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Campus reacts to terrorism attack

Attack causes closures

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The flag atop the White House was lowered to half staff on Tuesday after the rise of what has been termed as the greatest terrorist attack on American soil.

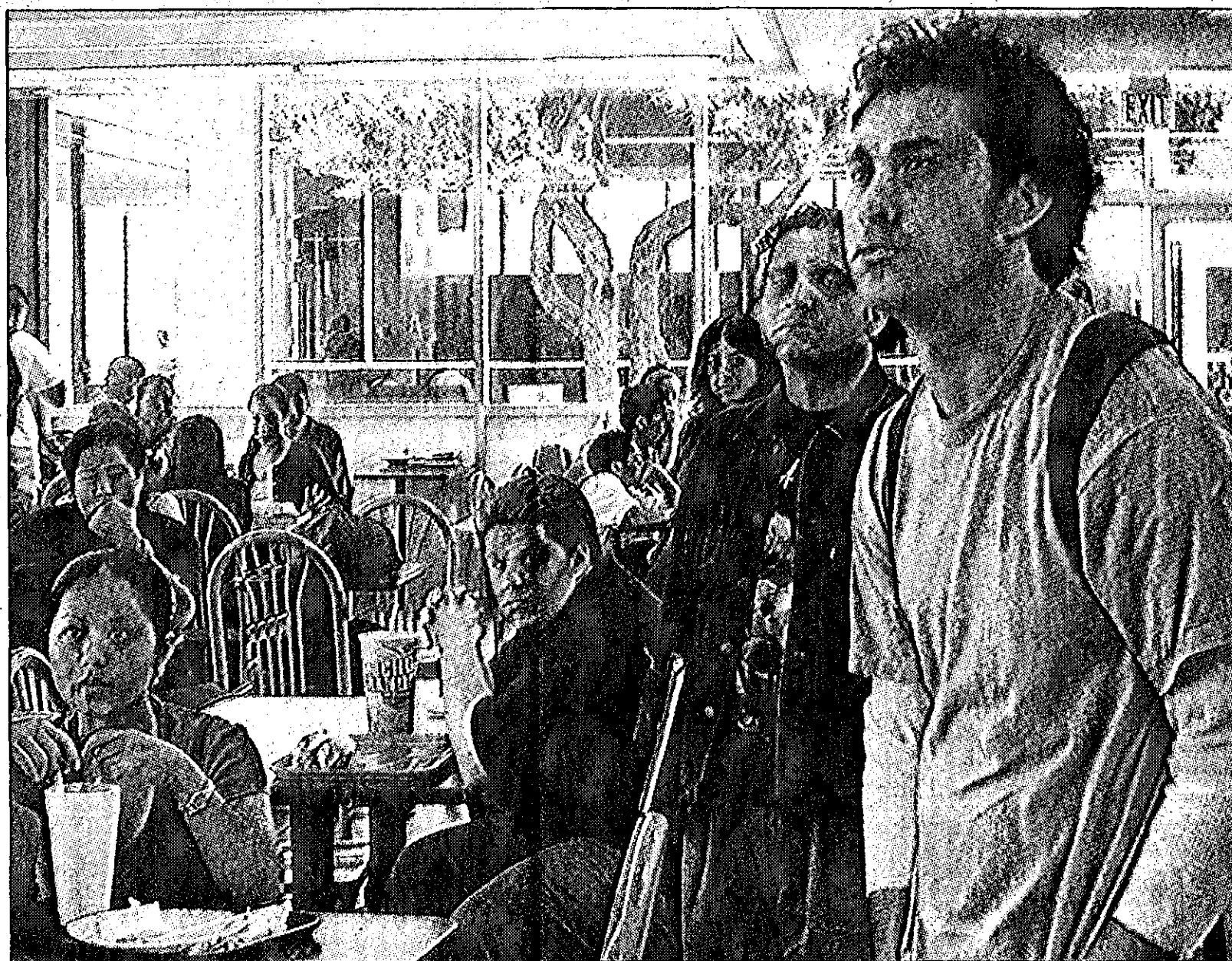
It has brought about a temporary shutdown of all federal buildings, airports and high terrorism target cities.

This is the first time in American history that all flights have been grounded at the same time. All flights nationwide have been stopped at their departure airports, and the Los Angeles and San Francisco International airports have been evacuated.

On the campus of Cerritos College there were some class closures as faculty called in and said they would not make it to class; seven English classes; two Spanish classes; three arts classes; one photography class, an earth science class and an ESL class were closed.

All around Los Angeles, there was also closures: the Latin Grammy's, the Madonna concert at the

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Students gather in the Student Center Tuesday morning to follow terrorism events as they are reported on television.

Elizabeth Para/TM

ARMANDO BROWN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Cerritos College students awoke to grim news Tuesday morning as they were bombarded with media images and reports of the United States being attacked by terrorists.

American airplanes were hijacked, and then crashed into the World Trade Center buildings in New York, and the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

Both World Trade towers eventually collapsed, and part of the Pentagon building also collapsed.

As a result of the attacks, some students and instructors stayed home to find out how friends and loved one in those cities were doing, while others stayed home out of concern for their personal safety.

There were closings of many public buildings in Los Angeles, as well as the United States, but Cerritos College stayed open.

The official statement from the college president said: "All of us at Cerritos College are saddened by the tragedy that has struck our country today. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families."

"After meeting this morning and consulting with local officials we have determined that the college will remain open and that classes will continue. The campus is safe and secure."

"Scattered reports of school closings and event cancellations have begun to reach us. If, because of the closings, you should need to leave work to be with your family, please feel free to do so. Just be certain to make appropriate arrangements with your supervisor."

"Flags on campus have been lowered to half-staff, as public symbol of mourning and each of us, of course, will be mourning individually for the loss we share."

"If and as there are new developments, we will keep you informed."

As the students who did come to school arrived, some found that their classes were closed as their instructors did not show up.

Takuji Yamamoto, an art and

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Terrorists hijack, crash four planes

TARA CARTER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Horror struck millions of Americans Tuesday morning when four commercial aircraft carriers were hijacked and slammed into three prominent American landmarks killing thousands and devastating an entire nation.

American Airlines flight No. 11 was on its route from Boston to Los Angeles when terrorists apparently hijacked the aircraft and slammed it at full speed into the north tower of the World Trade Center, killing all 81 passengers, 11 crew members and an unknown number of terrorists on board. Approximately

15 minutes later American Airlines flight No. 175 carrying 54 passengers and nine crew members met the same fate when it was crashed into the twin towers southern tower.

Both towers, which had a capacity to hold 50,000 people, were believed to fully occupy at the time of each crash.

Half an hour after the second crash at 9:43 American Airlines flight number 77 carrying 58 passengers and six crew members took off from Washington D.C. on route to San Francisco but was also hijacked by terrorists and slammed into the Pentagon.

The last of the four crashes believed to be a failed terrorist attack occurred at 10:10 am. United Airlines flight No. 93 carrying 38 passenger and seven crew members crashed into an empty field, killing all on board.

The fallout and reactions to these attacks have been widespread and monumental.

At the current time over 10,000 people have reported injuries, and the death toll is expected to rise well into the thousands.

Minutes after the initial crash the FAA for the first time in American history halted all flight operations in the United States and

diverted all international flights to land in Canada and Mexico.

The Centers for disease control and prevention is also on high alert, preparing bioterrorism as a precautionary measure and a state of emergency was declared by the city of Washington and San Francisco.

President Bush calling the crashes "a national tragedy" put the United States military on high alerts worldwide and warned the terrorists responsible that "the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts."

New log-on program causes problems

ARMANDO BROWN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Students who tried to log on to computers in the Computer Assisted Instruction Lab — or as most students on campus call it, the Computer Lab — Tuesday morning following the Labor Day weekend, were greeted with a surprise ... but it was hardly the kind one would hope to receive on Christmas or a birthday.

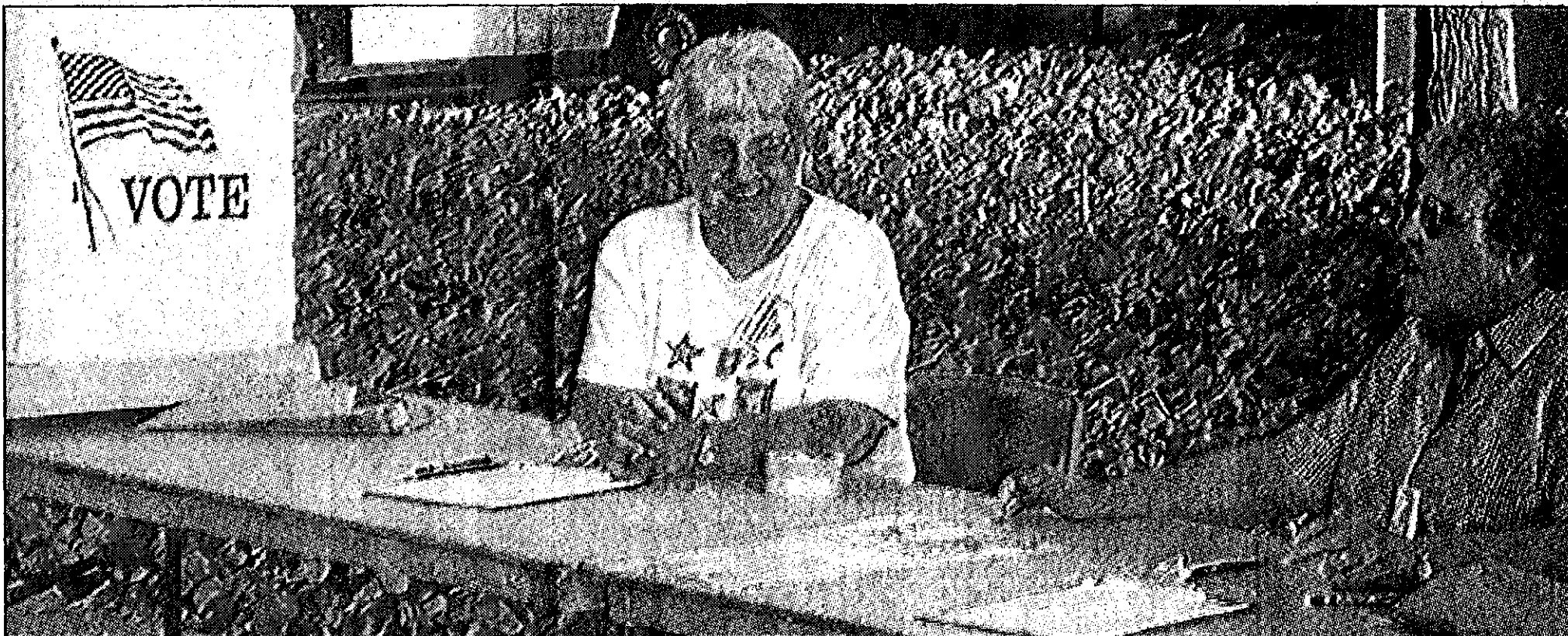
The original confusion of the first day of the new program's implementation died down by Wednesday. However, by Thursday evening there was still enough bugs in the program that it was decided to disconnect it while they could be worked out.

