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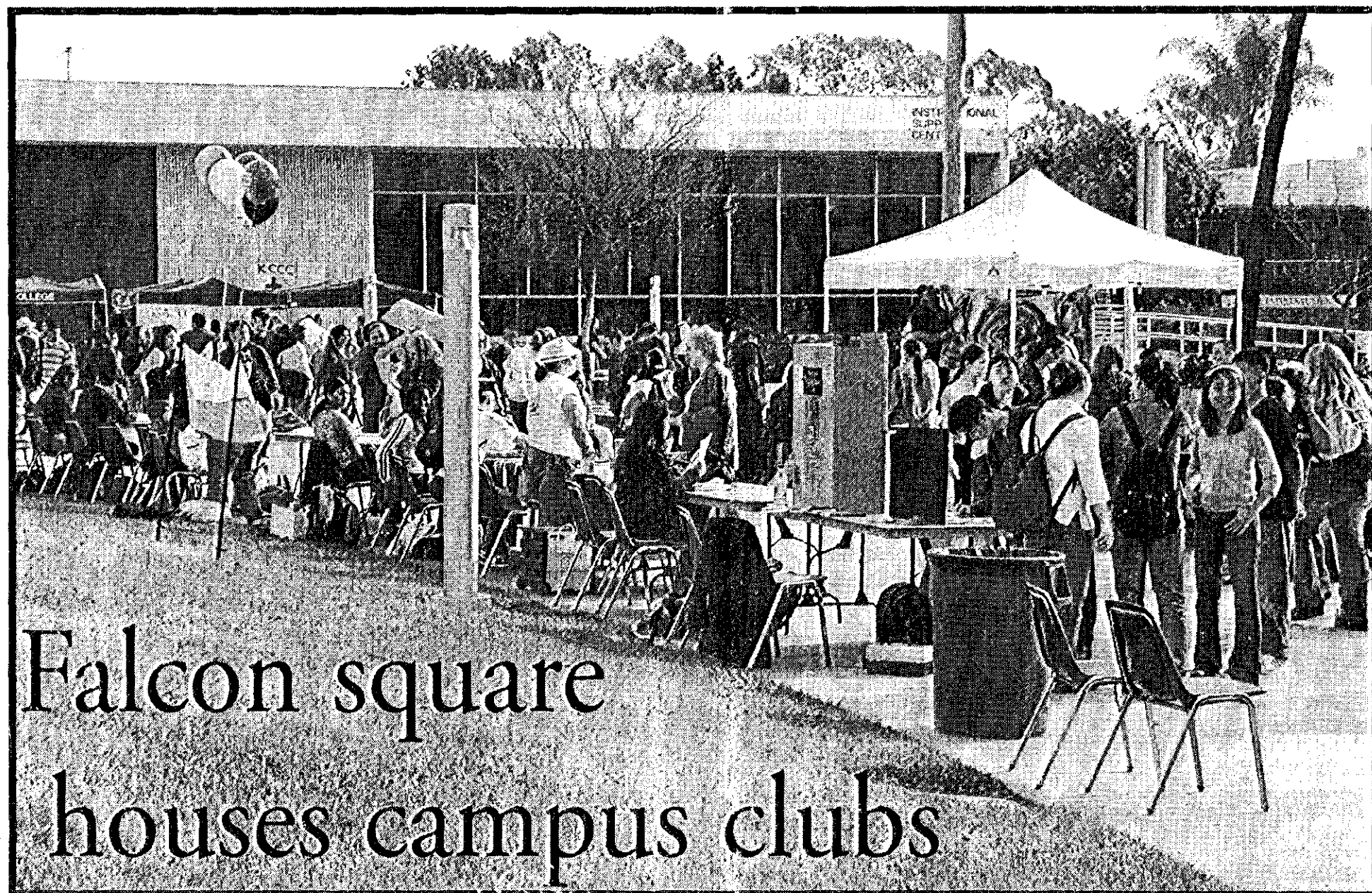
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Falcon square houses campus clubs

JIMMY PAN/TM

Students gather around Falcon Square on Tuesday to check out all the neat little clubs Cerritos College has to offer

Clubs gathered Tuesday to promote themselves to passing students

CLAUDIA VALDEZ
STAFF WRITER

Many clubs were lined up along Falcon Square promoting themselves to potential members on Tuesday during Club Information Day.

The main purpose of this event is to allow new and continuing students, to check out many of the clubs and organizations that are available to them on campus.

Most of the clubs that participated in Club Info Day are academic or curricular clubs, like Future Teachers Club, Phi Theta Kappa and the Marketing and Advertisement Club.

Tony Del Rio, who served in the Air Force for 24 years, and is now working toward a teaching degree said, "This semester we will have a panel with veteran teachers as well as first-year teachers and a school principal."

During this event, Del Rio informed potential members about the panel that will take place later on in the semester and also about teaching conferences that are sponsored by Washington Mutual Bank.

Another academic club that participated in Club Info Day was Phi Beta Lambda (Business Club).

Danielle Tolentino, club historian, has been part of this organization since high school.

"It's a great way to network with the business world no matter what your major is. Networking is something you

need to be successful in life."

The Administration of Justice Club is a club that focuses mainly on law enforcement majors and careers.

Jorge Velazquez, an alumni member said, "We require that student's who want to join, take an A. J. class and they must have a 2.5 G.P.A."

The only social club participating was the Salsa Club.

A few of its members were out dancing and recruiting new members.

"We want to get the club going, teach what we can and get together at the end of the semester with a DJ and a live band," said David Rodriguez, president of the club.

The Cosmetology Club was also out there.

They were giving \$3 haircuts and \$2 manicures to raise money for hair dryers

and supplies for their classes.

"We're promoting the cosmetology department. We're on the other side of the campus and want people to know we're there," said Brenda Morales, vice president.

Psychology student Erick Nunez, signed up in the Astronomy Club booth.

"I've always been interested in space and I figured that by joining this club, it will help me learn something new."

Club Info Day is an event that takes place at the beginning of spring and fall semesters.

For a complete list of clubs visit the Student Activities Office, located next to the bookstore.

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AIDS testing performed in bus

BRIAN DAY
STAFF WRITER

It's not every day that Cerritos College offers a service that may save your life. Only on the 3rd Thursday of every month. It is on these days that a large white truck can be seen in Falcon square, bearing the words, "Charles R. Drew University Community Outreach Program." This clinic-on-wheels offers free H.I.V. and Syphilis testing to all Cerritos students who wish to participate.

The inside of the truck looks much like the average doctors office, and you'll find knowledgeable and dedicated people there to talk to such as Albert Washington, Health Education Assistant for the Center of Community and Preventative Medicine.

As Washington explained, the purpose of this program is to provide education and testing for S.T.D.'s, primarily H.I.V.

He feels that there is a great deal that the general population does not know about the disease, and he is more than happy to fill them in.

