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Bickering Board of Trustees — At a special Board of Trustees meeting a controversy centering around possible violations arose regarding campaigner Bob Eppe, pictured above left. Trustees Mark Durant, center and Harold Tredway, right, join in the discussion.

'Strictly political' charges levelled at Trustee meeting

By RICHARD DE LABY
TM Editor-in-Chief

Partisan politics have taken hold of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

A special meeting was called last Monday by Board member Harold Tredway to discuss possible violations of the education code and possible criminal violations of U.S. postage laws by Trustee Bob Eppe.

The controversy is centered around a mailer with "Cerritos College" as the letterhead which was sent out by the California Democratic Party on behalf of Eppe's campaign for the 63rd State Assembly seat.

After several heated arguments, and several accusations, the issue was tabled until Oct. 15 to "keep from turning the Board into a political arena," said Trustee Katie Nordbak.

When the Board does make the decision, it will not decide guilt or innocence, but only if it should be sent to the Los Angeles District Attorney for investigation.

"Our key job is to protect the district," said Nordbak.

The Section of the California Education Code in question, 72001, states, "No person without the permission of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges may use the name, 'California Community College.'"

The code also states, however, "Nothing in this section restricts a person from using the name in an accurate way for professional use."

Peter Kelly, spokesman for the California Democratic Party, would not comment on the possible violation of postage laws.

After lengthy discussion, the Board retired to closed session to discuss possible litigation against the school.

Tredway refused to attend the closed session calling it a violation of the Brown Act.

The Board decided there was little chance, if any, for a suit against the college and

held the remainder of the discussion in public.

Joseph Di Loreto, counsel for Eppe's opponent in the State Assembly race, Wayne Grisham, said, "The allegations are there and it should at least be sent for investigation."

Di Loreto and Nordbak became heated as they discussed the difference between

Grisham using "California State Assembly" on his mailers and Eppe using the college name.

Eppe smirked as Nordbak got the best of the debate.

Discussion became more heated as accusations by Eppe were thrown out.

"I have no control over these mailers," said Eppe, "when the California Democratic

Party produces and mails them."

Tredway interrupted, "Do you really think we are that naive..." and was then cut off by Eppe, "I have the floor right now."

"If I were not a candidate for the Democratic party and Harold was not loyal to the Republican party this would not have been brought up."

"It is all strictly political."

Statewide dean arrested on embezzlement charges

BY MARK HEUSTIS
TM Editorial Editor

An acting dean of student services and special programs of the California Community Colleges was arrested Monday, Sept. 29, for allegedly embezzling at least \$400,000 from a state fund for disabled students.

Robert F. Howard, 42, was booked into Sacramento County Jail on charges of grand theft and conflict of interest.

Chancellor David Mertes expects one or two non-state employees to be arrested soon.

The missing money was from a discretionary fund and not earmarked for any particular college.

Statewide Chancellor David Mertes suggested that this may be why it took so long to discover the problem.

According to Dr. Robert Hughlett, Cerritos College director of programs for the disabled, the ensuing investigation will result in delays in state allocations. "They haven't got the manpower," said Hughlett.

Mertes said that he expects one or two non-state employees to be arrested soon.

Howard, a paraplegic who uses a wheelchair, has allegedly been funneling several thousand dollars a month since 1983 into a fake consulting firm run by his wife, Pamela McNary Howard, and mother-in-

law, Tusca McNary, according to a September 29 Los Angeles Times article.

The firm, McNary & McNary, had no office and received checks via a Sacramento post office box.

Papers filed with Sacramento indicated the firm's address as being the same as that of Howard's home address.

The checks were drawn by the Yosemite Community College district in Modesto, which was authorized to make payments on

vouchers approved by Howard's office.

The vouchers were signed by Howard and Ronald Dyste, a vice chancellor for student services. Dyste's signature is believed to be forged.

Howard was released one day after his arrest by the State Department of Justice on \$50,000 bail.

He has been placed on administrative leave. His annual \$51,000 salary will be suspended, but restored retroactively if he is exculpated.

Dyste and Howard's supervisor will be on paid administrative leave until the investigation is over. Neither is a suspect.

