



Claudia Geldis, of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance Club, was crowned homecoming queen for 2001/2002, culminating the four weeks of the homecoming activities. The crowning took place during halftime of the Falcons' football game

Photo by Alicia Warner/TM

## New Queen Geldis breaks stereotype and wins crown

ARMONDO BORBOA  
OPINION EDITOR

JUN-SIK KIM  
STAFF WRITER

In addition to the much-anticipated football comeback win against El Camino College last Saturday (41-31); Cerritos students had another reason to celebrate the half time coronation of the 2001/2002 Homecoming Queen Claudia Geldis.

Geldis, sponsored by the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance club, was crowned after a week of hard campaigning by all seven members of the Homecoming Court.

"We had fun, met many people and found out we had many things in common with each other," said Homecoming Princess Betty Sanchez, who was backed by the Disabled Students Club.

The coronation ceremony began with a traditional red carpet for the Homecoming court.

The court consisted of Claudia Geldis, FMLA; Laura Weissenberg, Football; Erica Cruz, Phi Theta Kappa; Eileen Arencibia, WPMD Radio; Sarah Nord, Scholars Honors; Varangana Punchihewa, International Students and Betty Sanchez, Disabled Students.

Each woman was escorted on to the stage by a friend or family member and was introduced by

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## Metallurgy program welds the future

ARMONDO BROWN  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Metallurgy Program at Cerritos College was propelled into the future Wednesday, when a ribbon was cut opening the way into a 46-year-old lab that has been up-graded with new equipment estimated to have cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

The metallurgy lab, in room ME-2, which was originally opened in 1955, received the upgrades over the course of the past few months, and now has been elevated well above many other programs in the United States.

It also helps uphold the slogan that Cerritos College has become famous for "The most technologically advanced community college in the state."

Present at the ribbon cutting ceremony were metallurgy instructors, staff, students, representatives of Buehler, the company that provided much of the new equipment, and members of the advisory committee.

Everyone in attendance was able to get an up close view of the new equipment, with the metallurgy instruc-

tors and Buehler representatives there to answer questions.

Cerritos College President, Dr. Jane Harmon and Buehler director of USA sales, Robert Driscoll, cut the ribbon together.

Some of the metallurgy students helped in the installation of the new equipment, and they were honored with certificates of appreciation.

Chuck Driesler, Richard Parton, Rick Pina, John Saragosa and Allan Westerholm were either influential in getting some of the needed materials, or helped in the actual installation of the new equipment.

What Buehler does is it manufactures equipment that is used to inspect metals. For example, it might inspect a small part that is going to be used on a bigger part that in turn will be used in an automobile or an airplane. Parton describes it as a "failure analysis" process.

In this inspection process, some of the equipment needed is grinder/polishing tables, polishing heads, abrasive cutters, precision sectioning saws and micro-

processor controlled power heads. To use this equipment, counters and cabinets are needed, and all of these things have been installed in the new lab.

Part of the reason Buehler provided the equipment was so that when it is not being used by Cerritos students, he could send its own people to the lab for training.

According to Driscoll, Buehler will bring in instructors who, for example, might teach a quick two or three day course to its people that will not conflict with scheduled Cerritos classes.

"We were looking for a place where we could both help the program out and also be able to bring our people in and do very specialized metallographic courses during the course of the year," Driscoll said.

Terry Price, department chairman of manufacturing technology at Cerritos College, said the Buehler company will be putting on national classes, which is something that has never been done on the west coast.

He added, "Cerritos is now going to be able to host some regional seminars for other companies and people

who are interested in learning about this technology."

Out of the 108 community colleges in the state, are only two programs that have technical labs like Cerritos'.

Price says, however, that the students are the ultimate winners because they're actually working with the company.

"With this industry education partnership with the Buehler Company, it works out real well. It's an opportunity for students to learn on brand new state of the art equipment that's being used in industry today.

"[Buehler] will come out and help out with demonstrations and guest speakers, and actually use the lab equipment with the students.

"Also it's good for the college because this is equipment it doesn't normally have an opportunity [to receive funding for]," Price said.

About 80 percent of the students in the program work in industry. They come to Cerritos to take courses that refresh their skills, and hopefully they get a raise in

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ELECTION NOV. 6

## Six seek three spots on college board

With the expiration of the term of current Board Member Dorothy Carrae and her decision to not seek re-election, the Cerritos College Board of Trustees is guaranteed to have at least one new member after the Nov. 6 election.

Six candidates are vying for three open seats.

Kevin Fulton of Downey, Eric Gutierrez of Norwalk, Billy Hector of Lakewood, and Gary Murph of Bellflower are the challengers.

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Fulton is a former Cerritos College student who is awaiting his bar examination results and plans to practice law.

Gutierrez is a part-time teacher who also does marketing feasibility reports for resorts and hotel chains.

Hector is a postmaster in the city of

Lawndale.

Murph is a retired vice president from California State University Los Angeles.

Current Board President Cheryl Epple of Bellflower and current Board Vice President Bob Verderber of Downey are incumbents seeking re-election.

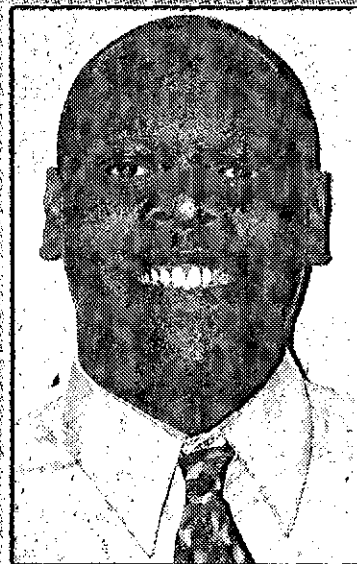
Epple is local tax consultant.

Verderber is a retired professional engineer and currently works as a middle-school algebra teacher.

The Cerritos Community College District serves the surrounding communities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Lakewood, Norwalk and South Gate.



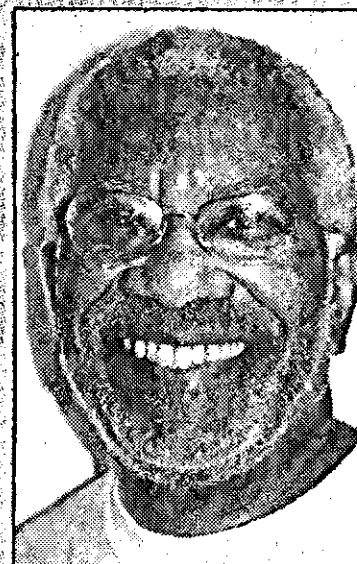
CHERYL EPPLE



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ERIC GUTIERREZ



GARY MURPH



BOB VERDERBER



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## Nursing student receives funds

ARMANDO BROWN  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Third semester nursing student, Anastasia Sala received a \$500 scholarship from the Los Cerritos Federation of Women's Clubs, Thursday.

The criteria for the scholarship was that the student had to be in his/her third or fourth semester in the nursing program, have been born in the United States, and the student had to submit an essay describing why he/she wanted to receive the scholarship.

Director/chair of the nursing department, Charlene Fobi, RN, MN, Ed. D said "The nursing department is very grateful to the Los Cerritos Women's foundation for giving to the students so freely from its heart every year. . . . It really benefits that student."