40 million people are reported to be infected with H.I.V. worldwide, which is likely an underestimate, based on the number of people who either have not discovered their infection, or simply not reported it.

The proliferation of this disease is not just a clinical one, according to Washington, and in order for this disease to be controlled, the social conditions which harbor this disease need to change as well.

Washington explained that many people are infected because their spouse, significant other, etc., is keeping some sort of secret from their partner, be it an affair, closet homosexuality, or a drug habit. The partner who brought the infection in may not even be aware of it at the time they infect their partner.

The answer? Education and early detection, according to the staff of the Medical Services van, and they offer both by the barrel.

In addition to the counseling and printed material you can receive from the van, H.I.V. and Syphilis testing are offered every 3rd Thursday, and the results are returned the following Thursday.

For those who get squeamish when it comes to needles, the van offers the "OraSure" oral testing device. This device, which is a negligible .2% less reliable than the traditional blood test, is performed by simply rubbing a test strip against the gums and collecting the fluid. That's it. The tests are completely confidential, they are free, and they may save your life.

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State budget cuts ensure an economic backlash

Cutting funding to schools will hurt more than help

LAUREN RODRIGUEZ
NEWS EDITOR

The problem is, Economics major Jorge Garcia explains, that cutting back money to the California community college system is not going to solve the state's economic problems.

Those familiar with the issue fear that budget cuts to the CCCs will do just the opposite: hurt it.

To understand this complex issue, one must understand the purpose of the community college.

President John Grindel explains that California community colleges are in place to: prepare students for transfer to universities, provide basic training and job skills and provide certificates for people looking to educate themselves without transferring.

Garcia explains that the most prosperous and stable economies are those in which its members are reasonably educated. Although this once meant a high school education, with the expanding economy, a college education has become increasingly important.

For many students the prospect of going from high school to a university can seem an unreachable goal.

The community college provides the perfect transition for this. And at \$11 per unit, there is little excuse not to go.

But as soon as next fall, \$11 per unit could be little more than a faint memory for all CCC students. With the proposed tuition increase (\$24 per unit), the local CC may soon fall into the unreachable category with its UC and CSU counterparts.

It is here that it seems the states economic policy turns into some-

what of a double edged sword for the college student: eliminating funds to the institution from within as well as raising the price of its product.

This isn't even the bad stuff.

Grindel explains that with the budget cuts, the school will be forced to make changes in the

amount of sections offered.

This means there will be less classes for students to fill and therefore more students to turn away.

Enter the backlash.

Garcia explains that with every student that is turned away, there is an evergrowing group of "unedu-

cated" members of society. As mentioned before, this is bad for the economy.

In addition to less educated people, there will be less people able to train for jobs. In a slumping economy, it doesn't take an economics major to determine this is not a good thing.

"This will be a time when people will be needing to retrain for jobs," Grindel said.

With the cuts, there is simply no way for the colleges to provide this service as it will be needed.

In this sense, the state is doing itself a disservice by cutting back funds to the community college. It's the most basic place for public education and the best investment for an educated future.

Garcia explains that damages to this institution is only going to hurt California in the long run.

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Cerritos College Police logs

Jan 20 - 26

Jan. 20

No significant incidents reported.

Jan. 21

At 3:15p.m., an officer responded to the Arts and Crafts building regarding a theft report. The victim said she left her purse unattended on a table in the library. When she returned an hour and a half later, she discovered her purse had been stolen. The purse and some of its contents were later recovered.

Jan. 22

At 4:10p.m., an officer responded to the game room regarding a theft report. The victim said he left his backpack unattended next to a video game. When he returned five minutes later, he discovered it had been stolen.

Jan. 23

No significant incidents reported.

Cooking up with culinary

ALICIA WARNER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Something is sure cooking down at the Culinary Arts department. Last Wednesday Culinary Arts opened its doors to the cafeteria so students, faculty and the public could enjoy a well-served and well-cooked meal.

With only being a week and a half into school these students were prepared to serve.

In the Culinary Arts program students learn how to cook meals, service and learn different parts about the food industry.

The students learn the theory and practicum in food products and ingredients used in commercial kitchens. Also the fundamentals of hotel and restaurant dinner cooking and methods of preparing special pantry items.

One of the last courses in the culinary program covers advanced principles of hotel restaurant butchering, meat purchasing, and the carving of meats and poultry. Here is also where they learn about the emphasis on plate presentation.

The students arrive for class at 8:30 every morning Monday - Thursday.

They begin to prepare the meals that will be served in the Student Center at 11 am-1pm.

The Culinary serves an arrangement of different types of food.

There is hot food such as a beef, chicken, pasta or fish entrée. With each entrée you receive two sides such as potatoes, mixed greens, rice to name a few.

Also the culinary students make sandwiches, stuffed potatoes, soups, and salads for everyone as well.

And if you are not feeling like any hot food you can make your own salad at the buffet table in the middle of the cafeteria. Fresh fruit is also a choice.

Along with all the lunch type of items, they pastry class also has different types of pastries in the refrigerator right before you get in line to pay. Cheesecakes, truffles, cakes and cookies.

The price is small for the amount of food you receive. The average meal cost approximately \$4.50.

The Culinary Arts cafeteria is opened from 11am-1pm Monday - Thursday. Students can either eat in the student center or also get your meal to go if you are in a rush between classes.

Students, faculty and public can pick up the week's menu on Mondays in the cafeteria.

So if you are tired of the same food coming out of the food court and want a new change, try the culinary arts cafeteria.

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Students sought jobs at cool campus fair

Students flood Falcon Square to see what the job fair had to offer

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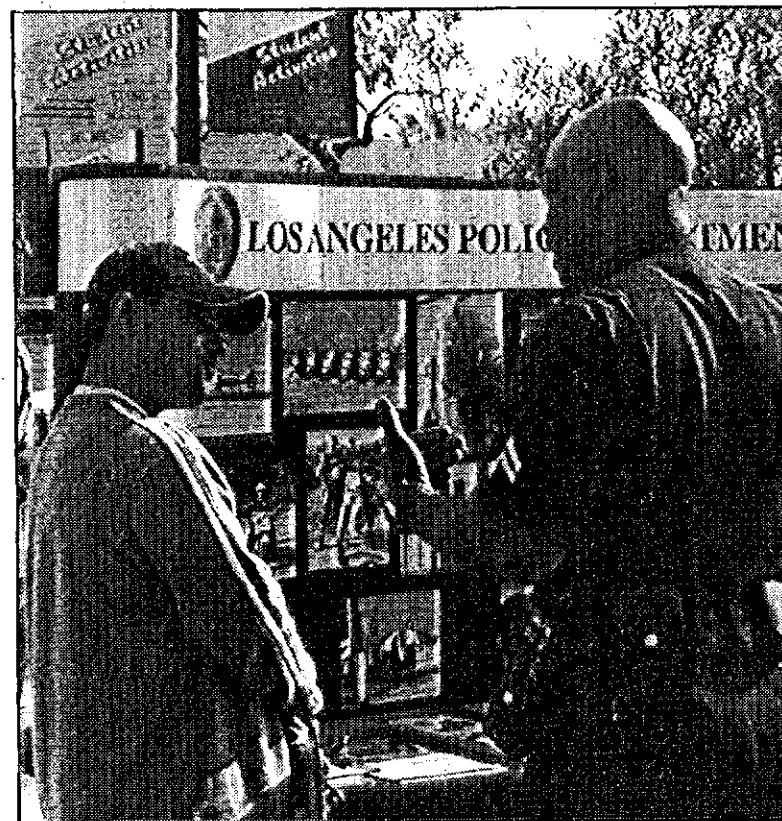
As the clock struck 11, students poured out of their classes just in time for lunch while finding themselves in the middle of a job fair.

