Students rally for deaf prof

By Amy Corda

A small group of American Sign Language students marched across campus Monday, protesting the management of a favorite teacher.

Carrying a variety of hand signs, ASL students chanted "Bring Jodi back," protesting the fact that Jodine Anicello isn't teaching in the ASL 101-102 sequence.

The presence an angry with the sudden change in teaching within the ASL department. They have also used the Internet, sending a petition to gain support.

Anicello was not chosen for a full-time teaching position. That job was awarded to Roman Baugher, who will be the ASL teacher for the winter and spring quarters.

Angela Erdahl, a student from the city and a former ASL student had this to say, "Jodi was the best teacher I have ever had, and I've been in school for a lot of years," and student Angela Erdahl, "I had to write go to (Jodi)," other college students shared their comments. A lot of students feel that Jodi was "angry with the university.

Anicello has been an ASL instructor at Highline for three years. She is teaching ASL classes in continuing education. She could not be reached for comment.

Before she came to Highline, Anicello instructed employees at Microsoft. She also taught at deaf community centers, and did not learn sign language until she was about 13 years old. As an instructor in the ASL program, Anicello's classes consisted of textbook study and practical exercises. She also encouraged her students to be active in the deaf community.

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"The decision was to only fund registration," said Diane Anderson, Director of Student Affairs and a voting member of the committee. This made it impossible for them to use the funds for any other club expenses.

The club had originally attended to date 30 students to the convention, but only 15 went to the 2-day event that was held Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Club president Brynn Temperton and their advisor Ron Davidson could not be reached for comment.

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By Ying Ellis

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By Katie Haidle
Staff Reporter

Students continue to have problems signing up for required classes, as around 7,900 students enrolled for Winter Quarter 1999. Teens and twenty-somethings make the majority of the students population, but older student numbers are increasing. Classes such as Speech 100 and Writing 101 are filled to the limit, with many waiting in line. Both of these classes are required for an AA degree, and every quarter they are the fastest that fill up.

"It seems like there’s a lot more demand than supply," said Patrick Pyne, Writing 101 teacher. "I’ve had to ask people to leave because there’s just no room."

In his two morning classes, the maximum number of students are registered, and still there are students wanting to add. Likewise, Lee Baxton, teacher of three Speech 100 classes, echoed that the demand for these essential classes has been great on the Speech Department. She has signed in over the maximum limit, but still had to turn many people away.

"We’re getting more young students every quarter, but at a moderate rate," Jim Sorensen, Highline vice president for students said. And apparently many more females than males, with the student population being 61 percent women and 39 percent men.

Because of the increasing number of 16-19 year olds, the classes being filled are more academic than vocational. This flood has left some fine arts classes struggling to find students.

Classes such as choir and other music courses seem to be lacking in attendance and interest.

"I wish more of those people going to Writing 101 would attend music classes," Sharon Rivera, music major, said.

In addition to growing number of young people attending here, diversity has also increased. According to Robert Kurtz, Director of Student Services Information Systems, the number of nonwhite students has risen from 31 to 32 percent this year. Most students are full time, but the load is well below that.

With 5,392 students taking at least 15 credits, and the average load being around nine credits. With so many students enrolled, and a large population going full time, the budget could be stretched too thin. However, according to Sorensen, the budget is right on target and he foresees zero potential problems.

Students have come accept 'life at Highline, despite the crowded classes. Despite some crowded classes, students say they don't mind.

"I’m comfortable with the number of students I’m with," said first time student Jennifer Hudson. "It’s a great starting point here."

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Loaded student gets real lucky

A Highline student met her guardian angel when her backpack was removed from the driver’s side window of her car, which was parked in front of the security office. This incident occurred sometime before midnight on Dec. 12, 1998.

...so does HCC van

On the same night, two college vans were found with windows broken out in the lower south parking lot. Officers discovered the vans while looking for a dry place to store their patrol car in the late evening hours of Dec. 12, 1998.

Vandal gets a free night at movies

A television and VCR cut was reported stolen from Building 8 on Dec. 14.

Thief steals from poor college student, gains little cash

A backpack, bankcard, driver’s license and $50 in cash were among the items reportedly stolen from a Highline student’s car, which was broken into while parked in the East lot on Dec. 16.

Jealous ex-lover airs her complaints

A cat is wanted in connection with this case.

University reps to visit Highline

An assortment of four year colleges will be on campus during the week to explain the benefits of transferring to complete degrees.

Bainy University will be on campus Thursday, Jan. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern Washington University will come to campus Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Put some salsa dancing in your life

Highline’s United Latino Association will be offering salsa dance lessons on Thursday, Jan. 14 and Wednesday Jan. 20 at noon in Building 8.

Those interested in showing what they’ve learned or just want to watch can attend Spice Your Winter, UCLA’s winter dance. It will be held in Building 8 on Jan. 22, with tickets for couples available for $12. Individual tickets are $8 at the door, but only one $7 ticket is purchased in advance.

Save a tree, recycle bottles and cans

Kari Steele will be organizing groups to help sort recyclables at Highline. The group will first meet Wednesday, Jan. 20, and continue every alternate Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. at Building 24A.

Participants are urged to dress warmly and gloves will be provided. Members of Phi Theta Kappa can use this as a service credit. To sign up, call (206) 878-3710, ext. 6300.

Make a movie, earn some extra cash

The Christophers have announced their twelfth annual video contest, in which they will be giving away 6,000 in prizes. To enter, students must interpret the theme “One Person Can Make a Difference.”

Official entry forms are available by writing to: College Video Contest, The Christophers, 12 E 48th St, New York, NY 10017, calling (212) 759-4050, or at http://www.christophers.org.

HCC holding global conference

Highline’s Center for Learning Connections is holding a conference titled “New Strategies for a New Era: Strengthening the International/Structural Dimension of Washington’s Community and Technical Colleges.” The conference is at the Radisson Hotel on Thursday, Jan. 21. For information on times and to make a reservation, call Kathleen Hasselblad at (206) 878-3710, ext. 3019.

Prepping the kids for kindergarten

Becky Buchanan will be lecturing on Kindergarten Readiness for children. She will talk about the benefits of preschool and how to prepare kids for kindergarten. The lecture is meant to be interactive, questions are encouraged. The event will be held Tuesday, Jan. 26, in Building 7. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the lecture going from 7-9 p.m. This workshop is free, but reservations must be made by calling Team Highline at (206) 878-3710, ext. 3357.