Sala has maintained a grade

point average of 3.09 in all of her nursing courses, and she expects to complete the program in May 2002.

She feels that part of what earned her the scholarship was that she was "realistic" in what she wrote in her essay.

"There's a difference between necessities and wants. . . . The cost of education here isn't really that bad, so I said it wasn't really a necessity to have, but the desire to have the want," Sala said.

To get her nursing license, she will have to take the state nursing board exam, which will cost her \$300. She plans on using some of the money toward that.

Sala is very well grounded, and takes life in stride. Most people would not be able to go through the program and maintain a 3.09 GPA with the same difficulties she faces.

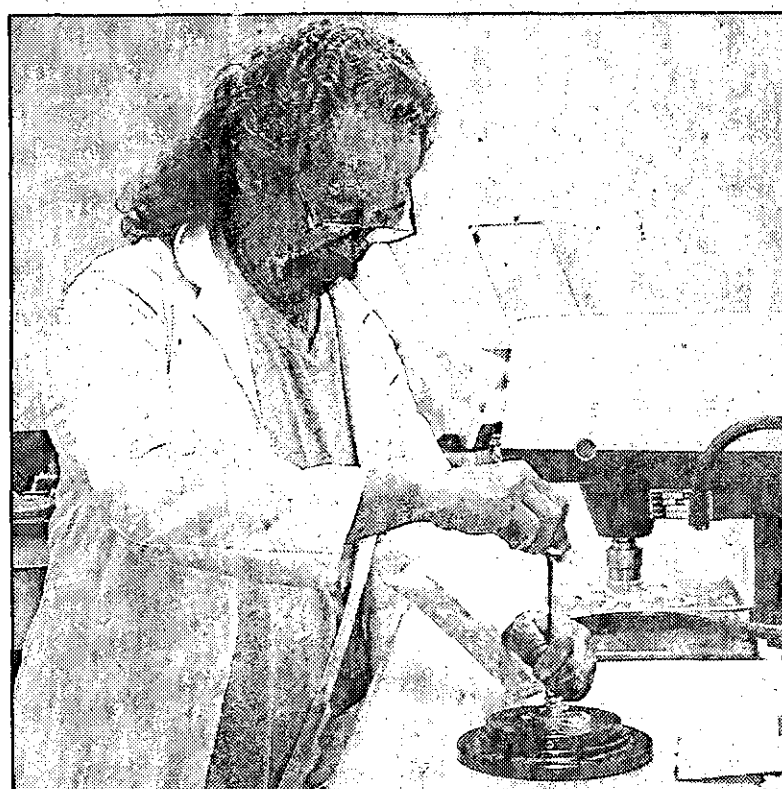
She is married, and has three children, ages five months, five years and 10 years.

While she is attending Cerritos College, only her husband is working. "With one income in the family, it can be a struggle, but my mom raised us to believe that if we have the necessities in life, then we're doing fine, so that's our attitude now. We know our heads are above water, we're not suffering, we're not struggling. . . . just as long as we know our heads are above water we're fine."

She says what's really important to her is the family support she receives. "It really helps a lot," she said.



ANASTASIA SALA



Metallurgy student Rick Pina works on new equipment.

Photo by Armando Brown/TM

## Metallurgy program receives boost with infusion of new equipment

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pay when they receive certificates.

The metallurgy program at Cerritos offers specialty certificates. They are obtained when a series of three to four classes are completed in a particular area, such as Welding Metallurgy Specialty or Metallurgy & Materials Science Specialty.

Westerholm, who received certificates in Laboratory Specialty and Welding Metallurgy Specialty, said that he has been trained in how to operate in a laboratory and how to operate the equipment. Taking metallurgy classes has given him an

understanding of the principles behind the metal makeup.

He has been working in industry for the past 25 years, and he says he can now apply his newly acquired training to his job.

Driscoll said, "I'm very pleased to be here. [Cerritos has] a vibrant program and it's great to be involved in it."

"We will continue to work with Terry to make this a better and better program. It's a long term commitment," Driscoll said.

## New Zealand school president recruits at Cerritos

ALICIA WARNER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Ever thought about going to another country to study?

"We have no American students at our school, and I believe that it would be very enriching for Americans to go," said John Fanselow, president of International Pacific College in New Zealand.

Fanselow is out to recruit students and faculty to study and teach at the school.

On Monday, Fanselow gathered with a group of teachers in the International Student Center, about the program being started at Cerritos College.

Faculty discussed ideas about how to get the students interested in going to New Zealand to study.

One of the ideas was to take the students on a trip to the school to study, such as what Jeff Rigby did when he took his anthropology class to China this past summer.

"If you don't have Americans in the school, it's hard to have diversity," Fanselow commented.

Gary Schaumburg, professor of psychology received an e-mail telling him about the meeting. "I was just curious about the program and I have heard great things about New Zealand," he said.

Danita Kurtz, coordinator of the International Student Center, explained about her year studying

in Spain and how it was an experience she will never forget.

Teachers commented about Cerritos College being known in the state for its state-of-the-art technology center. They suggested using the teleconference room as a place to begin the program.

"We need to give the students a visual," commented one of the teachers.

Most of the students live on campus but if they don't want to live there, they must live with a person from the school who is of a different background.

The seasons were another subject that came up during the meeting. United States is in winter season when New Zealand has its summer session.

The school is located on the north island in the city of Palmerston, with a population of 80,000 people.

The school is owned by a Japanese company and has only 500 students that are primarily Japanese.

The school offers only one type of degree, a bachelor of arts in international studies with a focus on three main subjects, international business, international environment, and international relations.

Students that take the program have to do a project at the end combining two out of the three subjects.

## International student visas

JUN-SIK KIM  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington Post's Oct. 5 issue reported that several of the 19 suspected hijackers in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks did not enter the United States on student visas as was originally reported.

A new anti-terrorism bill that urges a reform of the nation's student visa program is now working its way through Congress.

In relation to this, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif) has suggested a six-month moratorium on the issuing visas to international students.

Feinstein called it off, however, in response to promises from higher education institutions to support all efforts to prevent potential acts of terrorism.

"The proposed moratorium was a knee-jerk reaction. There are over a million international students all over the U.S. They're here to study, not to be a terrorist," says Danita Kurtz, program coordinator of the International Student Center at Cerritos College.

"Even if people get a visa, come here, drop out and are never seen again, they're not trying to plot against the U.S. They're probably serving dinner at a local restaurant," said Kurtz.

According to the recent data from the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS), only 599 of the listed 1.67 million "deportable aliens" were associated with student visas.

There are 353 international students that study at Cerritos College. They're mainly from Asian countries; some from Europe and Africa, and about 10 from Middle Eastern countries — countries which are now on a watch list.

International students are required to take a minimum of 12 units and pay \$157 per unit. They also spend money on meals, cars, and the like. Nationally, foreign students are a \$12 billion annual industry.

"They're providing not only money, but their presence on campus is very important toward having a diverse student population," said Kurtz, noting the importance of international students at school and in the community.

Although the INS has been developing a system to track foreign students since 1996, "implementation of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), also known as CIPRIS, has been hampered by controversy over the administration

of the system's financing," said David Ward, president of the American Council of Education (ACE) in a letter to Feinstein.

