



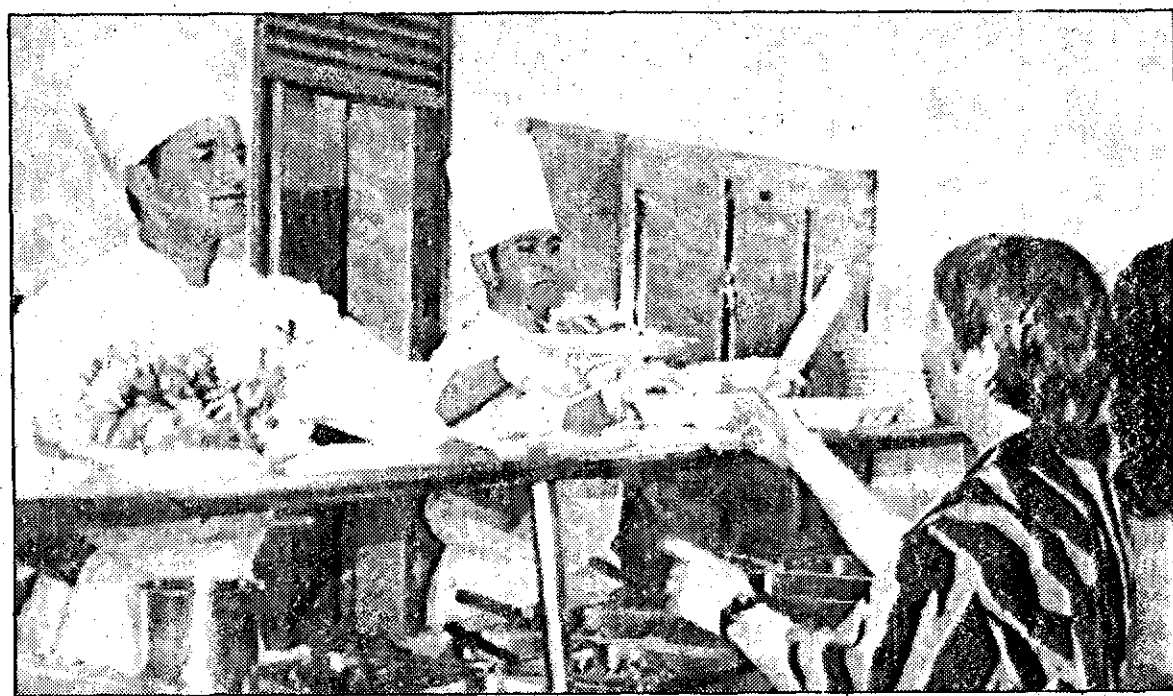
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CULINARY ARTS

Students serve up top-notch cuisine



FINE DINING – Culinary arts student Caesar Solis serves up some tasty food his class has prepared. The department offers a variety of mouth-watering dishes every day and is a pleasant alternative to the food court.

BY EDGAR D. TREJO
STAFF WRITER

The culinary arts opened its doors Monday to welcome students and faculty to the new semester. The menu for this semester will feature different types of extravagant meals with a wide variety to choose from.

The menu features all types of dishes cooked in various styles. It has everything from Italian food to seafood to different types of side dishes and a variety of types of soups. Students can purchase

entire meals at the reasonable price of \$4 an entrée.

The cafeteria will also be featuring baked goods for sale. Cakes, cookies and pies are sold at the time of purchasing an entrée. All of these goods and more are available only upon special order.

Besides the cafeteria service, the culinary arts department also features banquet services for various events on campus. Special orders can be made by calling extension 2456.

The culinary arts department teaches students to cook and is a program that is set up for those who are interested in specializing in chef careers in the future.

"It is the best department on campus, a great course given by great instructors. It is a great place to be in," said June Crisp who has been head cashier for the culinary arts department for more than 25 years.

Students in the program can take several courses available to

earn either a certificate or A.A. degree in the culinary arts. Some of the courses to choose from are food handling, food production, introduction to baking skills, commercial food production and many more. Students interested in learning more can go to the culinary arts department and ask for June Crisp.

"I am majoring in arts and cooking seems like a very creative art. You can show your art but you don't use paint, you use food," said student Fernando Paz who is majoring in photography.

Culinary arts is located near the weight room. The hours for the department are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for those looking for a place to eat with great food at reasonable prices.

CULINARY ARTS

Monday – Thursday
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at the south end of the
Student Center



Photo courtesy of Public Relations
NEW DEAN – Nick Kremer is the new community education industry and technology education executive dean.

Faculty member appointed to dean

BY EDGAR D. TREJO
STAFF WRITER

Faculty member Nick Kremer was named the new community industry and technology education executive dean during the middle of the summer. The 56-year-old Aliso Viejo resident expressed his feelings about working at Cerritos College. "I am thrilled about working here. Cerritos College has a great reputation. I was so pleased when they hired me."

