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Board of Trustees is not a democracy

ELYSE MURO
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

The Board has once again made a decision concerning the health benefits of the Cerritos College faculty members.

Since the faculty are still deciding on their decision weather to go union or not the Board took it upon themselves to change the health benefits of the faculty, rather than waiting for the faculties' final decision and then discussing possi-

ble options for a new benefits package.

Because the decision was made with out discussion the faculty felt left out of what they thought was an open family where they could discuss all issues calmly and fairly.

Although the faculty recognizes the intentions of the board, a certain question is still burning in everyone's mind.

Why couldn't the Board just wait till

after the faculty finalized their decision, instead of taking it upon themselves to make the decision for the faculty?

Last Tuesday the Board met and decided to discuss once more the faculties' benefits since the issue is affecting so many.

* The Board has not yet changed their decision, but the faculty has come together and made some resolutions that

will be discussed at the next meeting.

Although the Board was quick to make decisions the faculty is anxious to begin working and discussing with the Board on this issue.

There will be a special meeting held on Thursday for the Boards decision on the 2003 health benefits package.



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New health insurance for students

BY LAUREN RODRIGUEZ
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The Community College League of California has recently released information on a new, low-cost health insurance plan for students.

This is a joint effort with the California Community College Chief Service Administrators Association and the Health Services Association.

"Their plan is supplemental," explains Charles Gale, the director of Student Health Services. "This means that if someone is being released from their parent's care, they can purchase this plan."

Like most student health insurance, the plan works through the student health office. The health office is the primary care provider. For any care the health office is unable to provide, the student will receive a referral to an outside facility.

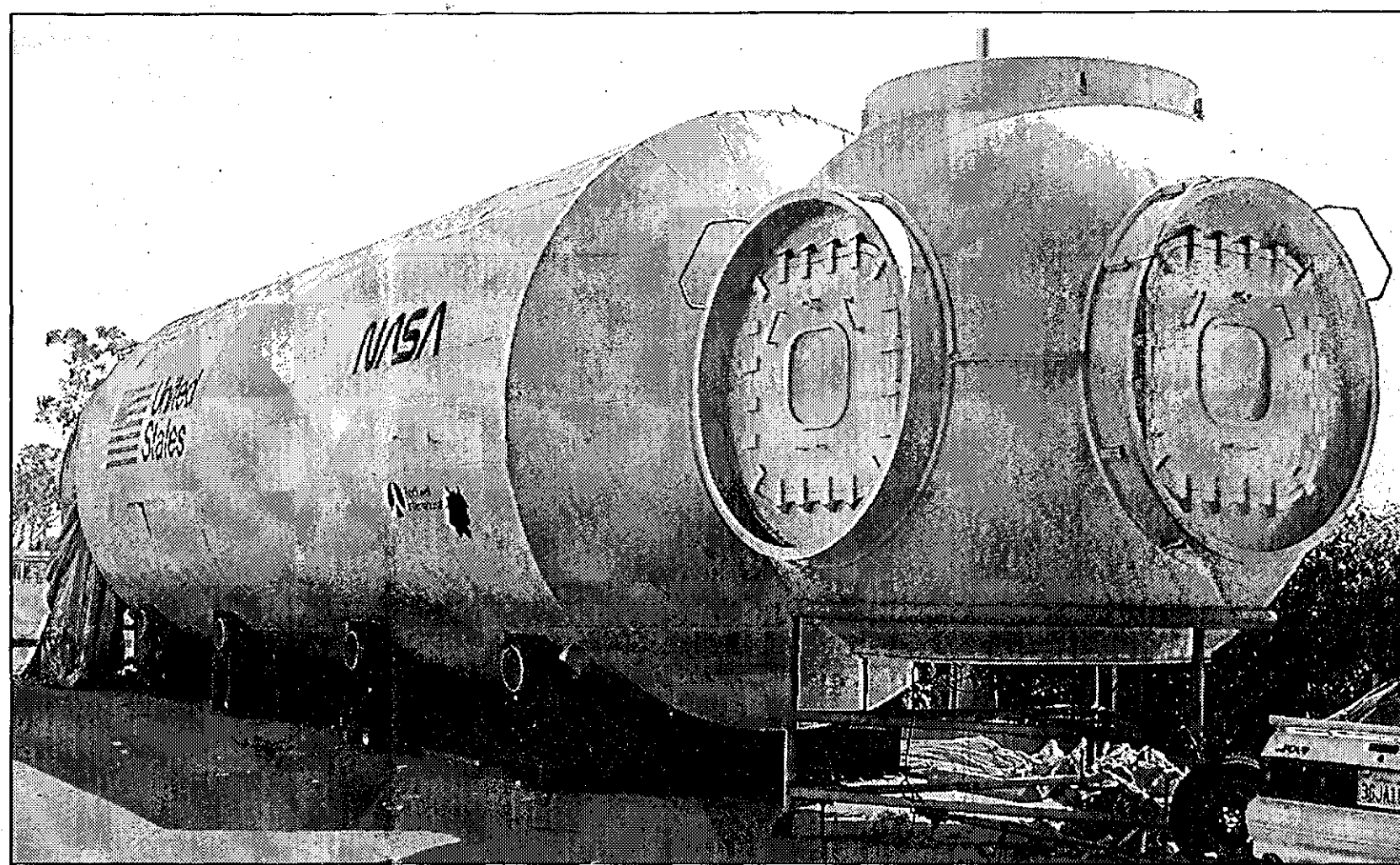
There are benefits to visiting the Student Health Center before seeking further care.