Julie Gonzalas and Shannon Davison wait in line to register for winter ’99. Most required classes fill up fast, forcing new students to scramble to fill schedules.

Photo by Kirk Elliott
Students decide the future of new center

By Michael Stampalia

Students may vote on the future of Highline College next quarter. According to sources, administration is close to seeking cooperation with student leaders, a vote on a student imposed fee will help fund construction of a new student center.

"We might try for that this spring," Dr. Laura Saunders, Vice President of Administration, said.

Students may have to pay an additional fee on top of their tuition because the fee will help fund construction of buildings that don't include classroom space.

"We're going to have to self-finance it," said Saunders.

The new building would reportedly be nearly 60,000 square feet. This would triple the size of the current student center which is under 20,000 sq. ft., and make it one of the most visible buildings on campus. The old building would be demolished and the new one erected in its place.

"It was built to accommodate 2,000 students," said Diane Anderson, Director of Student Programs. "It's just not adequate anymore."

There are approximately 7,900 students enrolled this quarter and 5,902 are taking 15 or more credits. No one believes the added fee will be an easy sell to students.

"No one likes to pay fees," said Naomi Watkins, student government Vice President of Legislation. Administrators still haven't come up with a concrete financial model that they are comfortable with. With costs being estimated between $9 million to $10 million they will face some tough decisions trying to fund construction.

"It's just in the very early stages," Saunders said. "It is a safe bet that it will be less than the current maximum class fee of $35.50. In all likelihood, according to sources in student government, it will be around $10-$15."

South Seattle Community College students get in a game of pool between classes in the new student union building.

Photo by Michael Stampalia

Oka leaving Highline for Edmonds position

By Talitha Vanzo

Kayleen Oka, the assistant director of Multicultural Student Programs, will leave Highline to take a job at Edmonds Community College. Oka, whose last day is Jan. 15, will be the new Director of Multicultural Services at Edmonds.

Nosed for her warmth and commitment to students, Oka will be missed, many say.

Oka says the move will "improve managerial skills and it will be good to work at a different college and to get a different outlook on higher education."

Even though this is a professional advancement for her, Oka says the students are "sad to see her leave, but glad that she got the job at Edmonds."

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Speakers to pursue happiness at honors forum

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*Feb. 17: Dr. Keith Lefler, internationally known economist.
*March 3: Highline graduate and published poet Michael Spence.

Except for today's, all presentations will be 11 a.m. Wednesdays in Building 7.
Editorials

Highline needs to get some Highway access

Highline college recently missed an opportunity to obtain the property on the northwest corner of Pacific Highway South and South 240th Street.

The added exposure that this piece of property would have given the college would have been invaluable. Every day thousands of cars pass through that intersection and along that section of Pacific Highway.

If Highline had been able to install an entrance to the college on that corner the visibility of the college would have greatly increased. It might also make it easier to get into the east parking lot.

All is not lost however. A few other pieces of property adjacent to the campus and Pacific Highway have recently been vacated. Kentucky Fried Chicken and Wendy's both closed down last year and would be prime spots for an entrance to the college.

One of the reasons that Highline was hesitant to purchase the corner lot was that it was contaminated with gasoline and other pollutants. The former Wendy's and KFC lots should pose no such problem.

It is critical that the college not hesitate too greatly on this issue.

The college will have to be aggressive about pursuing these properties if they hope to obtain them.

Let's all keep our resolutions for a change

Every year many people make New Year resolutions some of which have, no doubt, already been broken.

Some people, however, have not yet set their resolutions or have already broken theirs and are thinking of setting a new one.

Wether a person has already set their resolution or are still racking their brains there is one thing to remember. Resolutions are only worthwhile if a person at least tries to keep them.

In order for a resolution to be kept it must be realistic. The best resolutions are the ones that don't get broken, no matter how small of a change.

Also, no more than one resolution should be made for a single year unless last year's resolution was also kept.

If a person feels that they are letting themselves down by not pushing themselves with more than one resolution they should try it out.

If the resolution is kept, try setting an Independence Day Resolution and start working on that.

Before long it will be New Year again and people will be setting more resolutions to try to keep.

Opinion Policy

The Thunderword Opinion section presents a perspective on the news and the newsmakers of the Highline campus community. It offers analysis and background, debate and opinion, and is produced by the Thunderword staff.

Attention Faculty!

The Thunderword encourages Faculty members to submit commentaries on campus and community issues.

Opinion

Just because you shop at the Gap...

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Buff as I want to be

I was dreaming when I wrote this so forgive me if it goes astray.

I'm gonna party like I just can't stand to hear that toast played. Give me a chance.

You know, I think I'm going to have to abandon that one.

To have to count. Using that method I had my best second to date, 3.5 women decided to date me. I can shed the negative karma that I wasn't too repulsive to have.

I was out of her league and that is colorblind. Making it quite difficult to get an accurate representation of my stunning looks.

I'm taking graphic design with a bunch of Running Starters, and astronomy with the best-in show retired Charles Stoer. Stuiv has been on this campus since before the invention of dirt and chance to begin with.

Which makes me available, in case you were wondering. I would like to note that I am not very photogenic and our photographer, judging by his choice of artist formerly known as Prince, is colorblind. Making it difficult to get an accurate representation of my stunning looks.

OK, '98 treated me pretty good, but I have a feeling '99 will be even better. Especially if I can shed the negative karma that has caused me to spill nuts in my car and my soda twice in one day.

Fortunately, my computer is water resistant.

I want to go over a quick sampler of issues involving the students and faculty of Highline. Where the attention span is anything like mine, you want to hear the facts and how they pertain to you, and skip the filler.

So I'll keep this brief and limited to, who, what, where, why, and how it effects you. For example: Instead of women telling me that they are jealous of my body, they will want my body.

If I run out of material, I'll let you know how I'm doing.

Enjoy the new year and remember to laugh. It helps.

Mike is currently on a diet of lima beans and green jello.

You can email comments to: stampalia@hotmail.com.

HCC could be doing better on a few points

By Eric Worden
Student Senator

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The Student Union Building, we want to replace it, it's old, it's small, and it would cost more to renovate. The new building would have more room for concerts and dances.

It could cost you, the students, or the taxpayers a lot of money but it should improve the environment on campus.

The Veteran Memorial Fountain, does not work, we want to fix it or improve it. In 1968 it was built with student funds, and student labor.

