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'Sayonara' say Osaka students

A three-day stay focusing on sports medicine comes to an end for Japanese visitors

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CO-OPINION EDITOR

Japanese students from Osaka College wrapped up a three-day visit to Cerritos College Saturday that focused on athletic training in America. The 180 students received hands on experience that their school could not offer them.

They were able to witness and attempt the taping of athletic injuries, and had the opportunity to visit hospitals and clinics, the dance clinic and the fitness center at Cal State Long Beach.

Dr. Carrie Gleckner of Cerritos College Physical Education and Recreation Division/Athletics department, along with Beverly Sweet, coordinated the event.

They traveled to Osaka last April and participated in the opening ceremonies for four schools within Osaka College. "Their facilities were amazing, state of the art. Osaka's very different from here. It's a very impacted city. So they don't have a campus like spread out in the way we do. They have one building they go to everyday for their classes," Gleckner said.

"But Osaka has many different buildings, it's just that these students only attend one of them and these buildings are spread out throughout the city," said Sweet, expanding on Dr. Gleckner's comment.

According to Dr. Gleckner, this was the beginning of a new educational partnership that had been in the making prior to Sept. 11. It was originally scheduled for late Sept. 2001, however because of the state of alert the country was facing, the visit had to be postponed. When Osaka students finally arrived they were met with an opening ceremony designed to mirror the welcome Gleckner and Sweet received.

The closing ceremony was designed to simulate a luau. There were dancers and food, drums and yells, which made for a festive occasion.

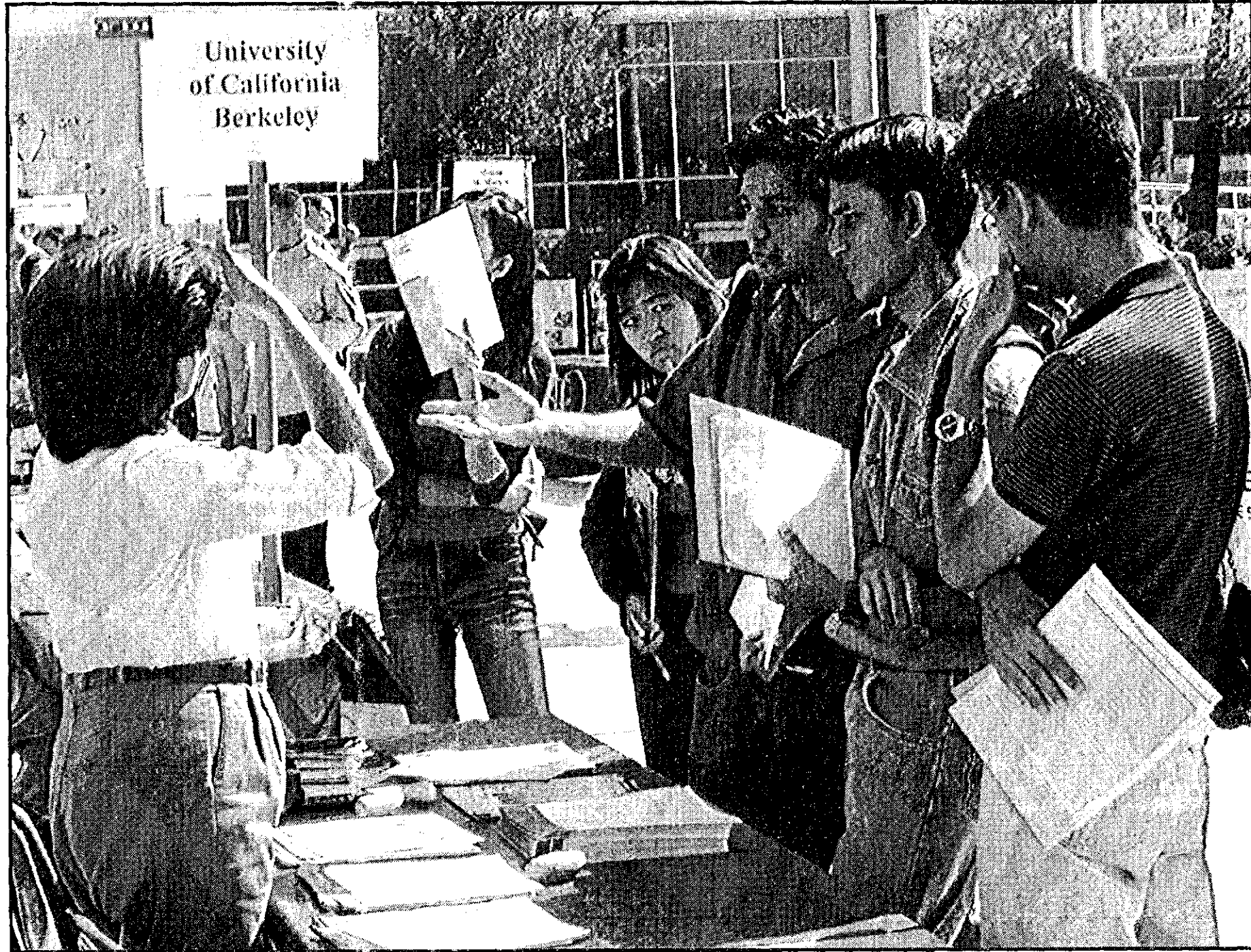
They seemed to get pretty into it, clapping, hooting and hollering and having a pretty good time.

They were getting on stage with the other dancers and involving themselves in the program.

I thought it was well received and we certainly enjoyed it!" Sweet said.

"I think their reaction to the closing ceremony mirrors their reaction to the three days they had here on campus," Gleckner said.

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Cerritos College students check out one of the college booths and talk to a representative from the school at University Mega Fair, during Transfer Awareness Week. JUAN DANIEL FLORES / TALON MARKS

Transfer Awareness Week included the University Mega Fair featuring UCLA, UC Berkeley, among others.

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Students lined up to get information about colleges, universities and other possible transfer institutions at the University Mega Fair.