According to the Student HealthLine USA website, "The student's \$100 deductible per policy year will be reduced to \$50 per policy year if he is referred to an outside provider by the Student Health Center."

The fact that Somerton Student Insurance Services has worked with the Community College League of California may be misleading. This is not a government service.

"They are a business," Gale says of the insurance company. It's new and it's affordable; but it's

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Goodbye to NASA space station

BY LAUREN RODRIGUEZ
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What is that giant space thing in the parking lot outside the student center?

Few know. And soon, it will be gone.

The Rockwell Station Mock-up, which occupies the southern portion of the parking lot outside of the student center, Lot C-9, has recently been declared a surplus.

"It was donated to us," Cerritos College director of Purchasing, Donna Jones explained.

Originally, Jones said, "they thought that the science classes were going to use it."

However, very little use has come out of it.

The Board of Trustees has sold the Space Station to the Aerospace Legacy Foundation, an organization that preserves artifacts that were a part of the City of Downey's Aerospace history.

The Space Station was sold for \$1. There needed to be some sort of monetary exchange, but the school is not actually profiting from the sale.

Director of Physical Plant, Michael Sebak explains that this is actually an economically wise sale on the part of the

school. Although there will be no profit, the school will save money because it will not have to pay for the upkeep of the space station.

"We were paying for tarps for that thing every year," he stated.

In fact, according to the Inter-Office Communication Analysis, the district was spending "\$600 a year in tarps to protect the space station against the weather."

Such protection was needed.

Jones said that the Space Station is, "made out of plywood so it has been deteri-

orating."

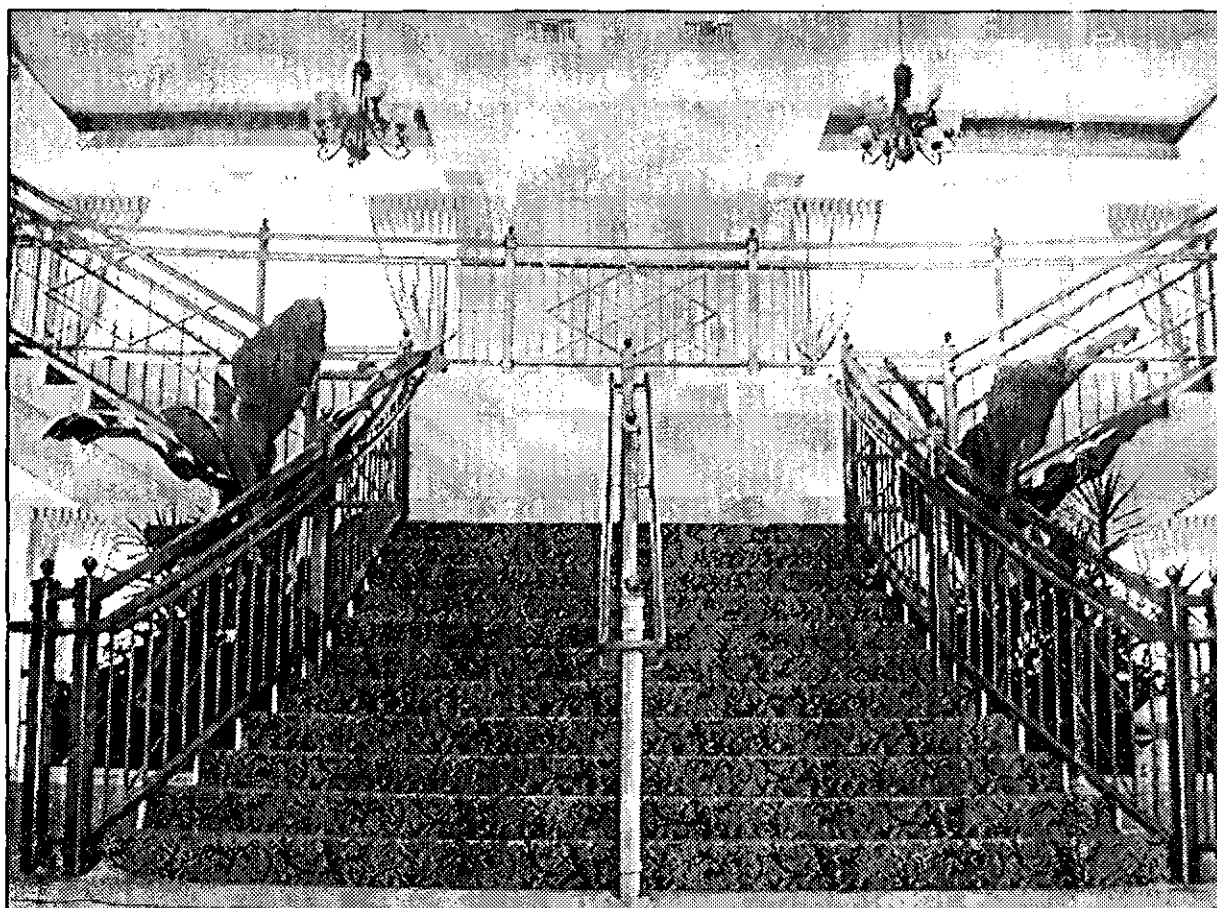
Although the Space Station is making a relatively quiet exit, when it was donated eight years ago, "quiet" was hardly the word.

