



**KLAPSTEIN TO STEP OUT OF HEAD COACHING
ROLE AFTER SEASON; HACKETT NAMED AS SUCESSOR**

Earl Klapstein, head coach at Cerritos College for the past two years will step out of his role as the football chief and assume the fulltime duties of Dean of Men at Cerritos College. The news came on the eve of the Falcon's game with Pierce College tonight at Excelsior Memorial Stadium in a short bulletin issued from the Cerritos administrative staff. Klapstein's successor will be Walt Hackett, the Falcon chief assistant for the past two years.

The administrative announcement stated, "Cerritos College's head football coach, Earl L. Klapstein, will be relieved of his coaching duties at the conclusion of this year's season. Walter W. Hackett will succeed him. Coach Klapstein's change in status is at his own request and in accordance with an agreement made at the time he was first employed. This will allow him to pursue his duties as Dean of Men on a full time basis."

The change will mark an end of an era for Cerritos. The college, now in its sophomore year, boomed into the national spotlight in 1957 when the Falcon football team, under the tutelage of Klapstein, went into the Junior Rose Bowl game. The team, billed as "the Cinderella squad," lost only a single regular season game before losing the JRB contest to national champion, Arlington State College of Texas, 21-12.

In two years of coaching at Cerritos, Klapstein, has posted a fantastic 14-2-0 record, including all games played up to tonight. Hackett, regarded by many in the field as one of the great defensive minds of the game, has been the number one assistant during that successful skein.

Klapstein was born in Lodi, California, and became an outstanding prep star in that area. He played at College of the Pacific under Amos Alonzo Stagg and was an All-Coast performer for the Tigers. Serving with the Navy during World War II, Klapstein was an All-Service selection at the San Diego Naval Training Center. Following his service days, Klapstein signed a professional football contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He played with both the Steelers and the Philadelphia Eagles as a tackle, gaining an outstanding reputation.

Klapstein came back to California to assume the head coaching responsibilities at Stockton High School and Stockton College. He left the California scene to take over an assistant's job at the University of Idaho, leaving that position to become an assistant for the Green Bay Packers. He left Green Bay at the end of the 1956 season, returning to California to become head football coach and athletic director at Cerritos.

Hackett, born in Illinois, was a graduate of a San Diego high school, lettering in football, basketball, and baseball. A veteran of the Navy, Hackett returned from service to enter Whittier College. He lettered for the Poets for three years and was an All-Conference tackle in his senior year.

He coached at Montebello High School as the junior varsity coach in his first assignment, starting out a string of winning seasons which have never been broken. In 1951 and 1952, Hackett moved to Coachella Valley High School, returning to the local area in 1953 as line coach at Bellflower High School. In 1954 he moved up to the head coaching job at Bellflower and in three years posted a 32-14-0 record with one championship and a second and third place finish.

Nationally respected for his views on defensive football, he has made this point one of great prominence in the handling of the Falcon defense. The rugged Cerritos line has been one of the most impressive factors in the team's success for two years. Hackett doubles as Falcon golf coach in the spring semester.



Earl Klapstein



Walt Hackett

**FALCON STUDENTS IN STATE JAYSEE
GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE AT BAKERSFIELD**

Five Cerritos College student body officers and two advisers will attend the semi-annual California Junior College Student Government Association Conference at Bakersfield November 20 through 22.

Cerritos advisers, Dr. Elizabeth Hengsteler, dean of women, and Earl Klapstein, dean of men, will accompany Falcon students Donna Clark, Norma Thorbrugh, Dave Godwin, Tarvin Clark, and Dallas Moon.

**FALCON FALL PLAY WILL GET FIRST SHOWING
IN NOVEMBER 24TH AND 25TH PERFORMANCES**

Lee Korf, Cerritos drama instructor, has announced that the college's first fall hilarious drama production of "Visit from a Small Planet" will be given two nights only, Nov. 24-25. Admission is 50 cents. Performances will begin at 8 p.m. both nights in the Artesia High School auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Cast includes Bob Newport, Jack Lorts, Priscilla Reina, Don Kerr, Jackie Weaver, Phil Baltzley, and "Rosemary," a genuine Stompa cat

CERRITOS GRIDDERS MIGHT GET CRACK AT ORANGE SHOW BOWL - IF THEY WIN NEXT TWO

Director of Athletics Gene B. Martin of Cerritos College reported that "An unofficial feeler from the Orange Show Bowl football game on Saturday night, December 6, has been received by the college."

Martin declined to say whether the Falcon administration is considering a possible chance to play in the postseason grid contest. He did state, however, that the Orange Bowl bid was "the first official query that Cerritos has had this season concerning a post-season game." It has been no secret that Falcon staff members have been wanting to send their team to one of the better bowl games.

Cerritos' football team, winner of six of seven contests, has shown one of the most powerful offenses in the nation. One of the nation's leading scoring squads, the Falcons have been placed in a position as one of the all-time great jaysee juggernauts.