For a while, though, students found themselves face-to-face with a new log-on program called the Positive Attendance Analysis that caught everyone off guard.

Some students became impatient as they tried to figure out how to use it, while others became frustrated as their already established log-on passwords were lost in the midst of the change, and they had to go through the process of getting new passwords again.

Lab aides, who were also

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Poll workers man the polls by the Elbow Room. Few students voted in an election where only 38 people ran for the 32 open Senate seats.

Armando Borboa/TM

32 senators elected, only 38 sought positions

ARMANDO BORBOA
OPINION EDITOR

With the final tabulation of election results last week, Cerritos College has 32 new Student Senators for the 2001-2002 school year.

The Associated Students of Cerritos College student government is patterned after the Federal Government in that it is divided up into three branches. The responsibilities of the Student Senate include passing bills and resolutions, approving budgets and expenditures and to approve any appointments made by the Student President.

Students are elected to their posts for both the spring and the fall semesters. Any vacancies that open mid-term are filled

by appointment, with the approval of the Senate.

Each Senator is responsible to forward student concerns to the rest of the government. In addition, the funding and administration of clubs and activities fall under the purview of the ASCC.

With only 485 votes tabulated, this is the second lowest voter turnout in Cerritos College history. The student with the largest number of votes, Laura Weissenberg, led with only 116 votes. The Athletics Department backed her campaign.

The freshman class is also guaranteed a minimum of 10 seats on the senate, in order to properly represent their segment of the College community.

Many students did not know there was an election scheduled this past week. Physical Education major Alberti Chagolla stated, "I'm waiting for some more pamphlets before I vote...there just isn't that much publicity."

The two weeks before elections are designated for campaigning and publicity. Students are allowed to post up several banners as well as to handout an unlimited number of flyers.

Before any flyers or posters are placed, however, the Commissioner of Publicity must approve all materials to ensure compliance with ASCC guidelines.

Administration of Justice major Daniel Salazar claimed "I

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Senate

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wanted to see them... (Candidates) I don't know anything about the people running. Last year there was more publicity."

Several students gathered around the polling booths made the same complaints. Lack of publicity, not knowing whom the candidates were, no information posted before the elections, etc.

Voting was open to all current students with a valid Student ID. Booths were located next to the Food Court, the Elbow Room and the Cosmetology Department.

Those elected to office include:

#3 Mark Duran
Independent
Votes: 85

#5 Sarah Duran
Independent
Votes: 92

#6 Juan Hernandez
Independent
Votes: 67

#7 Tracie Garcia
Independent
Votes: 41

#8 Gayle Gohr
Cosmetology
Votes: 44

#9 Cynthia Posada-Tugade
Scholars Honors Club
Votes: 72

#10 Jeremy Bell
Phi Theta Kappa
Votes: 71

#11 Joe Sanchez
Independent
Votes: 49

#12 Manpreet Aulakh
Independent
Votes: 38

#13 Apurva M. Metha
Independent
Votes: 101

#15 Kelly Stewart
Independent
Votes: 89

#16 Denise Perez
Poetry & Arts Club
Votes: 50

#17 Gabriela Silva
Phi Theta Kappa
Votes: 85

#18 Jessica M. Ignacio
International Student Association
Votes: 62

#19 Gina Ariza
International Student Association
Votes: 64

#21 Silvia Vera
Psychology Club
Votes: 63

#22 Heidi Morales
Scholars Honors Club
Votes: 72

#23 Sital V. Mandalla
Independent
Votes: 96

#24 Caroline Wamagatta
International Student Association
Votes: 48

#25 Karl M. Mourly
International Student Association
Votes: 80

#26 Laura Weissenberg
Football
Votes: 116

#27 Armando Calderon
Football
Votes: 91

#28 Anthony Rashad Robinson
Football
Votes: 89

#29 Adam P. Filby
Football
Votes: 82

#30 Lloyd Wilson
Football (Incumbent)
Votes: 92

#31 Jason Lehman
Football (Incumbent)
Votes: 93

#32 Kiki Gardner
Independent
Votes: 14

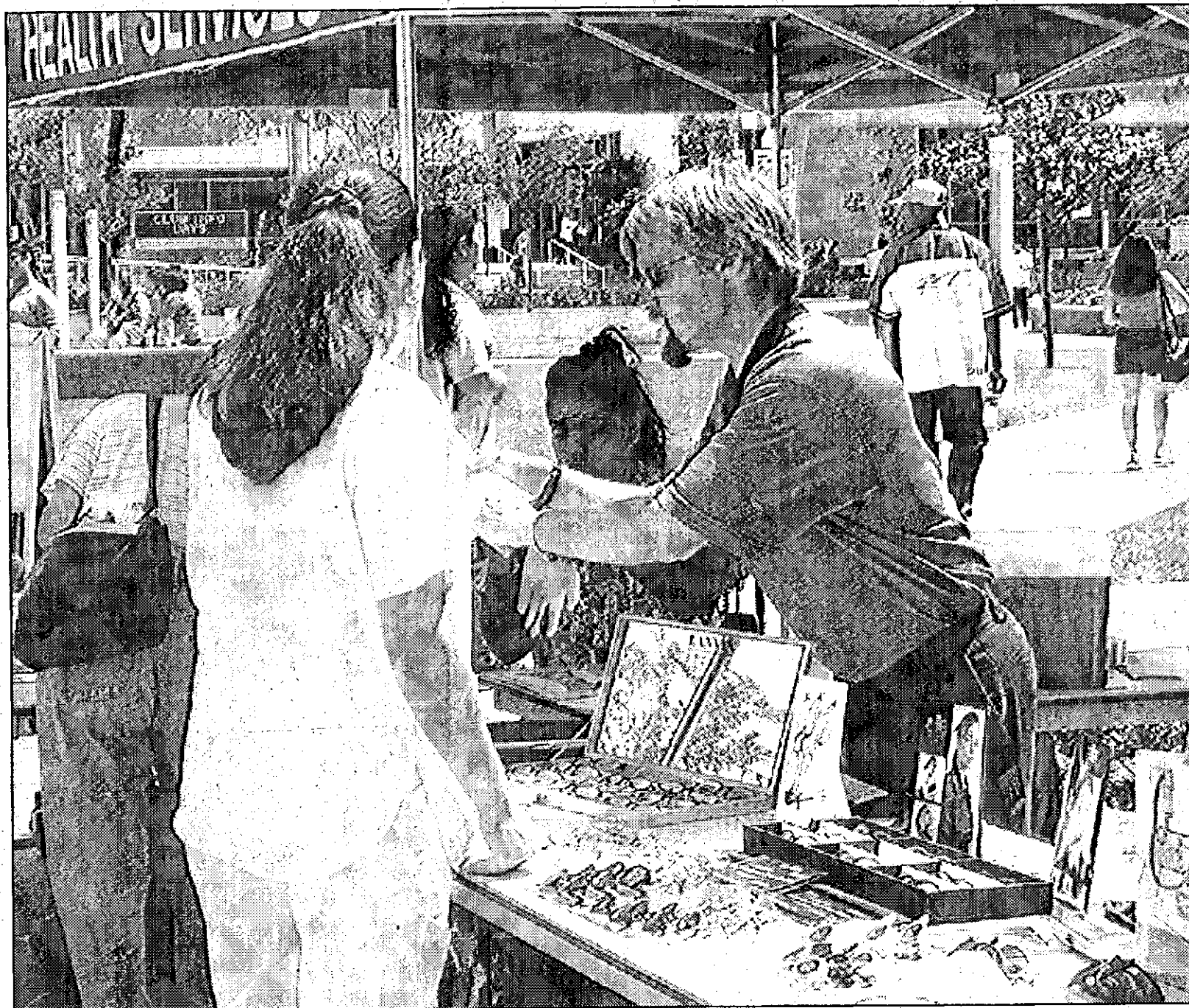
#33 Fernando Vazquez
Feminist Majority
Votes: 73

#34 Erica Cruz
Scholars Honors Club
Votes: 83

#36 Nazareth Gutierrez
Alpha Gamma Sigma
Votes: 96

#37 Chany Sy
Alpha Gamma Sigma
Votes: 103

#38 Victor Shew
Independent
Votes: 52



Armando Borboa/TM

Students not only met with employers, but learned more about Cerritos Clubs and services at the Job Fair/Club Day last week.

Clubs, employers recruit students

BY ARMONDO BORBOA
OPINION EDITOR

The final week of August brought with it the combined biannual Cerritos Mini-Job Fair/Club information day to the Falcon Square quad.

The purpose of the two-day event was to introduce students to the myriad campus clubs (and employers) who are eager to have Cerritos students join their ranks.

Clubs are organized for different interest

groups, including various academic and honor societies, sports and social/activist groups.

Most clubs meet during the 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "dead hour" between classes and are open to all students. Most also have evening meetings to accommodate night students.

Further information can be accessed through the Office of Student Activities, located next to the Bookstore.

Well over a dozen employers were on hand to receive applications and to distribute promotional materials to prospective employees.

Most employers are willing to work around class schedules and accommodate student needs.

The Job Placement/Career Services Center (located next to admissions) has access to a variety of corporate recruiters and will provide students with job assistance free of charge.

