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Transfer week

This week is transfer week at Cerritos College. Different workshops will be offered during the week to aid students in the transfer process.

Tuesday there will be a UC application workshop in LA 20 at 11 a.m., a scholarship workshop in LC 155 at 11 a.m., a workshop for elementary teachers at 5:30 p.m. in LA 22, and a CSU application workshop in LA 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday a University Mega Fair will fill Falcon Square from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. International students can attend a special CSU application workshop for them at 4 p.m. And a UC/UCLA workshop will be held in LA 27 at 5 p.m.

Thursday Business Administration majors will have a special workshop in LA 22 at 11 a.m. and there will be a "Getting Financial Assistance" workshop in the Teleconference Center at 11 a.m.

Four earn STAR service awards

ALICIA WARNER
ONLINE EDITOR

After only working at Cerritos College for two years, Marvelina Barcelo, Supervisor of peer counseling, is one of four chosen in the STAR awards this year.

"I was very, very surprised. I didn't think I would be chosen after only working here two years," Barcelo said.

Dr. Erlinda Martinez, vice president of Student Services, has always wanted to acknowledge her staff in a special way.

The STAR awards have been given out in the past two years.

The event was held on Sept. 18 in the student center.

"The STAR awards is one way I can acknowledge staff that give consistently to the college, are always positive and have a great attitude," Martinez said.

In order for staff to receive the STAR award, they must show four characteristics that represent the acronym STAR: Service, Teamwork, Attitude and Responsibility.

"There is no selection committee and no set number on how many staff members are honored," Martinez said.

The four women honored are

- Gerri Greene, who works as a Student Service Assistant 2 in Disabled Students
- Sylvia Bello-Gardner, who is a counselor on campus
- Marvelina Barcelo, who is a Supervisor of peer counseling
- Ronda Lipsohn, a specialist in financial aid.

"I was totally surprised. I felt valued. It really makes you want to continue to do a good job to help students," Gerri Greene said.

Greene works in the resource center for disabled students.

"To have a VP like Dr. Martinez acknowledge you personally, shows that your work is being valued," Greene said.

At the awards Martinez gives her staff engraved silver star paperweights.

"They're very pretty and heavy," Greene added.

Barcelo also felt very special to be honored. "It really means a lot to be honored. It means that there are eyes looking at my work with counselors and peer counseling."

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Escobar sets sights on CONGRESS

Former Falcon is Republican candidate for House of Representatives on November's ballot

MICHEAUX FORTSON
CO-OPINION EDITOR

Tim Escobar. This is a name that many students have never heard before. However, this is a name that was once heard within the walls of this very campus.

This is a name that has emerged from within this community. This name belongs to a former student and a potential member of Congress.

Escobar is the Republican Congressional Candidate for the 39th district on the November ballot.

Tim Escobar is a man whose story is much like any other student's in that he attended this school, rushed to these classes and worked hard in order to make a future for himself. Not only did Escobar attend Cerritos College, so did his father, as well as his wife.

"My dad went here, so it has been a very important school. I went here in '87 'til the fall of '88. I took a lot of great classes here: accounting, political science, history, speech, English, and music appreciation," Escobar said.

He attended Cerritos because his girlfriend went there. The couple decided to take courses at Cerritos together and eventually they got married.

Since his transfer in '88, he has worked for

For a link to Tim Escobar's website go to www.talonmarks.com

H&R Block as an accountant, he has gone into to the military, started a family and now he intends to take politics head on by making a run for United States Congress.

"My desire to get involved [stems from the fact that] I joined the Army at 19 years of age and became a flight officer candidate in a flight school. I finished up as an officer. That element of patriotism and service was instilled in me as a boy by my dad.

Escobar said he feels compelled to run for Congress in order to make a difference in the district where he grew up.

"This community is my community. It's where I grew up! My wife has grown up here. I went to school here and worked here, my family lives here, cousins...so forth and so on. This whole little district from South Gate all the way to Lakewood and Downey up to Whittier is where I lived. We're losing some good representatives here," he said.

Sept. 11 was a defining point in his career. It was at this time that Escobar, with the advice of his pastor and several prominent people in his

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Tim Escobar is a former Cerritos College student running for the House of Representatives.

FYI

Escobar Quick Facts

- A senior financial advisor and assistant vice president for one of the nation's largest investment firms
- A US Army officer and a pilot in the National Guard
- Aeronautics degree
- Lives in La Mirada with his wife of 13 years and four children
- Former Cerritos College student who majored in Political Science



LOREE CORREA / TALON MARKS
It's flu season and Mary Lou Reyes RN gives Elizabeth Rodriguez her flu shot.

Student Health Services offers flu shots for students

Services include: flu shots and some tips for a healthy and happy winter season

SONIA SAENZ
CO-AGE EDITOR

Now that flu season has floated in, the Student Health Services (SHS) are offering flu shots to everyone on campus.

Influenza, better known as the "flu," is a virus that is contagious and spreads from an infected person to the nose or throat of others surrounding.

It is a combination of three strains to try and battle the virus. It is the Caledonia, the Moscow, and the Hong Kong, which are the most common strains of the flu in the United States.

Yet although the flu is an annual problem, it is better to know all we can about the virus so that we can help our bodies to avoid it.

Some symptoms one might experience are a fever, cough, sore throat, headache, chills and muscle aches.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, during the winter season Influenza attacks about 10 to 20 percent of the U.S. population.

On average, 20,000 people die from complications of Influenza.

Director of Student Health Services Charles E. Gale Jr. said that since the department started giving away the vaccine on Oct. 1, about 200 people have come in after the first four days.

But how can one determine whether they have the flu or if it's just regular allergies?

Gale said, "If you think you might have the flu, the first thing to consider is whether or not you have a fever. That's the main thing. You don't get a fever when you have allergies."

One myth that is not true about flu shots is that flu shots

cause people to get the virus.

"The vaccine given in the shot is a dead virus," said Gale.

Student Joel Cramble, a Health and Exercise major, has not yet received the shot.

"I think a lot of students may not be too eager because they don't have the time or maybe they're scared of needles."

SHS's had originally received 500 vaccines to give to students and faculty, and although the offer stands "until they run out," there are probably about 250 to 300 left.

Last year, roughly 500 flu shots were given out to mostly staff and faculty, but this year, it's just the opposite.

The center has mainly given them out to students.

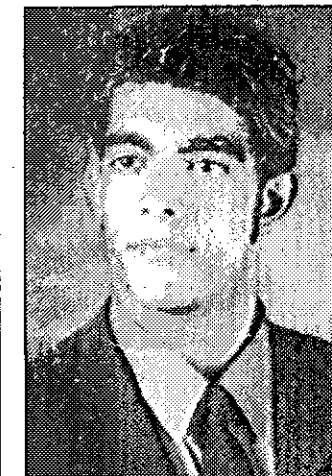
"We had people standing in line outside at 8 a.m. to make sure they got their shots," said Gale.