The University Mega Fair took place last Wednesday, from 10:00-1:00 p.m. in Falcon Square, and was one of the main activities making up Transfer Awareness Week.

Transfer Awareness Week was held Monday through Friday. In addition to the fair, it included various workshops and an open house for the transfer center.

Joanna Lua, a member of the transfer center staff said that one of the most popular workshops this year was the

MEGA fair

UC/CSU Application Workshop. "This workshop was given by representatives from the Universities."

This year the transfer center was not in charge of booking the various universities that had display booths on Wednesday. The school relations office did that.

"Our job," explained Lua, "was to prepare for the activities, reserve rooms and get speakers."

Kristen Towhid, transfer center supervisor, said that the basic goal of transfer week is to, "give students the opportunity to get to know about transfer schools."

One of the ways the transfer center helped to promote its transfer week was by requiring all of the transfer center staff to wear school attire from their favorite university.

"We have to show our spirit all week," Lua explained.

Some of the more popular events for the week included the Scholarship Workshop, the Financial Assistance Workshop and the Workshop for Elementary teachers.

"One of the most beneficial events to the students was the UC/CSU workshop," Towhid explained.

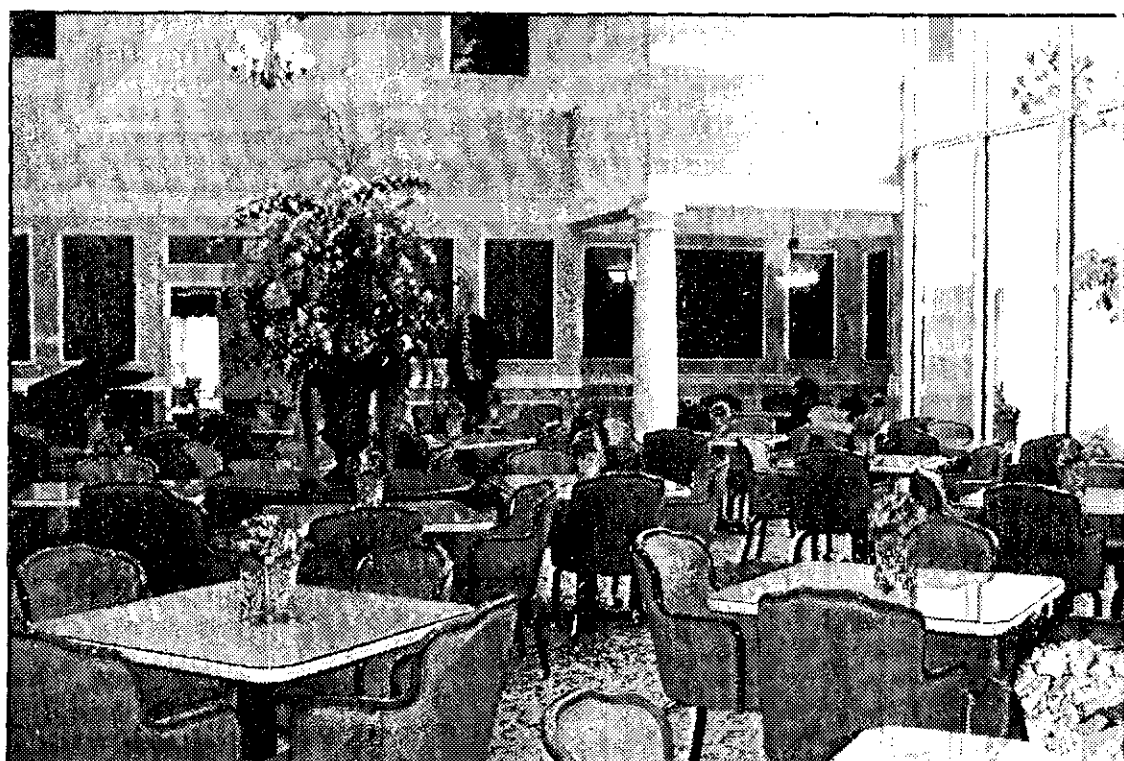
Most students, however, were more aware of the University Mega Fair than any of the week's other activities.

"I checked out the UCLA booth," economics student, Jorge Garcia said.

In addition to many students turning out to the event she said, "It was good weather and a nice day to have the fair."

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Avalon at Cerritos ready to open its doors



The dining area of Avalon, the new senior center, located on New Falcon Way and Studebaker Road, is ready for the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony that will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Grand opening of Senior Center to be held Saturday

ALICIA WARNER
ONLINE EDITOR

After the hours of sweat and vision for the Avalon at Cerritos, all the hard work has paid off.

Avalon at Cerritos is putting the final finishing touches on the building before the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday at 10 a.m.

The license that the senior housing needed to obtain before opening came through and life is already moving inside.

Currently, three residents are living in the facility. One moved in last week and two moved in on Monday.

On Tuesday, members of the media, Cerritos College officials and City Council came out to get a glimpse at the project that has been in the works for a year and a half.

Among the people who came to the preview were John Grindel, Interim

President at Cerritos College, Gloria Kappe, who is Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Cerritos, Torrey Contreras, who is the Planning Manager for the city.

"It has been very exciting seeing this project from ground breaking to finish," Kappe said.

With a nice welcome sign at the receptionist desk and the impressive architecture, these ladies are living in style.

Michele Razo, the Executive Director for the facility, is very enthusiastic about the new residents.

"By the end of this week we will have six residents, next week, 11 and by the end of the month, 24," Razo said.

The City of Cerritos has two other senior housing buildings, but people buy those, and the rooms at Avalon are being rented.

The difference between Avalon and the other two buildings is that Avalon is for assisted living for seniors. This means that if the residents need help of any kind the staff is able to help them.

