Rugen, Sedano win

308 students set all-time high turn-out for elections

By Candace Peterson

The Associated Students of Highline Community College (ASHCC) presidential candidates Jon Rugan and Raul Sedano were declared winners on Nov. 14 after a record turnout of 308 students. The Associated Student government offices were located at the main campus and the HCC Center in Federal Way.

Debating at the ASHCC elections on Oct. 23, 2001, Rugan and Sedano discussed their campaign platforms in a debate moderated by ASHCC vice president of administration and elections coordinator Steve Phinney.

Rugan: I am a Highline student who has been involved in student government for three years. I am currently the ASHCC vice president of administration and elections coordinator. I have a lot of experience in the role I am running for.

Sedano: I am a Highline student and I have been involved in student government for two years. I am currently the ASHCC president.

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Campus Life

By Shannon Stroud
Staff Reporter

Former gang counselor joins Highline

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"It was like losing a son and no parent should have to bury a child," Greenfield said.

In his work with teenagers, Greenfield thought of himself as wanting to be the friend, detective, sociologist, and parent who could guide them down the right road. If the kids took a wrong turn, it was a humbling experience for Greenfield, and he realized there was more work to do.

"Doing too much takes away all their power," Greenfield said.

He sees similar student issues at Highline that he saw in his past schools, however, the violence and pressure to sell drugs was more severe in Chicago.

"Not many people experience some of the things that I saw," he said.

He is very impressed with Highline, as he sees a dedicated student government. He feels Highline is "by far the most welcoming place to be" of all the other schools he has been.

"You are excited to develop relationships with Highline students and give them the opportunity to empower themselves.

"There is just a special moment when the light bulb goes on in a student," he said.

Greenfield takes a time-out to take a call in his office.

Prior to Highline, he worked in Chicago in youth programs that focused on tutoring students and helping them with college preparation and the attitudes and skills they need for success. He also worked part-time at community colleges and universities teaching sociology. Greenfield came to Seattle to teach full-time and gain a new experience.

One of the most intriguing things students find with Greenfield is that he worked with some gang members in his programs in Chicago. He helped them to figure out their direction in life.

"They just want to know you care," Greenfield said.

A misconception Greenfield found in Chicago was that people often times believe that gang members are malicious kids. In reality they are "kids with big hearts who just need opportunities," he said.

He found himself building friendships with his students, and developed a father-son relationship with one young man, who was killed.

Thunder Word

News Briefs

No school tomorrow

No classes will be held Friday, Oct. 24 because of Staff and Faculty Professional Day. The Library will also be closed.

Transfer fair upstairs in Building 8 today

More than 20 representatives from Washington four-year colleges and universities will be present to answer transfer questions today from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Building 8.

Club officers training session offered tomorrow

All club officers and representatives are invited for free pizza from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the student lounge on Friday, Oct. 24. Although there are no classes, a training workshop is being offered to train club officers about planning events, policies and fundraising. For more information, contact Moira Windon at ext. 3215.

Candy contest starts next week in Building 8

Win $20 by guessing how many pieces of candy are in the jar in Building 8. The contest will run during the week of Oct. 27-31.

The winner will be announced at noon at the hypnotist show in Building 7 on Oct. 31 and need not be present to win. Guesses may be made from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8-11 a.m. on Friday in Building 8.

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size a major project per quarter.

The new candidates, both members of Highline's wrestling team, are settling into the office in Building 8 even though they are not expected to arrive until some time today.

"I'm getting oriented with student government," Ragan said. Ragan plans for the upcoming year include trying to get more lights for night students.

Ragan is also looking at setting up open-mike poetry reading nights.

Sedano would like to see messages flashing across an electronic reader board in Building 8 before the year is out.

"There is an electronic reader board on a upstairs in Building 8, but it's in a spot where no one notices it," Sedano said.

The outdated music in the theater is also on Sedano's to-do list. He plans on distributing a survey to find out what students would like to hear in the future.

Gerhardt is talking about having a scanner election next quarter that includes passing out scanners in classrooms and flyers to represent everybody's platforms to increase the number of voters.

He also suggested a campaigning time of one month instead of three weeks.

Security on Campus

Theft in the library.

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By Brandon Grooms

Highline President Edward M. Command thinks Central Washington University would be better off relocating to Federal Way.

If Central chooses to work with Highline, two options may become readily available to them, one of which includes the expansion of Highline's Federal Way campus.

The other option is to con-
mingle their funds with Highline's to build an 80,000 square foot facility, shared by Highline and Central, in an attempt to meld two-hundred-four-year programs.