One thing to consider is the fact that not everyone can take

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INSIDE

Player recovers



Former football player Bo Aragon recovers from an accident through classes at Cerritos College.

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NEWS



LAURA AGUILAR/TALON MARKS

The Business expo was one place where the food did not draw the crowd.

Business Expo 2002

JOSEPH ALCALA
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The Business Expo was held in Cerritos College's student center. It was intended as a gathering for local businesses to have a chance to meet and network with each other.

Sponsors of the event were, Golden: Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital. Silver: Diana's Mexican Food, Inc. and New York Life Insurance. Bronze: Bolsa Financial, Deep Tissue Center, Norwalk La Mirada Adult School, F.O.C.I.S., Norwalk La Mirada Plumbing, Norwalk Marriott, Norwalk Toyota and PDQ Rentals.

Some other businesses that attended were Costco Wholesale, Keystone Ford, Target, Warehouse Shoe Sale, Tri City ROP, and Orbit

Party Rentals.

"This event is a non profit Chamber Of Commerce Fund-raiser," said Community Relations Coordinator Megan Robertson. "It's not geared towards students."

If students did choose to attend they would have the opportunity to speak with businesses about position openings and how they work together.

"If anything they can see how businesses network with other businesses," Megan Robertson said.

It was held on the Cerritos College campus as more of a favor to the city of Norwalk a venue was needed to hold the expo.

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One step closer to a cure

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The more the merrier! Cerritos College Pre-Med club is putting together a team of students to participate in the Los Angeles Aids Walk 2002.

Oct.9 is the last day to sign up for the walk as a team. The actual event takes place on Oct.20 at 8:30 a.m. It will be a 10k (6.214 miles) walk supplied with food and beverages along the way.

This is the pre-med club's first semester at Cerritos and President of the club Kim Griesser hopes to repeat the participation of this event every year.

"In participating in the Aids Project Los Angeles, we will have contributed to changing the lives, if even just a small portion, of the millions of people affected, past, present, and future," says Griesser.

Griesser explains that the club welcomes all students that want to participate in the walk, or perhaps just contribute with a helpful donation. Every last penny raised will go to the walk in conquest of a cure for this deadly disease.

The final day to bring in contributions for this event is Nov.13 and anyone is welcome to do so. Every penny counts.

"AIDS is a terrible condition," explains

Griesser "it has affected hundreds of thousands and will continue to affect even millions in the near future. It has been able to dance around medicine, not allowing science to drastically slow it down or even stop its treacherous path to the ultimate fate...death."

Cerritos College student, Carolina Alvarez admits that although she is not a member of the pre-med club she is sure to participate in the walk.

"It's not everyday that we get a chance to lend a helping hand to such a huge cause, especially in a way that will make a significant impact in the progress for a cure," says Alvarez.

The club needs at least 20 students to sign and they may form an official team for the walk. Transportation may be provided to Downtown L.A. where the event is held. The club would meet by the lecture hall building at 7 a.m. sharp. For those of you who are interested log on to www.aidswalk.net, go to 'AIDS Walk Los Angeles' to register. To join the team e-mail them at PreMedicalClub@aol.com.

Griesser reminds us that "If you have not had a close friend or relative die or been infected by this disease, do it for those who have!"

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the flu shot. If you are allergic to eggs, which are used to make the vaccine, and have had a bad reaction to the flu vaccine in the past, you may not be eligible to get the vaccine.

It's important to mention this if

you choose to receive the shot.

Some tips to consider is to regularly wash your hands, avoid being around those who have already gotten sick, get plenty of rest, try to reduce your stress, and drink plenty of fluids.

The cost to get the flu shot is \$5 for students and \$10 for faculty and

staff. Vaccinations will be available at the Student Health Services daily during regular office hours.

For more information on the vaccine call the SHS at (562) 860-2451, extension 2321.

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ESCOBAR

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life, decided to take up the responsibility to run for the congressional seat.

"This community was built on working families. That's me, I'm the last of five kids. I had to pay for college on my own. Life was difficult and challenging, but my parents always showed us hard work," Escobar said.

Escobar worked in aerospace and was eventually laid off. He had a wife, a five-month-old daughter.

"It was hard. It was hard, but see that's what this district, this community has gone through. We know hard times. We also know good times."

"I am currently a financial consultant. I work with different tools, but the same process. But that experience of being in business, of being in labor, going through hard times, having a family and wanting the best for my children and being a military officer, all these things wrapped up together really tied in with my com-

munity involvement," he said.

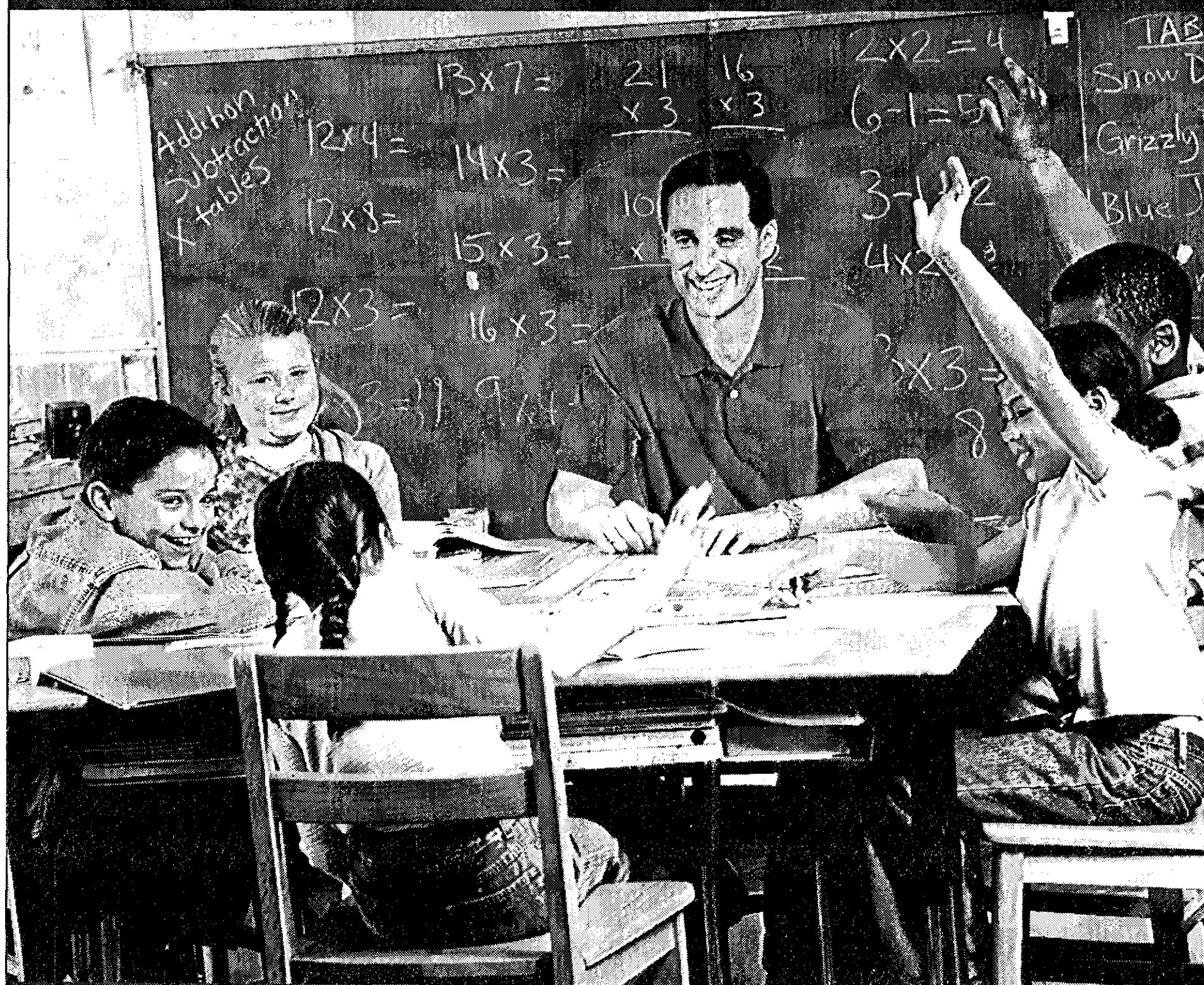
He was a political science student at Cerritos College.