The ACE, and the higher education associates, also wrote a letter to President George W. Bush demanding to designate \$36.8 million of the Emergency Supplemental appropriations package to the INS.

"As a real time electronic tracking system, SEVIS will enable colleges to notify the INS whenever there is a change of status that may affect a student's visa," said Ward in the letter.

There has been no reported problem at Cerritos, and not one international student has left the campus.

"We saw a drop in inquiries, but they're starting to pick up again," said Kurtz. "I want them to know they're very well supported on campus. If they need anything or they want to contact their family, they're very welcome to come here and we'll help them do that."

A conference on the nation's visa program will be held in two weeks and the I.S.C. is planning to have a seminar.

For more information visit the International Student Center next to the Administration building.

## Instructor helps youth

SYLVIA DURAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

According to business instructor Bob Livingston, his students always make it to class because "they have nowhere to go."

Livingston teaches at the California Youth Authority center in Norwalk. His students are criminals who were tried as juveniles, and are incarcerated by the court. The population of the facility consists of inner-city kids, with backgrounds of gang relations and substance abuse.

Livingston works with students ages 13-25, above

high school level who have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Incarcerated youths earn a certificate and college credits in two semesters after completing four 15-week classes. Students complete business math, human relations, personal finance, fundamentals of business and work experience.

Livingston was interested in teaching because he believes that "education has a direct correlation to getting a job and staying out when they get out."

The program provides students with skills and an

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## Board of Trustees candidates

As a retired administrator from the California State University Los Angeles, Gary Murph pictures a triangle of success for Cerritos College, its students and its community.

He is also motivated by public service, feels he can make a contribution to the college and would like to make a difference in his community.

Murph, a married father-of-three resident of Bellflower, is making his second bid for a seat on the board.

Murph is a native of Ohio, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Statistical Analysis at Ohio State.

He later moved to California and earned a Master of Business Administration degree at California State University Los Angeles.

Murph has an extensive background working in higher education.

Most recently, he retired from California State University Los Angeles, where he was the Assistant Vice President of Administration and Finance.

He has also worked as Vice Chancellor at Rancho Santiago College, Vice President at Citrus College and Fiscal Administrator at Santa Monica College.

Murph's theme in his campaign is one of excellence.

He believes that the community feels Cerritos College is a great college, a feeling he echoes.

Because of his intimate knowledge of the system, he does not want the college to rest on its laurels.

He believes that the college can be remade into something better. If the college is better, the students will be better.

### Gary Murph

If the students are better, the community will prosper.

If the community prospers, the college will benefit.

This is Murph's triangle of success.

Murph has been a professional manager his entire career and has always worked with board members.

However, in this seat Murph would be working from a new perspective.

He feels he comes with a different awareness of issues than some of the other candidates because of his background in higher education.

With recent community college budget cuts, Murph knows Cerritos College President Jane Harmon and her soon-to-be-hired vice president of business services will have their work cut out for them, and he plans to give them his full support.

Murph has been working

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Eric Gutierrez teaches others how to market themselves as a part-time instructor in the Occupational Preparation program offered through Adult Education at Cerritos College.

Now the single, 30-year-old Norwalk native is trying to market himself as he seeks one of three open seats on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

"I see the role of Cerritos 'College expanding,'" Gutierrez said.

"I see the college really being a resource center."

"I see it being the communication center between businesses and community-based organizations, while still maintaining and improving student transfer rates."

He wants to encourage residents in the surrounding areas to areas to enroll at the college.

Gutierrez also wants to look at students' goals as his platform.

For example, when students want to transfer to four-year universities, improve English skills or

### Eric Gutierrez

retrain to re-enter the job market.

"I want to help students be the leaders of tomorrow, so they can come back and be teachers here at Cerritos College," Gutierrez said.

"Wouldn't that be wonderful, if we had a population that was born, raised and educated from our system and they came back and became teachers here?"

Gutierrez was raised in the City of Norwalk and attended local schools. He earned both his Bachelor of Arts and Master's degrees from the University of California Los Angeles.

He is currently employed as a substitute teacher for both the ABC and Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School Districts, teaches part-time at Cerritos College and does marketing feasibility studies for international and domestic resort and hotel chains.

This is Gutierrez' first attempt at a political position.

"I'm not using this as a cata-

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Kevin Fulton is an ambitious, driven young man with a promising future.

This 29-year-old single father is running for an open seat on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees and has many accomplishments already.

Fulton, who is now a Bellflower resident, grew up in the city of Downey and graduated from Downey High School in 1989.

He was a teenage father and concerned about providing for his new baby, so he joined the army at age 17.

"The army told me I would see the world," Fulton said, "And boy, did I see the world."

Fulton served in Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm and Operation Provide Comfort, which protected Kurdish refugees in Turkey.

He also witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall in Germany.

When he completed his stint in the army, Fulton attended Cerritos

### Kevin Fulton

College earning an Associate of Arts degree and graduating with honors.

"When there was a seat open on the Board, I thought that I could bring a different perspective to the Board. I was someone who had actually gone here."

"I know the difficulties students have with scheduling and things like that."

"Being a veteran and a single parent when I attended here, I thought I could express something different than what they are used to having on the board."

He then attended California State University Fullerton and Western State Law School, where he recently earned his Juris Doctorate degree.

Fulton has been interning at the Orange County District Attorney's Office while awaiting his bar examination results, which are coming out in November.

Fulton also currently is employed at the Norwalk-La Mirada School District working in Communications where he prepares reports and works with the school board on the K-12 grade level.

If elected to the Board of Trustees, Fulton would like to reach out to the non-traditional student.

He knows the problems that go along with being a single parent trying to attend school.