Letters Policy

Letters should be no more than 300 words. They must include full names as well as signatures, addresses and telephone numbers for verification during daytime business hours. All letters are subject to editing.

Mail letters, commentaries, soap box entries, and Dear Gabby questions to: Letters to the Editor, The Thunderword, Highline Community College, mail stop 10-3, P.O. Box #900, Des Moines, WA 98198. Submissions can also be dropped off in the Thunderword office, room 108, Building 10.

Lettets to the Editor

Thanks for supporting the Giving Tree

I want to thank all the people, clubs, and organizations that participated in the holiday giving program. With your help and participation the program was a success for its first year and my first time organizing it.

So thanks to Black Student Union, Federal Way Campus, Financial Aid, Registration, the Bookstore, Team Highline, Co-op Workforce, Circle K, Nursing 1999, Asian/Pacific Islander Libraries, Environmental Club, Rainbow Pride, Women's Programs, Student Programs, and Student Government.

I also want to thank the Thunderword for helping to promote the event. There are not many people that I would like to mention that helped and without them, it would have been so much more difficult to organize.

Thank you to Diane Anderson, Karl Johnson, and Rose Dolan.

I would like this holiday giving program to continue in the next years to come even if I will not be here. Thanks to everyone who participated!!!

Chris Ly
Student Senator
Syllabi: 'Memorandum' set for February

By Christian Yescupidez
Staff Reporter

Take note: Highline will be distributing a Memorandum through the Drama Department. Memorandum is a political satire about bureaucracy in 1968 Czechoslovakia. The play was written by Vaclav Havel, former president of the Czech Republic.

Auditions were held last week. To audition, actors were required to perform monologues that lasted two or three minutes. Auditions are not only for students but are open to the public. The cast will consist of 15 people.

Joe Ruffino, a drama student and technical director for Memorandum, is happy to be working with Rick Long, the resident designer and stagecraft instructor. In his third year with Long, Ruffino says that he enjoys working with the professor, and is proud to be a part of this project.

There are three starring roles in the play, and 12 more supporting roles. The main characters are Josef Gross, Alex Savant, and Helena. The main roles have not been cast.

I'm really gung-ho (about the play.)
- C.J. James

'Civil' has evidence of brilliance

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

Courtroom dramas are tricky; if done poorly, the end result comes off as nothing more than a convoluted, predictable, overwrought melodrama. If done well, with the central plot focusing more on its characters and their motivations instead of the obligatory, unnaturalistic courtroom antics, movies about our judicial system can work.

A Civil Action is one that works.

A wonderfully crafted, and intriguing legal thriller, it's all the better because it's not about the lawsuits, but rather about the tug-of-war between the search for the truth, and the cover-up.

Based on a true story, A Civil Action chronicles the legal battle waged by Jan Schlichtmann, (John Travolta) an arrogant, hot shot, personal-injun lawyer who agrees to take on a case on behalf of eight families in Woburn, Mass. against two multi-million dollar corporations, Beatrice Foods and W.R. Grace & Co.

The allegations: the factory's poisonous chemicals contaminate the town's drinking water, causing leukemia, and ultimately death in their children. Schlichtmann radically over-expects on his investigation and their pursuit is faced with financial destruction.

The legal firm, once a formidable and thriving business falls into considerable debt and is forced to lay off most of its employees, beg for loans, and mortgage property. In one scene, the firm's accountant, James Gordon (William H. Macy) is reduced to buying convenience store scratch tickets in hope of winning fast cash.

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John Travolta views the scenery in the courtroom drama A Civil Action.

Photo courtesy of Touchstone Pictures

Drum Department coordinator Christie Taylor was interested in doing this particular play so she sent it to Mitch McCraw, the guest director, who is a fan of Havel.

The choice of play is already receiving an excited response. "I'm really gung-ho," said drama student C.J. James. The actors have rehearsals at 2:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday plus two weeks of evenings. Memorandum will be performed March 4-6 and 11-13.

Marta's moment

By Marta E. Pelsoy

downs, they're all useful and necessary.

However, there's a dark side to this seemingly blissful event. And the dark side is this:

For every class that requires one, it also requires the instructor to go into a 40+ minute dissertation in which he or she explains in great detail, every comma, period, and hyphenated word in order to prevent any possible future misinterpretation of said document.

Am I the only one driven crazy by these endless droning?

I don't want to hear my speech instructor go on about attendance requirements. When I registered for my class, I basically asked to be there!

Why drone on about what we're supposed to do?

Sure, but greed and/or professionalism usually impede.

Do lawyers possess morals? Values? Do they seek justice? Sure, but greed and professionalism usually impede.

A Civil Action explores that.

Robert Davdov gives a fine performance as Jerome Fisher, an eccentric, crafty and equally brilliant attorney for Beatrice Foods. Fisher's a decent man; kind, courteous, and seemingly harmless. Yet, he's a vicious lawyer.

A Civil Action is a colorful cinematic thought provoking and always insightful.
'Hilary and Jackie': brilliant, moving

By Marta D. Pelayo
Arts Editor

Every once in awhile, a movie comes around that offers a truly honest glimpse into an intimate relationship. Hilary and Jackie is one of those films.

Mainly, it’s the film’s exploration of their love for each other, their men, and their instruments that gives Hilary and Jackie its mesmerizing power.

With amazing performances by both Hilary and Jackie, studying classical musical with Hilary on the flute and Jackie on the cello. It follows the sisters as they grow up loving music in all it’s forms; playing it, singing it, and dancing it. Initially, Hilary was the more obvious talent, with Jackie struggling to keep up. In an effort to participate in the same concerts as her sister, Jackie steps up her cello practice, resulting in an unprecedented first-place award in a classical music contest. Jackie’s talent soon blossoms, leading her to a whirlwind of concerts in exotic locales such as Paris, Italy, and Russia.

Meanwhile, Hilary gives up the flute after her musical career takes a turn that is disappointing only in contrast to her sister’s. No longer sharing the music world, Hilary and Jackie grow apart and develop an unhealthy need for each other’s approval. It is this point that their relationship takes a morbid turn as Jackie, desperate for affection, makes an unthinkable request to Hilary.

The classical music acts as a

character all on it’s own. While most of the cello pieces were recorded by cellist Caroline Dale for the movie, du Pre’s famous recording of Elgar’s Cello Concerto in E Minor was also used.

