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ASCC Commissioner of Disabled Students Shirley McDonald (center) participates in the pledge of allegiance.



Students sing patriotic song at vigil.



Cindy Burrus and her son Ryan show their American pride

Candlelight vigil

More than 400 attend ceremony

ARMONDO BORBOA
OPINION EDITOR

A black rose in a vase, a battered fireman's helmet, a stethoscope, a brace of military service ribbons laying next to a Police lieutenant's cap, all resting on a black-draped table. ... tokens bearing a silent testimony Monday night of the Cerritos community's thoughts and prayers for the heroes and victims of 11 September 2001.

Well over 400 students and community members attended the candlelight vigil, a far stronger showing than the 250 people expected to attend by the Student Government, which hosted the ceremony.

Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC) Vice-President Sara Mayorga opened the ceremony by leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and introducing the evening's speakers.

After paying respects to the diversity of religions and forms of beliefs that exist, Dr. Ed Bloomfield gave a spiritual message commemorating those who had died, concluding by leading the audience in a reading of the Lord's Prayer.

By showing their support at this vigil, many students hoped to send a message to the rest of the world that the time of hate and mistrust is at an end.

RACISM

Administration of Justice major Jason Lehman showed up wearing a black T-shirt with the definition of "Racism" scrawled across the back of it.

"ERACISM: The removal... of the belief that one race is superior to another."

Said Lehman, "This shirt is my way of making a statement."

Other students wore more traditional symbols of national support,

such as flag shirts, hats and ribbons tied to their lapels.

Bridgett Rivera (sociology) wore an oversized Army sweatshirt in support of her brother, who is currently serving.

"I feel bad about it, he is my only brother... but this is a worthy cause for him to serve," said Rivera.

A number of students had Henna tattoos of American flags painted onto their arms or legs. One student even dyed her hair red, white and blue.

HOPE FOR AMERICANS

Also speaking were Cerritos President Dr. Jane Harmon, ASCC President Nassrin Boyadloo and former ASCC President Wayne Nunnery.

All bore similar testimonies of faith and hope in America and in the strength of its people.

Boyadloo noted the diversity of the people attending and said, "...when hope is challenged, unity will be the pillars (for) hope."

Nunnery spoke of universal citizenship, of setting aside differences and the importance of not being a "sunshine" patriot but rather being a patriot during both the good times as well as the bad.

Not all the students who attended were happy with the evening's activities.

"I don't know, this (vigil) seems too over played, too much media," said Liberal Arts major Anna Milinski. "This should just be students here, (all these people) makes this feel a little fake."

The ceremony concluded with a flag procession to the center of the fountain area followed by the singing of patriotic hymns.

ASCC Commissioner of Information Technology Jaswinder Singh carried the American flag.

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ONLY TIME WILL TELL

Americans face uncertain future in upcoming weeks

ARMONDO BROWN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"America has lost its innocence ... the United States will never be the same again."

Americans have been hearing these types of statements from news anchors, security experts, politicians, and even the president since terrorists hijacked four American planes and used them as weapons of destruction against the American people on Sept. 11 - the worst tragedy ever to occur on U.S. soil.

As a result, discussions between students and instructors at Cerritos College about the country's recent tragic events have been a normal occurrence in classes lately.

Shaken and in disbelief over the attacks, people in recent days have been expressing a willingness to give up some of the freedoms they now enjoy, if that is what it is necessary to protect the country from future attacks.

According to a recent poll conducted by Susan Pinkus for the Los Angeles Times, a large number of Americans surveyed said they would be willing to accept things like giving up personal privacy to paying more taxes.

How has America been affected? Will life in the United States

or the world — for Americans change? What will happen now? These are questions Americans now find themselves asking.

In an American History class on the Cerritos College campus Saturday, professor Randy Dobson told his class that because of the recent events, their lives are going to change in one way or another.

"Only time will tell," Dobson said, "but obviously most Americans' lives will be affected in some sort of way if a major war breaks out."

Dobson also cited internal security increasing in the United States, greater security at airports, maybe even government tightening up on gun laws. "I'm just surmising," he said. "I just hope it doesn't result in too much curtailment of our freedoms."

Referring to his lecture that day, Dobson jokingly said, "Maybe we'll get some sedition laws passed."

Americans have already begun to see the short term effects of the attacks: the release of certain movies that depict images similar to the World Trade Towers' destruction have been put on hold; the wait for airline travel has been longer

than usual; travel plans have had to be postponed or cancelled; and according to the Times' poll, many Americans would be willing to give up many freedoms they now take for granted in the long-term.

