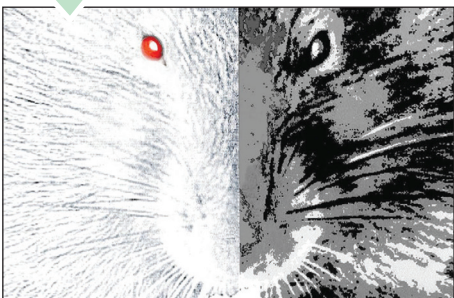


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# Building 26 parking garage to open

**By Michelin Mann**  
Staff Reporter

Highline's new underground parking garage will open this week.

As a part of recent renovations on Building 26, the new 200-car garage will soon open to the public. The space is the first underground lot that Highline has had in over a decade.

Highline Director of Underground Management Tracy Chapman said Highline has not had an underground parking garage since the 2009 recession, when it was closed due to budget constraints. The space where the former parking garage was located, under Building 25, was renovated and turned in to the Highline Aquatic Center.

Chapman said that the new garage is top of the line, and no expense was spared when designing the space.

"It has all of the bells and whistles you look for in a parking garage," he said.

Chapman said the garage is equipped with self-park parking spaces, which will allow drivers to park their cars with a push of a button. And students will also have the opportunity to design their own space.

"The parking spaces are customizable, which will allow stu-



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*The underground parking garage is the last step in the renovation of Building 26.*

dents to be creative and express themselves," he said. "We want students to make the parking spaces their own."

But Chapman said there will be a tradeoff. While the Building 26 garage will open soon, Highline plans on closing the East Parking Lot.

Chapman said that it had been 20 years since it had undergone a major renovation, and that the space was "simply out of date."

"Parking technology changes fast," he said.

Chapman said he hopes the new garage will help minimize the disturbance caused by the change.

"We anticipate students using the new garage with ease, which will help limit the impact of the closure for students," he said.

While Highline considered temporarily closing the parking lot, Chapman said this plan

simply wasn't feasible. All cars must be removed from the lot by 5 p.m. on April 2, or they will be permanently stored in the lot.

Chapman said that while there are no definitive plans for the extra space where the East Lot was previously located, he hopes the space will be utilized so staff and faculty can enjoy the spring weather.

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# Candidates to debate at Highline

**By Muy Caliente**  
Staff Reporter

To the students that said they were going to vote but did the exact opposite, now is your chance to see the presidential candidates in person.

Presidential nominees Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, and Donald Trump will be visiting Highline on April 22 at noon in Building 7.

The three candidates will tackle a variety of topics such as climate change, student debt, and health care.

Due to the number of limited seats, students will have the option to view the debate via livestream on Twitter or the official Highline website.

"I think it's an amazing opportunity to have the candidates visit Highline. That way, if any students are still undecided, they can make a decision before November," Highline student Filda Burne said.

"I already know who I'm going to vote for, but it'll be

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# Administrators move with closing of Building 99



Art Grimm/THUNDERWERD  
*Tents have already begun to go up in the East Parking Lot.*

**By Igby Aspen**  
Staff Reporter

Building 99 will be closed for Spring Quarter and all employees inside will be moved to temporary facilities in the East parking lot.

While moving has already begun, transitions won't be finished until mid-May.

In place of the rooms, each staff member will receive a designated area with a tent on it.

"We had to make a few cuts, and there's the added bonus of

this providing the employees with an outdoorsy, fun, campy feel," said Basil Hawke, coordinator of the move. "But campfires are not permitted."

However, anyone hoping to melt together some s'mores or cook a hot dog will be permitted to do so using the microwave in Building 8, Hawke said.

"The fresh air's nice, although I've had to layer on a few coats a day," said Smokey Rivers, one staff member already placed in the lot.

"They've been duct taping

sections off for everybody's area. Mine's about four by four feet," Rivers said.

Others currently in their designated spots have found ways to make the atmosphere a bit cozier.

"I managed to squeeze a recliner, mini-fridge, and portable heater into my square," said staff member Fleur Dagwood. "But the tent does bump the top of my head when I'm reclining

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# Highline turns to debates in search for new VP

By Lil' Boss  
and Wally Monroe  
Staff Reporters

Finalists for Highline's new vice president of academic change are taking aim at each other in a series of debates that will continue this month.

