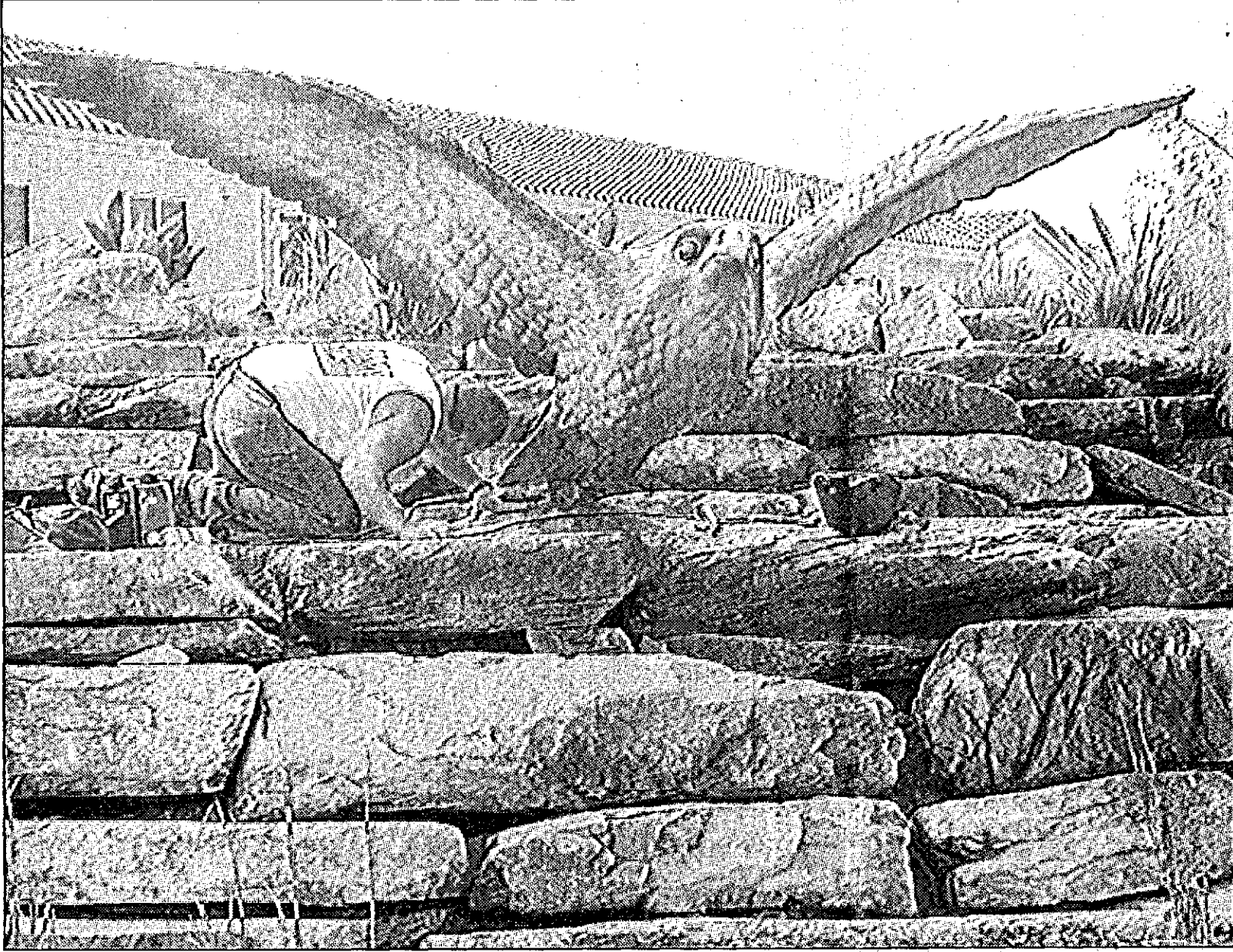


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A worker puts the finishing touches as he examines the welding on the base of the new falcon before turning on the fountain.

Falcon lands at Senior Center

ALICIA WARNER
ONLINE EDITOR

Along with the new changes happening on New Falcon Way, Cerritos College now has a beautiful falcon statue to greet everyone at the entrance.

On Aug. 29 the City of the Cerritos installed a falcon sculpture on top of the fountain that is located on the corner of Studebaker and New Falcon Way.

During the placement of the falcon crews shut off the water to the fountain so employees could install the sculpture. The bird was welded

to on to the top of the fountain by a small piece of metal.

City officials and employees were on hand to watch the bird being installed.

"We wanted to have something that represented the school so both the senior center could tie in with the college. That is why we choose the falcon," commented city employee watching the event.

The falcon sculpture is one of the final steps before the new senior center is dedicated.

The bird weighs a heavy 800 pounds. The sculpture was design and constructed in

Washington State.

The reason for the falcon being the choice of animal is that the falcon represents Cerritos College as the mascot.

Another change for the senior center is the name. Some students may recall seeing the big sign saying "Chancellor's Village" outside on New Falcon Way, but that soon changed to Avalon at Cerritos.

The reason for the unexpected change in name is due to the name Chancellor's Village was already being used by another facility.

Faculty upset over health benefits

ELYSE MURO
SPORTS EDITOR

The faculty members of Cerritos College gathered together at the Board of Trustees meeting to discuss all the changes in the faculty's health benefits.

Tension quickly filled the room as faculty and staff members stressed their opinions in the recent cut in their health benefits.

Although the college is still paying for the faculty's vision, dental, and life insurance plans, members who are on a PPO (preferred provider organization) are the ones suffering the greatest loss of all.

The district is giving all employees no matter size of family a flat rate for their health insurance.

If an employee goes over the fixed rate, they could be paying up to \$786.00 extra, which could easily be more than half of an employee's salary.

The advantage of a PPO is that the employee and family are given the freedom of choice, and can often see a specialist without the

hassle of getting a referral from a primary doctor according to the Health Maintenance Organization.

Many faculty members feel as if they are being told what to do rather than having a fair and just democracy.

Connie Boardmen of the Biology department stated, "This issue is equal or more important than a raise."

Faculty members also stress the point that only a selected few, if any, received a piece of mail, and can not remember one time when there was an open forum for discussion until the night of the meeting.

