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Changes to come next semester

Financial Aid may introduce new website while Counseling will settle for walk-in slots.

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NEWS EDITOR

The midsemester is here. The spring semester is next. What's to expect for this spring semester? Will students have to wait in those long lines? What changes will students have to face?

The Financial Aid is looking into upgrad-

ing their website (www.cerritos.edu/financialaid.com) to service the students better. It will answer to the most common asked questions:

1. Where am I in the processes?
2. How much am I getting?
3. When will I receive it?

Admissions and Records will not have huge changes in the spring semester. Cerritos College will be sending out spring 2003 Falcon phone appointments starting Oct. 28. To insure the prompt delivery of Falcon phone appointments, Admissions and Records needs to have students' current

addresses. To change an address, students must visit Admissions and Records with a picture ID before Oct. 21.

Counseling has the biggest change. During the beginning of the fall semester the counseling office experimented with the walk in slots. "It turned out so good, we expect to see it this spring semester," said Carol C. Patrick, MA Administrative dean of counseling. "One day we had 2,000 students who wanted to see counselors. We had to make some changes." Patrick mentions.

Major changes to the counseling office are "Basically, just allowing students to sign-up, guessing how many students we can see for that day," Patrick comments.

The walk-in slots will be here for the new semesters for quick counseling questions.

"The week of Aug. 19 2,012 students registered, 40 percent were continuing students," she added.

Students are urged to start their paper work, and see counseling now. Especially students on academic probation. Students who have attempted at least 12

units as shown by the official academic record shall be placed on probation if the students have earned a grade point average below 2.0 in all units undertaken at Cerritos College.

Patrick's said, "I'm trying to get them [probation students] out of the way, before Dec. 15."

With the new changes, students have to adapt to the new rhythm.



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Taking care of business

More courses offered in business management.

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A & E EDITOR

This month, Cerritos College will offer three new classes for those majoring in business. These courses are designed for business professionals who want to get a taste for competition in the business world.

The meetings will take place once a week for three months. The completion of these courses will result in a certificate of completion.

The first program called "Leaders for an Age of Uncertainty" offers 12 classes aimed at developing the skills it takes to climb the corporate ladder. All 12 classes cost \$960. The class will meet on Friday Sept. 20 from 1 to 5 p.m. in Community Education rm. 1.

The second program called "Negotiations Series" contains seven weeks of producing strong and powerful negotiators. These courses, taught by Pearl Georgen, will cover things like the art of getting what you want, how to talk and what to say, and being effective at it all.

Class will take place at Los Alisos Middle School in room 63 on Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and cost \$126.

"Small Business Management", the third program, will be taught in five weeks. Gene Konstant who has been teaching for 35 years, will begin the course at Los Alisos Middle school on Oct. 22 from 7 to 10 p.m.

For more information, call the Community Education at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2521.



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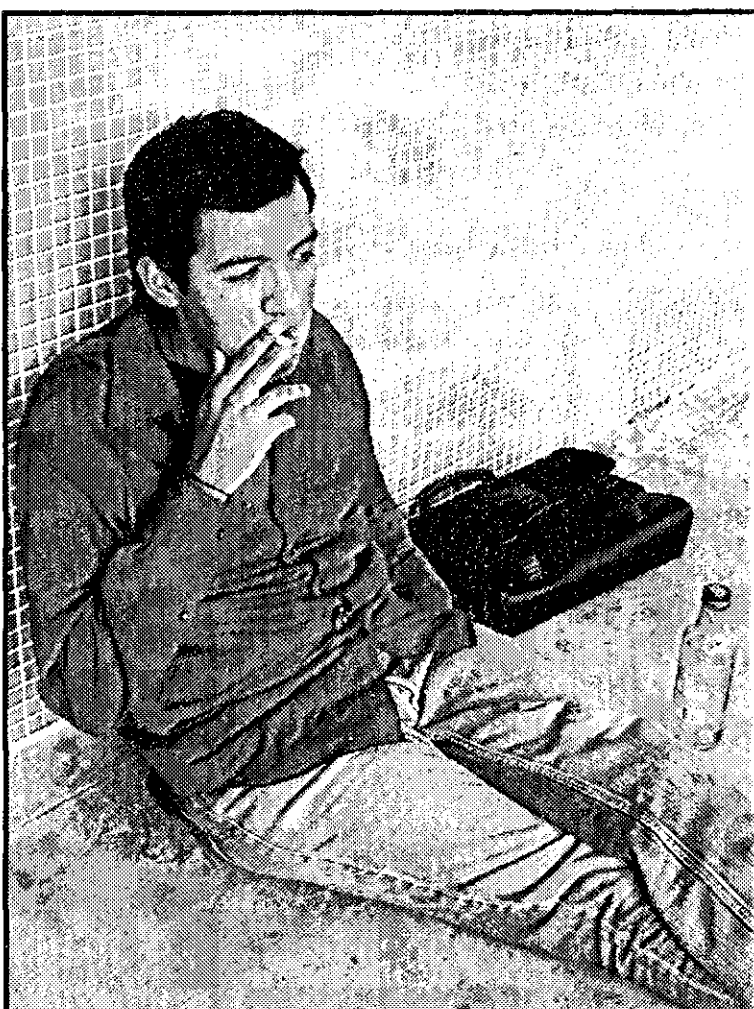
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The Falcons had an intense game on Saturday against Fullerton. Jermaine Whiten (above, carrying the ball) rushed for 160 yards along with Carlos Valasquez who ran the ball for close to 100 yards. The Falcons beat Fullerton, 24-20 in a home game. The Falcons are ranked no. 2 in the nation according to J.C. Grid Wire's Top 25 Teams.

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Efrem Enciso, Psychology major smokes a cigarette outside the Social Sciences building. A law tightening smoking regulations on Cal State Universities was recently passed. Smokers cannot be within five feet of a building while smoking on Cal State campuses. This could have possible effects on community colleges policy on smoking.

JAMIE LEE/
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Going up in smoke?

New law says that smokers can't be within five feet of a building while smoking on Cal State campuses.

JOSEPH ALCALA
STAFF WRITER

Could you imagine not smoking on campus? Not being able to smoke in a public place outdoors?

Well a law has been recently passed saying that no smokers can be within five feet of a building while smoking on Cal State campuses.

This law reflects on all Cal State Universities, and since Cerritos College is run by the state, it may effect the campus as well.

Each Cal State school president has the power to increase the distance of five feet to however far he or she chooses.

This can eventually lead to specific smoking areas on each campus.

"They should have designated spots for smoking, certain areas where you are allowed to," said Evenly Blas, English major.

"They should have designated spots for smoking, certain areas where you are allowed to."

— Evenly Blas, English major

Putting a ban on smoking near the outside of buildings is supposed to help stop second hand smoke on school campuses.