Kremer has had some extensive experience that qualified him for the job. He was the dean of instruction for economic and resource development at the River College in Sacramento. He earned a degree at Palomar College, a bachelor's degree at Stanford, and finally, a master's at Claremont.

Kremer's main responsibility will be running the office at the community education department. The office is responsible for all the programs and services they have to offer. The department has a lot of training programs, such as welding, automotive technology, polarity practitioner and many more.

Kremer will be responsible for all the adult education and diversity programs. Kremer strongly believes all the programs available give a real opportunity to help all

businesses give more insight to their workforce in taking advantage of information technologies.

One of Kremer's goals while he is dean is to help facilitate these programs to the next level of excellence. Kremer feels these programs need to get more recognition.

Kremer feels the community education department is an "incubator" for new ideas on campus. He also believes the department is a great place to learn about other careers.

"He seems very enthusiastic and hard working. He seems like a man who can get things done," said Monica Masino, an employee at the community education department.

Kremer has also spent time in the Peace Corps. It was during that time that he became interested in the area of economic development. He hopes his time in the Peace Corps will benefit him in his new position.

"Being in Africa and the Caribbean really helped me learn more about myself," Kremer said.

For more information about the programs available at the community industry and technology education center, visit the community education building located by the automotive center.

Speech Pathology program introduced

BY GIOVANNA CARTER
EDITORIAL EDITOR

Students interested in pursuing a career in Speech Pathology now have the greatest opportunity ever.

This semester marks the beginning of the first hands-on class working with speech language pathologists. The program, called Speech-Language Pathology Assistants, offers the opportunity for students to work under the supervision of a licensed speech pathologist who can evaluate, diagnose and treat children and adults with communication disorders.

This program is still pending the approval of

the Chancellor's Office, but Cerritos College is one of two community colleges in Los Angeles County that is offering this SLPA program.

This training is established to provide parents of Head Start students and all interested staff with more substantial career options that can lead to greater salaries in this field.

Ellen Horvath, speech pathologist and Jenine Nolan, dean of health occupations, in a joint effort, made this program a reality here at Cerritos.

According to Horvath, "Cerritos College recognizes the need to respond to the ever-changing healthcare and educational systems in California."

This career field is supported by the labor market information, which predicts a 52 percent increase in speech and language services in schools.

According to Nolan, "there are 50 students enrolled in the introductory program right now."

Upon completing the program successfully, graduates of the SLPA can apply to the California state board of speech pathology and audiology for state licensing as a speech language pathologists assistant, under the provisions of assembly bill 205.

Nolan also stated, "that this is a wonderful program and everyone involved is excited about it."

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mini job fair will offer various job prospects

BY YESICA RAUDA
STAFF WRITER

The Cerritos College Job Placement and Career Services center is conducting a mini job fair today and tomorrow.

The event will kick off with its first meeting at the Falcon Square today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., including employers such as Abacus Staffing, Anaheim Marriott Hotel, Blockbuster Video, Charo Corporation, City of Long Beach Civil Service Department, Clausman Legal Staffing Inc., Crittenton Services, Delta Airlines, Disney Resort, Downey Savings & Loan, EDD, The Great Steak & Potato Co., Hertz Corp., Initial Security, Mercury Insurance, Metropolitan State Hospital, Orange County Sheriff's Dept., Pepsi Cola, Robert Mondavi Winery, Queen Mary, Source One Staffing, Thomas Staffing, United Parcel Service, the U.S. Army and Wood Bell Employment Services.

The mentioned that Robert Mondavi Winery, who will be present at the first and second meetings, will be recruiting students for Disney's newest theme park "California Adventures" in Anaheim.

Some of the employers for the second meeting will include Anaheim Marriott, Bank of America, Blockbuster Video, Clausman Legal Staffing Inc., Durham Transportation, The Great Steak & Potato Co., Mercury Insurance, Metropolitan State Hospital, Robert Mondavi Winery, UPS and the U.S. Army.

"One slot is in the evening because we want to cover people who come to school at night," The said.

The third meeting will include employers such as 2by2.Net, Abbott Resource Group, Anaheim Marriott Hotel, Bank of America, Blockbuster Video, Clausman Legal Staffing Inc., Disney Resort, Durham

Transportation, EDD, FedEx Ground, The Great Steak & Potato Co., Hertz Corp., Initial Security, L.A. County District Attorney, Mercury Insurance, Metropolitan State Hospital, Pepsi Cola, Thomas Staffing, UPS, the U.S. Army, and the U.S. Navy.

"Students are urged to look professional and bring a resume," The said.

She expressed that students will have an opportunity to meet with over 30 employers, and obtain job and internship information, thus broadening their career perspectives and goals.

"We are very excited about the quality of employers that will participating," she continued.

