

Microquake flips turtle building

By **ARTHUR DENT**
Staff Reporter

Building 7 was flipped on its back by a micro-earthquake over spring break.

The quake struck sometime during night of March 27, completely turning the lecture hall on its back.

“Fortunately no one was in it at the time,” said Highline Disaster Dean Deanne Deans.

Security Officer Carl Nightwatch said he heard the noise, which was so loud it woke him up and he was forced to investigate.

“Maybe it was the after-shocks,” Nightwatch said, “but I could have sworn its little feet were moving after it flipped.”

Dr. Edwin Movershaker, who teaches a popular geology class entitled “You’re All Going to Die,” said that microquakes, while uncommon, can strike in the many-faulted soil of Western Washington.

“It’s like a really big pager that just keeps vibrating,” said Dr. Movershaker. “Weee!”



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Building 7 was flipped after a microquake during Spring break.

“But really, it’s not anybody’s fault. There’s a lot of faults. To say otherwise would be faulty logic,” Dr. Movershaker said.

Dean Deans said that campus officials aren’t sure what to do with the flipped building, as tipping it back over would be expensive as well as disruptive to

all the leadership training going on at Highline.

“Some colleges offer upside-down degrees,” Dean Deans said. “Maybe we could do that.”

Campus officials reported that a visiting lecturer who tried to deliver his address inside the turtle building actually began

speaking backward.

“It was kind of more interesting that way,” said student James Reverse, who attended the lecture on the commercial possibilities of time travel. “I

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Furloughs may disrupt Spring Quarter

By **HEYWOOD U. FINNISH**
Staff Reporter

All Highline employees have been furloughed for Spring Quarter as the Legislature, trying to plug a \$1.3 billion budget hole, opted to close one campus rather than impact any of the rest of the entire state 26-community colleges system.

The decision to close the state’s most diverse higher education facility reflected the lawmakers’ solution to penalize all ethnic groups equally, rather than to face accusations that they were discriminating against a particular group.

“No one can claim we’re not treating everyone fairly,” state Sen. Hiram N. Firem said.

Classes will be suspended

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Ghost professor unnerves class

By **EDITH CRAWLEY**
Staff Reporter

A ghost professor currently haunts the basement of the Library.

Dr. Curt Binns, history professor, died in his classroom while teaching on Feb. 30, said Clarence Peli, director of the paranormal department.

“Since then, we have been trying to get him to talk to us about why he’s still here and what he wants,” Peli said.

“We’ve been unsuccessful so far,” said Peli.

However, the Paranormal Program will continue to try to communicate with Dr. Binns because “there’s been complaints about him,” Peli said.

Dr. Binns has been blamed for causing annoyances such as dropping students’ books on



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An image of Dr. Binns, taken using a time-lapse spectral camera.

the floor and talking in classes while other professors teach, said Peli.

“The most annoying thing is when he turns my PowerPoint off and goes on YouTube,” said

John Quidor, European art professor.

“I’m tired of him infiltrating my classroom. He needs to

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Pies make professor unpopular

By **TIMMY SEALS**
Staff Reporter

Students have filed a complaint with the Student Leadership Discipline Board last week about the clown professor’s repeated use of pies in the face.

“You answer a question wrong and he throws a cream pie in your face,” said student Bob Dull. “Well, I mean, I think he does. I don’t actually go to class that often.”

The clown professor, who rarely speaks in class and generally communicates via sight gags, horns and whistles, has received a mixed reception from others on campus.

“We thought we needed someone who could get students’ attention,” said Associate Academic Vice Dean Pearl Stebbins. “Especially the younger students – they don’t learn from traditional lectures.

Heck, they barely listen.”

“He’s really funny,” student Tammy Pachinko said. “When he comes into class and slips on the banana peel, I lose it every time.”

“I had to start wearing Depends,” his classmate, Prague Partime, said.

Others say they don’t find the clown professor’s antics quite as useful.