It is a common understanding that the school is under a budget, but it is a common knowledge that it is the staff of this school that hold Cerritos College together and molds the productive young men and women of tomorrow.

Dean's list announced

More than 60 Cerritos College students representing 22 Southland cities earned dean's list recognition for the 2002 summer term.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more units. On a 4.0 grade point scale, a 4.0 is equivalent to an "A" and a 3.0 is equivalent to a "B".

Cerritos College Interim President John Grindel, the Cerritos College Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and administration congratulate the following students for their outstanding work and effort this past summer. For the complete dean's list, log on to www.talonmarks.com.

Students explore various campus club activities

VERONICA FORTUNATI
OPINION EDITOR

Cerritos College students hopped back and forth from club to club as they narrowed down the choices of which club to join.

Although called "Club Day," the club orientation was held in a two-day run, last Wednesday and Thursday. There was an approximately 20 clubs set up in the campus quad.

Each table had a minimum of two club members informing other students of what the club was mainly about.

Many tables offered more than just a sign-up sheet. Goodies such as sweets, drinks, key chains, and some school supplies were used to lure students with interest.

The Cosmetology Club, for instance, offered great deals on the services they provide. Haircuts were charged at four dollars and manicures at a low price of two dollars.

President of the Cosmetology club, Angelo Rottino, explains that members act hand in hand as a

team. "We all work together, and opinions are always voiced," says Rottino. "We're constantly keeping up with new fashions, and we're always up on the new trends," he added.

Another significant club on campus is offered for those who are interested in pursuing a career in education. Future Teacher's Club discusses financial aid; they are active in community service and are aimed at those who have an interest in teaching.

Isela Sahagun, a current member of the Future Teacher's club notes that above all, they are about, "Inspiring students to become heroes, so that one day they can have a career of their own."

Cerritos also has an Honors Society club called Phi Theta Kappa. It's for men and women who have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and 12 units or more.

According to officer of the club, Adrienne Adkins, being involved in this club definitely, "Puts your applications on top of the file. You

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Students gather in Falcon Square to check out the clubs that are available to students.

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LAURA AGUILAR/
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"A Patriotic Tribute"

The Cerritos College concert band will perform on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Cerritos College Student Center. See **PAGE 3**.

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NEWS

CC POLICE LOGS

August 26

• At 9:00 a.m., an officer responded to a Medical Aid call in Lot C-10. A student twisted her ankle. First aid was administered and the student left to seek further medical attention as necessary.

• At 11:10 a.m., an officer responded to a Medical Aid call at Health and Wellness. A student was dizzy and became unresponsive. Paramedics responded and the student was transported to the hospital for evaluation and treatment.

• At 2:50 p.m., an officer responded to a Traffic Collision on Gridley Road. A driver sideswiped a parked vehicle, causing minor damage.

• At 7:20 p.m., an officer responded to the Campus Police station lobby regarding a Lost Property report. The information said she lost her cellular telephone somewhere on campus.

August 27

• At 3:35 p.m., an officer responded to a Traffic Collision in Lot C-2. A driver struck a pedestrian. Paramedics responded and the pedestrian was transported to the hospital for evaluation and treatment.

August 28

• At 8:17 a.m., an officer observed a vehicle make an illegal U - Turn at Falcon Way. A traffic stop was initiated and it was discovered that the driver was an Unlicensed Driver. He was cited for both violations and released.

August 29

• At 9:00 a.m., an officer responded to a Medical Aid call at the Arts and Crafts building. A student ran through a plate glass window, sustaining several cuts. Paramedics responded and the student was transported to the hospital for treatment.

• At 9:00 a.m., an officer responded to a Medical Aid call at the Gymnasium. A student fell while playing volleyball, injuring her arm. She left to seek medical attention as needed.

• At 11:37 a.m., an officer responded to the Student Center regarding a Medical Aid. A student fell down the steps, injuring her knees. Paramedics responded and the student was transported to the hospital for treatment.

• At 9:45 p.m., an officer responded to Lot C-1 regarding a Vehicle Burglary report. The victim said someone broke into his locked vehicle and stole several books. No signs of forced entry were noticed.

Composite Plastics program earns contract

MICHEAUX FORTSON
CO-OPINION EDITOR

With all the hustle and bustle of campus life most students don't take inventory of some of the courses offered at Cerritos College; much less would they notice some of the campus' more elite courses of study.

In fact Cerritos College is home to the Composites Training Center, which was honored by Lockheed Martin Aero last month for assisting specific training needs in the fields of composites.

Most people don't have the foggiest idea what composites are used for. In fact, most won't have a clue what the term "composites" refers to.

Here is a brief description of what composites are, courtesy of Professor Terry Price who chairs the Composites Training Center located in the Metals Department on campus: "Composites are typically, two or more metals used in combination: usually a resin and reinforcement selected to be processed in an oven or autoclave, cured under heat and pressure to form 'lightweight,' very strong stealth aircraft parts."

Price explains further, "Lockheed was awarded the biggest defense contract for developing and producing the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) aircraft. It's going to use composites in primary and secondary structures." This is a half-million dollar contract. "They could have contracted anyone in the world-The U.S. for sure, but they honored us with this prestigious contract!" Price said.

His students will be training both employees and potential hires at the Palmdale Plant, located at the

U.S. Air Force Base (Plant 42), specialized in composites. This is a fast growing industry. Currently there are options underway to secure the nation's air crafts from terrorists attacks such as the 9-11 tragedy, which took place only a year ago. With its anniversary this week, there is a very strong push for added security. The new cockpit door panel material, which is being developed by Telair International, will use composites in its design."

According to Price the composites program has been at Cerritos since 1985 and its been going on strong ever since.

"Out of 108 community colleges in California, we are the only ones who have both a degree and certificate program," Professor Price explains.

Fighter parts and explosion resistant doors aren't the only things that use composites. Race car parts, golf clubs, drive shaft leaf springs and all the after-market parts such as: speedboats, hoods, high-end off-shore racers and military helmets are only a few items which have used composites.