In addition to the Mini Job Fair event, the Job Placement and Career Services Center offers job and internship information, as well as assistance in resume writing, interviewing skills and resume critique.

Psi beta honored with award



Photo courtesy of Public Relations
From left to right – Todd Gaffaney, Valerie Street, Christina Macias, April Thames and Kimberly Duff.

BY YESICA RAUDA
STAFF WRITER

The Cerritos College Chapter of Psi Beta, was awarded the 2000 Harcourt Brace Publishing Company Outstanding Chapter Award.

Psi Beta, a national honor society in psychology for community and junior colleges, presented the plaque and \$300 cash to Dr. Todd Gaffaney and Dr.

Kimberly Duff, Cerritos College psychology professors and club advisers. Also present to receive the honor

were students Valerie Streeter, president of Psi Beta and the psychology club, Christina Macias, Vice president of the club, and April Thames, club member.

"Psi Beta's mission is to educate students in different fields of psychology and allow them to pursue their own interests through activities that they do with the campus club," said Duff.

The honor society works with the campus psychology club, "so even if students are not part of the society, they can get involved in some of the activities,"

she added.

The national convention, held earlier this month in Washington D.C., takes place annually in various states throughout the country.

At this year's convention, where the award was given, the judges were especially impressed with the substance and continuation of the chapter's variety of activities that support Psi Beta's mission, expressed Carol Tracy, Psi Beta's executive director.

According to Duff, throughout the year, student chapter members donate their time to conduct on-campus activities for the students and off-campus activities for the community.

"Some of the on-campus activities include workshops and talks, which are open to all students and which student club members organize and advertise," she added.

Gaffaney explained that such workshops, entitled "Speaker Series that run twice a month, include having psychologists and speakers come in from outside campus to talk to the students.

"We had a Holocaust survivor from the Museum of Tolerance come in and talk about his experiences," he continued.

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Costume department big winners over summer Psi beta awards



Photo courtesy of Costume department
Cerritos College costume department won costume awards at the Renaissance Fair over the summer

BY BRENDA DURAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Cerritos College Costume Department participated in the annual Renaissance Fair, which takes place in San Bernardino at the Glen Helen Regional Park, this past summer.

The group of six students along with Costume Department Director, Susan Watanabi participated in a series of costume contests that were in various renaissance era costume categories from adult to middle class and peasant costumes.

"Each student who participated in the contests rendered their own costume, they were in charge of doing their own construction," Watanabi said.

Of the six group of students who participated each won in at least one

category. Mia Wobowo won in 3rd place in the peasant category, Lisa Anziano 1st place in the peasant category, Marianne Hall 1st place in the middle class category and Mary Moore coming in 3rd place in the middle class category.

Some of the honorable mentions were for two other participating students; Melanie Freeman and Michael Salisbury.

"We've been winning in the peasant category since 1992 and we have also been one of the only schools who continually participate in the fair," Watanabi said.

The costume class is available every Spring semester for students. Each year the class participates in the fair as an assignment.

"The project is good for the class, it's extremely encouraging to

them because of the feedback they get at the fair," Watanabi said.

Among other projects the costume department also is highly active in the Fall semester by being in charge of making costumes for the theater productions on campus.

This semester the department will be working with various theater acts such as; student written and directed one acts and an Improv show as well as a possible remounting of last semester's "Three Penny Opera".

"The most amazing thing to me about this class is that most of the students have never sewn and when they take this class, they work really hard and they end up being really proud of themselves when they finish an entire costume, that is what I love," Watanabi concluded.

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He also explained some of the off-campus activities that the club conducts along with the students to benefit the community.

He and student members worked with patients at the Metropolitan State Mental Hospital in Norwalk.

According to him, the club has a 10-year arrangement with the hospital to do activities and to throw parties for the patients.

The club also spearheaded a workshop for the community on love relationships.

Another remarkable project, according to Duff, was the students' own production and performance of the popular Dr. Seuss "Green Eggs and Ham" play, which they conducted for Dollard Elementary School in Norwalk.

"They did several shows at the school and they got great feedback from both the school faculty and the students," she mentioned enthusiastically.

"Indeed, the Cerritos College chapter deserves this honor," she added. "They worked incredibly hard and it was great for them to be recognized not only by their peers, but also by others in the profession as well."

Psi Beta is an affiliate of both the American Psychological Society and the American Psychological Association, as well as a member of the Association of College Honor Societies.

Closely in conjunction with other psychological organizations, the society, located in Chattanooga, Tenn., cosponsors programs such as regional conferences and the annual national conventions.

Poetry and arts club kicks off new web site for students

BY BRENDA DURAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

One of the clubs being featured at club information day is the Poetry and Arts club. The Poetry and Arts club is a club which received the "Spark Plug" award at the Spring Awards banquet last semester for their high spirited and highly active participation on campus.