“When he does a problem on the board, and the dry-erase marker explodes – what’s the point of that?” student April Achieverman asked. “I just want to know the answer.”

“The magician professor was better,” student Filbert Nuthouse said. “When students act up, he just makes them disappear.”

The complaint against the clown professor alleges that he

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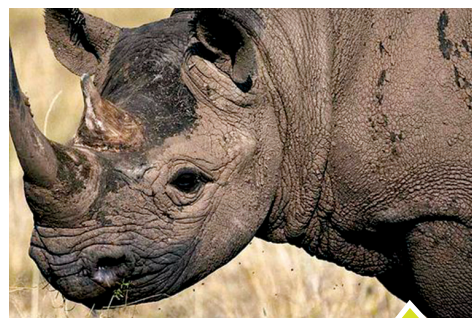
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Student stuck in weeping beech

Student Kitty Toyger got stuck in the tree outside of Building 19.

She was stuck for three hours before the fire department came. She suffered from a small cut on her left ankle. Paramedics were called to treat her.

The weeping beech was not damaged.

Street sweeper sweeps student

A student was aggressively sucked up by a street sweeper by Building 10 on March 32.

Campus security said the student was OK but feeling quite trashy.

A Penny found

A penny was found outside Building 20 on March 25.

Highline student Sheldon Cooper delivered the penny to Campus Security in Building 6. It turns out that Penny is actually a girl who wasn't really lost.

Pony missing

The department of social animology reported that Derpy Whooves went missing last Monday.

Whooves is a pony, and believed to have escaped from her barn last Monday to go back to Equestria.

The Equestria Police Department is currently working with Highline Campus Security to track her down.

Ingredients gone from kitchen

The assistant head chef of Chartwells, Beryl Patmore, reported missing ingredients.

Patmore was cooking for the annual cricket banquet yesterday when she found nothing but flour in her cabinet of ingredients.

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Eat, sleep, study on rooftop of 26

By **POLLY PERKINS**
Staff Reporter

The new rooftop restaurant wonders why there is a lack of customers.

The rooftop of Building 26 has a new café, named the The ThunderNest.

Molly Spudson, a recent graduate of the Le Carbo Bleu Institute in Idaho, runs the café.

"I don't know why there isn't enough students here," said Spudson. She is concerned the café will close if there is not enough revenue coming in.

"The café is so natural," said student Ashley McLettuse. "You feel very connected with nature." The cafe is equipped with the couches and armchairs because of a lack of available tables and chairs.

The café will feature specials like the Thundersoup, a hearty potato and steak-filled soup. As well as the Bermingham Greens, a Highline-president



Carmen Sandiego/THUNDERWERD
The ThunderNest may close if students don't drop by more often.

inspired Caesar salad.

"The food is delicious," said Jo Corney, while eating a Bermingham Greens salad.

Despite the appeal of the new café, there is a surprising lack of students.

"I think it's the location," said Spudson. The café is located on the rooftop, accessed from the

north stairwell in Building 26, with a small sign at the bottom of the stairs.

"I just wanted to see what was up there," said Eric Leekson. "I just happened to unearth the café while wandering around the campus."

On average the café has one-three students per day.



Macklemore to lecture on the art of thrift shopping

Seattle-based rapper Macklemore will be at Highline on April 31 to discuss popping tags and how to make use of the last \$20 in your pocket.

Macklemore will inform students, staff and faculty about how to efficiently wear used clothing from Goodwill and look incredible. He will review how to properly rock a wolf on your noggin', wear all pink with gator shoes that are green and how to look good in second-hand flannel zebra jammies.

He will be in Building 7 at 10 a.m. Anyone is welcome to attend the lecture and it is asked that attendees ask their grandpas for hand-me-downs.

Spring College Fair adds Hogwarts

Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry will be attending the Spring College Fair

this year.

Hogwarts Headmaster Minerva McGonagall said that they decided to allow non-wizard folk, known in their world as muggles, to apply to the school.

