Murder of Wyoming student touches HCC

by Martin Smith
Staff Reporter

The beating and resulting death of a gay student at the University of Wyoming this week has left many people at Highline saddened.

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Campus Life

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ASHCC Elections

Ten compete for two senatorships

Evening Student Senator Candidates

Michelle Ann Bonoan
G.P.A.: not available
Michelle Bonoan is currently involved in the ASL Club and is a member of the volleyball team.

Linh Walker
G.P.A.: 3.0
Linh Walker is an evening student who is currently involved in the ASL Club and is a member of the volleyball team.

International Student Senator Candidates

Miyung Tran
G.P.A.: not available
Miyung Tran is an international student and hopes to reach out to as many students as possible. She wants to get international students involved in extracurricular activities and lend a hand to those who need help.

Diversity speakers will come to HCC

The National shove of Peace Conference will be shown today from 2:45 p.m. and tomorrow from 12:30-2:45 p.m. It will also be shown on Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Painted t-shirts to support victims of domestic violence

The National Childline Project here upsets in the Thunderbird Union Building or TUB Building 8 today. T-shirts will be painted to illustrate stories of domestic violence. Persons are encouraged to paint the t-shirts, paint and shirts will be displayed in support of the effort. The T-shirts will be displayed on campus throughout the month. The event is free and open to all.

Take control of your tuition money

The S&A Budget Committee is looking for the students serious about college programs. Students who are interested in becoming a committee member should pick up a Budget Committee Form in the student government office in the upper level of the TUB. Ask for Tanaka.

Move on over to the TUB and Save

Entertainment coupon books will be sold upstairs in the TUB (Thunderbird Union building) AKA Building 8. The price is $40 of the Ultimate books and $35 for the South Puget Sound edition.
Editorial

Degree changes good and bad

Highline is changing the requirements for graduation. The proposed changes include requiring a global diversity class and coordinated studies courses in the A.A. degree.

According to a committee formed by the college several years ago and local businesses the diversity requirement is a good idea, if not overdue. The requirement of coordinated studies courses however is a bit questionable at best. Often times classes are left to flounder with half the number of students required for a normal class, and with two instructors no less. It leaves one to wonder whether the college is choosing to require the combined classes in order to provide a better education, or as an attempt to fill seats in otherwise empty classes.

America tomorrow needs help today

By Terry Ross
Special to the Thunderword

In less than a month, voters in Washington state will be voting on I-200, the anti-affirmative action citizen initiative which is masquerading as a civil rights initiative. If passed, I-200 will end affirmative action in Washington State.

Guest Commentary

Affirmative action is the most important issue in America because money. The concern is not with what is right or wrong, but with what is good for the economy. The anti-affirmative action citizens initiative is an economic phenomenon which is based upon race and gender.

The thunderword is alive and well in the United States. This lack of diversity takes place in the most diverse country in 25 percent of the land mass of the United States. We have to go east to Chicago or south to California to get more ethnic diversity than we have in King County. These are examples of present day situations that make it clear that America continues to be unfair to its women and people of color.

The majority of the emerging workforce will be made up of women and people of color. By this time next year, the Europeans will have created the Euro-dollar. In a global economy where success or failure is hinged on a few points of market share, America threatens to be challenged by a united Europe.

As the challenges of the information age continue to emerge, one thing is clear, America cannot compete in the global marketplace unless it does a better job of incorporating its disinfranchised citizens into the workforce. In other words, our economic future will be determined by how well we incorporate women, kids, and people of color into our industry.

Recently, I participated in an unprecedented multifaith alliance of religious leaders who gathered together on I-200 (http://halyard.com/multifaith/papel.html). Our interpretation of America's past, our experience of present times and our vision of America's future gives us no choice but to vote No on I-200.

Terry Ross is Director of the Interactive Media Program here at Highline.

Letter to the Editor

Diversity, a gift we should cherish

Dear Editor:

Oh no, not her again! The old brand with the big mouth. Run, maybe she won't see me!

Yes, it's me. Get ready 'cause I'm gonna vent. I'm back on the soap box... AND I AM PISSED!

I was outraged when I heard about the beating of the man in Wyoming. When he died, I cried. The more I heard, and thought, and stewed, the more outraged, and hurt, and pissed off I got. HOW DARE THEY!

For those of you who live in caves, two men took another man and savagely beat him and hung him up to die, and walked away.

For what? Because he said something they didn't like? Because they were bored, or had too much to drink? Because they needed gas money? Or because he was gay?

The “why” doesn't matter. There is no “why”.

All three men were from good families, all good looking, clean-cut appearing, all three of the same age group, and make no mistake about it, these lives have been wasted. Three families have been devastated by this act.