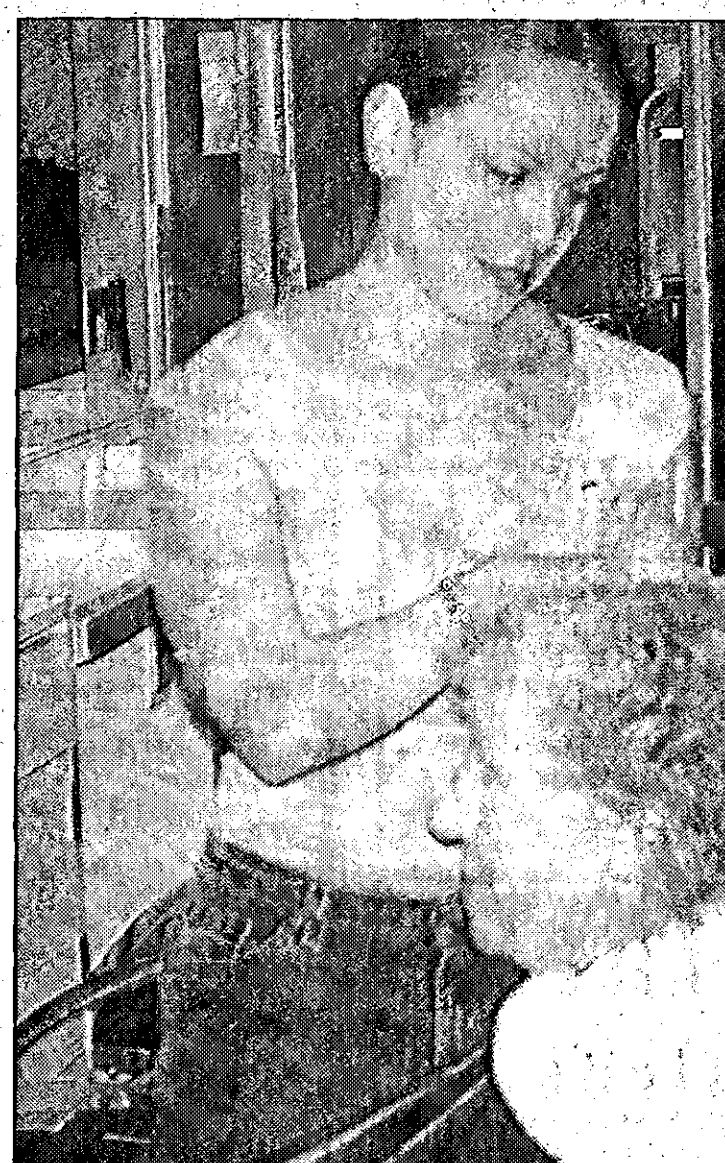
In the economy, Cerritos College economics instructor, Sezer Pehlivan said, "The short-term effects of the terrorist attacks will be felt by many industries, especially travel, entertainment, financial services and insurance."

"A prolonged sense of panic will no doubt undermine confidence and magnify the damage to the economy. However, the medium to long-term effects of these events will be small."

"The key to long-term growth is the productivity growth. Since the current productivity growth is still 2-to-3 percent and the physical infrastructure of the nation is not affected, disruptions to the economy will be transitory."

"Some industries may even benefit from this event, such as defense, technology and security. Will the gains be enough to offset the losses? It depends on how Americans and the world will respond to uncertainty in the coming weeks and months."

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Haircut for Hope—Crystal Cuellar a senior in cosmetology cuts Ila Marie Payne's hair during fundraiser for breast cancer.

Haircuts help fight breast cancer

SYLVIA DURAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Haircut for Hope to help fight breast cancer was held on Sept. 12 from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Cerritos Community College Cosmetology Department.

Each haircut cost \$10, which was donated for the fight against breast cancer. "We're hoping to raise \$5,000, but we'll be glad if we can raise \$500," said cosmetology instructor Nina Motruk.

"I love it," said accountant tech Suzie Payne. "I'm a breast cancer survivor and I am here to support the event."

The Association of Cosmetology Teachers and City of Hope organized the event which was held at different locations on Sept. 10 to Sept. 14. Benefits go to the City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute.

Adriana Munoz, a cosmetology major, was one of the 33 cosmetologists on hand at Haircuts for Hope. "I think it is a really good cause," she said. "Hopefully we are able to raise a significant amount for the cause."

Vigil draws crowd Monday

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The choice to have a religious Sikh carry the flag was a conscious one made by the members of the ASCC, but was a duty Singh was glad to take on.

"I am not Muslim, but some people will still mistake me as one," said Singh, "but whatever else may happen, I am still proud to be an American."

Singh also mentioned the violence inflicted on other members of his community by people mistaking them for Muslims.

He cited several examples of violence that had occurred in the wake of the New York tragedy.

Just this week alone, the Office of the Los Angeles County sheriffs department has reported several alleged hate crimes committed against people who were assumed to be of Muslim decent.

As an example, over the weekend a man of Egyptian decent was attacked and killed by people who mistook his ethnicity.

Singh hopes events like this vigil will help ease tensions and return a sense of normalcy to his community.

Also in attendance were the firefighters of Engine Company 115, which is housed across from the college on Alondra Blvd.

They were here at the invitation of the college as a means of honoring the brotherhood they represent.

"We are glad they invited us," said Captain Ken Whitehead "we were honored to be here."

At the same time, students were glad to see the firefighters.

Liberal Arts Major Tommy Pespie was glad the Firemen were there as it gave him the opportunity to shake the hands of several of them.

"I'm glad they are around, just in case."

Members of the Cerritos Music Department led the audience in the singing of the National Anthem "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful," "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "God Bless America."



Jaswinder Singh proudly carries the American flag during Monday's ceremonies.

Instructors react to last week's terrorists' attacks

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In giving a political scientist's point of view on the effects of the terrorists' attacks, Cerritos College political science professor, Dr. Sunday P. Obazuaye said, "American politics and World politics for that matter will never be the same again."

"The U.S. government may have to seriously evaluate its foreign policy strategy."

"Terrorists attack to make a political statement," Obazuaye said. "They try to get at the government through innocent citizens. They don't necessarily hate the citizens, but in order to get the government's attention they harm the citizens."

"Their goal is to demoralize, and subjugate the government, create fear in the hearts of the people thereby inciting the citizens against their government. Terrorists usually demand a change in the status quo. This, at least, is the theoretical perspective."

SO FAR, THEY'VE FAILED

Terrorist actions in the United States, so far have not achieved these goals. The U.S. government is far from demoralized as its citizens, as well as its foreign allies have rallied their support for it.

So far the terrorists have created some fear among American citizens, but that fear has only strengthened their resolve to wipe out terrorism.

In the long term the attacks must serve as "a wake up call to 'eternal vigilance' for the 'free societies' of the world," Obazuaye said.

"Because of their values - freedom, openness, free press (media), and modern technologies, these societies are more susceptible to terrorist attacks. They now have to use these common values to form an alliance against terrorism worldwide."