Command feels this could be a great opportunity to help students in their transition from two-year to four-year college courses here on Highline's campus. Building would take place around the year 2001.

Command also feels this could be a possibility to help Central's students in their transition from two-year to four-year college programs, and also improve them for the demand and curriculum of a four-year university.

Highline would be more than willing, and would prefer to accommodate Central and their needs. "We are committed to working with Central Washington University," Command said.

For nearly the past 20 years, Central Washington University has been spread out into three branches (apart from its main campus in Ellensburg), including the Lynnwood, Puyallup, and SeaTac areas.

Highline's School District closed Glacier High School in the early 1980s because of noise from nearby Sea-Tac International Airport, but later leased part of the facility to Central.

Central now faces the possibility of not getting its lease renewed due to the complications of air traffic noise. That is coupled with the Sea-Tac branch's need to expand.

Central, as a result, is looking for a new location to expand its satellite schools, said Robert B. Edington, administrator of Central Washington University Poulsbo Sound Campuses.

Central has hired a Torg Corporation consultant to help choose from the 12 sites they are looking at. "The consultant has a Dec. 15 deadline," Edington said.

Central's board of directors will make their decision by the first of next year, Edington said.

Other sites include Green River Community College and two properties currently held by the Weyerhaeuser Corporation.

By Ira Cornell

Staff Reporter

The Highline Medical Group College Health Center is open to assist the students, staff, and members of the community.

The center is located next to the security office in Building 5, and was closed for nine months between 1995 and 1996.

In 1996, the college began leasing the space to the Highline Medical Group since the college no longer wished to operate the center.

The center is run by three employees. Polly Halpern is the nurse practitioner, Dr. Kalamko G. Vasavda is the medical director, and Pam Hill is the medical assistant.

The center offers a comprehensive array of health care services, including immunizations, health screenings, sports physicals, free pregnancy tests, and comprehensive exams, such as pap smears, are available.

Treatment for colds, fevers and muscle strains are also available. If you have an after-hours medical concern, call 878-3710 ext. 3258, and a message will prompt you to further help.

The clinic works on a walk-in basis only and the center averages 25 visits a day.

The best time to come is early in the morning. If we open because it is slow and we are not busy," Halpern said.

For evening students attending the college, Halpern suggests trying to go in the morning, or on Mondays when the center is open later.

The Highline health clinic is open Monday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The center also offers free condoms, Halpern said, to those who ask for them.

"Don't be shy," she said.

A three months supply of birth control pills will be given to women who get a pap smear. After that, a prescription may be provided.

Occupational programs work for students

By Lindsay Morishima

Staff Reporter

Highline's occupational education programs have a bright future ahead of them. At any given time, 25 to 30 percent of students at Highline are enrolled in its occupational education programs.

Highline provides the highest quality of education for job training and occupational programs that exist anywhere, said Robert Eley, dean of occupational programs.

Not only do Highline boast some of the best programs in the region but possibly in the country. Part of the reason is the strong relationship between the local business community and Highline.

Businesses let Highline know what they need out of graduates and help by donating money, equipment, and finding good instructors.

"One of our goals is to continue serving the needs of business people in the area as well as students," Eley said.

After finishing a two-year program, 85 percent of the graduates have jobs with a year, and 8 percent go on to other schools. Average salaries are also very competitive.

"Some of our graduates are making more money with their two-year degrees than people who have similar four-year degrees," said Eley.

Currently, the occupational education department is working to restructure their curriculum to keep programs as up-to-date as possible and to phase out the less popular programs.

Highline has added some new programs, including interactive media, freight forwarding and a hotel and tourism program.

Many programs have internships so students can get a feel for the chosen career. Twenty advisory programs are also available to keep students focused.

"What I strive for is to have the best programs possible," Eley said.

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Editorial

Parking woes eased by Metro GoPass

Parking problems at Highline could get better with the addition of the Metro GoPass. Metro is in the works of making Highline a hub for its buses, and would then offer Highline students the choice of purchasing a $10 pass, which would give them three months of free travel on all Metro routes. The Metro GoPass would give students an efficient and very economical way of traveling to and from school. Metro is also planning on expanding its service throughout King County and including more direct routes to Highline College.

Just simply offering the GoPass to students isn’t enough incentive for them to take advantage of it. Certain changes should be made by the school to further encourage use of the GoPass.