The club participates in a variety of activities ranging from poetry reading sessions to singing and fieldtrips. It also provides an environment for students interested in expressing many of their creative hobbies and interests.

This semester the club is planning on recruiting new members by featuring their very own Web site.

"Our Web site is just another feature for people to have access to our club," club president Claudia Valdez said.

On the Web site students will be able to submit their poetry and photography as well as email inquiries about club events and activities.

"We want to be able to let students know that our club is an open forum for talent and even though many people will not be able to attend the meetings we want them to log on to our Web site and be part of the club," Valdez said.

Through their site the club also hopes to encourage more students to not only become a club member but to be an active participant on campus in general.

"Our club's aim is to try to build other clubs by encouraging participation. Many students don't know about the large benefits of being in a club which is that it actually helps universities take you into consideration when you transfer," Valdez said.

The club's Web site can be found at <http://poetryandartsclub.tripod.com>.

"We encourage students to participate by submitting their work on our Web site. They will be able to shape the Web site and be part of the club," Webmaster Melissa Canchola concluded.

Ford West donates truck to automotive department

BY YESICA RAUDA
STAFF WRITER

Cerritos College's Advanced Transportation Technology Center now has a Compressed Natural Gas Ford F150 pick-up truck, thanks to Ford West in Bellflower, who donated this vehicle as part of its commitment to assisting student automotive training.

The CNG truck, which will be used for student automotive training, was donated to the ATT center through the Cerritos College Foundation.

According to Steve Richardson, the foundation's executive director, the opportunity for the college to have this kind of alternative fuel vehicle is a tremendous boost to the student automotive training in that area.

"We are appreciative of Ford West's donation and partnership," he added.

The truck will also be used to train city and county service technicians because the new Air Quality Management District ruling requires the use of alternative fuel vehicles, such as CNG, by garbage trucks and transit bus operators.

AQMD also requires the use of these

cleaner fuels in public fleets such as passenger cars and trucks.

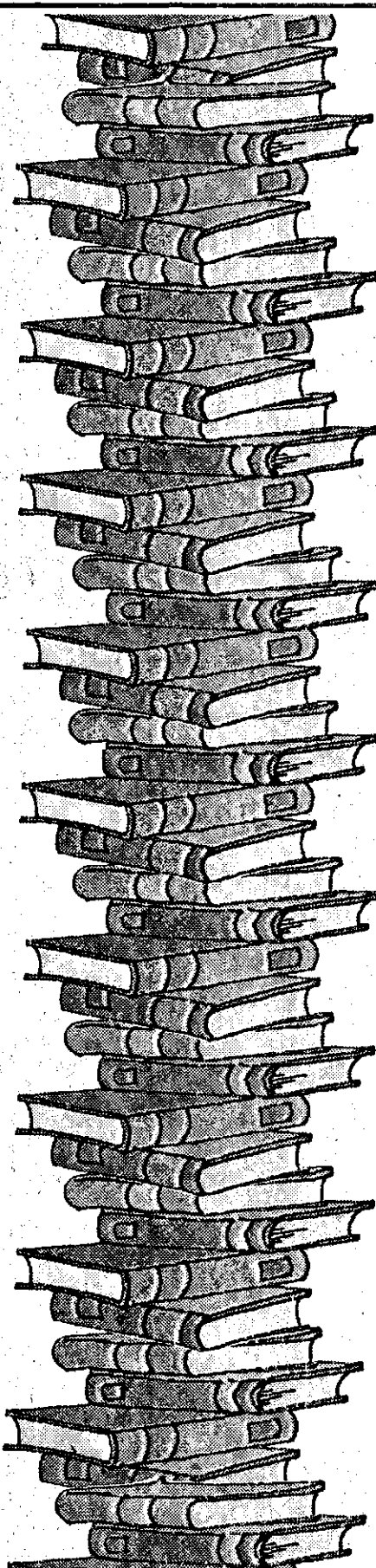
"A clean fuel burning vehicle was mandated by the state and we are one of the authorized dealers in southern California for alternative fuel vehicles," said Mike Maher, Ford West's parts and service director.

"And, we chose Cerritos College because it is responsible and its educational facilities have the proper tools," he added.

He continued saying that Ford West saw the opportunity to partner with Cerritos College and anticipated that the relationship would benefit the community, the dealership and the college.

To explain these benefits, Kevin Taylor, ATT coordinator, expressed that by conducting these classes on alternative fuel, they help the community in the effort to reduce air pollution.

"It will benefit the college in that now we can provide training to students interested in learning alternative fuel," Taylor concluded.



