to wake up before sunrise every day for a month to eat enough food to get you through the day.

Muslim students do this every day this month, fasting between sunrise and sunset.

This was just one of the many things learned at the Muslim Student Association's information meeting on Ramadan last Friday, Oct. 14.

The event was sponsored by the International Village.

Another part of Ramadan is reading one chapter of the Quran each night. There are 30 chapters in the Quran, so by the end of Ramadan, Muslims will have read the whole book.

"Ramadan is a chance to bring us closer to Allah (god)," said Yasmin Farah, a member of the Muslim Student Association.

"Fasting is to learn more about how Muhammad and the ones before us used to live," said Farah.

There are many reasons why Muslims fast: to obey Allah's word, to have their sins forgiven or to practice the tradition and ways of their ancestors.

There are some exceptions. Soldiers, children, people who are sick, and women who menstruating or giving birth do not have to fast.

When Ramadan is over, Muslims have a feast of the breaking of the fast called Eid-Ul-Fitr. Fasting is forbidden on this day, but eating a big breakfast is discouraged.

Children get gifts and money from family and friends.

"Seattle Muslims will rent out the convention center and have a big party to break the fast," said Daahah Hussein, a member of the Muslim Student Association.

Even after Ramadan, most Muslims try to keep the good habits they developed during their observance. You don't have to be Muslim to fast during Ramadan. The Muslim Student Association wants to have one day this month when Highline students also participate in fasting.

"Everyone should try and fast for at least one day to see what it's like," said Jawahir Ali, secretary of the Muslim Student Association.

"If everyone on campus (fasts), the Highline campus can be a better place."

For every person who agrees to fast, the Muslim Student Association will donate money to the hurricane-relief fund.

For more information contact 206-878-3710.

Kane Mathis will bring Africa to The Blend

See story, Page 6

Men's soccer continues streak with 11th victory

See story, Page 8
Stolen car found near tennis courts

A stolen green Honda civic was found near Highline’s tennis courts on Oct. 12. The driver’s side lock was punched and three tires were missing from the vehicle. The Des Moines Police Department confirmed the vehicle was stolen.

Supplies stolen and gate damaged

The Building 26 maintenance shop chain link fence area was illegally entered on Oct. 15. The lock on the gate was out by bolt cutters, and two spoons of heavy duty electrical cable were stolen.

Students injured on Highline campus

A student injured his/her knees, left hip, left elbow, and right hand while walking down the south side sidewalk of Building 16 on Oct. 17. The incident occurred at 1:10 p.m.
A student fell on the stairs between Buildings 13 and Building 14 and broke their left femur on Oct. 17. The student was taken to Highline hospital at 2:10 p.m.
A student injured his/her neck, left hip, left elbow, and walking downstairs in Building 8 on Oct. 19 at 7:30 a.m.

Found property

The following items found between Oct. 10 and 19.
A cell phone, a purple backpack, a pair of blue shorts, and a silver ring was found in Building 6.
A black and silver Verizon cell phone, in the men’s restroom in Building 26.
A blue notebook; A Japanese 101 workbook; A checkbook; and a white CD player were found.
A black and grey sweatshirt and CD, in Building 21.
A brown wallet with cash in Building 19’s men’s restroom.

Money raised for cancer society

Highline Community College raised an estimated $600 online alone for the Oct. 2 “Making Strides against Breast Cancer” walk in Bellevue sponsored by the American Cancer Society.
Join Munro, a Women’s Programs and Work First service staff member, put together the Highline team, recruiting six others. Others from Highline may have walked with family and friends, so it is unclear how many from the college participated.
Breast-cancer survivors spoke at the event, along with people who had just a loved one to the disease. A rock ‘n roll band also played.
The crowd did not seem as large as last year’s, perhaps because of the threatening weather.
The rain held off during the walk, but it did pour right afterwards.
“I think we did a good job just by getting the word out,” Munro said. “(It the walk) did its job.”

More than 190 athletes, and a group of volunteers, participated in the breast cancer fundraiser. The event took place at the airport, and included a 2-mile race, a 5-mile walk, and a 10-mile road race.

Students participating for the trip of Nov. ninth will receive a $15 discount, making the total price $125 for the trip. After the ninth the cost will be $250.

This trip is for snowboarders and skiers of all skill levels, as beginners can register beginner level lessons for a discounted rate.
If you don’t own your own board and gear you can rent quality gear for discounted rates as well.
In order to qualify for the discounted rates students must pay fees in addition to the trip fees.
For more information on the Highline and Destination Snow and the trip to Whistler Blackcomb, contact Aisha Hassan at 206-878-3170 ext. 3536.