Log-on program causes problems in computer labs

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caught off guard by the new program were kept busy most of the morning helping students figure out the system.

The whole idea of logging-on to the computers is a concept that is relatively new.

According to lab aide, Angel Esquerro, the log-on program, tied to students' I.D.s was originally implemented one-and-a-half to two years ago for security purposes.

This new version is simply the evolution of the program.

Esquerro said that with any new thing they implement, they are always trying to find ways to make it better.

Apparently, before the log-on program, anyone — including people without ties to Cerritos College — could go into the lab and use the computers.

Esquerro says, because of that, sometimes there would not be com-

puters available for use by actual students.

Soon, however, the school realized that if it kept track of certain subjects students were working on, it could use the information to get more money from the state.

Logging-on to the Positive Attendance Analysis program does take an extra 30 seconds or so to do, and that was more time than most students had.

Many of them quickly found that with one click of their mouse they could override the program.

The school is hoping that the new program will be more trouble to override than simply going ahead and logging on, thus enabling it to gather information that can be used to receive more funding from the state.

CAI lab supervisor, Masoud

Alavial said, "This is a program that Cerritos College implemented to gather the number of hours the students work on computers that we provide assisted instruction on so that we can collect from Sacramento, proper funding for improvement of all computing areas."

On Wednesday afternoon, Cerritos College freshman, Musbassum Shafique, who was at a computer as his friend, Hector Moreno logged on said, "Oh, you've got to log-on to that stupid new thing."

When they found out the benefits to the school of the new program, Shafique said that he wouldn't mind it, and Moreno said, "It's cool because it's a benefit to the school."

Some students, like computer science major, Emmanuel Martinez

will never get used to the new program. He said, "I still prefer the old way because it was faster."

Although the recent governor's budget cuts to community colleges has been affecting programs on campus, Alavial says it is only a coincidence that the PAA program is being implemented now.

The way the program works is, a

student simply has to type in his or her "user I.D.," then press "enter." The student's name and student number will come up, along with a list of any classes that student might be enrolled in that the school "tracks."

The computer will then keep track of the amount of time that student spends on that class.

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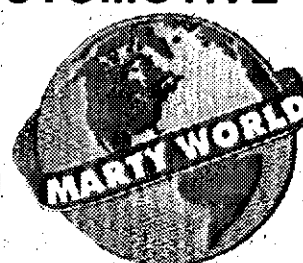
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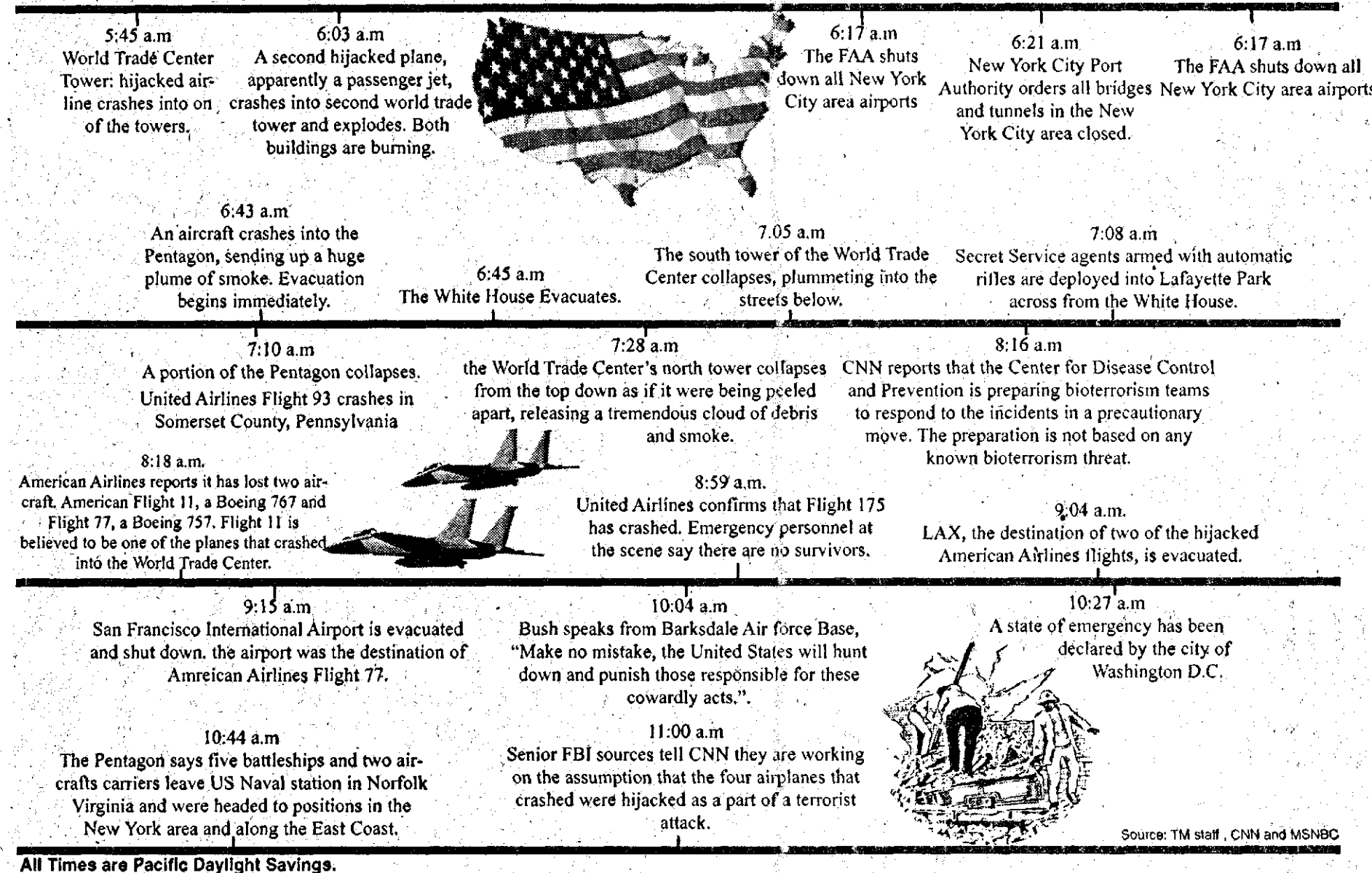
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Awards, the Black Crowes concert in the Greek Theatre, Los Invisibles in the Conga Room, the Lion King at the Pantage, the Modest Mouse at the House of Blues and the Stiff Little Fingers concert at the Roxy were all cancelled Tuesday.

Major league sports were cancelled and the Tonight Show was called off for the next two nights.

All California State Universities are under cessation.

The LA Library, Museum of Tolerance, nearly all skyscrapers, federal buildings and city hall has been closed along with Jewish and Islamic schools and Crescent school in Orange County.

The chief of the Los Angeles County sheriffs said the precautions may last at least a week.

From the beginning to the end of these events, all emergency departments will be up and running and health services will be offering assistance to relatives of victims.

FEMA put into effect a plan established for such an event: FBI leads investigations and the Justice Department heads crisis management.

In New York, more than 10,000 rescue personnel rushed to the scene, and lower Manhattan has been evacuated.

The New York port authority said it had closed all bridges and tunnels into the city.

The U.S. stock markets were closed after the New York attack.

Philadelphia landmarks were evacuated. In Chicago, the Sears towers were evacuated and the United Nations in New York were evacuated.

The Center for Disease Control and prevention in Atlanta were evacuated and the CDC was preparing bioterrorism teams in case they become necessary.

'Movie Classics' set as theme

ALICIA WARNER

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Inter-Club council has decided on this year's Homecoming theme will be "Movie Classics."

With Homecoming around the corner, clubs will be soon participating in the annual float decoration contest.

Clubs will be designing floats after a movie classic of their choice and are looking forward to being creative with this year's theme.

Homecoming float and court applications will be available in the Student Activities office starting this week. Deadline for all applications are on Sept. 28.

Not many clubs were represented at the meeting last Thursday. Clubs are encouraged to send two representatives from their club to participate in activities on campus and decisions that need to be made.

Inter-Club Council consists of clubs on campus joining together to talk about upcoming events for clubs on campus.

To all clubs that haven't yet turned in club rosters, room request and meeting times the Student Activities office needs them ASAP.

There were no other announcements from any of the clubs that were represented at the meeting.

Upcoming Events include:
• Sept. 29 -- Pre-Game Reception, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Student Center

Grants

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and alternative fuels such as compressed natural gas.

Proud of the student's success in the advance transportation department, Peebles said, "We have an electric car that the students have built. It is licensed and we can test it on the road. We also have compressed natural gas vehicles that the students are certified to use."

A two-year \$500,000 grant from the chancellor's office of community colleges will help the automotive department add new seminars and a new associate's degree to the schools curriculum.

The seminars will begin late this semester and will focus helping students to obtain and perfect managing skills.

Campus reacts to terrorism

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design major came to school late because he was trying to contact a friend who lives in New York, however, because of the huge volume of calls going into New York, he was not able to get through.

When he did get to school, he found that his class was closed.

The campus radio station was broadcasting live news reports from all news station, KNX 1070. At approximately 8:30 a.m., director of the campus radio station, Craig Breit made the decision to broadcast the news out to the campus.

Many student radio hosts did not show up

Tuesday, and others, like Vince Daniels who hosts an evening show came filled in. Every so often, he would break in with updates of class closures on campus.

Mayra Campos and Vanessa Cervantes were sitting in front of the radio station listening to the news.

Campos originally was going to stay home, but she decided to "be responsible and come to school."

Cervantes called the school first to make sure the school was open before coming to school. Other students stood around the radio station listening for class closures.

Many students went into the Student Center, where throughout the day, the news was being shown on a large screen.

Off campus agencies offered counseling to students who might have been having a hard time coping with the disaster. Information about contacting them was forwarded from the president's office to department managers, who then passed the information on to instructors to give to students.

The agencies are College Hospital Enterprises, 1-800-352-3300, and Department of Mental Health/Rio Hondo Mental Health Community Center, 1-800-854-7771.

New staff honored at campus reception

BY ARMONDO BORBOA

OPINION EDITOR

The annual Cerritos Welcome Reception was held this past Wednesday to greet new faculty, managers and classified staff joining the Cerritos College community.

