Fall finals suffer from power loss

BY ROBERT LAMIRANDE  staff reporter

Some students and staff arrived for finals at the end of last quarter to find Highline both dark and empty.

Wind storms that ravaged the Northwest on Dec. 14 made no exception for Highline, making it one of the countless places that stood powerless last month.

Sydney Stegall, humanities teacher at Highline, said he traversed tree limbs, loose cables, and ditches so he could administer his 8 a.m. final.

Only three students showed up.

Stegall had left two hours previous, but only after calling in to see if the college was open.

"Nothing had been changed on the switchboard," he said. "When I called in it was like business as usual. Being old fashioned and having taught in the north, I figured someone would call (if the school was closed)."

What Highline needs, Stegall said, is to make sure it does something differently next time.

"I think the lesson we should learn is we have to figure out the system when all the power is out," he said.

A source said that although the power went out early on the morning of the 14th, the campus telephone system has a battery backup that is good for six hours. Anyone who called in early Friday morning would have gotten the college's normal announcement, even though the campus was out of power at that point.

The storm left more than a million customers in Western Washington without power for as much as a week. Highline ended up with an uncommonly large number of finals scheduled for Friday.

Professors, many of whom echoed Stegall's calls for a better warning system for campus closures, were forced to either have students e-mail their finals or simply give them a grades based on their performances up to the final.

Some professors allowed students to take finals late; history professor Tim McMannon is still administering finals for last quarter.

Outside the residual damage of angry teachers, Highline took a slight beating from the storm. While no buildings received serious damage, a number of trees came down as a result of the winds that tore through the campus.

Phil Sell of facilities noted that about half of a dozen trees came down in the east parking lot, a mess which facilities needed to clear before Highline resumed classes.

"The maintenance crew put in a fair amount of extra time," he said. "They worked overtime to get it cleared out."

State begins budget battle

BY MICHELLE ERICKSEN  staff reporter

Despite an expected extra $2 billion surplus in state revenue Highline might not get any extra money from the state legislature.

The legislature is in the second week of session and transportation and education funding are the top priorities. Legislators say that with a budget surplus funds will be even harder to divide up.

"It's more difficult because people see it as opportunity for their programs," said State Rep. Skip Priest, R-Federal Way.

"There are fewer dollars are greater and it makes it more difficult for the rainy days when it's not as bright."

State Rep. Priest also said that although the legislature is generally supportive of funding requests from colleges, there is competition from the K-12 community as well as those who support early learning.

"The key to our future is to have students that are ready to join the economy," State Rep. Priest said. "K-12 has a long list of requests."

State Rep. Mark Miloscia, D-Federal Way, said that it's harder and easier at the same time.

"You have a lot of people reaching for the money," said Rep. Miloscia.
Seminar will blind you with science

By Alyssa Hoffman

Winter Quarter Science Seminar covers everything from crying to dying.

Seven years and more than 200 presentations after it began, Science Seminar continues to draw good crowds to its weekly presentations.

"Science Seminar is great way to find out about different fields in science if you are unsure or want to know more about a certain one," said Dr. Eric Baer, Highline geology professor and coordinator of the Science Seminars.

A variety of different speakers are scheduled to present throughout the quarter, including Mark Prothro, defense attorney for Gary Ridgeway, the Green River killer, and Lonnie Somer, a forensic anthropologist, who will talk about the determination of age, sex, cause of death, biological ancestry, and more through analyzing human skeletal remains.

Students respond marvelously to the different topics. There are usually lots of questions and often great discussions," said Baer.

Each seminar is open to the public and to students of all ages. The seminars meet every Friday in Building 3, room 102 from 2:20 to 3:10 p.m.

Science Seminar is also a one-credit course that you can register for (General Science 190).

All of the seminars are recorded and available at the library or online at highline.edu/scienceseminars.

For more information contact Dr. Baer at 206-878-3710, ext. 3511.

The seminar schedule for winter includes:

Feb. 2 - Dr. Eric Baer: The ongoing eruption of Mount St. Helens: the erupting volcano in our backyard.
Feb. 16 - James Lottler: "Tired of forecasts like, '70 percent chance of showers for the next five days?' Getting to the bottom of Seattle weather."
Feb. 23 - Shawn McDougal: Topology and how to classify the spaces of space.
March 2 - Ravi Manghani: Fuel Cells.
March 16 - Mark Prothro: DNA and Forensic science.