"We decided to go to debates as opposed to the usual forums because, frankly, those are boring," said Chummy Chandler, associate underdirector of Human Potential at Highline. "I mean, how many times can you hear somebody talk about 'thoughtful, strategic, wholistic, proactive, progressive, synergistic paradigms' before you want to hurt yourself?"

The three finalists engaged in their first debate last week in Building 7. From the beginning, the finalists questioned each other's qualifications for the job.

"I read your dissertation, and it's dull," said one finalist, Dr. Guido Pathway.

"At least I wrote one," re-



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Finalists for Highline's new vice president for academic change include Dr. Oxford Cambridge, left, Dr. Ione D'Anguish and Dr. Guido Pathway.

sponded another finalist, Dr. Oxford Cambridge.

"You only became an administrator because you were such a bad teacher," said the third finalist, Dr. Ione D'Anguish.

All of the finalists said they are committed to change, but promised to approach it in different ways.

"A lot of folks say, 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it,'" said Dr. Cambridge. "But I say, fix it until it breaks. Then you know you've got something."

Dr. Pathway had a different perspective.

"A lot of people don't like change," he said. "But I like change. I like the way it jin-

gles in my pocket. You hear that sound? That's the music of progress."

Dr. D'Anguish took a different approach.

"We've got to be agents of change, you know, like change agents," she said. "The great thing about change is that it never stays the same. That's why

I embrace change, but only in a wholistic, strategic, progressive, synergistic and proactive way."

That provoked a response from Dr. Cambridge.

"You see, you're not thoughtful," he said. "If you look at Dr. D'Anguish's record on Hate-myprofessor.com you'll see that students consistently ranked her low on the thoughtfulness scale."

Dr. Pathway chimed in.

"Thoughtfulness is next to mindfulness, and that adds up to creative destruction on a system-wide scale," he said. "I think this is what we need to keep in mind."

Nonetheless, Dr. D'Anguish is leading in the polls on who will be the next vice president for academic change.

In the latest polling data, she is favored by 17 percent of respondents, trailing "what?" (49 percent) and "who?" (18 percent), but leading Dr. Cambridge (9 percent) and Dr. Pathway (7 percent) in a survey of Highline students.

## Complaint filed over failed course

A fraud complaint has been filed over a failed Winter Quarter course.

"Before I took the course, a buddy of mind told me it was simple," said John Dope, the student.

Half of the classwork was completed on time, Dope said. "I showed up at least one-third of the time. I just don't understand it."

The professor had a great rating on hatemyprofessor.com, therefore it should have been an easy grade, Dope said.

"I began to complain after the registrar told me I needed the class to get my AA within six years," Dope said. "I just really don't like when professors hold students to standards that could fail them."

Public Safety was unavailable for comment.



## Property reported missing

A student's property went missing yesterday.

"It was the best pencil I've ever had," the victim said. "It was next to me on the table one moment, I turned away, then it was gone."

This is the fourth instance of a missing pencil reported this week. It is unknown whether there is a serial thief or if these are unrelated incidents.

The item is described as a No. 2 Ticonderoga pencil, slightly brown in color.

"I'd say it's somewhere between yellow and brown," the student said.

Public Safety was unavailable for comment.

## Student reports losing self-respect

A student has lost their self-respect at the end of Winter Quarter.

"I was sitting in the quiet floor of the library, studying for my algebra final when I last had it," the anonymous student said.

Later in the afternoon the self-respect was gone, she said.

"I just don't know, I went to the final, then as I was heading home, it was nowhere to be found," she said.

She reported it missing to Public Safety. They have been diligent in their investigation and incredibly responsive, she said.

Public Safety was unavailable for comment.

## Housing reduces homeless, study finds

A new study by the Federal Way Mayor's Commission on Homelessness finds that community members with homes are less likely to be homeless.

"I've had a home my entire life," said John Torres, vice secretary of the commission. "My home is the only thing keeping me from not having a home."

The study finds that 100 percent of people with homes do not lack them, and 100 percent of people without homes, do.

"We stand behind the findings of this study," said Tom Homebody, head researcher for the study.

Some community members say the study may be flawed.

"I don't know, I just think that there may be some discrepancies in these findings," said Taylor Land, a longtime homeowner and local realtor.

Others however agree with the findings.

"Makes sense to me," said Patricia Tent, while looking to rent a home.

## Committee to study committees

The Highline Committee to Form Committees has formed a subcommittee to decide what committees are needed to fit students' committee needs.

"We feel the committee needs of students are essential to the success of student committees," said Mary Pajama, president of Highline's Committee to Form Committees, and chairperson



of the subcommittee on committee decision making.