"It was a good class. I took it in August of 1987. We discussed the design of our government, how it all worked, how it was supposed to work, the division of power and that such," Escobar said.

He will be continuing to campaign throughout the month of October and early November.

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EDITORIAL

The media works hard to get the job done

The high pace, pulse beating, adrenaline rushing, link to link world of mass communication relies solely on what the world feeds it. The media is here for you, and by you, we mean the students, the community, the state, the country, and the world-you.

We give you information that is local, global, useful, and at times emotional. If it happens, you'll know about it. If it doesn't, you'll know about it. What the public wants to know, they shall receive.

However, although the media delivers its tasks well at hand, we all know it can get ugly; and it has so much in the past that much of the public has created a stereotypic generalization of our jobs as reporters, journalists, radio hosts, photographers and so on.

Much of the time we are perceived as needy and greedy; selfish, money-hungry hawks that will do anything for a good story, a juicy piece of gossip or some sort of degrading photo used in hopes of destroying someone's image.

Oooooohh the paparazzi!

Please.

Yes, people can pin point certain events where "the media" has gotten out of hand and have become news themselves. So what? We're still here and we're still bringing you the latest news, facts, events, entertainment, music, and whatever else it is the public wants and practically fiends for.

Cerritos College is lucky to have a school newspaper that keeps the students updated on current events, sports, arts and entertainment and so much more.

We at Talon Marks believe strongly on our code of ethics. We are honest, try to be as precise as possible with the information we release to the public, if we're wrong we correct it, we seek to be professional with our sources as well as in our writing. Above all, we understand that delivering news to our public does not grant us the right of arrogance.

Let's try and remember the media at birth: we're only here because of the public, therefore we're only here for the public. Something not to be forgotten.

Give our music some credit!

Aahhh, the good ol'days. Our elders plead that music isn't what it once was. Pleease.



SONIA SAENZ
CO&E EDITOR

Let me start off by saying that I'm not a big fan of every single genre of music out there.

First of all, BB Mak stinks. Nelly needs to take off his band-aid and learn some actual proper grammar, and who knows what Christina Aguilera was trying to do in her new video?

Every generation is different.

Which is why it makes me so mad when I hear our elders say that our music downright sucks.

I can't understand why we're being

talked down to when you look at a generation like the 80's kids who listened to a whole ten years of crap!

You disagree?

Wham, Tiffany, Bananarama, must I go on?

It's strange if you think about it, because people even older than the '80's kids still hate our music too.

But, humm, let's think back to the past. Remember when the Beatles were even talked about badly by elders because of that darn rock and roll music?

Or what about Elvis and his darn tootin' hip swingin'? So you see it doesn't matter either way because this all sounds like a stuck record.

In the past, for example, Bob Dylan's oh so sweet chains of lyrics, it really

doesn't matter what it sounds like.

To us, it's what is being said that's more important. Words are like a release of the soul.

So to our generation, the words in a piece of music are sometimes so deep and reflect so much on an individual's talent, that we can't help but relate or be pulled in.

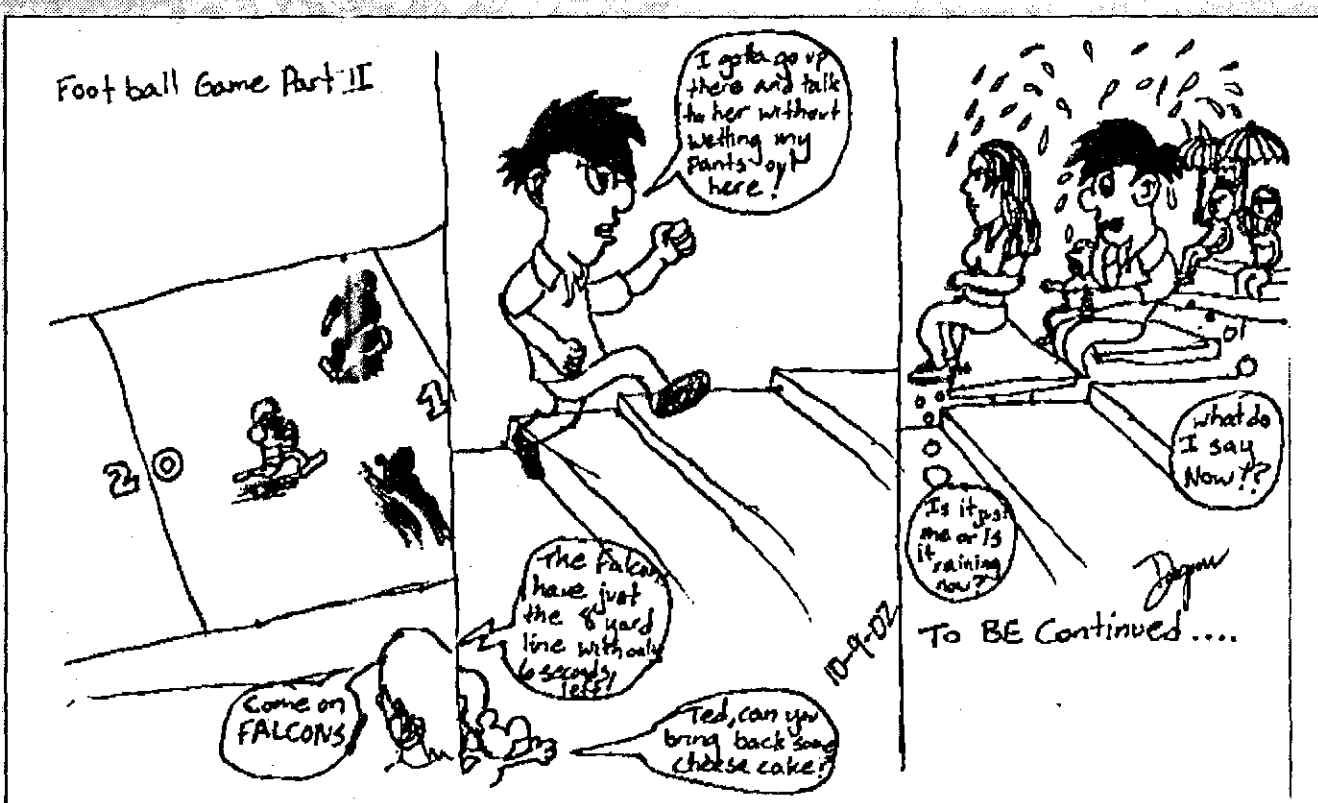
So before you go and cut down what we listen to, think back to that time where you had to hide your records. That time you had to sneak off to that concert, because your parent's thought the band was turning you into a devil worshipper.