"We want to be more open to the less fortunate and allow them to apply to Hogwarts. They cannot study spells and curses, but we will allow them to study potions, history and magical creatures," McGonagall said.

The Spring College Fair will be held April 31 from noon to 4 p.m. in the Student Union.

Rubeus Hagrid, keeper of keys and grounds at Hogwarts, will be at the fair along with Nearly Headless Nick, a ghost of the Gryffindor House.

Autographs and staring are prohibited.

Bar gets new hours

Finals, the Highline bar in Building 20, has announced new hours for Spring Quarter. It will be open from 5 p.m.-2 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

They will be offering a new special on their clamatini and discounts for students who have their attendance cards properly

stamped.

"We were going to have happy hour at 4 p.m., but we're not open then," said Bar Manager Jim Thirsty.

Fishing Club to meet

Highline's Fishing Club will meet for the first time this quarter on Thursday, April 4 at noon at the Drainage Pond near the tennis courts.

New members are encouraged; some bait and tackle will be available.

"We don't think there's any fish in the pond, but something could happen," said club President Bud Hooks.

Clubs cancel meetings

Students for Inactivity announced that their Friday meeting has been cancelled.

Meanwhile, the Student Leadership Club has cancelled its meeting because everyone wanted to lead the meeting.

The Psychics Club has cancelled its next session due to unforeseen circumstances, and the Procrastinators Circle has

"It's like our own secret food club," said McLettuse.

The college is hoping to develop an advertising plan to encourage students to try the new café.

College officials say they want to encourage the new business and revenue that it would create.

"It will help relieve the long lines in the cafeteria and the Bistro," said Richard Beaney, a Highline official.

A few officials expressed concern over couches being on a roof, and the safety of students.

"Students will be well cared for and watched over," said Spudson. The college is considering putting a fence to stop jumping beans, said Beaney. "That should stop their fretting." Beaney is a regular of The ThunderNest.

The ThunderNest promises to never be closed due to weather, umbrellas will not be provided however.

postponed their meeting until later.

The Nihilist Society has gone out of existence, while the Existentialist Colloquium is unsure of its true location.

The Repetition Club will be meeting again and again and again, but the OCD Club reports that the chairs in the meeting room are not lined up properly.

Attend Astronomy with Dr. Who

Registration is still open for Dr. Who's Astronomy 205 class.

Who is a visiting professor from Torchwood University in Bad Wolf, Mass. He worked at NASA for 10 years and taught at Torchwood for five.

In Astronomy 205, students will learn about how scientists determine which planets are most likely to have life.

Students will also have the opportunity to see samples collected from Mars and the Moon, and pictures from the probes Titan 1 and Titan 2 of Jupiter's moons.

The class meets from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday on the roof of Building 99. The item number is 0042.

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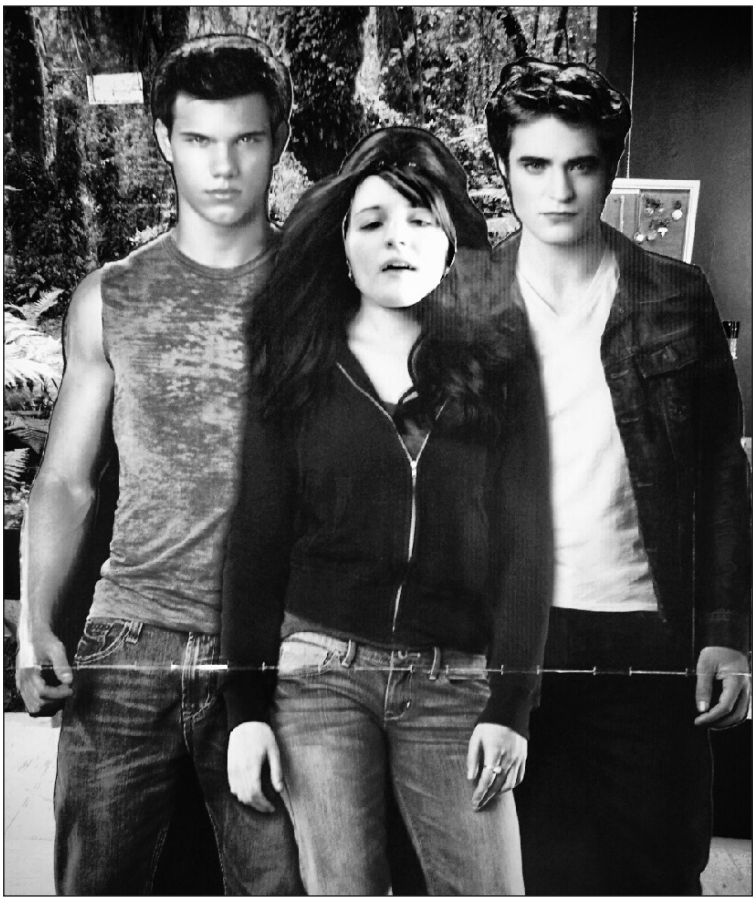