The California State law that has just passed does not completely ignore the students who choose to smoke on campus.

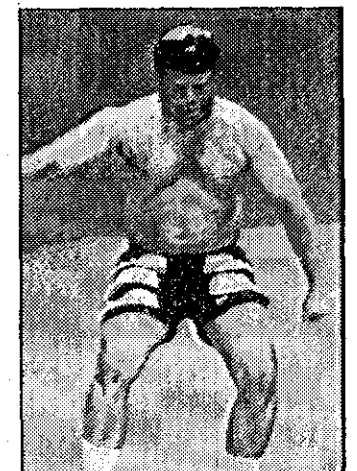
A decision on how far from the building entrances a smoker has to be, or if smoking is going to be banned completely from the campus will be made after students have given input and say what they have to say about whether this decision is right or not.



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Going Cuckoo



"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," Mc Murphy played by Zachary Hahn

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NEWS

Cerritos College Police Log

Tuesday 17

At 5:05 p.m. an officer responded to the campus police lobby station regarding a vehicle burglary report. The victim said that someone broke into his locked vehicle and stole the stereo. The vehicle was parked on Falcon Way.

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At noon an officer responded to the campus police lobby regarding a past occurred vehicle burglary report. The victim said that on Sept. 16 someone broke into her locker in the PE, women's locker room and stole her cellular phone. There were no signs of forced entry.

Thursday 24

At 2:15 p.m. an officer responded to the Liberal Arts building regarding a theft report. The victim said she left her purse unattended under her desk. Several hours later, discovered the purse had been stolen.

At 6:05 p.m. an officer responded to the campus police station lobby regarding a theft report. The victim said he left his backpack unattended in the weight room. He later discovered that someone had stolen cash from the backpack.

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At 8:40 p.m. an officer responded to Falcon Way regarding a theft report. The victim said someone stole the rear license plate from his vehicle.

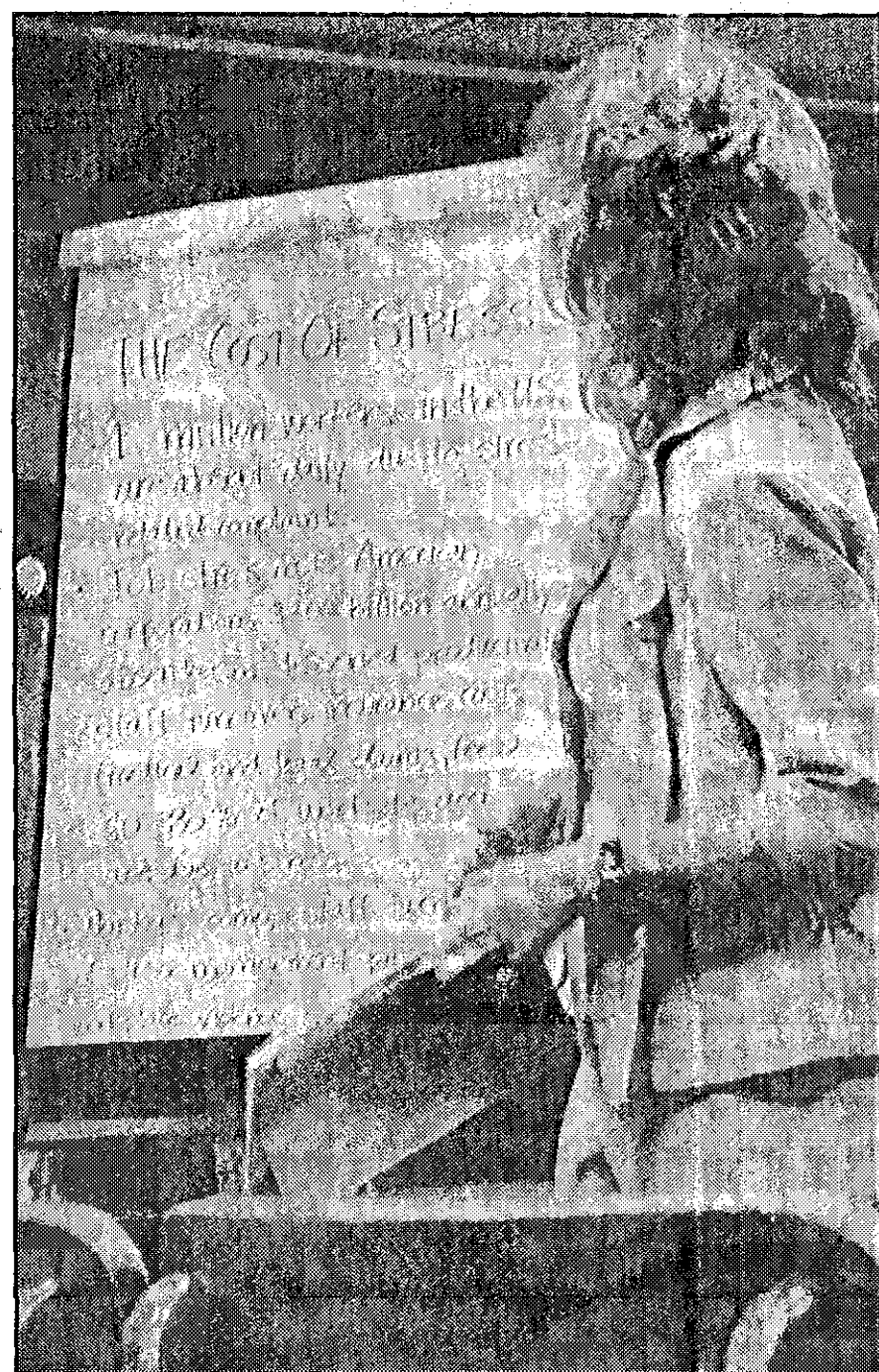
Thursday 26

At 3:35 p.m. an officer responded to the campus police lobby regarding a bicycle theft report. The victim said someone stole his bicycle from the rack by Burnight Center.

At 5:45 p.m. an officer responded to the campus police station lobby regarding a burglary report. The victim said someone broke into her locker in the PE, women's locker room and stole several items.

Saturday 28

At 6:10 p.m. an officer responded to the campus police station lobby regarding a past occurred theft report. The victim said that on Sept. 27 she left her purse unattended in the Burnight Center. Several hours later, she discovered her purse had been stolen.



STEVEN BURNS/TALON MARKS

Cara Dutra explains the cost of stress for Americans in United States. Dutra is a therapist who teaches and specializes in stress related illness at the Stress Management Workshop held last Thursday in the Admissions Boardroom. The seminar was for faculty and staff as a part of Staff Development.

Got stress?

Stress management discussed at workshop.

MICHEAUX FORTSON
CO-OPINION EDITOR

Stress Management was the topic covered by Cara Dutra, a therapist who teaches and specializes in stress related illness at the Stress Management Workshop held last Thursday, in the Admissions Boardroom.