The differences, the diversity, in the world of this generation and the future is amazing, a true gift. If you know me, you know I have three sons, one of whom is gay. My kids, and grandkids, and my great grandkids, can look forward to such a wonderful, amazing, diverse planet.

How dare they... and how dare we not speak out.

Salley Freimuth
Highline student

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Still mesmerized by the new screensaver.

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Scare yourself silly this Halloween

Rainier Symphony begins new season

"Conducting is getting to know the piece of music... my job is to make it complete, alive."
---Paul Mori

Dawson's Creek makes my week

I am a freak.
I fully admit this and without shame I confess to being a huge fan of Dawson's Creek. I haven't been able to pinpoint a precise reason for which I have grown so fond of the show. But I am told that is how loves are, sometimes it just doesn't make sense.
It all started back in the fall of 1997, as the leaves drifted from the trees to the cold wet ground, so began my relationship with Dawson's Creek. It may have stemmed from a surplus of time on my hands, something I just don't make sense.

By Liz Doolittle

Dawson's Creek

Ghouls and goblins galore will gallivant this year as KUBE and KZOK host their annual haunted houses.
Located in the former Fuzzy Wuzzy Rug Company building at 815 Eastlake Avenue, the KUBE 93 FM Haunted House brings thrills and chills to young and old alike.
The haunted house opens Friday Oct. 16 and hours are 7 p.m. to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday nights. Admission is $5 on Friday and Saturday nights and $3 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday nights.

There are many different phases of the house. Some highlights include a haunted forest, the meat grinder, the strobe room and the rock tumbling, which was designed and built by employees of Seattle Boiler Works.
Tickets are available through Ticket Master, with no service charge.

Discount coupons for week days and Sundays are available at all Target, Albertsons, Associated Grocers and the Val-Pak mailer.

Another Halloween hit is the KZOK haunted house located at 22030 Cliff Dr. S. at Des Moines Beach Park. The haunted house, a favorite in the area for years, runs from Oct. 15 through Halloween.
The house is open from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday nights.
The house is open to all ages and the price of admission is $5.

These haunted houses are a fun source of entertainment this Halloween. So jump in the hearse and head on down to either the KUBE 93 or KZOK haunted houses.


The symphony is a 70-piece orchestra. Featuring trained professionals, teachers and very serious amateurs, including one highline student. They practice every Monday.
This is not one easy place to get into. You have to pass an audition to meet the orchestra's standards, even though it is a volunteer orchestra by and for the community. It is sponsored by the city of Kent and Tulalip.
Mori feels that he must work with each musician.
"I try to know the musician musically and personally," he said.
He feels that he has to have a relationship with the music and the musician in order to create a wonderful performance.
Mori is no dummy either. He has a master of music degree in bassoon and received his doctorate in orchestral conducting from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University.
This season is off to a great start. Joey and Dawson are an item.
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By Derek Roche

The American Film Institute recently released its 70 greatest American films of all time. Some were deserving; others, in my opinion, were flat out ludicrous—overlooking movies that, perhaps due to content and controversial topics, were irrevocably omitted. Here are what I consider to be the greatest films in American cinematic history.

Brian DePalma’s remake of the classic 1932 gangster flick is a brilliantly well-made cinematic masterpiece—a cult classic that in many ways glorifies the criminal lifestyle (its obvious appeal) but more importantly is a wonderfully realized character study.

2. Rocky (1977) 
An inspirational, sweet, and thoroughly exciting film, Sylvester Stallone’s low budget creation has become synonymous for underdog achievement. A cultural icon for breaking the odds, the name itself represents what many consider ultimate attainment—the American Dream. It’s not a sporadic film, but rather a film about people, characters with whom the audience identifies with and intimately cares about. John Avildsen’s subtle direction and top-notch supporting performances make Rocky a genuine triumph.

3. Rocky (1977) 
Before the self proclaimed summer of Godzilla, James Cameron’s 11 Academy Award winning historical epic confirmed the myth that size does matter.

Not since Francis Ford Coppola’s Apocalypse Now has a director put his reputation and paycheck on the line for the sake of pure vision like Cameron did for Titanic.

A special effects extravaganza with a character-centered narrative was a pleasant retreat from the norm. Though the love story was a basic retelling of the classic star-crossed lovers tale, it was effectively propelled by the strength of its two entertaining stars and a spectacular climax.

5. Pulp Fiction (1994) 
Quentin Tarantino’s oddly engaging, always entertaining film about two hitmen (John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson) not only marked Travolta’s cinematic comeback but solidified Tarantino as a film giant and launched the relatively unknown Jackson into Hollywood stardom.

Bizarrely constructed, the plot breaking many of the rules of classical narrative pattern, much like Citizen Kane did in 1941, Pulp Fiction is an intriguing, violent, funny and thought-provoking cinematic marvel.