By the weekend, the United States had already formed an overwhelmingly large coalition of its common allies, as well as having received pledges of support from some not so common nations.

With people from so many nations being killed in the World Trade Center attacks, many nations have said they consider the attacks on Americans, to be attacks on them as well.

As a show of support, Britain and Canada each performed the U.S. national anthem at ceremonies in their countries.

In Saturday's class, Dobson suggested people avoid formulating extreme opinions. He mentioned how a student in one of his classes' reaction was to "nuke em'."

"Who are you going to nuke," Dobson said. "You isolate this terrorist group in one country... are you going to nuke that country; that's just unreasonable."

WHO IS TO BLAME?

On the other end of the spectrum, he feels that now is not the time to place blame on the United States for the attacks.

"I don't want to go to the extreme position where people are more critical of the United States than of the perpetrators, which I've seen this week."

"The United States deserves criticism in a history class... because of its sins, but not now, not now."

In preparing for what lies ahead for the American people, Obazuaye said, "the citizens need to cultivate a sense of community."

"Though we must be vigilant, we must not become pessimistic and distrusting of our neighbors."

"We are a very diverse society and therefore must be sensitive to our fellow citizens, thereby building our community bond and alliance against 'strangers' in our midst."

WAR?

As of Monday, Pakistan had delivered a message to the ruling Taliban government in Afghanistan that the U.S. government was giving it three days to turn over suspected World Trade Center attack mastermind Osama bin Laden or face military action.

By the end of this week, America could be at war.

Dobson said he would not be at all surprised if U.S. action is greater than in the Persian Gulf War.

From a historical perspective, he said, "Hopefully, a hundred years down the road, they'll look back at this as a turning point in history, where democracy and freedom wins out over terrorism... Maybe somehow it will bring the world closer together to stamp out an evil."

Dobson went on to say, "It would be nice to see unity amongst Americans not just in times of crises, but more unity down the road... between different ethnic and religious groups."

PSYCHOLOGY

Club takes nine to national conference

ARMANDO BROWN

EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Psychology Club sent the most students ever in its approximately 20-year history at Cerritos College to the National Psychology Conference over the recent Labor Day weekend.

Selected from among other club members, nine were chosen to go because they are the most active members and they are also members of Psi-Beta, the national honors society for psychology students at the community college level.

"All their hard work paid off," said Dr. Kimberley Duff, Professor of Psychology, and co-advisor of

the two clubs. "They got to hang out in San Francisco and meet professional psychologists, and also represent Cerritos College."

Among the activities at the conference, the students got the opportunity to listen to research presentations given by professional, as well as student researchers; attended honors society meetings, where awards were given; and networked with other students, as well as with "famous professors who gave different presentations in the area of psychology," said Dr. Todd Gaffaney, professor of psychology, and the other co-advisor to the clubs. They also attended the 20th-

anniversary birthday party for Psi-Beta.

Duff said that by attending the different presentations, the students were able to, "see what it's like to present at a conference." She added that, "every once in a while, some of our students from Cerritos College will actually present their work at national conferences. So it's good for them to get a little practice before they have to do that themselves."

In October, two students will be presenting research at conferences around the country. Duff is hoping some students will have work they can present in the spring at the Western Psychological Association in Irvine.

Club Vice President, Krista Poulolo said, "I really enjoyed the trip... a lot of the speaker sessions that we saw were very interesting."

She was particularly happy about having seen "Zimbardo," who is a well known social psychologist.

Lupe Dupuis, a member of the club since last spring, said, "The trip was really informative. I felt it was a privilege to attend it. Students at the J.C. level rarely get

to attend these types of conventions. It's usually (people) at the graduate and doctorate level."

In talking about one particularly exciting moment of her trip, Dupuis said, "there was a doctor from Yale who presented a theory and they all just thought we were doctors and graduate students too." She added, "it really motivates you as a student. It just reinforced that I'm majoring in the right discipline."

Last year, the Cerritos College chapter of Psi-Beta was chosen No. 1 in the entire nation. It is an award that is based mainly on community service. "We do a lot of community service," said Gaffaney, "It's not just (activities) on campus, but also community service outreaching."

As an example, Gaffaney said the students go to Metropolitan State Mental Hospital in Norwalk, where they work with patients there.

Second-year member of the club, David Boss said, "we have a speaker series where people from different fields talk. So (students) get a pretty eclectic taste of psychology as a whole, and this can help them decide their major," that."


Art gallery showcases creativity

"Seven from Guadalajara," an exhibition of myriad creative styles opens next Tuesday. Composed of a group of contemporary Mexican artists, the work reflects a strong sense of American popular culture.

Pre-Columbian artifacts to colonial architecture, to modern literature, Guadalajara artists have set a standard of excellence for Mexico as a whole.

These seven young artists challenge a tradition that they ultimately celebrate.

The exhibition will run through Oct. 18 in the Art Gallery in the Arts and Crafts Building, room AC50.