Hired by the community college system in 1978 as an affirmative action specialist,

Howard was appointed acting dean last year.

He managed an \$870,000 yearly budget in programs for the disabled, immigrants, welfare recipients, and foster parents.

"These are important programs and I am determined that students receive the full benefits intended for them," said Mertes.

The Justice Department investigation was requested three weeks ago by Mertes who "did not expect to find what came out."

"I plan to conduct a thorough review of all management and fiscal procedures as part of this evaluation that I began when I assumed office in July," said Mertes.

Last year, Mertes' predecessor, Joshua Smith, resigned in frustration over what he claimed were weak powers given to the chancellor and the board of governors to make significant changes.

Hughlett called Howard "an effective advocate to disabled student programs." He was described by Mertes as "hard working, a very dedicated individual. I regret very much that he's involved in this."

The alleged theft of more than \$400,000 from the office is, according to Mertes, evidence that the accounting system should be totally revised.

In addition to the Justice Department's criminal investigation, the state auditor general and a private management firm will probe the handling of all finances at the system's headquarters.

● PICTURE THIS/4

This fall's Homecoming heavenly is presented for student approval inside. Court elections will be held on Oct. 12 and 13.

● DROP DEADLINE

Friday is the last day to drop courses from the first nine-week session. Program changes are available in Admissions.

● BOOK BUY BACK

Paying 50% of a book's original selling price, the Bookstore will be repurchasing student textbooks on Oct. 20 and 21.

Editorials

● Is peer to peer evaluation just?

Teaching may well be the noblest of professions.

To mold and shape today's impressionistic minds, tomorrow's potential leaders, is the greatest single contribution we can make toward the future.

The instructors at Cerritos College are exemplary in this regard.

Unfortunately, should a tenured instructor fall from his vaunted responsibilities and become a burden to the educational system, he will still probably have a job for life.

The chances of teachers being ousted because of faulty work is extremely slim. Luckily, it is usually only the cream of the crop who make it to the college level.

A system of stringent standards has been instituted to insure this.

Every two years, a full-time instructor is evaluated.

Alternate evaluations are conducted by peers or administrators, this is solely at the discretion of the instructor.

Self-evaluation makes up the balance.

The areas of evaluation include the following: knowledge of subject matter, techniques of instruction, effectiveness of communication, and acceptance of responsibility.

Specifics on these matters range from lesson organization to communicating with occasional humor.

This is all well and good, but there are several flaws in the system.

An instructor in the same field as the person being evaluated would seem to be the person most qualified to judge the effectiveness of the criteria.

Professional jealousy aside, one doesn't send an accountant to do a farmer's work, or vice versa.

In the system as it stands today, an instructor may choose his administrative supervisor or any of several Deans.

With the specialization that is necessary for today's institutions, this does not mean the person performing the evaluation will be an expert in the field.

The optional administrative evaluation is, at this time, the most popular at Cerritos.

Many instructors who are experts in the subject have had little or no training in evaluation procedures, most of which comes from the evaluation specifications in the faculty handbook.

Should a teacher's evaluation prove to be less than satisfactory, the instructor will undergo further evaluation and may receive recommendations.

In the most severe case, those involving moral turpitude, such as drunkenness or lewd behavior, the end result may be dismissal or suspension.

This would be highly unlikely in view of the fact that evaluations are regularly scheduled and it would not be hard for an instructor to "clean up his act" for this brief period.

Disciplinary action for simply bad teaching or poor teachers is so rare as to be almost nonexistent.

Faculty evaluation needs to be revamped.

Perhaps a standard should be adopted such as that practiced in France's national education system.

With a state operated review board, the cost per evaluation may be raised, but in the long run, how can the price of bad teaching be calculated.

● Prop. 78 aims for school repair

Buy now, pay later.

Proposition 78, a \$600 million bond issue for school funding, would be repaid out of the next 20 year's state taxes.

If passed by a simple majority, the money would be distributed to the public college system over the next two years.

There is little doubt that the state college system could use the money.

Substandard buildings must be brought up to

code. Aging, dangerous asbestos insulation should be replaced.

Schools, which are traditionally at the cutting edge of scientific knowledge, are falling behind. How can we stay ahead in the technology game if we handicap our research with flawed education?