In Warren McGee's presentation he says, "On behalf of LM Aero - Palmdale, it is my privilege to present the CTC with this honor, recognizing them as our dedicated training partner, not only delivering the specialized components, but developing them to suit our specific needs throughout our tremendous growth composites, both now and through the upcoming years meeting our projected manpower needs. The product of these training classes will be the next generation Lockheed employee."

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learn a lot about yourself, and it's sort of a guide to find your own interests."

On a different note, a lot of students at Cerritos have a full load to handle. They attend school, work, and... raise their kids at the same time. For this purpose, the SPICE club was created.

SPICE stands for "Single Parents in College for Excellence."

It's a club "For men and women, and for foster parents. It's a network for all the parents on campus," explains member, Laura Quintanilla. "There's a lot of single parents out there," she added.

This club is active in fundraisers, and also offers educational field trips for the kids.

The Pre-Med. Club is also a big club on campus. They are currently

trying to schedule a surgery viewing with a major hospital.

President of the Pre-Med. Club, Kim Griesser explains that they, "Keep the motivation high, and everyone gets to really know each other."

Among the rest of the clubs offered on campus is the DSCC club. DSCC stands for Disabled Students of Cerritos College.

This club's main focus is on giving disabled students the most and best of their college experience.

Janice Womack, member of DSCC notes that the club is, "So everyone could be aware of the disabled students, and just because we might be limited doesn't mean we don't like to be out. They're like the other students. We have to keep the integration going."



JUAN DANIEL FLORES / TALON MARKS
Students explore many booths for job opportunities in Falcon Square, last week.

Students go job hunting

The biggest job fair brings out students, in search for a job.

JUAN DANIEL FLORES
CO-NEWS EDITOR

In the past Cerritos College had hosted mini job fairs, however this past job fair was the biggest yet. Thanks to the Students Placement Specialist and the companies who were willing to come out to Falcon Square.

This job fair was collaboration between Cerritos College and Senator Escutia's office and it was expected students and people from the community would attend the event.

The opportunity to have employers come to you, instead of you going to them is an advantage.

There were on site applications, for those who where willing to apply on the spot.

Thanks to Christina S. The, who is head of student placement specialist who organized the job fair.

She wants the students to know, "If students are interested in finding a job come to the Student Placement Center."

They offer information on interviews, resumes, cover letters, job listings, and handouts. The employees contact them after they interview the students and the main reason why they don't hire students is because they don't have a resume with them, we can help the students with that here.

Fakedegrees.com angers colleges

SONIA SAENZ
CO-NEWS EDITOR

Fakedegrees.com has most of the nation's colleges in an uproar. This company is selling fake diplomas over the internet.

For a mere \$75 membership paid with credit cards, direct debit, or online checks, someone can get a degree from any preferred college of their choice.

Along with degrees, the site, which is based out of Spain, is now offering transcripts as well as recommendations to their list of profit worthy items.

Colleges from all over the country have demanded that the company stop putting their names on the site.

Not only is nationwide college staff outraged by this, but so are people here at Cerritos College.

Araceli Sanchez, 23, Computer lab Assistant, is "terrified" by it. "It took me three years just to get my AA degree," she said. For more of the story go to talonmarks.com degrading because students work so hard to get a degree and people are getting it just because they have the money to buy it? It's not fair."

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EDITORIAL

Cerritos is a REAL college

UCLA, Harvard, Stanford, UCLA, MIT. Names on degrees or higher learning centers?

At \$11 a unit, junior colleges are way better than universities for beginners.

People are so hyped up about universities. University students bully the "community colleges" with taunts like "Why don't you go to a real college?" and "I go to a university, how about you?" They're big shots who think they can count better, read better and think better than the rest of the world. They probably think they drive better than us because their parents just bought them a new Porsche. They must have a lot of fun driving 50 miles back and forth unless they live in a little two by two foot room that their parents paid for.

Cerritos College instructors teach at various colleges including professional schools, some teach at professional art schools, some have worked at Jet Propulsion Laboratory, some have owned their own business for over 20 years and some have built buildings. These instructors get paid more than most university instructors because of the volume of classes they are allowed to teach. This offers students more one on one interaction with teachers as opposed to the grad students or teachers aides that teach one class a semester at the universities. Therefore giving the instructors more experience in teaching from life experiences, instead of teaching from books that cost more than a Benz. Some of the authors of the textbooks have no life experiences, as their bios state.

The leader of the nation graduated from Yale University with an approximate 2.74 grade point average. Can he actually speak a whole sentence without letting the American public know of the mistake they made during election time? What qualifies him to be the leader of the mightiest nation in the world? A crown passed on? Or a degree from a university that his father owns a building in? Did his SATs score qualify him to get into Yale? These days money gets people the education. Money is also considered the root of all evil. The first two years of college are general studies, might as well make them affordable and have a life instead of just working for money to pay for education.

So who is the smarter one? The person going far and spending thousands of dollars to sit in a 500 ft. tall class with 80 other students? Or the one going to a near-by city college, saving gas, interacting with a variety of people, reading the college newspaper and basically getting the same education with more attention from teachers?

Why believe only one day?

LAUREN RODRIGUEZ
Co-News Editor

One year ago, in the midst of tragedy, our nation stood stunned, grief-stricken and united. Stores ran out of flags, neighbors lit candles and nearly everyone vowed, "We will not forget." In the background of our patriotic fervor billowed the chorus: "God Bless America."

For a moment we stood, united under a God it seems we like to forget. Church attendance was up. Many complied when President Bush called for a National Day of Prayer.

When our country's false sense of invincibility gave us reason to doubt, we ran to the One in whom there is hope.

But where are we now?

God united us then but it seems that now to be united under Him is not appropriate, at least not for the Pledge in public schools.

It was fine in what seemed to be a moment of extreme patriotism, perhaps even desperation; but now that we're all back to normal let's leave the God-stuff to the church-goers.

As the anniversary comes and goes, it is likely that all will at least pause to think about where providence fits into our nation, our heritage and last year's tragic occurrence.

Although churches have a reputation for being hypocritical, I find the hypocrisy in a group of people that will spend 364 days of this year living as though there is no God and then pause on Sept. 11 to ask for his

blessing on their land.