Last but not least, cut us some slack.

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TED & ED

BY DAVID DUGAN



Procrastination is evil!

Mid-semester panic is here, don't let it get the best of you! Say no to procrastination.



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OPINION EDITOR

Oh how we wish we could set back the hands of time! Gain back those precious minutes, hours, or days that we carelessly let slip away.

We all procrastinate about a variety of different things in our lives. About that term paper that we've had months to worry about, that test that we've had weeks to study for, or that payment we have to make, that person we have to call back, or that gym membership that's still waiting to be used. No matter what it is, one time or another, procrastination always gets the best of us, right?

Let's face it, we are our own worst enemies.

Last week for example, I stayed up

for all hours of the night in a ridiculous attempt to cram five exruciating chapters of biology into my brain. To my surprise and fair to say my best interest- the sneaky ways of irony had come to my desperate need. Class had been dismissed.

My first thought? I had been blessed with an extra study day, which indeed I needed. A day and a half later the test had once again arrived. Now, any responsible student would have used that extra time to their advantage. But not me! I uselessly waited until the last minute once more.

What are the chances of class being cancelled again? Slim to none if you ask me. But there I was, standing in front of the second class dismissal sheet in complete awe. No biology for a whole week!

To make a long story short, that gave me four extra days to study for this darn test, not to mention the previous day and a half before that. Although those four days haunted me to the very core of my conscience. I didn't take the opportunity

that had mystically presented itself. I procrastinated. What can I say? It's a tough habit to kick.

As students we are finally reaching that mid-semester panic point. All those projects and assignments that are soon to be due are finally catching up with us. Before you know it, you'll be cramming in your work in the miserable dark hours of the night where the only thing holding your head up are numerous cups of black coffee and the desperate feeling of anxiety and panic creeping up your spine.

Procrastination is a tough pattern to get rid of. Even so, be done with it!

The only way we can overcome procrastination is by realizing that time is not going to slow down for us. We should try harder and make our best efforts to keep up with our daily tasks. The longer you wait the deeper the hole.

The deeper the hole, the more you're bound to panic.

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Campus Comment

If an eccentric millionaire gave you \$10 million to better the world, what would you do with it?

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ONLINE POLL

If an eccentric millionaire gave you \$10 million to better the world, what would you do with it?

- ☐ Donate it to an AIDS foundation
- ☐ Donate it randomly to the homeless
- ☐ Use it to build various half-way houses
- ☐ Build more schools in overpopulated communities
- ☐ Keep it all to yourself

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"I would build a homeless shelter in Compton, because that's where I grew up"

SONIA ROMO
CHILD DEVELOPMENT



"I think I would help the poor and just try to help people that need it more than I do."

ALFRED SANCHEZ
UNDECLARED



"I would probably give some money away to homeless people that just walk around."

CATALINA CASTELLANOS
PSYCHOLOGY



"I'd help all the homeless people around our own neighborhood. So many people forget that there's homeless people in Norwalk."

ERIK CEJA
PARALLEL



"I'd probably go out and explore the whole world."

VIVIAN ONTIVERON
LIBERAL STUDIES



"You know those little shanty villages, well, I would build a more modern village for them. [the homeless]"

The Bubba Master
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



"I would start by saving the whales. I would probably help out Green Peace."

OSCAR VASQUEZ
TECHNOLOGY



"Some of the funds would go to the children in South Africa because of the national epidemic and also to educate people."

HOSANNA OR
PSYCHO-BIOLOGY

OPINION

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Movie Releases

"Brown Sugar"
PG-13, Release date: Oct. 11

Taye Diggs, Sanaa Lathan, Mos Def, Queen Latifah and Nicole Ari Parker.

Sidney and Dre both attribute their friendship and the launch of their careers to their love of hip-hop. She is a revered music critic and he is a successful, though unfilled, music executive. Both come to realize that their true-life passions will only be fulfilled by remembering what they love about hip-hop.

"The Rules of Attraction"

R, Release date: Oct. 11
James Van Der Beek, Shannyn Sossamon, Kip Pardue, Ian Somerhalder and Jessica Biel.

Based on novel by Bret Easton Ellis, "The Rules of Attraction" centers around Patrick Bateman's younger brother and his college friends' bizarre mating rituals that mix and include sex, drugs, music and mayhem in this story about three students tangled in a romantic love triangle.

"Below"

Release date: Oct. 11
Bruce Greenwood, Olivia Williams, Scott Foley, Zach Galifianakis and Holt McCallany.

A skipper of a submarine is sent to rescue three survivors from a British hospital ship sunk by Nazis. During a chase with a German destroyer, it is revealed that the sub is haunted.

"Knockaround Guys"

R, Release date: Oct. 11
Vin Diesel, Seth Green, Barry Pepper, Andrew Davoli and John Malkovich.

It's the story of four sons of well-known Brooklyn-based mobsters and their desperate struggle to retrieve a bag of cash in a small Montana town ruled by a corrupt sheriff.