"They had to close down streets to get it here," Sebak commented. The campus had a large ceremony upon its arrival.

The extra space from the Space Station will be used as additional parking space. The Space Station will be transported within the next three months.



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Avalon senior center soon to open it's doors

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It's been nearly a year, between all the construction and landscaping of the senior housing complex and the end is in sight.

The housing project is built upon one third of the strawberry patch. The City of Cerritos has funded the project along with others and will become the city's third senior housing project.

The project began in early summer 2001 and is nearly complete a year later. The center is now waiting to obtain state license.

There will be 105 affordable housing units for low and moderate income seniors.

The apartments will be available for seniors 62 years and older.

Avalon at Cerritos has begun the application process for the 105 units.

There will be first priority to current resident of Cerritos College District, which includes surrounding cities such as Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood and Norwalk.

The housing project cost \$15 million dollars to build on the strawberry patch.

There will also be 132 apartments that will be sold at market rate.

Seniors will also have meals prepared for them and eat in a group setting.

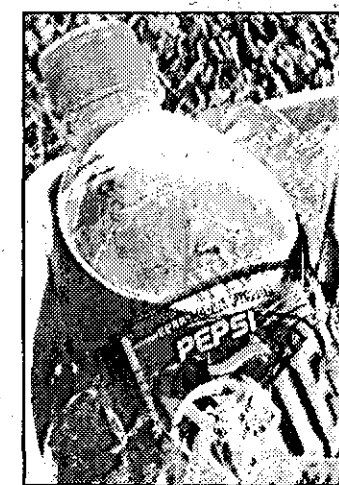
Along with the center being on the campus, students may have the chance to experience the senior center first hand.

The center may serve as a place for students to grow in a career they

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NEWS

Don't get caught the financial aid funnel

MICHAUX FORSTON
CO-OPINION EDITOR

Packed lines and crowded corridors decorated what just weeks ago, was a desolate looking façade of a college campus.

One of the major headaches for students and staff on the first few days of school has traditionally been FAFSA registration.

For one reason or another people fail to get their paperwork processed in time to make the deadline resulting in a delay on their financial aid award.

According to Phillip Rodriguez, Director of Student Affairs, students often blame the administration for their dilemma.

However, as far back as November 2001 the Financial Aid Department has run an ad urging students to beat the financial aid funnel and turn their forms in early.

"Students are urged to start early and preferably over the net. That way, students can avoid the

financial aid funnel. As an institution we provide the students with help. We do that as an office to the best of our abilities. On the other hand, students must accept their responsibilities and commitments," Dr. Rodriguez commented.

The Cerritos College Financial Aid office is looking into making changes to its website.

According to Dr. Rodriguez, this website will answer the top three questions students ask concerning financial aid:

1. Where am I in the financial aid process?
2. How much will I be awarded?
3. When am I going to receive an award?

Within five years there will be substantial changes to the way FAFSA applications are processed. "In the future Financial Aid applications will be restricted to the Internet. There will no longer be a manual application form," Dr. Rodriguez said, explaining the purpose of the website.

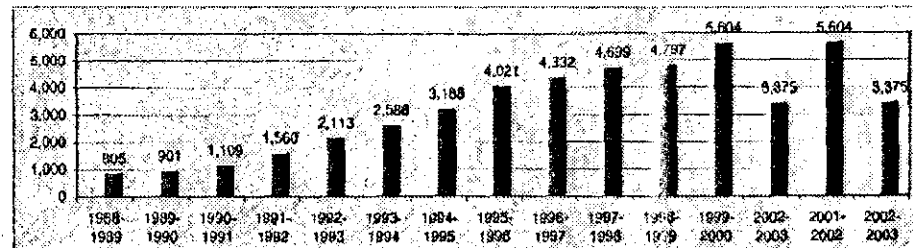
The award payments have gone from \$747,551 to \$11,929,016. The students awarded fee waivers has also increase from 903 in 1989 to 12,460 in 2002.

"Remember, staff does not put holds on you. The Federal Government randomly selects 30% of all applicants for verification," Rodriguez said.



JAIME LEE TALON MARKS

The number of students receiving Pell Grants has grown substantially since 1989 from 805 to 5,604 in 2002.



STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

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still a business.

One should take note that the term "new" does not imply that the concept of relatively inexpensive health insurance for students has suddenly been invented. Rather, the idea that all of California's Community Colleges could utilize the same insurance plan is new.

According to the Community College League of California's website, the benefits of a statewide program are many. In addition to good healthcare, less problems and fewer medical expenses, the league looks to the statewide program to simplify implementation for college staff and promote cost saving by using statewide purchasing.