On Tuesday, employers handed out flyers to students while getting the chance to fill out applications. From 10am-1pm, job recruiters sat at their stationed tables while talking to prospective students about future employment.

One of the many offered employment opportunities that were present on recruitment day that is known for their great fitness programs was Bally Total Fitness Center.

Bally offers part time and full time positions ranging from becoming a membership consultant, personal trainer, group instructor, retail sales associate, or Kid's Club Attendant. All jobs offered through Bally Total Fitness are flexible to any student's schedule.

Working for them can enhance students with better communication skills, working as a team and making new friends. Not only will students be working and making money, but they will also get to enjoy free membership along with other helpful benefits as part of their appreciation.



Officer mark Horton informs Santiago Alsipuro about joining the Los Angeles police department during job fair on Tuesday afternoon.

tion for their services.

A well-known recruiting service around Cerritos College called Vector Marketing, which offers customer service and sales opportunities were also here on campus. Vector help their employees sell their only and finest product, Cutco, which are a wide range of kitchen knives, train their employees to be great retailers. The only requirement is to have a high school diploma. Hours are flexible for students who want to make their own hours.

After Vector selects whom they want to hire, employees are expected to buy their own knife kit for demonstrations, make appointments with family members or friends, and to dress nice.

Every appointment lasts 45 minutes to an hour. Employees earn \$16 for every appointment even if they don't sell anything.

Students can even get college credit while making money at the same time.

Besides companies such as these, organizations such as the FBI, NAVY, and Girl Scouts were also present.

Another student, Rony Khan, an International Business Aviation major, spotted by the Anaheim Marriott table says, "I want to work in an office. I think working in an office would be fun. I heard

people who work in offices are nice."

Girl Scouts of Greater Long Beach, a known club among young girls and teenagers ages 5-17 years-old are in need for a community program leader. Interested women who are over 18 years or older, have a valid driver's license and have available transportation, and be drug tested and finger printed after two weeks of employment are a must if planning to be a leader.

Leaders work during the weekdays while sometimes working on weekends. No experience is required, though having experience in either youth programs, arts and crafts, or counseling is helpful.

Leaders not only prepare girl scouts with a fun class and crafts, but they also focus on developing social relationships with their young members by being a role model while helping them with their self-esteem or self-values.

Moses Rodriguez, a Computer Science major, says, "Yeah I'm looking for a job that pays pretty good and works around my schedule, though I'm not sure what I really want to do. That's why I'm here today to look for some good luck."

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New projects on the way for college

Proposition 47 will provide the funds to get projects off the ground.

MICHEAUX FORTSON
OPINION EDITOR

By now everyone has seen the changes being made on campus. The Liberal Arts building is being fortified to minimize the damage done during earthquakes.

There is also a project in the makings that will add two more buildings to the campus which will house the Administrative Support office that will be located next to the ATM where the trailer is located now and also in the C-9 parking lot. The latter will house Marketing and other classes.

Mike Sebak is the Director of Physical Plant on Campus; his division is involved with the planning of the project.

However an outside contractor is being utilized to erect the facilities.

"We contracted out for work with 'Turn Key Schools. They do a lot of work on elementary schools and high schools. Because the buildings will be structured on campus we had to contract out and unfortunately we could not use students to help with the construction," Sebak said.

These facilities will be in transportable buildings.

"What this means is that the buildings are built off campus in modules and then they'll be assembled on campus like a jigsaw puzzle.

They (the Administration) have been planning these buildings for about eight months to a year now," Sebak said.

There are other projects on standby. There is a Science and Math Complex scheduled to be built by 2004 or 2006.

Proposition 47 provided the funds to get these projects off the ground.

The funds that are being used to facilitate the projects will not be affected by the budget crunch.

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TESTING

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The tests offered are designed to detect the presence of H.I.V. antibodies produced by the body at the very early stages of the disease.

Translation: this test can catch the infection early (two weeks to six months), and early treatment means higher survival rate and better quality of life.

If you have any doubt that your blood is not 100% clean, there is no reason not to make a quick stop at the Charles R. Drew Community Outreach Program van.

Take a few minutes out of your day and you are sure to learn something, gain some peace-of-mind, or possibly even save your life. For more information, contact the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science at (310) 763-9746, E-Mail: Drewunivash@earthlink.net.

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President Grindel visits with ASCC to talk about Bond

JUAN DANIEL FLORES
ONLINE ART EDITOR

President John Grindel met with the Associated Students of Cerritos College, last Wednesday at the Senate meeting.

Grindel discussed two major/popular topics; to fund projects, and money that the school needs.

The G.O. Bond is proposals for Cerritos College, to fund projects, and money that the school needs.

To see the G.O. Bond proposal, log on to www.talonmarks.com.

Asking for the ASCC help. To contribute to the "cuts." ASCC has money from the Pepsi machines, and students' funds.

Grindel explain that the bond is not a close deal.

"Still in process to evaluate the bond, the board will have to make a decision, whether to have one or not. We can add to this, if we need to."

The G.O. Bond will make Cerritos expand its branches, by remodeling, constructing new

In the future, if the board decides to vote for the bond, then they might look into a group to do polling, to poll the community.

"Anybody who would like to meet with me to discuss the bond, is invited."

The second major topic, Grindel discussed was the State budget cuts.

"Our hopes are that it's not going to

be that bad," Grindel said

"What does it mean for Cerritos?" Grindel said.

Cerritos College will have to cut 5.2 million dollars, for this semester alone.

The college might have to cut from general funds, about 4 million dollars, and 1.2 million dollars from Caragacal Funds.

Then for the 2003-04 academic year, Cerritos will have to keep 5.2 million dollars and add another 2.4 million dollars, a total of 7.4 million dollars.

On the topic, on raising of students' fees, Grindel answered with "The State is raising the fees, not us.

We don't want to do that, the Governor is, so you can write to him

about it."

Grindel discussed key factors that can aid us through this crisis, potential cut backs:

Academic Hour Subs, (only until the third day will there be a sub), over-time, non-intractable subs, non-intractable equipment, cutting back on courses for Summer '03 (None of these are for sure.)