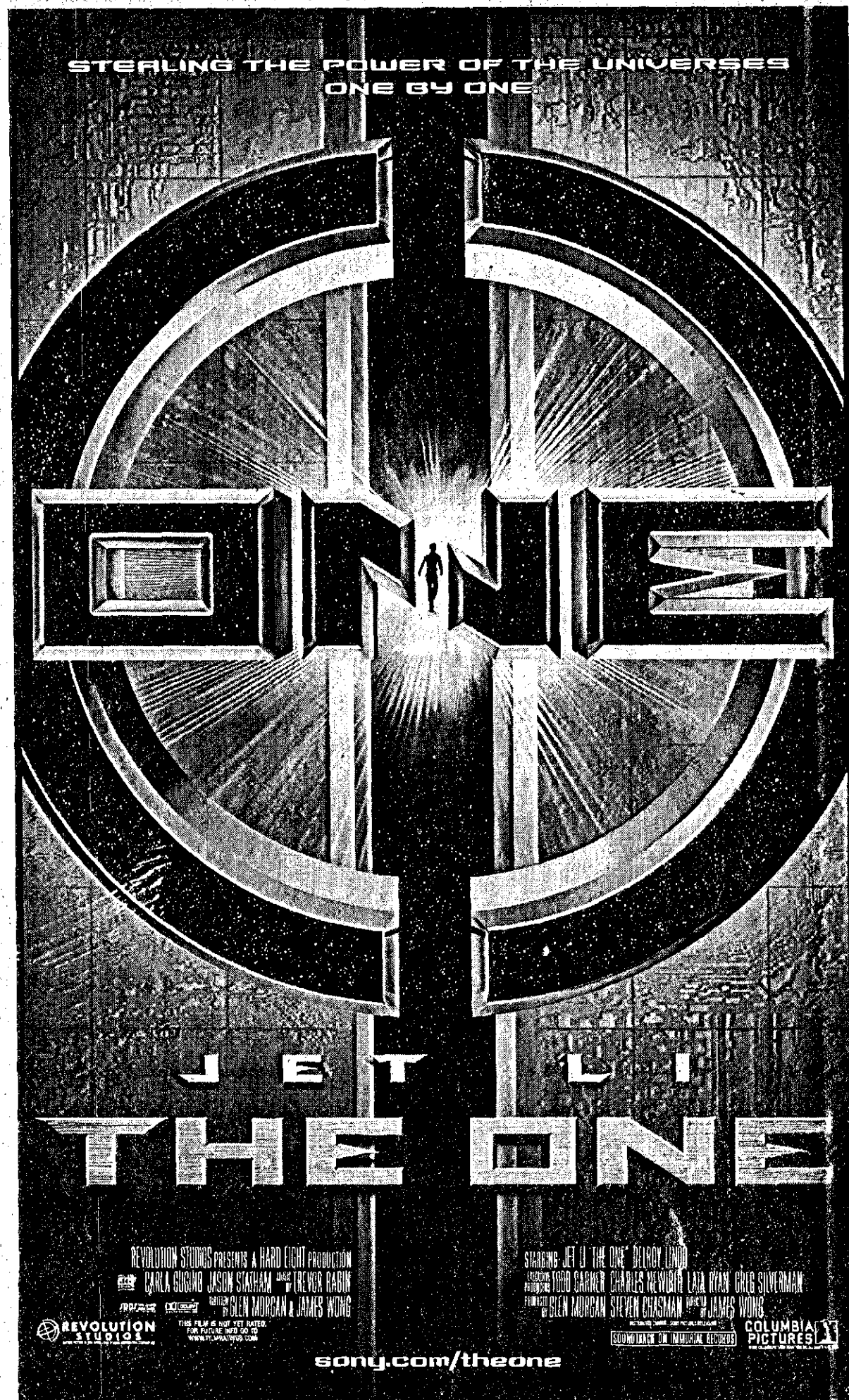
He wants the college to provide more online classes, more childcare, condensed scheduling, with a calendar that is more in sync with elementary school calendars.

"I would love to have the

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Besides running for one of three open seats on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees, Billy Hector keeps busy as Postmaster of both the Lawndale and Compton Post Offices.

Hector has been trying to come up with new security measures to protect the public during the current Anthrax scare that is terrorizing the nation.

Hector has been a postal employee for the past 32 years, where he started in 1969, first as a clerk and then as a letter carrier. He later worked his way into various management positions, prior to being appointed to his postmaster positions.

Hector was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and moved to California in 1956.

He attended schools in Compton, graduated from Fremont High School in Los Angeles and attended Los Angeles Trade Technical College.

He now resides in Lakewood and has four daughters

and one son.

Hector is very active in the Compton School District and the Community College District.

He has been concerned with issues of district boundaries, testing, funding, and the state and federal governments' roles in education.

He also participates in numerous organizations such as the Compton Rotary, Business Advisory Council, School-to-Work, and the State Department of Rehabilitation.

Hector also participates in the American Cancer Society, South Central Unit and is a member of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States.

As to why he is running for the Board of Trustees, Hector stated, "I think the Cerritos College Board of

### Billy Hector

Incumbent Bob Verderber has served on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees since 1993.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Cleveland State University and a master of science degree in industrial engineering from the University of Southern California.

He has had a long and distinguished career in the engineering field, working for Northrop Corporation, North American Aviation Beckman Instruments, General Motors Corporation, and the Chief Accounting Office for Los Angeles County.

Verderber, a Downey resident, submitted the following prepared statement to the Talon Marks for publication.

"Bob Verderber is currently vice president of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees. He is seeking a third term for this office. He considers himself to be a dedicated and resourceful leader with a proven record of community service."

### Bob Verderber

"Bob wants to do a better job promoting Cerritos College and its many services and to raise awareness of this valuable asset within our community."

"He wants to extend and expand industry and business partnerships that have provided Cerritos College with national recognition for its programs in nursing, teacher training and vocational technology."

"During Bob's years on the Cerritos College board college budgets were always balanced, prudent financial reserves were always maintained and new taxes were never requested of the public."

"Some of these years were difficult financial times for the college. It now appears that these 'bad' times are about to be repeated. Regardless, Bob firmly states the Cerritos College board will continue to practice fiscal responsibility as it has in the past."

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Incumbent Cheryl Epple has served on the Board of Trustees since 1993.

A graduate of Mayfair High School, Cerritos College, and California State University Dominguez Hills, she now resides in Bellflower with her husband and her daughter, Nicole.

Epple believes the Board of Trustees' biggest concern in the coming years will be the budget.

Governor Gray Davis has tried to severely cut the community college budget in recent months, but he recently signed a bill that restored \$32 million of those cuts to the budget.

"We have a healthy reserve," Epple said, "but cuts can affect the way we do business on campus."

"The governor tried to take half of what legislators voted in."

Epple is concerned that if Davis is cutting this year's budget so badly, next year may be worse.

She feels Cerritos College and its programs may feel some of the effects of the budget cuts.

### Cheryl Epple

"It is important to have seasoned leadership on board, not someone who is learning on the job to handle this crisis," Epple said.

Epple feels Cerritos College must constantly update in order to call itself the most technologically advanced community college in the state.

"Technology changes as we put it in," Epple said. "The trial will be to see that we have enough technology to keep up one of the most technologically advanced community colleges."

Epple is concerned whether the college will have the funds to purchase both the hardware and the software to keep up to par with what students will use once they are out in the real-world work environment.

"We would like to teach students on quality programs that are on the cutting-edge of technology," she said.

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## Students lose their Cal Grant

TARA CARTER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Thousands of California community college financial aid recipients may not receive grants for their tuition this semester.

According to a report by the California Assembly, approximately 20,000 students lost their chance to compete for a Cal Grant, a governmental grant that provides students with free tuition, when their colleges failed to report their grades to the California Aid Commission by Sept. 2.

"This didn't effect students at Cerritos College because we file ours electronically," said Jamie Quiroz financial aid accounting technician at Cerritos College. "We submitted over 8500 applications to the aid commission."

Although this did not effect the financial aid program at Cerritos College, many schools throughout southern California that do not have the software to file applications electronically were strongly impacted.

Two dozen schools in Los Angeles county and every college in Orange and Ventura counties submitted only a small number of grade reports to the commission, causing their remaining students to be omitted from the qualification process.

Community college officials site the outdated computer software as a reason for the omitted submissions.

Cal Grant administrators plan to ask the state legislature for \$11 million to go toward software that enable community colleges to eliminate this problem by filing applications online.

Although this was the biggest roadblock in the qualification process, for many students it wasn't the only one.

This year community college employees had to calculate grade point averages only for courses whose units transferred to universities.

Because their computers were not equipped with the proper software, employees had to do it manually, which drastically cut down on the number of applications that were sent.

Paul Mitchell, legislative analyst for the Higher Education Committee was outraged at the community college system's neglect. "We've got some of the neediest and highest achieving students not receiving grants just because their mentors decided to pull them out of the competition," he said.

