

# Plant awakens for one day

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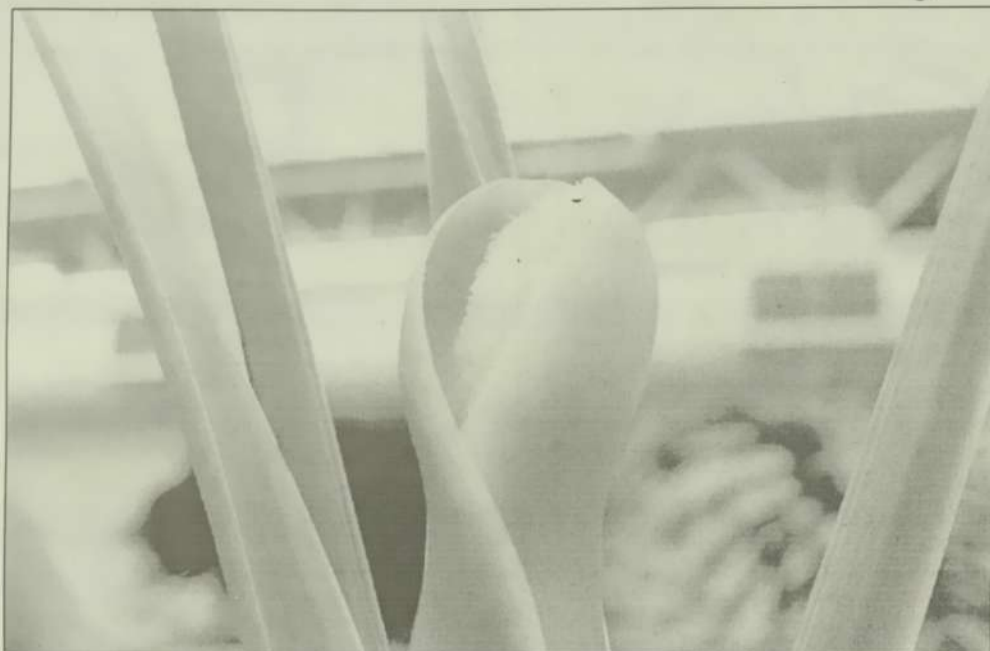
Only once a year, the Philodendron Selloum located in Pauling Center, Clackamas' biology structure, blooms for up to 48 hours before it closes up again for the rest of the year.

Last Friday the tropical plant, which is about nine inches tall and partly enveloped by a leaflike structure, once again took a peek at its environment and bloomed.

"The longest time I have ever seen the plant open was about two days," stated Bob Misely, life science instructor at Clackamas. "The plant is tropical and because of the windows and the heat from the sun, the plant probably thinks that it's time to bloom."

At first sight, the plant does not really grab ones attention, but when touching it, you will be astonished to find that it is warm. Philodendron Selloums have the ability to produce their own heat. They produce as much heat for their weight as birds and insects in flight, the greatest heat producers of all.

It is the only plant of this kind



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The Philodendron Selloum bloomed last Friday in the Pauling center. It blooms only once a year for up to 48 hours.

on campus and there is no interbreeding taking place.

"There must be some kind of special beetle that helps to interbreed," explained Misely.

The plant closed up again Sat-

urday after having exposed its blossom for only one day.

"I tried to take my Saturday class to Pauling and show them the plant but it was already too late," said Misely.

If you missed the special occasion too, you will have to wait until next year to see the flower of the plant that not only blooms just once a year, but also produces its own heat.

## THE CLACKAMAS PRINT Search: 'An impressive group of candidates'

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"How I selected my top candidates were by seeing their experience and student involvement," said Rachael Locke, student panel member. "I picked people I could tell exemplified Keyser's skills."

"It was an impressive group of candidates," said Karen Stone, director of customized training and development services, who served as a panel member. "I was really impressed with the amount of experience applicants showed in their applications and letters of recommendations."

"I think that the top four finalists are great people," said Locke. "It will be a tough choice as to which one will be picked."

The board of education meets tonight to discuss further process of candidates. According to Suzy Alexander, assistant to president, a new president will be announced by May 1.

**Editors note:** Look in next weeks edition of *The Print* for forum comments from other candidates.

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### Student Poll

## What quality would you like to see in the new college president?



"I guess I would like to see vision."

Will Skeet



"He should be morally strong and have kindness in his heart."

Erik Ring

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"I think honesty is the most important quality."

Becky Messer



"I think it's important that he interacts with the students."

Michael Kuebler



"The new college president should be moral."

Laura Baggett

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