Grindel finished speaking by saying how Cerritos College going to get through this, "Communicate, communicate, communicate."

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EDITORIAL

Community college cutbacks

It makes perfect sense, yet it makes no sense. Perfect sense because the obvious tendency when one is lacking money is to cut back spending. No sense because cutting back money to community colleges is only going to hurt California in the long run.

The budget cuts affecting community colleges are sure to damage California's economy far more in the future than it is helping in the present.

Yes, cuts need to be made. To ignore the fact that the money is not there would be ignorant.

But cutting back public school funds is the equivalent of putting a Band-Aid on a problem that a Band-Aid clearly can't fix.

The problem is that with less money, colleges will be forced to offer fewer classes and turn students away. Granted, no one is going to say, "No, you cannot enroll here. Please leave."

But further limiting the already limited amount of core curriculum classes is in essence saying, "We have no room for you. Try again next semester." And as is often seen, next semester too often turns into next year which turns into never. And people who were willing to go to school never went.

And the truth is, even though all Californians stand to lose at the prospect of a less educated population, this is not going to hurt the people making the decisions nearly as much as it will hurt those enduring their effects.

Specifically, were talking about lower income, working people of color.

It is no surprise to say that certain ethnicities are underrepresented on university campuses and thus in the professional workforce. Limiting accessibility to these already underrepresented people will only continue the cycle. Education has been called the great equalizer. But it only works this way when everyone is given an equal chance at it. This is not to imply that all schools are the same. No one is ever given the exact same opportunity to succeed as the next person. But just because this is the way things are, does not mean this is the way things should be.

As a society we should strive to break down economic and social barriers and work to provide all students with the opportunity for an education.

It is doubtful that everything will ever be equal. But we should be making progress toward equality rather than taking steps back in its advancement.

Education is one primary ways this can be achieved.

This is not to imply that there are not other worthy recipients of tax money. Surely welfare, for example, is among them. But look at it this way: without a functioning public education system, few will be able to get off welfare at all.

To limit access to education is to hurt individuals' futures and to hinder economic progress for California.

So cut funding to street renovation; cut funding to tax relief; cut funding to Sacramento's bureaucracy but do not cut funding to the community college!

Upon it hinges much of California's future.

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The ups and downs of rollercoasters

Risky rollercoasters and the silent battle for freedom from over conservative government eyes

BRIAN DAY
STAFF WRITER

Our government expects a lot out of us, and on the whole, we give it. This time, however, they've gone too far.

Liberal meddling in our lives has reached new levels. As the far left systematically tries to save us poor fools from ourselves, it seems that they have set their sights on our rollercoasters as the latest threat to public safety and civilization as we know it.

If Rep. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) gets his way, there will be a federal committee formed to oversee amusement parks to ensure that the rides aren't too intense. The safety of such rides has been brought to debate based on reports of brain damage and fatality blamed on thrill rides.

It is not the freak accidents that the government is concerned about.

No, it is the rides themselves. The government has decided that many of the rollercoasters at theme parks such as Six Flags Magic Mountain are just too dangerous. Mainly, it is reports of long term brain damage received from the rides that has brought them under scrutiny.

Critics of the coasters argue that the G-forces, turns, and accelerations experienced during a ride are simply too intense for the human body, and will likely cause you to become ill or die from a massive brain hemorrhage.

Perhaps it is putting too much faith in our fellow Americans to ask them to look at a ride and

decide if they would like to ride it. There is no hidden danger from the coasters; it is simply the motion of the machines that is under attack.

Last June, The Walt Disney Corporation settled a lawsuit from a woman claiming she received a brain hemorrhage while riding "Indiana Jones." Anyone who has ridden this tame ride, which incidentally features no sharp turns, G-forces, or acceleration, should be put on their guard by such a suit.

The fact of the matter is, there is already a lengthy list of pre-existing medical conditions posted at the entrance to every ride, including pregnancy, heart-disease, high blood-pressure, epilepsy, etc. which may make the ride unsafe for those afflicted.

At the most, all that needs to be done is add the words "brain-hemorrhage" to the list, though it goes without saying that if you have history of brain hemorrhages, you probably should refrain from any activity which jostles your skull about in a haphazard fashion. But for those of us with a clean bill of health, these rides bear no risk.

If rollercoasters are to be banned and modified, what next? Shall we let the government strip away from us every freedom which can be viewed as unhealthy?

It's bad enough the democrats want my cigarettes, my beautiful violent movies, and my guns. Perhaps we should ban junk food and red meat, which are known to cause heart disease, obesity, and even cancer.

Sunlight causes cancer as well. Maybe we should limit the amount of time citizens can spend in direct sunlight, lest they stay out too long

and burn themselves to a tumorous crisp.

All of these things are more dangerous than rollercoasters, but they are not being attacked.

The reason? If the government imposed its will in these matters, the people would not stand for it. This type of meddling is un-called for, ludicrous, and highly un-American. Rollercoasters are no different. It is widely known folk knowledge that everything good in life is either illegal, immoral, or fattening.