With the Junior Rose Bowl bid undecided, but a tossup between Santa Monica, Riverside, and Hartnell, Cerritos could possibly meet one of the trio in a bowl game. Martin commented though, "that we will not meet a team in the Orange Bowl that we have met this season, if we should go to this game." This eliminated the possibility of a re-match between Cerritos and Riverside, the team that upset them 28-27 in the season's opener.

Another Falcon official said that, "We are also looking for a shot at the Potato Bowl game. It would be a great game between Bakersfield and ourselves." Bakersfield has been ranked as the nation's best jaysee team in at least one junior college rating system, in spite of a loss to Santa Monica.

The Orange Bowl selection will be made November 24th.

HOMESTRETCH FOR ALL WSC TEAMS; ALL TEAMS IN ACTION THIS WEEKEND

A crucial WSC game between Cerritos and Pierce is on tap tonight, and the Falcons can wrap up at least a share of the league title with a victory. The game will be played at Excelsior Memorial Stadium in Norwalk.

Two other loop clashes this weekend will have important bearing on the final standings. Red-hot Compton College, gaining back its stature as one of the nation's best football schools, meets Pasadena City College in a game that will complete both team's conference slate. Compton's Tartars are in second-place and a loss by Cerritos to either Pierce or Los Angeles will throw the race into a tie. The Friday night game will be played at Pasadena's Horrell Field. The other Friday night game will see Los Angeles City College at Ventura College in the Pirates' Poli Stadium.

A non-conference game is on tap for Saturday night when Glendale College travels to Visalia to meet College of Sequoias. The game will complete the season for the Vaqueros, a team that picked up only a single win the entire season.

Last weekend, conference football results saw Cerritos defeat Pasadena, 50-0; Compton trip Pierce, 28-18; and Ventura sweep by Glendale, 20-12. Los Angeles was bye.

FALCONS SHOOT FOR 7TH STRAIGHT WIN OVER AIR-MINDED PIERCE IN CONFERENCE GRID GAME

Cerritos College's football team will meet the aerial-minded Pierce Brahmas tonight at Excelsior Memorial Stadium. Kickoff is at 8 p.m. The contest, a Western State Conference affair, will have great importance on the league standings. Cerritos' Falcons, on top of the loop with a perfect 4-0-0 record, must win tonight to insure at least a co-championship for the season. A clean sweep of the two remaining games for Cerritos will give them the outright title.

To stop the Falcons, Pierce will bring into town a ball club that has been one of the most amazing in Southern California this season. Coach Ray Bishop's Brahmas have won five of seven contests, losing only to the powerful elevens of Los Angeles and Compton. Depending on the magnificent throwing arm of Quarterback Gary Heckathorne, Pierce has proved a capability of deadly potential. A decided underdog against Compton last weekend, Pierce was narrowly upended, 28-18, fighting all the way.

Cerritos, facing the definite possibility of a post-season bowl game offer, will take into tonight's game one of the greatest offensive records in junior college history. Last weekend's stunning 50-0 victory over Pasadena City College, gave the Falcons an average of 47.9 points per game, the highest in the nation. With a total offense of 433.4 yards per contest, Cerritos is the leading yardage producing team in California.

Tonight's game will also represent a historic moment in Falcon grid history. The tilt will represent Coach Earl Klapstein's last home appearance as Cerritos' head mentor. Klapstein will step down at the end of the season as head coach to assume the full-time responsibilities of Dean of Men. Chief Assistant Walt Hackett has been named to succeed the brilliant coach.

Another event of historical importance is also possible tonight. Falcon Halfback Bob Bagwell could surpass '57 All-American JC great Ray Adermann's scoring record. Adermann, the fullback who led Cerritos' "Cinderella team" to the Junior Rose Bowl last season, scored 16 touchdowns and 16 conversions for a total of 112 points. Bagwell, who tallied 18 points last weekend against Pasadena, has scored 15 t.d.'s and 14 extra-points for a total of 104. Adermann's rushing record of 1,043 yards is also in jeopardy. Bagwell has gained 809 yards in seven games, 234 yards short of the mark. Two good rushing games for the freshman star could see a new record. The possibility that a new mark could be set tonight is improbable, but not impossible. Bagwell has had one game this season where he gained over 200 yards on the ground.

Some defensive records can also become a part of Cerritos football history tonight. With Heckathorne's throwing the major threat to the Falcons, Cerritos will have an opportunity to improve upon the mark of 22 pass interceptions this season and an effective holding of opponents to a 37.7% pass completion record. The tough Cerritos line, anchored by All-American JC candidate, Tackle Pete Nicklas, has allowed Falcon foes an average of 92.3 yards per game from running.

Cerritos Athletic Department has announced that a supply of reserved seat and general admission tickets will go on sale tonight, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the stadium.