My top five films: Thrills, chills and mid-Atlantic spills

By Alex P. Honnesey

Staff Reporter

I have learned not to expect too much from movies that also feature a young adult novel "The Mighty" by Rodman Philbrick, this film features outstanding performances by the varied cast. Kieran Culkin (Macaulay’s little brother) stars along side Ellen Hen-son (from the Mighty Ducks series) as Kevin Dillon. Dillon is an incredibly smart young boy, forced to live in his own world by a crippling bone disease that separates him from the rest of the children his age. Enoch’s character, Max, is also forced into seclusion. Max’s outcast status is forced upon him by his abnormally large size. Being a 13-year-old larger than most grown men, however, is the least of Max’s problems, we later find out.

The two boys form a special partnership when Kevin and his mother (Sharon Stone) move next door to Max. "I need legs and you need a brain, and the Wizard of Oz doesn’t live in Cleveland," Max says to explain the special bond that the two form.

As a pair, the two dub themselves Freak, The Mighty and set out on a series of King Arthur inspired quests. The boys’ fun is spoiled when we find out that Kevin may not have long to live. And just when things couldn’t get any worse, Max’s long lost murdering father comes back, and it’s up to Kevin to save the day. The result is an endearing climax to a very touching movie that is great for children and adults alike.

Director Peter Chelsom, although relying too heavily on narration, does a fabulous job of exploring all of the characters, which is the key to the success of this film.
Albrecht looks to reload B-ball squad

The lark will be making its way thru the men’s Basketball team today. Which means for the class of Albrecht will have some tough decisions to make.

“We’ll be keeping 12 or 13 guys,” said Albrecht. The program looks to reload with two-to-three scholarship guys, with two-to-three new players. There are at least a dozen guys that are fighting to make the team. But Albrect said, “For the most part they’re a great group of kids.”

The team is looking for a little help in the backcourt and the frontcourt.

“Usually there are eight-nine scholarship guys, with two-to-four open spots,” said Albrecht.

“They’re a great group of kids.”

--Jeff Albrecht

Stone Cold Sports

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Women’s soccer look to take first place

Highline’s Nazzone Watkins tips the ball for a side out.

Photo by Kirk Elliott

Pavilion on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. Results from the Oct. 14 match against Skagit Valley were unavailable at press time.

T-birds ace out Bellevue

By Jewanna Carver
Staff Reporter

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By Jewanna Carver
Staff Reporter

Things are looking up for the Thunderbird volleyball team after they snapped a three-game losing streak against Bellevue Wednesday, Oct. 7.

The ladies quickly disposed of Bellevue in short matches, 15-4, 15-8, 15-10.

The game took just over an hour to complete. Meaning that if you blinked you would have missed most of the action.

Bellevue was packing up to go back home before they’d even got settled in.

The key to this game was communication.

“When you pushed each other you started to play volleyball,” coach Shana Sheppard said to her team after the game.

“We stayed pumped up,” middle hitter April Heilms said.

Returning player Angie Burgess attributes their success to “wanting to play.” And play they did.

Kills, digs, and aces came from everyone on the team.

“We were definitely ready to play hard,” was the team’s start to proving who we are,” newcomer Genia Potter said.

“We’re moving out one step at a time baby,” veteran outside hitter NaShonne Watkins exclaimed.

Highline defeated Bellevue again at the Big Ball tournament last weekend in Moses Lake, 15-13, 15-13, 15-13.

The T-birds lost in the next round to eventual third-place finisher Big Bend, 4-15, 2-15, 2-15.

Teams came from around Washington for a chance to compete in the competition. All skill levels were present at the two day affair.

The ladies earned a respectable sixth place out of 12 after not doing well in pool play.

“The next outing for the Thunderbirds is a rematch at Edwards, Friday, Oct. 16. They then come home to host Shoreline in the NWAACC,” says Johnston.

The team that has spent all the season and especially strong on defense.

“Scored our way to the top,” says Anderson.

The team is definitely ready for a mismatch game.

“We played pretty even throughout the entire game.”

Adds Melissa Sager: “We can beat those guys. I think if we have all our players healthy, we can definitely beat them.”

On Oct. 12, Anderson’s team played Everett, which has been the league’s pinata.

Highline beat them by a touchdown, 8-1.

Scores included in Monday’s goal were Rachel Moyer with two, Leslie Upchurch, Genie Seise, Jamie Kirk, Heather Warner, and Jessica Anderson.

As a team, Highline has established itself as well rounded and especially strong on defense.

“We think we’re a pretty steady team, where other teams might have a superstar,” says Anderson.

“Our team is more balanced. The players coming off the bench are pretty much at the same level as those who start, so it really helps the team when a vital player needs a rest.”

The team that has spent all year learning to play with each other, has not only won games, but learned to like each other as well.

Anderson says that as the season winds down, and the games become must-win, tensions do tend to escalate.