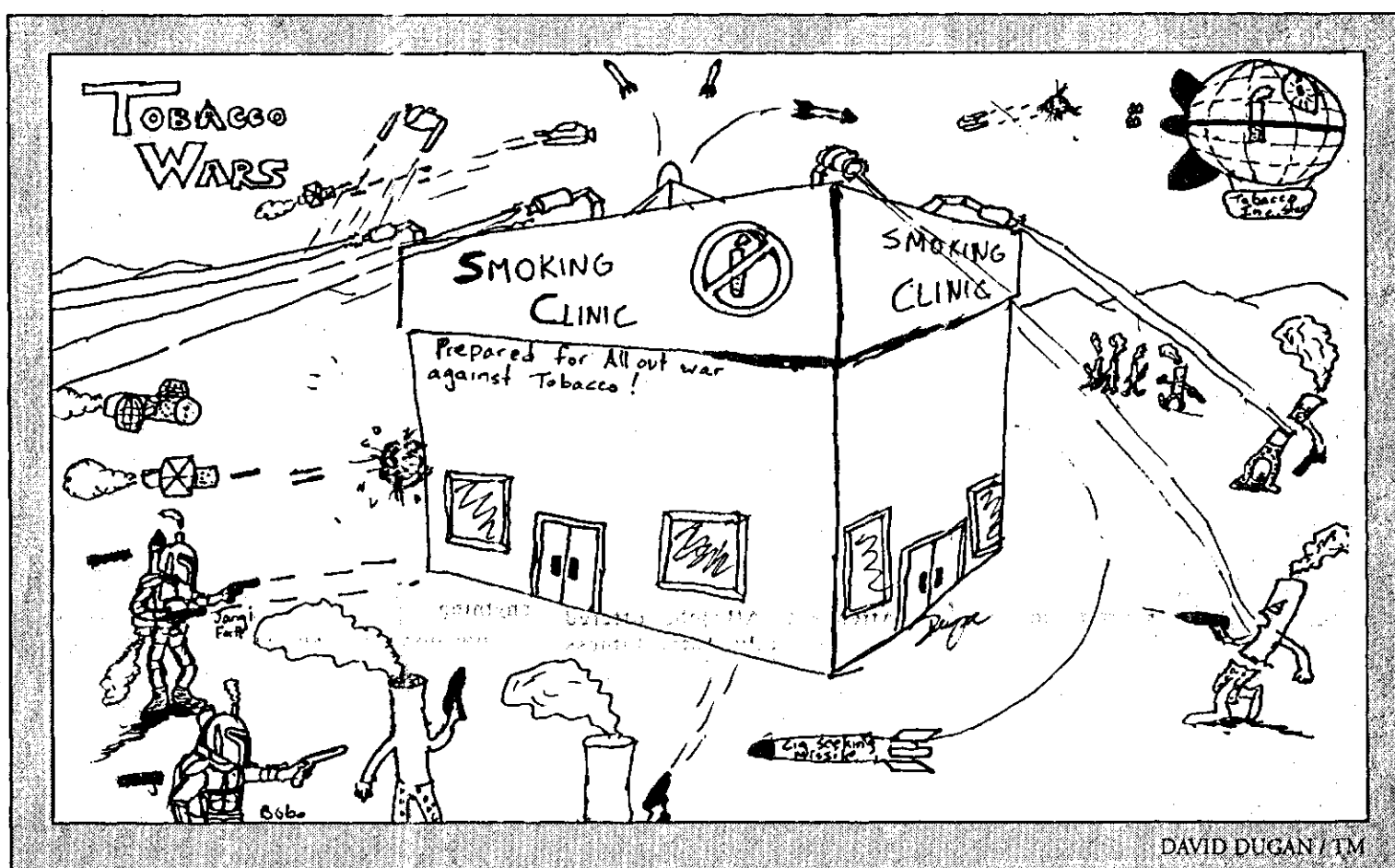
If you still think these rides are unsafe, fine. Don't ride them! I'm not trying to force Senator Ed Markey onto a rollercoaster, so why is he so hell-bent on forcing me off?

Well, the answer is simply that Ed Markey truly believes that I, and all my other fellow Americans, are too stupid to make an educated decision about a rollercoaster. If there's a genuine risk, which has not even been proven at this point, post it and move on. Ride at your own risk, that sort of thing.

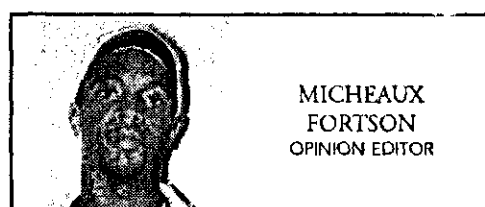
Common sense, people, that's all. Obese people shouldn't climb mountains; people with bad knees shouldn't ski; people with epilepsy shouldn't scuba dive; and people with pre-disposition to brain-hemorrhages shouldn't ride massive rollercoasters, and neither should Ed Markey.

The federal government was not established to save us from our stupid selves. It exists to protect our freedoms. If I choose to commit suicide by Montezuma's Revenge, then so be it. I'm an American and that is my right. Don't like it? Don't ride it.

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Reorganize your priorities, think of your future



MICHEAUX
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OPINION EDITOR

It is very easy to lose focus. Whether you are coming back from a vacation or you are distracted by a steamy love affair, losing focus can be detrimental.

Who can remember the first semester of their freshman year? Everything is fresh and new, exciting and liberating!

Then the break comes and somehow we slip

right back into partying!

While this may be harmless to a seasoned veteran, but to a freshman it can cause him to lose that drive that he began the year with.

I am not suggesting that everyone avoid celebrating during the holidays. What I am suggesting is that we maintain a balance and be mindful of our responsibilities.

We need to be diligent with our education. We are the only ones who stand in the way of our success.

It is easy to lose momentum. However, we must not let that be an excuse to slack off and let our fire burn out!

There is a time for everything. All during the

holidays I partied hard. Each day I get up in the morning without any motivation to get to class. I can only blame myself for this because I did not prepare to come back to school. Now my performance is suffering.

Trying to get back on the ball is harder when you let the first few weeks pass by without any enthusiasm.

Focus. This five lettered word is so simple and so small, yet it has so much meaning.

It is the key to your future success. As this semester gets off to a running start, try not to play catch up. Be on top of your game and you will definitely be a winner!

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Campus Comment

What do you think about the proposed tuition increase from \$11 to \$24?

COMPILED BY CLAUDIA VALDEZ AND DENISE GONZALEZ

ONLINE POLL

What do YOU think about the proposed tuition increase?

- X The politicians are all crooks
- X Gray Davis blew another one
- X Community colleges will still be a bargain
- X If financial aid covers it, I won't even notice
- X If they charge us double they should double the service

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"We're getting a good value for our money, although it's a big increase. It's better than paying \$2000 for the same class."

Sandra Galvan,
PHILOSOPHY



"It's not entirely fair. A community college is for people who don't necessarily have the means to go to a 4-year college."

Joshua James,
ART



"I think it isn't much compared to the university. If it's going to help put things on campus, it's good."

Antonia Wyndon,
SOCIAL WORK



"I feel it is unnecessary due to the fact that the state has to fill in a budget."

Nelson DeLeon,
ACCOUNTING



"I think it sucks. I have to pay for tuition and books, it's just going to be harder for me."

Mayra Garcia,
TEACHING



"That is not good, it is too much."

Michael Mathews,
SOCIAL WORK



"I thought we were suppose to go to a community college because it is cheaper. It pisses the hell out of me."

Jason Baek,
UNDECIDED



"Actually, I'm an international student and it doesn't really affect me. I already pay hundreds of dollars."

Seiree Kim,
NURSING

Opinion

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Admission

Whose line is it anyway?

Cerritos' improv team
puts on shows this weekSONIA SAENZ
ONLINE EDITOR

"Whoa! I just woke up from a neurotic dream," yells student Christopher Alvarado while performing an Improv game called Freeze Tag.

This is perhaps one of the best statements that could be used to describe the action that is Improv.

Well, prepare to get crazy because Cerritos' Improv team has been preparing since December to put on a show that goes on this week only.

The show will feature both new additions to the team as well as some of the theatre departments veterans, like Alvarado. "There are a few new

people," Alvarado says, "but it's easy to do because we've all been trained under the same style. The style Kevin taught us."

By this, he means Kevin Hoggard. Hoggard, a fine arts instructor on campus, is known as "The Backbone," of this group.

Hoggard has been teaching at Cerritos College since 1972. He has been teaching improv for most of that time.

"I still haven't figured out how to do all of it," Hoggard said. "Maybe one of these days I will."

Something that is for sure is Hoggard "would never give this up."

One of the cast members, alumni Jennifer Anderson, praises Hoggard.

"He's wonderful! He's like, the absolute best theatre teacher I've ever had," she said.