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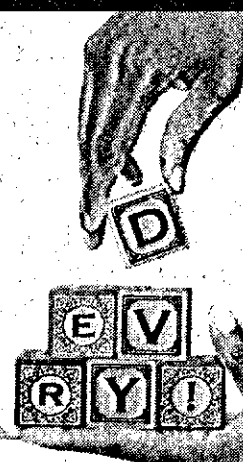
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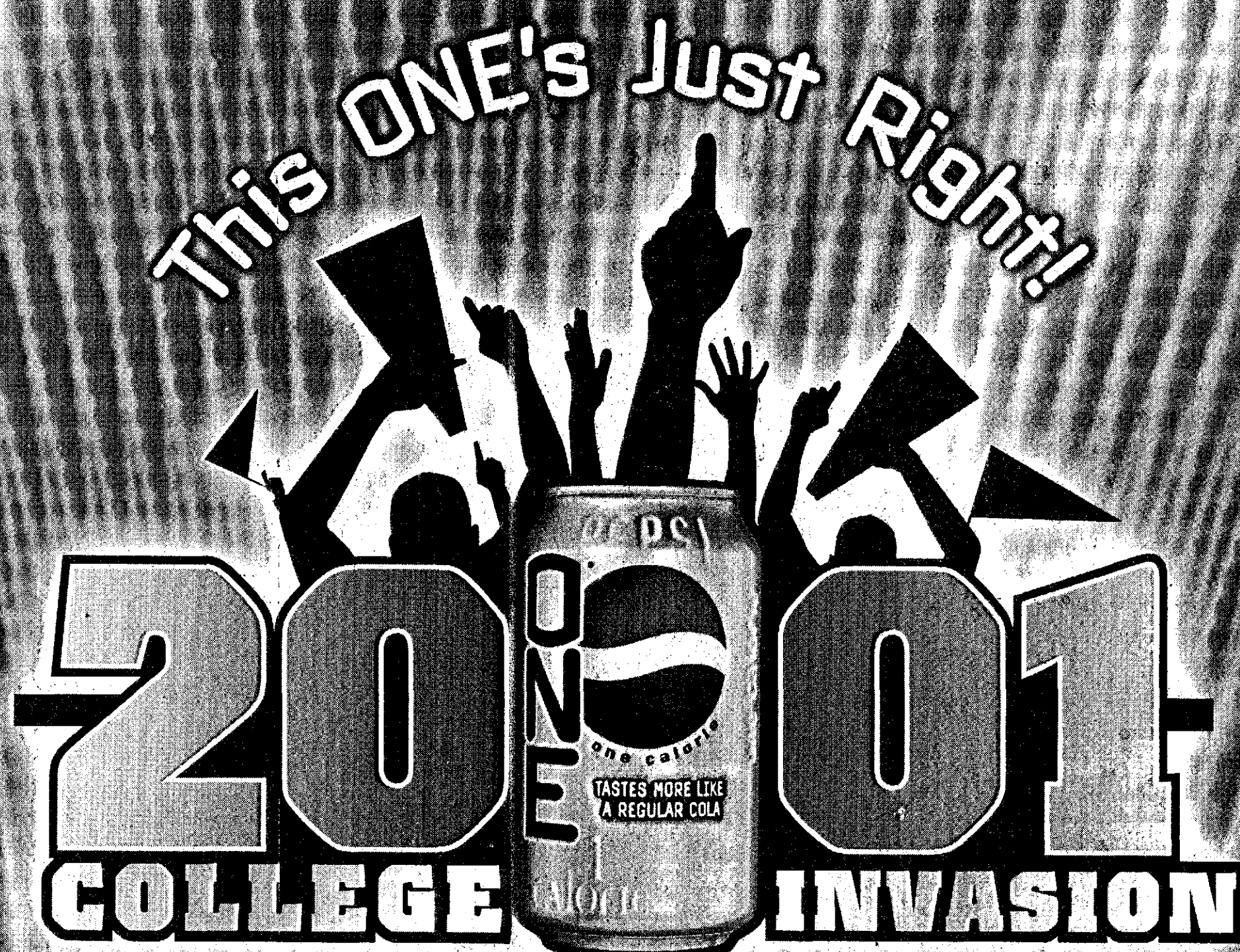
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Cerritos football game called off

Falcons to play at Fullerton Saturday

JOHN KITANO

SPORTS EDITOR

Many sports events across the United States were called off last week after the tragedies that took place in New York and Washington Sep. 11, including Saturday's football game between Cerritos College and

College of the Canyons.

The game was cancelled by a mutual agreement between the schools after Canyons president Dianne Van Hook called off all games taking place on the Santa Clarita campus.

Falcons quarterback Mike Harrison said that the cancellation of the game "sucks" but added that there is "nothing we can do about it."

Athletic Director and Interim Instructional Dean of Physical Education and Athletics Michael McPherson

said that he was "very surprised" and "thought everything was on schedule" when he got the call Thursday night.

He also said that he is "looking at trying to reschedule the game."

Both teams have an open date on Oct. 13, when all the teams from the Mission and Western State Conferences have their midseason break.

After their 21-19 win over Bakersfield Sep. 8, the Falcons (1-0) moved to the top spot in the Southern

California segment of the Commission on Athletics/California Community Colleges Football Coaches Association poll and were ranked fourth in the nation by J.C. Grid-Wire.

The Falcons' next game will take place Saturday against Fullerton College.

Kickoff is 1 p.m. at Titan Stadium on the campus of Cal State Fullerton.

Fullerton is 2-0 with wins over Santa Barbara 21-0 and West L.A. 31-19.

Volleyball squad gains net profits

Falcons finish second in Cypress Tournament, make schedule changes

JOHN KITANO

SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos College volleyball team was defeated in the finals of the Cypress Invitational Saturday at Cypress College by the host Chargers, 30-27 in a close and well-played match.

Falcons' right setter Pearl Arvizu said, "If we played our game from the beginning, we would have beaten them easily, because they weren't that intense."

"But it was a good game. We did our best."

The Falcons won seven of their eight games in pool play, opening with a split with Cypress, winning the first game, 30-27 and dropping the second, 31-29.

Cerritos then swept Cerro Coso (30-18, 30-16), Allan Hancock (30-14, 30-12) and Citrus (30-24, 30-24) to make the playoff round.

After receiving a first round

bye, the Falcons defeated Pierce College in the semifinal, 30-25.

The Falcons trailed Cypress, 26-17 when they rallied to cut the deficit to two, 28-26.

The Chargers went ahead, 29-26 when a Cerritos player was called for touching the net.