Officials also site student neglect as a reason for the low numbers.

The Student Aid Commission allows either a college or a student to submit a grade report.

Many students are unaware of this and rely on the college to do it for them.

Following the assembly report, the Student Aid commission reopened the competition for hopeful applicants so that its remaining 750 grants could be distributed properly.

The new deadline was Oct. 15, and the grants are expected to be distributed in November.

## Murph

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through community organizations and the precinct, trying to get known throughout the district.

Murph also hopes the resurgence of patriotism due to the Sept. 11 tragedies in New York and at the Pentagon will cause voters to turn out in record numbers at the polls on Nov. 6.

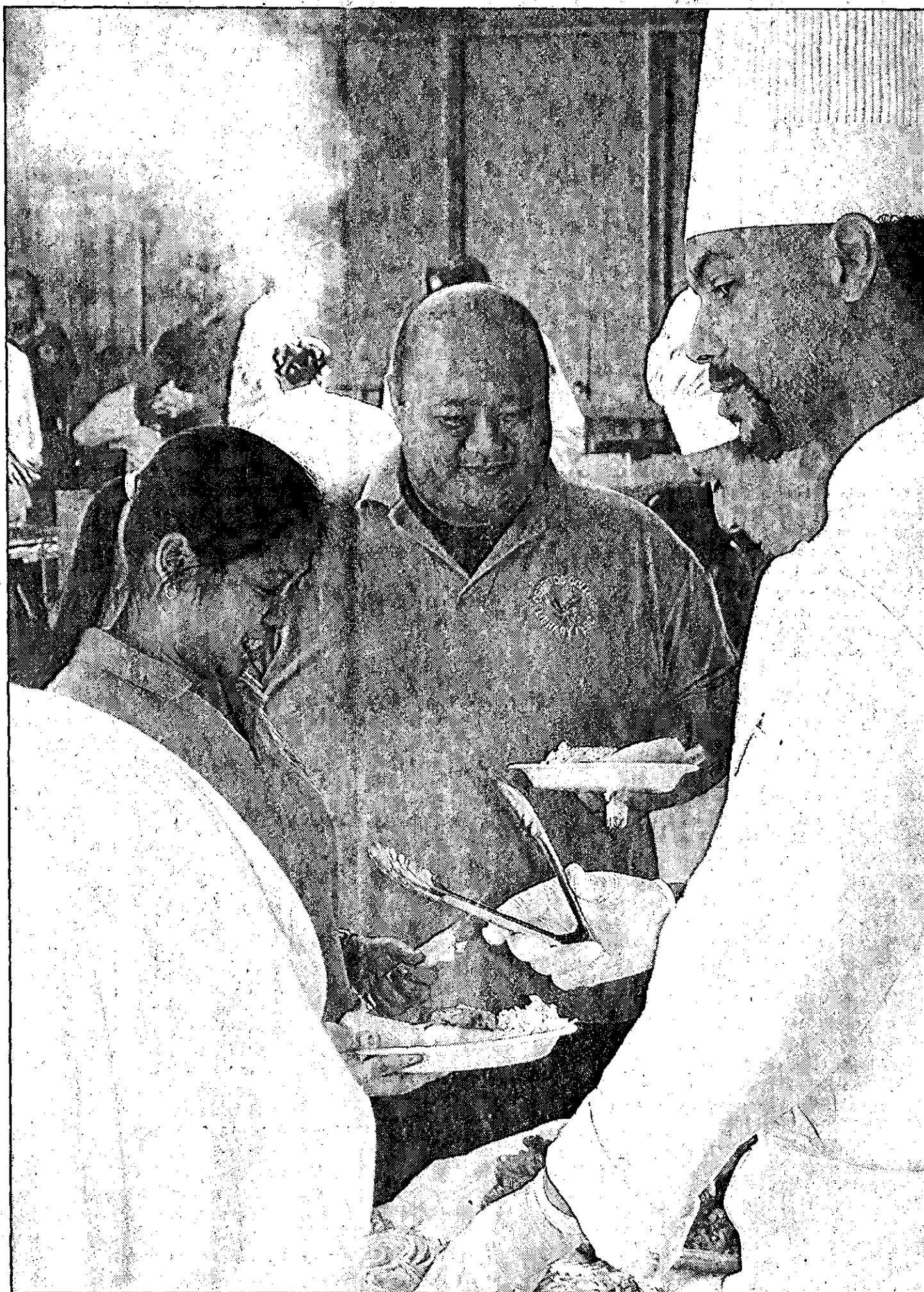
He looks forward to serving as a board member for Cerritos College.

## New homecoming breaks stereotypes to get crown

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Master of Ceremonies Wayne Nunnery.

After the coronation of the Homecoming Queen, the halftime activities included a parade of 17 floats pushed, pulled and dragged around the football field.

This year's Homecoming theme was "Movie Classics" and various Cerritos



Angel Esquerro and Kathe Delos Santos, staff workers in the Computer Assisted Instruction Lab, let Culinary Arts student Wayne Perrin pile the food on their plates sky high at the fourth annual Cerritos College Staff Appreciation barbecue last Thursday. The food was served by Dr. Harmon and various campus administrators, as well as an army of Culinary Arts students in the Administration Quad.

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## Gutierrez

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pult for another political position," he said. "I'm here to try to help build an effective community. I think that will take longer than four years."

Gutierrez also states the Board of Trustees' number one priority has to be students.

"I would like to make myself readily available to students," he said. "I have an open-door policy."

He encourages students to contact him at (562) 500-2506 or e-mail him at Eric@voteERIC.com. He also has a web site with additional information at www.voteERIC.com.

Gutierrez also said he is doing something he thinks no other candidate is doing. "I am asking for the students' official endorsement," he said.

Some of the issues Gutierrez is interest-

ed in addressing are:

- Projected increases in student enrollment and anticipated budget cuts
- Renovation of classroom facilities
- Establishment of tutorial programs and other student support services
- Upgraded elevators and facilities which meet the needs of the disabled
- Access to parking
- Community outreach
- Needs of night students
- Safety on campus
- Tram usage
- Price of Books

Some of the endorsements Gutierrez has received are Dorothy Carrae and Mary Loya, both currently Cerritos College Board members; Martha Escutia, State Senator; Mike Mendez, Rudy Bernudez, and Jesse M. Luera, Norwalk City Council; Hal Malkin, La Mirada City Council; Tony

Mendoza, Artesia; Larry Nelson, Mayor of City of Artesia; Filipino-American Democratic Committee; Chicano/Latino Caucus.

Gutierrez is also involved with CBEC - Citizens Building Effective Communities.

"As a teacher, I've been able to hear a lot of the needs of the community members," Gutierrez said. "Every morning when I'm in the classroom, I meet and talk with parents on an informal basis and they tell me what they need."

"These are the children that are going to be coming to our colleges," he continued.

"I'm always listening to the people in the community where I work, where I teach and where I live. It's impossible to talk to everyone, but I'm trying to get myself known to as many people as I can."

## Hector

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Trustees needs a change in its point of view and I think I could bring about that change."

He also thinks the area surrounding Cerritos College is badly in need of an expanded ESL program.