In the next 12 years, the enrollment in California's 134 public colleges is expected to top 2 million.

If something isn't done, the colleges will simply run out of space.

Money distributed through Proposition 78 will be for new construction, renovation and equipment purchases.

Cerritos stands to receive \$856,000 to remodel for efficiency.

General obligation bonds would be sold by the state at a low interest rate and repaid out of the general fund.

They are exempt from the Gann Spending Limit which the state is nearing.

The cost of financing such bonds is actually less than it appears to be because of the reduction of the actual purchasing power of future payments.

It would also give the recipients of the benefits of Proposition 78 a chance to share in its repayment.

At this time only about 2 percent of California's general fund is earmarked for general obligation bond reimbursement.

Creative funding of this type is necessary to keep services from being cut, while upholding such tax reforms as the Gann Limit to serve as a system of checks and balances.

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For the young at heart, aging is left to the mind of the beholder



Age.

An infinite rating system used to determine our worthiness to the society we live in.

It's the yardstick by which we measure our years on this planet, and against which others determine our abilities.

After achieving an adequate number, one can drive a car, vote in an election, run for president, or draw social security benefits.

Some seasoned souls have secured the seniority to do all of the above, at the same time.

But, maturity doesn't translate evenly into all languages.

In some cultures, it is felt that with age comes wisdom, imparted through lifelong trials and errors that were overcome and

endured. The elderly are respected for their age, if nothing else.

It is society's duty to take care of them when they can no longer take care of themselves.

And it is done without grudge or malice.

Western civilization is not so kind.

Golden years are seen as declining years, with the old age line being drawn younger all the time.

Senescence is equal to senility, uselessness, and decrepitude in a public eye which prefers to focus on youth and beauty.

We lie about our age, forge new numbers on our birth certificates, and fight the age

fairy with masks, creams, and face lifts. Attaining a state of extended youth has become a national obsession.

Youth may be wasted on the young, but it's sought, chased, and briefly captured by the older generation.

Smooth skin is no more an indication of youth than adulthood is of responsibility.

Genius, talent, and ability are not age exclusive.

They are found in the youth of a Mozart, and the experience of an Einstein.

Perhaps if respect were dealt out as fairly, the emphasis we place on youth and the young would be redirected toward possibility and accomplishments.

After all, you're only as young as you feel, and as old as you act.

So let's stop acting like numbers, and start feeling like individuals again.

And let age discrimination die young.

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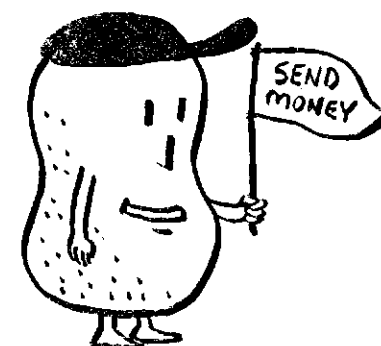
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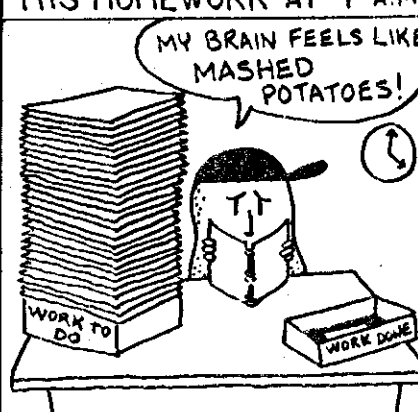
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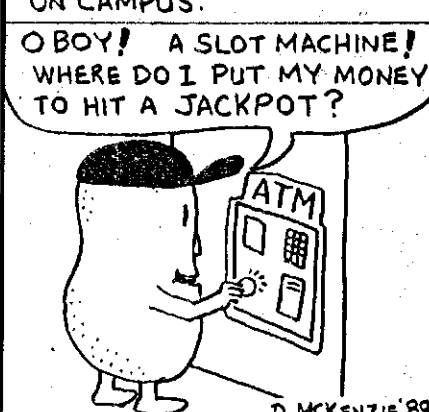
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SPUDLY SEES THE NEW AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINE ON CAMPUS.