Poets heading to Highline

Individuals who have always wanted the chance to present their poetry, will have the opportunity next week at Highline.
Highline is having a Poetry Exchange on Oct. 25. Highline’s Student Union Building will be filled with poets of all genres at noon Tuesday. Come and see students and a featured poet read their poetry.
Decisions are still being made. If you would like to be a featured student poet, and read poetry from someone who inspires you or your own writing, contact Travis Tweet at twes2@highline.edu, or call at 206-878-3710 ext. 3903.
Highline offers a paralegal program to all

BY STEPHANIE CROWELL
STAFF REPORTER

Highline's paralegal program provides a path to one of the fastest-growing professions in the country: a career in the legal field that pays well and requires only two years of higher education. Three paralegal programs are offered: two-year Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Arts degrees and the one-year paralegal-plus certificate program for students who have a bachelor's degree or are obtaining one. Graduates are in high demand. “I frequently get three to five calls a week for people seeking jobs,” said Buzz Wheeler, the department coordinator for the Highline College Paralegal Association. Paralegals help attorneys and also provide legal services to clients and the community. They may work at private law firms, public-interest groups and government agencies such as a county prosecutor’s office or attorney general’s office.

Common duties include helping with litigation, interviewing witnesses, analyzing information, preparing written reports, organizing and tracking legal files and helping to draft legal documents. The average income for a paralegal is $2,995 to $4,120 per month.

Wheeler said good candidates for the program have strong written and verbal skills, self-discipline and high ethical standards. In addition, “Students with foreign-language skills have several opportunities that others may not,” Wheeler said.

Along with Wheeler, practicing attorneys and paralegals teach Highline's courses. The program has 150 to 200 students and offers both day and evening classes. Anyone who can provide a copy of his or her high school diploma, college transcript or GED may be eligible for the program.

There is also a four-year transfer option.

For information on this go to flight-line.highline.edu/paralegal/

For more information on the paralegal program contact Wheeler at ext. 3910.

You can also set up a personal appointment with a faculty member or adviser at the counseling center, or call them at 206-878-3710, ext. 3580.

Students get a day off while staff is here for in-service day

BY JOE BUSER
STAFF REPORTER

While students get to take a day off and sleep in, Highline faculty, administration and employees will be on campus for Professional Development Day on Friday, Oct. 21.

Professional Development Day is an annual in-service day for all Highline staff, faculty, and administration. The goal of the program is to help those who work at Highline to better do what it is they do here, in whatever way they need it.

“Highline really values professional development,” said Sue Frantz, Highline psychology instructor and chair of the Professional Development Day committee. Frantz has been a part of the committee in the past, and is an advocate for continuing lifelong learning.

“What goes on here goes along with Highline’s theme of lifelong learning and development,” said Frantz. “It’s for everybody who works here.”

The day will consist of 30-35 different workshops for faculty, administrators and staff to choose from. The workshops will cover topics such as in-class assessment technicians, computer-software skills and better organizational skills, to name a few.

The theme for this year’s Professional Development Day is “Change the Dial to Fit Your Style.”

“The theme means music,” said Frantz. “Music is a unifying theme. Everyone listens to their own individual type of music, but what is common is that they all listen to music. Here, we all struggle with the fact that we are all here for a universal purpose, but we all do something different to contribute to that. This gives us the opportunity to sit together and talk, which we don’t get often. We can talk about what our jobs are, and learn from each other.”

Michael Shadow, an expert in public speaking, will open the day with a morning keynote address.

“Michael will be speaking about the idea of unity in what we do,” said Frantz. “He will be setting the tone for the day.”

Associate Dean for Student Programs Jonathan Brown, also a committee member, said Professional Development Day once was exclusively for faculty development but now has expanded to include other staff as well.

Brown said Highline President Priscilla Bell has taken a special interest in making sure that this day can benefit any and all Highline employees who have the desire to attend.

“There’s Dr. Bell’s commitment to professional development for all, this program has expanded to help all campus members,” said Brown.

“It’s a fairly unique program. Not many schools have set aside the resources to this scale to provide professional development for all staff, faculty and administration.”

According to Frantz, the program is offered every year by the school for the school.

“They give us a budget, and what we put together is something that’s for us,” said Frantz.

“We are given the support we need, and we take advantage of that.”

Professional Development Day will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and is restricted to Highline faculty, administration, and staff.

The campus will be closed to students.
Editorial

Who are we to blame for media portrayal?

How often do you hear a complaint about how people are portrayed in the media? Men and women both are certainly idealized to the point of gross distortion, so these complaints are not with- out ground.

However, how much fault truly lies with the media, and how much fault lies within those willing to accept and support the prop- agation of these images?

Nobody is forcing us to watch the movies, television shows, and look at the magazines. By the same token, nobody is forcing us to adopt or even accept these idealized images.

What we seem to forget is that these industries exist to make money, as do all industries. Would you really want to watch a movie as much if the people looked like real people?

At some level we seem to crave these images, these "perfect" people. Look at James Bond or the Baywatch cast or any other of the myriad characters out of Hollywood. Would the movies be as appealing to the public if the characters were physically unat- tractive?

There is no doubt that our media constantly presents idealized images of people. Digital technology has come a long way, and that technology has been integrated with many aspects of our me- dia and popular culture to further push these images upon us. But no matter how much they push, they cannot take away the one thing that protects us: our ability to think and reason.

If you really examine the issue, much of the fault lies within those who choose to buy into these notions. While the media does indeed shape these images upon our culture, so long as we as a society continue to accept and support them, the media will con- tinue to produce them.

It is more than a little cyclical in nature. We can complain about these images and so-called ideals the media forces on us all we want, but our money speaks far louder than words. So long as we continue to pay to see these things, they will always be present.