Co-Op Opportunity

Co-Op Education Office

The arts, education, and youth: intern with Arts Corps

Arts Corps is looking for interns to fill Administrative Assistant, Special Event Volunteer, and Classroom Assistant positions. Who is Arts Corps?

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Don't miss your chance to join this fabulous program, gain experience, and help provide our youth with the tools for success.

Get real world experience while earning real college credit.

Building 6, upper floor

Student Jobs

Crunching Numbers Job #1762

Full-Time Accounting Manager, 40-50K

Position will be responsible for supervision and performance of the accounting operations. Position requires 3 yrs experience in a financial management position, AA or BA in accounting or 5 years relevant experience.

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Job #2427

Drive a van or small truck to transport customer's media to and from specified points. Must be able to lift or use tools to maneuver individual package weight up to 70 lbs. Must be 21 or older.

For additional information log on to Interface at https://www.myinterface.com/highline/student
A diversity of issues highlight MLK week

Students look at the heart, not the race

BY BEKA SIMMONS

Highline students at a forum this week said they don’t have a problem with interracial dating.

The Interracial Dating forum was a part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Week observance at Highline, Tuesday in the Ml Constance room. Even with the snow and ice on local roads, nearly 50 students managed to attend.

BY JOCIE OLSON

Civil Rights wasn’t just about MLK

Civil Rights pioneer said that difficult times can produce great leaders.

Martin Luther King was a great leader but it wasn’t all about him, his movement was a people’s movement, said Diane Nash, founder and leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

Nash spoke as part of Highline’s Martin Luther King Jr. week Wednesday in the Mount Constance room in the Student Union Building.

The committee was a made up of a group of college students who gathered together to integrate lunch counters and dining halls during the Civil Rights era.

During her lecture at Highline yesterday, Nash explained that they didn’t need a Martin Luther King to make a movement.

“Leadership grows out of struggle,” Nash said.

“The only person you can change is yourself,” Nash said.

Nash went on to give six steps in starting a movement: investigation, education, demonstration, resistance, and taking steps to make sure the problem does not reoccur.

Nash also considers these steps to be nonviolent principles.

“Violence often kills individuals and leaves the real problems untouched, generating hatred, which creates more and more violence,” Nash said.

“People are never your enemy; unjust political systems, racism, and discrimination, are the enemies.”

MLK events continue this week

MLK events will continue today and tomorrow at various locations around campus.

• Aaron Dixon will be exploring what happening in the Northwest during the Civil Rights movement.

The lecture will be held in the Mount Constance room of the Student Union Building at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18.

• A panel discussion on police brutality will look into law enforcement violating human rights.

The panel will be help on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 12:10 p.m. in Building 7.

What Martin Luther King believed and why he was considered a controversial figure will be explored in a lecture by Dr. Jared Ball.

The lecture will be held at 9:00 a.m. in Building 7 on Friday, Jan. 19.

• How Hip Hop has bridged African American and Latino communities together in their fight for both racial and economic equity will be discussed at a panel with Zulu Nation.

Zulu Nation is one of Hip Hop’s oldest organizations.

The panel will be held on Friday, Jan. 19 in the Mount Constance room of Student Union Building at 11:00 a.m.

For more information about any of these events contact Natasha Burrowes at 206-678-3710, ext. 3256.

• Movie Fridays presents, A Century of Black Cinema. The program will look at the careers of the fortunate, the unfortunate, the ground-breakers, and the spectacular performers.

Movie Fridays will be held at 12:30 p.m. in Building 7, Jan. 19.
Icy campus open, but books are closed

By opening its doors on days of icy weather and heavy snowfall, Highline put the lives of its students and many instructors at risk. The snow and ice lasted Friday and Tuesday created atrocious driving conditions, which kept most students and many instructors from their classes. The majority of the students who attend Highline live in the surrounding areas. If driving is near impossible in places where a large portion of students live, it is in the best interest of Highline to close campus open while everyone else was closed.