Gale estimates that there are approximately "15 supplemental insurance companies" that offer student insurance.

Student insurance, a company that offers insurance to both domestic and international Cerritos College students, "is local enough that I can call them right now and they will be working on the problem that day."

Gale explained that sometimes it is difficult to work with companies that are not local, "But that depends on the student."

Four different insurance plans are currently being offered through Student Health Services. More information is at the Health Center.

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SENIOR CENTER

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have elected such as nursing, landscaping, rehabilitation, and cosmetology.

Though the student programs are still in the works and being developed by the school.

In early January of this year, the New Falcon Way began to be constructed to help the flow of traffic into the college and also to become the entrance for the senior housing otherwise known now as Avalon at Cerritos.

If students have not seen the senior housing yet, the building is located out on a portion of the Strawberry Patch near the Health Sciences building on the south side of Cerritos College campus on Studebaker Road off of New Falcon Way.

Over the past year the senior

housing has progressed very quickly and steadily. Even through mud and the rain construction crews were out working on the building.

Though the housing project was expected to be done by spring of this year, it is very well almost complete.

Recently, the city also installed a new falcon on the fountain on the corner of Studebaker Road and New Falcon Way. It was one of the last little touches that the city is adding to the project.

"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 a city employee during the installation of the bird.

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You've got mail

JOEY ALCALA
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Over the years more and more students have been using email as a way of keeping in contact with their professors for help with assignments, questions about projects and even to report absences.

It has been a lot easier for students to complete assignments and to earn better grades because they now have easier access to help with problems.

Some students have made good use of the email accounts while others have never used one.

"I had one assignment and she [the professor] sent me one back," Brandi Heard commented.

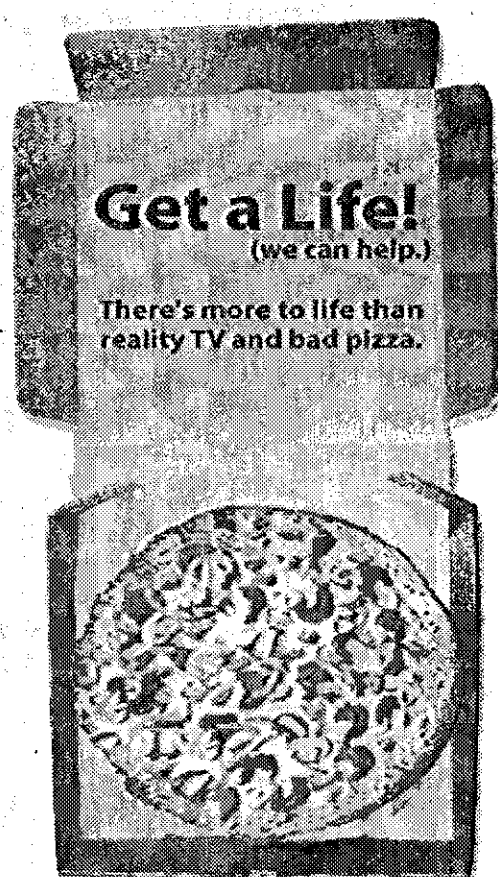
There are other students that do use it when they find it necessary such as when the professor requests assignments or direct questions that are sent through email.

Cerritos College has also been issuing email addresses to students who wish to have one, but most students have been using other free email accounts such as yahoo or hotmail, even before attending college.

However, it is there for the students who either don't want to give out personal information or have not used email before.

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Talon Marks's Email Edition.



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A&E

AUMONS: WFMD's radio fest will be in front of WFMD on Wed at 4pm. Also if anyone has bands or any freestyle rap talents for the Radio Fest. Krog and Power 108 are expected to be there at Radio Fest on October 15 & 17th.

NEW CD RELEASES:
Enrique Iglesias, "Outsides"
genre: Latin / release date: 9/17/02

Beck, "Sea Change"
genre: rock alternative / release date: 9/24/02

India Arie, "Voyage to India"
genre: Neosoul/R&B / release date: 9/24/02

The Bouncing Souls, "The Bad, The Worse, and The Out-Of-Print"
genre: Punk Rock / release date: 10/15/02

Movies to Be Released

"The Tuxedo"
PG-13, release date: 9/27/02
Jennifer Love Hewitt, Jackie Chan
Jackie Chan inherits a super powered tuxedo which gives him supernatural combat skills.

"Sweet Home Alabama"
PG-13, release date: 9/27/02
Reese Witherspoon, Jean Smart
Reese Witherspoon plays Melanie Carmichael who has just accepted a proposal from New York's most eligible bachelor and has a husband back home in Alabama that she's got to divorce.

'Muralissimo' paid by exhibit

SONIA SAENZ
CO-AGE EDITOR

Cerritos College Art Gallery plans to open a new exhibition that focuses on Los Angeles commercial folk art on Oct. 1 named "Muralissimo."

The displays will contain 30 photos of L.A.'s commercial folk art murals that have been photographed and curated by Warde Randall and George B. Woods.

Muralissimo is mainly commercial folk art murals that are used for advertising.