Upcoming shows

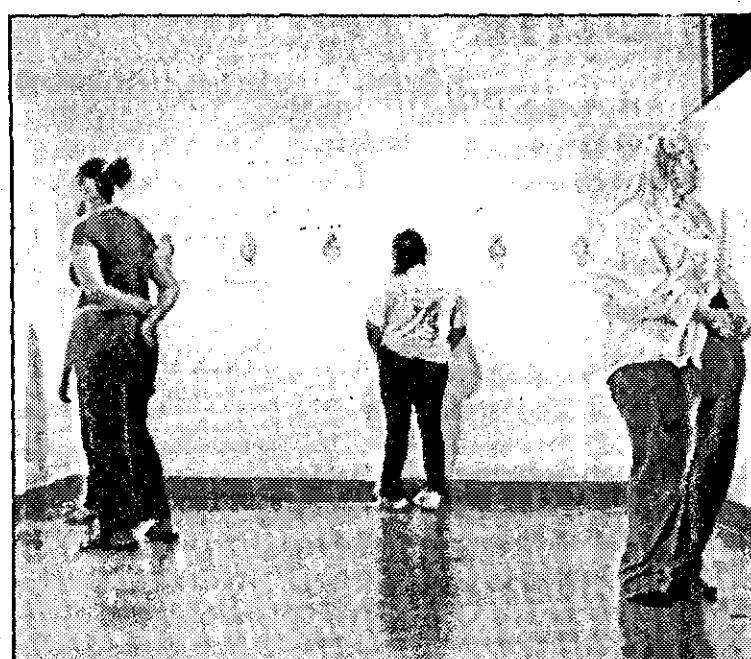
Isis with Thrones, Dalek and Grave for the Fireflies.
Oct. 11 at Chain Reaction. \$8 at the door.

Plea for Peace Tour: Thursday, Poison the Well, Cursive, Common Rider and The Lawrence Arms.
Oct. 12 at The Palace. \$16.
Oct. 13 at The Glasshouse. \$15.

Bright Eyes with M-Ward and The Bruses
Oct. 10 and Oct. 11 at The Henry Fonda Theatre. \$15.

The Unseen with The Forgotten and The Voids
Oct. 13 at The Glasshouse. \$10.

Dronen, The Roxy Oct 12



JAMIE LEE/TALON MARKS

Students gather in the Cerritos College Art Gallery to check out the new exhibit featuring art that promotes safe sex.

Condom Revolution

Art Gallery teams up with California Family Health Council to raise awareness about sex

SONIA SAENZ
CO-A & E EDITOR

Cerritos College Art Gallery opened another exhibit along with Muralissimo.

The new exhibit features art from the California Family Health Council collection.

The artists were given blank condom boxes that contain condoms and were told to draw whatever they wanted on them. The boxes were distributed to patrons by the Health Council to people within 15 and 25 years old all over California.

There are currently 30 boxes on display in the Art Gallery.

Like Muralissimo, the artists that participated were completely untrained.

This was part of the reason

why Gallery director, Marcus Adams, chose to include these works into the exhibit.

"I thought it was a nice companion to the show Muralissimo. It shows that once again, something can be brought alive," said Adams.

"It also contrasts very well with these bland packages," said Adams.

"The point of this exhibit is to try and raise awareness for young adults."

Veronica Reveles, a Psychology major, said, "It makes it kind of fun! It's more interesting to take an artistic approach to it instead of a serious approach."



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Clipse hits Southern California

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CO-OPINION EDITOR



Farrell Williams has fired off another round of dope beats for the new Virginia storm called The Clipse!

Their debut album is filled with dope beats that will definitely rattle your trunks. Their lyrics are filled with gritty southern ghetto anthems and hustler overtones.

In the very first cut "Pusha T" a.k.a. Terrence Thorton gets off with "Young Boy" which describes his evolution into the underworld.

"I speak with corrupted tongue/ Recognized the underworld when I was young/ Back in '84 when I saw Crockett and Tubbs as the law," says Pusha, reminiscing about his start in the world of street life.

This is definitely a tight follow-up to their single "Grindin'" which hit

the streets this summer and turned up the airwaves like brush-fires in Southern California!

"They just can't understand or fathom my demeanor...you mistook me for a rapper huh? Well that makes me an actor 'cause I'd rather cap a gun!" says Malice (Cene Thorton), the other half of the two-some as he expounds on the difference between Clipse and the average rapper.

These cats mean business. With The Neptunes producing the tracks, Clipse has definitely unloaded on the whole hip-hop scene with a verbal assault.

There are guest appearances from Jermaine Dupree, Jadakiss, Styles P, Fabulous, N.O.R.E. and more!

If you are a hip-hop head, I promise you won't be disappointed.



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Hannibal prequel is not as equal

'Red Dragon' poorly describes Lecter's early years

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Red Dragon premiered Friday. It promised to keep viewers at the edge of their seats and that it did!

The movie begins with the infamous Hannibal Lecter feeding tender pieces of human flesh to his colleagues. This guy is no joke.

However, the Red Dragon does not give me the chills I expected. He is not quite what we've come to expect from the Hannibal Lecter saga. He only strikes me as strange and peculiar. I mean, Hannibal Lecter has pulled off some of the more gruesome murders I have ever seen! Like when he bit the guard's nose off and ate people in Silence of the Lambs!

Ralph Fiennes plays Francis Dolarhyde, who is, or is becoming, the Red Dragon. His murders are very gory, but the methodology of the act has been overshadowed by Lecter, who is called upon to help Detective Graham, played by Edward Norton, come up with a profile of the guy.

Meanwhile the killer's M.O. is thrown to the wind as he finds himself preoccupied with Graham and falling in love in his strange way with a blind woman at the same time.

It seems to me that the movie is more about getting Detective Graham back on the job than it is about Francis Dolarhyde, the Red Dragon himself.

When we meet Dolarhyde, he is in the midst of perfecting his style of murder. Yet, we never get to know whether he gets any better or not. Hannibal alludes to it — Dolarhyde never produces. He fakes a suicide and still can't get the job done!

I guess when a killer has Hannibal Lecter as a reference, our level of expectation is greater than a movie has time to cover these days!

Don't think that I have contradicted the first paragraph of this review one bit! I meant it when I said it kept me at the edge of my seat. It did! Honest! I was at the edge of my seat waiting for this Red Dragon character get more interesting; which he never did, mind you.



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Cerritos College theatre department gives excellent performance in "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest."

School play is a success!

LAUREN RODRIGUEZ
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The Cerritos College Theatre Department opened its fall production of One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest Friday night.

The show starred Zachary Hahn as the rebellious Randle McMurphy.

Hahn gave an exciting performance as he led the cast in rebellion against Sonja Berggren's Nurse Ratchet.

Berggren's portrayal of Nurse Ratchet was both accurate and convincing. One could feel the dislike spread over the audience as the nurse delivered her lines. Berggren was cold, manipulative and successful in causing the audience to hate her.

An interesting highlight of the show occurred when Chief Bromden (played by Frank Ledezma) began the first of his many narrative monologues. Behind him, film clips were projected onto

the set wall. This gave an eerie, somewhat memorizing effect to an already intense scene.