Highline has high expectations from its students. It wants the students to reflect the integrity and professionalism that it strives to uphold. Lately though, it seems that a bit too much is being asked of the students. It came as a surprise Tuesday that class was not canceled, but simply had a late start. Highline needs to look beyond its borders, out toward the surrounding areas. If driving is near impossible in places where a large portion of students live, it is in the best interest of Highline to close campus along with the rest of the local schools.

Students should not have to take a chance driving to campus navigating through dangerous icy patches, with the hope that their class will not be canceled. It is difficult enough for some students to get to their classes. Not all have the luxury of a car; some rely on public transportation. In foul weather, buses are packed so full they have to turn people away.

Even those who reach campus have a difficult time maneuvering around the parking lots, which should have been plowed before they got there. Students that do make it to campus show their readiness and commitment to learn. So what kind of mixed message is being sent to them, when their instructors cancel class? It’s understandable that nobody can predict the future. There is no perfect system to be put into place that would ensure that this would not happen again. What is in the best interest of Highline is to keep in sync with other local schools, and be aware of how the roads are from all directions.

A kind light shed during dark times

It was the end of finals week when everything went dark. The majority of King County was without power for at least a week, leaving over a million people to fend for themselves in the dark and cold. I was left without power for a total of four days, while the store I work at was only out for less than half a day. Driving around during the first couple days of the blackout left me with a bitter taste in my mouth.

When traffic lights are out, each intersection is supposed to become a four way stop. Whether it was out of ignorance or disregard for that rule, the busier the street, the more chaotic each intersection became. Fortunately, I didn’t have to drive as much as I had to work.

I live in Des Moines, in an area referred to as North Hill, not far from Normandy Park, the area that I work at. I soon discovered through conversation with residents of the surrounding area that kindness and common courtesy are not a thing of the past.

Some people found warm lodging in local motels, where after the first couple nights they would increase by nearly 50 percent. Supply and demand is understandable, but even we forgave late fees for the movies trapped in players.

Not much of what they said was surprising. Like me, they were in the dark, and they were very cold. Some story, different characters.

What became an unexpected trend were the stories of neighbors helping each other. One story had a neighbor offering the use of his barbecue grill to cook hamburgers and hotdogs for everyone, if the neighbor provided the meat. Another had a neighbor offering the use of their television and DVD player, if the other brought a movie to watch. Our store profited quite a lot from those types of deals.

The best story I heard had an entire street checking in on an elderly woman who lived on that block to see if she was doing all right.

In an environment that would at first glance seem to yield feelings of despair and anger, was a thoughtful and inspiring community. It’s important to be reminded once every in awhile that there are good people in your own neighborhood, willing to give a helping hand, even when they are in just as bad a shape as you. As frustrating as something like the blackout may have been, we were all in it together.

Even without a power outage, David is often in the dark.

Letters

Thank you to all who helped save Stubby

Dear editor:

To all of you for helping me to get well - well - considering that Donn (my surrogate dad) dragged me to some god forsaken office where they poked at me and stuck things in me, I am better now.

They tell me that I am radioactive, but I haven’t been dining (much). By the time you read this, I will be as good as I have always been. Without your help, I would have had to take pills for the rest of my life - and - they were really nasty! If you want to really know how I am doing, feel free to stop by the Biology lab, or building 19, or building 18, or wherever. I will gladly give you my opinion of the whole situation. Of course, everybody knows how we cats give opinions - we don’t!

Again, thanks so much for all of your support.

Stubby, the science cat
**Let Them Hang** is hanging in the Library

**BY AUDRA PATTERSON**

staff reporter

Masks, dead flowers and fetuses are frozen in time in the Highline Library Gallery's new show, "Let Them Hang."

The show features work by the Washington Potters Association. Established in 1982, the potters group is an organization of more than 250 members. Dedicated to giving more voice to individual clay artists in Washington, they exhibit artwork, hold workshops, and inform artists through a bi-monthly newsletter. Membership is open to any clay artists interested.

The ceramic pieces exhibited in the library range from the classic to the abstract. On the left display wall hangs a ceramic tile mosaic of an old-fashioned English portrait. Using newsprint-like designs to create the foreground, and multiple prints of a colorful painting for the background, they created a very detailed and interesting piece. The artist, Dinah Steveni, entitled the piece On the Tiles.