The reception was held in the Falcon Square quad and was attended by several members of the Board of trustees, to include

Cerritos President Dr. Jane Harmon and members Bob Arthur and Mary Loya.

The purpose of the reception was twofold, as a mixer for new staff members to meet each other and for the staff to be introduced to their departmental deans and vice presidents.

Not all of the new hires who attended the reception are

strangers to Cerritos College.

Several are former or current students who are combining work and school in their overall educational plan.

Classified staff member Albert Wilmonsky works in the computer center, is a former member of the student government, and once ran for Associated Students President. Marlene Mauinatu is taking a

break from her education and is currently working full time in the Counseling office.

"Getting the Classified position is great," she said, "it means stability and benefits, but my job remains the same."

Kristen Towhid, who works full-time in the Transfer and Articulation Center, agrees with this assessment.

"Working with students is great, especially since I was just there not too long ago myself." Towhid has already graduated and received her degree.

Refreshments were served courtesy of the Cerritos Culinary Arts Department, with Music Department Director of Bands David Betancourt providing musical entertainment.

Faculty

Business Education:
Robert Livingston,
Business Administration

Career services:
Dora Macias,
CalWORKs Counselor
Traci Ukita,
Career Services Counselor

Disabled Student Programs
and Services:
Judi Holmes,
Resource Center Specialist

EOPS:
Henrietta Hurtado,
EOPS Counselor
Georgina Guy,
EOPS Counselor

Fine Arts and Communications:
Christina Fernandez, Photography
Julie Lagier, Art History

Health Occupations:
Kelli Brooks, Nursing
Adelle Krayer, Dental Hygiene
Lella Seaman, Nursing

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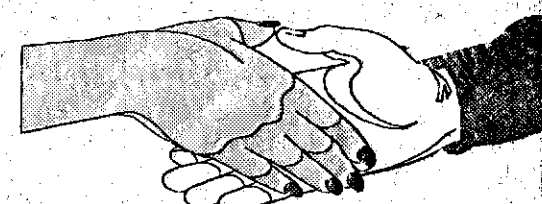
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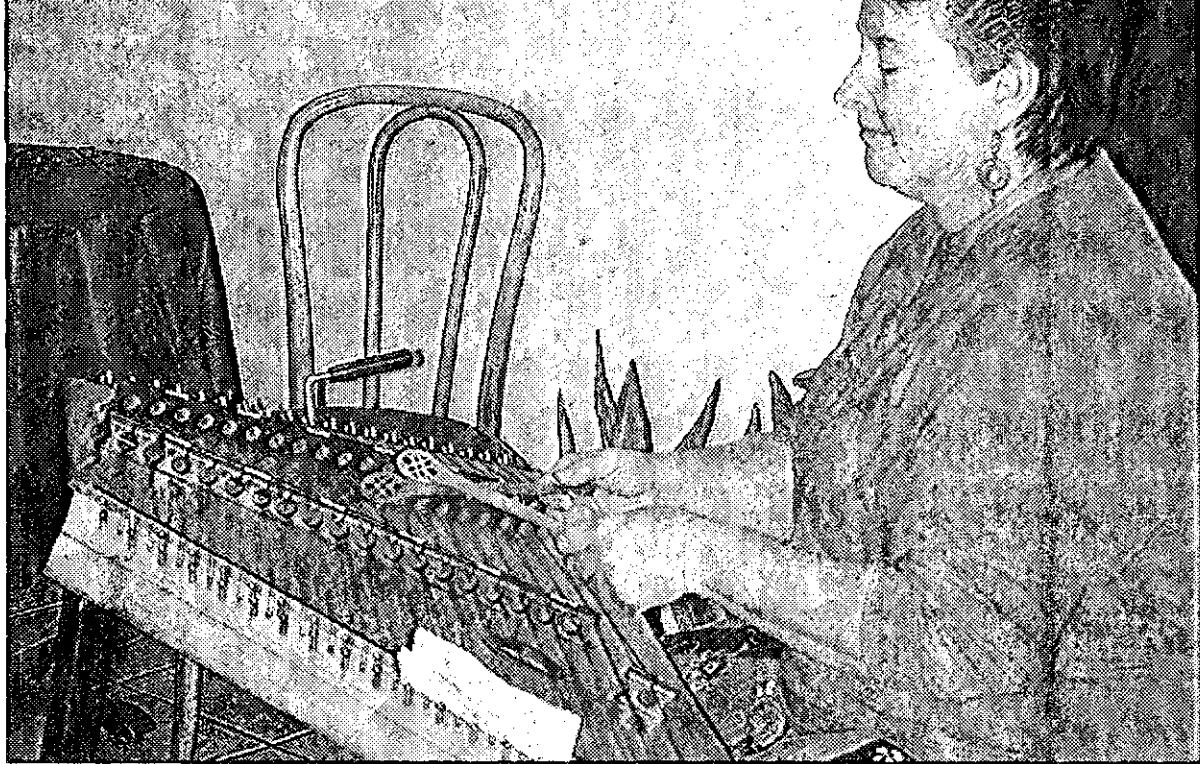
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Bea Romano taps on the hammered dulcimer. Her band's CD started as a classroom project.

Cerritos students cut CD from class project

ARMONDO BORBOA
OPINION EDITOR

With fluid fingers dancing over the strings and haunting strains filling the air, the mystic sounds of Cerritos' Bea Romano's hammered dulcimer strikes a chord deep in the soul of all her listeners.

With one CD already to their credit, Romano's former garage band "When Pigs Fly" has already grown into a local favorite at various Celtic festivals and revival concert series.

According to Romano, the band's CD started as a classroom project in a Cerritos College business course.

"I was supposed to come up with a product, a business plan and a means for marketing it."

After all of her hard work, it was only natural to put her plan into practical application. The result is the lighthearted and fanciful music of "pig attitude" which can be bought at the Cerritos bookstore.

The titles alone can create a giggle for the audience: "Whiskey Before Breakfast" summons the casual alcoholic in each of us.

"Soldier's Joy" is a more traditional Celtic sad ditty, with its remembrance of war and loss to strike deep into the heart.

The very real history behind "Burning of the Piper's Hut" goes a long way towards explaining the sadness behind the Celtic mystic.

Even the name of the band has an entertaining story behind it.

When the band was first forming and various names were discussed and discarded, one of the members suggested all the men wear kilts during their performances.

Upon hearing this, another member loudly exclaimed, "When Pigs Fly!" and thus was the band so named.

With a lively combination of traditional instruments and a cartload of bad pig jokes, this group is not one to be missed if the opportunity comes up.

Their last performance was at the Tall Ships Festival in Dana Point this past weekend.

A schedule of their performances can be seen on the website WWW.whenpigsflymusic.com

MOVIE REVIEW

'O' updates Shakespeare

ARMANDO BROWN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Some people appear to have everything going for them. They seem to be strong, invincible, and there is nothing in the world that could ever bring them down.

That's the impression I got of Odrin, the basketball superstar, main character of "O," Hollywood's 21st century version of Shakespeare's 17th century play, Othello.

And yes, in this hip hop version, set in an all white American high school, Odrin, the lone black player on the basketball team — and the school for that matter — is brought down, just like the Moor general, Othello was in the original version that was set in Venice.

While the soundtrack had me bobbing my head at what seemed like the most intense moments in the film, non-rap aficionados will not have to worry, the movie was not over loaded with unnecessary music.

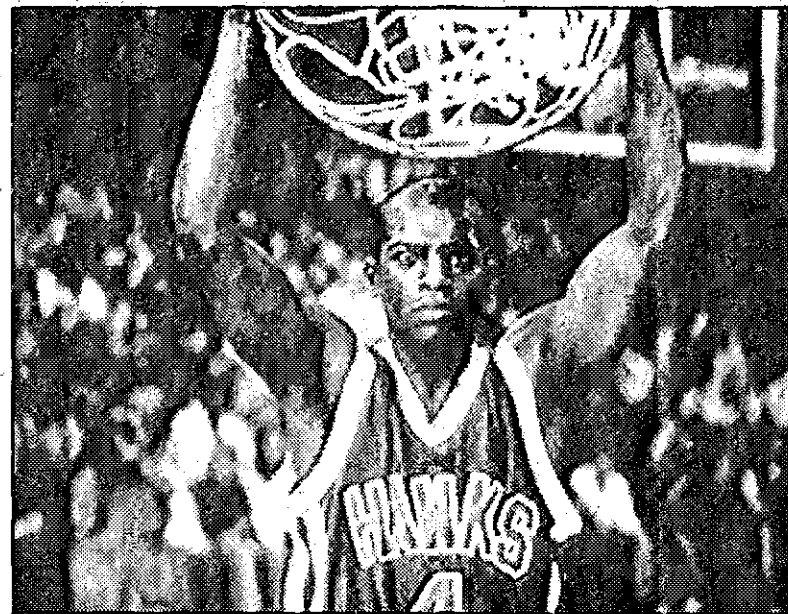
In transforming this serious work, with adult characters into a serious work with high school characters, director Tim Blake Nelson, in a recent New York Times article said, "The hope was that in re-imagining a very serious work without deviating from its plot... we could make an R-rated movie for a younger audience with very adult sensibilities."

After watching "O," it was apparent that he achieved what he was trying to.

By the mere fact that the story revolves around a high school setting, and the hardwood, younger people will be able to relate to it.

The significance of the color of the character's skin is that he lives in an all white society, yet is well respected, accomplished and has a white girlfriend. (The original Othello was married.)

In this respect, "O" is your typi-



Odrin shatters the backboard as he begins to self destruct.

cal black kid from the ghetto making good in the white man's world.

But the movie goes deeper than just the race issue. It is about jealousy and betrayal.

Odrin, the sophomore superstar of his prep high school's basketball team, is the focus of all of his coach's praises and attention.

But it quickly becomes apparent who his nemesis is: Hugo, the senior utility player on the team, who just happens to be the coach's son. He finds that Odrin is getting all of his father's attention, while he is shunned.

Hugo decides that he must eliminate Odrin and comes up with a plan to bring him down by using one of their teammates as a pawn to make Odrin believe he is having an affair with his girlfriend.