Bromden does a good job of hiding in the scenes and then coming to life at night when speaking to his father. This contrast provides both interest and entertainment to those members of the audience who may have little knowledge of the play prior to this performance.

Perhaps the most convincing character of the show is Monty Fisher who plays the ward patient Dale Harding. Fisher, like most of the cast, smokes for a good portion of the production. His mannerisms, shaking in nervousness, clutching the cigarette as though it provides him comfort, combine to create the most authentic character on the stage.

Diane Christensen had significantly less stage time, but runs a close second behind Fisher as the most believable character. With no

shred of decency or class, Christensen saunters onto the stage as McMurphy's prostitute friend, Candy Starr.

She is welcome bit of laughter amid the show's mainly serious tone.

Another character to take note of is Billy Bibbit, played by Christopher Alvarado. He gives a relatively quiet performance for the majority of the show, but emerges in a climatic moment of desperation in the second act. His performance in this scene exemplifies the powerful hold Nurse Ratchet had on her patients.

The story itself is intense and thought provoking. The cast does a good job of bringing out the humor in the play's more interesting characters, while still giving the audience the opportunity to think.



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Falcons going under

Men's water polo starts off season with a 1-8 record.

ELYSE MURO
SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos College Water Polo team is struggling with a 1-8 record this season.

Suffering from a down year and a majority of returning players red shirting, this year's team is inexperienced.

Along with inexperience at least half of the team has never played before and are not the strongest swimmers.

While most water polo teams have at least 26-27 players Cerritos' water polo team only has 13 players, and for the most not all players show up to the meets.

During their last match on October 2 against Mt. San Antonio College the Falcons fought to keep their heads above water with a 6-8 score, Mt. SAC leading.

However, during the second half the Falcons could not keep up physically and lost 16-6.

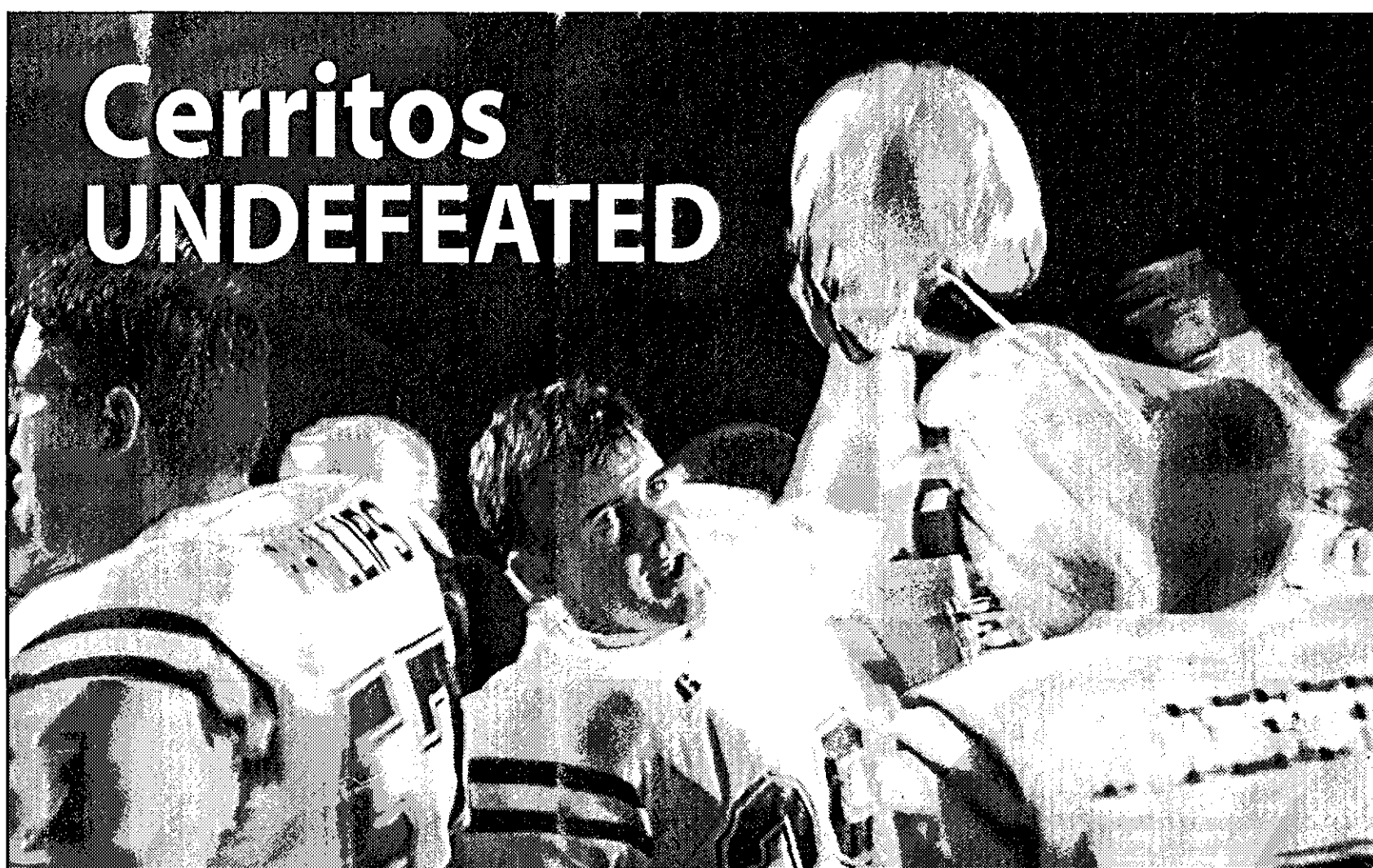
"They stay in it together and enjoy the sport," Coach Ron Parks said.

While the team is progressing and practicing so are all the other teams in the league.

"They don't have the depth that the other teams do, but they don't give up," Coach Ron Parks said.

The Falcons will be tested once again when they face Los Angeles Trade Tech on Wednesday at LA Trade Tech at 3 p.m.

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Scott Mackay and teammates celebrate after having a dominating game over Golden West. The Falcons left with a 41-14 victory.

Herrera and Whiten each score two touchdowns to lead undefeated Falcons.

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STAFF WRITER

Cerritos College football team maintained their flawless record. The Falcons beat Golden West College Saturday night, 41-14.

Golden West came into the game 0-3, and tried to gain their first victory this season over the Falcons.

But the Falcons showed them why they are the contenders for the No. 1 rank.

Running back Josh Herrera leads the offense, with 19 carries for 157 yards and two touchdowns. Jermaine Whiten also rushed for 60 yards and two touchdowns.