On the other side of the wall, and the spectrum, is an eye-catching arrangement named She's Got Some Lovely Fantasies. Farmer titled this piece She's Got Some Lovely Fantasies. This art, along with the rest of pieces can be seen on the fourth floor of the Library.

Sandra Farmer, the sculptor of the fetuses. Farmer also said that the human figure has always been her "inspiration and subject." She has been a member of the potters association for six months, but interested in sculpting for most of her life. Her mother use to make play dough for her to play with and that kicked off of her artistic career.

Farmer recently gained residency at Pottery Northwest where she will remain for two years. While there she will be "making babies," as Farmer phrased it. She encourages aspiring artists and sculptors to simply make as much as they can.

The potters association plans to have three more shows this year, the next one is from March to the middle of April. It is being held at the Childhood's End Gallery in Olympia.

Artist statements are located on the back of the gallery as well as printed applications. For more information regarding the organization or an application, visit www.washingtonpotters.org.

**Blend mixes it up this quarter with campus artists**

**BY ALICIA MENDEZ**

staff reporter

The Blend will be staying closer to home this winter. The Blend plans to line up a playlist of Highline's very own talent this quarter.

Highline's Blend hosts local musicians, and allows them to bring the best of their best to Highline. The artist or artists play for two hours in the Bistro, the cafe in the Student Union, Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Fall Quarter the Blend was host to jazz artist Tobin Stave, a reggae artist Clinton Fearon, and a Latin artist Correo Aereo, among others. Many of the musicians who played had already visited Highline at least once.

This quarter, the Blend will change its direction from established Seattle artists to Highline artists hoping for their big break.

Setting up this quarter's lineup is Steve Simpkins from Student Programs.

"It started out as just finding anybody," Simpkins said. "I got so many people asking if they could be a part of it, so I just decided to focus on our own students."

"I've been trying to put the word out," Simpkins said. Musicians do not have to audition in order to sign up for a date and are paid $250 for their efforts. "If someone is willing to ask to perform, they're generally able to perform. My biggest concern is some people think they can sing when they can't," Simpkins said with a laugh.

Simpkins said while he has a few male musicians as possibilities, he would really like more female artists to perform.

He also said he is very interested in recruiting more R&B artists.

So far he's chosen the musicians as first come first serve.

Simpkins has signed three acts thus far.

Artists include: Ramone Tucker who plays the saxophone, recorder, and piano on Feb. 7; Jennifer Graybill and Steven Westin, who would sing and play an acoustic set on March 7; and Nicholas Paul, who will be the first Blend musician of the quarter.

Paul will perform Jan. 24. Paul, a former student, is an acoustic guitar-strumming, folk musician who has often been known to play a set in the designated smoking area by building 5.

If you are interested in playing for the Blend this quarter, please contact Steve Simpkins at 206-369-4763, or at simpkins@highline.edu.
There are no ifs, ands, or bundts about it

**Big Jo's Kitchen**

**Ingredients for cake:**
- 1 ½ cups of flour
- 1 cup of firmly packed brown sugar
- ½ cup of peanut butter
- ¼ cup softened butter
- ¼ teaspoon of baking powder
- 1 teaspoon of baking soda
- ½ cup of milk
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 ¾ cups of milk
- 1 tablespoon of butter
- 1-2 tablespoons of milk
- 1 cup of semisweet chocolate chips
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- 1 cup of unsalted peanuts (optional)

**Glaze:**
- 2 cups of powdered sugar
- 2-3 tablespoons of milk

**Get with the Wine before the Wine gets gone**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 ½ cups of brandy
- 1 cup of white wine
- 1 cup of dry white wine
- 1 cup of port wine
- 1 cup of maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon of vanilla extract

**Directions:**
1. Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and lightly flour a 10-inch round cake pan or six mini bundt pans.
2. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, sugar, and salt; set aside.
3. Cream butter in a large mixing bowl on high speed for 30 minutes. Beat in sugar and vanilla until combined. Add eggs one at a time beating well after each. Add flour mixture and milk alternately to beaten mixture. Pour batter into bundt pan. Bake at 375° for 30-35 or until cake tester comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before turning the pan upside down and removing the cake.
4. To glaze cake combine 2 cups powdered sugar, ½ teaspoon vanilla, and 2-3 tablespoons of milk in a mixing bowl until it reaches drizzling consistency. When cake is cooled drizzle glaze.
5. Chocolate and peanut butter lovers should try this recipe:
   - 1 cup of chocolate chips
   - 1 cup of peanut butter
   - ½ cup of powdered sugar

**Bundt cakes aren't just shaped funny -- they taste good too.**

**Auction to benefit choral**

Highline's Concert Chorale is hosting a silent auction to fund their trip to Carnegie Hall in New York.