If we truly disagree with what we see, we need to do more than just decry and revile them. Talk is cheap. Instead of whining about how the media is making people feel bad about themselves, instead reject the idea that the way people feel about themselves is controlled utterly by outside influences.

We are above this. Or at the very least we should be. The only way the media can make us feel bad about ourselves is if we allow them to do it.

We must make a choice. We can choose to play the victim, to pathetically moan about how our inadequacy is not our fault and somebody else is to blame. Or we can take it upon ourselves to improve, to strive for more, to accomplish something that we can truly be proud of.

The true blame for our society's self-esteem "problems" should not be foisted upon the media. Instead, we should realize to truth. The enemy is before us, and that enemy is us.

You should write a column

You may have noticed that the section you are reading now is part of the opinion page. It is a wondrous place, one that al- lows you to write either letters to the editor or an actual, full- fledged column like the one you are reading now, and have them printed in the Thunder- word.

Now the ques- tion is, why exactly should you be writing for us? The answer to that is simple. If you write the column, I don't have to write it myself. Thus, you are saving me a good deal of time, which could be devoted to something I would find more enjoyable, like sleeping.

But allowing me to be lazy is not the only reason to write a column. It's just the only one that matters. But I realize that some of you imputes might not find that motivation enough. So, in an effort to eventually not have to do my job, I shall outline the benefits of writing a column and submitting it to me.

First off, it gives me some- thing to laugh at. Because I am a pretentious news type, I know that none of you have any writ- ing skill at all, and that anything you say obviously doesn't mat- ter because you, unlike myself, do not have intelligent opinions. Many are the wonderful hours I shall spend laughing at your invariably horrible piece.

Even more amus- ing are the letters to the editors. Those are a constant source of amusement to us news types, you foolish little people trying to tell us that we are wrong. Some of the more amusing letters will often be passed around the newsroom where we can all enjoy a hearty laugh. We can't help but print these letters and share them with the rest of you uneducated newspaper reading buffoons. They're just that funny.

Of course, the best part about writing a letter to the editor or a column is that you get your name printed in the paper. How many of you hopelessly ordi- nary people can claim that? Not only that, if you write a column that we are able to print, you'll actually get your picture in the paper. How exciting!

But the point of this is that you need to write columns and letters to the editor. Col- umns not under 600 words and letters not under 300 words will be used in various rituals involv- ing burning. Columns and let- ters not proofread will be im- paired through the center with a wooden stake, doused in gasoline and set afire.

Also, unfortunately, letters that are extremely profane and/or libelous cannot be printed. However, we are more than willing to save the letters until a time in which we need some- thing, at which point it can be used as blackmail material.

I also reserve the right to cut, edit, and otherwise butcher any- thing you send me. This is, of course, to prevent your inherent idiocy from seeping through.

The Thunderword is a won- derful medium for all you nor- mal people to spout your use- less opinions as if they really matter. If you have an article to submit, please send it to amackenzie@highline.edu. You will be providing me with much more entertainment. And sleep.
Russian poet speaks to Highline

BY BRINTON SLAUSER

Ilya Kaminsky went deaf at the age of six months. He has never heard the English language, however, this has not stopped him from writing vivid and touching poems.

Recently a large group of Highline students were given the opportunity to listen to Kaminsky give a powerful and emotional reading of his poems here at the Highline campus.

The students were able to hear Kaminsky give a passionate reading on a selection of poems that he had written, which was very unique considering Kaminsky himself could not hear the words that were being read.

Kaminsky has been writing his poems in Russian for several years and started writing in English in 1995. Some may think that being deaf would be a major setback for Kaminsky, but he disagrees. “I don’t really know what it means to be deaf because I don’t really know what it means to be hearing,” Kaminsky said.

Kaminsky was born in Odessa, which was formerly part of the Soviet Union. In 1993 his family was granted asylum by the American Government, which brought his family and him to the United States.

Students that were able to attend were fortunate to be a part of a very personal and moving reading from Kaminsky’s book Dancing in Odessa.

“It was pretty interesting, it was kind of hard to understand, but from what I did understand it was pretty cool,” said Derek Idler, one of the students who attended the reading.

Kaminsky spoke English, with a thick Russian accent making it sometimes difficult to understand. However, the poems that were read by Kaminsky were handed out ahead of time so that students could follow along.

Kaminsky will continue to write and read his poems, which is one of the things that he loves about being in America. “You know what the biggest luxury in America is right now? To do what you love and get paid for it,” he said.

Halloween Happenings

• The KUBE 93 Haunted House is located in the parking lot of the Westfield Shoppingtown Southcenter Mall in Tukwila. Doors open at 7 p.m. and closes most nights at 11 p.m. It will be open until midnight on Halloween night.

• The House of Terror haunted house is at the SuperMall in Auburn. Hours are from 7 p.m. to midnight Oct. 21-22, 7-10 p.m. on Oct. 23, 26-27, 7 p.m.-midnight Oct. 28-29, 7-10 p.m. Oct. 30, and 7 p.m.-midnight Oct. 31.