Odrin is finally so over taken with jealousy that he self destructs, loses the respect of everyone on campus, and kills his girlfriend Desi.

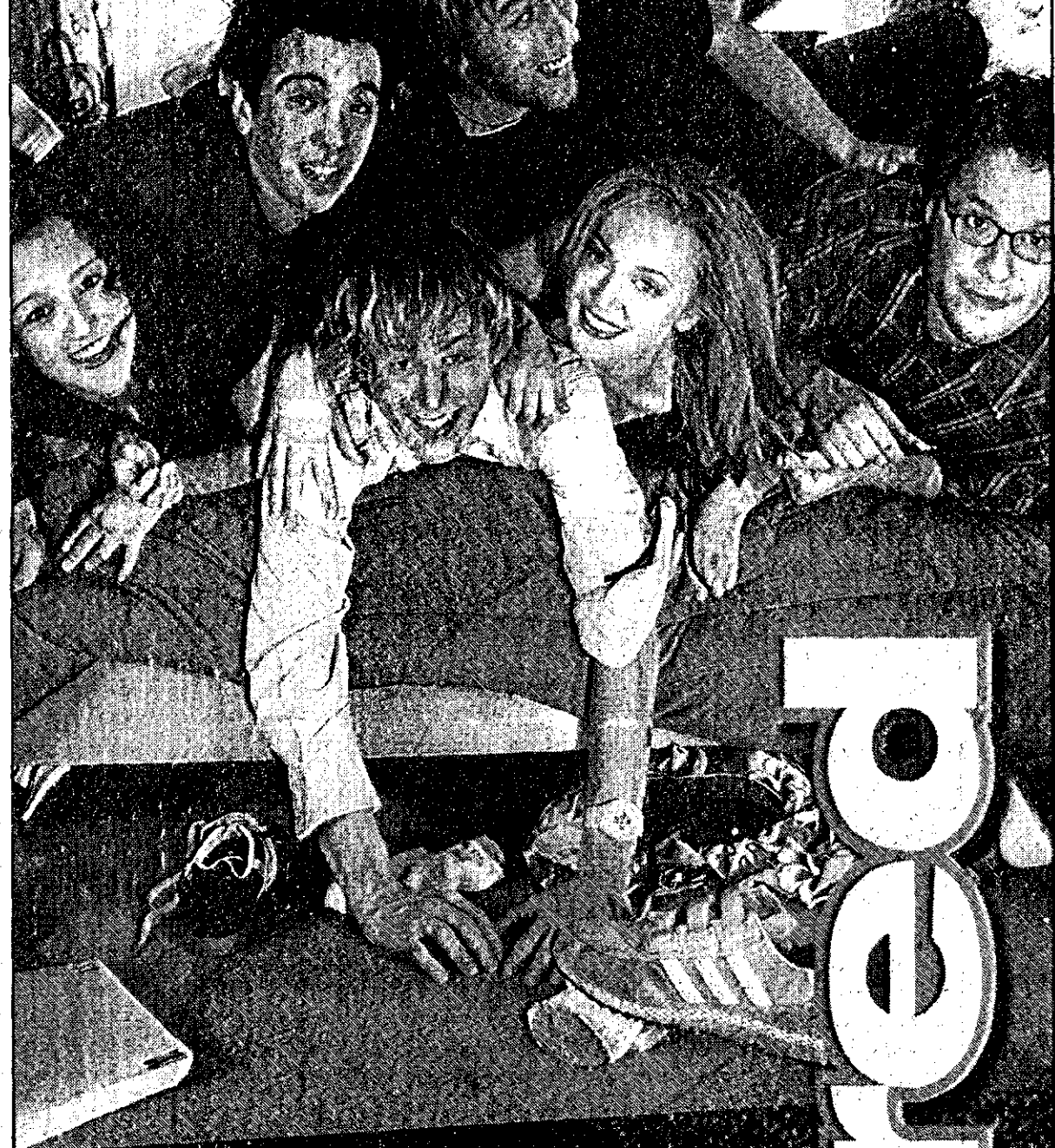
I was pleasantly surprised. After watching the promos for it all I could think was: "Not Julia

Stiles playing the white girlfriend of a black man again?" She recently played the same type of role in "Save the Last Dance." If she's not careful she's going to be typecast into this type of role.

In reality, Stiles might have performed the role in "O" before she did in "Save the Last Dance."

This movie was actually shot in 1999, but was not immediately released because of concerns by the studio that the timing might have been wrong in the wake of the Columbine and other high school shootings in the United States that coincides with the tragic ending of the movie.

Maybe it's a credit to Blake's directing and Brad Kaya's writing but this movie has the viewer so wrapped up in the deceit, envy and betrayal of Odrin by his supposed best friend on the team that we don't even notice there is an interracial relationship taking place. Odrin's girlfriend could have had the same color skin as him and the story still would have worked the same way.



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What did you think of the Cerritos College football team's big win over the No. 5 ranked team (in the nation),

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"It was a great game. Philip Perry did a great job stopping the run, he also blocked a field kick. I see great things for the football team."

SAL AGUILAR
BUSINESS



"I think they should have threw the ball to Danny Kirkpatrick. I think their offense was pretty good. Chatman played a great game."

JOHN BOBTON
UNDECIDED



"I think it was a good game. I think the team showed a lot of heart."

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"Bakersfield came down here to lose. Cerritos flew high. The win was awesome, which was shattered by an awesome Cerritos defense."

EVAN ORCHA
CRIMINAL



"I think they might win a national championship, I went to the game Saturday night and they looked really good. With a little work I think they can win."

NATHANIEL DIXON
UNDECIDED



"Yeah, I think so they can win a national championship. I think they're a good team. I was impressed."

JONATHAN VILLEGAS
SOCIOLOGY



"This gives us an opportunity to rank higher. Shows that we have a good team and to be recognized by other schools."

CARLOS COTA
ANTHROPOLOGY



"I think it is great they won. The quarterback reminds me of Jerry Rice."

MELISSA STANFIELD
ART



Sudden Impact

FRANK WELCH
SPECIAL TO THE TALON MARKS

There are several reasons why community college football players end up, well, at community colleges. Naturally, one would love playing at a lavish Division I university in front of crowds bigger than most cities. But it doesn't always work out that way.

It could be grades, slipping through the proverbial recruiting cracks, it could be a previous failure at a four-year university, or it even could be time away from the game and a focused return with the hopes

of glory.

Football players at the JC level hold onto the dream. The thought of being the focal point among 80,000 lunatic home fans intrigues them, it drives them. Having their name in lights and on their favorite 24-hour sports network? Ah yes, that's the ticket.

They can get there, they can get to their distant fantasy with a couple of years of hard work at, say, Cerritos College.

Quarterback Doug Baughman and defenseman lineman Demetris Veal are living out their visions of glory. And 10 months ago, each was craving their niche for the Falcons.

Baughman, at Idaho State, and Veal, at the University of Tennessee, are two of five former Falcons who made differences for their football teams in victories last Saturday. Baughman and Veal are two, there are others.

Former Falcon Jason Lowe is a junior linebacker who is getting some playing time at Oregon State. The 6-3, 230-pound Lowe has two tackles in two games for the Beavers (1-1), who were picked by one national magazine as the No. 1 team in the nation in its preseason poll. A 44-24 loss to Fresno State,

however, sent Lowe's chances for a

championship ring out the window.

St. Mary's College in Moraga looked to Cerritos last fall to find place kicker Ezequiel Arvalo. Arvalo was perfect out of the chute, hitting all seven of his extra points in the Gaels' 49-10 season-opening victory over Humboldt State.

BYU running back Brian McDonald, an ex-Falcon from the 1999 team, has spearheaded the Cougars 3-0 start and return to the top 25.

McDonald has 200 yards rushing in five touchdowns and six catches for 118 yards and a score after BYU rolled over Tulane (70-35), Nevada (52-7) and California (44-16). The 5-10, 210-pound senior had eight rushing touchdowns and 464 yards for the Cougars last season.

It was Baughman's effort in the Bengals' 40-7 victory over Montana Tech that turned many a head in Pocatello.

Baughman, who guided Cerritos

to a pair of 8-3 seasons in 1999 and

2000, completed 20 of 22 passes for 254 yards and a stadium-record tying five touchdowns in his club's home victory.

A power outage with 12:53 left in the game didn't likely hurt Baughman's chances for any further passing heroics. But it did halt the game prematurely. Idaho State led 34-7 at halftime and went

to ground control in the second half. Baughman's first start likely won't be his last, either.

The former Falcon was entrenched in a battle for the starting quarterback job during the summer and fall practices. Head coach Larry Lewis was hesitant in naming a starter quickly, fearing the other, "might drop off" in his play.

However, the 6-foot-4, 215-pound

Baughman clearly outplayed his quarterback rival in the season opener.

Veal, Cerritos' all-everything defensive lineman last season, is vying for additional playing time

with Tennessee, a program which won a national championship in 1998.

The 6-3, 275-pound Veal has managed to see some action during victories over Syracuse (33-9) and at Arkansas (13-3) last Saturday. Veal had a sack in each of the Vols first two games.

Tennessee spoiled the Razorbacks new stadium party a week ago - which was highlighted more by lightning storms in the Fayetteville area than anything else.

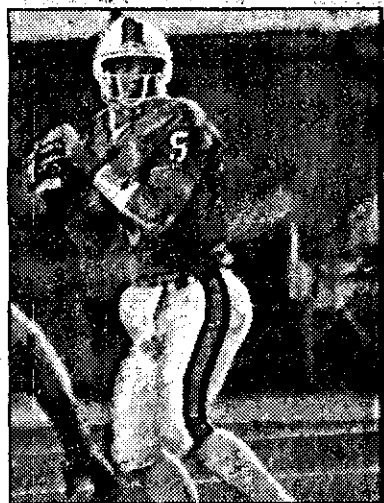
Now Veal and his Vols teammates are preparing for a game that surely will get national attention. Tennessee faces Southeastern Conference rival Florida in Gainesville on Saturday in a matchup of two top 10 ranked teams.