M.L. Bettino, Dean of Staff Development, along with Charles Gale, Director of the Health Center, (who recommended Dutra to do the seminar) coordinated the Workshop.

"As part of our Staff Development activities. As Dean of Staff Development, it is my task to offer seminars, workshops, speakers events and activities for our entire staff - faculty, managers and classified," Bettino said.

"[Ms. Dutra is] very bright and enthusiastic about her subject."

What is her subject? Stress! Harmful stress as well as "Good" stress; "Good" stress? Is there such a thing? The answer is...yes.

According to Dutra, "Stressors," cause non-specific responses in the body to the demands placed upon it. "Stressors can either be good or bad," says Dutra, explaining the different levels of stress.

"Euro-stress is positive stress which pushes us to use our bodies to their fullest potential, challenging

us. Then there's distress when stress becomes so overwhelming that the body begins to break down."

The body operates on what has been described as a "human function curve" in which the body begins with health tension at the performance level, eventually leading to a comfort zone.

At this point the body experiences good stress.

After traversing this level the body reaches "The Hump," which is a fatigue level in which the body begins to experience distress.

As a result the body becomes overwhelmed and eventually is overtaken by exhaustion, ill health and finally breakdown.

Dutra covered the possibility of distress by listing six job stressors.

They are:

1. Design of tasks: a heavy workload, infrequent rest breaks, long work hours and shift work, hectic and routine tasks that have little inherent meaning, do not utilize workers skill, and provide little sense of control.

2. Management style: lack of participation by workers in decision making, poor communication in the organization, lack of family-friendly policies.

3. Interpersonal relationships: poor social environment and lack of support or help from coworkers and supervisors.

4. Work roles: conflicting or

uncertain job expectations, too much responsibility, too many "hats to wear."

5. Career concerns: job insecurity and lack of opportunity for growth, advancement, or promotion, rapid change for which workers are unprepared.

6. Environmental conditions: Unpleasant physical conditions such as crowding, noise, air pollution, or ergonomic problems.

"I am totally without stress" said Bettino, "[...] actually, this is a very stressful time on campus: budget issues, union issues, health care issues, the start of the school year, war coming, terrorist threats, holidays coming, etc....so we needed this right now."

According to Bettino the governor killed all staff development funds for community colleges this year. The department had to go without funds.

"I am very happy that many faculty, managers and classified staff members have stepped up to offer their expertise or connections to assist us in offering a comprehensive Staff Development program, even without funds."

This says a lot about the college's commitment to Staff Development and assisting one another in a year of fiscal crisis," Bettino said.

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Planning begins for women's history month

There's still time for students to join the WHM Planning Committee.

LAUREN RODRIGUEZ
FEATURES EDITOR

"Women Pioneering the Future," is this year's Women's History Month theme.

Although Women's History Month is not until March, the planning committee has already begun its preparations.

"A lot of people don't realize the contribution women have made to society," committee chair, Dora Lozano said.

She went on to explain that the month's activities would help to recognize these contributions as well as promote awareness about

women's issues in general.

This is the 17th year Cerritos College has hosted WHM activities.

There is activities everyday. "Last year we had over 40 events," Lozano remarked.

Past years have brought presentations, guest panels, a breast cancer walk and various speakers.

Two of last year's speakers were Val Zavala, of PBS, and Mavis Leno, an advocate for women in Afghanistan.

"Three hundred seventy five students showed up for Mavis Leno," Lozano recalled. "That was amazing."

Because the month's activities are still in the planning stages, there are still opportunities for students to be involved

Clubs have the opportunity to host a presentation during a meeting.

Students may even join the WHM Planning Committee.

"It would be great to have students on the committee," Lozano said.

"I just want students to get involved," Lozano said, "however they want to help."

This year, the committee plans to pay special attention to the theme, "Women Pioneering the Future," but still keep a broad enough scope to educate students of the many issues concerning women's history.

"We try to focus on anything anyone wants to bring to the table," Lozano explained.

The committee is looking forward to the various presentations done by faculty.

Lozano stated that out of nearly every department someone is doing something to help. "It's amazing to see what comes out of the professors."

One should also keep in mind that although WHM is about the issues surrounding women; members from both halves of the species are invited and encouraged to attend.

"A lot of guys see WHM and think they can't participate, but this is just about celebrating women."

Many instructors offer extra credit for students who attend WHM activities.

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Financial Aid hard to grasp for past drug offenders

Many groups are trying to fight the denial of financial aid to drug offenders.

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If you have been convicted of possession of a narcotic (not including alcohol or tobacco), you may have your hands full when requesting financial aid from school.

A law called The Higher Education Act (HEA) was signed into law over three decades ago by President Lyndon Johnson to open the door to a college education for students to whom it had previously been closed to, more specifically, drug offenders.

The Act is generally reviewed and updated by Congress to ensure adequate funding and access to college for millions of Americans. Yet the 1998 revision to the HEA included a new provision that blocked college opportunities to students reveal-

ing drug convictions on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

According to information on the Raise your voice website (www.raiseyourvoice.com), a site that is fighting to have this law removed, a high number of college students who are drug offenders are ineligible for financial aid.

Many students even choose not answer the question regarding whether or not they were a drug offender on their FAFSA.

In the year 2001-2002, if that question (question 35) was not answered, their application would not be reviewed. This year 60,805 students have answered "yes" to the drug question on the FAFSA form.

Of those answering "yes", 2,954 returned follow-up worksheets revealing partial disqualification. Over 47,000 were actually denied financial aid because of past drug convictions this year.

Director of Student Affairs here at Cerritos College, Philip C. Rodriguez, said, "The irony is that people convicted of murder are eligible for financial aid, but if you are a convicted drug offender, you aren't."

Many groups, including one that led a protest in Sacramento on September 23, are trying to fight the denial of financial aid to drug offenders.

Tanya Price, a Cerritos College student thinks, "It's wrong for people to be judged on their past. Whether through a drug conviction or not."

People have the right to an education and that's why financial aid exists. To help us get just that. We as a community, have the right to try and make something better of ourselves."

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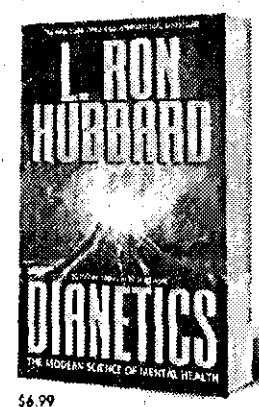
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EDITORIAL

Financial aide? Sure why not? Psyche!

What if Bill Clinton never made it to office for inhaling? What if Winona Ryder was banned from the movie business indefinitely for stealing? What if Halle Berry would have gone to prison for the hit and run she committed?