Cerritos scored on a block by Tiffany Amete to again pull within two, 29-27, but that was all the Falcons would get.

Vanessa Cid, Falcons' middle blocker, said "We waited too long to get back at them."

"We should have started playing (more) intense from the beginning of the game."

SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Cerritos College volleyball matches scheduled for Wednesday at Cypress and Friday at Pierce were cancelled to make room for South Coast Conference games against L.A. Harbor.

The matches against the Seahawks will take place Oct. 12 at Cerritos and Nov. 7 at Harbor.

Falcons sweep Dons

DAVID AMEZCUA

STAFF WRITER

Despite giving Cerritos College women's volleyball team a run for its money in one game, Santa Ana still ended up getting whipped in the other two games 29-17, 29-8 and 30-23.

Assistant Athletic Director Jeanine Prindle said that the match against Sacramento City College at Cerritos was canceled, because Sacramento would not be able to fly to Southern California.

"The game will not be made up, because both of the teams are in different conferences and they will not have the time."

In the first game middle blocker/right setter Michelle Perkins tied the game at 2-2 with a kill. Then she had another kill that gave the Falcons a 6-4 lead.

Offensive hitter Arelyn Gallardo made the score 9-6 on a serve. The Falcons blew out Santa

Ana in the first game 29-17.

In the second game, middle blocker/Offensive hitter Tiffany Amete gave the Falcons a 7-2 lead with a kill.

Setter Berlin Mika helped the Falcons destroy Santa Ana's hopes of winning the second game on a kill, making the final 29-8.

Middle blocker Vanessa Cid helped the Falcons finish the Dons with a block, giving the Falcons a 30-23 win.

Falcons head coach Teresa Ortega said, "I think we improved a lot by playing the tournament at Arizona. It helped us build a better team."

Amete said that the team did pretty well. "For the Cypress Tournament we need to work on our passing. Everything went well."

Perkins said, "I think we worked better as a team, we were all talking to each other."



REACHING HIGH -- Michelle Perkins of Cerritos prepares to spike the ball against Santa Ana. The Falcons defeated the Dons in three straight games.

Photo by Carlos Verdugo/TM

Women's Soccer team defeated by Long Beach

VERONICA CAMPOS

STAFF WRITER

The women's soccer team faced the top-ranked team in the state, Long Beach City College, and was beaten, 4-0 Tuesday at Cerritos.

Assistant Coach Erin LaCorte said that the Falcons were "unified and played tough until the end."

Falcons' goalkeeper Carmen Cortes stopped 25 shots.

The Falcons (2-4, 1-2 in SCC) were held to no shots on goal.

Cerritos visits SCC rival East Los Angeles Friday.

FALCONS SHUT OUT LACC

Freshman forward Claudia Lozano's goal stood up Friday as the Falcons posted a 1-0 South Coast Conference victory over Los Angeles City College.

Falcons' co-captain Jessica Escorsia said "Our record doesn't speak for the effort and hard work we dedicate to this team."

The game was preceded by a moment of silence for the victims of Tuesday's attacks.

Lozano scored on a direct kick late in the first half and Cortes stopped four shots to record her first shutout of the season. The defense in front of Cortes was spearheaded by midfielder Maria Zuniga and freshman defender Socorro Jimenez.

"We played a great game" said Cerritos head coach Debbie Jensen. "This team is such a united group. We have really good team spirit."

Co-captain Lupe Chavez added, "Putting aside the injuries we've had and the negative criticism from other schools, we have the strength and maturity to pursue our goal, which is to perform to the best of our abilities."

John Kitano contributed to this story.

Ex-Falcons make the big plays

A pair of West Texas A&M receivers combined for 16 catches, 219 yards and a pair of touchdowns during their team's 27-10 victory over Northwestern Oklahoma last Saturday.

The two also happen to be former players at Cerritos College.

Ex-Falcons Dave Green and Sirquon Hardy helped the Buffaloes, an NCAA Division II team, move to 2-1 on the season.

Green caught seven passes for 116 yards and a touchdown and he added three kickoff returns for 103 yards. Hardy added nine catches for 103 yards and a touchdown and he had one rushing attempt that netted 13 yards.

A third Cerritos player - LeJuan Edwards - added eight punt returns for 42 yards and he also had eight tackles for the Buffaloes.

Former Cerritos player Michael Balloue had four unassisted tackles and six assisted stops during Fort Hays' State's 15-0 victory over Adams State. Fort Hays is now 1-2 on the season.

The college football schedule was limited last weekend due to the terrorists attacks back East.

This week's Sports

Wednesday, Sep. 19

7 p.m. Wrestling

in intrasquad meet

Friday, Sep. 21

Wrestling at Sacramento City

Tournament

Women's Water Polo

at Mt. San Antonio Tournament

4 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. East L.A.

6 p.m. Women's Soccer at East

L.A.

Saturday, Sep. 22

Wrestling at Sacramento City

Tournament

Women's Water Polo

at Mt. San Antonio Tournament

9 a.m. Cross Country in Orange

Coast Invitational at Fairview

Park

in Costa Mesa

1 p.m. Football at Fullerton

Men's soccer team ties SDCC, 1-1

VERONICA CAMPOS

STAFF WRITER

With Cerritos head coach Juan Torres playing the team's reserves in the game, the men's soccer team played to a 1-1 tie at San Diego City College, Jorge Vargas, the only starter who played in the game for the Falcons (3-3-1), scored Cerritos' only goal.

The Falcons lost to Glendale, 1-0, and Mt. San Antonio, 2-0, and beat Cypress College, 4-2.

Team captain Miguel Zepeda scored three of the

Falcons' four goals against Cypress.

On the teams Cerritos played, he said, "We went in as the underdogs and gave it all we had."