• Fright Fest is back at Wild Waves and Enchanted Village in Federal Way through Oct. 30. This Halloween Festival includes games, rides, contests, dance parties, shows, haunted areas and more. Hours are 5-11 p.m. on Oct. 22, 5-9 p.m. Oct. 23, 5-11 p.m. on Oct. 28-29, and 5-9 p.m. on Oct. 30. Tickets are $20.99

• A unique event titled the Zombie Walk will be held on the streets of Fremont on Oct. 29, and on Halloween night starting in Capitol Hill in Seattle.
**Hard times in North Country**

**BY KEITH DAGLE**  
**STAFF REPORTER**

Obscene writings in feces on the women's locker-room walls, sexual harassment in bathrooms. The images in North Country are not warm and fuzzy, but they are extremely human and compelling.

North Country is a fictionalized account of the first major sexual harassment case in the United States, Jensen vs. Eveleth Mines in 1984.

Charlene Theron plays Josie Aimes, a mother of two kids who leaves her abusive husband and moves back to her hometown in northern Minnesota.

The mine where Aimes was the heart of the town, where the best-paying jobs were. Aimes, after hearing from her old high school friend Glory (Francis McDormand) about the opportunities of the mine, decides that it is the best way for her to make a life for herself.

As far as that goes, her plan works. She's able to buy a house and keep her family comfortable. However, this comes at the cost of enduring hell every day at work.

She endured deplorable conditions working in the mine, coupled with the constant sexual harassment from the overwhelming majority of male workers. The first day on the job, a female worker opens her lunchbox and finds a sex toy in it. When Aimes complains, the abuse escalates. One morning, the female workers walk into their locker room to find obscenities written all over the walls in human feces.

The movie has three different storylines running simultaneously. The trial, Aimes life before and at the mine, and Aimes during high school jump back and forth, giving you the story a little bit at a time.

It is a powerful story, with well-developed characters that strive to show every aspect of the story. There is too much conflicting truth, that it is almost too much for one movie to handle.

Aimes father, who also works in the mines, doesn't want her working there. He believes that she should be a man's work. So there is a rift between her and her father (which involves more than just the mine), and it is not until he watches the abuse for himself that she really starts to understand her position.

Jobs are scarce, the men do not want women taking positions that they think only men are qualified for.

Most of the characters are left mysterious. Not a lot of back-story is given. But then it really is not necessary.

Glory's husband, Kyle (Sean Bean), is a nice guy but all they say about it is that it is a back injury from working at the mine.

Probably the most mysterious character is Aimes' lawyer, Bill White, played by Woody Harrelson. He used to be a hockey star, but has returned home from New York after divorcing his wife. He also has a law degree, but he doesn't have a high opinion of lawyers.

North Country does not sugarcoat the story it has to tell. It just tells it, resulting in a raw, emotional and compassionate movie.

Again, North Country runs the risk of covering all of the conflict that the various characters face, but in the end this does not detract too much from the rest of the movie.

The only disappointing part was the ending, which was extremely anticlimactic. The intrigue of leaving the audience to fill in the blanks leaves too much unsaid. It needed something more to tie it up.

**The top 10 rules of proper concert etiquette**

Inevitably, at every concert, you have the guy with no shirts and no rhythm, the group of teenagers who appear possessed by all kinds of other unseemly behavior that is not acceptable in civilized circles.

At this point, you may be wondering about the do's and don'ts of proper concert etiquette. I'm so glad you asked, because I was just going to get to that.

Concerts should be a fun and liberating experience, where you can feel free to cut loose, and go crazy. And you should go crazy. But not too crazy.

Some people take it as a challenge to dress and act as weird as possible. Understand, though, when you do the only reaction you are likely to get is being laughed at, not with. So here is a list of rules that you should follow at concerts if you want to have a good time, and not ruin anyone else's.

No. 1: If you do not know proper crowd etiquette, avoid the concert. Thank you 14-year-old mall punk.

No. 2: Do not wear the band's T-shirt, hoodie, patch, or whatever to the concert. Everyone already knows you like the band. Why else would you be at the concert?

No. 3: Do not stand in the middle of a circle pit and jump up and down. It is annoying and will be pushed.

No. 4: If someone push you, push them back. Unless they are much bigger than you.

No. 5: If someone falls down, pick them up. They are much bigger than you.

No. 6: Do not sway your arms out of time to the rest of the crowd. It is painful to watch everybody swaying their arms to all different rhythms, none the actual rhythm of the song.

Also, this is done better when you have a lighter in your hand, unless you are short. Many people have been unnecessarily lit on fire at concerts because the person behind them could not raise their lighter high enough.

If you do light someone on fire, make sure that you put them out before leaving the concert.

It is the polite thing to do.

No. 7: Use cell phones instead of lighters. Fewer people get burned with phones.

Rule 8: Absolutely DO NOT, I repeat, DO NOT, sing along unless you really know the words to the song. Just don't, it disrupts us all.

No. 9: If you find yourself in a bad situation in a concert and need to get out of the crowd, the best way to get out is to yell "I'm going to Puke!"

This method has been concert-tested, and it is guaranteed effective or your money back.

Unfortunately, Keith found someone on fire in a motel pit, and was unable to finish this list.