The subcommittee on committee decisions were approved by the committee on subcommittees at last Friday's committee meeting.

The subcommittee will look into which student committees are essential to committee success when making new committees.

## Internet cafe plans grand opening

The Highline internet café, Thunderbytes, had its soft opening on Monday.

"We hope to hold a grand opening of the café in the near future," said Cookie Webb, the new manager of the café.

The online café will serve pictures of foods such as green beans, baked potatoes, chicken strips, and four different kinds of burgers. Images of fries will cost extra.

"We will be altering our menu periodically as we learn what the community desires and enjoys," Webb said.

The café hopes to incorporate the newest technologies into its high-class serving styles.

"Within the year we plan to incorporate scratch and sniff technology to the menu items," she said. "We have been working closely with tech developer Amasoft on this new feature," she said.

Students can visit the café at <https://bit.ly/39MQb1a> to see menu options, prices, and hours.

## Power moves to be explored

A quarterly seminar will be held at Highline on successful use of power moves by Dr. John Mosby, president of Highline.

"Mosby's Power Hour will cover general power moves such as power stances, power walking, and stern looks," said Janice Handler, Dr. Mosby's Power Hour representative. "He will also focus on specific power moves such as keeping giant checks on the wall of your office."

The seminar will give community members an opportunity to use their power in effective ways, Handler said.

The seminar will be held quarterly at a time to be determined by Dr. Mosby's Power Hour office.

## FW campus to go online

Highline has decided that its Federal Way campus will be offered online.

College officials said they couldn't find a good location, so they thought this was best.



# ‘RATS!’ to scurry on stage

**By Millium Speareshake**  
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Drama Department will debut **RATS! The Musical** this Spring Quarter.

**RATS! The Musical** is about a group of rats as they search for a better life. However, all but one of the rats will achieve their dreams.

“This all-but-one happy ending is what makes this musical so unique,” said Miya Rotte, a drama professor at Highline.

“The audience learns about all the characters and gets attached to them. But in the end, one of the members of the group is left alone in the world,” Rotte said.

“It’s sad but good. You have to see it to really understand it,” said Aliah Cezar, the female lead in the musical.

It’s not the happiest of endings, but “just because we say it’s the end, doesn’t mean there isn’t more left to say,” Rotte said.

Rotte said she has faith that Highline’s production of **RATS! The Musical** will do well, even with its unique storyline.

“It’s fun, enticing, and overall a good musical,” said Evan Warai, the male lead in the musical.

The actors will look like rats and dance to many different



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*Actor Roe Dent warms up for her big number, Where’s My Cheese? at a recent rehearsal of RATS! The Musical.*

genres of music.  
Highline’s Thunder Symphony will be playing the score



*Members of the Highline Thunder Symphony rehearse in costume.*

for the musical, and the Highline Costume Department, a smaller section of the Drama Department, is making the costumes.

Members from the Costume Department said they have been working hard on making the costumes as realistic as possible.

“After weeks of work, the costumes look and feel like real rats,” said Zachariah Gondol, a costume design professor at Highline.

However, some of the actors are “a little too comfortable in them [costumes],” Gondol said.

“I like wearing the costume, it makes me feel more furry,” said an actor who asked to remain anonymous.

Other than these “interesting side effects of theater,” Gondol said things are going well in the Costume Department.

Students in the Drama Department have worked for weeks to put on the musical and their efforts will soon pay off.

“The students in the Drama Department love the musical and are excited to be performing it,” Rotte said.

“Though not many people like rats,” Rotte said, “after watching this musical you will see them in a different light.”

Highline’s Drama Department will open its doors for **RATS! The Musical** to the public starting April 3 at 5 p.m. in the Building 20 theater space.

## Students skeptical of mime speech course

**By Chuck Johnson**  
Staff Reporter

Highline will offer a public speaking class Spring Quarter taught by mime professor Mandy Marcene.

This class will offer a much quieter, less traditional approach for students hoping to improve their communication skills.

Some students are having mixed feelings about this new class.

“I had a friend who took a class with Mandy last year, but she said the silence just made things awkward,” said student Bea Quiet. “The teaching style didn’t really work for her, so I don’t know how I’ll enjoy it.”

However, Quiet said she still plans to take the class, as she needs a communication credit and this is the only course that aligns with her schedule.