Also evident is the amount of effort put in by the actors in order to appear as professional musicians. Having played the cello as a teenager, only Watson had previous experience with her instrument. The concerto is played at integral moments in Jackie’s life, once illustrating her flourishing talent and innate understanding of the mature musical piece even at a tender age, and another at the most devastating and empty realization of her future. The scenes are even more bitter-sweet when considering that her husband, famed pianist Daniel Barenboim, (Portrayed in the film) conducted the performance.

Don’t overlook Hilary and Jackie because of it’s obscure film topic. It’s highly enjoyable and moving, with affecting family values and serious message about love.

Rachel Griffiths and Emily Watson delivered strong performances in Hilary and Jackie.

Clubs invite phat beats to Sea-Town

Seattle clubs offer range of music styles

By Ben Olson
Staff Reporter

When was the last time you went to a concert? Last summer? NEVER? Last year? NEVER?

There are some great shows coming to Seattle in the next month, so why not treat yourself to one?

Starting things out is the upcoming local pop group Turn Table Bay. These talented young musicians have been playing w/ some of the country’s best known Rap and R&B stars, and hope to become part of the elite few. This Friday, 8 p.m. at the Old Firehouse in Redmond, come and check Turn Table Bay play hits from their recently released first album No Samples.

Where It’s at:

- Get your message on at the Salaas Workshop, today at 11:00 a.m., Building 8.
- The Freighthouse Art Gallery will have "Car" on display from Jan. 15 - Jan. 31. A Multimedia Art show art of cats sleeping, eating, mourning, and sleeping. Call (253) 383-9765 for details.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Gallery opening, Building 8, Union Bay Room, January 19.
- Highline alum and former mayor Norm Rice will speak about “the clash of political views and visions in our present pursuit of happiness,” at 11:00 a.m. noon, Wednesday, Jan. 20. Building 7.
- Honors Colloquy Jan. 20 at 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Building 7
- Student/Parent/Staff Lock-in in the Pavilion, Jan. 21 at 9 p.m. - 6 a.m.
- ULA holds “Salsa Night” Friday night, Jan. 22, in Building 8 at 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- Give all you’ve got at the Blood Drive Feb. 4, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Building 2.
- Find a word that rhymes with "February" and participate in the Poetry Reading Feb. 11, 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in Building 8.
- Join Nony Lam for A Peek Discussion on Pat Oppression, Tuesday, March 5 at Building 7. Admission is free.

For more information contact Christian Stevens or Rachel Thorne at ext. 3337.
- Building 8 hosts the Hip Hop/R&B Talent Show, 9 p.m.

To see your arts events in the Thunderword, bring your event’s information to Building 10, or call (206) 878-3710, ext. 3317.

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Staff Reporter

By Sarah Song

All is quiet in the cafeteria except for the sound of Jim Scott's footsteps. He shuffles toward the doors of the Tazza cafe bar with his keys jingling at his side. He puts the key in the locks and clicks it open.

Students rush in, taking as many seats as possible until some are left standing. Others rush to the lines to get a good cup of coffee.

Although Tazza, Highline's espresso cafe, takes up only a fourth of the cafeteria, it is often the most crowded spot in Building 8. Students rush off their orders and expect the baristas to keep up.

At the nearest Starbucks, people congregate to get in line fast, knowing that they will have to wait forever if they don't have a good place in line. Does coffee have a grip on us? Almost every day, Starbucks opens new stores all over the world. "It's sick," said a Starbucks barista.

At Highline's Tazza, business has been so good they needed to open separate lines: one for expressos and one for non-expressos.

"Sixty percent of our business comes from 15 minutes before the hour, when people are going to and after class," said Jim Scott, co-owner of Tazza. "The busiest time is from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m."

Se habla cafe? Here's a guide

By Sarah Song

Coffee. It's such a popular word and has many ways to express itself. Nowadays, you just can't go to your nearest Starbucks and order just coffee. Caffe lattes, mochas and expressos are only part of the endless possibilities. Some of us know we even know that the difference is. Heh. Losers.

But never fear! For your intellectual enrichment, Coffee Talk Dictionary is here.

Barista: (BAR IST AY) Italian name given to the espresso maker that works at a cafe. In other words, he person behind the counter is the barista.

Cafe au lait: (KAF AY O LAY) French for "coffee with milk," this French morning coffee has equal amounts of French roast coffee and frothed milk. This drink is weaker than a cappuccino but stronger than a cafe late.

Cafe mexicano: (KAF AY MEH HEE CAN 0) Spanish for "Mexican coffee." This coffee is brewed with cinnamon and brown sugar.

Caffe breve: (KAF AY BREV AY) Even if the name is Italian for "short coffee," don't try to order it in Italy because no one will have a clue to what you're talking about. Caffe breve is a product of Seattle, made with one part espresso and two parts frothed half-and-half.

Caffe latte: (KAF AY LAT TAY) Italian morning coffee that consists of approximately two parts steamed milk and one part espresso. Caffe latte is Italian for "milk coffee."

Caffe/vita mocha: (KAF AY MORE KAH) Originally the word mocha applied to the coffee beans that were grown in Arabia and shipped from the port of Mocha, Yemen. Mocha today is the espresso drink with chocolate and frothed milk.

Cappuccino: (KAP UH CHI NOR) Italian drink with almost equal amounts of espresso and steamed milk with a frothed milk cap. This drink is named after the Capuchin friars, a Catholic religious group, whose robes matched the color of the cappuccino.

Espresso: (ES PRESS 0) Espresso is a very dark and very strong coffee that is made by quickly forcing hot water through a very fine and firmly compacted espresso, which is Italian roast. It is always served black. Apparently, espresso is an Italian adjective that means "made on the spot."

Espresso americano: (it sounds the way it's spelled) This is a weaker version of the Italian espresso. During the American occupation of Italy in WWII, the Italians believed that Americans couldn't handle their strong-flavored espresso and served it to the American GI's a little watered-down. It is also called caffe lungo and caffe americano.

Frapp (PRAH PAF EY) A frappe is crushed ice and cold cappuccino blended in a blender until smooth and frothy. If you ever wondered where Starbucks got frappuccino, frappe + cappuccino = frappuccino.

Granita: (GRAH NEE IT AH) Coffee flavored Italian ice that is firm yet soft enough to be eaten with a spoon or a straw.

Size: The usual sizes coffee shops use are short, tall, grande, which are 8 oz. 12 oz. and 16 oz. respectively.