- **Saw Movie Marathon.** This weeks Movie Saturday will be a Saw movie marathon featuring all 7 and a half films. “The films are really cutting edge,” said film studies professor Hannibal Openflesh. “I think the Saw films just bleed talent.” The films will be shown this Saturday, April 6 at noon on the second floor of Building 2.
- **Les Miserables.** Performed by mimes, Renton Honda Theatre will be holding its production of *Les Miserables* featuring an all-mime cast. When asked about the upcoming shows, the cast did not have a response. The production will run every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. From April 12 to March 4. Tickets for the show will be \$20. Tickets and show times can be found at renton-hondatheatre.org.
- **The Hunger Games: The Opera.** Burien Big Theatre presents Broadway hit *The Hunger Games: The Opera*. The production will be on Friday April 12 and Saturday April 13 at 7 p.m. Burien Big Theatre is located at 5551 S. Broadway St. in Burien. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for ages 18 and younger. For more information about show times and tickets call 206-867-5309 or visit burienbig-theatre.org.
- **Auditions for Poverty Bay Shore.** Auditions for the new hit show Poverty Bay Shore will be held Friday April 5 in the Student Union from noon to 3 p.m. Producers are looking for students who are dramatic and who love having complicated love triangles, fighting, and have pompous attitudes. To audition, sign up sheets are available in the Highline Bar in Building 20. Resumes are required.
- **Fashion show at Highline.** Fabio Puttanescas, internationally renowned fashion designer from Italy, will unveil his third collection of corduroy and vinyl sportswear. Admission is free as long as you wear skimpy clothing; male attendants must wear lingerie on April 13. Location for the fashion show is in the fourth floor of the Library at 2 p.m.
- **Clown Wars:** A Clown Wars training session will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 2 in Building 20. The popular spin-off of George Lucas’s *Clone Wars* features clowns doing tricks such as the Hyperspace Jump and the Who’s Your Daddy? Shuffle. Discounts for anyone with an aquatic mammal.
- **Poet Fight:** Spoken-word cage match that promises to “put the slam back in poetry slam” on Wednesday, April 3 at noon in Building 4. Admission is free, but no one gets out alive.
- **Live ceramics:** Cover yourselves and others in fresh clay and see what happens. 2 p.m. Thursday, April 4, near the tennis courts.
- **Infusion: The Art of Tea:** Learn the art of tea in this free class on Friday, April 5 at 4 p.m. near the Pavilion. Bring used tea bags and lots of white paper.
- **Confusion: The Tea of Art:** Learn what you get when you take lots of hot water and several priceless art works. Tasty brew or gooey mess? You be the judge. Saturday, April 6 at 8 a.m.
- **Write like someone else:** Let’s face it, you’re terrible. So write like someone else. Free class at the Educational Assistance Center, Building 27, Sunday, April 7, 6 p.m.
- **Dances of Cheese:** Traditional Cheese Dancing as performed by the Wisconsin Gopdancers, rated as “gouda” by the Geneva Condiments Convention. Sunday, April 7, Building 4, 6:30 p.m. Free.