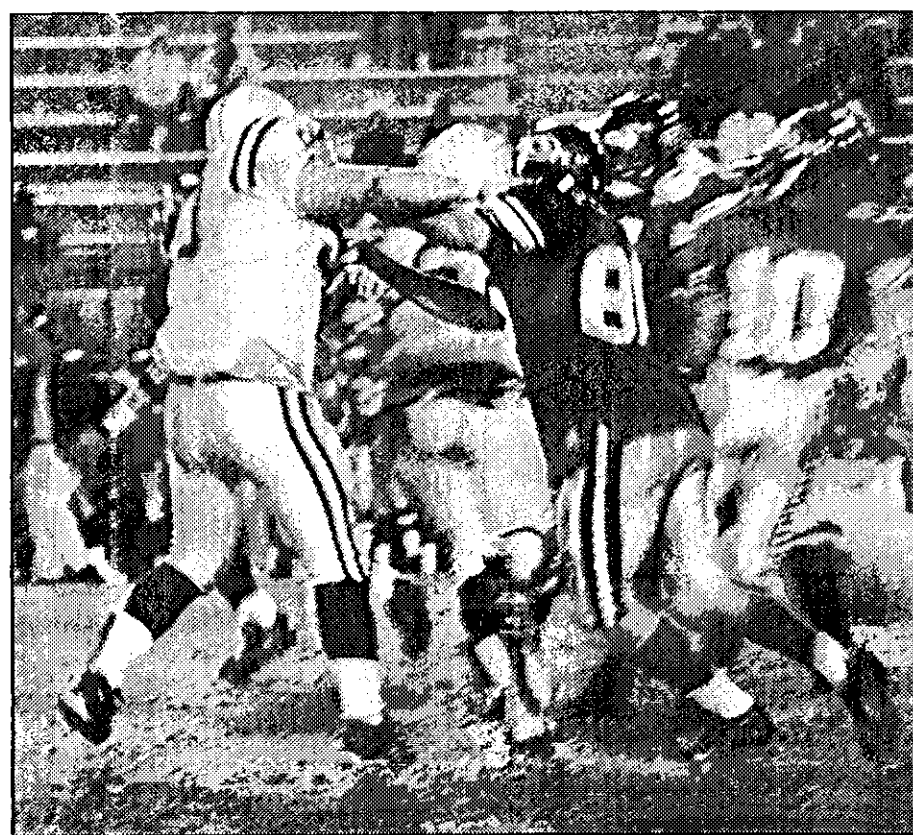
When the Falcons focus as a team on the playing field, they were able to keep penalties and turnovers low, which allowed them to execute plays more effectively.

The Falcons have kept teams in the game this season with penalties, which has made hard for the Falcons to put teams away.

Even with penalties the Falcons continue to win games.

Defensively the Falcons held Golden West to 73 rushing yards and allowed only two touchdowns.

Linebacker Scott Cowen returned an intercept-



The Falcons fight to keep Golden West from gaining yards during Saturday's football game. Cerritos remains undefeated with a record of 4-0. The team takes on Santa Ana Saturday at 7 p.m. at Falcon Stadium.

ELYSE MURO / TALON MARKS

tion for 52 yards early in the fourth quarter, and secured victory for the Falcons.

Cerritos Football continues to push their way through the season with a 4-0 record, and will try to make it 5-0 next week when the Falcons face Santa Ana at 7 p.m. here at Cerritos.

Cerritos 41, Golden West 14					
CC (4-0)	14	7	7	13	41
GWC (0-3)	0	7	0	7	14

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Two volleyball players make a comeback to assist Falcons

ELYSE MURO
SPORTS EDITOR

After being on the injured list two of the women's volleyball team members are back.

Two of the team members who were injured were starting players on the roster.

Sindy Mendez suffered from a shoulder injury and Kim Robles was having ankle problems.

Both players were vital players to the team's success. Sindy Mendez overall contributed 110 kills, 14 aces, 79 digs, and 5 assists.

While Kim Robles had 37 kills, 8 aces, and 35 digs. Their stats prove that losing team leaders like these women to injuries can be hurtful to a team.

With these injured women leaving open spots the whole lineup had to be switched around to accommodate the empty spots.

Although big changes were made Melissa Quiroz and Susan Liufau had to adapt and the rest of the team had to adjust fast.

These Falcons are now 1-5 overall and 1-0 in conference.

At their last match against Cypress these women won

Women's Volleyball

one out of the four matches they played against Cypress. Coach Teresa Ortega has "high expectations for the team in Conference."

Their next match will be on Wednesday against East Los Angeles at East LA at 7 p.m.

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Volleyball Schedule:

Oct. 9 7:00 p.m.	*East Los Angeles	East Los Angeles
Oct. 11 7:00 p.m.	*El Camino	El Camino
Oct. 16 7:00 p.m.	*Pasadena City	Pasadena City
Oct. 18 7:30 p.m.	*LOS ANGELES CITY	CERRITOS
Oct. 23 5:00 p.m.	*Mt. San Antonio	Mt. San Antonio
Oct. 25 7:30 p.m.	*LONG BEACH CITY	CERRITOS
Oct. 30 7:00 p.m.	*Los Angeles Harbor	LA Harbor
Nov. 1 7:30 p.m.	*EAST LOS ANGELES	CERRITOS
Nov. 6 7:30 p.m.	*EL CAMINO	CERRITOS
Nov. 8 7:00 p.m.	*PASADENA CITY	CERRITOS
Nov. 13 7:00 p.m.	*Los Angeles City	Los Angeles City
Nov. 15 7:30 p.m.	*MT. SAN ANTONIO	CERRITOS
Nov. 20 7:00 p.m.	*Long Beach City	Long Beach City

OFF THE INJURED LIST



Sindy Mendez No. 9
• Shoulder Injury
• Contributed to the team's success by: 110 kills, 14 aces, 79 digs, 5 assists.
• Has recently returned



Kim Robles No. 18
• Ankle Injury
• Contributed to the team's success by: 37 kills, 8 aces, 35 digs, 0 assists.
• Has recently returned

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SPORTS

Athletes of the Week

Josh Herrera



Sport: Football
Height: 6'0
Weight: 205
Accomplishments: 19 carries for 157 yards and two touchdowns against Golden West on Saturday.
Quote from coach: "He was a great running back last year and proven when called upon to get the job done he did," Coach Frank Mazzotta