The auction will be held Thursday, Jan. 25 in the Student Union Building, Mt. Constance Room from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Their trip will be from April 19-23. The first few days there will be spent practicing with the other choirs, and the performance will be on April 22.

Items to be bid on include: one dance lesson for two by Century Ballroom; four passes to the Tacoma Art Museum; a $100 gift certificate to Jazz Alley; and two passes to Comedy Underground, among many other items.

For more information contact Dr. Sandra Glover at 206-878-3710, ext. 6710, or sglover@highline.edu.
Deadline for Arcturus is fast approaching

BY ALICIA MENDEZ

staff reporter

The deadline for submissions for the 2007 Arcturus has been extended to Friday, Feb. 2 due to snow days.

Arcturus is a literary magazine that showcases any art that is able to be reprinted. Past and present Highline students, staff and faculty are all eligible to submit work.

Highline's Arcturus searches for art such as poetry, plays, short stories, photography, drawings, paintings, essays, and lyrics.

Editors for the magazine said they are really hoping for more lyric submissions.

“We really want to publish more lyrics because there hasn’t been as many in the past,” Editor Shannon Gaines said.

The Arcturus typically has a set theme, but so far there hasn’t been one set.

“We’re still kind of messing with a theme,” Gaines said.

Once all of the submissions are in the editors will decide which way to go with it Gaines said.

Anything submitted will be judged justly. Names of the artists will be whited out as each editor reviews it to avoid favoritism.

Editors are asking for the full name of the artist to be on the piece submitted, a short biography, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Submissions are now being accepted at: Mail Stop 5-1, 1500 Library Way, Building 5 in Sharon Hoshimoto’s drop box, or at PO. Box 98000, Des Moines, WA 98198-9800.

For more information you can contact Sharon Hoshimoto at 206-878-3710, ext. 3158, or at shashimo@highline.edu.
The Lady Thunderbirds began the week with a 9-5 decision over Matt Gardner.

The momentum was quickly turned, however, as returning All-American Josh Williams (133) worked a first round pin over Highline’s Chris Mathers to give the Lakers a 6-3 lead.

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The Lady Thunderbirds basketball team is in the hunt for the West Division NWAACC championship.

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Highline is ranked fifth in the latest NWAACC coaches’ poll, ahead of their division rivals. Yakima (17-2) is ranked No. 1, followed by Bellevue, Lane and Columbia Basin.

The T-Birds had Wednesday off with a bye. This Saturday they visit South Puget Sound, followed by a home game on Jan. 22 against Clark. Lower Columbia comes as the Pavilion on Jan. 24.

Wrestlers grapple weather, wins, and losses

BY KORY FARRELL

Highline wrestlers earned a win and a loss against Simon Fraser and SWOCC in a winter break plagued with weather cancellations.

T-Bird wrestlers were set to face off against Simon Fraser, Yakima, and Clackamas Friday, Dec. 15.

But with the windstorms causing widespread power outages, wrestling was cancelled along with finals.

The week before that, however, Highline squared off against Southwestern Oregon, who are currently leading the Region 18 Division with six wins and one loss to North Idaho.

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Highline is ranked fifth in the latest NWAACC coaches’ poll, ahead of their division rivals. Yakima (17-2) is ranked No. 1, followed by Bellevue, Lane and Columbia Basin.

The T-Birds had Wednesday off with a bye. This Saturday they visit South Puget Sound, followed by a home game on Jan. 22 against Clark. Lower Columbia comes as the Pavilion on Jan. 24.
Men face losses with strength

BY MICHELLE ERICKSEN and KORY FARRELL

Staff reporters

Highline's Men's Basketball team lost some players and some games, but their coach said it was the right thing to do.

"There were three guys dismissed: 5'11" freshman guard Mike Matson, 5'11" freshman guard Vincent Thomas, and 6'2" guard Gary Walsh who was a walk on redshirt," Head Coach Che Dawson said. "They were disciplined for conduct that was detrimental to the team, the program, and the school."