Highline drama bites into ‘Twilight’ for spring musical

By **DAWN BREAKING**
Staff Reporter

Sparkle, sparkle, sparkle.
Glittering vampires, hormonal teenagers and depressed werewolves take stage in Highline’s spring production of *Twilight! The Musical*.
“The idea for the musical came to me in a dream I had where Edward Cullen was confessing his desire to kill Bella Swan in a song,” said Robert Nightfall, the director of the play. “I took that as a sign because the author of the book *Twilight*, Stephanie Meyer, said that her idea for the book came to her in a dream.”
Nightfall said that once he woke up from the dream, he spent the next half hour writing the songs and script.
“It didn’t take me long to write the script. When you are creating something so brilliant, it just flows out of you,” Nightfall said.
The musical focuses on the love story of a vampire named Edward Cullen and teenage human Bella Swan.
“It’s really a beautiful story about love, necrophilia, and how hard it is to be an average teenager,” Nightfall said. “I put all four books into one musical, so it will be a long production which I’m sure will please the audience.”
The hardest part of putting together the musical was casting.
“I really wanted an actor that could leer well and who could really portray the despair Ed-



Tardar Sauce/THUNDERWORD
Thousands of hopeful women auditioned for the role of Bella Swan.

ward has because he is a vampire,” Nightfall said. “I wanted to make sure that the actor also had great hair.”
Nightfall said that he ultimately chose actor Cedric Hufflepuff.
“I knew he was Edward right when he walked in. His eyes clearly depicted the teen angst that Edward is forever stuck with as a teen vampire,” Nightfall said.
Hufflepuff has been at Highline for a year and said he is ecstatic about playing the part of Edward Cullen.
“I’ve always wanted to be a

vampire,” Hufflepuff said.
For the character of Bella Swan, Nightfall said he went through weeks of casting.
“Bella was hard to cast because the character of Bella is so complex,” Nightfall said. “Not many actors can convey as little emotion as possible while acting. It’s very difficult but necessary for the part.”
Nightfall found actor Talen Tless.
Tless said she has been at Highline for one quarter and has had no prior acting experience.
“Playing the role of Bella is

every teenage girl’s dream. Who wouldn’t want to fall in love with a cold, overprotective, sexy vampire?” she said.
Student Sam Bigabs was casted as Bella Swan’s only friend and second love, Jacob Black.
“Sam was the best choice. We had to be sure that he not only had a spectacular muscular build, but also that he could cry and mope well,” Nightfall said.
The musical will include songs personally written by Nightfall titled, *Do You Want to be a Vampire?*, *I Sparkle in the Sunlight*, *The Lion Ate the Lamb* and *You’re Like My Own Personal Brand of Heroin But Without the Side Effects*.
The hardest part of the musical has been finding the right way to portray the werewolves and their viciousness, Nightfall said.
“We ultimately chose to use Pomeranians as the werewolves because they are small but fierce,” Nightfall said.
The musical is scheduled to run every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. April 5 to April 28 on the fifth floor of the library.
Guest actors include actor Taylor Lautner who plays Jacob Black in the *Twilight* films.
“We asked Robert Pattinson to make a guest appearance but he is unable to, however Taylor said now that the *Twilight* movies have ended, he needs the money and plans to make an appearance as an extra,” Nightfall said.