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NEWS

Cerritos College Police Logs

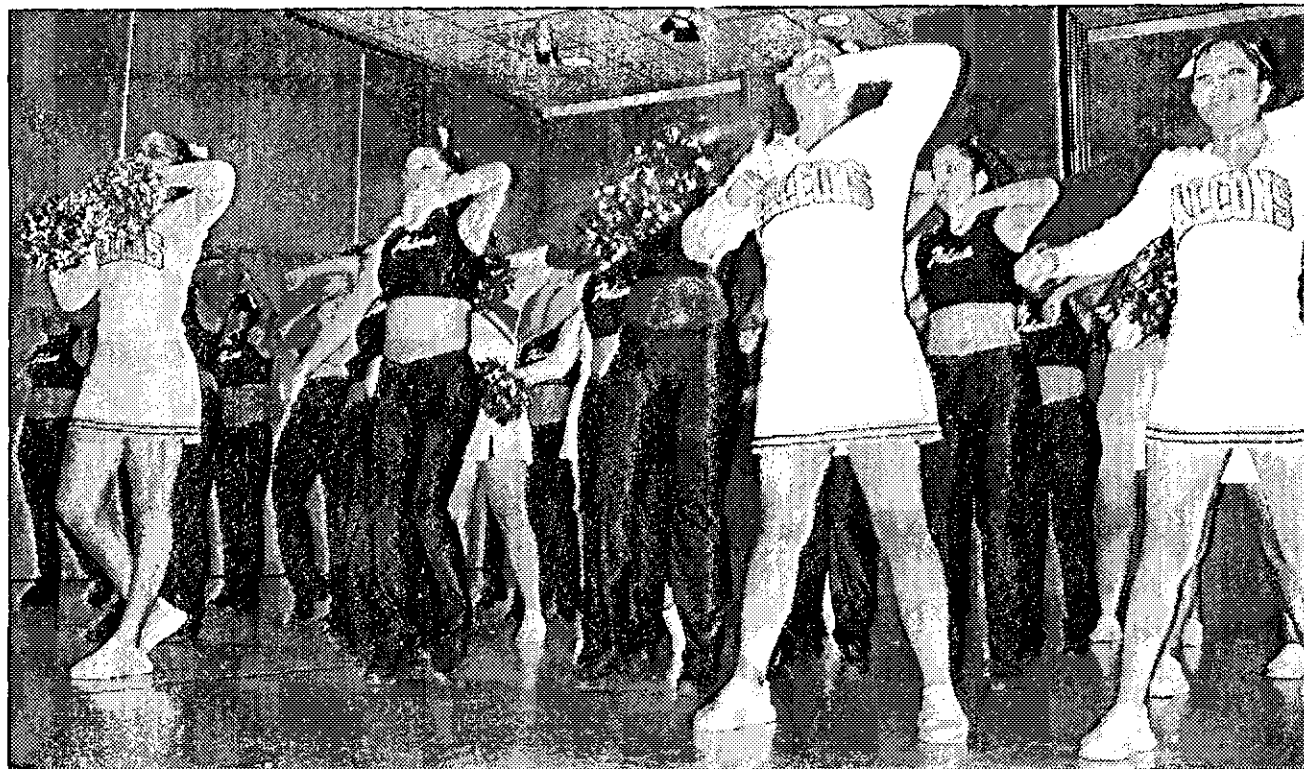
OCT. 9

At 1:30 p.m. an officer responded to Gridley and Lot C-1 regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim said someone smashed a window on his pick-up truck's shell and ransacked it. Nothing appeared to be missing.

OCT. 11

At 10:10 a.m. an officer responded to the Campus Police Station lobby regarding a past-occurred theft report. The victim said he left his backpack unattended in the game room for about an hour on Oct. 9. When he returned, he discovered that someone had stolen his cellular telephone from the backpack.

For more police logs, visit www.talonmarks.com



JAMIE LEE / TALON MARKS

Cerritos College cheerleaders perform at the pre-game rally held on Saturday to boost school spirit.

Cheerleaders rally for Falcons

Pre-game festivities boost school spirit.

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More than 50 people showed up for Saturday's Pre-game Rally. The festivities included cheers lead by the cheerleading squad, a dance troop and a collective victory chant.

There was plenty of food, drinks and socializing among family, staff and students.

Ameta Glass, a first year cheer-

leader at Cerritos College and her fellow team members lead faculty, students and several of the Falcon Football team members' parents in commemorative cheers and dancing last Saturday.

She and the other members of the cheering squad were anxiously waiting to explode onto the stage, one squad clad in black and gold. Some squads wore blue, white and yellow.

They were to perform several routines to express Falcon pride.

"Our routine is like a dedication to Cerritos College. This whole thing is

for introducing fall sports. We are bringing all the families together so they know what's going on," Glass said.

"I have never did a dance like this in front of some many people, so I am very excited! It's a way to promote football season and homecoming. I am excited! I've done a lot of performances and this is a better one!"

The Rally met its climax with a collective cheer of "Go Falcons Go."

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College Night aids high school seniors

2,000 local students attend annual event

TERESE LEON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Karina Orozco, a senior at Downey High School, is interested in going to Cal State Fullerton, University of Irvine and Berkeley but she doesn't really know that much about what it takes to get into those schools after high school. Orozco was able to find out this information at College Night.

Held in the Cerritos College gym last Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., College Night was an event organized by Shirley Arceo, the coordinator of school relations, "to provide [high school seniors] access to CSUs, UCs, private and technical schools and college representatives so they can pursue higher education."

Orozco used the event to her advantage. She said the event helped her to get more information about what she needs to have to get admitted into colleges. Besides benefiting students the occasion helped colleges as well. University of Virginia

alumnus and representative Tom Erwin said, "We're the no. 1 rated school in the country, but people may not know about it."

Erwin also said it's important for east coast schools to talk to students in the area because they might not have the opportunity to travel, but they can still talk to representatives from the school.

Even though there was approximately 30 schools represented at the fair some students didn't feel like the event was too helpful.

Samantha Smith, a senior at Norwalk High, said, "They didn't have the school I wanted here. I want to go to Cypress."

A workshop designed to help students get financial aid was also held at College Night, in both English and Spanish.