To prepare, Quiet is checking out a book on miming in order to gain some understanding of the language before taking the class.

Marcene declined to comment verbally on what the class may look like, but was able to share several things in mime.

“The course is designed for students who aren’t interested in verbal communication,” mimed Marcene. “I hope I can teach them the power of body language.”

Some question how Marcene is still able to teach at Highline, considering the number of students who leave her class feeling confused, and claim they’ve learned nothing.

“I don’t understand why Mandy still teaches here,” said student Noh Kydding. “I took one of her classes last quarter and it was impossible to hear what she was saying. If you don’t speak mime, you have no chance of passing the class.”

Nevertheless, Marcene mimed that she’s excited for this opportunity.

“I never thought I’d be able to teach something like this,” she said. “This is a step in the right direction for mimes everywhere.”

If you or someone you know is interested in taking Marcene’s class next quarter, there’s still time to register. The item number is CMST 232.

# Art class has freakishly big eyes for anime

**By Miss Eliza Bennett**  
Staff Reporter

Those looking for a more kawaii way of expressing themselves should look no further than at Highline’s new Anime Girl Drawing class.

The class came into fruition due to popular demand for the subject matter.

“In my regular classes, I’d try to get my students to do art projects on nature, animals, something sweet,” said art professor Eren Yumi. “All they ever drew were anime girls. So, I figured, why not teach them to at least draw them right?”

Students who plan to transfer

to art schools are encouraged to take the class.

“Thousands of students across the country have anime girls in their portfolios,” said admissions adviser Armin Elric. “Why not have yours be a step above the rest?”

“I’ve been drawing anime girls on my own for years,” said Highline student Alex Hughes. “I have several pieces of anime girls in my portfolio. I’m excited to hone my craft and learn new poses.”

The class is not just for art student. Fans of anime are welcome to take the class to learn how to draw their favorite anime girls, said Yumi.

The class will start by teach-

ing students how to draw generic anime girls, and by the end of the class, students will be able to draw all of their favorite anime girls.

Highline student Roy Katsuki is excited to take the class.

“Nice,” he said.

The class will be offered in Japanese with English subtitles in person, or as a hybrid class with Yumi’s voice dubbed over by anime voice actor Taliesin Jaffe for online lectures.

“I’m so excited to be working with Jaffe,” Yumi said. “It’s been a really easy process. I just send him the video of the lecture in Japanese with the translation in English and he records the translation for me.”

Only time will tell which version of the class will be better.

The Anime Club lobbied hard for the class.

“We’re just so happy our work has payed off,” said representative of the Anime Club, Denki Sawamura said. “We’ve been asking for the class for as long as I’ve been a student here.”

The final for the class will be making a body pillow with the student’s favorite anime girl on it, using the print shop’s new fabric printer.

“Finally, we can cuddle with our favorite anime girls,” Katsuki said. “No more blurry knock offs from DeviantArt and Pirate Bay.”



Cricket team ready for new season

By Ralph O’Cahn  
Staff Reporter

Highline’s cricket team is ready for action against Cornish College of the Arts, today at 7:11 p.m.

Home games will be played at the Starfire Sports Complex until Highline’s new cricket stadium is completed. The stadium will be built on the current site of Building 99.

Head Coach Jameson O’Riley McFinnegan says that he is optimistic about the season ahead.

“I’m optimistic about the season ahead,” he said.

William MacDuff, ace bowler for the Thunderbirds shares his coach’s enthusiasm.

“Hopefully we can get this over in a timely manner, I don’t want to miss *Jeopardy* tonight,” he said.

Cricket, similar to baseball, is a sport played with a ball. It was invented by Joseph W Cricket in 1988 when he tried to play tennis and baseball at the same time.

It was approved by the NWAC last year, with Highline to begin play in spring of 2020.

McFinnegan says the key to beating Cornish is to be better at playing cricket that they are at playing cricket.



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*Highlien captain Ruppert Calendar celebrates a successful inning in a recent test.*

“If we score more points or runs or whatever it is called than they do, we will be able to win. But it’s more than just a matter of scoring the most points: we have to also try to keep them from scoring points using our defense,” he said.

McFinnegan’s strategy has a long track record of winning. In 2004, he led Devry University to their first championship against the University of Phoenix On-line.

He then went on to own a few video rental stores before being hired as head coach at Highline College last week.

Assistant coach Patrick O’Neal says that the team will also be utilizing a strategy similar to that of the Houston Astros, but could not comment any further on the subject.