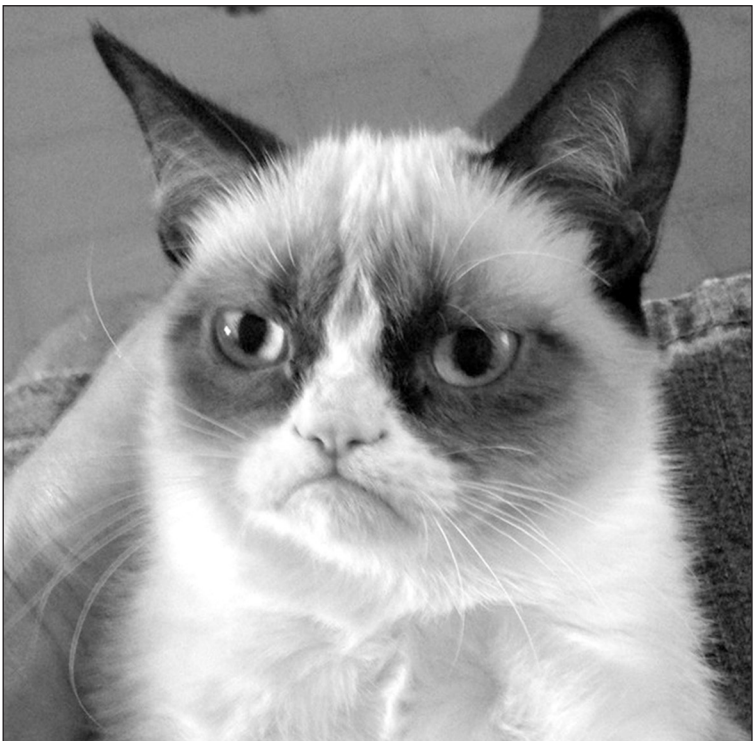
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New class will create iconic memeries

By **KURT HUMMEL**
Staff Reporter

Highline is offering a class on the art of creating memes.
The curriculum focuses on composing painstakingly funny and iconic memes that can rake in profit.
The name of the class is “Memism: The Art of Memery.”
Guest speakers include the Grumpy Cat, the overly attached girlfriend, and many more.
“Memeries is an entertaining class that allows students to reflect on the numerous political and cultural phenomena that are happening right now through memes,” said Phineas Binwin, professor of Memeries.
Binwin said that he was concerned that not enough students are signing up for the classes, which could mean that Memeries will be dropped altogether, even before it takes off.
“This is a very useful way to look at pop culture with a critical eye,” he said. “It’s like examining an Andy Warhol painting.”

There are no prerequisites for Memeries, but Binwin said it is helpful to attend lectures with an open mind and a sense of humor.
“Students are sure to have a good time in my class,” said Binwin.
Some students are rather amused by the idea, but most of them are hesitant on actually registering for the class.
“I just don’t know if four-year universities will look at Memeries and say ‘Oh that’s really impressive,’” said Highline student Tom Ato.
Memeries will meet random studies requirements.
To complicate matters, the instructor of Memeries said that prospective students must perform a commencement ceremony before being fully admitted into the class.
The ceremony includes attending the first day of class wearing a fur and participating a flash mob. The music selection is rumored to be Macklemore’s *Thrift Shop*.
The professor said he would



La Bamba/THUNDERWORD
Grumpy Cat first refused to lecture at Highline. He later agreed to the job, because he believes everyone should revel in his grumpiness.

determine a student’s final grade by examining the number of times people have shared a student’s meme on the Internet.
“This is insane,” said Highline student Louis Deschanel.

“But I really want to join the class; it sounds really fun.”

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Men’s lingerie football team holds tryouts

Team seeks players with game and the right look

By **CHRIS MADDEN**
Staff Reporter

If you are a man who plays football and enjoys wearing women’s lingerie, come try out for Highline’s new men’s lingerie football team.

Tryouts started on Monday, March 25 and go until Friday, April 5.

This new sport came to Highline after “the strong desire for a new sport and the recent popularity of lingerie football,” Highline Assistant Athletic Director Jerry Maguire said.

However, only men showed up for tryouts.

“I saw a bulletin for lingerie football tryouts and decided to just go and watch the tryouts, but no women showed up,” Willie Beamen said. “With no women coming out, I decided that I would give it a shot. Steamy Willie Beamen looks fine in women’s lingerie.”