Lara Torch contributed ideas to this column.
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Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the grid. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

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5. 7-Across plus 16-Across
7. 4-Across plus 16-Across
9. One-third of 5-Across
11. Three more than 1-Across
12. Consecutive digits in ascending order
13. One hundred less than 4-Down
14. Two more than 19-Across
16. Two times 14-Across
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9. Digits of 6-Down reversed
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Trivia Test

1. LITERATURE: Who is Don Quixote’s only love? 2. HISTORY: Nestor was a counselor to which army at Troy?
3. GEOMETRY: How many sides are there in a quinquagon?
4. GEOGRAPHY: The Tower of London is located on which body of water?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In 1907, where was the Boy Scouts organization founded?
6. POETRY: Which poet’s collection, titled “Ariel,” was published two years after the author’s death?
7. INVENTIONS: When was the torpedo invented?

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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

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Quotes

Although golf was originally restricted to wealthy, overweight Protestants, today it's open to anybody who owns hideous clothing.

**Dave Barry**

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Highline blanks visiting Olympic

BY JESSICA WILSON
STAFF REPORTER

Back-to-back wins last week for the Highline men’s soccer team kept it atop of the West division, but coach Jason Penovost is trying something new to help prepare his team for the playoffs.

“We wanted to challenge the guys with a 4-3-3 set,” said Penovost.

Highline was used to playing with four midfielders, but the formation that was used on Thursday involved the removal of the two outside midfielders.

In the new formation, there are three midfielders in the middle.

This created a stronger offensive line with three forwards, instead of two.

It also gave the outside defenders freedom to move up and create chances.

“Playing the 4-3-3 set helped give us a better read on our strengths and weaknesses,” Penovost said.

Thursday’s game against Olympic was a great opportunity for the Thunderbirds to work on a new formation.

The game started out a bit slower than usual, but late in the first half, brothers Emmanuel and Aaron Nistrain each scored to give the Thunderbirds a 2-0 lead.

The match began to pick up speed in the second half after Highline became more comfortable with the new formation.

Josh Dwansky and Tucker Maxwell were the goal scorers in the second half, finishing off the 4-0 win for Highline.

“As the game went on we got better, but we were still confused on how to play that formation, because we only spent about 10 minutes in practice working on it,” defender Daniel Palermo said. “It was a good learning opportunity, so when we get to the playoffs we can try different formations against different teams.”

Highline’s Mohn makes most of position change

BY MICHELLE ERICKSEN
STAFF REPORTER

Practicing every day, but not playing was a long year for Highline men’s soccer player Steve Mohn.

Through hard work and lots of practice, Mohn improved his skills enough to become the leading point scorer for Highline’s men soccer team.

Mohn leads the team and is currently second in the league with 16 goals and seven assists.

Although he practiced all last year with the team he was ineligible to play as a sophomore last year because he did not have enough credits.

“Last year I didn’t get to play in any games. I was really anxious to play and help the team,” said Mohn. “It’s hard to do everything everyone else does and not play.”

Mohn really started to improve in soccer when he volunteered to be a forward.

“I was used to be a defender, but last year at one practice they needed a forward, I started scoring some goals, and I’ve been a forward ever since,” said Mohn.

After graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School in 2003, Mohn went to Pacific Lutheran University, where he played as a freshman.

He’s been at Highline since last year.

“I first went to PLU after high school because that was the image in my head that after high school you go to a four-year university, so that’s what I did,” said Mohn. “Unfortunately that didn’t work out for me and I had to figure that out the hard way, but I guess you learn from your mistakes.”

“But I’m glad I am going to Highline now because I have met a lot of people and had the opportunity to play for a championship caliber team,” he said.

“I’ve been playing soccer since I was 5. My friend started playing on a team and I started to play too,” said Mohn. “I used to play baseball and soccer both, I like to run around a lot.”

Mohn was born in Highline Hospital, and has lived in Washington all his life.

He didn’t start getting serious about soccer until he was 12.

One of Mohn’s favorite soccer memories was a state championship game when he was 12.

“We went into a shootout and I was the fifth shooter and it came down to me. If I made it we would win, and I fortunately made it, and we all went crazy,” Mohn said.

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Chase Swalwell gets physical with an Olympic player in their game last Thursday at Highline.

Photo by Alicia Mendez

Photo by Alicia Mendez

Steve Mohn on the attack during a recent game at Highline.

Soccer in a minute

Last Week:
Highline 4, Olympic 0

Upcoming games:
Sat. Oct. 22, 2 p.m. @ Bellevue (6-4-3)
Mon. Oct. 24, 3 p.m. vs. Green River (1-9-2)

The Thunderbirds have been dominating their league, but the coaches are trying to keep the practices at a high level so they don’t drop their intensity level.

“We don’t want the guys to settle because they are then peak, and it’s all downhill from there,” Penovost said. “We try to push the guys out of their comfort zone, and put new challenges in front of them.”

So far, so good.

With a record of 11-0-1, and only three goals against the team all season, Highline is well on its way to the playoffs and a chance to defend its conference championship.

The Thunderbirds played Peninsula late yesterday, Oct. 19 at 4 p.m.