In addition to this, Hector feels the college needs an updated daycare program.

He would like to do more to make sure

the college provides a quality education for its students.

He would also like to see students receive real-world preparation for the work environment.

Hector is endorsed by Ullis Williams, President/Superintendent of Compton Community College; Carl Robinson, Board

of Trustees, Compton Community College; Cloria Patillo, President, Compton Unified School District; Limon Kirkwood, State Department of Rehabilitation; Ray L. Cordova, District Director; Congresswoman Grace Napolitano; Dell Huff, Senior Deputy; and Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke.

## Hector

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opportunity to represent a view that I don't think is being represented," Fulton said.

"There are veterans out there who are in terrible conditions."

"There are single parents out there who are in terrible conditions."

"There are minorities who are in terrible conditions."

"I think I am strong enough I can communicate the problems they may be experiencing. I can take the abuse the system gives when you try to force someone to look at problems. I feel I have an obligation to help those who are weaker. Where that came from, I don't know. Maybe it's a little bit of the military. Maybe it's a little bit of Southern upbringing."

Fulton thinks that this bid for a seat on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees has been an eye-opening experience.

He has spent a lot of time on the Cerritos College campus and is a little disappointed that students, instructors and unions do not seem more interested in having a chance to change the seats on the Board.

He feels that these are the people that will be most affected by the results of the election, yet they have not set up any forums on campus to meet the candidates and, as of yet, have not endorsed any candidates.

Outside of campus, he has been running a grass roots campaign, attending community organization meetings and canvassing neighborhoods.

Fulton describes himself 10 years from now as being a successful attorney and a contributing member of his community.

He feels he is a responsible, hard-working individual that wants to help people who are less fortunate than he has been.

Kevin Fulton believes he can bring a fresh perspective to the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

## Epple

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"Community colleges can't be treated as cookie cutters," she added, "we can't be all treated the same way."

"We can't all be told here is your money."

"All of you spend it on the same programs, in the same way."

"All of us are different."

As to if Epple had a preference to whom she would like to see fill retiring member Dorothy Carrae's available seat, Epple said she had not personally interviewed anyone, but from looking on paper, all the candidates seemed well-educated and are all concerned with the college.

Epple is also looking forward to the new hiring of the vice president of Business Services, who the Board is hoping will be hired by Dec. 1.

The Board will also soon be hiring a new vice president of Academic Affairs, which will probably commence after the first of the year.

## Verderber

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"Bob Verderber is a retired mechanical engineer. He recently returned to work as a middle-school algebra teacher to help out with the shortage of mathematics instructors."

## Instructor

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an understanding of business. "For the most part these kids have no idea how business operates nor how the world operates," he adds.

The program has a lot of application at the high school level. "These are skills everybody needs," Livingston said. He is pleased with the program and hopes students will apply their earned college credits when they get out.

The students have job apprenticeships with plumbers, painters, electricians, janitors and bakers at the facility. "They make about 25 cents an hour, but they learn valuable skills they can apply for gainful employment later."

"We want them to be successful instead of graduating to a prison. So they make contributions to society instead of being detriments," Livingston said.

Many of the students have spent most of their teenage years incarcerated in the facility.

Livingston worked part time at Cerritos Community College for 15 years before transferring to the college as a full time instructor.

accept yourself, the more you will not let other people put you down."

Geldis is planing on helping to help promote the FMLA's "Love your Body" workshop which will be held next month.

The program will assist women with warped ideals of self to come to terms with who they are and to not judge their looks according to external ideals.





GOING OUT OF BOUNDS -- Cerritos defender Armando Cortes (14) chases the ball as it heads toward the goal line. Compton defeated the Falcons, 5-1, Tuesday

## Escorcia's goal lifts Falcons

VERONICA CAMPOS  
STAFF WRITER

Jessica Escorcia and Elba Rodriguez scored goals to lead the Cerritos women's soccer team to a 2-1 win over East L.A. College Tuesday on the Falcons' field.

Trailing 1-0, Rodriguez scored on a corner kick to tie the game at the half.

Escorcia scored the winning goal in the second half on a free kick.

Falcons' assistant coach Lorena Nunez said, "I knew since the beginning that we were going to win, even though we were one player short in the first half."

"We gave it all we had and the results explain it all."

The next game for the Falcons (5-9, 4-7 in South Coast Conference) is Tuesday at home against Mt. San Antonio at 3 p.m.

### CORTES SHUTS OUT LACC

It was a shut out for goalkeeper Carmen Cortes as Cerritos visited L.A. City College Tuesday and won, 2-0.

It was the Falcons' second win in as many games over L.A. City this season.

Cortes said, "We dominated the whole game."

"Escorcia deserves most of the credit. She assisted the two goals for us, and saved us from getting scored on."

Forward Mauriel Chadez, who scored both goals for Cerritos, said, "The game could have been better. It was really intense, but good overall."

Friday the Falcons were shut out by Long Beach, 10-0.

Defender Lupe Chavez said, "Playing against the Vikings was fun overall."

"Considering that they are ranked third in the nation, we fought until the end."

## MEN'S SOCCER

# Three Falcons ejected in loss

VERONICA CAMPOS  
STAFF WRITER

Three Falcon men's soccer players were ejected in a 5-1 loss to Compton Tuesday at Cerritos.

The players who were red-carded were forwards Jorge Vargas, Angel Piazza and Nestor Elias, who scored the Falcons' goal on a penalty kick.

The Falcons (6-7-4, 1-2-3 in SCC) will have their last road game Friday at Long Beach City College at 2 p.m.

### TIE WITH HARBOR

"Cerritos is capable of (winning a) championship," were the words of Piazza on Friday's game against L.A. Harbor College.

With only seconds left in the game, Piazza scored the goal to make the final score 3-3.

Piazza, who scored two goals, said, "It was a very difficult game, we couldn't leave with our arms crossed."

The other Cerritos goal was scored by Elias.

Falcons' goalkeeper Marco Lopez made an outstanding save when the Seahawks had their last shot on goal.

### LATE GOAL GAINS TIE

Midfielder Josue Perez scored in the 88th minute of play at El Camino Tuesday to give the Falcons a 1-1 tie with the Warriors.

Perez scored on a free kick in what could have been the Falcons' last chance to score in that game.

El Camino took the lead in the second half, but the Falcons showed no mercy and ended up scoring with three minutes left in the game.

Salvador Sahagun, Falcons' midfielder, said, "It was a tough game. We could have won, but at least we got the tie on a free kick."



ON THE ATTACK -- Cerritos midfielder Belen Gonzalez brings the ball upfield against East L.A. College.

## Football Falcons slam Warriors

DAVID AMEZCUA  
STAFF WRITER

Missing its chance of having a perfect season, the Falcon football team came back to whip El Camino College, 41-31, Saturday at Cerritos.

The Falcons will play at Mount San Antonio Saturday at 1 p.m. Last season, the Mounties beat Cerritos, 29-28, on a field goal with 36 seconds left in the game.

In the third quarter, Alvin Marshall, who rushed for 154 yards in the game, scored his third touchdown to give the Warriors their only lead, 24-21.

The Falcons regained the lead on touchdowns by Jennaing Whiten and Chris Chatman, who caught a pass from Mike Harrison for 86 yards to make the score 34-24.