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Election day move designed to promote on-campus voter response

By KARLA HUFENBACH
TM Managing Editor

A Senate bill that should have taken effect with the Student Senate elections will get its first trial with Homecoming Court elections.

The bill passed by the Spring Senate will change the election days from Tuesday and Wednesday, to Wednesday and Thursday.

An ad-hoc rules committee charged with finding solutions to increase voting, brought the bill before the Senate where it passed unanimously.

The major advantage to the change is that additional campaigning time and the publicity offered by *Talon Marks* Wednesday publication day would promote a higher profile for campus elections.

Phil Houseman, associate dean of student activities is not in favor of the change. "I was hoping that the committee would come up with more than one solution."

"We are anticipating trouble in finding workers to man the election booths, as well as to count votes. We may have to hire students to take over those jobs," said Houseman.

"I think that we should try anything that will increase participation in student government. I stand behind the decision made by the Senators last year," said ASCC vice-president Kelly Kafel.

Last week the Senate voted their concern over the Board of Trustees ruling that prohibits campus police from jump-starting cars or opening locked vehicles for students or

faculty.

The motion presented by Jerome Andrews, ASCC faculty senate liaison, stemmed from the same concerns issued by the Faculty Senate last month.

"Our president, Jesus Gomez, will make our views known to the Board of Trustees," said Andrews.

Other business included reports from Holly Bogdonovich, ASCC commissioner of student activities, and Dr. Allan Boodnick, director of psychological services.

Bogdonovich announced the first observance of "Red Ribbon" week here at Cerritos Oct. 23-30. It is an awareness program to promote a drug-free community.

Boodnick highlighted the programs available to students through Psychological

Services, including the radio talk programs on KCEB.

He stressed the confidentiality of the program, and that most of the students who take advantage of the programs are self-referred.

Allan Holland, ASCC party whip, reported on the parking committee. "Our parking fees are the lowest in the state. The state will now allow us to raise our fees \$10, the additional fees would be used for road and parking lot maintenance."

Before a hike in parking fees takes place, the parking and traffic committee would make an initial recommendation before it advanced to the Board of Trustees for review and possible implementation.

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Homecoming Court hopefuls

*The Homecoming campaign kicks off this week as 16 hopefuls try for a spot on the prestigious seven member Homecoming Court. Sponsoring organizations are busy planning strategies in hopes of getting their candidate elected. The 1988 Homecoming Queen will be chosen by ballot from Court members.
(Not pictured Patricia Flores)*



Brenda West
Water Phi Polo



Lorraine Soares
Beta Phi Gamma



Martha Berne
Sigma Phi



Noelle J. Vestre
Alpha Gamma Sigma



Stacey Benson
Alpha Gamma Sigma



Irene Rogriguez
Upsilon Omicron



Claudia Aguilar
AHORA



Yasmin Macias
MECHA



Vicki Williams
Big C



Kris Lynn Hamby
Phi Rho Pi



Anna Coreas
Independent



Veronica Zendejas
LDSSA



Traci C. Carter
KCEB



Patty Hare
Cosmetology



Yvonne Eres
Dance Club

Slate of 16 hopefuls campaign for 1988 Homecoming Court

By KARIBETH MYERS
TM Associate Editor

A slate of 16 hopefuls will hit the campaign trail this week, as they vie for a spot on this fall's Homecoming Court.

Candidates seeking to make the final cut on the seven member Court are: Brenda West—Water Phi Polo, Lorraine Soares—Beta Phi Gamma, Martha Berne—Sigma Phi, Noelle J. Vestre—Alpha Gamma Sigma, Stacey Benson—Alpha Gamma Sigma, Patricia Flores—EOPS Club, Irene Rodriguez—Upsilon Omicron, Claudia Aguilar—AHORA, Yasmin Macias—MEChA, Vicki Williams—Big C, Kris Lynn Hamby—Phi Rho Pi, Anna Coreas—Independent, Veronica Zendejas—LDSSA, Traci C. Carter—KCEB Broadcasting, Patty Hare—Cosmetology, Yvonne Eres—Dance Club.

Elections will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 12 and 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 6-9 p.m., both days.