Make no mistake, I love America. I love that our money states, "In God we trust," and that we are "indivisible under God." I love our freedom; I love our liberty. I love that I can dress, speak, live and worship however I choose, even if I am in the minority.

So, I look back to 9/11 and shed a tear for the tragedy that hit our nation that day. I remember those who lost their lives and the families and friends they left behind.

But I have hope.

Psalm 33:12 says that there will be, "joy for the nation whose God is the Lord."

This Wednesday I will light a candle, raise a flag and sing loudly of the divine blessings bestowed on this land.

And I pray that this time when we look to God, it would not be out of temporary fear, but out of permanent reverence for the One who controls all.

God bless America.



New Yorkers showing 9-11 unity

ALICIA WARNER
Online Editor

With the tension and anxiety rising in the United States due to the one year anniversary of 9-11, some would say that not much has changed over the year.

Yet, I think many things have changed since that horrific day. Not many people get to travel around the U.S., but within this past year I have visited New York twice since the attack.

On my first visit in March, security was very strict and the feeling was very uneasy around the city, which was felt by tourists and New York citizens.

Life has changed in America. So it's

been a year and what do we have to say?

I think being in California is less of a shock than being in New York City. Our life hasn't changed as much as New Yorkers lives have.

The fear on the streets in New York is so high that it is uncomfortable to be there. While visiting the city last week, there was a definite sense of fear, yet, it felt like the city was prepared for anything that could occur.

Police were out in force and as I saw fire engines go down the street blaring their horns and flashing their lights, people stood in silence.

Even if you aren't a New Yorker, you were one while you were there. There is a feeling of being UNITED, and it is truly quite overwhelming.

I witnessed a couple watching one of many jumbo-trons in Time Square. It had a picture of a fire fighter dressed in uniform

holding an American flag with a helmet lying in the middle. On the side of it were images, flashing pictures of life saving events that took place during 9-11.

At the end of the slide show I noticed a couple sitting down and crying. It was very touching to see. There were many photographs on billboards representing a feeling of "UNITY."

The police were on horseback and on every street corner. They were very polite when people asked to take pictures with them. I heard a couple of people thanking them for all they have done for the city of New York.

This past week opened my eyes to see that people are still grieving for our loss and for our nation. Even if we aren't New Yorkers we still feel for our country, and for the loss of life. Life does go on, but like many posters and billboards across America, "We Will Never Forget."

Campus Comment

How has your life changed since Sept. 11?

COMPILED BY VERONICA FORTUNATI

online poll

What are your plans for September 11?

- ☐ wear a flag
- ☐ participate in a moment of silence
- ☐ go to school
- ☐ hunt down a terrorist
- ☐ travel by ground

Register answer online at www.talonmarks.com results are immediately available.

My status hasn't changed, but my view on the economy and government has changed.

CYNTHIA LUQUE
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Now I know that anyone can do something to the U.S. and we're not as powerful as I thought.

YESSICA FAMOSO
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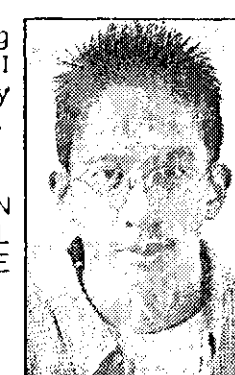
Now I don't want to take anything for granted. It made me appreciate my life.

AMY NEGRET
PSYCHOLOGY



I'm still doing the same stuff I was normally doing.

DERWIN LAMANI
ARCHITECTURE



It showed me the importance of the sorrow for the victims.

OSVALDO GARCIA
ENGLISH AND
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STUDIES



If you say something against the government now it would seem unpatriotic.

OMAR RAMIREZ
HISTORY



Just waking up and having everything change so dramatically.

KAREN HERRERA
PARALEGAL



Well, my uncle was supposed to be working in the Pentagon but he called in sick. I think people are more caring now.

TRIANA BURCH
PRE-MED



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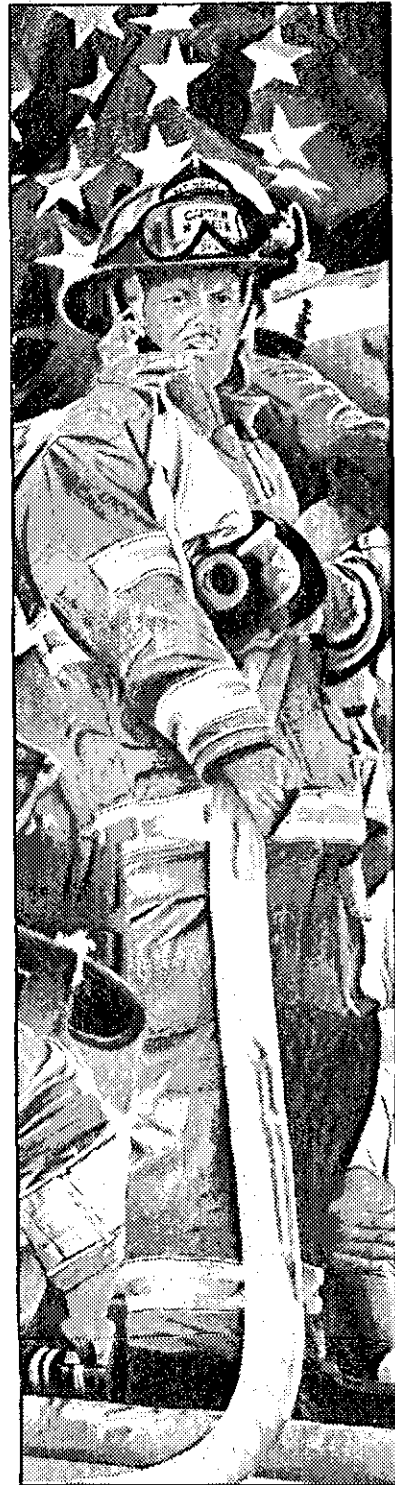
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Music department plans patriotic tribute

In remembrance of the terrorist attacks on the United States of America that took place last year on September 11, the Cerritos College music department will hold a patriotic concert. The concert will be held in the Student Center at 7 p.m.