"We had some disciplinary issues at the crossover tournament in the Tri-Cities and so a few guys were dismissed from the program... so that kind of just created a little bit of a different feel to the team," Dawson said. "The remaining guys had to get used to the rotation being different and the practices being different."

Dawson added that overall the guys responded really well.

"We went over to Spokane right after Christmas and had pretty successful three days over there," Dawson said. "We beat Spokane and Walla Walla and then lost to a North Idaho team at their place."

The 69-76 loss came despite 23 points and 15 rebounds from Zach Bruce, and 11 points, six rebounds from Derrick Webb.

Dawson added that since they've been back the team has not been playing as well.

"We've typically got down early in games since the holiday break," Dawson said. "We have not responded the way we need to in terms of asserting ourselves on the court."

The attitudes are still great, the guys are still a cohesive group, they're still coachable," Dawson said. "It's just figuring out how to turn on the intensity switch earlier than the second half when we're eight to 10 points down."

The Thunderbirds practice for upcoming games in the Pavilion.

"I think we were pretty focused against Tacoma," Assistant Coach Dave Denny said. "Then we went to Pierce and for whatever reason I didn't think we came ready to play right from the start."

"We just happened to outscore Tacoma and not outscore Pierce," Dawson said. "In both games we got down by a lot of points and we had to make a fierce comeback."

"It's not surprising that if you keep putting yourself in that position eventually you run out of your nine lives," Dawson said. Dawson feels that as defending champions they're being hunted by most teams in the NWAACC.

"It's a certainty that every team is going to get ready to play and get ready to play us," Dawson said. "We have to get out of the mindset that we're defending a championship. That's a fiction cause that was last year's team."

"I think we should be more focused on what we want to get done," Denny said. "We're going to try to correct that."

"This is a whole new season and a whole new set of goals and objectives that we need to go out and take, not wait for them to come around," Dawson said.

"And that's just a life lesson," Dawson said. "All of our guys have to learn that with success comes responsibility to maintain certain standards, to maintain a certain work ethic, and to maintain a certain discipline."

Highline recently defeated Grays Harbor 75-69, but lost last week to Centralia 64-60.

This week Highline gets a bye, but next week they take on South Puget Sound, a team who trails in their division and has lost their last six games.

Both Denny and Dawson disregard South Puget Sound's record, however.

"We don't take anybody lightly," Denny said. "When you look at games over the course of this season, anybody can beat anybody else on a given night. I know that sounds like an old cliché, but in our division it's true."

"Even at our level there's enough talent on the floor for any team to win a basketball game," Dawson said. "We want to do what we have control over, which is playing hard defensively, getting after it, and hustling; executing those things that don't have anything to do with the other team."

"One of the characteristics of this group right now is that we haven't been getting off to good starts," Denny said. "We're trying to figure that out right now so we don't start off seven or eight points in the beginning."

"The problem is we're not creating our destiny or attempting to create our destiny early enough," Dawson said. "There's a fierce adversary on the other side trying to make sure that you don't accomplish a certain goal or objective, so you have to counter that intensity."

Dawson and Denny have high confidence in their team, however.

"Our guys are good guys, they're smart guys, they'll figure it out," Dawson said.

"They're a very coachable group, great kids to work with," Denny said. "I think if we come to the gym a little more focused towards the end of this season we will be up there with the top teams."

"We have to take control of our own destiny again," Dawson said. "We always make a run when we get down and part of that is our kids having enough pride in each other that they won't get down on each other, that they won't accept their fate. They will try to create their destiny."

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Colloquy program kicks quarter off

By BRYNN FULLER

Highline's Honors Colloquy is opening doors for students once again by kicking off a program that Highline veterans will be familiar with.

Honors Colloquy is a program where presenters come each quarter to speak on the semester's theme as it applies to them. This quarter's theme is "Opening Doors."

On Wednesdays this quarter, speakers will come and tell their personal stories, and discuss with students how to make doors open in their own lives.

The Honors Colloquy events are open to all students and do not cost anything. Presentations will usually be held on Wednesdays in Buildings 8-14 and 10-1, from 12:10-1:13 p.m. Students can receive credit for attending and participating in these speeches if they register.