Formal presentation of the court will be on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m. in the student center, followed by a class-to-class evening introduction on Oct. 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Then, just when you thought it was safe to ogle a pretty face, the Mock Rally rears its manly head.

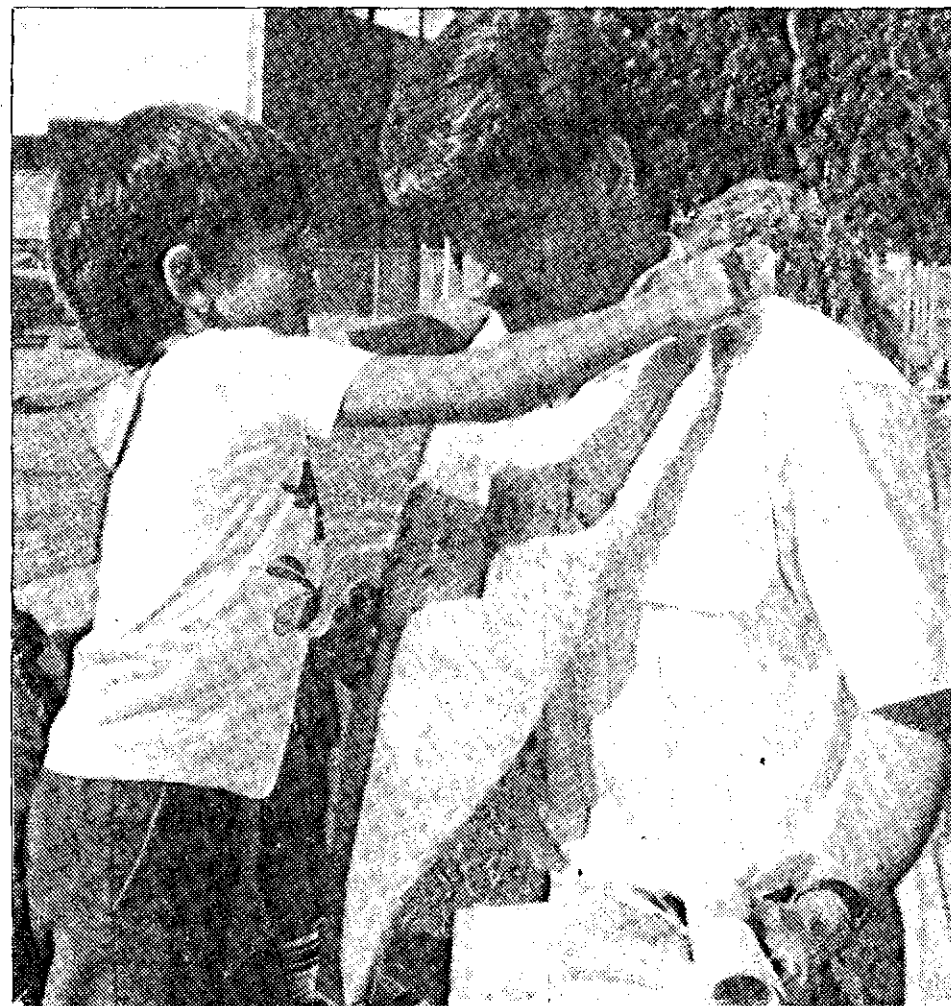
Scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 20, this popular spectacle featuring males dressed as Homecoming Court members will take place at 11 a.m. in the student center.

Float applications are being accepted in Student Activities, with seven float beds still available. The deadline to enter the competitions are Friday, Oct. 7.

Construction will take place Oct. 24-28, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. behind Falcon Stadium, and entries will be judged at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Following the judging a luncheon will be held for participants, and awards will be presented.

"If you want to become involved with Homecoming, just ask around Student Activities," said Holly Bogdonovich, ASCC commissioner of student activities. "There are a lot of clubs that need a hand with the float building. You don't have to be a member of a club to enjoy the fun."



TM Photo by KARLA HUFENBACH

ASCC APRONS — President Jesus Gomez receives thanks from Child Development Center for a donation which helped buy various items.

Drug free Red Ribbon Week to coincide with Homecoming

By KARIBETH MYERS
TM Associate Editor

Drug Free Red Ribbon Week got an official stamp of approval as the Cerritos College Board of Trustees received the symbolic red ribbon during their weekly meeting.