Starting defensive player Tony Toledo said, "I feel this year's team is better than last year's team."

"We have the potential to make it to the playoffs."

The Falcons will return home Friday to play East Los Angeles College at 4 p.m.

Women's water polo team struggling out of the gate

The Cerritos College women's water polo team is hoping to put an end to a season-long six-game losing streak.

The Falcons (0-6) have allowed an average of 16.2 goals per game, while scoring just 3.2 goals per game.

Megan Robles leads Cerritos offensively with eight goals and four assists.

The Falcons' defensive woes are evident with the fact that seven players are credited with at least one save in goal.

Four players, Jazmin Sanchez, Helida Ortiz, Medico and Meili have stopped at least 10 shots.

W-polo matches cancelled

The men's and women's water polo games at Chaffey College scheduled for Wednesday have been cancelled because the pool at Chaffey is being renovated.

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eBus recruits helpers

CHARLES PURNELL
STAFF WRITER

Cerritos College students were offered a first-hand experience with up to date computer technology on Sept. 13, when EdTech's (an educational technology program) eBus, positioned itself in Falcon Square while its foreman, James M. Callahan, accepted applications for internships and community-service computer trainer positions.

Featuring 16 PC workstations with internet access, the eBus provides mobile computer training, free-time and internet access to the community.

Cerritos College director of Distance Education, Yvette Juárez said, "The eBus was a great opportunity for students to take a look onto the bus and get the inside ups on technology. They are offering \$1,000 internships next semester and that is getting more students involved with computer technology on campus and in the community."

According to both Juárez and Callahan, the paperwork for the internships have been completed and is at rest, waiting for Governor Gray Davis' signature.

"Right now, Sacramento has funded the program but has not released the money, so it's on hold. I can't really get that for anybody until Sacramento says that the money has been released," said Callahan, who graduated from Cerritos College last May, earning an Associates of Arts degree in computer science.

He said the money was supposed to be available for last semester but was withheld because of the recent education budget cut.

Partnered with Cerritos College, the eBus presents four different types of programs: For classes requiring community-service, students can complete the task via the eBus; there is a work experience



Cerritos College student eBus workers James Callahan and John Connolly enter data at terminals.

Elizabeth Parra/TM

arrangement; a paid internship that requires five hours a week for one semester; and an education experience, where if you want to be a teacher, the bus will serve as your classroom.

Students may apply for the internship through the Innovation Center. See San Barry.

Presently, eight Cerritos College students are interning with the eBus.

Formally, the eBus is a mobile technology lab and a non-profit organization unfolded from the Community College Foundation based in Sacramento.

The traveling computer hack treks the greater Los Angeles area; from Ventura to Orange County on to the desert, bringing technology to the community to bridge the tremendous "digital divide".

Callahan said as they go into the various communities, some are more economically less advantaged than others. They have less access to the hardware and to the internet.

So, at no cost, the eBus totes the technological load to sights where children, teens and adults alike can learn and enjoy what home/office computing has advanced to.

"We have a generator on board

to provide our own power and we get our satellite feed which provides us with internet access. So we can go right to the community, right there to the streets where the people are at and bring the technology to them," Callahan said electrifyingly.

The eBus' purposive operation is to bridge the digital divide for the students of tomorrow who are not using computers today, and are falling behind as children.

Sites where the eBus has held classes include Pitches Detention Center, Casa Espiranza (in the projects of Panorama City) and all the LA County libraries.

College lifestyle may contribute to binge drinking

ARMANDO BROWN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

College students who drink too much are not completely responsible for their actions.

That, according to a recent survey conducted by the American Medical Association on binge drinking among college students, is how most adult Americans feel.

Binge drinking, is drinking a lot of alcohol in a little amount of time. For men that would mean five or more drinks in a row, while for women that would be four or more drinks in a row.

According to the study, "Although Americans still hold college students responsible for their actions, they say that environmental factors are equally as important: easy access to and abundance of cheap alcohol; pervasive advertising, promotions and sponsorship by beer and liquor companies; and the presence of so many bars and retail establishments that sell alcohol near campuses."

At the University of Southern California there are bars on campus, restaurants that serve alcohol near the campus, and frat parties where "there's tons of alcohol," said current USC, and former Cerritos College business major D.J. Barnes.

In fact, frat parties seem to be a major source of alcohol for college students.

Current Cerritos College and Cal State Long Beach student, Carina Ramirez said, "There's always alcohol at the frat houses."

There is a big difference between community colleges and four year colleges.

"At USC [drinking] is a lifestyle," Barnes said. "The attitude is just different from Cerritos. I never saw anything at Cerritos like I see at USC."

Jordan Sharif, a student at Santa Monica Community College said he always goes to Westwood — which is located near UCLA — on weekends, to drink.

The frat parties at UCLA are "the bomb," Sharif said.

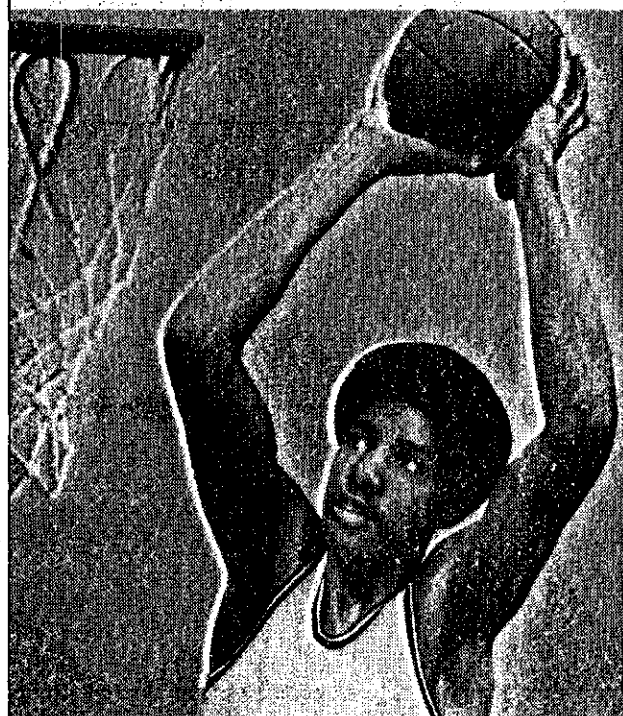
In citing environmental influences as the main reason for college students drinking, a majority of people surveyed said they would strongly support increasing penalties on retail establishments that serve underage and intoxicated drinkers, increasing legal liability on bars that serve underage drinkers and intoxicated persons and banning alcohol advertising in college sports.