The Falcons slammed the door shut in the fourth quarter when linebacker Philip Perry picked off Ryan Gilbert's pass and returned it 67 yards for a touchdown and a 41-24 lead.

Falcon defensive back Cornell Norman said, "We are prepared to play Mt. SAC. As long as we do not make mistakes we will win."

Falcon Coach Frank Mazzotta said that the team had a tough time stopping the run and made some adjustments at halftime.

"The defense was good in the second half. They made some great stops."

"Our upcoming games to do not get any easier. We need to stop making mistakes."

Falcon wide receiver Randy Raphael said that the team played well.

As for the Mt. SAC game, he said, "Each game is a test for us. We need to execute plays on both sides of the ball."

## Wrestling takes third

The wrestling team finished in third place in the South Duals Tournament Saturday at Moorpark.

After dropping a match to the host Raiders, 28-14, the Falcons were awarded a win by forfeit over Rio Hondo.

Against Moorpark, Alvaro Arreola moved up one weight category to 141 pounds and won his match, as did Josh Johnson, who moved up to the 149 pound class.

Anthony Rodriguez won his match at 125 pounds.

Cerritos will visit Golden West Wednesday, and will host Palomar Tuesday.

## Water Polo Briefs

### WOMEN'S WATER POLO

Jessica Meili scored three goals and Jill Strickland added two for Cerritos Wednesday against visiting Pasadena, but the Lancers broke the game open with five goals in the third quarter to beat the Falcons, 16-6.

Liz Garibay scored the remaining goal for Cerritos (1-18).

Goalkeeper Yazmin Sanchez recorded twelve saves for the Falcons.

The Falcons will visit Rio

Hondo Wednesday at 4 p.m.

### MEN'S WATER POLO

The Falcons dropped three of four matches in the Cypress Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Cerritos (12-10) lost to Cuesta, 14-5, Orange Coast, 14-7, and Palomar, 13-11, but came back in its final game to beat Santa Monica, 17-10.

Wednesday the Falcons will play at Rio Hondo, and compete in the Saddleback Tournament Friday and Saturday.

## Volleyball team is ready for second go-round in conference

JOHN KITANO  
SPORTS EDITOR

For a team composed entirely of freshmen, the Cerritos College women's volleyball team shows plenty of brilliance in its play.

The Falcons finished the first half of South Coast Conference play with a record of 3-4 (5-5 overall) after being beaten in three straight games by El Camino Friday at Cerritos.

They will begin the second half Wednesday at Mount San Antonio College, who beat them in straight games earlier this season.

With three kills by Meagon, McConnell, the Warriors scored the final six points to win the first game, 30-24.

In game two, El Camino scored three straight points to take a 20-16 lead.

The Falcons came back with four straight points, taking a 25-24 lead when middle blocker Vanessa Cid dropped the ball over the net.

But El Camino won the game, 32-30 on a kill by Hayley Larkin.

Susan Liufau, Falcons' outside hitter, called it a "really challenging game. We really steeped it up in that game."

She added that the Warriors were consistent, "and we still have things that we need to work on."

Cerritos took a 14-12 lead in game three on a kill by outside hitter Arelyn Gallardo, one of 13 she had in the match.

The Falcons could not hold service for the rest of the game, and the Warriors won, 30-19.

Falcons' setter Jennifer Bullock called El Camino a really good team.

"They played a good game. We just have to stay more consistent."

"We played them with intensity, and that's all that counts."

She added that the team is ready for the second round of conference play. "We should be able to take Mt. SAC."

"The first time, they beat us because we were off guard, and we weren't ready."

"We're ready this time."

Liufau said, "We know how they play now, and we know what we need to do. Step it up, and win this time. And we're going to."

Wednesday the Falcons lost at Pasadena by scores of 23-30, 22-30, 30-28 and 20-30.

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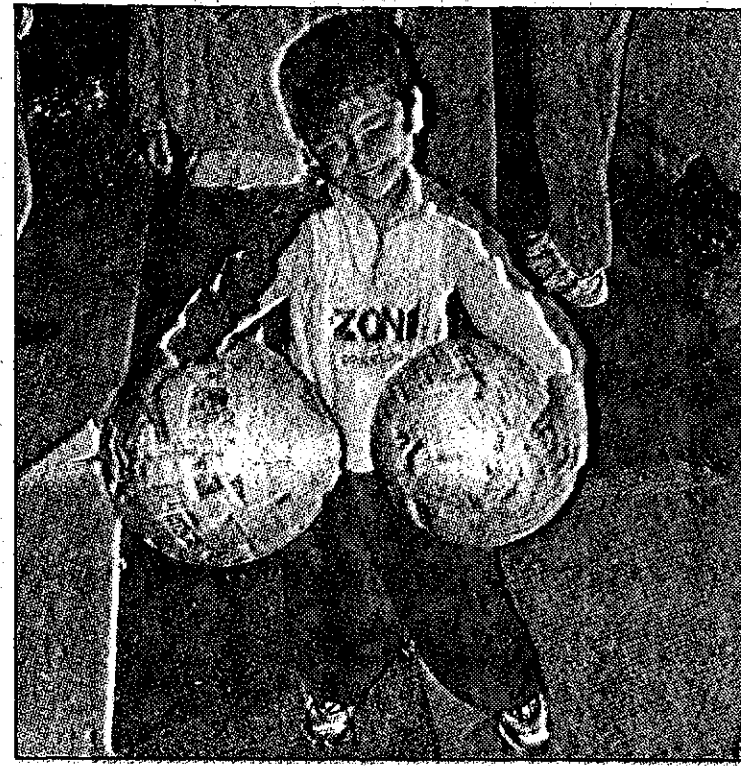
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Far left: Emma Lin and International Students Club adviser Mila David mold chicken wire for the "Around the World in 80 Days" entry.

Left: Even students' families showed up to work on floats.

Below: Phi Theta Kappa adviser Max Freifield and Gary Kookan mix paint for the club's "Fantasia" float.

## You call this work?

Not all activities last week circulated around the election of the Homecoming Queen and her court.

With a theme of "Movie Classics," 17 academic and curricular clubs participated in the 2001 Homecoming Parade of Floats that made their showing during half-time of the football game against El Camino College.

The float building itself lasted all last week, with the clubs chomping at the bit to get "the best" platforms and to pick the spots with the brightest lighting, when in fact the only difference was which places were closest to the restrooms.

Hammers pounded, power drills hummed and saws... unim, sawed... as club members labored under the watchful eye of their club advisers and various armchair quarterbacks.

"I just hope it doesn't fall on me," giggled student Cheny Phat as her club Alpha Gamma Sigma struggled to put up the backdrop to its float "Snow White."