Arceo, the coordinator of school relations, said that the event, which has been held annually since 1997 had one of the largest turnouts ever. Approximately 2,000 students came to College Night which is about 20% more than last year.

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Blood drive to be held on campus AVALON

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With less than three percent of people in California giving blood, the Student Health Services department at Cerritos College will be hosting a blood drive to prompt students and local community members to donate.

The "Blood Donors Keep America Strong" blood drive will be held on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Center. Donors must be in good health, bring valid photo identification, be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110

pounds, and must drink plenty of water and eat a nutritious meal before donating blood. People who have had tattoos or body piercings in the last 12 months are not eligible to give blood.

The blood given at Cerritos will be distributed between two local hospitals (La Palma Intercommunity and Whittier Presbyterian). All donors will receive a free t-shirt or a coupon for Baskin Robbins ice cream. To schedule an appointment call (562) 860-2451, ext. 2321.

The senior housing is full of things to do and the comforts of home. The interior of the building is beautiful with the dark greens and purples as the basic colors with touches of gold.

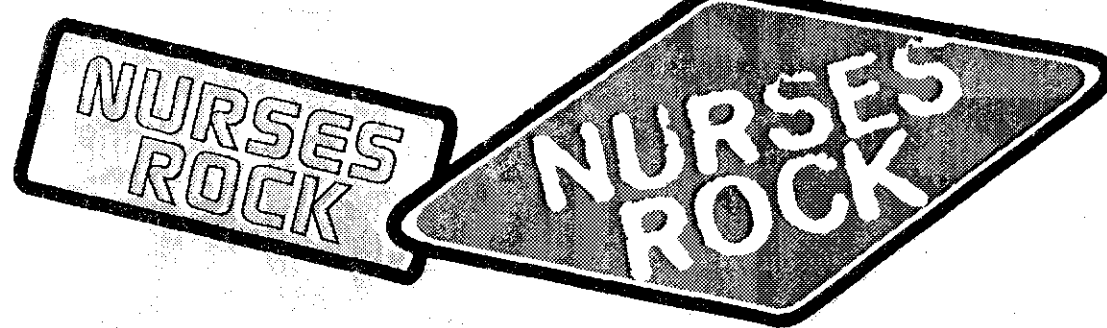
Inside Avalon, there is plenty for seniors to do such as games and crafts to checking email on their computers, to watching The World Series on the big screen TV, and playing poker or pool.

The center also has a beauty salon, which is currently trying to incorporate cosmetology students in working in the salon. The salon would have to

obtain a license for the students and teachers to come work inside and run it.

"I wanted to make it a win win situation that would be beneficial to the students and the senior would be able to interact with the young adults," Contreras commented. Avalon hopes to be very interactive with the college. "We hope to get the college music department interested in coming over and playing for the residents," Contreras said

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EDITORIAL

Racial profiling has no place in America

The government needs to do it. It is for our safety. It is necessary to prevent future terrorist attacks.

But racial profiling is wrong.

It was a bit more than one year ago that most people agreed.

According to a Gallop poll, prior to the Sep. 11 attacks, 81% of Americans said they disagreed with racial profiling. Shortly after, 70% of Americans say some form of it is acceptable if it is in the interest of safety.

An uncertain fear has clouded our thinking. And though that fear is both real and powerful, it does not justify unfair treatment to any members of society.

Racial profiling, mildly effective as some proclaim it to be, is morally wrong, violates the constitution and degrades human beings.

There is no excuse for this atrocity. Fear is not an acceptable reason to put under scrutiny members of society whose skin color matches our current idea of "evildoer."

This situation is often compared to the placement of Japanese citizens in prisoner of war camps. These actions are now justified with cliché excuses, such as, "It was a dangerous time; you didn't know whom you could trust," or, "We had to do what we had to do to protect Americans."

Okay, that's a compelling argument. But it begs the question: who are the "Americans?"

Everyone who holds citizenship in this country? People who come from several generations native to this land? The fearful average person who wishes only to protect his job and family?

What makes the people doing the profiling more "American" than those being profiled?

Even if, by some biased definition, some members of society could be deemed less "American," does that then require that they be subject to inhumane treatment at the hands of the "Americans?" Is this fair? Absolutely not.

If a person commits a crime, engages in questionable activities or otherwise gives authorities reason to suspect him, then it would be entirely understandable.

However, determining that a person should be under suspicion merely because of their skin color, their last name, or their country of origin is wrong.

People do not ask to be born into their race. One does not ask to look the way he does.

A person has no control over his race; it is wrong to persecute someone for something he has no control over.

It is understandable that, given the circumstances and recent threats made to our nation, people fear for their well being. However, it is in these moments of fear that we are quick to make harmful decisions.

Taking away other's freedoms, or even those which we enjoy, is not an acceptable way to deal with our fear.

Benjamin Franklin wisely warns us: "They that give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Whether our own liberty or that of the profiled, it is unquestionably wrong.

Racial profiling has no place in America.

Being aware is being powerful

Enough with *ER* and *FRIENDS*! Find out what's really going on in the world.



**MICHAEL
FORTSON**
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Have you ever noticed how people are oblivious to current events? It's amazing how much transpires in a given day and people are ignorant of it.

Just this week, there was a report about a contaminated meat recall in Philadelphia. It was the biggest meat recall in our country's history! Twenty-seven point four million pounds of Pilgrim's Pride cooked sandwich meat was recalled! Can you believe that?

Everyday something newsworthy is happening that has the potential to change the course of history. We are a part of that; whether we like it or not.

The average person refuses to take inventory of the world around them. This is why people tend to make bias judgments haphazardly!

On the other hand, you can bet they will grab a TV Guide to research what time their

favorite show will be on.

Yet, many people aren't even aware that there is a sniper on the loose shooting people in the street. Just last month there was talk of a new disease carried by mosquitoes and people hadn't heard about it.

Some people will ask "What's new?" This phrase is just a catchy conversation initiator because the truth is, no one really cares about what's new, unless it's a new car, or god forbid, a new TV show.

I had intentions on writing about an issue that has been very controversial for quite awhile.