Cerritos College has proven annually to be a nice four-year feeder program to the elite of the elite Division I programs. Veal, McDonald, and Lowe each are key players on top 25-ranked teams, while Baughman is beginning to build his own legacy in Idaho. And Arevalo has found a nice gig in Northern California at a school which doesn't get nearly the publicity as that of a Tennessee, Oregon State, or BYU.

If you elect to attend a Falcons game this season, which might not be a bad idea, all things considered, take a good look at the current standouts. You can see them now, you and about 500 of your friends, in an up-close and personal setting.

Next season, you could end up seeing them on national television while watching the game at your favorite watering hole or in the comforts of your own couch. Yes, it is kind of like the old saying, "hey, I knew you when," ...

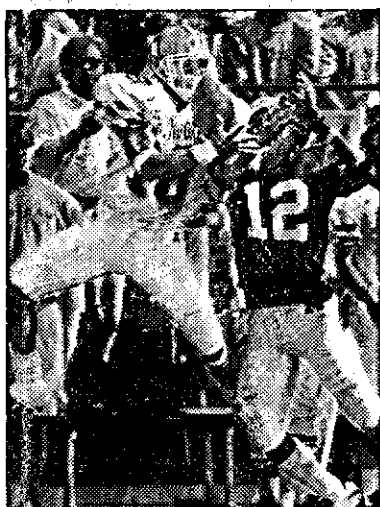
The dreams of many remain alive within the close-knit family that is Cerritos College football. The dream for some will live on after the turn in their junior college equipment. ... And the dream for a



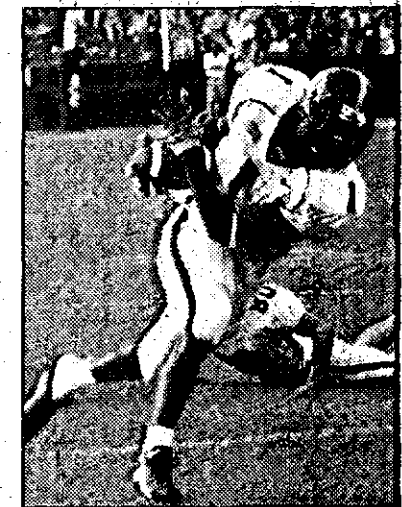
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Falcons defeat #1 Bakersfield

BY DAVID AMEZCUA
STAFF WRITER

The Cerritos College football team scored an upset over Bakersfield College, the top-ranked team in Southern California, 21-19 Saturday at Falcon Stadium.

Falcon wide receiver Chris Chatman, who scored two touchdowns, said that the defense and special teams came up big in the game. "The offense could have done better. Our quarterback needs to get the pressure off him. I think we look good for the next game."

In the first quarter running back Sammy Moore caught quarterback Kevin Bryan's pass for a 55-yard touchdown to give the Renegades a 7-0 lead.

Falcon linebacker John Lopez recovered a fumble on the 11-yard line of the Renegades in the second quarter. Quarterback Mike Harrison then threw a touchdown pass to Chatman.

The extra-point attempt by Adam Sonntag was missed, and Cerritos trailed 7-6.

Harrison and Chatman hooked-up again on a 37-yard touchdown pass to make the score 12-7. The Falcons missed the two-point try.

In the third quarter, Harrison ran in a 10-yard touchdown making the score 18-7.

The Falcons again missed the two-point try.

In the fourth quarter Renegade running back Robert Thomas made the score 18-13 on a 16-yard touchdown run.

They missed the two-point try.

In the fourth quarter the Renegades took a 19-18 lead when safety James McGill recovered a fumble by Harrison and ran it in for a touchdown.

Sonntag made a field goal to give the Falcons the lead again, 21-19 with four minutes left in the game.

Bakersfield attempted to take the lead when it lined up to kick a field goal.

The kick was blocked by linebacker Philip Perry, and the game was over.

The Falcons will play at College of the Canyons Saturday at 7 p.m.

Falcon coach Frank Mazzotta said that the team played good and that they just had to overcome first mistakes.

Falcon running back Josh Herrera said, "We were slow in the first half."

He said that the offense made more big plays. "The defense stepped up big time."

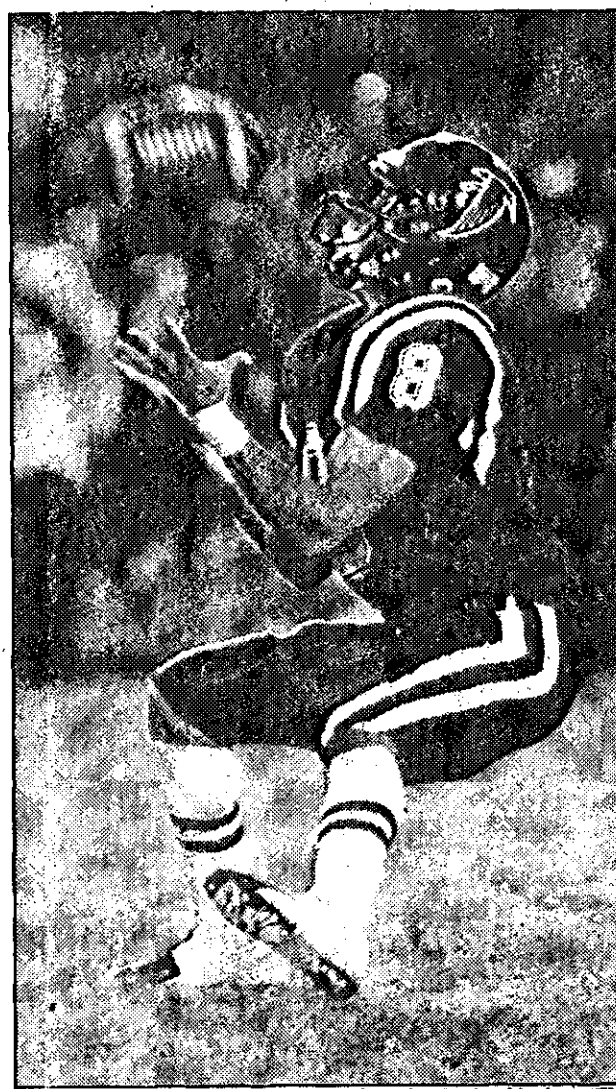


Photo by Carlos Verdugo/TM
SET TO RETURN -- Andrew Harris fields a kick against Bakersfield

Women's soccer team sees game slip away

JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

Cerritos goalkeeper Carmen Cortes stopped 11 El Camino shots, but it was the one that got away in the 85th minute of play that was the difference as the Warriors' beat the Falcons in women's soccer play, 1-0 Friday at Cerritos in the South Coast conference opener for both teams.

The Falcons (1-3) played strong defense throughout the game, which was tied at zero after the first half.

The atmosphere became charged in the second half when the men's soccer team, returning from its 1-0 win at Citrus College, arrived at the field to cheer on the women, joining the Cerritos College cheerleaders in rooting for the Falcons.

Cerritos had an opportunity to score when Claudia Lozano's shot curved to the right of the El Camino goal.

Lozano said that she had sprained her ankle and kicked the ball "too hard."

She added that she was "too anxious" and attempted the shot "too soon."

El Camino finally broke the deadlock when Jennifer Emanuel emerged from a crowd in front of the net and kicked the ball past a diving Cortes.

Cortes said that the Falcons left the player open, and "if we had marked (kept a defender on) the player," it would've been a different result.

Coach Debbie Jensen said that the game was still "a great game for

Cerritos" because the Falcons were still able to get chances to score, and it was the best conference opener in seven years for the team because it was a tie game for 85 minutes.

She said the team is very positive and doesn't give up.

"We're very pleased with our play today."

Cortes said that it was an accomplishment for the Falcons to play "close to El Camino" because it is a "strong school."

After losses at Antelope Valley (1-0) and Rio Hondo (4-1), the Falcons got their first win of the season at Golden West, defeating the Rustlers, 3-1 Sep. 3.

Lupe Chavez and Mauriel Chaidez scored to give Cerritos a 2-0 lead at halftime.

Jessica Escorsia added another goal for the Falcons in the 73rd minute of play.

NOTES

The Falcons played at Compton Tuesday.

They play at home Friday against Los Angeles City College and Tuesday host Long Beach City.

Chaidez leads the Falcons with two goals.

Chavez and Escorsia have one goal each.

Cortes has a total of 35 saves in four games against seven goals allowed.

Split results for Cerritos' water polo teams in tournament play

DAVID AMEZCUA
STAFF WRITER

The Cerritos College men's water polo team lost one game and won three at the Ventura Tournament.

The Falcons lost to Riverside, 23-7, but beat Los Angeles Valley College, 10-2, Rio Hondo, 12-6 and Ohlone College, 15-5.

The team will play at El Camino on Wednesday at 3 p.m. and will play in the Ventura Challenge Thursday.

The Falcons have 42 goals as a team. Daniel Garcia leads the team with 20 goals.

Bryan Brown has eight goals for the season.

Duje Kaliterna leads the team in steals with 11. Goalkeeper Jonny Zegarra has 25 saves, followed by Kris Nordbak with 17.

The Cerritos College women's water polo team lost three games at the Cypress Invitational. The women lost to Cypress College, 15-3, Merced, 18-2 and Los Angeles Valley College, 19-4.

They will play at El Camino on Wednesday at 4 p.m., then they play in the El Camino Mini Tournament on Saturday.

Megan Robles leads the team with four goals and two assists.