Barnes said he thinks binge drinking has a lot to do with the "maturity level." He sees more freshmen and sophomores doing it than the juniors and seniors — although they do it too.

Eduardo Gonzalez, who is a 25-year old Cal State L.A. sociology major and former Cerritos College student said, because he is not the traditional college age, he doesn't really drink with friends from college. "I just don't want to get wild like they do."

Instead, he prefers to drink socially with friends closer to his own age. However, Gonzalez says he will binge drink here and there. "Sometimes you just feel like getting buzzed."

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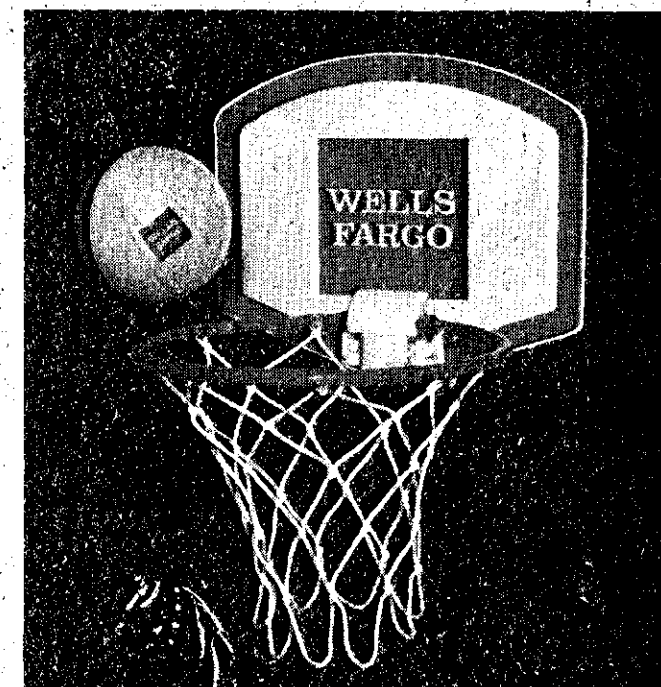


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EDITORIAL

Know the face of your enemy

American shock and horror at faceless terrorist acts has recently turned into bigoted acts of hatred and violence by some Americans toward other Americans.

The growing anger at the scope of devastation in New York has brought with it several repulsive acts of retribution, hatred and murder.

Already there are nation-wide reports of so-called "patriotic" Americans dragging people they assume are Middle Eastern out of their cars and beating them in the streets like dogs.

Several people of the faith of Islam have been pulled out of their homes and businesses and been punished for the sins of their religion.

If these words seem harsh, then just for a few moments consider the even harsher reality they mock.

The central Mosque in downtown LA has had windows shattered and bullets shot through the front door.

Not all of these victimized people turned out to be Muslims. Some were Egyptian, some were Indian, but one dead foreigner is as good as another one, right? Isn't it great to be an American?

With no focus for their rage, a handful of "patriotic" Americans have turned to the next best targets for their outrage and hate.

They have attacked and killed fellow citizens, simply because those people share a faith with a group of fanatics who warped the teachings of their own religion.

These public-spirited citizens have decided anybody with dark skin or a swarthy appearance is automatically an enemy of the United States.

How awful that Americans are capable of thinking in such demented and narrow-minded, stereotypical ways.

This is the land of tolerance and peace, where people worship their God in peace without fear of persecution or retribution.

To say that all Muslims are terrorists is as ignorant a statement as it is humanly possible to make.

The faith of Mohamed teaches humility, tolerance and charity, as does the faith of Christ. The prophet Mohamed actually recognized Jesus Christ as a fellow prophet and messenger of God.

It is time we as Americans start living up to the high ideals we are so proud of.

In this time of sorrow, we must start showing the goodwill and camaraderie we hold in such abundance.

Dr. Martin Luther King warned us to judge man by the content of their character and not by the color of their skins.

The Bible teaches us "...he who is without sin, let him cast the first stone."

Our morality and open-mindedness set us apart as Americans. Let us remember what it truly means to be Americans.

How will we respond to this attack?



TARA CARTER
Associate Editor

On Sept. 11, 2001 terrorists threatened America's freedom, and on Friday afternoon an angry American threatened my personal freedom.

As a writer on the Talon Marks newspaper staff, I have an opportunity to voice my opinion in a public forum. Last week, I wrote an editorial titled, "Justice-not revenge".

In it I explained my frustration with the recent terrorists' attacks on America and I expressed

my feelings that rather than start a war, America should find the responsible party and bring them to justice.

Since the publication of the editorial, many people on the Cerritos College campus have told me they agree with me.

Others have informed me that they respect my opinion, but still think America should enter a war. However, one fanatical American did not agree with me and felt the need to tell me in a confrontational manner.

As I entered the school parking lot on Friday afternoon, a student who recognized my face from the picture that accompanied my editorial, approached me

and said, "You're that traitor who wrote that article."

I replied, "Yes, I wrote the article, but I'm not a traitor."

Upon hearing that, the man became very agitated and came within inches of my face.