Let's play a game. Think back to when you were younger. Not all of us have done something that we are proud of. Mistakes were made. Some small and some that may have altered our perception on life itself. But no matter what, that was the past and should be left behind us, right?

So why should it be any different for people who are convicted drug offenders?

If someone is willing to make the effort of attending school, society should view this as an attempt of one wanting to better themselves. Perhaps to educate themselves, and laugh in the face of irony and say "I was once at a low place in my life but now I have stood, up faced the odds, and tried to make something of myself."

For those who have a record of being caught in possession of narcotics, it has not been an easy ride to turn over a new leaf and start again.

Not all people have the money to take a lot of courses either; so what better way for them to try and get through school then to take advantage of financial aid.

Yet, Congress shakes their finger at drug offenders by enforcing the Higher Education Act (HEA). The government gives them false hope by letting them apply for financial aid, but only to have those applying turned down.

According to www.raiseyourvoice.com, the total number of students who will be denied financial aid in the 2002-2003 school year is 30,039. Adding that to the totals from the previous two years, 86,898 students have been denied financial aid since this law's enactment.

So let's say that everything you ever did wrong, every mistake you ever made came right back to you. You wouldn't even have a chance to prove that you could be better than that.

So before officials go shooting down peoples chance to be reformed, maybe they should take a look at their lives and contemplate whether or not they would even be in the position that they are today if someone had once held a grudge against them.

Student housing - it's our turn

Make way for student independence! Well, at least a shot at housing opportunities.



TERESE LEON
Editor in Chief

The city of Cerritos will soon have a third senior housing project. Complete with 105 housing units for low and moderate-income seniors, the \$15 million project will soon be inhabited by people 62 years and older.

The seniors will have meals prepared for them, have some medical needs met and get haircuts by various students from Cerritos College.

Where will the students taking care of the seniors be living though? Probably with their parents in their families homes or with room-

mates in little apartments.

Some of us may be fortunate enough to live comfortably on our own, but most are struggling to go to school and work to make our monthly rent.

Either that or we're living at home, past the age of 18, legally adults, but deciding to make our lives a little less complicated by living with mom and/or dad until we're done with school.

Wouldn't it be great if we had some sort of dorms? How about a large building with 105 affordable units available to students for rent?

It would be nice to have an apartment building set aside for students. After all, the seniors have three don't they?

I'm not being bitter towards the city or their newest addition to their housing series, but I think we, as students, should be consid-

ered eligible to be the next group of people that get an apartment building.

And isn't there some extra land next to the Avalon senior center in the strawberry fields?

I mean, I always do put strawberry air fresheners in my car. What's better than waking up to the smell of real strawberries right outside of your window?

It's only a thought.

I'm just saying that the more than 20,000 students who attend classes at Cerritos College could benefit from a safe, affordable housing complex.

We should be considered, as a group of citizens, for the next apartment building that the city plans to build.



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TED & ED

BY DAVID DUGAN



Homecoming is not a crime

One night of American tradition to flaunt it while you got it. One night of pure fun.



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Features Editor

I'm all for the new and improved, but some traditions, pointless as they may be, are ingrained in our culture and, if they're not hurting anyone, I see no reason to change it.

Homecoming has become somewhat of a taboo in modern society. It is dismissed as a pageant, a popularity contest, yet another opportunity for the beautiful to parade around, and should therefore be done away with.

I disagree. I dare not venture to say that homecoming is not a popularity contest. It is. But so is everything else.

Senate elections, club offices, political positions all run on popularity. They may not run entirely on popularity, but

who you know and who knows you always plays a factor. I'm an optimist, but I'd be lying if I said otherwise.

So what do we do with this archaic beauty pageant? Nothing. Leave it alone. I've been through enough homecoming ordeals to know that it's not always the beautiful person who wins.

And even if it was, is that such a horrible thing that we must eliminate the practice of homecoming altogether? Smart people win scholarships. Talented people win awards. Why not have an event to recognize the good-looking?

I'd like to point out that in no way am I implying that a beautiful person cannot be smart or vice versa. Rather, I find it slightly illogical that we single out this one aspect of a person as unfit for recognition.

Call me nostalgic, but I like homecoming. I like the idea of pumping up school spirit, participating in two weeks worth of needless activities, and gathering with an unusually large crowd to cheer on

my school on at the football game

When else is it considered "spirited" to waste half a forest on posters which boldly proclaim death to the opposing team with yellow butcher paper and hot pink ink?

We don't have royalty in America, but for a few hours, on a cold night in November, students can watch as their queen parades around with her cape and crown on.

Homecoming is fun. It's good, old-fashioned, frivolous American fun.

And in these unsure days it seems that "old-fashioned" and "African," (or anything else that is reminiscent of the tranquility of our post-war era) is only too welcome.

So while the rest of the world spins and continues to worry about what really matters, leave us to take a few moments and enjoy what really doesn't.



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Campus Comment

How do you feel about on campus restrictions against smoking?

Compiled by Steven Burns and Loree Correa

COMPILED BY
VERONICA FORTUNATI

ONLINE POLL

How do you feel about campus restrictions against smoking?

- ☐ They should ban campus smoking all together
- ☐ They should assign designated smoking areas
- ☐ Wish smokers were more considerate towards non-smokers
- ☐ Go ahead and smoke but don't litter
- ☐ Don't care

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"I'd rather have most of the campus non-smoking."



Allison Warnock
History

"You have the right to smoke anywhere you please."



David Gonzalez
Architecture

"I think it's a bad idea for people to smoke because some people might be allergic and it might make them sick."



Michelle Rogoff
Nursing

"I personally don't like it, but as long as other people are considerate about it, I don't mind."



Chris Amezcua
Psychology

"I feel we are all adults enough to handle our own decisions."



Victoria Perez
Undecided

"The only restrictions people should have, should be imposed on themselves."



Jorge Garcia
Economics

"To please everyone, there should be designated smoking areas."



Jessica Mirazo
Business

"I don't like smoking, but if other people want to smoke, that's all right with me."



Julian Torres
Social work

OPINION



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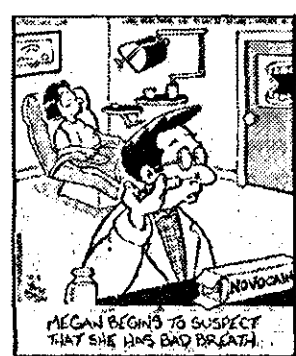
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Cerritos College Orchestra
Exchange Concert
Burnight Theatre - 1:30 p.m.
Free admission

• Oct. 20
Cerritos College Choral
Concerts
St. Cyprian's - Clark Avenue,
Long Beach - 3 p.m.
Free admission

• Oct. 22
Cerritos College Band
Exchange Concerts
Burnight Theatre - 1:30 p.m.
Free admission

• Nov. 25
Cerritos College Jazz Ensemble
Exchange Concerts
Burnight Theatre - 1:30 p.m.
Free admission



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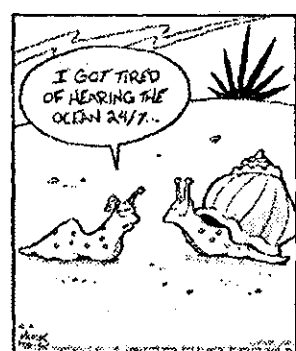
Stereo Total will be releasing a CD on Kill Rock Stars titled *Musique Automatique* on Oct. 8.