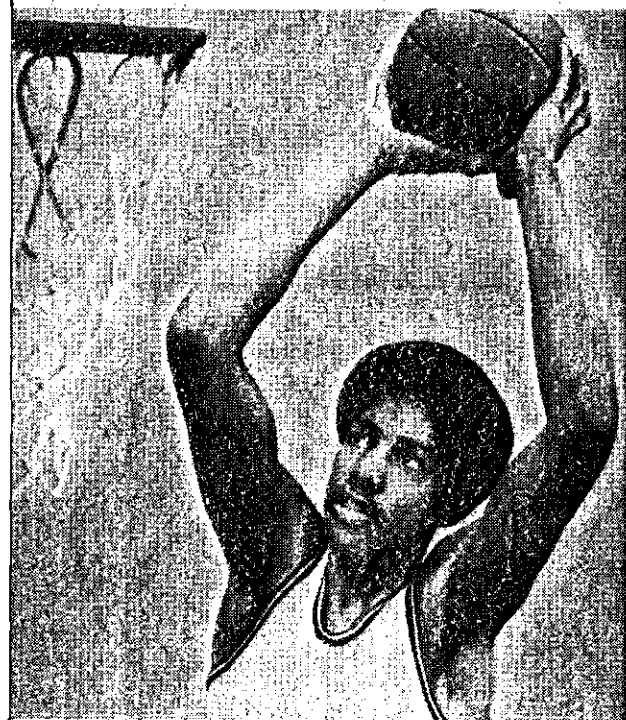
Men's Water Polo Stats

SCORING

Through four games:

Daniel Garcia 20 goals, 1 assist
Bryan Brown 8 goals
Jose Martin 5 goals, 2 assists
Marcus Alvarez 3 goals, 2 assists
Ehsan Ahmadi 3 goals, 2 assists
Duje Kaliterna 2 goals, 5 assists
David Marcato 1 goal
Jerry Portilla 1 goal
Charlie Eldridge 2 assists
Rafael Pugo 1 assist

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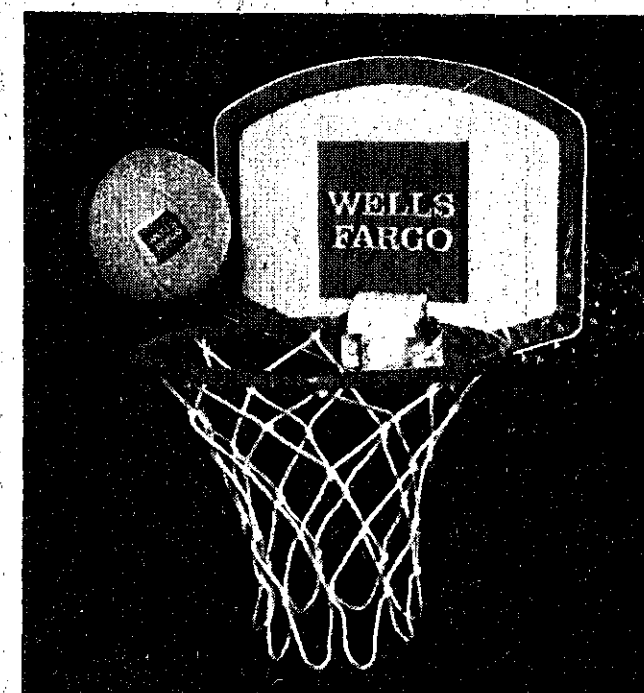
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ALLEY OOP - Vince Leachman takes down Juan Revuelta in Practice.

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Wrestling team looks for upgrade in standings

SYLVIA DURAN
STAFF WRITER

The Cerritos College wrestling team finished fourth in Southern California and eighth in the state during a successful season in 2000. Can the 2001 Falcon squad upgrade that standing?

"We have a solid team and we are confident we can do better than last season," said Cerritos coach Gary Gascon, who's team returns some solid veterans and a host of talented newcomers.

The team includes a four-time New Mexico state high school champion, a national champion from Egypt, a California state prep

champ and a pair of returning state placers.

Newcomers such as: Troy Owen, a four-time New Mexico state champion, Anthony Rodriguez, a California state Champion and Marco Lara, a fourth-place medalist at Nationals, are among the new talent that strengthens the team.

Returning are team captains Josh Johnson and Juan Revuelta, whom both placed sixth for Cerritos at last season's state championships.

"We're a great team, we can make it as long as we're all willing to work hard," said assistant coach

Brian Gilliland.

Freshman Troy Elam believes the team is "on the road to winning the state championship. We have a lot of talent, returning state placers and good leadership from the coach and team captain."

The team's first test is a key intersquad match scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m. in the Cerritos College gym. The outcome of the matches will determine who will start at upcoming matches.

Cerritos' first team test will come on Sept. 22, when the team take parts in the one-day Sacramento City College tournament.

Men's soccer team wins one for the road

VERONICA CAMPOS
STAFF WRITER

The Cerritos College men's soccer team has started out with a great round of what will be two weeks of playing on the road.

The Falcons beat Citrus College, 1-0 Friday, and now have a record of 2-1 for the season.

Jorge Vargas scored the Falcons' only goal.

After playing Glendale Tuesday, the Falcons will be at Cypress Wednesday and at Mt. San Antonio College Friday.

After losing a 4-2 decision to Victor Valley Sep. 29 at home, the Falcons were scheduled to play in the Apache Tournament at Southwestern College in Chula Vista over the weekend.

That tournament was cancelled because only three of the eight teams scheduled signed up.

The Falcons will return home Sep. 21 to play the East Los Angeles College Huskies.

STATS AFTER TWO GAMES

Goals: Miguel Zepeda 2, Jorge Vargas 2, Josue Perez 1
Goalkeepers:

Saves: Marco Lopez 5, Enrique Diaz 3

Goals Allowed: Lopez 2, Diaz 4

Cross Country team runs toward improvement

VERONICA CAMPOS
STAFF WRITER

The Cerritos College men's and women's cross-country team competed for the first time last week in the Southern California Championship Preview in Lancaster.

According to head coach Jeff Clingan, the scrimmage was "very slow."

There were 28 teams, 154 runners in total.

For the women, the top two runners as recorded by Clingan were sophomore Karen Espinoza and freshman Mercy Wedi.

As for the men, sophomore Paul Vaca and freshman Marco Armenta were the top finishers.

Clingan said, "The freshman seemed a bit scared. They're not used to seeing so many runners as

compared to high school competition."

For both the men and the women coach Clingan says it's a very young team, and probably better than last year's.

He said, "My goal is to close the gap between the runner's times, for example my number one runner and my seventh runner."

This weekend the Falcon runners will be heading up to Fresno for an invitational.

There they will be competing against teams up north.

According to Clingan, it is far too early to predict if they will make it to finals.

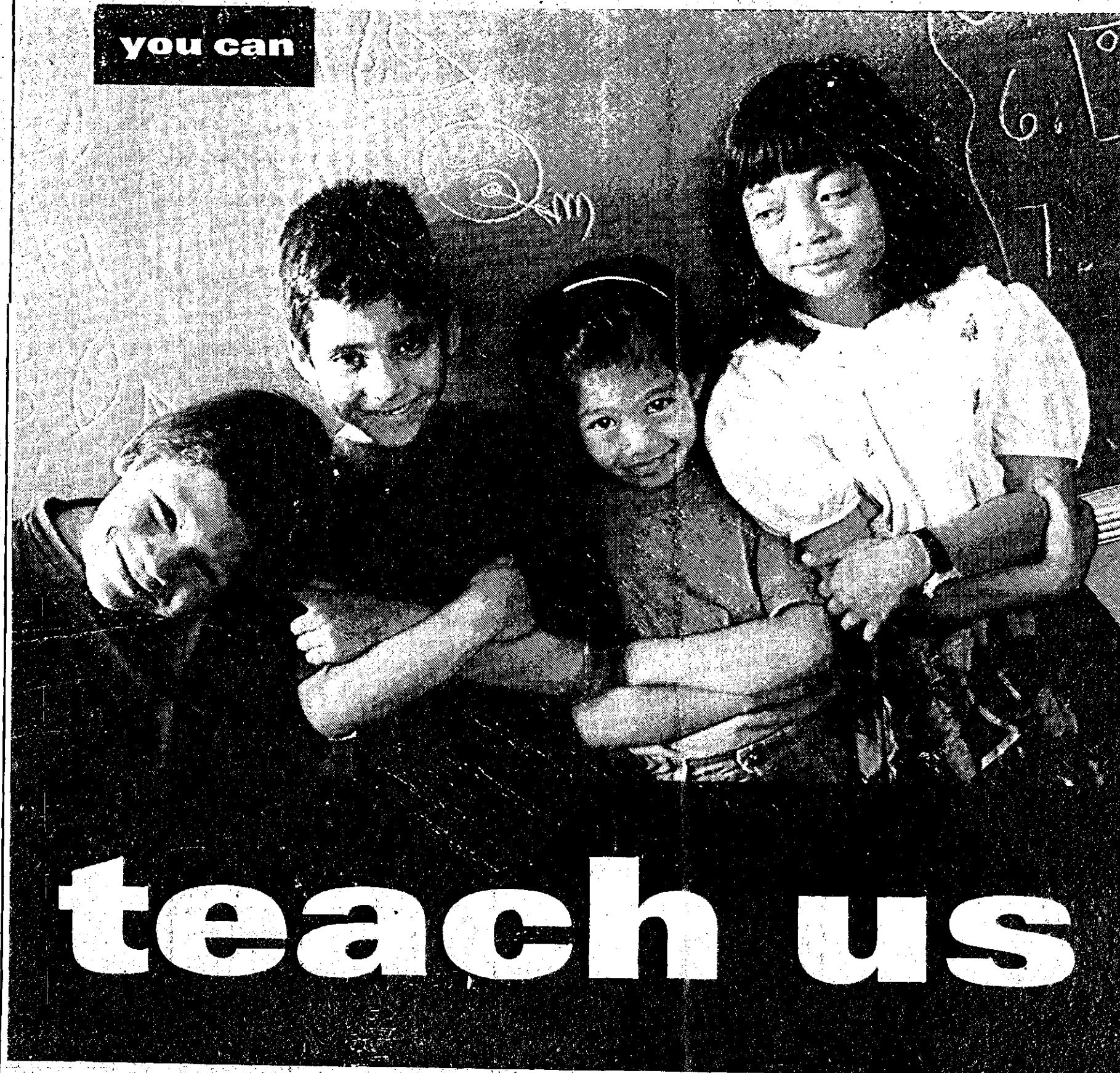
"It's a close call. We're about a month away to see what will happen."



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RUNNING STRIDES - Karen Espinoza and Melissa Dixon get into condition for the upcoming cross-country season.

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EDITORIAL

The price of freedom...

The whole world is shocked and mortified at Tuesday's events. The bodies of our dead cry out from beneath tons of rubble for answers. Americans nationwide demand blood, calling for immediate and overwhelming action by our government to bring the masterminds of this tragedy to justice.