JOSEPH ALCALA
STAFF WRITER

A lot of people were affected emotionally by the September 11th attack, especially those who have family living in New York. David Betancourt and Dr. Christine Lopez have been working with the Cerritos College concert band, community choir and the gospel choir on a tribute concert for the one year anniversary of 9/11.

"I did not expect it to build the momentum that it did," comments Betancourt.

The importance of this concert is to not let the memory of what happened fade away, and because he feels a lot of people have become more patriotic and it has also brought a lot of different communities together.

These three different musical groups that will be performing have done concerts for the different seasons, holidays and churches.

Songs that will be played are "The Star Spangled Banner," being the opener for the night. Following will be "Stars and Stripes," which Betancourt feels is the most well known patriotic march. A classic jazz tune will also be performed called "In the Mood."

With a few other unnamed songs in the mix the night will come to an end with "America the Beautiful."

The event will start at 7 p.m. in the student center, and is also free of charge.

Anyone who attends is highly encouraged to sing along with the band, as the lyrics will be printed in the programs being distributed.



LAURA AGUILAR/TALON MARKS

Cerritos College Concert Band brass section practices for their busy semester which is full of concerts.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT Tuning up for a season full of concerts

LAUREN RODRIGUEZ
CONSUMER EDITOR

The Cerritos College Music Department is gearing up for a busy fall schedule. With the semester's first performances scheduled for Wednesday, at a school-sponsored event commemorating Sept. 11, the department is wasting no time in getting their concert season underway.

The music department has several performing groups. They are: Community Chorus, Gospel Choir, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Guitar Ensemble and Piano Ensemble.

Director Dr. Christine Lopez seems eager to begin performances. She explains that the department has "a lot of talent" this semester, due in part to "recruiting" by staff mem-

bers.

"These are exciting times!" Lopez exclaims. She attributes this to the department's new faculty and new students.

Although Lopez is clearly pleased with the caliber of performance she's seen from her students so far this semester, she has not yet picked soloists for the upcoming performances, but explains that as a whole she is directing a very "strong performing group."

Student Melody Warden, member of Community Chorus and Gospel Choir, agrees. "The choirs are really good this year."

Sabrina Kellie, a music department member as well, comments that, Dr. Lopez "has a good selection of music."

She says that the music is "lots

of fun and challenging."

Warden agrees that the music is "hard but worth it."

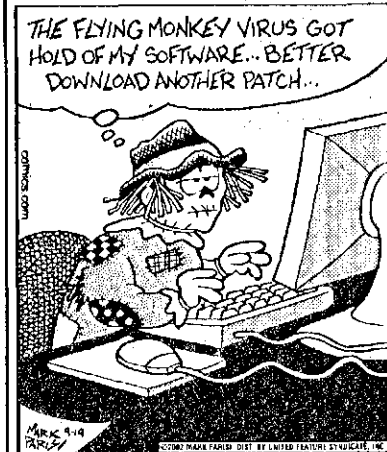
Other upcoming concerts are: The Orchestra Exchange Concert on October 16; The Choral Concert on October 20 at St. Cyprian's Church; The Band Exchange Concert on October 22; and The Jazz Ensemble Exchange Concert on November 25.

All concerts will be in the Burnight Theatre, with the exception of the Choral Concert.

Although it is too late to join a group for this semester, Dr. Lopez looks forward to seeing new students next semester. And concert audience members are always welcome.

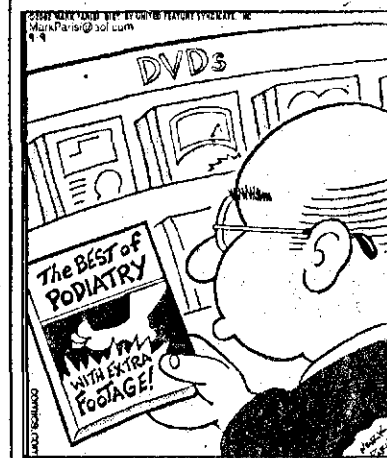
For more information on the Music Department contact Dr. Lopez at extension 2632.

A & E



Faculty Art Exhibition

August 27 - September 19
The Cerritos College Faculty of Art and Design are showcasing their work in the annual exhibition at the Cerritos College Art Gallery, August 27th through September 19th. The gallery will be open Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and evenings Tuesdays through Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call the gallery for more information 562.860.2451 ext. 2612.



New campus play

The Theatre Department will be presenting "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" on October 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13. General Admission is \$10.00, \$7.50 for students and seniors.

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Mike, Dominic, Agent M and Gabriel, the four members of the Petaluma, CA band Tsunami Bomb show off their unique style.

Tsunami Bomb's latest CD explodes in stores

JOEY ALCALA
STAFF WRITER

Being a Tsunami Bomb fan for a little over a year I was glad to hear that the band was recording a full-length album and releasing it on Kung-Fu Records.

From the start "The Ultimate Escape" is filled with great vocals, music, and lyrics.

Agent M (vocals) really proved herself on this record by changing her vocals with each song. In the past she would follow the same patterns and tones in her voice.

With this album she goes from a really high scream, in "Count Me Out" to a really soft, slow and melodic voice in "The Simple Truth."

The music has changed from previous Tsunami Bomb material. It has more of an emotional feel to it. It also lost a lot of the basic "punk rock" chords that most bands follow and stick to. It has actually become a lot more technical.

The lyrics are also about real life experiences such as going out on the road and touring "6 a.m., the sky is turning light, wish I could go home. L.A. to Salt Lake in one long night."

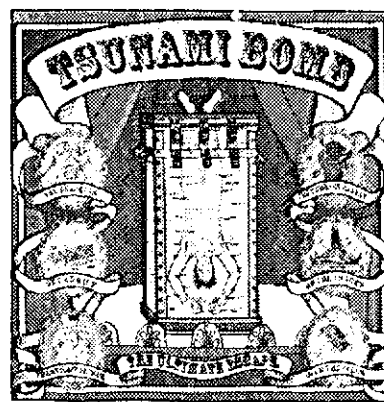
Other lyrics are about dealing with people who have to lie to impress others and say something and don't follow through with it in "Say It If You Mean It."