This means a lot considering Anderson has been doing Improv for six years.

So the big question is why would people get up on stage with no script and act on the spot?

Ronell Chavez, a film and television major, says it's "all about letting go and feeling really comfortable on stage. You're put in a situation where it's like 'get out of this.' It's awesome."

The show will be at the small stage/theatre studio.

It will play Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night at 8 p.m., as well as Saturday at 8 and 10 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m.

The show is two hours long and has one intermission.



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'Chicago' is all that jazz

SONIA SAENZ
ONLINE EDITOR

In a year when great movies have been popping up everywhere, it's safe to say we can add one more to the top of that list.

"Chicago" has blown its viewers and critics away and is already generating Oscar winning buzz.

It is the story of two media hungry murderesses, who commit crimes against their husbands and lovers.

Velma Kelly (Catherine Zeta-Jones) and Roxie Hart (Renne Zellweger) are the two women who are on trial for murder but unfortunately share the same extraordinary lawyer, Billy Flynn (Richard Gere).

The fact that Flynn devotes all of his time to Hart doesn't make Kelly too happy and results in a rivalry between the two lethal vixens.

Despite the fantastic acting in this

movie, the singing and choreography was what made it. "Cell Block Tango," which featured six female inmates telling their sides of their stories, was impressive.

And as rumor has it, all actors in this movie used their real voices for the songs. If this is true, it's safe to say that Zellweger and Zeta-Jones may have a career awaiting them in the music industry.

I loved this movie. And as you may know, "Chicago" picked up three awards at the Golden Globes on Monday evening.

It received the award for Best Motion Picture in a Comedy/Musical, and Renne Zellweger and Richard Gere received Best Actor and Actress in a Comedy/Musical.

Don't be intimidated by musicals. They might just end up surprising you...and all that jazz.

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Valley girls get WHOOPED

The women's tennis team wins their first match of the season against Victor Valley, 8-1.

ELYSE MURO
SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos College women's tennis team has started off its season by winning, 8-1, in the Falcons' first scrimmage on Friday against Victor Valley College.

This was the team's first time playing Victor Valley in their league.

With six single matches, losing only the sixth match, Cerritos appeared to be the stronger, more experienced team by dominating the match against Victor Valley.

To top the single matches the Falcons participated in three double matches, winning all three.

"We were the stronger team and none of the matches we faced were close," said head coach Terri Button.

This is Button's twelfth year coaching at Cerritos College.

In the first two single matches, both freshman Francine Sorianosos and freshman Jessica Button won.

"I know we will take the South Coast

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Conference, but Southern will be a challenge for us," said Sorianosos.

Freshman Alica Huang and Sophomore Genie Schnakenburg also dominated in their matches, pulling out two more wins for the Falcons.

Freshman Irma Farfan won her single match as well.

Unfortunately sophomore Danielle Tolentino experienced her first loss of the season.

Moving on to the double matches Cerritos participated in, Schankenburg and Farfan teamed up to win the first doubles match Cerritos competed in.

Tolentino made up for her loss by collaborating with Santos to win their double match.

Burd and Trespeses teamed up for the last match pulling off another win for the Falcons.

"Our team has good servers and we can keep the ball in court longer than others, but we need patience when we make a mistake," player Jessica Button said.

Filling the roster with 11 players, mostly freshmen, and two returning players Button feels she has a strong team this year.

Although the team is built up of mostly freshmen, this team has shown through their first matches that they can be competitive and that they have the experience they need to win.

Button has chosen five of the top athletes who she feels will lead the team, but is currently in the process of searching for her number six.

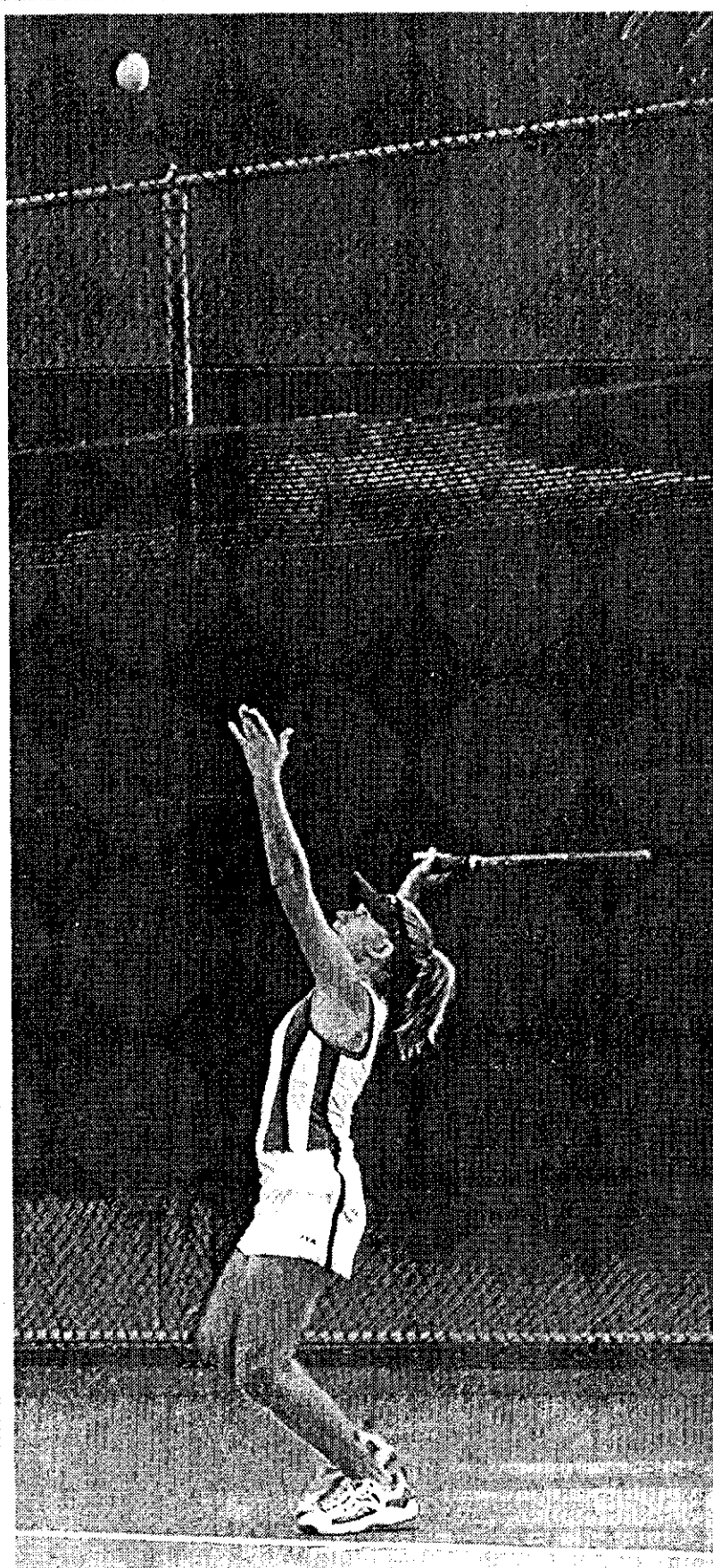
The top five are freshman Francine Sorianosos, freshman Jessica Button, freshman Alica Huang, sophomore and returnee Genie Schnakenburg, and freshman Irma Farfan.