For starters, the school should raise the amount of money charged for parking violations. Right now, the fine given for parking tickets is $5. This has proven to be a weak parking violation deterrent. Parking fines need to be expensive enough so students will obey and follow all parking regulations.

It would not be unreasonable to consider new parking fines of $25. Fines of this caliber would greatly reduce the amount of students purposely parking in restricted spots in hopes of dodging a pocket-change fine. In fact, parking fines upwards of $50 are not unreasonable.

The school should also consider raising the prices of parking passes. Increasing the prices of parking passes would, incidentally, lower the demand for these passes. That would cause more students to find an alternative way to school.

In addition to the raised parking pass price, a special Midway parking pass should be administered at a discounted rate. This would encourage students to purchase the cheaper Midway pass, instead of the more expensive main lot pass.

With these new changes in parking prices and tickets, students will be more inclined to debate which method of travel would better suit them, as well as force students to park in the designated spots only, or take the bus.

Team Highline is poised for success

It’s halfway through the quarter and Team Highline is off and running with winning victories, such as Comedy Cafe and Men of Highline.

Team Highline, which has taken over the role of the Events Board this year, has already set the pace for the year with Holdings of Highline. The event was a chance for students to meet student government officers and chat about what they would like to see done this year.

The team also resurrected Comedy Cafe, one of the most successful events at the college. The cafe is one of the few chances that people of all ages can go and see a comedy without having to go to a bar or pay an arm and a leg.

Though the Maa Cool Concert Series fizzled out, it could easily take off. One quick way to do this would be to put up a flyer asking students what bands or type of music they would like to see at Highline.

The upcoming Men of Highline and Club Highline dance seem to be sure things. Men of Highline, a fashion/beauty pageant open to all men on campus, has already attracted more than 40 entrants.

Team Highline has brought some good events to the college. Let’s hope they keep it up over the rest of the year.

Letters to the Editor

Men of Highline, not just a pretty face

Dear Editor,

I am writing to clarify my Oct. 16 report about Team Highline’s Men of Highline Pageant and Calendar. First of all, I object to the title “Beefcake Buffet.” Because the program is not focused on “beefcake” looks or men “strutting their stuff.” As vice president of administration, I am responsible for coordinating all student elections. I am of the philosophy that student government is here so that students have a voice on campus. I am particularly trying to establish a formal committee to pick the pageant winners, but also include interdisciplinary members.

The purpose of the program is for male students at Highline to participate in an event that will give them an opportunity to display their presentational skills, public speaking and to articulate their understanding of important social issues. Of course the event will be fun and entertaining, but judging the brawn of students is not its purpose. Participants will be asked questions about their future goals, values, thoughts on family and relationships, as well as knowledge of current events.

As vice president of administration, I have many responsibilities. I am the appointed chairman of the Associated Council meetings, which compiles all the student leaders of clubs and organizations on campus. My goal for the season is to promote better campus communication and get students connected with other people with the same interests. My goal for these meetings is to make a difference in any organization.

Paul L. Gerhardt Jr.

Soap Box

Three basic rules to success

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Love on campus: scary possibility

Students say looks still attract

By Alyssa Pfau
Staff Reporter

As he glanced at her and
smiled with those ice blue
eyes and black hair,she
felt
her
heart skip a beat.

He had a smile, a sort of boyish grin,that melted a girl’s heart.

She, on the other hand, had a
long lean body with curves in all the right places. Golden curls
set off her doll-like face.

Her silhouette was enough to
stop an entire football team dead
in its tracks.

The pair formed an immedi-
ate mutual attraction to one an-
other.

And that’s the way it works.
A recent survey of 100 Highline
students found looks to be the
most important factor in roman-
ice attraction.

Two out of every three males
surveyed said that looks are
what initially attracts them to
the opposite sex, while that was
true for only 54 percent of
women.

Some important physical fea-
tures both listed were: a nice
body, beautiful smile, sexy eyes
and nice hair.

Only 14 percent of the guys
said a personality plus looks attracted them to the oppo-
site sex, but a whopping 33
percent of women felt the same
way.

“I like a guy who is light-
heated and can make me
laugh,” said one student.

Nine percent of the guys said
fashion know-how is a must.

“You can tell a lot about a
person by her style of dress,”
student Collins Erickson said.

So maybe you wear cords
and sweaters, but you like
someone with multiple piercings. Is it true that oppo-
sites attract?

“People who share similar
beliefs, interests, values and at-
titudes are more compatible
than those who don’t share these similarities... contrary to what
Paula Abdul said, opposites don’t attract,” said Psychology
and Human Sexuality Professor, Bob Baugher said.