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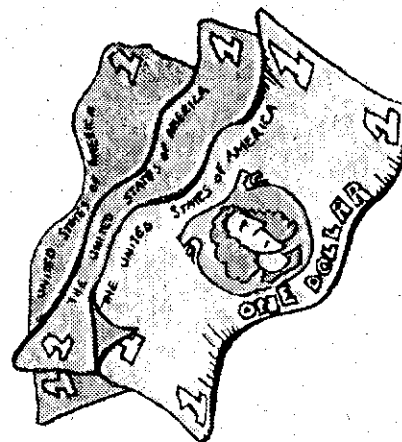
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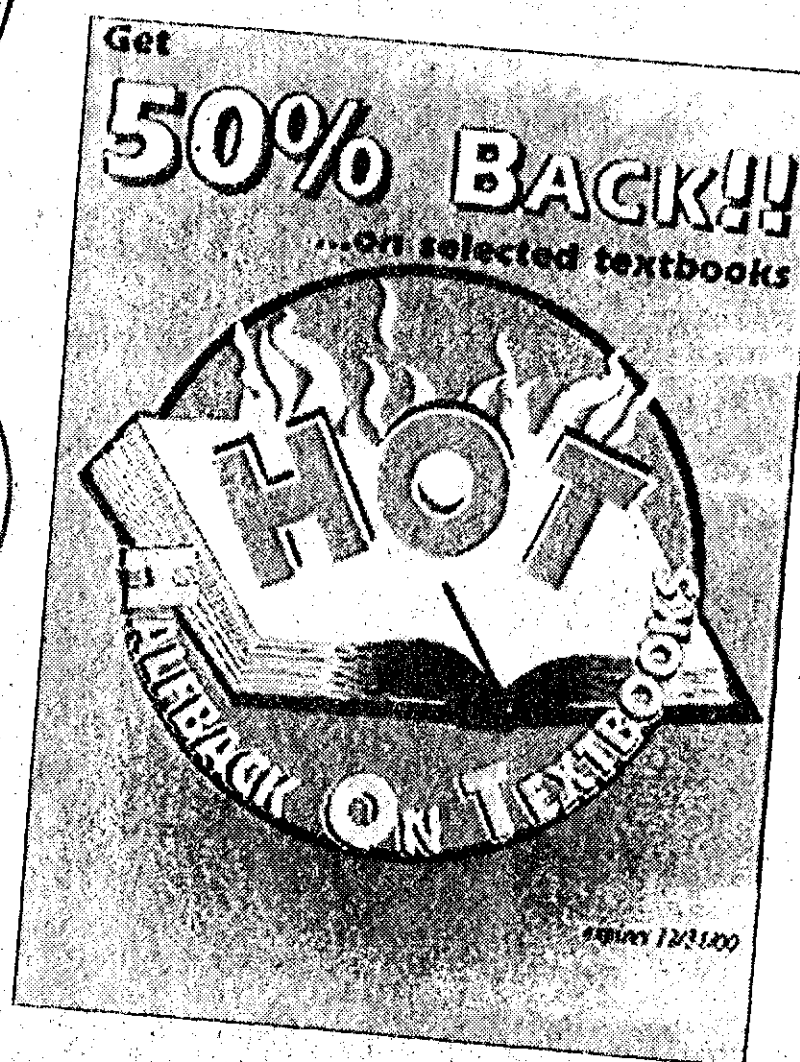
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SCHEDULE

CROSS COUNTRY
Sept. 9 at Fresno Invitational, 10 a.m.

FOOTBALL
Sept. 1 Scrimmage vs. Glendale AT CERRITOS, 6 p.m.
Sept. 9 vs. Palomar AT CERRITOS, 7 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER
Wednesday vs. Cypress AT CERRITOS, 4 p.m.
Friday through Sunday at Hartnell Tournament in Salinas, All Day
Sept. 6 at Southwestern, 4 p.m.
Sept. 8 vs. Citrus AT CERRITOS, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Friday vs. San Bernardino Valley AT CERRITOS, 4 p.m.
Tuesday at Golden West, 6 p.m.
Sept. 8 vs. Mount San Antonio AT CERRITOS, 2 p.m.
Sept. 12 At Pasadena, 4 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
Friday Scrimmage at Riverside, 2 p.m.
Sept. 6 Scrimmage pool play AT CERRITOS, 2 p.m.
Sept. 8 vs. Alumní AT CERRITOS, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12 At Santa Monica, 7 p.m.

MEN'S WATER POLO
Friday and Saturday at Ventura Tournament, All Day

WOMEN'S WATER POLO
Friday and Saturday at Cypress Tournament, All Day

Former Cerritos Wrestler going to '00 Olympics



HEATH SIMS

BY JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

When the delegation from the United States marches in the opening ceremonies at the Olympic Games in Sydney, Cerritos College will be represented.

Heath Sims, a business administration major, will compete in Greco-Roman wrestling in the 69 kg. (152 lbs.) class. He made the team by defeating Chris Saba in the finals of the U.S. Olympic Trials in June. He earlier won the 152 lb.

division championship in the U.S. National championships in April.