Allister will be releasing *Last Stop Suburbia* on MCA records on Oct. 8.

Ben Folds Five will be releasing *Ben Folds Live* on Sony on Oct. 8.

Bon Jovi will be releasing *Bounce* on Oct. 8 on Universal.

Tiger Army will be releasing *Early Years* on Epitaph on Oct. 8.

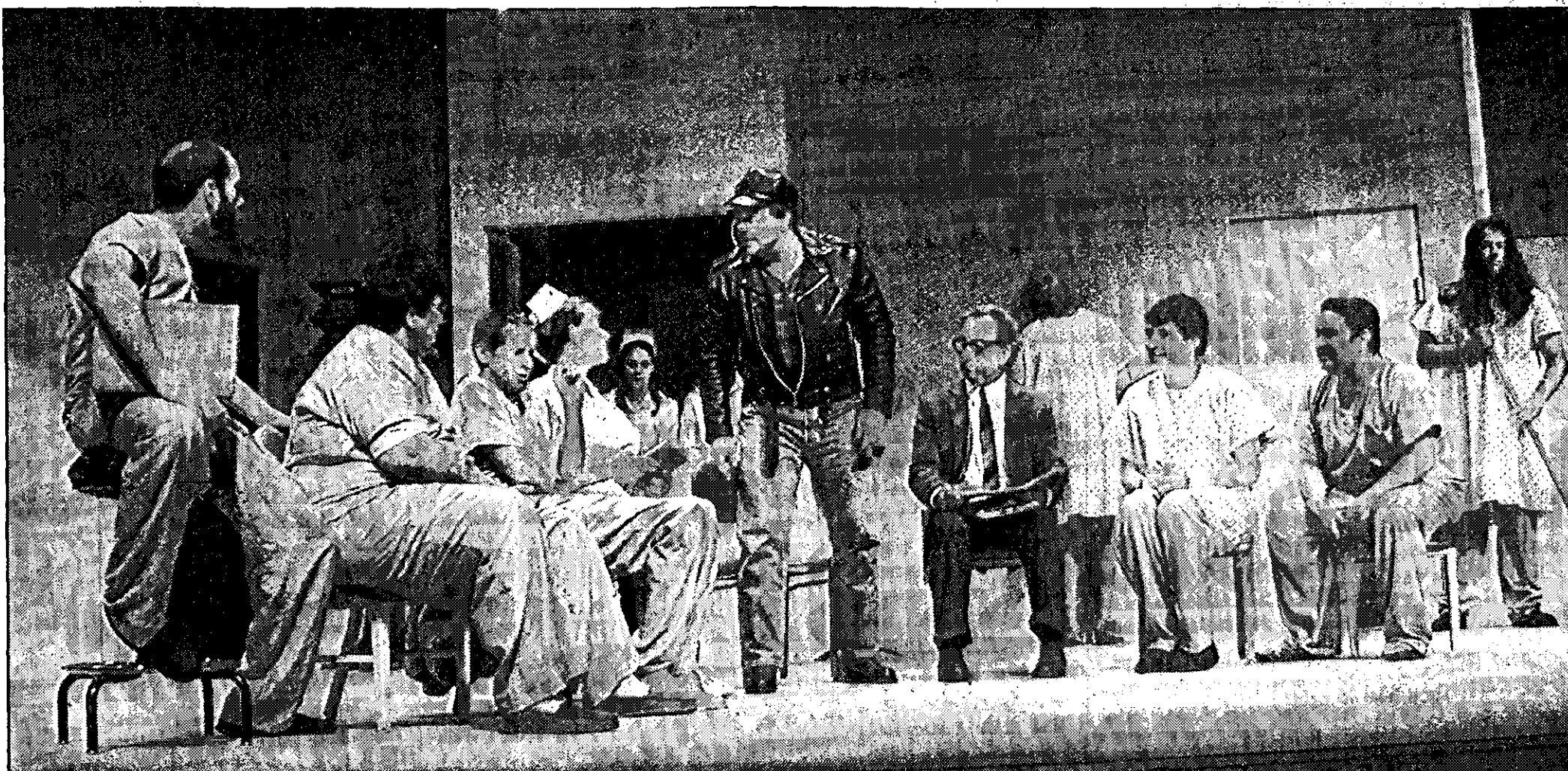


DVD Releases

Akira Kurosawa: *Four Samurai Class* (4 PK) will be released on Oct. 8. Box set includes: *Seven Samurai* (1954, 207 min.), *Yojimbo* (1961, 110 min.), *Sanjuro* (1962, 92 min.) and *The Hidden Fortress* (1958, 139 min.) 4-Disc Box Set: "Seven Samurai" - Commentary by Japanese film historian Michael Jeck; "The Hidden Fortress" - Video interview with George Lucas.

Beauty & Beast / Special Edition will be released on Oct. 8. Includes: 2-Disc Set: DISC ONE: Feature film in three (Special Edition, Original Theatrical Version, Work-in-Progress); Audio commentary; Sing-along track; Maurice's Invention Workshop game. DISC TWO: The Story Behind the Story; A Tale As Old As Time; Character profile game; Disney's enchanted environments and more.

Blondie will be releasing a DVD collection of its greatest video hits on Oct. 8.



The cast of "One Flew Over a Cuckoo's Nest" rehearse a hospital scene for their upcoming production. Opening night is Oct. 4. The play will continue through Oct. 5, 10, 11, 12 and 13. LAURA AGUILAR/TALON MARKS

Flying High

The cast of the soon-to-be Cerritos College production "One Flew Over a Cuckoo's Nest" are preparing for opening night.

MICHEAUX FORTSON
CO-OPINION EDITOR

Rehearsals for the fall production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" are underway. Director Greg Atkins is taking a hands-on approach priming his cast for opening night. He has selected a cast, which has become a very healthy unit. According to Frank Ledezma, who plays one of the inmates called Chief Bromden, the cast has become much like a family.

"I think they put together a really good cast. We're all different people, all coming along in our development and yet, it's almost like we're

coming together just like a family."

The play is set in a psychiatric ward where the infamous Nurse Ratchet, played by Sonja Berggren, is law. "Nurse Ratchet is the 'Big Nurse.' She runs the ward and everybody in it. Everybody is afraid of her. The patients are afraid of her, even the medical staff is afraid of her!" Berggren said, describing Nurse Ratchet.