Also songs like "In This Together" are about realizing who your real friends are in a time when you feel alone. "Wish I could disintegrate like a fading dream, you remind me that you're by my side, and you're thinking of me."

This is probably Kung-Fu Records' best release this year.

A plus to this is, the CD is enhanced with some extra stuff like live footage, and there is a guest appearance by Mark Adkins of Guttermouth and Warren Fitzgerald of The Vandals.

Any fan of punk rock, pop punk, and hardcore should find this to be a good record and it is highly recommended to anyone who is not too familiar with Tsunami Bomb.



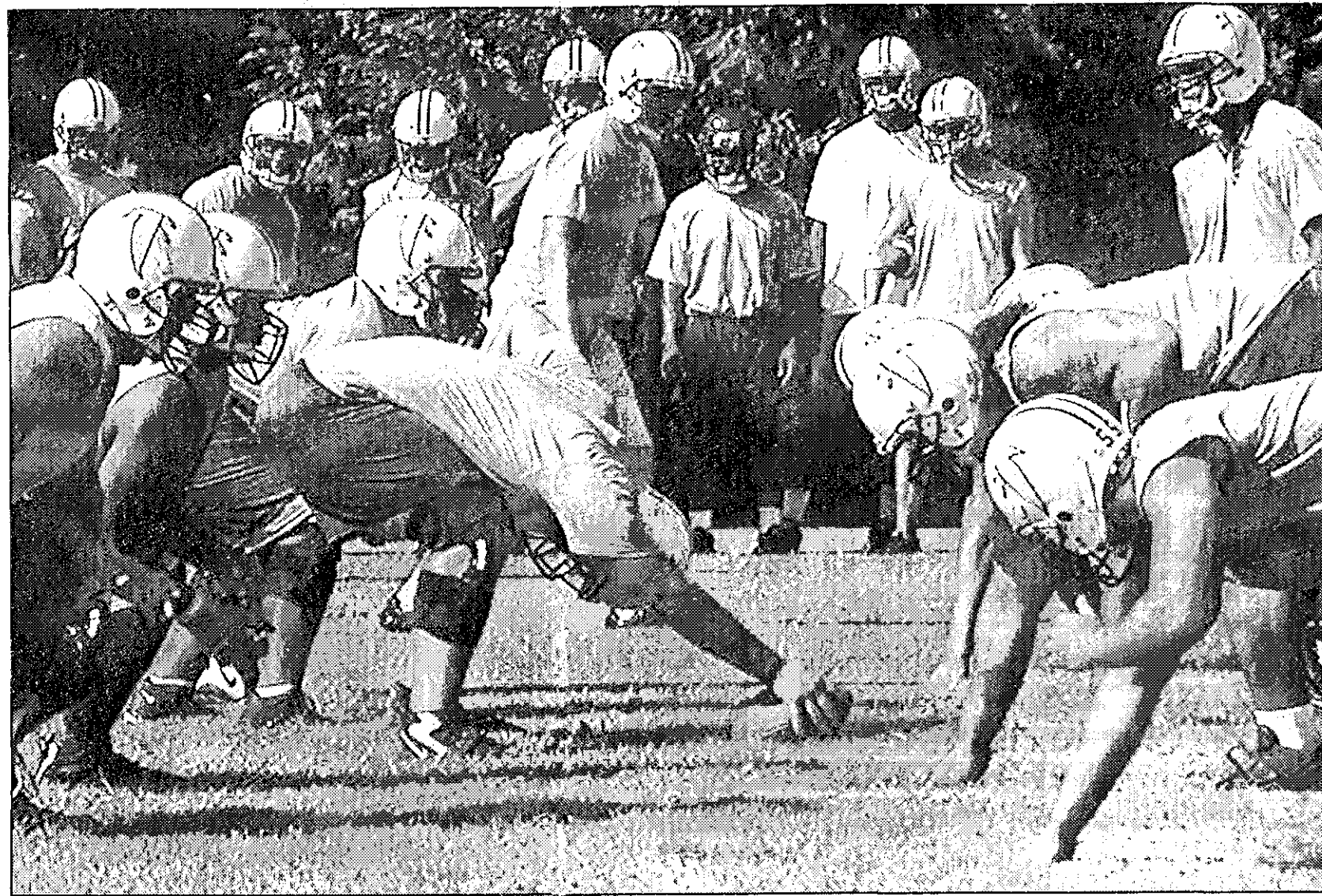
SPORTS

Athletes of the week coming soon

Starting next week the Talon Marks will be selecting one male and female athlete of the week.

To nominate an athlete of the week, e-mail nominations to the sports editor at muroe001@cerritos.edu.

Include name of athlete, sport, stats and reason for nominations.



Falcons look good in practice as they prepare to face the No. 1 team of the season Saturday at 7 p.m. against host Bakersfield. STEVEN BURNS/TALON MARKS

Falcons kick off season against No. 1 team

LLOYD CROSBY JR.
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos College football team will be playing in a big season opener on Saturday at 7 p.m. against host Bakersfield, the No. 1 team in the league.

Last week's scrimmage game against Glendale, one of the weaker teams in the league, showed stronger points from the Falcon team.

Although the Falcons beat Bakersfield last year, it will be harder this time around with the many changes to Cerritos' roster. "If we beat them it will jump start our season," Head Coach Frank Mazzotta said.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Falcons have a young up-and-coming quarterback who lacks the experience of last year's quarterback who transferred to Louisiana State University.

Stronger areas of the offense

include the running backs and wide receivers, who will play a major role on the "O" since the quarterback is fairly new to the play book.

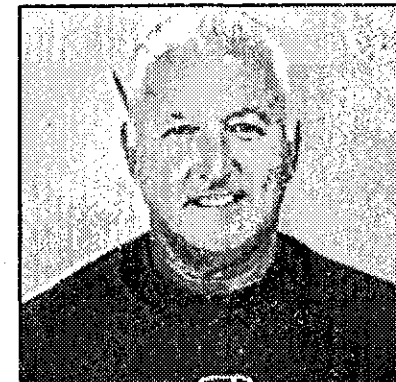
On defense, the safety position is where the Falcons need improvement this season.