If you have ever traveled into downtown Los Angeles, you have probably seen a beautifully detailed mural done on the sides of buildings, homes or on random walls. This is Muralissimo.

Completely untrained artists do most of this folk art. The majority is presented with traits of the Latino culture.

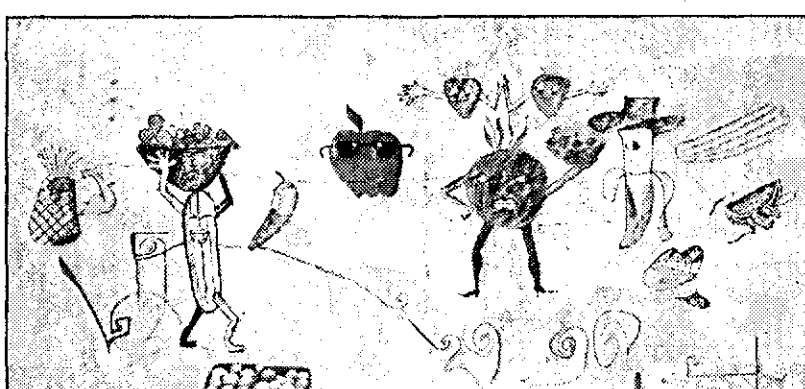
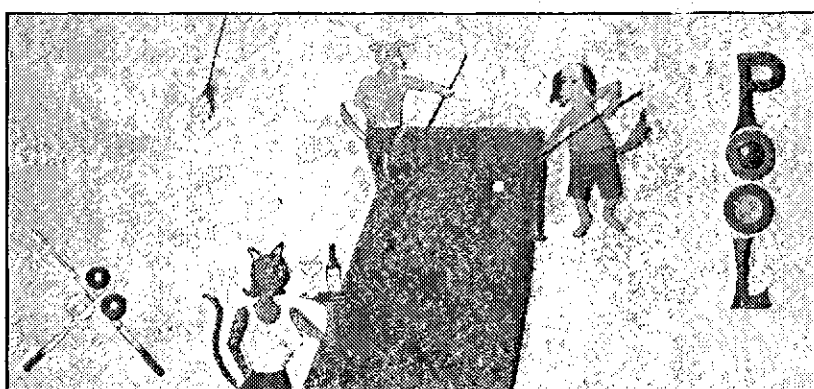
The artists that commonly display their art are usually anonymous. Some artists will leave a name and a phone number. Many will leave as little as initials or no identification at all.

It is their talent that gives business's in a little community advertisement, and is usually always done for a paycheck as mere as \$20.

Marcus Adams, the Gallery director at Cerritos College feels



L.A.'s Commercial Folk Art Murals



that this is something that all students should be interested in.

"We are trying to open people's eyes to what is in the community. LA is very cultural, perhaps the most in the world," Adams declared, "but people are unaware because they don't often go into those neighborhoods. They don't know that these artists are doing amazing things."

Adams has called in an artist that commonly does the art murals in Los Angeles to actually paint one whole wall of the art gallery. It will be up for the duration of the show, which will be a month.

George B. Woods, photographer, has noticed the murals for some time.

"It's nice to focus on the large range of art in LA," said Woods, "I think the murals provide a more visually rich environment."

Woods and Randall are currently in the process of documenting a book on all the different sorts of Commercial folk art murals.

People can take their first look at Muralissimo when it opens on Tuesday, Oct 1 from 6 to 8pm.

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Dropkick Murphys

An energetic addition to the discography

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What a time for Irish pub band Dropkick Murphys to celebrate than St. Patrick's Day weekend in Boston, MA. Three sold out shows spanning over the entire weekend, along with a St. Patrick's Day Parade, and a hockey game by the home team, Bruins.

This live recording is compiled of 26 tracks that are the best quality of the three memorable nights.

This album gives off the intensity of a live show.

The disc starts off with an intro that cuts into "For Boston," which is an anthem about their hometown. "For Boston, For Boston, We Sing Our Proud Refrain, For Boston, For Boston, 'Tis Wisdom's Earthly Fame, For Here All Are One, And Our Hearts Are True"

The live CD covers a wide variety of songs in the Dropkick discography. Songs played are classics such as "Boys On The Docks," "Barroom Hero," "Finnegan's Wake," "Gangs All Here," "Good Rats," and "Natty," which is the theme song for the Boston Bruins.

From start to finish each song is played very well with lots of energy and enthusiasm. While listening you will find yourself singing along with every song just as if you were there.

Although the songs are performed as good as they are, it would not be a good representation of the band. For true Dropkick fans, your collection isn't complete without it.

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Water polo team hopes to set mark

ELYSE MURO
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

With a two out of five record, the women's water polo team is suffering a loss from lack of experience.

Not only are they lacking the experience most teams have, but this years team also suffers from injuries.

Women's Water Polo

To make matter worse two of the player injured are two of the three with past experience.

At their next meet these Falcons will be tested to see what they got when they compete against one of the top teams in the league, Cuesta.

"Cuesta is a good time to see what we can do" Louisa Wilson said.

Coach Hal Simionek says, "These women are going to give it everything they got."

Although the team may be lacking in experience, practice is vital to every teams success, but because of schedules the team has a problem coming together to have one practice with the whole team.