Jeff Smith, former Falcon wrestling coach, convinced Sims to wrestle for Cerritos as preparation for the Olympics. As a Falcon, Sims won the state championship in 1998.

After being injured in a snowboarding accident in January of 1999, Smith told him to, "stay away from that until after the Olympics." Sims missed the national champi-

onships that year but finished second in the state for Cerritos in 1999.

Last summer the U.S. Olympic team went to Russia. Sims was winless in two very close matches, competing in a higher weight class, 167 instead of 152 lbs., to avoid wrestling against opponents who he may face in Sydney.

The team is currently training in Colorado Springs at the Olympic Training Center. They will then go directly to Australia for more pre-

games training.

After the Olympic games are over, Sims plans to get his bachelor's degree in business finance at Cal State Fullerton. He has his A.A. degree from Cerritos.

Sims, "did a great job for us," Smith said. "Good student, great wrestler."

The Greco-Roman wrestling events will take place from Sept. 25 to the final matches in the early morning hours of Sept. 28.

Men's soccer set to defend

BY DAVID AMEZCUA
STAFF WRITER

As the Men's soccer team approaches another season, Head Coach Ralph Esposito is striving to accomplish some of the team's goals for this year such as "returning as champs."

The Falcons opened their season with a 1 - 1 tie with Orange Coast College. Endy Arteaga scored the lone Cerritos goal.

According to Esposito, whose team started the season against Orange Coast on Monday, some of the key players on this year's team will include Jorge Pedroza, Chang Paek, Nestor Elias, Miquel Zepeda, Rickardo Coria, Ivan Gudino and Jose Iberri.

Coach Esposito said the team will be facing a tough schedule. "All the teams in the divisional are tough," he said. "I think through that we have a 90

percent chance of repeating as champs."

Esposito has put great confidence in many of the players this semester as far as scoring and winning are involved.

"Coria is the number one goalkeeper to watch out for because he won the award last year and player Gudino is also one best players in the defense."

He added, "all new players bring a lot of talent, but there are some things they have to still work on."

Coria thinks the team is pretty strong. "The team has a whole lot of speed. We have a pretty good chance of repeating as champs," he said. "The team has good chemistry. We could beat any team in the league if we play as a team."

WOMEN'S SOCCER Team has high aspirations

BY DAVID AMEZCUA
STAFF WRITER

Head Coach Debbie Jensen has set high goals for the Cerritos College women's soccer team this semester in terms of winning and setting records.

"My goals for this year are to set scoring records and assist records and to also make more consecutive passes as well as have better ball movement," Jensen said.

According to Jensen, some of the players to watch out for are Loren Nunez, Chanel Cryer, Carmen Casteneda, Liz Gomez and freshmen, Lupe Chavez and Chelly Salgado.

After opening the season Tuesday at Citrus College, the team

will be playing against competitive teams such as Mt. San Antonio, Long Beach City College, Pasadena City College, and El Camino.

Coach Jensen hopes that the team will live up to their expectations. "Our coaching staff sets up the players for success, not for failure." She also said that she hopes that the team will accept the challenges along the way and set high standards.

"Right now there are no players getting recruited by colleges or universities, but we hope to send some players to universities as the season goes on," Jensen said.

"In all my years of coaching this is the best team I have seen. The

freshmen talent on this team brings hard working players and team players. They are dedicated to improving."

Jensen also commented that she feels players such as Chanel Cryer, Liz Gomez and Chelly Salgado will increase the team offensively and statistically with goals and assists. "Carmen Casteneda and Lupe Chavez are going to help block up our defense. All these players are going to have a big improvement. We have unselfish players."

Team forward Chanel Cryer says she thinks that, "this year's team is much better than last year. I think the team will finish third place at the least."

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL Building on past success

BY JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off a season in which it won 13 of 16 games and finished second in the South Coast Conference, the Cerritos College

women's volleyball team is working to build on that success.

NEW HEAD COACH

After six seasons as an assistant, Teresa Velazquez-Ortega takes over as head coach. She replaces Nancy Welliver, who is now the head coach at Cypress College.

RETURNING PLAYERS

Six players return, including Katherine Graff, who will move from outside hitter to middle blocker, the position she played in high school. Last season, she recorded 167 kills, 31 blocks and 18 aces.

The other middle is Takeela Beal, who ran track last year.

Also returning are Ivone Aleman (211 kills, 30 blocks and 17 aces), Emma Howell (34 Blocks and 37 Aces), Maria Serrano (26 aces), and Cindy Alailaleula, who played for Cerritos in 1998.

INCOMING FRESHMEN

Incoming freshmen include Tiffany Tolentino from Norwalk High School, Stacy Dietz from Mayfair, Kerry Jessup from Buena Park High School and Francella Silitai from Western High School in Anaheim.