The characters are a raunchy bunch of loonies who bounce back and forth according to her whim until she runs into her nemesis Randall P. McMurphy played by Zachary Hahn. McMurphy is a con man that works his way into the asylum by pretending to be crazy after

being sentenced to jail.

"McMurphy...he's your classic American hero. He comes into a situation...he's a con man and a gambler, but he's a gambling fool! He's just in here to play cards and win against these guys who don't know any better!" Hahn says, as he describes his character. "He realizes Nurse Ratchet is really a ball buster, but he ends up getting himself killed."

Sonja Berggren is the iron fist. Nurse Ratchet. Her character is the head of this psychiatric ward. She battles McMurphy hand-over-fist. "From his perspective and from the patients he brings hope, but from my perspective he's a real nightmare!"

Throughout the play these two

battle it out with insults and even physical violence. Nurse Ratchet has a set of guards that follow her orders and keep the inmates in check.

The play is essentially about this conflict, but the loonies decorate the story with a colorful array of personalities. There is Chief Bromden whose father was a Native American and his Mother was English. He has hallucinations of his father with whom he holds very animated conversations.

"He goes into these hallucinations where he's like looking at his father and talking to himself describing everything around him. He feels he's the guy no one in society will accept. He is a very antisocial personality," Frank Ledezma explains.

Then there's Scanlon played by Dave Wrathall. Scanlon's a World War II veteran, who is an ex-boombuilder who was a spy against the Germans. He eventually gets shell-shocked so he is like a very paranoid character.

There's Dale Harding who becomes one of the few inmates that McMurphy talks to because Harding is a very intellectual type who considers himself a spokesman for the other inmates.

There are a variety of characters that make this play happen. "Really the show is about them and their problems," Hahn said. "If they're not acting crazy there's no show."

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Barber Shop makes the cut on screen

Ice Cube stars as a young barbershop owner who is struggling to keep the family business running.

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Since his breakthrough role in "Boyz in the Hood," Ice Cube has transcended the role of a rap superstar and emerged to become one of Hollywood's well-known actors, starring in films such as "Higher Learning" and "Trespass."

In his latest movie "Barber Shop," he plays Calvin, a young barbershop owner who is struggling to keep the family business running. He finds himself surrounded by a colorful cast of characters, which include Cedric The Entertainer, Eve, Sean Patrick Thomas, Michael Ealy, Troy Garity and Leonard Earl Howze.

This line-up helped to create an image of the good ole' neighborhood barbershop where everybody is welcome to chop it up about everything, anything and nothing at all.

The barbershop is the place where your problems aren't too big to be discussed among friends and someone is always willing to lend some helpful advice.

Cedric the Entertainer plays a hilarious character who drops superb one liners throughout the whole movie. He actually becomes Calvin's

backbone and presents us with a pillar upon which the barbershop stands on!

It can also be said that he is the back-up that Ice Cube needed to make "Barber Shop" the No. 1 movie for the last two weeks.

Eve is one sister who proves she can hold her own in the company of "barbershop broths," as she gives her boyfriend the boot, demands respect from her barbershop brethren and makes her theater debut all in the same stroke.

Troy Garity plays Isaac, the white barber who everyone sees as a ghetto fabulous Eminem, there's Ricky (Michael Ealy), the ex-con trying to liberate himself from the shackles of a police officer who has it in for him.

On the other hand, Sean Patrick Thomas plays Jimmy, an educated fool that thinks he knows it all and his degree makes him an expert on social behavior and cultural influence.

My favorite scene puts Ricky at center stage explaining why "comparisons" is a bad idea.

In my opinion this scene transcended the cliché ex-con stereotype that many movies present.

This movie is equipped with all the necessary ingredients to make comedy



The cast of Barber Shop from left to right: Sean Patrick Thomas, Michael Ely, Eve, Ice Cube, Troy Garity, Cedric The Entertainer and Leonard Earl Howze. PHOTOS COURTESY OF MGM

gumbo!

Even so, Calvin can't see past his nose. He can only view the barbershop as a setback to his recording studio dreams.

He and his wife are expecting a child so he finds himself making a hasty decision to sell the family business.

Don't get me wrong. I am not saying "Barbershop" is the year's best comedy, but I am saying that "Barbershop" was a very mature comedy dealing with everyday problems and everyday issues mixed with a little silliness, which made for one hell-of-a movie. All jokes aside this was a good movie.

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Upcoming Movie Releases

"Red Dragon"

R, release date: Oct. 4

Anthony Hopkins, Edward Norton

Edward Norton is Will Graham, a former FBI agent who seeks Hannibal Lecter to help him capture a serial killer.

"Heaven"

R, release date: Oct. 4

Giovanni Ribisi, Cate Blanchett

A British teacher living in Italy bombs a businessman who deals drugs to her students and husband. She falls in love with the police officer holding her in the barracks and they run away together.

"Welcome to Collinwood"

R, release date: Oct. 4

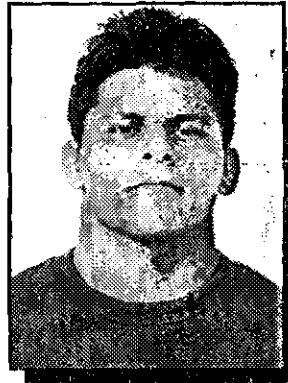
Five people from Cleveland attempt to burglarize a pawnbroker's safe, but things don't go as planned.



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Athletes
of the Week

Jerry Barragan



Sport: Wrestling
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 174
Accomplishments: Placed 1st out of 4 matches
Jr All American
4 time league champion
7th in the nation
Free style state champion
Quote from coach: "I am impressed with his attitude and commitment."

Mayra Florez



Sport: Soccer
Position: Goal keeper
Accomplishment: Tied for No.1 in school record for most shutouts in a season for a goal-keeper
Out of the 10 games played only 5 goals have been scored on her.
Quote from coach: "Highly motivated and has a strong desire to win."



ELYSE MURO / TALON MARKS

A Cerritos College soccer player battles with an opponent during the Falcons' 6-0 victory over LA Harbor Friday at Cerritos.

Falcons dominate LA Harbor

ELYSE MURO
SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos women's soccer team hammered Los Angeles Harbor with a 6-1 victory last Friday at Cerritos College.

The Falcons came out strong in the first half by dominating the game with a 5-0 score and the first goal being scored in the first six minutes of the game.

Overall in the first half Cerritos took seven shots taken on goal and had three assists.

With 7-1 record these Falcons are proving what they can do and hope to accomplish this year.

"We're good and we can be competitive with the top 20 in our rank," defender Coco Jimenez said.

These Falcons have already appeared to be setting records early in the season with defeats against schools that the women's soccer team has never beat.