It is being spearheaded by a group known as N'Cobra (National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations Association) and it is referred to as "Reparations."

This term is in reference to a proposal made by several civil rights groups that would in effect, compensate the descendants of former slaves for the atrocities committed during slavery.

I asked a few students how they felt about the issue and much to my surprise they had heard nothing about it.

Perhaps that particular issue wasn't covered in the mainstream media and they hadn't heard about it, so I asked them if they had heard about the latest sniper attacks in Virginia. They replied, "Sniper attacks! Where in Afghanistan?"

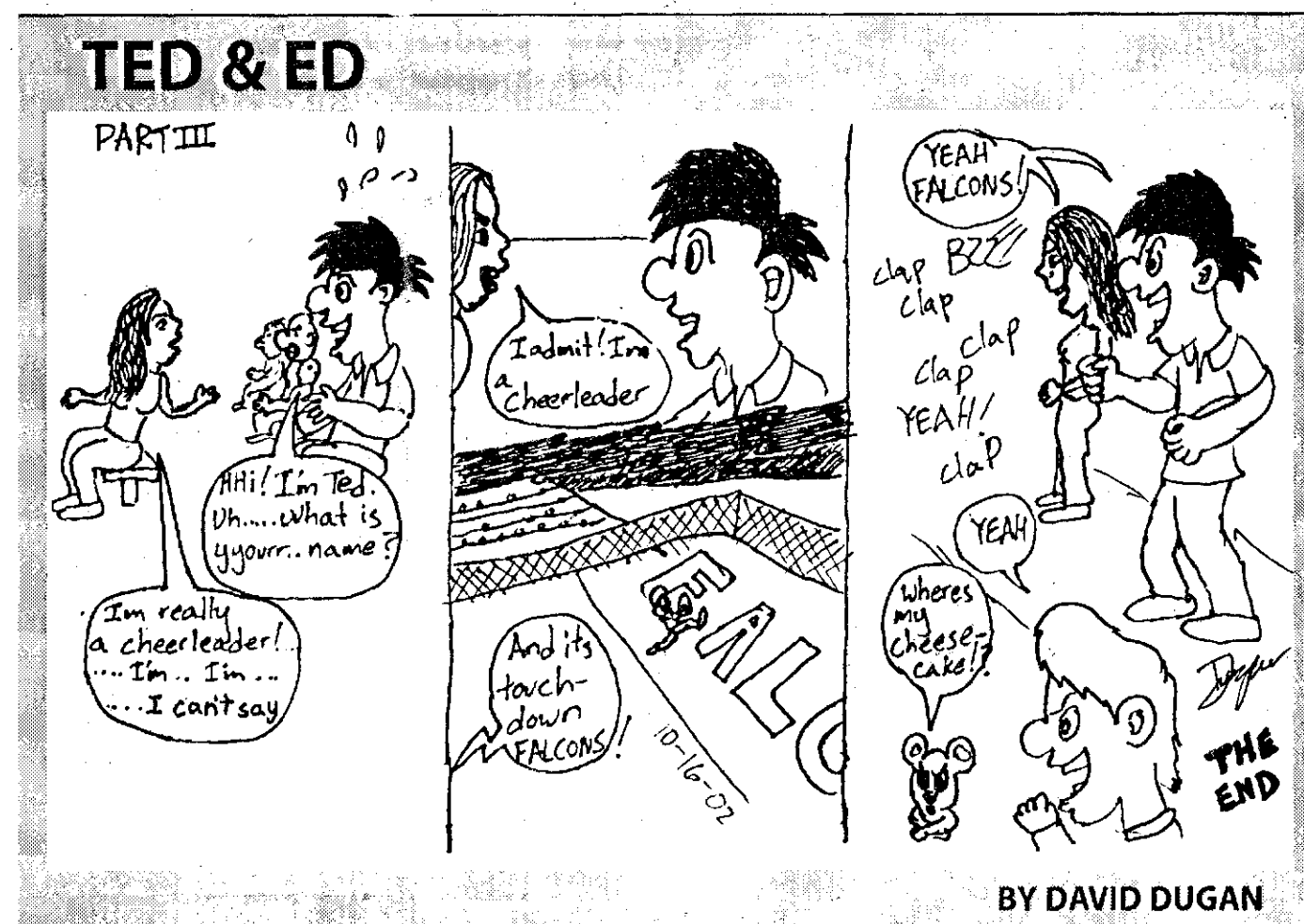
What is important is that I realized just how important being aware really is. It empowers you!

The bottom line is this, if we call ourselves the future leaders of America, if we call ourselves a great nation and we present ourselves as patriotic and all, we must start walking in those shoes we claim are ours.

As we lament Sept. 11, we must not let our words be the fulfillment of our conviction. We must act on our principles and our lofty ideals! We can only do this if we get involved. We can only get involved if we get informed.

So, this is where my chain of thought ends. I leave you with two words that will answer any question you have about what's new. Get informed.

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Stay enrolled in your classes!

You got the class you wanted while others got the boot. Now you're dropping?



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Now that it's midsemester and the deadline to withdraw a course is almost here, Nov. 21 to be exact, students are taking advantage of the situation before it effects their grade point average. It all seems like a smart thing to do.

However, here is the problem. Students sign up for a course, take up the maximum availability space of the class, and other students who were on the waiting list get the boot and are forced to enroll in whatever classes have space, if any at all.

Being midsemester, classes that once had 30 to 45 students, now have 15 to 25.

Other students that needed to enroll in the course, and couldn't, have to find another course and stay for another semester, or go to another college in hopes to find the course they're looking for.

Now, I know that everybody has the intention to pass his or her course, but if you think you need more preparation than what you have, please don't take up the space from other students that need those courses! It would be simpler if you signed up for it on the waiting list.

This fall semester I signed up for a math class on the waiting list. I was the third person on the list so I was pretty sure I would get a spot. However, there were a lot of students hoping to add on and the class was almost full.