"You're not a real American," he said, "if our country was run by people like you, we would all be killed by terrorists."

Feeling threatened, I quickly removed myself from the situation and went immediately to my car and sped away.

As I drove home, I began to think of how hypocritical that crazed man was.

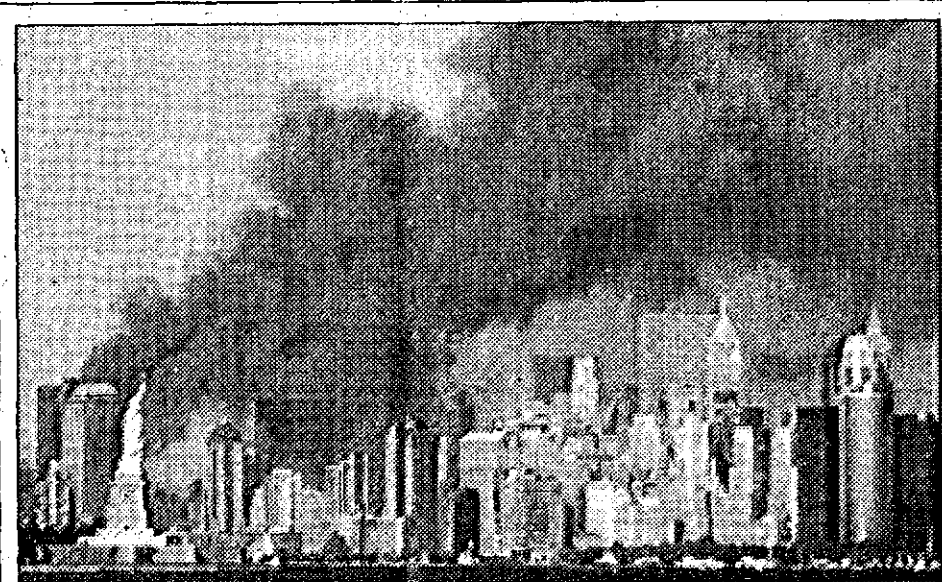
One of the benefits of living in America is being free to

express your beliefs and to feel confident that even though your ideas differ from the popular majority, you will not face retribution.

By putting me into a situation where I felt threatened, that so-called "patriot" threatened the same freedoms as the terrorists who devastated America.

As a personal note to that fanatical American: America holds a vast number of cultures, religions and ideas.

But using intimidation tactics to try to force your personal opinions on upon those whose ideas are different than yours, not only impedes on the freedom of other but also portrays your ignorance.



Daniel Huitzler / AP



It's time for us to put up or shut up



ARMONDO BORBOA
Opinion Editor

All around the nation and all over the world, people are demanding the blood of the people responsible for last week's attacks, but who is brave enough to dive headfirst into hell and do the job?

Nations are pledging their support and the goal is clear, but how much are we as a people willing to bleed for our convictions and our way of life?

As an Army Airborne Pathfinder who has served for nearly 11 years and has been there and done that, I know what it means to put it all on the line and to risk life and limb for a vague political ideal.

The so-called "War on Drugs" was a joke.

However, ending terrorism and anarchy is far from being a vague political cause.

At the same time, I am also aware as only a soldier can be of the price that must be paid in order to enforce my nation's political will.

This will not be an antiseptic war of the type America has become accustomed to over the past three decades.

Remote-controlled guided missiles and pilots who never see the enemy will simply not cut it this time.

Soldiers such as myself will have to face the enemy on his home ground and follow him into his hiding places.

We will look him straight in the eye and then have the courage to take his life with bullet, blade or even with our bare hands.

I fully expect to lead men into battle and see my buddies die in order to protect American freedoms.

I am willing to risk death or dismemberment in order to keep those I hold dear safe.

We soldiers do these things not for honor or glory or even for a handful of shiny ribbons.

We do these things because our society and way of life is worth any price we may be called upon to pay.

We will go not as bullies, conquerors or opportunists. Rather we will go as defenders of freedom and liberty.

My spirit is buoyed up by thoughts of the woman I love and my willingness to die in order to protect her from the faceless evil that threatens her from across the sea and a far away land.

When the call to arms finally sounds, patriots like I will answer, fully knowing we may die lost and alone in a god-forsaken hole far from home.

We will go because this land and its people are worth fighting for.

Campus Comment

For the first time since Vietnam, large numbers of American soldiers are likely to die in combat if a war against terrorism is declared. How would you feel if your loved one were called out?

COMPILED BY ARMONDO BORBOA AND ELIZABETH PARRA

ONLINE POLL How do you feel about loved ones going to war?

- ☐ It feels like I'm losing my loved one
- ☐ Go kick some butt!
- ☐ Just make sure you come home

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(Sister) "We have got to fight for our freedom. If you don't like it, just leave it."



BARRY YUKIHIRO
UNDECIDED

(Boyfriend) "I don't support going to war, I would tell him 'NO!' War is stupid and I don't want him to die for a stupid cause."



JANE KIM
ENGLISH

(Boyfriend) "I would tell him, 'No' because his future has just started. He has not pursued his dreams yet."



DANIELLE JAMES
PSYCHOLOGY

(Sister) "I would tell her, 'No', because I love her too much for her to die."



MALINDA MORALES
UNDECIDED

(Brother) "Going would be his desire. I don't really have a choice. I would support his decision."



ERICKA YELA
FASHION

(Brother) "It would be terrible, not knowing if they would ever come back. But you need to stand up for this country."



MIGUEL CRISTALES
SOCIOLOGY

(Sister) "Our dad was in Vietnam, so I would tell her to be careful, but I think she would do well."



GLENN BECK
UNDECIDED

(Mom) "Terrorism is a major thing, somebody needs to stop it."



YUSSEF SWAN
COMPUTER SCIENCE