But Tuesday's events beg the question: why were we taken so completely by surprise?

For years, America has been preparing to deal with terrorist threats. Nuclear, biological and chemical attacks have been anticipated, threatened and planned against. Billions are spent and countless man-hours are exhausted in the defense of our nation.

Was a domestic air attack really so incomprehensible?

Most people are currently focused on revenge and retaliation. Most people are screaming for the blood of our foes. But what about preventing a tragedy like this from ever happening again? What are we going to do to prevent the next attack?

If these people were able to hijack that many planes with such clockwork precision, what is to stop them from carrying out other horrible acts against the American people? What is to stop them from simple bombings, kidnappings and other suicide attacks?

Decades ago, air travel was as hazardous as hitchhiking on the interstate. News agencies would run stories almost daily about airlines being hijacked by various extremist groups and flown to Cuba or Libya.

A decade ago, threats like this were credible and very, very possible.

Yet, most American can only recall two acts of domestic terrorism. The Oklahoma City bombing and first attack against the Twin Towers in 1993.

Why wasn't an attack of this magnitude foreseen by our government? How much time, money and training had to go into an operation of this magnitude? Why were we not defended against this blow to our national pride and sense of security?

As a people need to realize we are no longer a secular nation, separated from world events by two wide oceans and a separatist ideology. We are members of a world community and subject to the price that world membership carries with it.

For years, politicians and social progressives have claimed we should not spend so much for defense. Base closings, a reduced military and shrinking defense budget have resulted in an America no longer able to project its might or defend its borders.

It is time for America to realize the world is a dangerous place to live. There are people who do not like us, envy our privileges and luxuries, and blame us for their misfortunes.

We must realize, with freedom comes a price.

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Blow them away



Veronica Campos
Staff writer

America attacked! Obviously we've all heard there are many to blame for, in this tragedy.

With many people injured and dead, whom do we have to blame for this?

I believe this was planned out for years: the World Trade Center in New York City and the Washington Pentagon being bombed was obviously planned out carefully, and it probably had many people involved.

I personally believe there was some kind of international involvement in this attack.

I do not believe it was a domestic incident like the Oklahoma City bombing, although many people jumped to conclusions about it thinking it was foreign terrorism.

There are many countries

that do not like the United States and I strongly believe it was some kind of international terrorism attack.

If it was a foreign attack, we should go to war because who ever was involved in the making of this tragedy deserves to be punished to the fullest.

There is no way on earth these terrorist are going to get away with what they have done, by all means if it does have to do with some kind of foreign attack we should blow them off with a nuclear bomb.

With all the news we're getting around the nation on how people have died and the people who are injured, why should we approach these terrorist in a friendly aspect?

No chance in hell.

Blow them away!

We are a strong nation, we can do everything possible to see who is responsible for these actions.

We deserve justice and we will get justice.

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Justice Not Revenge



Tara Carter
Associate Editor

As Americans learn about the terrorist attacks that devastated the United States Tuesday morning their first primitive reaction is to get revenge. "Bomb them back" they proclaim "start WWII." Even President Bush has vowed to "punish those responsible for these cowardly acts."

But what would taking revenge against the party responsible really accomplish? Another war, more bloodshed, millions of dollars spent on weapons and artillery, children left without mothers or fathers.

Millions of Americans saw the faces of horrified and injured individuals as they ran from collapsing buildings, and cringed as they wished for their safety, yet they still call for vengeance.

Haven't we all heard the

cliché two wrongs don't make a right?

If we retaliate against our attackers in the same fashion that they attacked us, what makes us any different than them?

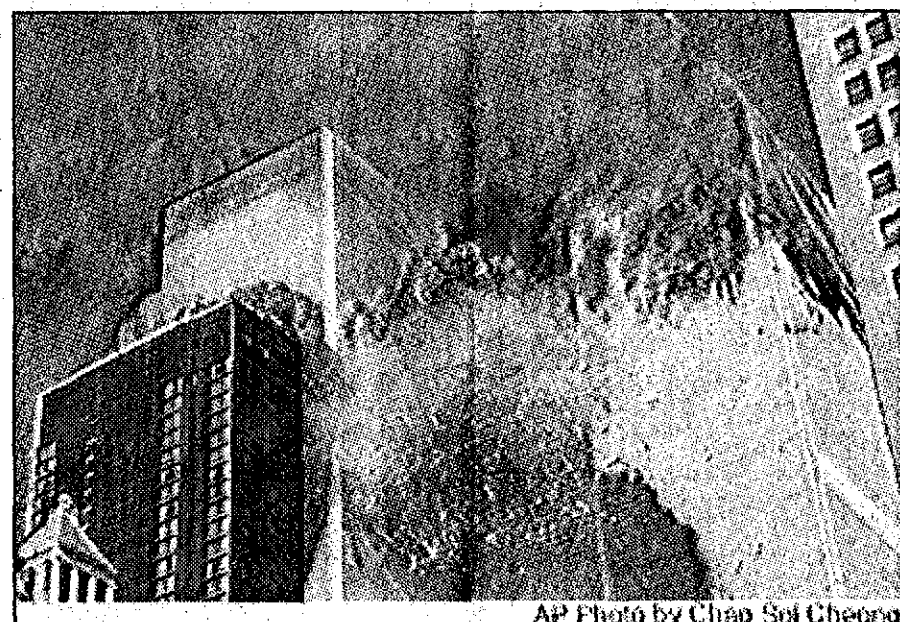
Will the killing of thousands of innocent individuals be justified because we were attacked first? Of course not.

Killing innocent people is unjustifiable and immoral under any circumstances. Bloodshed and the loss of life is irreversible and should not be taken lightly.

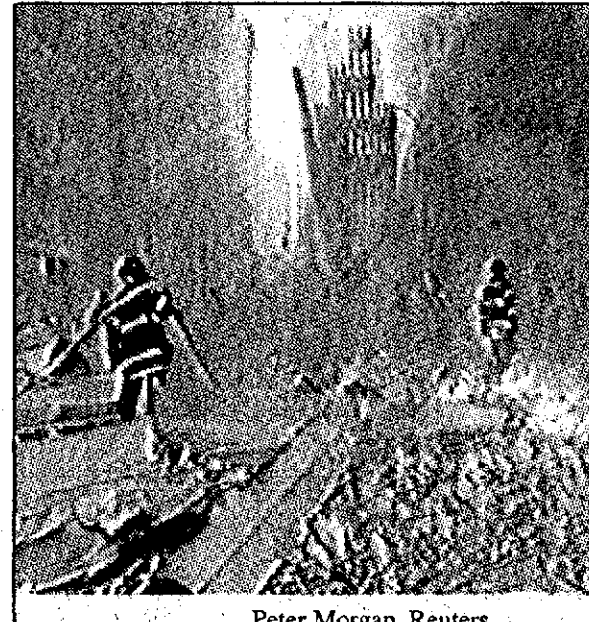
Before Americans spout off such statements as "lets start WWII," they need to realize the magnitude of their words.

Starting another war will not only kill thousands of foreigners but "precious" American life will also be lost.

Yes, the United States is justified in seeking its attackers in order to bring them to justice, but it is justice that should be dispensed, not revenge.



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Peter Morgan, Reuters

America's need to deal with complacency



Armondo Borboa
Opinion Editor

The hardest part of any disaster is trying to pick up the shattered parts of devastated lives. The most difficult step is always the first one taken towards recovery.

When America catches its collective breath, when we have had a chance to settle our hearts and to calm our minds we will be able to put today's events into their proper perspective.

When America is able to deal

with this tragedy, the events of today will be seen as the end of American complacency.

For too long, America has been seen as a "paper tiger" by the rest of the world. We are unwilling to commit ourselves to any permanent courses of action.

Eleven years ago we pursued Saddam Hussein all the way back to Baghdad, and then refused to finish the job.

Our so-called "war on drugs," has consumed billions of dollars and yet a kilo of cocaine is cheaper on the streets now than it was a decade ago.

Philandering politicians diddle their interns and then lie in the public's faces about it.

Americans have always com-

plained about the system, yet they never seem to do anything about it...

All this is about to change. Never again will people say "it isn't my problem" or pretend events occurring on the other side of the planet are not really happening.

The American public is going to wake up to the problems of the rest of the world. We are going to see that we need to treat the whole world as one community, where the problems affecting one person affect all people.

America will be a more proactive place from now on.

Already American military forces around the world are gearing up and getting ready to stomp

somebody into the ground.

Political leaders are finally speaking with one voice and are united in a cause.

Americans across the nation are gathering and calling for action like never before.

People will never again complain about having to stand in long lines in front of metal detectors.

This is a slap in the face that will forever wake us up to the realities of the modern world.

When people in other countries hate us enough to send their sons on suicide missions against us, a message is being sent that can no longer be ignored.

Campus Comment

With the terrorist hijackings of four American airplanes, the subsequent crashing of them into the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, what are your feelings?

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What should we do about these terrorist attacks.

- ☐ Go to war!
- ☐ Drop the bomb!
- ☐ It's too complicated
- ☐ Pray for the victims
- ☐ Don't know, Don't care

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"There's no point in doing something like that, it's just ridiculous."

RICKY NGUYEN
UNDECIDED



"I was shocked. It's like a movie, it looked unreal to me. This kind of thing didn't happen when Clinton was President."

TAKUJI YAMAMOTO
ART AND DESIGN



"I think we need to go to war. We need to go overseas and drop bombs on people and let them know they can't do this to the U.S."

CHARLES ALLGOOD
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



"It's sad, because a lot of people lost their lives. Even though I didn't know these people, they should try to find them [the victims]."

VANESSA CERVANTES
HISTORY



"I'm shocked. I wonder if this is the beginning of WW III. I'm sure Bush is up for it."

GLORIA GARCIA
PROBATION OFFICER



"I think it was bound to happen because we screw everybody over, now it's our turn. We have so many enemies out there. But it's sad."

YVONNE CAMACHO
ADMINISTRATION



"I'm disappointed in our country, because we let it go this far. Every side has a story so you can't really tell what's going."

PRINCE SADIK
AEROSPACE



"It's not right. People are supposed to go to school to learn, instead schools are closing down."

NATALIE FLORES
UNDECIDED