Shot: The standard serving of espresso ranges from one to one and a half fluid ounces. A single is a standard serving of espresso. A double is one two or one and a half fluid ounce servings of espresso. Confused? A single and a double have the same amount of liquid but the double has twice the espresso and is twice as strong. It is possible to order triple, quadruple and so on, but doing so could produce a coffee shock.

Coffee shock: Waking up from a caffeine overload to find yourself getting jiggly with it testing to Barry Manilow's "Mandy."

Now that you know the lingo, go to your nearest coffee shop and order like a pro. If you want to impress the cute barista who's taking your order, take this with you so you won't forget how to talk to the tall and walk the walk: one foot in front of the other and say, "I would like a tall double mocha (frappucin0)."

Coffee is weak and brown for "Mexican coffee," this coffee has equal amounts of French roast coffee and frothed milk.
No more waiting till next year, sports fans

The sporting year of 1999 is now upon us, and as cliché as this sounds I'm excited for what the new year will bring. Being that it's football season, I'll start there for my prediction for next year.

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As former Seahawk Head Coach Chuck Knox would say, "Football players make football plays," and as much as anything this is what the UW has been lacking the past few years. Neuheisel will change that trend.

With this new blood, and even less optimism, the future will be bright, and not just because the helmets will be golden again. Just the way the UW went about the hiring will help to regain it much of it's lost luster. By paying Neuheisel because the helmets will be golden again. Just the way the Huskies have been left with the outstanding prospects, the team will continue to improve greatly in the next few weeks. Then we had a nice run and won by 11," Albrecht said.

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"He will be good for the team," said Albrecht.

"He is doing a good job of it," said Assistant Coach Tyler Geving.

"The team chemistry is very good, we seem to be more together as a unit," said Albrecht.

"It is nice to have an older player on the team, on and off the court," Geving said.

"We have a good nucleus. And everyone knows their role," Geving said.

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Part of the team's goal for the season is to return to the NCAA tournament, and while the team is optimistic about their chances, they also recognize the challenges ahead.

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Lady Thunderbirds fly toward first place

By D.T. Demouchet
Staff Reporter

Highline’s girls basketball team has not only increased in members but in victories as well. The Lady Thunderbirds were ranked seventh overall in the latest 4A/3A poll, with a record of 10-5 overall and 3-0 in league. "We’re the team to beat," said senior Karen Nadeau. Highline’s first league victory came with the defeat of last year’s defending champions, Skyview.

They next traveled over Puget Sound to Everett where they increased their league win streak to two after defeating the Olympic Raiders. Hungry for more, Highline traveled to Bellington and earned its third straight victory when they outscored Whatcom 79-66.

While Highline has received three league victories they have also received three new players to add to the depth of the team. The first of three players to join the team is no new face but the much-anticipated play of Dru White who had recently become eligible, allowing her to help Highline weak have in the eyes of their opponents. The other two players, Jenece Ellis and Nicole Ulrich, come to Highline from Juanita High School adding their knowledge and skill to the strength of Highline basketball.

Although the team lost a couple of close games, they are pleased with the changes the team has taken on. In the start of the season the team started off kind of shaky. But behind the style and confidence of Coach Dennis Olson they have adapted to a new kind of team that wants to win and will take no association with losing. Each player speaks highly of their coach in different ways.

"He’s a big part of us," said post Amie Johnson. "He sees how great we can be," point guard Shawana McElroy said.

Annette Goff, guard for the T-birds said, "He’s a great coach. He knows what we’re doing wrong and isn’t afraid to tell us."

The Lady Thunderbirds feel their dominance comes from their hard work, dedication, and disdain drive to win. The way they communicate, get along, and unite together so well on and off the court makes them a deadly opponent.

So as the fire intensity burn with a never give up attitude look for more banners to be brought to the pavilion. The T-birds have a big game against- 0 Everett on Saturday, Jan. 18. The results of Wednesday night’s game against Edmonds were unavailable at press time.

Highline’s best dancer makes Sonic squad

By Farah Wilcoxen
Staff Reporter

For the first time ever there is a man on the Sonics dance team. Highline’s cheer squad choreographer and part time dancer, Jaret Hughes, is that man.

For the past three basketball seasons, Hughes, 18, has been the focal point of Highline’s cheer squad — that guy who can really dance.

For the first year he choreographed some and danced a little. Last year he choreographed all the routines and performed with the squad at all of Highline’s home basketball games.

The routines are very eye appealing that look difficult, but they are really not because I can break them down and teach them," Hughes said.

This year he will be choreographing all of the girl’s routines but unfortunately will not be performing when he can. Hughes started dancing with Highline while he was still attending Evergreen High School. At Evergreen he danced with the cheer squad and also started a hip hop dance group that would perform at assemblies and basketball games.

Two of the girls on Highline’s cheer squad were on the Evergreen High School squad with Hughes. "This year has been a little more challenging for the girls because I was not aslocalhost as I was in High School," Hughes said.

Terra Dickson is Evergreen and Highline’s cheer squad coach has known Hughes for five years and that is how he started dancing here. "He is a very hardworking and dedicated dancer," said Dickson.

"Jaret is a wonderful person and very easy to work with," she said. "I expect to see him in the future in a famous place. Either as a dancer, choreographer or both."

Hughes says he has loved to dance as long as he can remember.

"I have always known that I wanted to be a professional dancer," Hughes said. "I’d watch Michael and Janet Jackson on television and I wanted to do that one day so I would try to copy their moves."

Hughes started taking classes in the seventh grade at Pacific Northwest Ballet. He did not like it much, so he decided to take hip hop classes at Bwog Dance Center and started dancing for four years.

"They helped me get over the fear of performing in front of an audience and encouraged me to take other dance classes such as ballet, modern, and jazz to make an overall better dancer," Hughes said. "I wasn’t expecting to make it that far. I just wanted to see how far I could make it," Hughes said.

For the Sonics, out of 115 women and two men from the open public audition, Hughes made the cut to come to the invite only auditions. There were 21 women and him for three days rehearsing many routines.

The final 15 dancers were then chosen on their performances over the three days. Twelve core dancers, two alternates and Hughes were selected.

"When I signed the contract that is when it hit me. This was for real," he said.

The women on the squad are really excited to have a guy on the squad. Hughes said. "They are really nice to me," he said.