The season opener against Cornish will be at Starfire Sports Complex in Tukwila.

Croquet, crochet teams get tangled

By McLovin Sunday  
Staff Reporter

Confusion reigned last week when Highline’s croquet and crochet teams showed up at the same place at the same time for their opening spring tournaments.

“Everything just unraveled,” said crochet Coach Pearl Kneedle.

“It was a sticky wicket,” agreed croquet coach Bob Mallett.

Apparently the two teams had each schedule their tournaments on the greensward of the soccer fields east of campus.

“Why do they need so much room?” asked croquet team member Jimmy Hoops.

“Competitive crocheting is more than just knitting,” said the crochet team captain, Carl Slipstitch.

Nonetheless, the two teams decided to make the best of the situation. While crochet team members worked their magic, croquet team members played through.

Any croquet team member on the course was simply regarded as a hazard, while croquet players’ shirts were ruled fair game for any crocheter who needed extra yard.

“It made me kind of crochety,” said one croquet player who asked not to be named.

“Still, I got a nice doily out of the match.”

“We had a real stake in this outcome,” said croquet Coach Mallett. “We had to jump through some hoops to make it happen.”

“Although it had me in stitches, nobody’s going to believe this down the road,” said croquet Coach Kneedle. “They’ll think it’s just an old yarn.”

Both Highline teams are expecting more attention this year, after years of playing in relative obscurity.

Jasmine Kutchuka, who is an experienced professional crocheter player, plans on participating this weekend.

“I’m looking forward to dominating the competition again, it was real fun last year,” she said. “Croquet, crochet, it don’t matter what it is. I might fool around and win the whole thing, sheesh.”

Fans can watch both of these Thunderbird teamss in action this Saturday at the Pavilion at 3:30 p.m.

Fencing team hopes to post winning record

By Lowe X. Pectation  
Staff Reporter

Highline’s fencing team is looking forward to a new season of competitively enclosing spaces.

“We’re ready to show what we’re made of,” said the team’s coach, Eddie Movaggio. “Whether that be wood, metal or brick, we’re ready to show and tell.”

But the team will start the season without lead fencer Wimmitt “The Foil” Swimmer, who was suspended to start the season for fencing in a random house in his neighborhood.

“That boy doesn’t know when to stop fending,” Movaggio said.

But the team still returns its strongest cyclone fencer, Calvin McChain, who last year set a record for linking multi-modal fence modes within the allotted time.

Also back is Brett Saber, who specializes in cutting down the opposing team’s fences, and Wall E. Post, one of the team’s main anchors.

Movaggio said he is looking forward to the work of Art Turnbuckle, a promising



Grape Greener/THUNDERWERD  
*Highline fencer Link Martindale warms up in practice.*

freshman, and Perry Pickett, a transfer from Borders Tech.

“People should get a charge out of his work,” Movaggio said.

Highline will play its home matches this year on Boundary Field, located on the former Midway Landfill.

“It’s got open spaces, some good rolling contours, and room to create,” said Movaggio. “I just don’t want our team to ever feel fenced in.”

“I don’t like it,” said McChain.

Chain. “With all that methane, we can’t smoke while we fence.”

Nonetheless, the team is looking forward to its first match against Home Depot University.

“They’ve got better equipment, but we’ve got the talent and the drive,” said Post. “This year, we fulfill our destiny.”

Post is among the favorites to win the Roland Mitchum “I’ll be back” sportsmanship award. In 2007, Mitchum fell down a posthole mid-match

and was never seen again.

“He’s down there somewhere,” Coach Movaggio said. “I can feel it.”

Wimmitt Swimmer agreed.

“He’ll be back,” he said. “Roland always comes back.”

The Fightin Thunderfencers are noted as one of the loudest teams in the Northwest Hardware Conference, but only the team that can throw up a fence in a hurry.

In addition to Borders Tech and HDU, other teams to look out for include the Academy of Chainlink Excellence, Cedar College of the Practical Arts, Wooden Walls State, and the Olympic Institute of Lunging.

“Those guys actually use swords,” Movaggio said of Olympic Institute.

“They show up in these white costumes with hoods and masks and they chase you around and try to poke you. It’s almost like they’re playing another sport.”

“Just whack ‘em with a crossbeam,” said Swimmer. “Pound ‘em. Crush ‘em.”

Movaggio said they hope to get Swimmer back by mid-season, giving the team a fully fenced roster.