Game Highlights

9/11-First ever Cerritos wins over El Camino
9/20-First ever Cerritos win over Pasadena
9/24-First ever Cerritos tie against Mt. SAC

"They play with their hearts and guts 100 percent. These women play hard," Debbie Jensen said, head coach.

These women seem to agree that their preseason training is paying off, but along with training they feel like their coaching

staff, players hearts, desire, and inspiration is what is taking them that extra step further.

"She pushes us hard only to make us better," Grisell Ramirez said.

Even though this is only the first half of the season, these women are looking forward to the second round of conference.

Although Coach Debbie Jensen believes the second round will be difficult. She has ever bit of faith in her players.

"If they keep the intensity and if their focus stays, we will be in great shape," Debbie Jensen said.

The team agrees that people in the stands make every bit of difference in their game.

"When family and friends show up and cheer us on it really pumps up the spirit of the team and helps us keep going in the game," Myrna Funes said.

Player Highlights

9/20 -Lizet Nunez moves to the No. 6 spot for most seasons' assists with 6

9/20 -Grisell Ramirez moves to the No.10 spot with the most seasons assists with 4

9/20 -Grisell Ramirez moves to the No.3 spot with the most Season goals with 12

9/24 -Mayra Flores moves to the No.2 spot for goal keep shutouts with 5-is currently tied for No. 1 at the present time.

Overall 7-1-1**Conference** 3-0-1**Goals for Cerritos:** 25**Goals against Cerritos:** 5

ELYSE MURO / TALON MARKS

The Falcons swiftly move the ball upfield as two defenders try to keep up.

Opponent	Score
Pasadena City	4-1
Southwestern	3-0
Rio Hondo	0-1
Golden West	7-2
San Diego City	4-0
El Camino	3-0
Antelope Valley	1-0
East LA	3-1

Pasadena City	4-1
Mt. SAC	0-0
LA Harbor	6-0

Their next match will be on Oct. 8 at 4 p.m. at Los Angeles City against LA City.

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Former Falcon Updates

The Arizona Diamondbacks begin defense of their World Series title starting this week. They retained most of their team from last season, including back-up catcher Rod Barajas, a former Falcon. Barajas, who homered against the New York Yankees in last year's World Series, enters the playoffs on a bit of a tear.

He is slated to serve as the back-up catcher to starter

Damien Miller.

•Dusty Wathan, who was called up by the Kansas City Royals in the last week of the season, concluded the year with two more hits.

Another member of the 1994 Falcon team (Wathan was the team's catcher and Barajas was a first baseman-designated hitter), Wathan went 3-for-5 in the three games he appeared in. He collected two singles in the team's final game of the season.

• Although they have gotten off to an 0-4 start, the

Cincinnati Bengals are very impressed with second-year wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh.

While playing for the Falcons in 1997-98, Houshmandzadeh was a four-time All-Mission Conference 1st Team selection (twice at wide receiver, once at kickoff return and punt return), and set a new school record in most career receiving yards (1,152), longest kickoff return (100 yards, twice) and kickoff returns for touchdowns (2).



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Wrestlers working hard at practice for meet on Saturday against Golden West.

Wrestling team looks to take down opponents

ELYSE MURO
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos College wrestling squad has been filled with new and impressive talent this year.

With players having experience ranging from California State Champions to International Champion experience, this year's team looks promising.

Although the team is filled with new freshman right out of high school, they are "loaded with more experience than normal," assistant coach, Brian Ransom said. "These players are high caliber and have top level experience."

At the Sacramento City Tournament the Falcons had a good outcome when they competed among 14 other colleges.

Shannon Slack, who weighs in at 141, had three matches and placed in first.

Jerry Barragan, who weighs

Wrestling

in at 174, had four matches and also placed first.

The teams returning All-American Demacio Page has the experience of being a New Mexico State Champion along with Freddie Whipple who also share the same title, but in different weight levels.

This team also had the upper-hand of having a team player, Leo Frimeu, who has world level experience.

The team also has the advantage of having experienced players in different weight classes, which gives them the advantage to have good competitors in all areas.

This year the team has made a goal to be top placing in State.

On Saturday the Falcons will compete in the Golden West Tournament at Golden West.



JAIME LEE/TALON MARKS

Jermaine Whiten, the Falcons running back, looks to gain some yards against Fullerton.

Falcons sting Hornets

ELYSE MURO
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

The Falcons had an intense game on Saturday against visiting Fullerton, pulling out a 24-20 victory in a preseason football game.

Even though mistakes were made, the Falcons (3-0) took another game to add to their list of victories.

Although the Falcons had six fumbles, they only lost four of them.

Along with that the Falcons had 120 yards in penalties and still Fullerton was no match for the highly spirited and persistent Falcons.

The quarterbacks had a good game with no interceptions on Saturday along with two touchdowns.

Jermaine Whiten rushed for 160 yards along with Carlos Valasquez who ran the ball for close to 100 yards.

Although the Falcons had a close game the Falcons kept their "character" throughout the whole game without giving up.

Any team could have crushed under pressure with all

the penalties and fumbles Cerritos had, but they managed to keep it together.

The Falcons play Golden West on Saturday and are going in expecting to win.

Although Golden West is a good team, Cerritos still needs to work on a key area in their game.

"Our kickoffs need improvement," Coach Frank Mazzotta said.

Being ranked No. 2 in the nation according to the J.C. Grid Wire Top 25 Teams, the Falcons have set higher standards for themselves.

Their toughest job as a team will now be making sure they don't self-destruct.

Being No. 2 now raises the bar for the Falcons.

They will have to continue to keep fighting to keep their spot that so many others are trying to achieve.



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Pancake Breakfast

The Cerritos football team will be hosting a pancake breakfast on October 20, 2002 from 7-11:30 a.m.

The breakfast will be held in the Football Stadium. Tickets are 4 dollars. You can purchase your tickets from players, coaches, or the Information Center.

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NEWS

Not a parking space

Parking in the student parking lot may result in getting a ticket.

JUAN DANIEL FLORES
NEWS EDITOR

With seven parking lots available for students to park in, students find themselves parking as far as the strawberry fields behind the Senior Center.

Students then have to walk towards their classes and still make it there on time.

Students have seen the dirt parking gaps in parking lot C-10, the biggest parking lot for students on campus.

Students that have driven to school one time or another have seen a parked car in the dirt gap and noticed that the driver didn't receive a parking ticket, so students are tempted to park there too.

Will tickets be given to the car if it's not parked right, at parking lot C-10?

Students ask the question whether this is a parking space or just another gap?

If the vehicle has a current permit and the space is open, should the student receive a parking ticket?

According to the campus police website, "parking violations will be cited. Citations will be issued to any vehicle on campus not properly displaying a current valid parking permit. Citations

are written by Traffic Control Officers who are also on patrol campus wide for your safety and assistance."