Also joining the Falcons is defensive specialist Danielle

Saldiva, who played last year at Cal State Monterey Bay

UPCOMING

COMPETITION

Commenting on the competition, Velazquez-Ortega said that Long Beach City is, "very tough," with 16 very good players and that Pasadena is, "going to be very good." She added that the conference this year is very tough.

The Falcons will participate in a scrimmage at Riverside on Friday, and then host a scrimmage on Sept. 6. They will play against a team of alumni on Sept. 8 and open the season at Santa Monica College on Sept. 12.

WORKING HARD

Velazquez-Ortega said that the team will, "try to get all together," so that the freshmen will be, "comfortable with the sophomores." She added that the team is, "working very hard," and, "working the whole year to win our conference and be in the state championship."

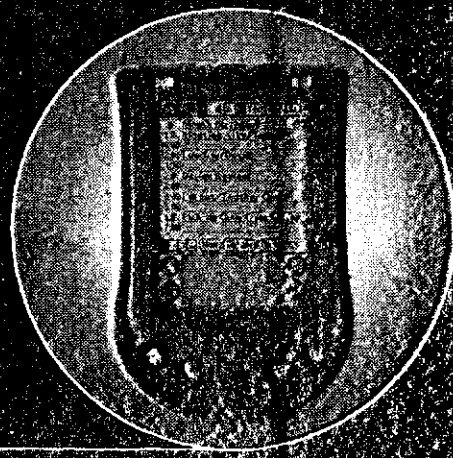
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EDITORIAL

College campus or 'Speedway'

The word courtesy is defined by Webster's New Dictionary as excellence of manners, social conduct or polite behavior.

Walking along campus it sometimes seems those words are somewhat lacking in many people's vocabulary.

The problem is clearly shown when the pathway to class has somehow turned into an intersection of bikes and utility vehicles pushing students out of the way for clearance.

Many times it seems distracting but in reality it is straight out rude. It is bad enough the walk to class with the numerous vendors and credit card pushers hovering at people's backs to apply and taking up students' valuable time.

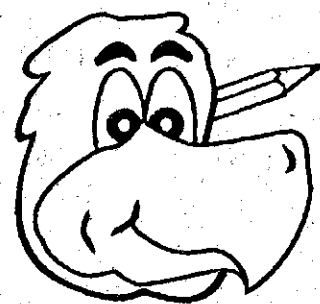
Swinging bicycles and various campus utility vehicles need to find a place

to not interfere with students on their way to the classroom.

The worst part about it is that most people walking to class tend to be late and in a hurry. Having to step on the grass or the mud is just another hassle to deal with.

The sidewalks to class need to be kept as just that. Their purpose is not to become roadways for utility cars that force people to have to dodge them to avoid an accident.

With the words of Webster's dictionary in mind, courtesy should be present as good social conduct especially when it comes to a campus with a lot of people with priorities on their mind. The last thing anyone needs to deal with is rude behavior. There's just no time for it.



CC FALCON EDITORIALY SPEAKING

Howdy everybody!
How's it going?

NO MORE LINES

Seems like everyone's getting back in the swing of things. Those long lines around the bookstore are gone now and business is back to normal.

BATHROOM BREAK

You all know I have a nose (beak) for things. Well, flying around this camp is my specialty. I've noticed a terrible smell hovering over the SS building. It must be those old outhouses. The folks really need to do something about that, like maybe give them a face-

lift like the one in the student center. That's now a sight for sore eyes, and it don't smell no more either.

PROTECT AND SERVE

Now, folks there's something I have to squawk about. You know that the students' best interest is always my main concern. Well, except when I'm hungry, but I've been noticing some unusual behavior going on by some very important folks around this camp. While I was flying overhead today, two of those funny looking birds riding around on their bikes almost ran some folks off the road.

That's pretty dangerous behavior for our finest men in blue don't you think? Aren't they the ones who are suppose to promote safety on these grounds?

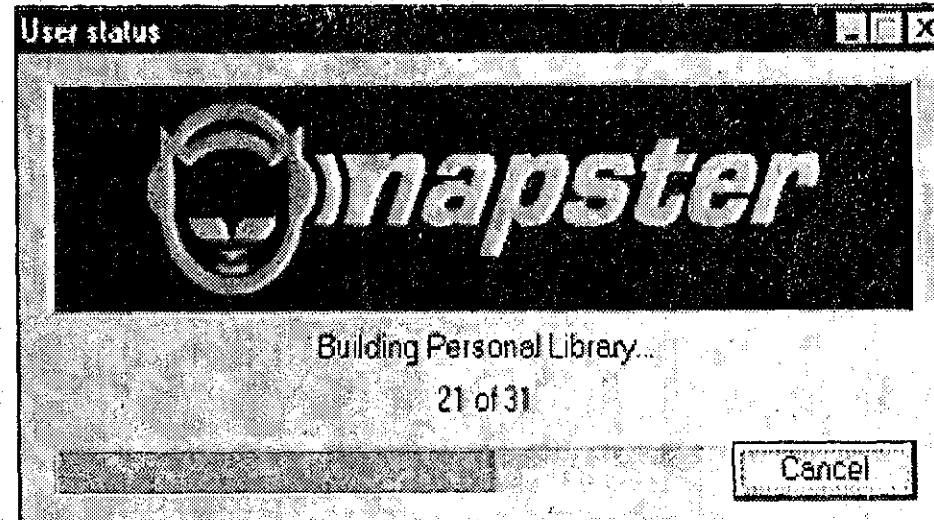
HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Boy, how do you like this fact? You all just got back and now you have another vacation coming! I sure get lonely being here all by myself. But, being as that's the way the wind blows, you all have a safe time and remember if you just look up once in a while, you just might catch a glimpse of my feathers in the sky.