However, because the team has spent seemingly endless hours crossing back and forth over the Cascades to Eastern Washington road games, and because they have spent time with each other outside of soccer, they have not only become teammates but friends as well.

Jessica Anderson, who also plays for Highline, says, “We’re the team always hanging out, having sleep-overs, dinners, things like that. The team bonding is really fun!”

And if they want a chance at the state title, the team must know each other well enough to anticipate, dedicate, and if it play for themselves or their school, play for their friends and teammates.

About playing familiar teams in the playoffs Coach Anderson says, “It’s only natural that teams get better as the year unfolds, we have to get better too. I want to be an enjoyable end of the season. I just hope the players enjoyed it.”
Walla Walla
Green River 3-4-1 10 17 18 1
Tacoma 6-4-3 21 20 13
Highline
C. Basin
Skagit Valley 1-5-0 3
Western Division
Clark 7-2-3 24 33 8
Southern Division
W. Valley
L.Columbia 1-8-1
Shoreline 1-51
Grays Harbor 0-1
S. P. Sound 4-7-1 13 16
SW
Western Division
Columbia Basin
Clark
Edmonds
Spokane 9-1
Eastern Division
Big Bend
Blue Mountain 2-3
Yakima Valley 1-4
Walla Walla 0-5
Western Division
Pierce
Grays Harbor 5-1
Clark 3-2
Green River 3-2
Lower Columbia 2-5
Centralia 0-5
Tacoma 0-5
Southern Division
Chambers
Clackamas 6-0
SWOregon 5-1
Bellevue
Spokane
Eastern Division
Skagit
Umpqua
Lana 0-4
Linn-Benton 0-4
Scores

MEN'S SOCCER
STANDINGS
W-L-T Pts GF GA SO

Northern Division
Edmonds 9-20 27 38 103
Hightine 7-05 26 43 105
Skagit Valley 7-2-23 28 135
Green River 9-32 20 26 143
Shoreline 4-6-14 24 21 0
Everett 1-9-1 4 14 49

Southern Division
Chamukita 6-0
Clackamas 5-1
SW Oregon 4-2
Walla Walla 2-10 0 14 45

Scores
Highline is second in the league.
Gerry DiPietro is quick with the ball and
He is a creative player and the
game together when they start to
start to fall apart on the field.

DiPietro has been described as
the type of guy who can get
the team motivated and pull
the team together when they start to
fall apart on the field.

“He is a team motivator,”
said teammate Michael DeSimone.

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DiPietro, DeSimone and
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“I want to help the team as much as possible,” DiPietro
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Cross country places first
among NWAAC entries

By Diana Ruggiero
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbirds defeated
Everett by a score of 3-0 last
Wednesday, Oct. 7 with a bar-

hick by striker Gerry DiPietro.

Highline dominated early,
and only 15 minutes into the
game. DiPietro chipped the ball
over the goalie's head to put the
Thunderbirds up by one. A pen-
alty kick put the T-Birds up by
two at the half.

“We relaxed a little in the
second half,” said halfback
Steve Mullinax.

The team regained focus late
in the half and moved the ball
around the field more effective-
ly. They completed a passing
sequence that they had been
working on for the past week at
practice. The ball started with
the defense, went to midfield,
tailed inside back to the
defense and then into the corner
for a cross. DiPietro capped off
the put with his third goal of
the game.

“We controlled the whole
match,” said halfback Rayward-
nik.

The men have a 10-day break
before their next match against
Green River on Saturday, Oct.
17. During the first days of
the break, the men rested for their
upcoming games. The next
they began pre-season condi-
tioning in order to keep them in
shape during their off time.

After Green River on Sat-
day, the men go on to play
Shoreline on Oct. 21, Pierce on
Oct. 24 and Skagit Valley on
Oct. 28.

By Jamie Kirk
Staff Reporter

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It's your first big decision of the school year. Did you think it would involve disco?

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to "know what it takes to bring the student body into action," Walker wants to work on "better lighting..." a more pro-active student body. "We need to be a more pro-active body," Walker said. "We need to create a more pro-active body," Walker added. "We need to do more pro-active things for them."

A student senator, Walker said, "Schools need organizational skills" to work on a more pro-active body. "We need to work on a more pro-active body," Walker added. "We need to work on a more pro-active body," Walker said.

Murphy, a former student body president, has "an idea" to work on a more pro-active body. "I'm going to work on a more pro-active body," Murphy said. "I'm going to work on a more pro-active body," Murphy added.

The Final Evening Student Senate continues in Carroll. The detailed agenda includes "issues involved." He plans to do this by speaking to keep the students open and airy.

The other vacant position is that of International Student Services. Bill Peacock and Michelle Miller were the candidates that appeared to be interested in the position. Miller plans to go into a career in international business, and Peacock plans to go into a career in international business.

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