Outside of working for the Sonics dance team, Hughes also teaches dance classes. He teaches two nights a week at Dance Dimensions in Bellevue. The class prices range from $8-$10 a class. Mondays are the beginning and intermediate classes. Times are 6-7 p.m. for the beginning and 7-8 p.m. for the intermediate class. The advanced class this week is the advanced class from 8-9 p.m.

"What motivates me is that one day I want to be a professional choreographer," said Hughes. "I would love to work for, with, or even dance in one of Janet Jackson’s videos."

"My name is getting out there," said Hughes. "People recognize me walking down the street. Ten years from now Hughes can see himself "in California doing choreography for a back up dancer or a singer."

During the first Sonics home game Hughes will be performing in half of the routines because they are still introducing him to the public.

"I will be dancing during the time outs unless the routine is too feminine," Hughes said. "I am very nervous and very excited to perform in front of a big crowd."

The NBA season will start Friday, Oct. 5, but at this time neither the date nor time of the first Sonics home game is known. But keep a lookout for Hughes during the half time show here at the Highline’s home basketball games.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS
Northern Div LEA SEA
Everett 4-1 6-6
Edmonds 3-1 10-5
Highline 3-0 10-5
Skagit Valley 2-1 11-3
Whatcom 2-2 7-4
Bellevue 2-2 4-8
Peninsula 1-2 6-7
Shoreline 1-2 5-9
Olympic 1-3 4-11
Edmonds 0-4 0-13
Eastern Div LEA SEA
Wen. Valley 2-0 12-4
Big Ben 1-0 11-6
Blue Mountain 1-1 3-13
Yakima Valley 1-1 5-8
Col. Basin 1-1 5-10
Spokane 0-1 13-3
Walla Walla 0-2 11-1
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I couldn't wrestle 100 percent.

--Trevor Howard

I felt confident wrestling him.

--Brian Whistle on his match with
Jesse Springer

Sean Steele looks ahead
to Washington

By Karen Nadeau
Staff Reporter

Highline high jumper Sean Steele has signed a national letter of intent to compete for the University of Washington next year.

Last year, Steele broke the college's all-time record with a jump of 7 feet even. He also won the 1998 NWAACC conference championship. Steele was one of a couple Washington state collegiate athletes who jumped 7'0" last year.

The coaching staff at University of Washington, particularly Louis D'Andrea, the recruiting coordinator, is extremely pleased to have signed Steele.

"He will immediately impact the PAC-10 and fulfill an area of weakness in our program," says D'Andrea.

"Not only does Sean bring a tremendous amount of athletic ability, he excels in the classroom as well." Steele has been jumping higher and made fun of him anymore. Steele has not looked back ever since. His senior year he broke a 30-year record, jumping 6'10" at Orting High School. Now he's on the road for Division I competition.

"I'm looking forward to

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Lima librarians come to HCC from afar

By Santana Villa
Staff Reporter

Two librarians from Peru have come to Highline for two weeks to study the library structure and information management.

Alex Mendoza and Ana Vivanco are from Lima, the capital of Peru. Mendoza works in indexing at the University of Peru's library, while Vivanco works in acquisition and cataloging.

They came to Highline as part of an agreement between Highline and the University of Peru. The agreement was established last year between George Stokes (Highline's International Programs Coordinator) and Mijagros Morgan, the library director of the University of Peru.

This is one of many agreements Highline has established with other countries, Stokes said.

This agreement also includes that in the future two librarians from Highline will visit the University in Peru as well to learn from librarians there.

Vivanco said that their university is very small compared to Highline. “We have only have three buildings, versus more than 30 buildings here,” she said.

The university is as diverse in population as it is Highline. Vivanco said, with a mix of South American and Asian, black, white and brown-skinned students among the 7,900 students.

The University of Peru and Highline got connected by chance. Stokes said the university's library director is a progressive person and not related to Highline. They exchanged ideas and the result was the agreement.

Mendoza said he is very excited to come to Highline for two weeks of the fiercest winter weather conditions called La Nina, “said Brad Coleman, weather condition called La Nina. "This winter break most of us stayed inside as Winter Storm '98 showed Western Washington two weeks of the forecast sub-freezing temperatures this decade has seen. The cause, a weather condition called La Nina, essentially means a colder and wetter than average Fall and Winter."

"La Nina was forced by last year's inter-decadal warming, El Nino, " said Brad Coleman, Science and Operations Officer for the National Weather Service in Seattle. "Highline President Ed Com- mand has the final say on whether classes will be can- celled."

"Then call campus security back and they notify the media," Fisher said.

Snowfall in the Pacific Northwest can cause panic, especially for anyone who has to drive in it. College officials say that when snow accumulates, watch the local morning news or listen to a news radio station. School cancellations or delayed starting times are frequent here in the Seattle area. Also pay attention to road and driving condition reports.

Coleman said snow is likely. "The Climate Prediction Center's temperature forecast calls for an increased chance that the latter half of the winter will fall in the coldest third of all winters," said Brad Coleman. "If there is any concern about the safety of students, school will be cancelled," Chief Fish- er said.

"Peru is not just a simple country..." --Ana Vivanco

The need for the University of Peru to have this agreement with Highline is also because Peru is one of the faster growing in network development, and they need some new ideas to improve their services, Mendoza said.

Mendoza mentions that 15 percent of the population in Peru has Internet access while in other South American countries have around 6 percent.

Peru is located between Ecuador, Chile, Brazil and The Pacific Ocean. The population is about 25 million people and 500,000 square miles, less than the state of Arizona.

"Peru is not just a simple country but it is also beautiful because has 85 percent of the world's climates," Vivanco said. "The people are very kind and say 'You welcome everyone with open arms, and not just people but ideas as well, and that is what this agreement is about.'"
Library Catalog online

By Heidi Yi
Staff Reporter

From home or the office, now everyone can get access Highline’s library catalog.

The catalog has been on-line since the beginning of winter quarter.

Although it took about 18 months to complete the site, the process of researching the base catalog and sorting the library items went pretty smoothly.

The catalog is called Voyager and its purpose is to allow students, faculty, and the general public, the chance to browse the library collection anywhere they have access to the Web.

Students can come to the library prepared with call numbers for the items they need.

It includes books, government documents, videos, and other materials, almost everything the library has.

The search screen is more straightforward and is similar to other search engines, such as Yahoo, or Excite.

“It is easier to search by keyword on the new catalog than on the old system,” says Karen Fernandez, a reference librarian.

“This new library catalog will improve students’ ability to find library materials,” library officials say.

The web address for the site is http://highline.highline.cc.wa.us/library/.