Running from Oct. 24-28, Red Ribbon Week is designed to increase drug awareness among young people, aiming at grammar school through college age students.

A resolution expected to be passed on

Oct. 18 will make it an annual event on the Cerritos College calendar.

Club representatives will have their red ribbons pinned on them at the Oct. 13 ICC meeting, along with the encouragement to pass the anti-drug message to the members of their diverse campus organizations.

Ribbons will be distributed through clubs and various other volunteers.

Posters supporting a positive, drug-free attitude are planned to be highly visible throughout this fall's Homecoming activities.

New Community Services class alleviates stress and tension

By ANGIE VILLANUEVA
TM Staff Writer

Cerritos College Community Services is offering four new courses that will last from one to six sessions and prices will range from \$12 to \$39.

"Classes that don't meet the minimum Red Ribbon run to promote awareness

By KARIBETH MYERS
TM Associate Editor

Are you a runner without a cause? Then the Red Ribbon Run may be just the course of action you were looking for.

Cerritos College's Re-Entry Club is sponsoring a 5k run on Oct. 22, at 8 a.m. to help promote Drug Free Red Ribbon Week, the statewide drug awareness program aimed at increasing the public's attention toward the problem of substance abuse.

The race, which takes place on a flat, fast course around the Cerritos College campus, both starts and finishes at the field house, located behind the football stadium.

For an entry fee of \$7 per person, you can race yourself, sponsor your favorite runner, or participate in a split. The fee includes a red visor and eligibility for an award.

All checks should be made payable to the Cerritos College Re-Entry Club.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Cerritos College Drug Prevention Program.

Early registration is available by turning in completed forms to the Financial Aid Office, attn: Marcia Chaney, or to the Re-Entry Resource Center, attn: Maureen May.

student enrollment may be cancelled before the first session," said Ilean Rabens, administrative assistant of community services.

A class examining the practical benefits of hypnosis in education, sports, and personal living is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 21, for a fee of \$15.

A "Premenstrual Tension Syndrome" course will be held Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. This workshop will include diet, yoga, visualization and special exercise for PMTS sufferers. There is an \$18 fee.

To alleviate stress and tension, a "Meditation" course will be offered Friday, Oct. 21, for a cost of \$15.

"How To Play the Keyboard" is a six session course beginning Saturday, Oct. 15. For a fee of \$39, the student will learn the usage of a keyboard, plus perform and record an actual composition.

Culinary questions answered, recipes on tap from chefs

Baking instructor Rudy Rosier and gourmet Chef Ellis Robinson from the culinary Arts Department are offering their expertise to all students and faculty members.

Rosier is willing to give away recipes for cookies, muffins, pies, donuts, and other par-

tries served in the Coffee Shop.

Chef Robinson will provide recipes for salad dressings, meat and fish preparation, sauces, stuffing, Thanksgiving dinner, Italian foods, French foods, and Cajun foods.

For recipes and answers to your food question call the Culinary Arts Department at Ext. 353.

ReadyTeller offers full-service banking

By PHIL MILLER
TM Staff Writer

Twenty-four hour banking has come to Cerritos College. A Security Pacific Bank ReadyTeller machine is now open and in full operation. Located on the northwest side of the college between the bookstore and campus theatre, the ReadyTeller is full-service and maintained everyday by bank personnel.

A grand opening for the ReadyTeller is planned later in the month, according to Alan Beaulieu, director of the Community Bookstore at Cerritos College and project coordinator for what may turn out to be a six-month project.

According to Beaulieu, Security Pacific Bank has invested significant time, money, and effort in this project and he is hopeful the machine will draw enough interest to bank on future expansion.

After a six-month review, it will be determined whether to add another automatic teller machine, one which uses a different computerized network to increase the number of participating banks, or to remove the existing machine.

Only student and community interest will tell. Bank on it.

October schedule set for Transfer Center

By ANGIE VILLANUEVA
TM Staff Writer

Representatives from various colleges will be visiting the campus to answer questions regarding transferring to four-year institutions.

The Transfer Center is located in the Administration Building.

Appointments to speak with representatives are required.