As far as the rest of the season goes, Button feels the team's greatest challenge will be going up against El Camino.

Cerritos and El Camino tend to be neck and neck every year.

"What it will come down to is who is the most competitive and who wants it the most," said head coach Button.

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Women's Basketball fries the Seahawks

HERSSON PRECIADO
ONLINE SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos Women's Basketball team routed Los Angeles Harbor City College, 91-35.

Cerritos got off to a fast start by controlling the boards and scoring on fast break opportunities.

Fourteen Falcons went on to score in the game.

Shannah Aiono led the Falcons in scoring with 14 points, while Ebony Kemp was the leader for the Seahawks with 10 points.

Because the game was handily decided early on in the second half, Cerritos was able to give some playing time to the players who have been on the bench for the last couple of games.

That might prove to be very important down the stretch because Cerritos only has two returning players from last year's State Semi Finals squad.

The team will need experience to be successful in a very competitive South Coast Conference. Cerritos will next face the Compton City College Tartars.

Compton has not defeated Cerritos in five years, but according to stats and records this appears to be a great match up of speed and tenacity going up against Compton's solid defense and ability to score lead by LaConia Hatcher.

Track team under construction

The cross country program gets five time state championship coach who plans to take Falcons far.

ELYSE MURO
SPORTS EDITOR

The Cross Country program has added an esteemed five time State Championship Coach to their staff.

John Goldman will be working with the long distant runners in cross-country and track and field.

Goldman, who is a director for the Long Beach Marathon and the Rivalry Run, attended USC where he ran competitively and graduated in 1989.

After college, Goldman had an interest in coaching and became a track and field coach at a high school in Placentia.

He attributes his interest in

TRACK

coaching to his high school track and field coach, Mike Butler.

Goldman feels he gained much from Butler. Even now, Goldman remembers and continues to use valuable techniques he learned from his former coach.

From 1996-2002 he brought the Orange Coast cross-country team five State Championships.

Doug Wells, director of the cross country program, has a clear vision of what he hopes for the long distant runners. He strongly feels that Goldman will bring the runners

up to the level of the sprinters.

"He's gonna take us to the top and have our long distant runners equally ranked with our sprinters," said Doug Wells, director of cross-country.

Goldman has shown his athletes that he is dedicated by practicing and exercising with them. He runs up and down the Cerritos Stadium on both sides of the stairs making sure no one misses any.

At the moment, Goldman is concentrating on the teams conditioning rather than working on their speed.

This is to make sure the athletes will not burn out half way through

their run.

"He'll rank us up. He is concentrating on our conditioning which is what we really need right now rather than speed," long distance runner, Mellisa Dixon said.

Goldman has great plans and high expectations for the runners of Cerritos College.

He says, "I hope that when runners are looking into two year colleges that the first name that comes to their mind is Cerritos for the best long distant program in the state."

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Baseball players soar to new heights

Cerritos' mens basketball team is faces a tough loss.

ELYSE MURO
SPORTS EDITOR

Though the season is just starting, the men's baseball team is facing the loss of four of the team's top starting players at the end of the season.

These soon to be former Falcons will be moving onto the Big 12 and top conference schools in the college level.

By signing letters of intent, Aurio O'Neil, Ryan Andrews, Andy Castillo and Jimmy Shull have agreed to play at Universities for the next two years.

O'Neil, who received 1st Team All-South Coast Conference last season, signed with Texas Tech University.

The outfielder lead last season's team in several off-nisive categories.

This Falcon also batted .358 and lead the team at bat with 45 runs and 68 hits.

With that O'Neil had 11 doubles, 25 RBI, 19 walks, and 13 stolen bases.

O'Neil finished the season with a .929 fielding percentage.

He received a full ride to a D-1

school for the next two years. It took him three weeks to sign with Texas and become a Red Raider. }

"Cerritos has prepared me to play at the next level. I hope my experience at Texas will be as good as it was here at Cerritos," O'Neil said.

Joining O'Neil at Texas Tech University is sophomore Ryan Andrews.

As a freshman, Andrews was named 1st Team All-South Conference as a utility player at Cerritos last season.

This Falcon received almost a full ride for the next two years at Texas.

Although it only took Andrews two weeks to sign, Andrews plans to concentrate on the rest of the season as a Falcon.

"I am looking forward to the challenge the Big 12 will bring," said Ryan Andrews, closing pitcher/outfielder.

Last season Andrews batted .310, had 11 doubles, 36 RBI, stole 21 of 25 bases, and walked 25 times.

Andrews became the fourth player in school history to hit for the cycle last season against East Los Angeles.

The next Falcon who signed was Andy Castillo who transferred from Santa Ana College.

This sophomore, an infielder who was a utility player last season, signed in November with the University of Hawaii.

He has received a two-year scholarship with spending.

Castillo batted .289 last season. He had six doubles, two homeruns, and 20 RBI in 97 at bats.

With one season to go, Castillo hopes to make the most of his time left at Cerritos.