An overwhelming 83 percent
of students surveyed agreed
with this theory.

He adds that having similar
values is very important in mak-
ing a relationship work.

If a couple has too many con-
flicting values there will be a lot
of tension in the relationship.

An overwhelming 85 percent
of the males surveyed said that
they had to be physically at-
tracted to a person in order to
build an intimate relationship,
while only 17 percent of the fe-
males said this was true.

While physical attraction is
one thing, initiating those first
words is another.

Most guys, 62 percent in fact,
prefer for the girl to do the initi-
ating, and 65 percent of the
women surveyed were willing
to do that initiating.

Fourteen percent of men said
that they would initiate the rela-
tionship if they had the other
person in mind.

Another tactic is just the
simple smile.

“I find that a smile usually
gets a guy’s attention,” said
Kari, a student at Highline.

According to one student,
flirting is the best way to get to
know someone you’re interested
in.

Among these same lines,
many of the guys said that the
best way to get to know a girl is
to make her laugh.

Through exposure and ex-
perimenting, you’re inevitably
going to meet someone you’re
interested in.

“If you are interested in
someone, pursue them, you
can’t wait around for the other
person to read your mind,” stu-
dent Heidi Hudlow said.
Head Coach Jason Prenevost implants the game plan into his players' heads.

Lapses leave 'Rippers' short against Tacoma CC

By Nathan Golden
Staff Reporter

A discouraging 3-1 loss against Tacoma leaves the Highline men's soccer team with an 8-3-0 record with three weeks to go in the regular season.

Freshman Jason Berg, off an assist from defender Dusty Richardson, scored the only goal late Saturday at Tacoma. Berg trapped the ball off his chest, then volleyed it in from 20 yards out.

"It was a superb goal. A true definition of a Ripper," said Assistant Coach Keith Paton.

Unfortunately, the goal came near the end of the game for Highline, and they weren't able to improve their score.

The first goal against Highline was "an own goal." This occurred when six or seven players were by the goal, and one of the Highline team players knocked the ball in while defending the goal. The Rippers went into halftime down 1-0, not panicked about the score, or their ability to score goals.

"Normally we don't have a problem scoring," Paton said.

Within the first few minutes of the second half, Tacoma took a strong 3-0 lead.

"We didn't mark up properly," Coach Paton said.

Jason Berg's goal, although impressive, was not enough. Defender Dusty Richardson said the Rippers weren't in-tense enough against Tacoma.

"The game made me think of how we have to change things," Richardson said.

He said they need to stay focused mentally on each game, giving it all they have when it's time to play.

"We need to put 100 percent in, right now we are at about 75 percent," Richardson said.

Even though they lost, Coach Paton said the Rippers played great as a team.

"It was obvious we were the better team. We just had a few defensive lapses," Paton said.

Highline stayed in control of the game, and dominated possession of the ball.

Richardson agreed the Rippers did control the game, but he was disappointed with the loss.

The soccer team has a busy week ahead of them. They face Wenatchee on Oct. 24, in Wenatchee; and Skagit Valley on Oct. 26, and Bellevue, Wednesday, Oct. 29, both at the Pas Peac in Kent at 3 p.m.

Cross country team second again

By Wesley Young
Staff Reporter

Highline scored 52 points to take second place at the 24th annual Western Washington Cross Country Invitational in Bellingham last Saturday.

In a field of 117 runners, sophomore Brian Smith leads Highline, placing fourth with a time of 26:30, on the 8000 meter course.

"I ran my best race of the season," Smith said.

Frankie Chen and Chris placed seventh, with a time of 27:07.

Cross-Country coach Adam Lobby, who ran unattached at this meet, finished second with an outstanding time of 25:45.

Freshman Todd Lepata finished 27th, with a time of 27:26 and two seconds behind were Andy Gist and Rob Sundine tying with a time of 27:28.

John Friedman finished 77th, with a time of 29:31.

Others placing were Chris Zimmer and Andy Zachary with times of 30:03 and 32:02 respectively.

Highline finished ahead of Central Washington, who finished with 56 points and Simon Frazer, who scored 71 points.

They also finished ahead of Seattle Pacific, Northwest College, Seattle University, and Saint Martin's, all of which are all four-year schools.

Western Washington University was the only team that could escape the Highline cross country team.

Highline will not have another meet until NWAACC Championships in Oregon City on Nov. 8.

"We have our eyes on the NWAACC title. Spokane might doubt us, but no team will get an easy win over us," Smith said.