Not one word mentions about the gaps, with the parking lot jammed and students fighting for parking spaces in order to be in class on time.

The question is raised, whether or not the dirt gap is a parking space.

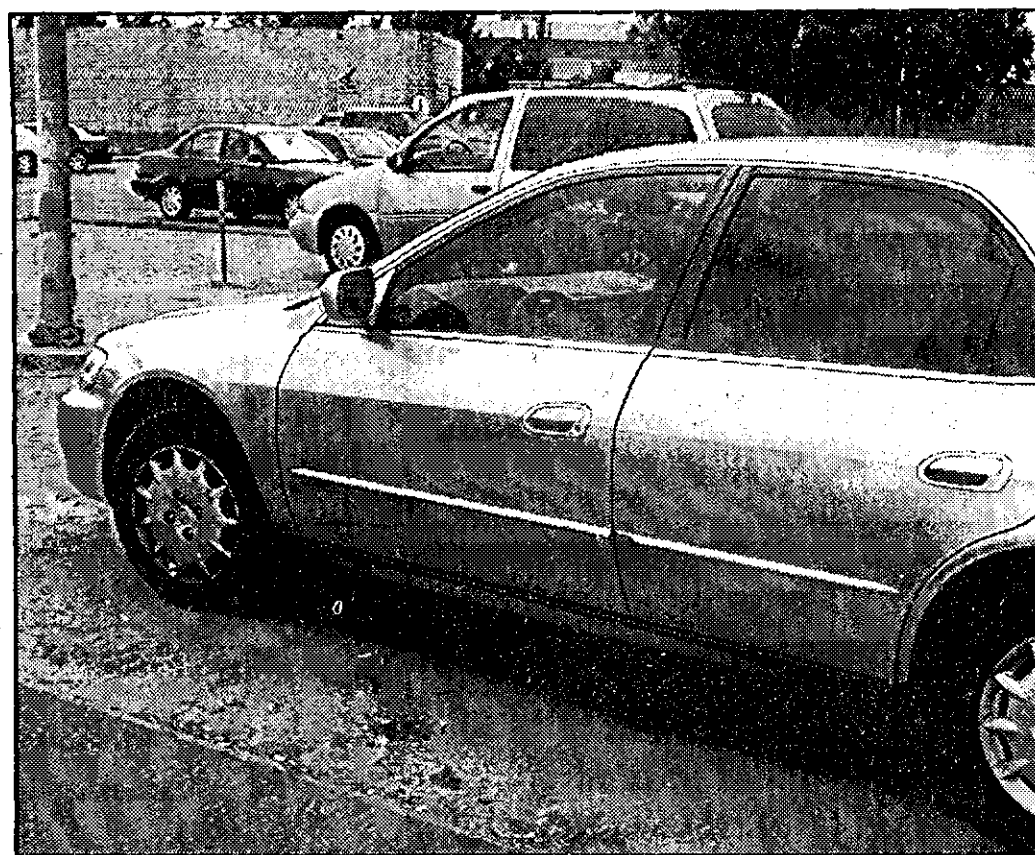
"No, it's not a line up parking space," said Wayne Rector, Parking Coordinator, regarding the dirt gaps on parking lot C-10.

However students feel differently about this situation.

"I think that they should cover it [the gaps] up so people can park there," said Christ Diers, student.

And student Gabby Fernandez said, "I guess if they [students] don't know the first time, they [traffic control] should just give them a warning, if they [students] keep doing it then, yeah give them [students] the ticket."

Others feel cheated like student Loren Orvaltos, said, "On the first day of school I parked there and they tried to give me a ticket, luckily I was in the car before they could issued it. I think they should just cover it up and make it into a parking space. We paid \$20. We should be able to park there."



JAMIE LEE / TALON MARKS

Cars parked in dirt areas throughout campus may be ticketed.

The dirt gaps are not valid parking spaces; students will have to find another parking space to park in.

All of these questions are clear now.

But it leaves one unanswered question. The spaces of are there for what?

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Flu shots

Student Health Services will offer flu vaccinations to students, staff and faculty during a clinic today from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Social Studies Patio. The cost is \$5 for students and \$10 for staff and faculty.

Vaccinations will be available at the Student Health Services center located near the Physical Education building daily during regular hours of operation.

Transfer week

The Transfer Center will be hosting several events during the fall semester starting with Transfer Awareness Week on Oct. 7-11. Workshops will be offered during the week to aid students in the transfer process.

The Transfer Center will also be hosting the University Mega Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Falcon Square on Oct. 9.

'Scary Moments' at homecoming

ELYSE MURO
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This year's homecoming has taken up the theme "Scary Moments."

With homecoming court elections on Oct. 16 and 17 applicants are making sure to meet all the requirements of taking the role of becoming the next homecoming queen.

To be a homecoming queen one must have a 2.0 grade point average and be enrolled in five units here at Cerritos College. Applicants can be independent or sponsored by clubs.

It has been said that unlike high school, "this is not a popularity contest. I have seen independent and sponsored women make it to the top seven," Trudy Foster said.

Just as students voted for the senate, the process is the same for homecoming elections. The court will be narrowed down to seven finalists.

HOMECOMING DATES

OCTOBER

16-17 Homecoming court elections-Campus
22 Homecoming court introductions-SC 11 a.m.
23 Homecoming activity night-SS Patio 6 p.m.
24 Homecoming mock rally-SC 11 a.m.
30-31 Homecoming Queen elections-Campus

Along with the other judges the seven finalists and their escorts have the responsibility of judging the floats.

The queen will then be chosen on the night of homecoming.

As far as for the guys their moment will come on Hoe Down Days when they will compete in the Mr. Cerritos Contest.

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Cutting for a good cause

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If you ever wanted to help out and donate some money for a good cause, last week was the perfect opportunity to do so.

The cosmetology department held a two day event on Tuesday and Thursday between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in hopes of raising a significant amount of money for a breast cancer foundation called City of Hope.

The recent fundraiser was advertised as a "cut-a-thon" and anyone walking around Falcon Square was welcome to pitch in.

However, students weren't just pitching in, they were taking advantage of the \$5 haircuts and manicures that were being offered by juniors and seniors of the cosmetology department. This is the second year they have held this fundraiser. According to Angelo Rottino, President of the cosmetology club, this time around they were hoping

to raise close to \$1200; \$300 more than last year.

"It's a good cause because it deals with an issue that initially affects everybody. I think it's great that a group of people can come together and commit themselves to such a good deed," says Rottino.

Dean of the cosmetology department, Nina Motruk, explains that unfortunately "Haircuts for Hope" was not as successful as last year where the department was able to raise \$900.

This year, however, they were only able to reach a total of \$470. Motruk explains that she will change her approach to the students on this subject next year in order get them a little more enthusiastic about the cause.

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