The library is having a formal celebration for the new Voyager Library Catalog today at 8:15 to 10 a.m. on the Plaza level of the library.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will formally open the web site will be performed by Highline President Dr. Ed Command at 8:15 a.m.

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Recycling program gets new bins

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

Highline’s recycling program has received an upgrade. With the donation of nine new recycling bins from Pepsi Corporation, the recycling program hopes to see a boost in the amount of waste that is recycled.

The environmental club had made previous overtures to Pepsi without success, this time they were more than happy to donate the new bins.

“We just called them up,” said Karl Steele, Environmental Studies intern for Central Services.

The square, blue bins are conveniently located around campus and are for the deposit of plastic and aluminum containers.

The recycling program began in 1992 as the state’s pilot program for community colleges. All state agencies must now recycle and use recycled products.

“It’s the right thing to do,” said Carrie Lopez, Director of Public Relations.

New Pepsi recycling bins are located around campus.

Breakfast forums successful for women

By Sarah Dean
Staff Reporter

Women’s Programs will be holding the monthly Breakfast Forum today, at the Federal Way campus.

The breakfast will be hosted by Business Development Coordinator Betsy Fradd.

The forum, which meets on the second Thursday of each month, was started by Fradd to help reveal opportunities available for local women in the business world.

After three prior meetings, Fradd is encouraged by the attendance.

“The breakfast forums have been embraced so enthusiastically that each of the three previous events have been sold out,” said Fradd.

At each of the meetings, speakers who specialize in career related topics is invited.

This month’s speaker is Marilyn Schuman Dow, who is a creative strategist and also the president of ThinkLink in Seattle.

She earned her master’s degree in communication at the University of Southern California.

Dow hopes to bring tools that women in the community can use for the rest of their lives in every situation.

She will be speaking about the how to’s of “green light thinking,” which is a way that helps women choose their career path in life.

Attending each meeting are local exhibitors who are there to market their businesses.

Companies such as Sterling Savings, Creative Memories, Executive Real Estate and Mary Kay Cosmetics will be presenting at the forum.

Each forum also has four sponsors who help fund the event.

Among the four sponsors providing benefits this Thursday are the Women Resources and Business Directory, and the Women’s Health Center of St. Francis Community Hospital.

So far the meetings have been well received.

“It was funny and uplifting,” said Patty Fuller, president of Fuller Electric, of a recent meeting.

“It was nice to listen to someone who made you laugh and think.”

“Great opportunity to meet successful women in the area,” said Liane Warcup, investment advisor at Edward Jones Investment of earlier meetings.

“It takes a refreshing look at life and business, a positive experience,” Warcup said.

The Federal Way campus is located at 33320 1st Ave. S. from 7:30-9 a.m.

Next month’s speaker will be Jeanne Anne Craig, Ph.D. whose topic will be “Raising EQ” emotional intelligence at work.

Reservations and a $10 fee are required for the event.

Fraudd can be reached at 206-878-3710 ext. 3757 for reservations.

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Forrest, a Highline student, got involved with recycling because of a class project.

“I went to see her for a class project and she (Lopez) asked me if I wanted a job,” Steele said.

Steele says she used to take pop bottles home with her just to recycle them.

This year the school is responsible for all collection of recyclable materials on campus.

They have been accomplishing this using students and employees.

Phi Theta Kappa members can get community service credit for helping.

While the program has been successful Lopez would like to see improvements.

“We can still do a better job,” Lopez said. “I’d like to see people sort materials better; keep garbage out.”

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“Great opportunity to meet successful women in the area,” said Liane Warcup, investment advisor at Edward Jones Investment of earlier meetings. “It takes a refreshing look at life and business, a positive experience,” Warcup said.

The Federal Way campus is located at 33320 1st Ave. S. from 7:30-9 a.m.

Next month’s speaker will be Jeanne Anne Craig, Ph.D. whose topic will be “Raising EQ” emotional intelligence at work.

Reservations and a $10 fee are required for the event.

Fraudd can be reached at 206-878-3710 ext. 3757 for reservations.
By Tami Stuart
Staff Reporter

After 23 years in the Toddler Center, Rhonda Stafford still likes her job, maybe because she is always in action.

She moves around from child to child attending to each of their needs like it is her first day. When a child is crying and wants to be held, Stafford holds them. When a child wants to hold her hand, Stafford holds their hand.

She doesn't just watch the children play, she interacts with the children while they play.

Stafford has been involved in the Toddler Center for 23 years. The Toddler Center takes care of children under two, or children who are not potty trained. Stafford works with the two-year-olds.

She started as a student at Highline on November 13, 1975, while beginning a part-time teacher. She then became a full-time teacher making $3 per hour.

Today she is the head teacher in the Toddler Center.

From 1988 to 1990 the toddler center was located off-campus at a small church, with approximately 14 children throughout the day. There were only two teachers.

In the fall of 1990, the trailer to house the toddler center was brought onto campus and the program returned.

"In the beginning, I had time to have a cup of coffee and read the newspaper before the first child would arrive, but not anymore. Once you walk in the door, you're on the floor," said Stafford.

Stafford works with the two-year-olds.

During lunch time Stafford sits with the children. Rarely does she ever have the chance to eat her meal while it's hot.

After each child has his or her plate of food, Stafford sits down to eat. As soon as she does, one of the children has finished something on their plate, and they are requesting more. Stafford gets up to get them more. She doesn't seem to mind.

"I love to work with her. She works hard," says Tina Bryant, Stafford's co-worker with the 2-year-olds.

After 23 years of working at the center, Stafford participates in educational classes to help bring new ideas to the children.

Not much has really changed at the center over the years in the way of the toys that the children play with. The children have gotten new toys, but the basic toys that they have always loved have not changed.

Sometimes when Stafford is at a garage sale, she spots a toy that she thinks the children would like, so she buys it and brings it to work.

"I really like it here. I have a great boss and the staff is great to work with," says Stafford.

Rhonda Stafford, head teacher in the Toddler Center, plays with the two-year-olds.

Photo by Sharmilee Pfan

New board member has plans to better campus

By Gerry DiPietro
Staff Reporter

New Board of Trustees member Arit Jhaveri hopes to bring creative ideas in the development of a better campus for the upcoming century.

"It is in my personal interest to see well operated facilities like appropriate heating and comfort," Jhaveri said.

Jhaveri wishes to make campus friendlier by planting trees and having all sidewalks and walk-ways well lit.