The team plays at Bellevue on Saturday, Oct. 22, for a 2 p.m. match.
Women's soccer continues to soar past division

BY STEVE PROTTE  STAFF REPORTER

The league championship could be on the line.

Coming off a 3-0 victory over Olympic that moved the Highline women's soccer team into first place in the NWAACC West, the T-Birds play second-place Tacoma in a showdown today, Oct. 20, at Highline.

Highline is 8-1-1 and has 25 points. Tacoma is one point behind with a 7-2-2 record.

Last year, the Highline women ended the regular season by defeating Tacoma 6-4 at home.

T-Birds Coach Jenna Littleman said McLaughlin does not expect a similar type of game.

"It should be much more defensive than last year," McLaughlin said. "I expect them to be a better team than last year. They have a lot of returning players."

McLaughlin still believes his team can win.

"I like that everybody is playing and working hard for each other," said McLaughlin.

Those characteristics were on display in the win over Olympic.

Jessica Ventozzo scored two goals and Sheila Hamilton scored one. Katie Keniston, Lisa Overbo, and Ventozzo each had an assist.

Bri Klesen recorded her first shutout of the season.

"She played really well against Olympic. In particular she had one really great save," said McLaughlin. "We all thought that it had gone in, but she reached behind her and pulled it off the line. She has amazing reflexes."

The women have not only McLaughlin to thank for their recent success, but also assistant coach Tafara Pulse.

Pulse is a graduate of Seattle University where she was a four-year starter and an All-American in her senior year.

Although it is her first year as a coach, she has found it to be an easy transition from playing to coaching.

"I haven't had to deal with any frustration. It's a different level of what I played, but the girls are here because they want to be," said Pulse.

However, this is not to say that the players are inferior.

"There are lots of great players out here. Some of them have played for Division I schools," Pulse said. "We have a really talented team, and I'm learning as much from them as they are from me."

After playing Tacoma today, the women play Bellevue on Oct. 22.

Last week Green River was undefeated and in first place. Now they are in fourth place, one spot out of a playoff position.

The top three teams go to the playoffs.

"Anything can still win the division," McLaughlin said.

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Cross country looks to improve on first half

TREVOR KULVI
STAFF REPORTER

With the season now half over, the men's and women's cross country teams earned a well deserved rest as they had their bye week on Oct. 15.

The bye week came at a good time because the injury bug hit hard on two athletes, Lindsey Farah and Victor Kumuhu.

Farah suffered a minor knee injury in the Cape Girardeau Classic on Oct. 8. During the race, Farah's meniscus disc in her right knee gave out on her, and forced her to drop out of the race.

Kumuhu's injury came during the bye week, but was a bit more severe. After running a great race at Clark, Kumuhu suffered a severe ankle sprain on a training run and has missed the last week due to doctor's orders.

The good news is both runners will be back in time to help their teams at the OSU Beaver Classic on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Despite the injuries biding hard, the T-Birds have shown the rest of the league that they can hang with the big dogs from Spokane and Lane.

Leading the way for the women of Highline in each race this season has been freshman Theresa Barbour.

Barbour has shown a lot of potential, despite the fact that she is more of a middle distance runner than a long distance runner.

Also showing potential for the women is freshman Melissa Mohn.

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"(Soccer) started out as a hobby, and then I played for a team called the Federal Way Bullets," said Mohn. "It was coached by my friend's dad, Neil Morgan, who also played for the Seattle Sounders.

"Morgan made me strive to be a professional, he was my soccer hero, too, " said Mohn.

Mohn's real heroes, however are his parents.

"I can't think of a game they didn't go to," said Mohn. "They barely ever missed a game. I really appreciated them for that." Mohn has a younger sister, Michelle, who has been following in her older brot hers footsteps.

Michelle has been playing soccer since she was six or seven years old.

Mohn is still contemplating his future.

"I'm not sure what I'm going to do after this year. I'll probably end up going into business or education," he said. "I haven't

Cross Country in Review

Last Week:
No meet

Upcoming meets:
Sat. Oct. 22 @ OSU Beaver Classic
Sat Oct. 29 Bellvue Open @ Lake Sammamish Park

Better and Rosie Meeker.

Both runners are proving that the switch from high school cross country to the collegiate level is not as hard as a lot of people really think.

Cassie McKenney has really stepped it up this season for the T-Birds. McKenney came to Highline from Kentridge High School with no experience at all in cross country; McKenney was a swimmer at Kentridge.

Every meet she has improved a lot and coach Yates is really pleased with her performances.

The men of Highline have also shown a lot of potential, but injuries have really hit them hard.

The men have also had some hard luck at the meets recently.

At the season-opening Sun- dodger Invite back on Sept. 17, the men competed in the open race which consisted of over 300 runners, which made it difficult to run their race.

The top finisher for Highline was freshman John Hurlbut, who beat out sophomore Has- san Khalif.

The injuries have also shown some hard luck at the meets recently.

Mike Essig, right, Brandt May, center, and John Hurlbut taking in a run in preparation for the OSU Beaver Classic.

At the prestigious Willamette Invite back on Oct. 1, the injury bug hit the T-Birds.

Freshman Brandt May was forced to drop out late in the race because of a nagging back problem, and hasn't been able to run well the last two meets.