Grisel Ramirez

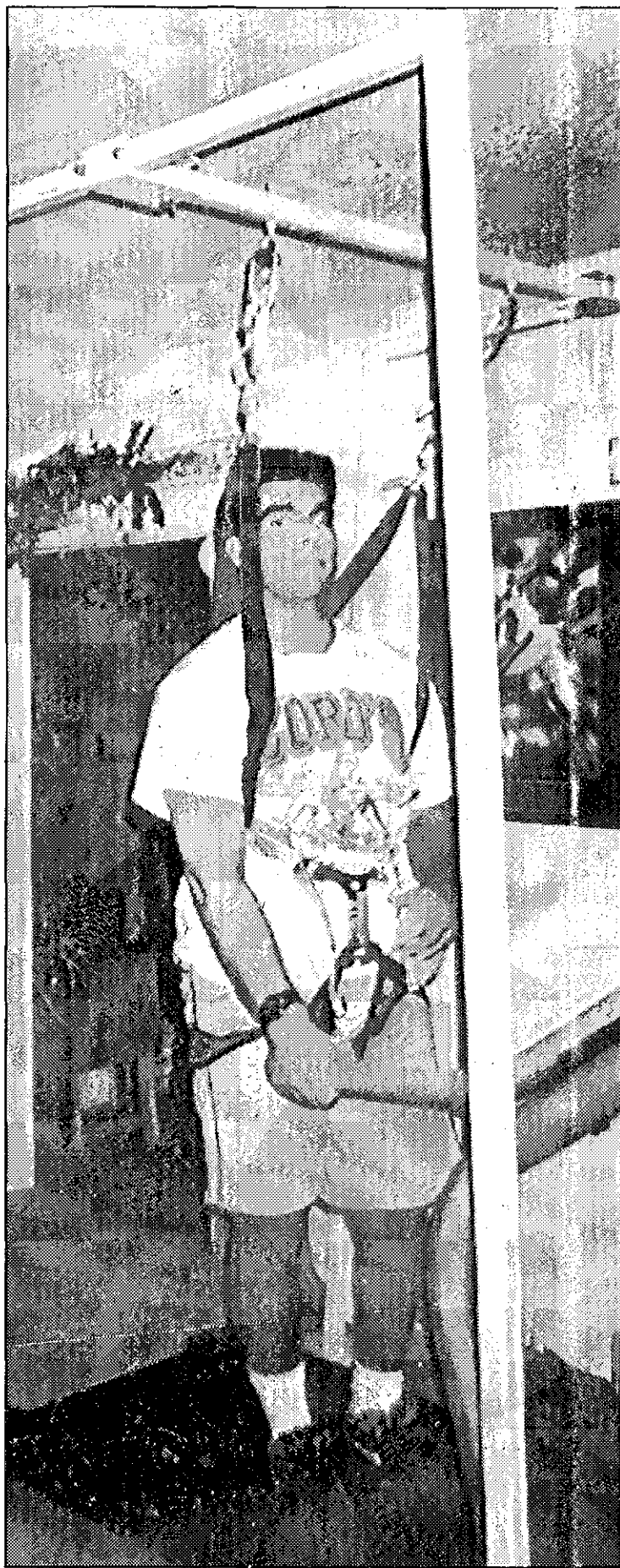


Sport: Soccer
Position: Forward
Accomplishment: No. 8 spot for most assists in a season. 12 goals Five assists 29 pts
Quote from coach: "Is strong up the middle and makes her presence known." Coach Debbie Jensen

• To nominate an athlete of the week, e-mail nominations to the sports editor at muroe001@cerritos.edu, include name of athlete, sport, position, stats and reason for nomination.

FEATURE

For the first time in America, international rose trials are being held. The event will be hosted by Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. The two-year judging will be complete on Oct. 19 at The Pageant of Roses Garden.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE ARAGON FAMILY
After a car accident, Cerritos student Bo Aragon works on recovery.

On the road to

RECOVERY

As a high school football player, Stephen Aragon dreamed of playing football for Cerritos College, but his dreams were put on hold after a tragic car accident

LAUREN RODRIGUEZ
FEATURES EDITOR

Everything happened like clockwork," Stephen Aragon explained.

His son, Stephen J. Aragon, "Bo", was injured in a car accident six years ago. The Norwalk High School football star had been riding with a group of friends after a day of surfing, when the driver ran into a tree at 60 mph, a mere three months before graduation.

By "clockwork" Aragon was referring to the somewhat miraculous chain of events that occurred immediately following the crash.

Bo was launched from the car, he was not wearing a seatbelt. He would have been crushed.

A passer-by stopped to help him in the middle of the desolate street. She happened to have taken classes in traumatic brain injury. She knew exactly how to hold his head.

An additional passer-by stopped to help move Bo to safety. She disappeared quickly when the paramedics arrived.

"Then came the hard part, the phone call. Even though Bo was 18, he had a curfew. When the phone rang we thought it was him calling to say he would be late."

The Aragon family were directed to Western Medical Center in Santa Ana. Their lives had changed in an instant.

Bo, who had planned to play football for Cerritos College in the fall before going off to play for a major university, was now lying in a hospital bed somewhere.

"The ER was full of blood," Aragon remembered. "The first thing we saw was a paramedic who said, 'I did the best I could.' We thought he was dead."

Just months before, Bo had sat on the sidelines of a falcon game with Coach Mazzotta. It now appeared that his entire future would be shattered.

After 20 minutes a doctor came out and explained the situation to the Aragon family. Bo had severe injuries, was not breathing on his own and had been pronounced brain dead.

Shortly after, while Bo was in surgery, the Aragon family was asked to fill out a series of forms. "They wanted to know if we would donate his organs if he didn't make it out. We said no. We wouldn't even go there."

Bo's parents never gave up. While the doctors advised, "You folks need to get out of denial, this is not your son anymore," the Aragon family kept vigil next to their son's bed side for three months of comatose and six months of vegetative state.

Then came the turning point. Aragon was walking through the corridor of his son's medical facility when he approached Bo's doorway. As Bo came into his sight, and he into Bo's, it was clear that Bo recognized him.

Bo raised his right hand to wave at his father for the first time since the accident. Bo was recovering.

"They say after six years you don't really continue to improve. Bo improves every month," Stephen Aragon said.

"I was supposed to just die," Bo announced, his father had to translate. "They were wrong that he would be a vegetable. Whatever he does is beyond what they said he would."

Aragon explained that because Bo is a football player, he is a fighter. "He has the strength, faith and mentality of never quitting."

Bo added his own attribution to his survival, "It's all God."

He reiterates this simple statement several times for the remainder of the interview.

Aragon explains that Bo attends church every week at Calvary Chapel.

"I have my prayer life," Bo continues, his father still translating.

"If you have a headache, he will pray



"It's all God"

-Bo Aragon

for you. Even people he doesn't know... if he sees them feeling bad, you'll see him put his head down and pray," Aragon said.

"He has had a lot of people praying for him but I tell you, he has prayed for a lot of people."

In the future Bo says he looks forward to participating in the LA marathon, but for now, learning how to walk is challenging enough.

Bo currently takes two adaptive P.E. classes and one speech class on the Cerritos Campus.

Aragon spends nearly every waking moment with his son, partly because at 6'2" (6'3" according to Bo) and 200 pounds he is the only one that can lift him.

"I tell him all the time, one of these days, you're going to have to carry me around."

No doubt when that day comes, this strong-willed, watched-over survivor will be ready for it.

Bo reminds us softly, "It's all God."

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