With a rough start opening up the season these Falcons still have hope for the rest of the season.

"We're starting out rocky, but we'll progress as the season goes on," Elizabeth Garibay said.

Upcoming Games Women's Water Polo

September 26-28
All Day Event
Cerritos vs Cuesta
at Cuesta Invitational

Womens Cross Country Running for Miles

Womens Cross Country:

Cerritos women's cross country team placed sixth out of 14 team at last meet.

ELYSE MURO
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

Although the Lady Falcons trained hard for their meet last Saturday, they were greeted with a longer running course then they had expected.

Even though these women placed sixth out of 14 teams at their last match against Los Angeles Invitational, the meet gave them a chance to show their improvement and recognize the areas they still need to work on.

These runners agree that at their next match they will pace themselves rather than pushing too hard too fast.

Other than placing strong there was plenty of improvement taking place at the competition.

Melissa Dixon was just one of the few who shows that hard work, dedication, and truly pays off, by improving her time by at least two minutes.

This year these Falcons feel stronger as a team by displaying their unity as teammates and friends on and off the track.

These runners make sure to gather the night before a meet and to motivate each other.

With a thirst for competition and a true love for running these Falcons have set goals as a team and individually for the season.

"Our goal this year is to make it to State or place in the top 20 as a team," Julie Stewart said.

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Womens Cross Country Schedule

October 4
Stn Cali Pre-Meet-
5 p.m.
October 12
Irvine Invitational-
9 a.m.
October 19
Santa Barbara Invitational-
12 p.m.
November 1
5th Coast Conference
Championships-TBA
November 2
5th Cal Championships-
10 a.m.
November 23
State championships-
9 a.m.

SPORTS

Athletes of the Week



Name: Justin Burks
Sport: Football
Pos: Linebacker
No. 5 Ht. 6'1" Wt. 230
Accomplishments:
Named the team's Special
Teams Player of the Year
last year.
41 tackles
21 solo
3 sacks
Quote from Coach:
"He is a motivator in his
actions, he doesn't need
to talk." Frank Mazzotta



Name: Mauriel Chaidze
Sport: Soccer
Pos: Forward
Major: Medicine
Accomplishments:
First Team All-Conf.
Co-Most Valuable Player
10 goals
Three assists

Football Stats

Cerritos 39, College of the Canyons 32

COC (1-1) 12 6 0 14 32
CC (1-0) 7 25 7 0 39

First Quarter

Cerr: Josh Herrera 2yd run (Adam Sonntag kick) 9:34
COC: Eddie Robinson 5yd pass from Kyle Bauer (Jason Tompkins kick) 8:22
COC: Jason Tompkins 42yd FG 3:24
COC: Safety Carlos Velasquez tackled in end zone 3:16

Second Quarter

Cerr: Jermaine Whiten 72yd run (Pass failed) 11:40
Cerr: Jermaine Whiten 13yd run (Run failed) 7:05
Cerr: Jermaine Whiten 7yd run (Kick block) 4:48
Cerr: Randy Rappie 131yd pass from Glenn Deberg (Adam Sonntag kick) 3:11

Third Quarter

Cerr: Jermaine Whiten 84yd run (Adam Sonntag kick) 9:38

Fourth Quarter

COC: Trevor Brackett 29yd pass from Kyle Bauer (Jason Tompkins kick) 6:55
COC: Ramon Perry 31yd pass from Kyle Bauer (Jason Tompkins kick) 4:48

Cerritos Individual Stats

Rushing: Whiten 21-308, Herrera 14-117
Passing: G. DeBerg 7-3-35, Keeping 4-2-1
Receiving: Raphael 2-33, Kirkpatrick 1-2

Defense holds its ground on the field

LLOYD CROSBY JR.
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

Falcons defense has set the tempo in the last two games, led by Justin Burks who stepped up in Saturday night's game against College of the Canyons.

Football

"We're doing pretty good. We're new and improved and we're definitely going to win. Especially on defense," Burks said.

Burks, help the Falcons shut out the No. 1 ranked team in Southern California, the Bakersfield Renegades leaving them scoreless.

"He holds the 'D' together, and is an all around player," Defensive Coordinator Pat Callahan said.

The linebackers are the strongest part of the defense. With two out of

three players returning from last season and Burks being one of them.

The D-line is a physical group of athletes, and communicates well with one another on the field.

In the secondary, Falcons have three out of four returning. Michael Bragg, Doug Stewart, and Burnell Jordan are experienced on the playing field and have what it takes, to make it happen in game situation.

"I'm the fastest cornerback in the Mission Conference," Jordan said.

Callahan said, "This years secondary play's on the edge."

"When players do what their suppose to on the field, things will function right."

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Falcons edge Cougars

LLOYD CROSBY JR.
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

Cerritos pulled past the No. 3 ranked team in the league Saturday night, beating the College of the Canyons, 39-32.

Sophomore running back Jermaine Whiten led the Falcons with 173 yards and three touchdowns in the second quarter.

Football

At the end of the game, Whiten had 21 carries for 308 yards and four touchdowns. His longest runs being 72 and 84 yards. He was able to break the schools single-game rushing record.