Everything seemed to be going my way, until I saw the syllabus. I knew that the instructor expected high standards

from the students, and I was already enrolled in 18 units.

So, before the instructor called roll, I thought about the situation. How tough is this semester going to be on me? In those few seconds I made a decision.

I walked out of the course and gave my spot to someone else. I don't know if I made the right decision, but so far I believe it has been less stressful on me than if I would have stayed.

So think about it before you sign up. Ask yourself some questions like, "How will I do in this course?" or "Will I really devote myself to it?" Keep in mind that someone else is probably more than willing to take your seat in the class. Think about it. You could be saving your time, money, and stress level.

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Campus Comment

Congress is debating reparations to descendants of former slave families. What do you think?

ONLINE POLL

Congress is debating reparations to descendants of former slave families. What do you think?

- ☐ Give them all the money they want
 - ☐ Give them only what they deserve
 - ☐ Slavery is in the past, who cares
 - ☐ Don't give them any money
 - ☐ Money can never change the truth of the past
- Register answer online at www.talonmarks.com
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"I think it's right because we had nothing to do with what our ancestors did before us."
**CARMEN
VELASQUEZ**
CULINARY ARTS



"I think they should get the money."
DAVE RAMOS
MUSIC



"I don't think it's right. The subjects of slaves is over. There's no reason why we should go back to that issue."
**EVELYN
ANGUANO**
UNDECLARED



"It's something that happened so long ago. Shoveling money isn't going to make it go away."
**ANJANETT
ALLEN**
NURSING



"I don't think that's right. They're trying to correct something that happened years ago. They can't change the past."
ADAN SAUCEDO
EDUCATION



"I don't think they should do that. We should look toward the future."
KIM LOUGH
LIBERAL ARTS



"I think it's a good thing. The slaves did a lot for this country."
**MONDAY
BROWN**
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"I think it's a great thing."
NICOLE BLAKE
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OPINION



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SPORTS

Wrestlers take down opponents

The Falcons start the season with a 1-0 record. They dominated the match with a 34-12 against Mt. SAC.

ELYSE MURO
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's wrestling team took down Mt. SAC 34-12 in a dual match last Wednesday starting off their season with a 1-0 record.

Although Cerritos had injured athletes and most players missed their weight and had to go up a weight class moments before their matches started.

Chris Lopez, who is 2-0, wrestled injured against the No. 5 seeded guy in the state and won 8-4.

The wrestling team also wrestled in the Golden West Tournament on Oct. 5 and placed fourth.

Jason Alavizos, who competed in the tourna-

"You need heart and mind to wrestle!"

JASON ALAVIZOS,
Wrestler

ment, went up a weight class and placed second.

"I wrestle to my ability," Alavizos said.

Jerry Baragain also competed in the Golden West Tournament and experienced his first loss of the season and took second in the finals.

"I needed it, I was too confident. Against Mt. SAC I think I was able to be more focused and wrestle to my true ability," Baragain said.

Baragain wrestled against the same opponent at Mt. SAC that he had lost to at the tournament.

He redeemed himself by defeating his opponent 9-2.

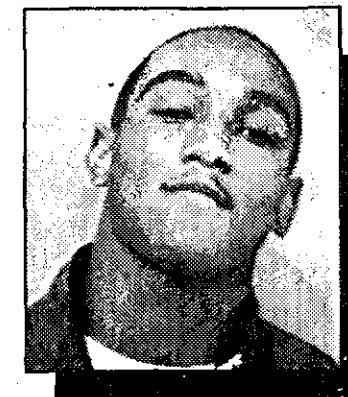
Lenny Lavito also competed in the tournament and went into overtime changing hands five to six times.

Although the team is still missing some key competitors, they have managed to start their season off with a 1-0 conference and overall record.

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Athletes
of the
W
eek

Shannon Slack



Sport: Wrestling
Weight: 141 pounds
Accomplishments:
Went up in weight class and had to wrestle in the 149 class. Won 7-5 in match against Mt. SAC.

Tiffany Tolentino



Sport: Volleyball
No.: 12
Accomplishment:
Overall has 69 GPs, 94 kills, 9 Bl., 15 aces, 68 digs, and 327 ATTS.

To nominate an athlete of the week, email nominations to the sports editor at: muroe001@cerritos.edu. Include name of athlete, sport, position, stats and reason for nomination.

Step-by-step guide: Perform the double leg maneuver



Step 1: Prepare to start the move by getting into a proper stance.



Step 2: Shoot toward the opponents legs and grab them.



Step 3: Lift opponent over shoulder, keeping hold of their legs.



Step 4: Bring down the opponent to score two points in a match.

Wrestling has a match at 7p.m. against Santa Ana at Santa Ana. The match will be a conference match.

The mens soccer team has had their third straight tie in a row for the season. They tied: LA City 1-1, Long Beach City 0-0.

Cerritos is now 2-7-6 overall and 0-3-5 in conference action. They will play East L.A. on Friday.

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Cerritos outshines the Dons

LLOYD CROBY JR.
STAFF WRITER

Saturday night the Falcons shutout Santa Ana, 45-0, and improve their record to 5-0.

The Falcons were in a zone on both offense and defense.

Carlos Velasquez led the offense with 13 carries for 165 yards and three touchdowns. His longest run was 55 yards in the third quarter.

Josh Herrera also had another outstanding game. He contributed two touchdowns to help the Falcons gain victory over Santa Ana.

Football Preview

The offense had a total of 281 rushing yards, 89 passing yards, and six touchdowns against Santa Ana.

With three out of the six touchdowns scored in the first quarter, Santa Ana would be in for a long evening.

The Falcons' running backs are unstoppable. Each week one out of the three running backs put up big rushing number.

Not allowing Santa Ana to score, the Falcons defense proved they can be competitors in the Mission Conference.

Defensively the Falcons caused three fumbles and had one interception. Which put the offense back in position to score.

Offensively and defensively the Falcons showed poise, and will keep striving for the No. 1 rank in Southern California.

With an excellent start this season, the Falcons have a chance to take it all the way.