But signs are now pointing in the right direction for Highline. The injuries are now starting to heal and this is the boost that the T-Birds need.

The next three weeks are cru- cial because it will determine who will be representing High- line at the championship meet on Nov. 12.

"The will to improve will give you the opportunity to suc- ceed," said Mohn. "Listen to the coaches; they know what they're talking about."

Mohn should graduate at the end of winter quarter with his associates degree.
Not your average student-body president

BY NICK CLINE
STAFF REPORTER

Poker chips were falling, cards shuffling and feet tapping. Highline students were wearing sunglasses inside the Student Union.

It was quite a scene at the charity poker tournament, and a place you might not expect to find the Associated Students of Highline Community College (HCCC) president.

But Paul Kalchik is not an ordinary man, or an ordinary politician.

The easygoing Kalchik looked up from his hand and said, “Just doing my part to help out the Katrina victims,” as he surrendered his cards.

Kalchik is in his third year at Highline; his first was as a Running Start student from Federal Way High School.

Kalchik who was born in the former Soviet Union, moved to the United States along with is family of four brothers and sisters, mother and father when he was 2 years old.

His father originally moved the family into the Rainier Valley housing projects, where “the state gave us the keys to a house,” he basically said ‘Good luck and left.”

Kalchik’s father, Anatoly, did not believe in accepting welfare, so he began learning the English language and started a welding business.

“My father didn’t feel comfortable taking a welfare check, as we came to America because the former Soviet Union was a communist nation. He felt it was to close to communism,” Kalchik said.

Kalchik and his family were among the first families from the Eastern bloc to move into the area, so there was not a large community for the family to move into.

“My father began checking out books and tapes from the library, and started to teach himself English,” Kalchik said.

“Eventually when more Eastern European families moved into the area, my father began to translate for them.”

The family later moved to the Federal Way area.

His father started selling real-estate, became licensed as a broker and owns his own company.

Kalchik also gets inspiration from his mother, who started as a dishwasher in the St. Francis Hospital kitchen; she has worked her way to the lead dietary manager position at the hospital.

“My father and mother have been an inspiration in my life,” said Kalchik. “They started off poor, living in the Rainier Valley and have worked their way out.”

Kalchik has taken the inspiration and has started to live out his own dreams. He is a first generation college student in his family, and he doesn’t plan to stop growing.

Kalchik admits he wasn’t always the standout student that he is now.

“When I was in elementary school I was a class clown. I would make a random comment after my teachers would speak,” said Kalchik. “Looking back I realize how stupid it was, and teachers really deserve to get paid a little more for putting up with kids like me.”

Julian Torres, Kalchik’s long-time friend and now ASHCC Treasurer and Club Diplomat said, “Paul has been a really close friend over the years. He was always there for his friends.”

Being involved with Student Government is not something Kalchik just decided to do; he has a long history of involvement.

“It has been a calling to me throughout childhood,” said Kalchik. “I am the only one in my family that’s into politics; it’s just a gift I was born with.”

“In elementary school I was the fifth-grade VP, sixth-grade class president and I ran in junior high but lost. Politics has always been an interest of mine.”

Kalchik plans to transfer to Western Washington University to pursue a degree in law and diversity.

“After graduating I plan to run for state representative,” he said. “I want to get my name out there, and build my roots.”

Kalchik doesn’t plan to simply be satisfied with any position.

“T would love to get to the federal level,” said Kalchik. “Who knows — maybe someday even governor.”

“My father never stopped pursuing his goals,” said Kalchik. “He started a small church which originally would meet at our house, and now is still operating in Federal Way to this day.”

Kalchik doesn’t believe in dreaming small.

“I was once told if you try something and fail you are better off than those who never tried at all,” Kalchik said.

“But since he wasn’t born in this country, he cannot run for president.”

“I do look upon that. I came here when I was 2 years old,” said Kalchik. “It’s something that should be changed if you come here as a young child.”

“He is one of those guys who is hard to put down.”

Torres said. “He will do whatever he can to achieve his goals to the max.”

High-speed trains don’t ride the tracks, they levitate

BY BILLY LECOMPTE
STAFF REPORTER

Trains traveling at over 300 mph while levitating above their tracks have been leaking across Asia and Europe for the past 10 years.

Gregory Reineimer, a Highline physics instructor, gave a presentation about the advantages of Maglev (magnetic levitation) trains for last Friday’s Science Seminar.

Maglev trains are full-size, passenger-carrying train cars that levitate over their tracks and are both powered and stopped solely through the use of electromagnets.

Maglev trains have been around for more than 10 years in Asia and Europe.

Maglev trains use principles of magnetism that grade-school children could understand.

All magnets have what are known as north and south poles. Like poles repel each other, and opposite poles attract. Those are the two fundamental laws that push and pull Maglev trains down their tracks and keep the train cars themselves levitating over the ground.

“It always loved playing with magnets as a kid,” Reineimer said, showing off one of his many experiments with magnets.

Along with a PowerPoint presentation, Reineimer demonstrated the power of magnets with a spinning top that levitated over a magnetic base and a small black magnet that slowly floated like a feather when it was dropped down a 4-foot length of copper tubing.