This is the second game that the Falcons were able to put away an opponent with a higher ranking.

"The team showed poise and responded well after the big game against Bakersfield," Head Coach Frank Mazzotta said.

Penalty held the Falcons from putting the game away. With a couple of flag's thrown against the

Falcons, the Cougars got put in excellent field position and march down to the one yard line.

The Falcons "D" led by middle linebacker, Justin Burks, who helped stop the Cougars three downs in a row on the goal line.

"This game showed us how we will look in games to come, and it only gets harder from here," Mazzotta said.

The Cougars scored late in the fourth quarter, which brought them back into the game with a chance to win. They tried an onside kick, but it was unsuccessful. The Falcons sat on the ball to run the time out and secure victory.

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HE'S NOT LOOKING FOR TROUBLE... HE'S WEARING IT.

THE TUXEDO

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FEATURE

Culinary Arts daily lunch menu for this week

Wednesday:

Soup du jour: cream of tomato with diced ham.
Choice of entrée: broiled hamburger steak, smothered onions and sauce bordelaise or roasted fresh chicken, spiced peach and natural sauce or baked stuffed manicotti with spinach and ricotta cheese or baked fillet of Icelandic cod and fine herb sauce.

Choice of two side dishes: steamed fresh garden vegetables, sautéed cut corn O'Brien, mashed potatoes and rice pilaf.

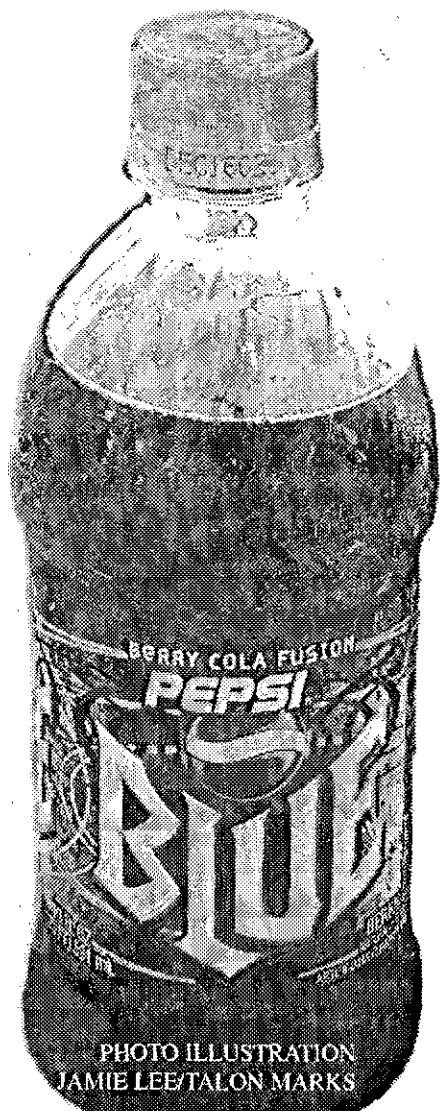
Thursday:

Soup du jour: swiss leek and potato with croutons.
Choice of entrée: broiled top sirloin steak and madeira sauce or broiled boned breast of tarragon chicken and supreme sauce or braised turkey marengo served with buttered noodles or grilled fillet of catfish and shrimp butter sauce.

Choice of two side dishes: steamed fresh garden vegetables, steamed fresh cut broccoli, parmesan cheese, cottage fried potatoes and rice pilaf.

Entree includes two side dishes for \$4.50, one side dish for \$3.85 or entree only for \$3.
Special du jour's also available for \$4.

Culinary Arts lunches available in the Student Center.



BLUE

Pepsi's newest drink, Pepsi Blue, combines the same amount of caffeine as regular Pepsi with Blue coloring and berry flavor.

JUAN DANIEL FLORES
NEWS EDITOR

It's no secret that Cerritos College has a contract with Pepsi Cola Co. Just look around you. All of the soda machines have Pepsi or Pepsi products.

With Pepsi's new drink, Pepsi Blue, launched out into the market, a couple of weeks ago, many questions are asked. Will this new flavor bring

sales? Will this create a new line of colorful colas?

Will it bring a new generation to Pepsi knees? The future is unknown at this time, it still needs time. Pepsi already has: Pepsi Cola, Diet Pepsi Cola, Pepsi Twist, Wild Cherry Pepsi, Diet Wild Cherry Pepsi, Pepsi One. And now joining the family is Pepsi Blue.

According to Basic Marketing: A Global Managerial Approach, when a new concept is introduced, it has to adapt.

Not so recently Pepsi launched another flavor of

Pepsi, but with a twist. Pepsi Twist. Pepsi cola with a lemon flavor.

Pepsi, knowing that there were consumers willing to buy this drink developed it, but with Pepsi Blue who knows what's going to happen. Maybe a catchy phrase or logo will aid it along.

Pepsi is known to have good logos and unforgettable jingles.

For example when you think of Pepsi, what's the first thing that pops into your head? Is it Shakira, Briney Spears, Generation X, or that little annoying girl in

the Pepsi commercials?

Many are saying Pepsi Blue tastes like bubble gum, and that is a big disappointment.