The partial October schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Oct. 5, CSU, Fullerton 2-7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6, CSU, Dominguez Hills, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; CSU, Fullerton in EOPS, 1-6 p.m.; CSU, Fullerton (Orientation) 11 a.m.-noon.

Monday, Oct. 10, CSU, Dominguez Hills, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Fullerton in EOPS, 1-6 p.m.; CSU Fullerton Orientation, 11 a.m.-noon.

Tuesday, Oct. 11, USC, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 12, CSU, Fullerton 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



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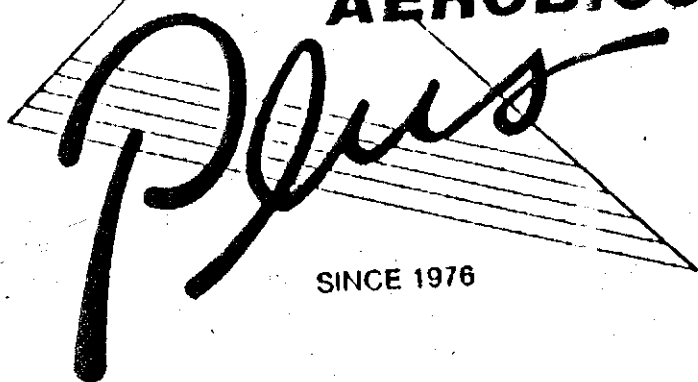
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Olympians score a win in forgetful Falcon squeezer

By John Van Gaston
Sports Information Director

After a forgetful game against Fullerton last week, the Cerritos Falcons football team was anxious to get back on the field and redeem itself.

The Falcons did so for 47:59, until San Diego Mesa kicker Ron White connected on a 44-yard field goal, to give the Olympians their first ever win at Falcon Stadium, this one being a 20-18 triumph. The loss, the Falcons second in a row, drops Cerritos to 1-3 overall and 0-2 in the Mission Conference.

Next Saturday night, Cerritos will try to get back on the track, as the Falcons travel to Riverside for a 7 p.m. game.

Down 17-10 in the 4th quarter, the Falcons drove from their own 24 and promptly moved the ball 76 yards in just six plays. The Falcons culminated the drive when freshman quarterback Sean McConnell (making his debut) found freshman tight end Gary Stick in the end zone from 13 yards out with 1:26 remaining.

Falcons coach Frank Mazzotta decided to go for two, with hopes of pulling his team out of the doldrums. McConnell found wide receiver Marcus Tyrone on the right side of the end zone, and Tyrone dove for the conversion.

The drive was highlighted by a Mesa

Kickers win in SCC; home this Friday

The mens soccer team will square off against Oxnard this Friday Oct. 7, at home. Match time is 3 p.m.

Oxnard is one of four teams to join the Southern California Conference this season. The other teams joining the SCC are Bakersfield, Glendale, and Santa Monica.

The Falcons won their first SCC game by forfeit against new comer to the conference Bakersfield, last Friday.

Coach Bob Flores was surprised, "This was the first time I have ever experienced a forfeit of an SCC opponent."

Coach Flores is not certain for the reasoning behind the forfeit, but believes the Bakersfield squad didn't have 11 eligible players at game time.

The Falcons lost to Fullerton College Sept. 27, in a tough match, 1-0, with 10 minutes left off a corner kick.

penalty for too many men on the field and a pretty 22-yard catch by sophomore wide receiver Gary Burnett.

The Olympians didn't waste any time moving the ball back down the field, as Ron Castillo started picking the Falcon secondary apart with two long pass plays, setting up White's field goal.

"We came real close to coming away with a win," said Mazzotta, who has not seen one of his teams at 1-3 since 1982 when his team started out 0-4.

Cerritos picked up their second rushing touchdown of the season the same way they recorded their first. Wide receiver Rico Smith picked a fumble after Tyrone Vickers was stripped after a reception. Smith wisely picked up at the Mesa 22-yard line and scampered into the end zone. Smith fell on a fumble in the end zone against San Bernardino earlier in the season.

Although the Falcons held Mesa to just 77 yards rushing, it was the combination of Castillo and Scott Allen's arm that helped spark Mesa to their first win of the season.