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The Big Game

Faculty vs. Women's basketball team

Coming up Nov. 19 to the Thunderdome at 19:30.

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All proceeds to Northwest Harvest and Des Moines Food Bank. Coach Buchan says, "I guarantee a win!" This will be a true spectacle. Blue Angels were invited for a fly over at halftime. They rejected our request, however, Northwest Airlines, United, Alaska and Delta have promised to fly over during the game. There will be opportunity to win T-Shirts by shooting free throws at halftime. 
A bruised and battered Lady Thunderbirds soccer team suffered their third loss of the season on Sunday at Walla Walla between 2-1.

"We had our opportunity, but we gave up a penalty kick," Coach Shari Andresen said.

Last Wednesday the Thunderbirds led Skagit Valley before giving up their first penalty kick of the season in an eventual 1-0 loss. "We lost that one on a penalty kick," Andresen said.

On Saturday the team lost a tough game to Columbia Basin by a score of 2-1.

The team has been carried all year by an extremely stingy defense. Led by sweeper Jean Wilson, defender Kim Armstrong and keeper Erynn Redmon, the defense has allowed more than two goals only once all year and that was to Lower Columbia.

Highline has also recorded four shutouts. Although they have out-scored their opponents this season by a combined total of 21-14, 13 of those goals came in a three-game stretch against Shoreline, Wenatchee, and Green River.

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**Men's Soccer**

**W-L**

- Skagit Valley 7-0
- Shoreline 5-2
- Everett 4-2
- Edmonds 4-3
- Bellevue 2-5
- Olympic 2-5
- Highline 0-7

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**Women's Soccer**

**W-L-T**

- Skagit Valley 7-0-0
- Shoreline 4-15-0
- Everett 0-10-0
- Edmonds 2-9-1
- Highline 8-3-0
- Columbia Basin 4-15-0
- Grn River 3-6-1
- W. Valley 1-8-0

**Scores**

- 2-1
- 7-0
- 16-9
- 10-8

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**Volleyball Team still struggling**

By Jennifer Francis
Staff Reporter

Despite the efforts and hopes of the head coach of the women's volleyball team, Tanja Burkett, the team dropped three more games.


The third game was a little more interesting on Wednesday, after Burkett threatened the team with a forfeit. She told the team if Skagit pulled ahead of them by five or more points she would forfeit the game.

The Thunderbirds went up against Edmonds Community College last Friday.

"We played a really strong game," Burkett said. The Lady Thunderbirds still lost, 7-15, 3-15, 15-12, 9-15.

"We are almost full strength by Wednesday night, Oct. 22, so we should have everyone at full strength and ready to play."

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**Ordeal**

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Anger: "How in the heck could I be such a freaking loser?" Bargaining: "Please oh please, things like this won't happen ever again! I could just pass this midterm, so for the sake of all mankind, please let me pass!"

Depression: "I'm such a sleep junkie, all I do is sit on my fat a$$ and eat ho-ho's like Rosie. And I'll be like this the rest of my God-given life."

Acceptance: "I can sail this mid-term. Sure, I won't be sleeping the next three nights, but it's my fault for playing the role of 'comatose girl' in my classes."

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Dr. Lee Alas and fellow stu-
dents at Cuesta Ralph Colton said 
they will make information fights work to join around 
camplie. Dr. Lee Alas also en-
tered to get a certain block
material posted. He said he
thought it should be a public
and allow anyone to develop
something on campus just like
others.

Dr. Lee Alas said that the
safety officer's plan is to have the 
track as a service to the
students and to make the
students aware of it.

Willing to help, the track may
have two main interventions. "It
doesn't bother the track at all, 
but with some assistance we
think it will be a help to the
students," said Mr. Alas.

The track will be held by
Monday, Oct. 27.

Other community out-
puts seem to be doing more in recognition of Alcochol
Awareness Week.

Berkam Smother, a senior at
Hollister High, said she
would like to have more orga-
nizations interested in orga-
izing an event.

At Bellmoore, a Bismarck
Police Officer said he was
aware of the problems and
wanted to help.

De Las Alas said that stu-
dents who are interested in organizing
Taco Del Mar functions could
talk to her.

"I think they should do it on
campus in some way and get
students to stay away from
drinking and driving," said
Hollister student John Gragg.

"I think it's important for
people to have personal experi-
ences with alcohol in order to
avoid problems," said student Paul
McDonald.

De Las Alas said students
who are interested in orga-
nizing awareness functions at the
high schools should contact her in Oct. 1997.