Angela Torres said, "To me Pepsi is too sweet, but with Pepsi Blue it's too gassy, but I do like the color."

Hector Gonzalez commented, "I like it; it has a different taste to it."

This drink has mix reviews by everybody, so if you want so thing different and a really cool color, Pepsi Blue is just for you.

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Pepsi Blue facts:

Pepsi Blue uses a base that's very similar to regular Pepsi. The difference is the addition of wild berry flavor, a slightly higher level of carbonation and a slightly lower level of sweetener.

Pepsi Blue contains the same amount of caffeine as regular Pepsi, which is 37 milligrams per 12 ounces.

Currently Pepsi Blue is available in 20-oz and 1-liter bottles. Other sizes will be available between November and December this year.

Pepsi Blue was the sponsor of this year's MTV Video Music Awards. That's when the first Pepsi Blue commercial was shown.

A less recognized art, but an art none the less

Cerritos College offers many classes, Culinary Arts being one.

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It's not like Monica, in "Friends." Not like Jack, in "Three's Company." It's hard, fast and, always something to do. It's an Art.

Cerritos College offers certificates in Professional Baking & Pastry and Professional Chef's Training Programs. Chef Michael Pierini is the instructor of Professional Baking & Pastry Program and Chef Ellis G. Robinson is the instructor for the Culinary Arts Program.

Robinson has been at Cerritos College since 1974, and made the Culinary Arts program into what it is now.

The kitchen has been remodeled with new equipment. Students serve their masterpieces of the kitchen to the students and faculty, for a price of course.

At the beginning, there was fairly low enrollment, mainly because this is an Art that's not as much as respected as most Arts are.

Now, in the last five years, enrollment really has been booming.

Students like Andrea Peaz joined the culinary, "Because it's an Art to have the ability making people enjoy their food."

And others see it as a career choice, like Daniel Hernandez comments, "I just did it [joined the program] to have the background to be a health inspector. It's hard work, that's why. I don't want to be a chef."

Pierini comments, "the number one reason why they join is because they love it, they know it from the beginning, they have passion for it."

It's not for everybody, you should have these in mind. Have to have the personality for it, have to have the passion for it and be willing to learn and work hard.

"Like most courses students are all hype



JAMIE LEE/TALON MARKS
Students in the Culinary Arts program.

Gladys Bradley uses the skills she learned in the Culinary Arts program to prepare and serve food to the students who stop by Culinary Arts.

about enrolling, then a week or two they drop the course. On the flip side the not so motive students turn out to be the ones with the passion for it."

Pierini reads quotes in the beginning of the course for example "Cooking is at once one of the simplest and most gratifying of the arts, but

to cook well one must love and respect food."

Craig Claiborn.

The Culinary Arts program at Cerritos College keeps in touch with its pupils and past ones too.

"We keep in touch with almost most of our students, it's a small industry and in circles."

Pierini also encourage his students and others to get an education and work experience.

What is art? Whose to say what is or isn't, but with of creating your own master piece, using food as your tools and give it a touch of class, it's an art of it own.

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Behind the microphone

WPMD brings students weather, news and music straight from the campus

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If one were to stand outside of Cerritos College's radio station, it would be nothing to look at.

In fact, one may not even realize that it's there.

But when you step inside, it is very much it's own wonderland.

Starting in 1999, Craig Breit, the station director and instructor on campus put WPMD (Where People Make a Difference) together from scratch when the college was unexpectedly given a radio station license by the FCC.

WPMD is the only station in the Southeast L.A. County that connects the residents of Norwalk, Artesia, Cerritos, Bellflower, Paramount, La Mirada, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens and Lakewood.

The station even has two different programs that give listeners more of an option as to where and when they want to listen.

There's the 1700 AM channel that mainly gives information about city events and community news. It also has no commercial inter-

ruptions and also gives weather, national news, and traffic updates.

The other half of WPMD's heart is the web addition, where people can go to the stations web site (www.cerritos.edu/wpmd) and listen to many varieties of music right in the comfort of their own home.

Craig Breit takes pride from something that was basically born from nothing, a dream.

"The station is a tremendous benefit to both the college and the community. There are many benefits to it. Where else can great students like the ones here learn about it all than from experience?" Breit commented.

Breit even brings up the fact that Administrators want to float a bond.

He feels that the Administration should consider WPMD as a potential recipient of that bond.

"Administrators want to float a bond! What better way then to use the radio station?" Breit excitedly states.

One of WPMD's biggest supporters has been Dean Barry Russell.

"He is always interested in what's going on," says Dr. David Young, who has his own radio show called Your Career and You.

Although many have contributed to the success of the station, Dr. David Young gives the credit to Breit.

"Craig deserves a lot of the credit. He develops this relationship with us, that are like the glue that hold this all together."

Young also says, "This station has developed into something more. It has become what it is because of Craig and his vision about what a radio station should be like."

One thing that is for sure according to Breit and Young is that they would love for people to get more involved with the station.

"They may not think that they can do it, but come on down! We'll help you do it! It took them 18 months to persuade me. And I love doing it! It's so much fun!"

Sounds like a promise.

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