Next week the Falcons will travel to El Camino College at 7 p.m., and will look to keep their undefeated streak alive.

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ELYSE MURO/TALON MARKS

The offensive line practicing their blocks and has been one of the key factors to the Falcons undefeated success.

The offensive line's time to shine

ELYSE MURO
SPORTS EDITOR

With the Falcons undefeated record this year much tribute has been given to the quarterbacks and running backs of this year's football team.

Why is it though that Cerritos' running backs are able to gain so many yards and the quarterbacks are able to complete their passes?

With the same running backs as last year, the question may cross ones mind, what is it that is attributing to Cerritos' undefeated success.

Built like a brick wall, five sophomores boldly guard the quarterbacks and running backs on the offensive line.

Football

Machuca said.

This hidden talent of the team makes every bit of difference to the team.

Without an offensive line, the offense wouldn't work and therefore no points would be scored. Running backs wouldn't be able to run yards and

the quarterback would be able to throw a pass because they would always be getting sacked.

"The 'O' Line is our key to success," Head Coach, Frank Mazzotta said.

"When I hit a guy I question his will to finish the game."

Anthony Guerrero
Offensive Line

dedicated to their running backs, they want them to do good," Mazzotta said.

"It feels great blocking for our running backs, knowing that if we do our job they can score at any given time," offensive line Rich Estrella said.

Starting a growing trend this year, the offensive line has plans for anyone they go up against.

"When we go out there we plan to put them on ice skates," offensive line, Tom Robinson said.

This year's offensive line is looking to prove that they can go out there and play against teams that they can beat and not be complacent.

But what is it that distinguishes this offensive line from the past?

"We like to make plays, and we're not going to stay on one guy. We have chemistry and athleticism as a team and we're new and improved," Estrella said.

The offensive line has proven their commitment and aggressiveness with an overall record of having one sack and two hits on the quarterback out of the five games they have played this year.

"They have gone far above expectations, but I think we can expect to see better things come out of them, there is always room for improvement," Offensive Coach, Tom Caines.

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SPORTS

For the Record:

Last week's football game preview reported Scott Cowen scored a touchdown on a 52 yard interception.

The touchdown was actually scored by Ariel Cowen during the Falcons' victory over Golden West on Oct. 5.

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New Movies

"All the Queens Men"

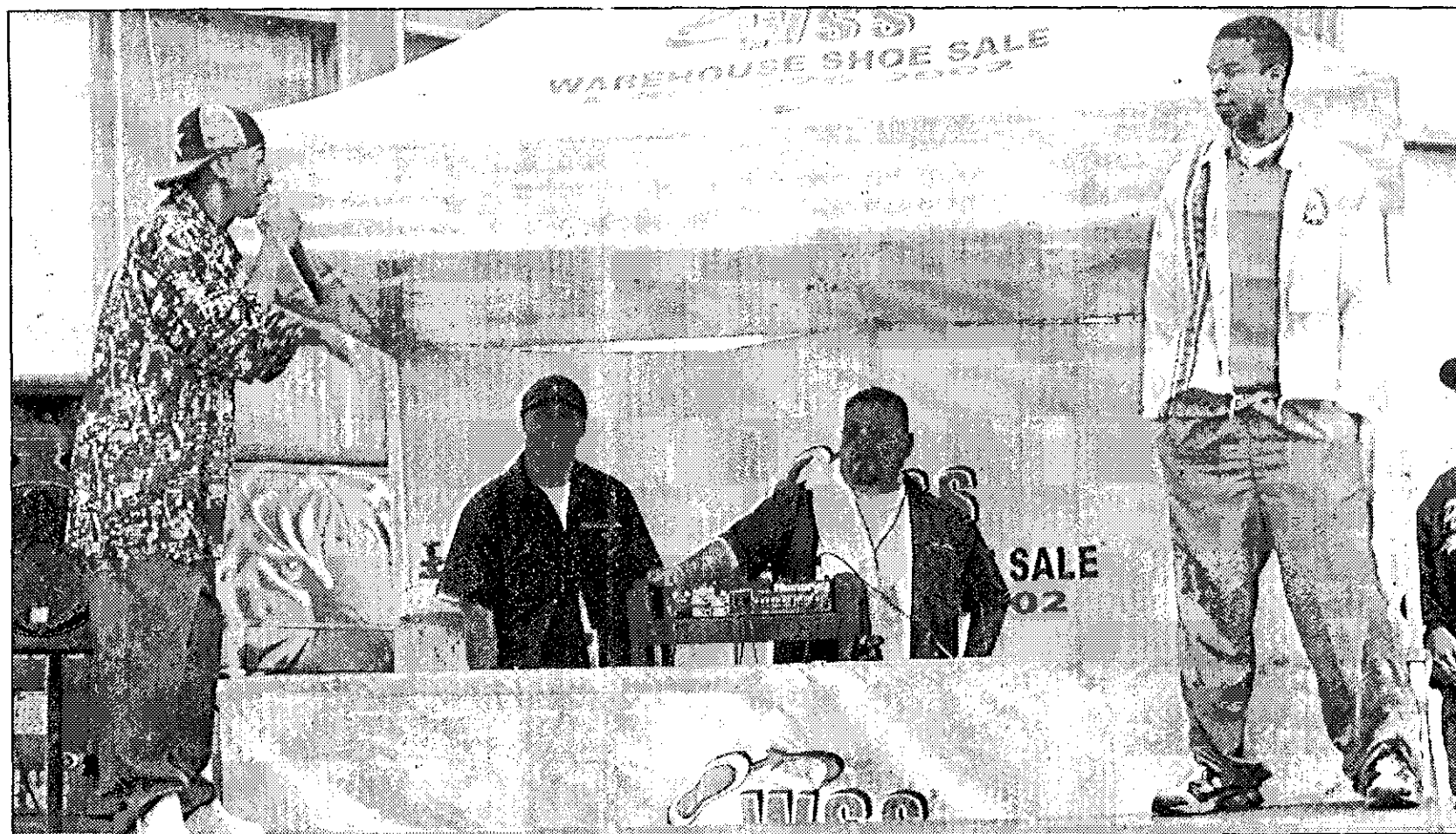
NR, release date Oct. 25.
Matt LeBlanc, Udo Kier,
Eddie Izzard, David Birkin,
James Cosmo, and Oliver
Korittke.