"Maybe even having walk-way names like Midway Junction, Lake Washington Boulevard, and John Wayne Lane might make it more convenient for students trying to find the right class," Jhaveri said.

He says to expect a slight change in the teacher curriculum, so students can prepare for the year 2000.

"Long term strategy planning and more technical courses like environment, biotechnology, and classes in other emerging issues should be taught so we can be prepared without really increasing the budget," Jhaveri said.

An overall balanced budget is a significant issue discussed by the board, and Jhaveri said the whole purpose is to use limited resources with a team approach and still have a solid learning experience.

Receiving a masters degree in physics at Amherst University Massachusetts, Jhaveri previously served six years as mayor of the city of Burien. Currently working with the board and also as a technical engineer, Jhaveri feels overwhelmed but not in terms of the amount of time commitment.

The important issue that Jhaveri hopes to address is the third runway.

"Rather than rely on only one runway, take advantage of other airports around the area like McCord Air Force Base and Spokane airport," Jhaveri said.

He thinks that the third runway will become obsolete and just be a nuisance in terms of noise.

In terms of the third runway, Jhaveri believes that it is up to the courts to decide, the community can then appeal the decision.

Jhaveri is excited to bring the college into the 21st Century. By doing this he hopes to get input from everyone on campus.

"As a group effort along with the students and faculty to make this school a better learning atmosphere," Jhaveri said.

The next board meeting is today at 8 a.m. in the conference room on the fifth floor of the library.

Seattle University Transfer Preview Day

Saturday, January 30, 1999
10am to 2pm

An opportunity for transfer students to learn more about continuing at Seattle University. The program is free and includes workshops on financing your education, transferring credit, internships and career placement. Faculty will be on hand to discuss our programs and help you with academic planning.

Please contact the Admission Office at (206)296-6500 or (800)446-713 for further information or to RSVP.
World traveler home at HCC

Love of learning led to teaching

By Dalon Howard
Staff Reporter

World traveler Cheddy Jaja has finally found the freedom he is looking for. He has lived in many places during his life, always striving to learn more. Highline has allowed him to showcase his talents.

"I especially like that Highline allows me to be innovative in the classroom by trying new things," said Jaja.

Jaja was born in Sierra Leone, West Africa. His mother is a homemaker, his father is a technician, he has five sisters and a brother. He was the first one of his family to attend college.

Before he realized his love of knowledge, he had a variety of occupations. When Jaja was 19 years old, he was a DJ at a local radio station called SLBS (Sierra Leone Broadcasting System) in his home town of Sierra Leone.

"It was a fun job... I was invited to all the parties," --Cheeddy Jaja

Jaja was a DJ of a regular show called, "Splash Down," that played reggae and jazz music.

"This was a fun job," said Jaja. "It was very popular and I was invited to all the parties."

After being a radio DJ, he worked as an insurance salesman, and an elementary teacher. From 1982-84, Jaja worked as an air traffic controller. He liked this occupation because it paid good money, it was fun, and the power he felt of being in control of these multimillion dollar pieces of machinery.

"It felt very well respected," said Jaja.

He later began realizing that he needed an occupation that would challenge intellectual needs on a more consistent basis.

In 1984-87 he attended the University of Sierra Leone for his Bachelors of Arts degree in Philosophy and Political Science.

"I wanted to travel," said Jaja.

In 1987, he moved to London, England with his family. Where he went to Bail Brook College to further his training in the field of air traffic control.

"A fulltime job and fulltime student, I did not have much of a social life," said Jaja.

After he finished school in 1988, he finally decided on a career change and came to America to study Philosophy.

In 1989, he came to Bowling Green, Ohio and earned his three masters degrees in three years. The first was a Master of Arts in Applied Philosophy, the second a Master of Arts in Political Science, both from Bowling Green State University. The third was a Master of Arts in International Studies, which he received in 1992.

After that, Jaja moved to Los Angeles, California, where he lived for nine months. He taught part time at West Los Angeles Community College and El Camino Community College.

Then in 1993, Jaja moved to Florida to teach. He taught at five different Community Colleges at the same time in five years; Broward, Florida International University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida Memorial and Miami.

In 1997, he went to Florida Atlantic University for two years to receive his PhD in Philosophy and is on his way to receiving his second PhD.

He has been teaching for the past five years, at Highline Community College because he does not have to travel between different campuses.

"I reached the conclusion that I come alive in the classroom," said Jaja. "There's nothing like teaching."

Choir serenades club fair

April Pwnis-Garvin sings at Highline's quarterly club fair yesterday. The fair ran from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and featured all of HCC's 27 clubs.

The fair was put on to give students a chance to see what Highline has to offer besides academics. Each club had a booth, and had students to field questions, or brochures with an explanation of each club.

"Anyone is welcomed to come," said Amal Mahmoud of the Arabic Student Association.

If you don't see a club that interests you, starting one is an option.

If you want more information on any of the clubs please contact the Student Programs Office at (206) 878-3710 at ext. 3536.

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Legal limit goes down, arrests don't

"Police cited 10 people for driving under the influence in the week of Dec. 24 to Jan. 1. There were also involved in accidents. In the week of Jan. 3 to Jan. 10, only six DUI's were served, with only one accident.

Rottweiler brings home the bacon

A Dec. Moliner man witnessed his neighbors pet rottweiler mauled mother neighbor's pig. Tragically, the pig was killed. The incident occurred on Jan. 10, in the 6200 block of 22nd Avenue SW.

Compiled by Sarah Crowley

Comming soon to an Internet near you...

Thunderword online

More news to come in later issues....
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e to apply for the position, but she was not granted an interview.

The position had been created by Anicello’s supporters regarding the thriving business in the hotel process. There have been allegations of discrimination on the part of the committee.

Bob Bowen, the division chair for Math, Physical Education, and Education, hopes Wright will be part of the committee.

Youths have been encouraged to apply for the position, and Bowen, the division chair for Math, Physical Education, and Education, believes Wright would be a good fit. Bowen believes there has been no discrimination in the hiring process.

Wright left an 11-year teaching position at the Bellevue Community College, where she taught Health, Physical Education, and the Civil Rights Movement.

While at Everett, Wright worked closely with Seattle Central, continuing their curriculum with theirs. This is her current plan to bring to Highline.

MLK Week schedule

Tuesday, Jan. 19

The MLK Gallery (All Week)

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Thursday, Jan. 21

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