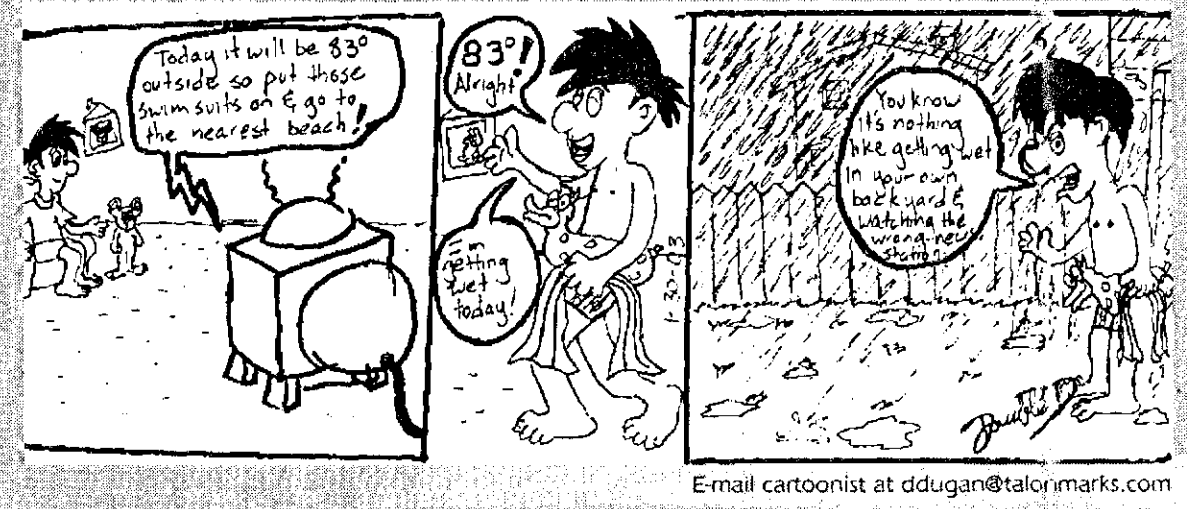
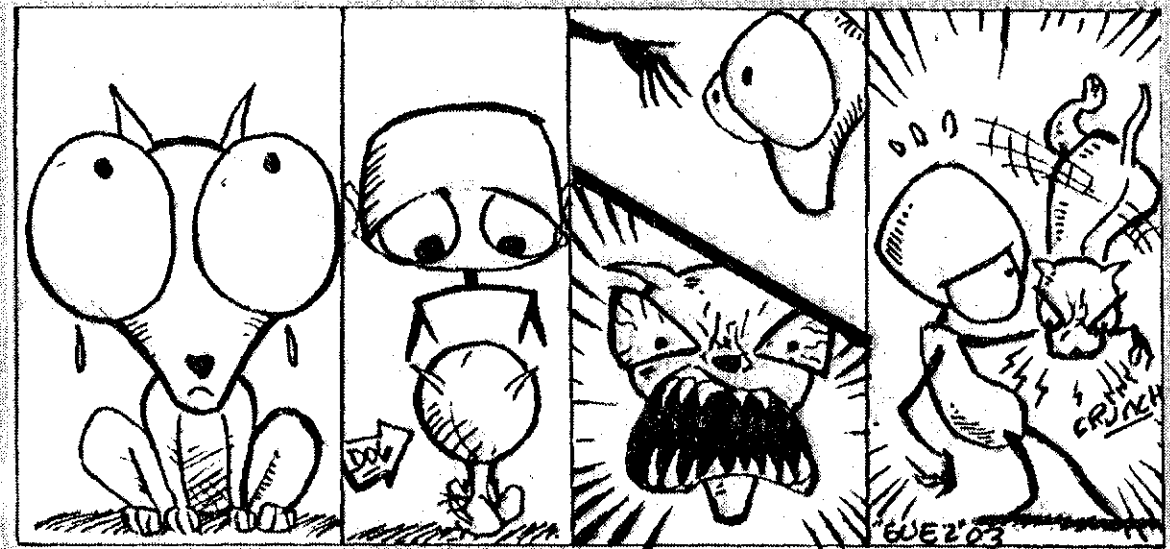
"Although I have been accepted to Hawaii, I still plan to work hard and set high goals," he said.

Shull, the team's pitcher, signed with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a full ride for the next two years.

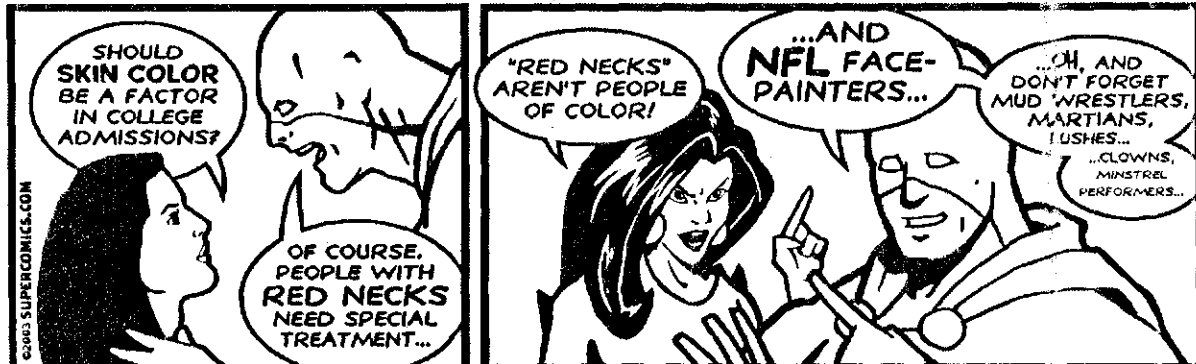
Although this school is rebuilding their coaching staff Shull feels a smaller campus will give him more of a one on one advantage.

"My dream is to play with a D-1 school and now I'm excited I get to live that dream," Shull remarked.

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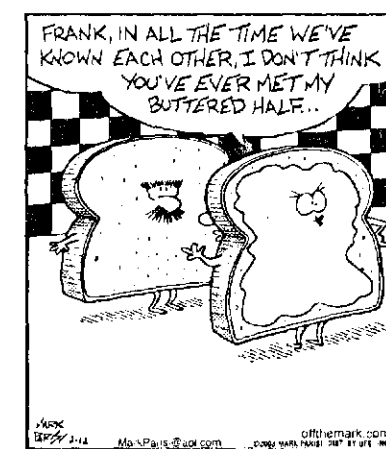
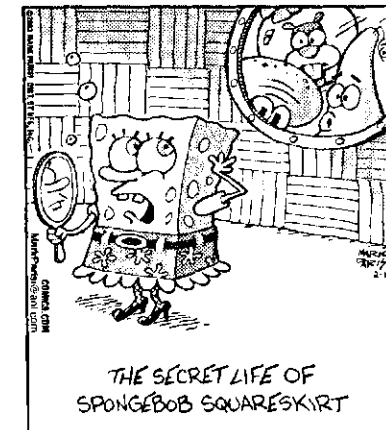


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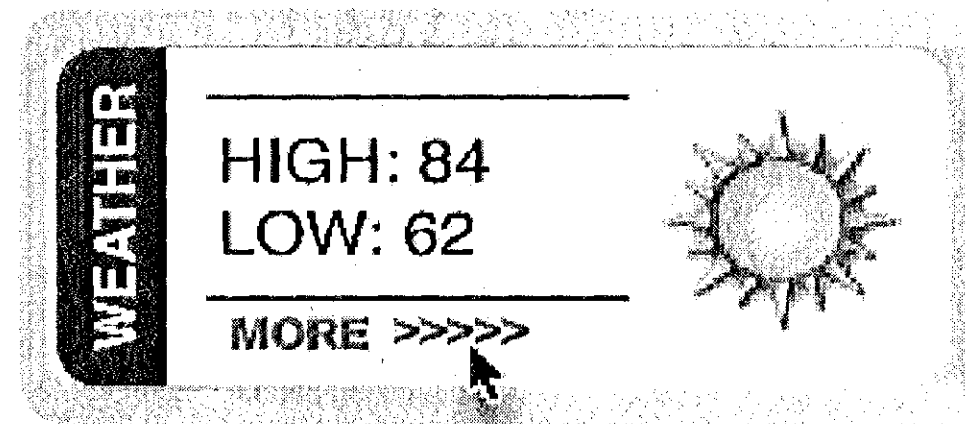
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