Dr. Barbara Clinton accepts suggestions for speakers from registered students.

Dr. Clinton is the head of the Honors Colloquy program and Coordinator of the Speech and Communications Department at Highline.

Clinton has been teaching since 1994, and has been involved with Honors Colloquy for four years. "I have been teaching since back before the earth cooled," she said.

The program has grown into a time and a place for Highline students to hear from a range of voices, community leaders, former Highline students, current faculty, etc., all of whom can help the students to open doors for themselves," Dr. Clinton said.

Speakers scheduled for this quarter include:

- Jan. 17: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., Building 8, "Opening the Doors" to Civil Rights, with Diane Nash, founder and leader of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

The Transfer fairs have been taking place at Highline for at least 15 years now. It happens once every Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarter, with a mini-transfer fair during the summer quarter. At the transfer fairs, students can receive information about a variety of universities and colleges from admission representatives.

This quarter, there will be 23 schools from Washington state (not including some universities with more than one campus) which will be participating in the transfer fair. There will also be three out-of-state universities that will be attending the transfer fair.

However, the transfer fair isn't just an event to gather information.

"The importance of a fair is not only a place to go get information, applications, materials, and packets, but it's a place for students to make connections," Transfer Center Director Siew Lai Lilley said.

Lilley sees the transfer fair as an opportunity for students to consider the many options they have when it comes to choosing which schools to apply to. She says students, both decided or undecided about a major, can go to the fair, create connections with the college admissions representatives by getting a business card from them, and referring to it later.

She also mentions that this is a great time for students who are thinking about transferring to start planning ahead. "Early planning is really the key to a successful transfer," Lilley said. Students often put off researching and deciding which universities they want to consider transferring to.

"The last thing you want to do is to just pick a school and not care about what kind of school it is. That's not what you want to do as a student right? So that's why I would say we have the fair every quarter. So students can at least talk to the college admission representatives and just figure out like, 'What do I need?'" Lilley said.

If you're not sure what type of questions to ask college admission representatives, Lilley suggests a few questions such as: "The major I'm going for is X. Is my major available at your school?" or "What is the G.P.A. required for admission to your school and my major?" or "What is the deadline for applying to your school?"

More questions like these will be printed on the back of flyers advertising the Winter College Transfer Fair.

The flyers will be handed out to students on the day of the fair or students can go by Educational Planning, Building 6, and pick up a flyer there.

Besides the Winter College Transfer Fair there will be other free transfer activities occurring throughout Winter Quarter that also don't require student registration. Here is a list of information for a few of the events:

- UW Seattle Admissions workshop will be held in Building 14, room 103 on Jan. 23 from 1:10 to 2:10 p.m. The Seattle UW admissions representative will be answering questions and talking to students about deadlines and requirements.
- The Write a Winning Personal Statement workshop will be on Jan. 31. It will in the Writing Center, Building 26, room 319, from 12:15 to 1 p.m. This workshop will help students put together an effective personal statement for when they apply to transfer.
- The Out of the Box Advising Day allows students to ask advisors questions that they've been longing to have answered. Out of the Box Advising Day will be Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Highline Student Union cafeteria. Advisors from Educational Planning will have tables set up on the stage area so students can drop by with no sign in.
- Students majoring in nursing, nutrition/dietetics, or pharmacy can attend the WSU Health Majors workshop. An advisor from WSU will be at Highline answering questions and talking more about those three majors. This workshop will be Feb. 7 in Building 14, room 103 from noon to 1 p.m.
- UW Seattle has also announced a mini-transfer event during the summer quarter. At the summer transfer fair, there will be other college representatives, including three out-of-state universities.
- UW Seattle Admissions Expert Here!

Note: the deadline for applying to the UW Seattle for Fall Quarter is February 15.

Have a question about applying to the UW? Bring it to this session! Find out about admissions, GPA requirements and how to apply successfully!

Next Tuesday, January 23 at 1:10 p.m.
Building 14, Room 103
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Students construct a frosty friend on the frozen plains of Highline's campus.

**Snow**

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barely escaped a three-car pileup on the north parking lot.

"I think it's ridiculous that the campus is opened," student Anthony Martinelli said.