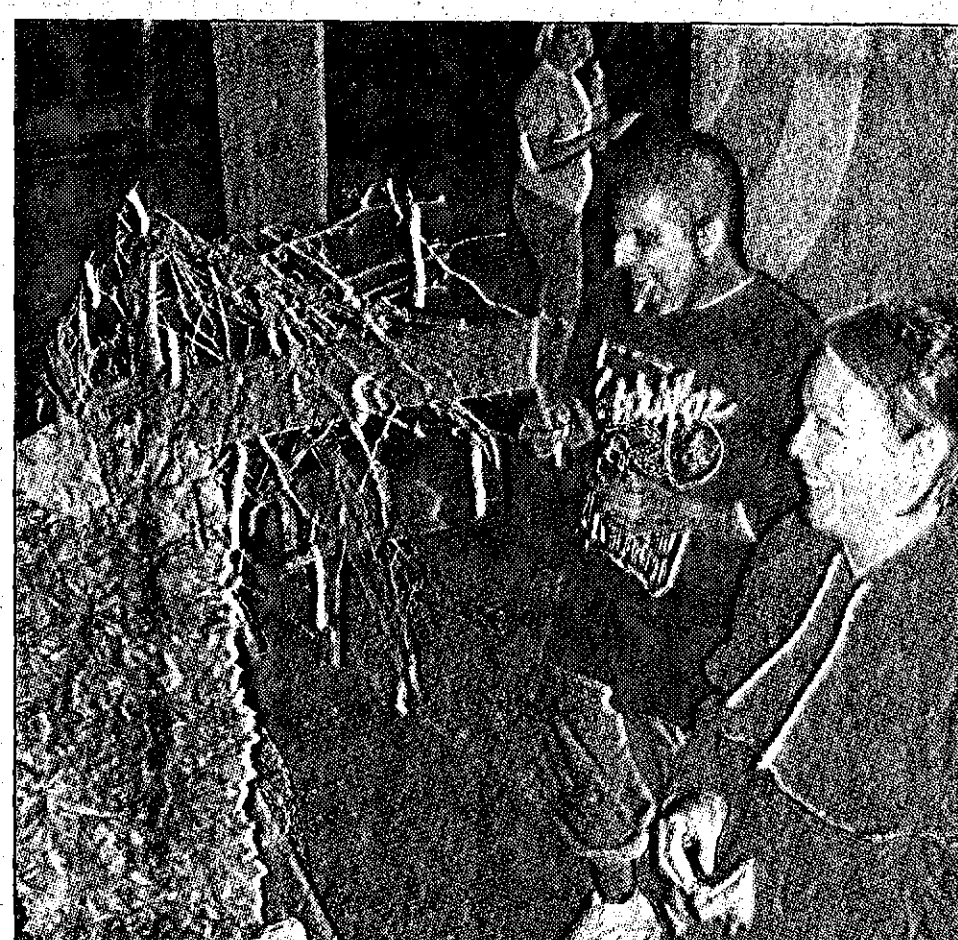
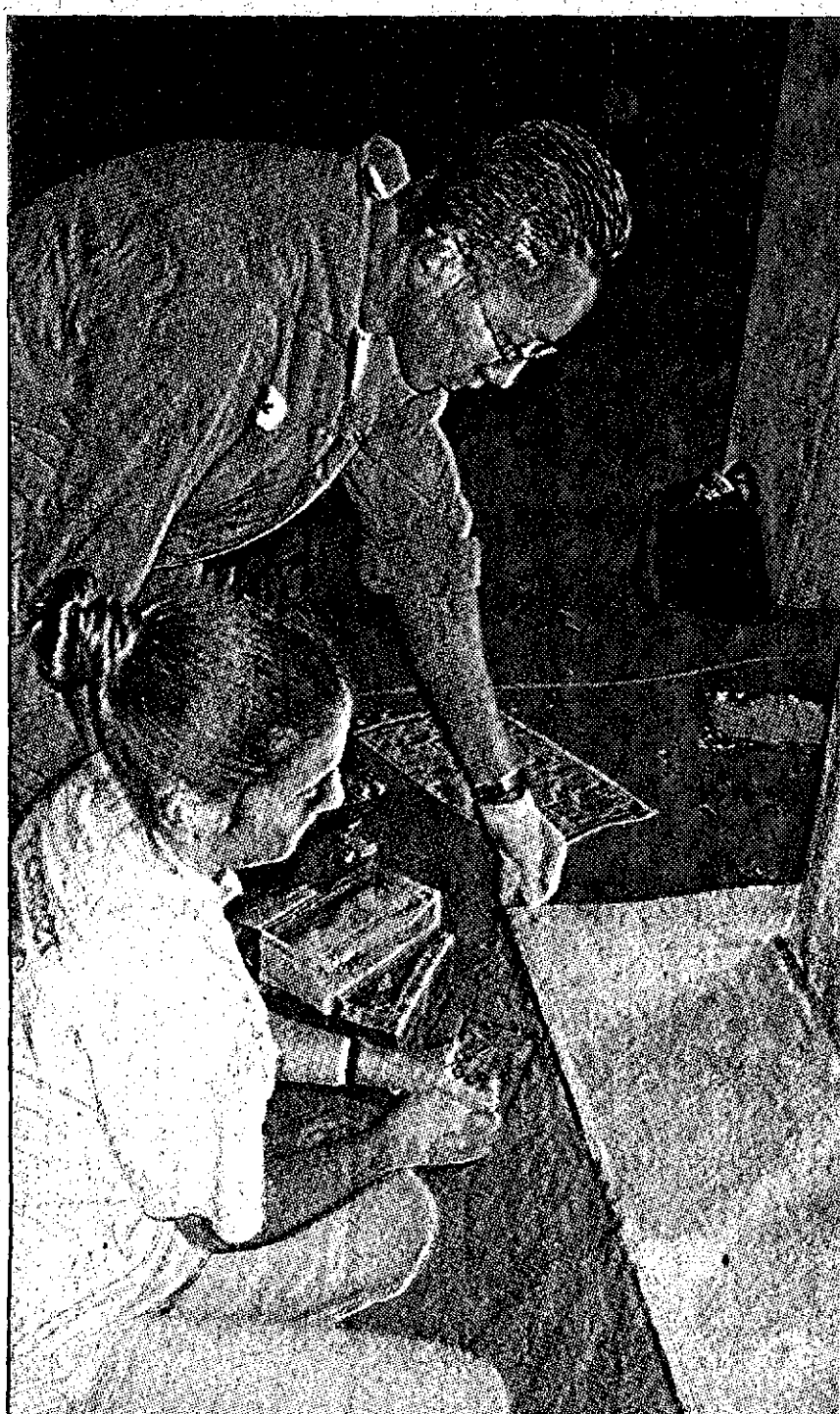
The float themes ranged from as far back as the original black and white "King Kong" and "Psycho" to the much-anticipated new movie "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

There was even the oddball float "Jailhouse Rock," which was technically not a classic movie but rather a pre-MTV music video. Nevertheless, anything with the King in it has GOT to be included.

Free pizza and sodas Friday night courtesy of the ASCC were just a bonus to the students who referred to the building as a labor of love.

"It's either work or fun, I don't know which," said Laura Schaus, who helped build three different floats and ended up covered head to toe in tissue paper and spray paint.

ARMONDO BORBOA  
OPINION EDITOR



Left: Vibol Phat and Laura Schaus staple bunting on the Phi Beta Lambda "King Kong" float.

Above Center: Gross gummy worms on Court Reporting's "Willie Wonka" float get a reaction from Manuel Roque and Monica Mora. They don't know whether to gag or start eating the float.

Above Right: Ashley Bonee needs a helping hand to steady the ladder as she applies paint the Pep Squad's "Little Shop of Horrors" float.

Lots more homecoming and float photos online at  
**[www.talonmarks.com](http://www.talonmarks.com)**