The duo were a combination 15-for-30 for 224 yards and two touchdowns. Allen was picked off three times, while Castillo had one pass interception.

"We have one of the youngest defenses around, but what has been hurting us the most has been our pass defense," said Mazzotta. "Only Mike Newby has experience at his position because we moved Keith Sparks from an inside safety spot to cornerback this year. So it's like he's a freshman as well. Teams know they can't run on us, because we are very tough up front."



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GOLD GRADUATE — Brett Barberie shows his newest possession a Gold Medal from the 1988 Korean Olympics. Barberie, a 1987 graduate of Cerritos College played second base on the US Olympic baseball team.

Water Polo in a bog with season play all up stream

By JEFF OCHOA
TM Staff Writer

The Cerritos College Water Polo Team has thus far experienced an ugly season. And with conference play just around the corner, the season doesn't look pretty for a team that has just one win in eight games.

"They're trying," said Coach Pat Tyne, "that's all that can be said."

Cerritos meets Santa Monica today at home and opens conference play against last year's state champs, Long Beach, on Friday.

Despite their 1-7 record, the Falcons are improving every game, said sophomore Tom Hartell.

"Last week against Mt. San Antonio College, we played together, whereas in the past it's been individuality ruling," he said.

"We're a speed offense without a set hole," said Jeff Alexan, one of many talented freshmen on the squad. "There's no one player we can get the ball to."

Lack of composure and depth have also plagued the team, said Alexan.

"We've been in every game, but we lose it in the end."

Cerritos possesses a counter attack that opponents dread, stopping fast breaks.

Second year starter Craig Malone and Hartell make up that defense.

"Our defense is keeping us in games," said Hartell, "Kevin (Voughan) is doing great in the goal."

Team members are confident that if they finish strong, that they will have an outside chance to compete in the state championships next month. To do so, Cerritos will have to finish strong in the conference and salvage a season where teamwork has been absent.

"There's a lot of talent, we're a young team, just too many individuals," concluded Hartell, "We're two weeks behind where we should be."

Unfortunately it shows.

Lady Falcons soar to strong fifth place tourney finish

By JEFF OCHOA
TM Staff Writer

With conference matches to start in two weeks, the Cerritos College women's volleyball team is experiencing a fantastic pre-season. The ladies boast a record of three wins and two losses, with a tournament still to play.

Last weekend the Lady Falcons soared to new heights as they finished fifth in a tournament dominated by talented schools from Arizona and Utah, as well as California.

On Friday, to start the tournament, the ladies played well in pool play defeating Orange Coast College 15-4, 15-3, Imperial Valley 15-9, 15-10, splitting with Grossmont 15-9, 10-15, and splitting with Scottsdale 15-6, 12-15.

With the one win against Scottsdale, the ladies were able to advance to the playoffs

where they were seeded fourth and matched against fifth-seeded Utah Valley.

Finally adjusting after two games the Lady Falcons were able to steal a game from Utah, but it would not be enough as Utah rebounded taking the fourth game 10-15 to advance to the semifinals.

Cerritos finished in a strong fifth place despite the loss.

Yolanda Jefferson played very well at the setter position, according to Coach Jeanine Prindle.

Evelyn Sefuiva was the top hitter for the tournament and Wendy Vandervis was Cerritos' top passer and defensive player.

The Falcons will compete in the College of Sequoias Tournament on Friday and Saturday, then plan to come home and concentrate on the upcoming conference matches which begin at Long Beach City Oct. 19.

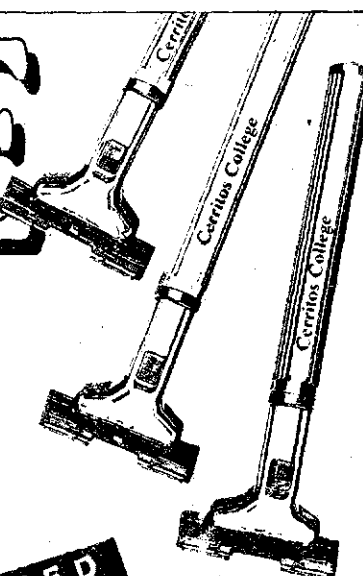
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