A comedy set in World War 2, a British Special Forces team led by an American (Matt LeBlanc) must obtain a decoding device by infiltrating a female-run factory, requiring them to disguise themselves as women. (Eddie Izzard) co-stars as a transvestite lounge singer who teaches the soldiers the nuances of cross-dressing.

"Ghost Ship"

NR, release date Oct. 25.
Julianne Margulies,
Gabriel Byrne, Karl Urban,
Isaiah Washington, Ron
Eldard, Desmond
Harrington.

A salvage crew discovers a 1953 passenger ship floating in the sea, towing it back to land is definitely a bad idea for the crew.



Anthony Wade (holding the mic) and Ulysses Lee compete for a \$25 gift certificate to Cerritos Mall in a free-style competition held during Radiofest on Tuesday.

Dancing, spinning and free-stylin'

Radiofest, a two-day festival, brings out hundreds on Tuesday, hip-hop day. Rock day will be on Thursday

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Business major Anthony Wade is a rapper who has performed in Diamond Bar, at a Double Tree and some clubs in San Antonio. Radiofest 2002, an event organized by the Cerritos College radio station WMPD, was the perfect opportunity for Wade to show off his skills. "I'm a rapper. I got to make sure people know I'm the hottest cat at Cerritos," Wade said after beating Liberal Arts major Ulysses Lee in the free-style competition held in the Amphitheater.

Lee, who helped coordinate Radiofest, complimented Wade's performance.

"He had a lot of good metaphors. With the \$25 he can buy me a hat like his," Lee said, referring to the gift certificate Wade won.

Radiofest had much more to offer than just a free-style competition though. Dance competitions with gift certificates to the Cerritos Mall, the Power 106 van and ice cream truck plus DJs from WMPD all made the event something fun for students to do between their morning classes this

Tuesday.

The student coordinator of Radiofest, Jennifer Almeyda, said the main purpose of the event was to promote the campus radio station WMPD but it was also a way to get students out to have a little fun. "It gets people away from classes, midterms are almost here."

Radiofest did help lessen the stress of school for a few hours and it brought all kinds of people together to dance, free-style and just enjoy the music. Laura Stone, a student in the radio program, danced on stage during the beginning of Radiofest. Dancing to a song by Nelly, Stone could be heard telling DJs, "I'm a grandma!"

Some students, however, weren't content with the dance contests, free-style competitions and music. "Why is it always Power 106? Why?" undecided major Daniel Olivas lamented.

Radiofest coordinator Almeyda knows that not every student on campus likes hip-hop and rap. For those students there will be a second day of Radiofest on Thursday.

KROQ will come out to the amphitheater and will have giveaways for students. There will also be a battle of the bands that will feature local bands, all with students from Cerritos College.

The bands performing at Radiofest are excited to be showcased at their own school. Guitarist for Dronen, one of the bands playing, Olivas said. "I think it's a good idea to have something like this because we get to rock. Plus we get to play with our good friends' band Non Sapevo. It's a welcome change from these Power 106 gigs."

Local indie rock band, Non Sapevo will kick off Radiofest on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. After its set another indie rock band, Dronen, will perform. To mix up the rock styles, after the two indie bands perform, mod band The Fuse will play, followed by the ska-hardcore performance of One Against All.

Almeyda said that besides bringing giveaways and playing music, KROQ might also bring a known band to the campus for Radiofest.

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Fountain of youth?

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Ever thought of living forever? What if someone gave you that chance. Would you take it?

A whimsical romance set in 1914, examines the thought of what life would be like if we could live forever.

Tuck Everlasting is a movie about growing up, exploring outside the gates into the unknown, and being adventurous. While discovering the mysterious secret about the woods.

The story begins with a young girl named Winnie Foster (Alexis Bledel), who is a child of a wealthy family and wants to leave her controlling mother and see the world.

She flees the gates of her mansion-like home and wanders into the mysterious woods where she stumbles upon a young man drinking water from the bottom of a tree.

The young man is Jesse Tuck (Jonathan Jackson), who is one of four Tucks who live in the mysterious woods away from town.

During her time away from home Winnie and Jesse start to fall in love. Winnie learns what life is outside the gates of her home. She becomes adventurous and free.

Jesse wants to tell Winnie the secret of the woods. She begs them to tell her the secret. The brother tells her the story of how they are invincible and that the water is special water that makes them not die and live forever.

The movie is full of romance, rebellion, freedom and the question of living forever if you could.

The main thing that I think people should consider if they take little kids to see this movie is that it might fly right over their heads. The PG rating is ok, but I think some of the language and concept of the movie goes way above a 12 year old's head. Though it is a very family oriented movie.

Tuck Everlasting is full of scenes that will make you laugh about how we think in a tunnel vision sometimes. Would it ever be possible to live forever?

As much as we constantly hear and read in greeting cards and the language of love such as a key point that Jesse says at the end "I will love you till the day I die." It is ironic because he will never die.

Throughout the story questions keep being asked about life and death.

It makes the audience contemplate if they would want to live forever. How would one handle seeing generations and generations of people dying, see war and feel guilty for not being able to die? See all the good with all the bad and not be able to die for your country.

Would living forever cause you more pain than happiness? All these are things that one has to contemplate before drinking the water from the tree.

It's those questions about living forever that are answered in the end of the story, but for the audience the questions go on.

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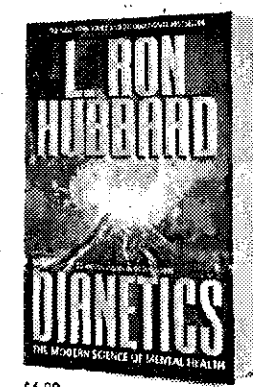
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