With the D-Line being bigger than last season, and the linebacker and cornerbacks being experienced players, the Falcons "D" should be able to hold their own this season.

Mazzotta said, "This game will

"This game will give us an outlook on where we stand for the season as a team."

—Frank Mazzotta,
Football Coach



give us a outlook on where we stand for the season as a team." The Falcons football team is

ranked No. 6 in California and No. 15 in the nation out of 100 school.

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Falcons stepping up to the plate

ELYSE MURO
SPORTS EDITOR

With former Cerritos College baseball players making headlines in local news, the 2002-03 baseball Falcons are practicing hard on paving the way to their own success.

Baseball Preview

"Sacrifice and commitment is what a player needs to make it," said Coach Gerardo Perez, who is a former athlete and this year's baseball coach.

Although these Falcons have lost valuable players to higher leagues, including T.J. Bruce and Ronnie Prettyman, this team has gained a mint of talented players.

Along with Ryan Andrews; Jason Kayton; Orio O'Neill; Jose Rodriguez; and Jimmy Shull, this year's team has some promising stats ahead of them.

"I know we got what it takes."

—Jose Rodriguez
Infielder

Everyday has its new challenges and although Coach Perez has every bit of faith in his players, it's still early in the season.

With a roster full of talent, and the players in all the right positions, this team will add to the grandeur of being a true Falcon athlete.

Playing with a sense of history and respect imprinted on the field from former Falcons, the team carries a sense of pride while sporting the 2002-03 Falcon uniform.



JAMIE LEE/TALON MARKS

Practicing hard at bat, the baseball players swing with all their might aiming to hit a ball out of the park.

Water Polo dives into new season head first

LAUREN RODRIGUEZ
CO-NEWS EDITOR

Under the scorching September sun, few would argue that, while passing by the women's water polo team practices, a dip in the pool sounds refreshing to say the least. These girls, however, have made it clear that they are out for more than a dip in the pool.

Under the supervision of coaches Glen Myer and Don Weyrsek, these Falcons are ready to take on whatever the season brings.

Even though it probably is nice to hit the water at 2:00 in the afternoon, one should keep in mind that these athletes practice twice a day.

Their first practice begins at 6 a.m.

Though to many, cool water in the dark morning hours alone proves dedication, the players further proved their commitment to

Women's Water Polo

the sport and the team by showing up on Labor Day for their seasons first scrimmage.

Myer describes the team as "inexperienced, yet eager." He cites an example of one of his rookies who in her first scrimmage, "was being very aggressive even though she wasn't sure exactly what she was supposed to do." Such drive is obviously appreciated, as Myer went on to conclude, "We like to see that."

With the season right around the corner, the coaches agree that aggressiveness and determination are key components to a winning season.

"We came in fourth place last year in conference," Weyrsek said. "But we should do

that well or better."

No stranger to hard work herself, prospective team captain, Louisa Wilson describes one of her goals for the season. "A goal for me is to go through the season without getting injured."

Louisa was injured two years ago while playing high school water polo. "I had torn cartilage and shredded ligaments in my shoulder. I've had surgery and I'm trying to build it up."

With only 13 players, three of whom are returning, one may wonder what secret the team has that keeps them so confident in their upcoming season.

Weyrsek explains the benefits of "the whole team getting along." He says that although the team, "didn't get along last year," this year there is "more camaraderie."

WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE

- **WEDNESDAY**
2 p.m. - Volleyball in Scrimmage Pool Play at CERRITOS
3 p.m. - Men's Water Polo vs. Rio Hondo at CERRITOS
4 p.m. - Women's Water Polo vs. Rio Hondo at CERRITOS
4 p.m. - Women's Soccer vs. El Camino at CERRITOS
4 p.m. - Men's Soccer at El Camino
- **THURSDAY**
All Day - Men's Water Polo at Ventura Challenge
- **FRIDAY**
4 p.m. - Women's Soccer vs. Antelope Valley at CERRITOS
7 p.m. - Volleyball vs. Los Angeles Pierce at CERRITOS
- **SATURDAY**
All Day - Women's Water Polo at El Camino Mini-Tournament
10 a.m. - M&W Cross Country in Fresno Invitational at Woodward Park
7 p.m. - Football at Bakersfield

SPORTS

Women's soccer

The women's soccer team starts off its season with a 1-0 record, defeating Southwestern College, 3-0.

Basketball

Dwight Blair became the fourth player from last year's basketball team to sign a letter of intent with a four-year university. He signed with Chapman University.

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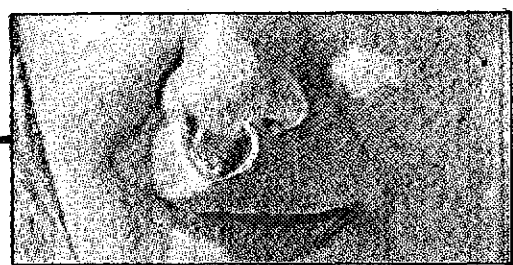
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Sandra Rodriguez / septum ring



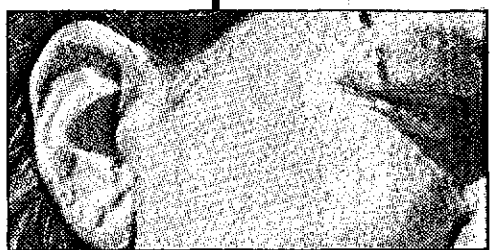
Sandra Rodriguez / ear barbell



Lizette Espreza / right ear pieces



Lizette Espreza / varios ear pieces



Adriana Guzman / eyebrow bar



Lizette Espreza / tongue bar



Sandra Romo / tongue & lip rings

PHOTOS BY JIMMY MISTRY

ouch!

Why do people always ask anyone with piercings "Did that hurt?" Belly rings, tongue bars, earrings tend to speak for themselves say some Cerritos College students.

TERESE LEON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Most of the time when something is hanging off of someone's nose it's considered gross or unattractive, but few people are poking fun at Cerritos College student Sandra Rodriguez, who has a bull-ring piercing in her septum.

Undecided major, Rodriguez, said about her nose, "I have a bump on my nose, so attention is already drawn to it. I think having a piercing is sexy."