CORRECTIONS

In last week's issue of Talon Marks in the article on the bookstore entitled, "Bookstore introduces program to give money back," Store Director Nicki Hundley's quote was misworded. Her exact quote read, "by students leaving the hot sticker on the book, the student can get 50% back at the time of buyback." The correct hours for the bookstore for fall are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 to 2 p.m.

In the article "Classified Employee Awards Honor" the presenter of the awards was John Gallant and not Ed White as it was stated.



FREE MUSIC - Napster enables hundreds of thousands of users to swap full songs back and forth for free.

Napster takes money from recording artists

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Do you want to steal and not feel like a thief? Then go to Napster.

Napster, for those who don't know, is a Web site where music listeners can download a program that allows them to swap music files called mp3s with other users all over the world.

Napster was born in the mind of 19-year-old Northeastern University college student Shawn Fanning. He named his program Napster after a childhood nickname. In the April issue of Rolling Stone, Fanning explained, "There was no reliable way of sharing music online." It is a very controversial program that has recording artists in an uproar.

For those who don't understand or aren't familiar with it, here's how Napster works: First you download Napster onto your computer. Then, it scans your hard drive for mp3 files. Then, when you sign on to Napster, you are instantly connected to thousands of other users and every mp3 they have. To find a specific song, users go to the search page, type in an artist or song title and within seconds a list of 100 songs to choose from comes up on the screen.

Napster lets people get free music. Yet they have stores full of CDs and cas-

ettes that you need to pay for. So why is Napster giving it all away for free? Users are stealing music from artists who work hard to make music and entertain you. If you don't think so, then ponder this: Should we be able to go to any record store and pick up whatever CD we want, then walk without paying for it? If your answer is no, then you, my friend, are a hypocrite.

The first artist that decided to fight against Napster was Metallica. They sued Napster for illegal use of their music according to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

The other side to this argument is one that doesn't have a leg to stand on. The Napster users' basic defense is that they just have the music for personal use and not personal gain. What kind of argument is that? They are saying that is okay to steal music from the hard-working artists whose livelihood depends on it.

I think that the Recording Industry Association of America should win the lawsuit they filed on Dec. 7 of last year. That case is still pending in court. It seemed that they were able to shut Napster down in July but, the popular program was given a temporary last-minute reprieve by a judge's court order.

The artists themselves have started a group called Artists Against Piracy that includes artists such as Christina Aguilera, Alanis Morissette and Bon Jovi to name a few.

So you still don't agree with shutting down Napster? Think about this. Madonna has a new album coming out called "Music." The single is due out some time in September, but some Napster users managed to get their hands on the single last month just a short while after the song was completed. Now that is disgraceful! To steal an artist's song before it even hits the stores is just down right stealing.

Metallica fans that turned their backs on the band after their action against Napster aren't real fans. For some reason, people were very offended that Metallica fought Napster. It's very strange how people can like the music of a band yet when they take a stand, they are hated even though the music they play hasn't changed one bit.

I'm on the artist's side of this dispute. The Napster phenomenon has gone way too far. But if stealing music is what you want to do, go ahead. But, keep in mind that you might not have much time left before the program is shut down for good.



CAMPUS COMMENT



What is your opinion of the Napster issue?

By Jon Hutchinson
Photos by Adrienne Adkins

This is blown out of proportion. The Internet is for public use.

Michelle Stephens,
Communications

I love Napster. That's where I get all my songs from.

Eddie Rodriguez,
Film



If you download the songs for personal use, it's ok, but not if you're benefiting from it.

Philander Jones,
Computer Science

Metallica is selfish. They have enough money already.

Javier Vasquez,
Business



If it costs money to buy a CD at a store, it should cost money to download it.

Art Christopher,
Culinary Arts

Napster is great because it was started by younger people and it's sad that Lars is discouraging young people.

Nasley Proa,
Engineering



I'm bummed that kids have easy access to songs with risky lyrics.

Brenda Gillian,
Biology

I think the artists have a right to say if they want their music on Napster or not.

Mayra Proa,
Fine Arts