Germany and Japan are at the forefront of Maglev train design and construction. Japan holds the world speed record for a train at around 350 mph.

“The Japanese model will get up to that speed in less than two minutes,” said Reineimer. “That’s zero to 60 [mph] in 40 seconds. That may not sound like much in terms of a car, but remember this is a full-size train.”

Speed isn’t the only advantage that Maglev trains have over conventional diesel trains.

“Maglev trains cost about half the price of a diesel train to operate and maintain,” Reiner- mer said. He said they are also very quiet no louder than a busy city street even at full speed.

While having better acceleration and higher top speeds than conventional trains, Maglev trains use less power, do not burn fuel and are extremely efficient.

There is one drawback: the price tag.

“Why is America not interested in this yet?” Reineimer asked the students. “It may be because one 20-kilometer line of track in Shanghai cost the Chinese $1.2 billion to build.”

Science Seminar is held in Building 3, Room 102, and is open to everyone.

There will be no Science Seminar this week due to Professional Development Day, but it will return on Friday, Oct. 28 with a presentation on Seismic Rays and the Interior of the Earth hosted by Drasty Wilson, Tina Ostrander and Eric Baer.
Backpacks

Brown, associate dean for student programs.

Estimates of the number of backpacks stolen from outside the bookstore vary greatly, from once or twice a quarter to once or twice a month, depending on who you ask.

Thefts generally increase during book-buyback period, the end-of-the-quarter time when students can sell back textbooks at a discounted rate.

"During book buyback, there are books taken out of backpacks and backpacks taken," said Randy Fisher, Highline's bookstore manager. "People need to be really, really careful, especially during that time of the year."

While the amount of thefts might not be alarming to some, it's certainly serious to the victims that have their backpacks taken.

In peak hours, the store can become a madhouse, and the number of people leaving the store and shuffling similar-looking backpacks around on the floor trying to find their own can potentially create a thief's haven.

When the bookstore gets really busy, there's like 20 or 30 backpacks on the floor in the hall," said Highline student Jer-ry Mitchell. "How easy would it be to just grab one as you walk by? No one would ever notice."

Wooden cubby boxes were put in last year for students to store their backpacks while inside the bookstore, but these cubbies are completely open and do not serve as an anti-theft device.

Some students want a staff member present during peak hours to deter theft, but that is impractical because of a lack of manpower and funds.

"The bookstore also handles its own security," said Security Chief Fisher. "I can't send my officers down there anymore, for the amount of (backpack) theft reports we get."

Some students even call for video surveillance outside the store.

"They should just stick a video camera up outside the entrance as a deterrent or something," said Highline student Dominique Paller.

This idea has been brought up in the past as well, with both the bookstore and Student Programs.

"(Video cameras) are something we are still looking into, there are some privacy issues in dealing with them," said Fisher.

"We have started discussions about that. A video camera is a possibility, it's something that's being considered," said Brown. "If students came to student government saying they would feel more comfortable leaving their backpacks if there were cameras, I assume student government would be amiable."

The issue is not unique to Highline. Fisher, who has managed bookstores at several other colleges in the area, said, "This is a problem or an issue at pretty much every community college. At Green River they just throw their bags in the halls, and it's a big mess there too."

Until a solution is found, students must take it upon themselves to provide their own security.

"If you've got some, that is really valuable, you need to leave it with a friend or lock it up in your car," said Randy Fisher. "You need to take personal responsibility for your things."

Jonathan Brown of Student Programs agreed. "Students have an inconvenient choice of having a friend watching their backpack or not bringing it," said Brown.

The bottom line is to be aware.

"I think as a community one thing we can do is be safety-conscious," Brown said.

For more information contact Highline Security at 206-878-3710, ext. 3218.

Women

Pozner then informed the group that the typical woman on welfare was "about 30 years of age, Caucasian with three children and only on welfare for about two years. 6 percent of the women escaped from domestic violence."

Pozner said the media went into a frenzy saying women were taking advantage of the welfare system. This news led to the change of many policies involving welfare.

Pozner believes the media tries to shield us from the truth by believing "see no evil, hear no evil; see no protest, hear no protest."

She also said that many people believe the media to be 50-50 because many local news stations are anchored by a man and a woman.

"The media is anchored by a sophisticated gray haired old man and his young perky third wife," Pozner said.

Pozner told the audience that "we are improving as a society but the media is still a little behind."

"She said every time the media takes a step forward, they seem to take another step back.

"'Overnight' was the first major news shows on network TV to be hosted only by female anchors. Many women producers and reporters worked on it behind the scenes. It was called "Overnight" because it aired late at night on the NBC network.

The story at NBC nicknamed it "Leave it to Beaver" said Pozner.

Pozner believes women in the media are not respected for their abilities as leaders.

She explained that women in politics are described by their abilities as a mother, how they run their home or by their appearance. We would never expect to hear about the waist size, of the men in politics.

She believes there are not more women in politics because of the way they are portrayed.

"Women are supposed to be ladies first and political leaders at a very distant second," Pozner said.

"If the media is so comfortable criticizing women in the politics, you can just imagine how easy it is to criticize every other woman."

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