Rodriguez also has her nipples pierced because "they're sensual and sexual."

Even though Rodriguez thinks her piercings are sexy, often other people don't, especially when she's with her daughter.

"People are surprised that people with tattoos and piercings have kids. When I'm with my daughter, people always ask me why I have it," Rodriguez said about the treatment she receives because she's pierced.

Many students with piercings feel they get negative treatment from adults.

Sandra Romo, a student in the medical field, said that older people and parents think she's a bad influence, "the naughty one," because of her pierced tongue and lip.

Romo also said she gets treated differently by guys. She said they say things to her like, "I wonder what you can do with that,"

referring to her tongue piercing.

Sex is often associated with piercings, especially nipple and tongue piercings, but many students say that getting pierced has nothing to do with sex.

Amber Gayton, an undecided major, said she got her nostril pierced because "I liked how it looked."

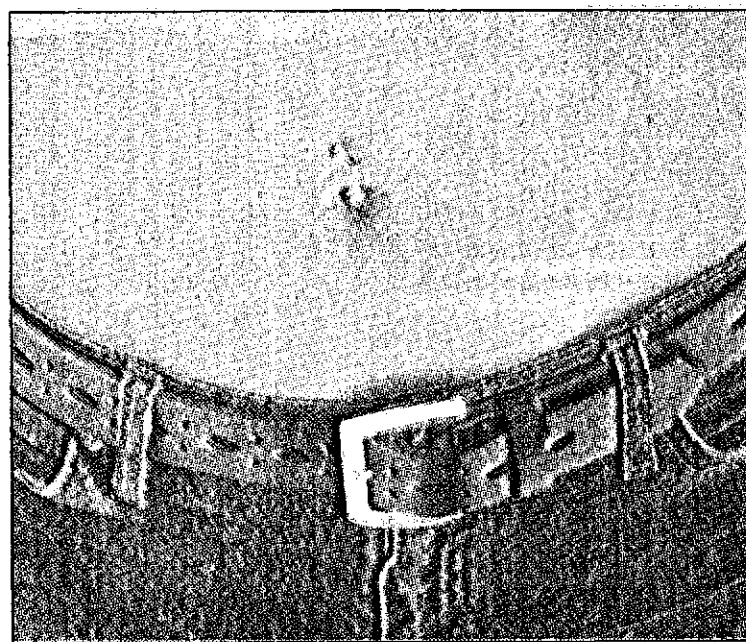
Guzman pierced her eyebrow herself with a big needle. Guzman said she is aware of the possible health risks that are associated with doing piercing yourself, but she said she didn't get infected and only bled a little.

Many students walking around with piercings on campus did the actual piercing themselves. Lizette Espareza, another undecided major, got her ear piercings done in a bowling alley by her friend. "I was bored and she had the gun," Espareza said.

Even if they do the piercings themselves, students are usually careful to take care of their piercings to avoid infection. Espareza took care of her tongue piercing when she first got it by rinsing her mouth out with mouthwash and cleaning the actual piercing with Gly Oxide.

Not taking care of piercings can lead to horror stories like Shawn Igeric's. "I had a nipple ring and it got infected. It was all right until I took my shirt off and it ripped."

Other times a little infection is expected. Math major Rosa Cisneros, said her navel piercing was a little infected when she first got it but the piercer told her to put alcohol on it and the infection went away.



Rosa Cisneros / belly button bar

Sometimes piercings are the result of too much partying. "I was drunk and my decision making wasn't that great," Undecided major Adriana Guzman said about her reasons for piercing her eyebrow.

Piercing facts:

- Body piercing is unregulated in most U.S. states and is even illegal in some.
- In a 2002 scientific study of 454 university students, more than one-half said they had a body piercing.
- The most popular body part pierced in men was the earlobe.
- For women the most common body piercing was the navel and the upper part of the ear.
- Egyptian Pharaohs pierced their navels as a rite of passage.
- Roman soldiers pierced their nipples to show their manhood.
- Mayans pierced their tongues as a spiritual ritual.
- Both sexes of the Victorian royalty chose nipple and genital piercings.
- A reputable piercer will have an autoclave - a heat sterilization machine used to sterilize equipment between customers.
- No scientific evidence supports increased sexual pleasure due to pierced tongues, nipples or genitals.
- Biting and sucking on piercings increases the bacteria flow into the pierced skin adding to the risk of infection.
- Piercing should not be done by a piercing gun because it crushes the pierced tissues and cannot be properly sterilized.
- In a woman, nipple piercings may damage some of the milk-producing ducts leading to complications in breast feeding.
- In other countries studies have shown that piercing can cause hepatitis C but in the U.S. no cases of such incidents have been reported.
- A piercing gun can be bought at any appliance store now-a-days, allowing for anyone to pierce themselves, friends or family.

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one on one with a Tri-athlete

Q & A:

JIMMY MISTRY
FEATURES EDITOR

How do you feel after completing the Tri-athlon?
"I was trying to have fun and basically be competitive. I feel good. I feel strong, like I can do another one (smiling)."

How did you do on your run?
"During my run I felt strong. I came in really strong passing up a few people."

How did you feel before the Tri-athlon?
"I was just excited to see people from Team in Training and my coaches."

You timed yourself on the swim?
"Yea, my swim time was 18:19, it was a mile and a half."

What was your total time?
"For the whole thing it was two hours and 37 seconds."

What is Team in Training?
"It is people from all around that join this team to help raise money for Leukemia Society."

The coaches for the team train you for the Tri-athlon and you get sponsored.

You are a member of Team in Training?
"Yea, I joined in 2001. I got the nice, thick swimsuit from them."

You have to raise 3100 dollars for the Leukemia Society then Team in Training pays for your travel expenses and room costs and such.

What was the swim like?
"First it was hard because of the heavy waves. Once I got past the waves I was able to keep a steady pace."

Was someone trying to drown you for competition?
[Laughs] "The girls in my age group are very competitive. We don't care who is in front of us or behind us we just keep going. Strong ones end up in front."

What do you plan to do in the future?
"Well I do wanna do Iron Man and this thing called Extreme Racing."

The Tri-athlon isn't enough for you?
"It was easy. I want something to challenge me!"

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