Several students said the safety conditions of the roads were just too dangerous to drive on.

"I think the campus shouldn't have been open considering where I came from the roads were pretty bad. I could have got into a car accident if I drove any faster than 30 miles. Plus, my windows were frozen so it was hard to see," Adrian Juarez said.

Several noted that the majority of students who said campus should have been closed last Friday as well as Tuesday.

"I wish campus was closed because accidents occur more often in this type of weather," Cintya Beristain-Muhamma said.

Despite the few students who did not mind showing up for classes, the overall concern for safety on the roads led to a majority of students who said campus should have been closed last Friday as well as Tuesday.

"I wish campus was closed because it's dangerous out on the roads," a few students who came to class,

"It's inconvenient for driving because accidents occur more often in this type of weather," Minoru Murataka said.

In the Higher Education Building, secretary Lisa Conger said, "I'm concerned for students' safety; I think it should be a priority."

Conger praised the students who came to class.

"It's true that we do have fewer classes on Fridays, and a lot of students made the effort to come."

Many people seem to think the problem with the snowy winter weather is that many Washingtonians are not quite sure how to drive in ice or snow.

"The fact is that no one around here knows how to drive in this weather," Conger said.

Many professors either came in or tried to make separate arrange-
“She (Governor Gregoire) gave a lot of money to education,” Rep. Miloscia said. “Higher education got some extra, just schools in general got a big boost this year overall.”

The education funds get split up between K-12 and Higher Ed, and they’re getting more this year than they have previously, Rep. Miloscia added.

Rep. Miloscia said that education is important because “going to college improves your ability to get self sustaining and family wage jobs.”

The Legislature is also trying to put away some of the surplus money into savings.

“We are creating an emergency reserve fund and also making payments into the state pension system to keep it secure. We are fortunate to be able to make some targeted increases, especially in education. One of the best things we can do to strengthen our economy is to invest in education,” said State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines. “Because education is such a high priority this year, I expect that the budget requests from the colleges will be met very favorably. I personally believe we need to do a better job with college grants and benefits for faculty and staff,” he said. Rep. Upthegrove said that transportation was important education was the top priority of the Democratic majority in Olympia.

“The governor’s proposed budget put forward a very large increase in spending for education—from early childhood through higher education,” said State Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines. “One of the most important ideas for Highline Community College students is the Governor’s proposal to freeze community college tuition for at least the next two years. With the big increases in tuition over the last few years, I believe that too many potential students have been priced out of opportunity, and I will support this proposal for a tuition freeze.”

Rep. Upthegrove, along with Sen. Keiser, fully supports this measure.

“I also am absolutely thrilled with Governor Gregoire’s proposal to freeze community college tuition at the current rate for the next two years. Making sure this policy is implemented is a high priority for me,” State Rep. Upthegrove said.

High demand for transportation spending will come out of a separate budget that will not affect the operating budget.

“We have three different separate budgets in Olympia: 1.) the operating budget, 2.) the capital budget (physical items like buildings and parks); and 3.) the transportation budget. Thus, what we do in the transportation budget does not impact the operating budget and visa-versa,” said State Rep. Upthegrove. “From a practical standpoint, it is easier to put a budget together when there are no surplus funds,” he said. “Because of our desire to be fiscally responsible, some people may be disappointed that we aren’t spending more.”

“The state’s operating budget is different from the transportation budget,” Sen. Keiser said. “The state’s transportation budget is driven by the funding from the gas tax and vehicle license fees,” she said.

“I do not see any proposal for major increases in this budget this year,” Sen. Keifer continued. “However, there are big proposals for regional and county transportation improvements (RTID and Sound Transit).”

State Rep. Priest said that the challenge with transportation at present is that the legislature has to have a coordinated approach to solve the regional problems.

“The cost of transportation has escalated greatly over the past year and that makes it difficult to complete projects we want to do,” Rep. Priest said. Rep. Miloscia said that they will have to start looking in different places for transportation funding.

“Transportation is a necessity in our society we need the infrastructure to keep the economy moving,” Rep. Miloscia said. “They have to figure out where their going to get their funds from.”

There are 91 days left in the legislative session.

“We are just in the second week of a long budget session, and there will be many developments and changes to proposals and ideas over the next couple of months,” Sen. Keiser said.

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