Beamen played quarterback for the Miami Sharks, a community college team in Miami. After being deemed “uncoachable” and only interested in fame, he decided to transfer to Highline, hoping for a fresh start here and an addition of a football team.

With the high attendance of men at the tryouts, Maguire



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Willie Beamen poses before a recent football practice at Highline.

decided to officially declare the team as a men’s lingerie football team and named them the Thongbirds.

He also announced Marty Daniels as the head coach for the Thongbirds.

Daniels, a former NFL coach, previously was the head coach for the Blue Mountain State Mountain Goats. He stepped

down after last season when his team was given the death penalty for major NCAA violations.

“So far, Willie is looking like he has a strong chance to be my starting quarterback,” Daniels said.

Another favorite to make the Thongbirds is outside linebacker Charles Jefferson.

A Highline booster gave Jef-

erson a Mustang last month. It was totaled last week by what seems to be players from the Green River men’s lingerie football team.

However, there has been a rumor floating around that Jefferson’s little brother and a friend took it out for a ride while Jefferson was out of town.

“We’re hoping to take advan-

tage for Jefferson’s rage against Green River with us playing them twice this season,” Daniels said.

To bring some experience to his roster, Daniels has talked Professor Rico into trying out for the Thongbirds.

“He’ll be backing up Willie and will provide that veteran leadership that we need on the team,” Daniels said.

Rico, or his nickname “Uncle Rico,” teaches Film Studies at Highline. He played as quarterback for his high school football team and led them to the state championship.

He had the opportunity to win the championship, but his last second Hail Mary pass was intercepted. On that play he tore his shoulder muscle, which ended his hopes of playing college football.

“I am thankful to get the opportunity to showcase my ability to play,” Rico said. “I bet I can throw a ball over the Cascade Mountains right now.”

To add an explosive playmaker to the roster, Daniels has brought in Leon Sandcastle, who somehow still has college eligibility left.

“Teams said they wouldn’t draft me because they think I’m Deion Sanders. Deion wishes he was as good as Leon,” Sandcastle said. “Leon also looks way better wearing women’s lingerie than Deion would.”

The Thongbirds have some positions filled but are still looking for more people to try out, Maguire said.

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Mole-ball team prepares to dig deep for glory

By **TRENCH TAPPERSON**
Turf Reporter

Highline’s mole-ball team reports that it is ready to dig in for the spring season.

“We’re ready to get down and dirty,” said the team’s coach, Ed “Digger” Burrows.

“It’s easier in the spring because the ground is softer,” said team captain David Tunnell. “It’s just tough to get going.”

Burrows said the rocky nature of Highline’s campus soil – lots of glacial till scattered across 80 acres – gives the ThunderMoles, as they like to call themselves, something of a home-field advantage.

“We’ve built our game around dogged, straight-ahead digging,” said Coach Burrows.

That makes it harder for a team with sandy soil, such as Lower Columbia, to score when they’re used to fairly quick digs and easy scores.

“Then again, when we play there, we have to remember to



Park Josephson/THUNDERWORD

Members of the mole-ball team engage in a pre-dig chant before practice.

get up to speed,” Burrows said.

Highline was scheduled to play Whatcom to start the sea-

son, but their team appears to have disappeared into the San Juan Subduction Zone over

spring break, Burrows said.

“They dug wrong,” Burrows said. “You’ve really got to be

careful down there.”

Highline lawn manager Bob Greenbelt expressed concern over the team’s disruption of campus grounds.

“They leave too many big hills,” Greenbelt said. “I know this is a sanctioned activity, but it’s disrupting grounds maintenance all over campus.”

Burrows said the price is worth it.

“Who does he think he is, the lawn arranger? This is a great sport. You can play it any time of day. All you need is dirt and a ball.”

Burrows said the team has been training as part of the waterfront tunnel project in Seattle after an aborted practice session in Black Diamond.

“I told the kids, ‘I said goal – not coal.’ It wasn’t a big explosion, anyway,” he said.

“We just love to dig,” said Team Captain Tunnell. “It’s

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