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The Chosen few

1988 Homecoming Court



Claudia Aguilar
AHORA



Lorraine Soares
Beta Phi Gamma



Yasmin Macias
MEChA



Noelle J. Vestre
Alpha Gamma Sigma



Vicki Williams
Big C/Pep Squad



Irene Rodriguez
Upsilon Omicron



Veronica Zendejas
LDSSA

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Fall 1988 Princesses reign in presentation festivities

By KARIBETH MYERS
TM Associate Editor

The 1988 Homecoming Court presentations yesterday were the highlight of more than a week of intense campaigning by 16 candidates hoping to be one of the final, voter-selected seven.

The court consists of: Lorraine Soares, Beta Phi Gamma; Noelle J. Vestre, Alpha Gamma Sigma; Irene Rodriguez, Upsilon Omicron; Claudia Aguilar, AHORA; Yasmin Macias, MEChA; Vicki Williams, Big C; and Veronica Zendejas, LDSSA.

Attending the princess crowning event was 1987 Homecoming Queen Dottie Thompson, who was, as usual, well-received by the enthusiastic crowd.

Master of Ceremonies, Richard McGrath, used his inimitable sense of humor to draw out the candidates and put them at ease during their interviews.

"I'm really pleased with all the voter participation in the court elections," said Holly Bogdonovich, ASCC commissioner of student activities. "The large turnout has made this an exciting race."

Hoping for even greater numbers at the polls for Homecoming Queen elections, activities have been scheduled for the princesses that will keep them high profile with the students.

Last night the Court was introduced to the Cerritos College Board of Trustees at their bi-weekly meeting, by ASCC President Jesus Gomez.

Evening students will meet the Queen hopefuls tonight during ASCC Activity Night, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Mock Rally competition is expected to shift student body spirit into high gear on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. in the Student Center.

Male candidates dress up as their favorite Homecoming Princess and display their talents as they vie for the title of Mock Rally Queen.

"It's really great to see people getting involved with the Homecoming Activities," said Bogdonovich. "This is the ideal time to have fun, make new friends, and show your school spirit at the same time."

Another Homecoming activity that has students geared up with Falcon spirit is float building.

Construction on the floats will begin Monday, Oct. 24, behind Falcon Stadium, and will continue through Friday, Oct. 28.

Entries in the float competition will be judged on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 10 a.m., followed by a luncheon for judges and entrants in the Student Center, where float awards will be presented.

'Highly regarded' disaster plan discussed by Faculty Senators

By KARLA HUFENBACH
TM Managing Editor

A discussion was held among Faculty Senators on the College disaster plan, despite the fact that the disaster committee could not be represented.

Major concerns included availability and storage locations of emergency supplies.

The Senators put their questions in writing and will submit them to the disaster committee.

Our disaster plan, according to a recent memo from the Emergency Disaster Committee, is considered to be highly regarded among other colleges in the state. The plan is currently undergoing its third revision.

The committee will present the

"Emergency Disaster Plan" at the general faculty meeting, Feb. 23, where concerns by faculty members will be addressed.

Other Senate business included a change in the bylaws to expand the rules committee by two members. The new appointees are Ken Hanson from Technology, and Larry Brady from fine arts.

In response to the early retirement plan adopted by the Board of Trustees, the Senate had concerns over faculty who qualified for the plan, but might be excluded because of sabbatical leave.

The administration has agreed to look at individual circumstances regarding this issue.

Red Ribbon Week off and running with 5k race, campus activities

The campus-wide observation of Drug Free Red Ribbon Week gets off to a running start with the Cerritos College Re-entry Club's 5K run on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 8 a.m.

October 23-30 marks the statewide drug prevention week, and coincides with the Cerritos College Homecoming celebration.

Campus activities highlighting Red Ribbon week will be on hand complimenting Homecoming activities.

Saturday's race is designed to bring

attention to the growing problem of substance abuse in our country.

"The Choice For Me, Drug Free," is the theme of the race, which takes place on a flat, fast course around the Cerritos College campus, with the start and finish line at the Field House, located at the back of the football stadium.

An entry fee of \$7 includes a red visor, eligibility for an award, and the satisfaction of having contributed to a worthy cause. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Cerritos College Drug Prevention Program.

● BUSH BASH/3

Vice President George Bush received a welcome from Cerritos students at his campaign stop at Heritage Park in Cerritos.

● ASCC SELECT

The 1988 Fall Homecoming Court will be presented to evening students tonight in class introductions beginning at 6:30 p.m.

● SOCCER SOARS/4

Men's soccer team is on a winning streak, sporting an outstanding 5-1 SCC record. Next match time — El Camino, 7:30 p.m.

EDITORIALS

Insurance initiatives;
let the voter beware

Next month's ballot will feature a veritable smorgasbord of propositions related to auto insurance.

They are being backed by groups ranging from insurance companies to consumer advocate groups.

By the time voting day rolls around, some \$75 million will have been spent on advertising for these initiatives. Unfortunately, many Californians may use the special-interest propaganda being generated by the campaigns as their only basis for voting on this important issue.

A word that has been bandied about excessively during all of the hoopla is "reform," (a fancy way to say changes). Obviously, the public must be dissatisfied with the current insurance situation to respond so well to an empty buzz word.

As with every needlessly complex and wordy proposition, these propositions are composed of many elements. Some parts are obviously to serve the special interest groups that are touting the initiatives. Others seem to be thrown in specifically to sell them to the public.

In most cases, rate reductions are promised. Proposition 100 calls for a 20 percent reduction for good drivers in liability, medical payments, and collision. This initiative, which is backed by the California Trial Lawyers Association and MADD, defines a good driver as one who has not had a moving violation in three years and has never been convicted of drunk driving.

Lawyer-backed Proposition 100 is the only one on the list that makes the regulation of attorney's fees

illegal. In fact, Proposition 106, that is backed by insurance companies, deals only with limiting lawyer's contingency fees.

It (Prop 106) advocates a cap of 25 percent of the first \$50,000, 15 percent of the next \$50,000 and 10 percent of any recovery over \$100,000.

Proposition 101 and 104 have similar provisos.

Unfortunately, no limit has been placed on an attorney's straight-hourly fee. So, while insurance companies can afford to hire a top lawyer, most people would probably be unable to get comparable legal counsel under the diminished contingency plans.

One attractive feature by both Proposition 100 and 103 is a stipulation making insurance companies subject to state anti-trust laws. It's about time.

The legalization of discounts and rebates are among the offering from initiatives 100 and 103.

One of the hottest contested insurance terms for this election is no-fault. The only proposition offering it is 104, another insurance-backed initiative. Unfortunately, this plan for no-fault is crippled by severe limits on benefits. Anything above that limit must be recovered by the litigant himself.

Proposition 104 has a unique passage that says, should it pass, all other propositions regarding insurance are automatically cancelled.

Proposition 100 cancels only the conflicting passages of any other successful initiatives.

Built into Proposition 101 is the condition that it expires at the end of 1992.

Non-economic losses (pain and suffering) would be hard hit by Proposition 104 which disallows them, with the exception of death, disfigurement, or permanent disability. Proposition 101 limits such losses to 25 percent of economic disfigurements (medical expenses and lost wages).

In passages that are obviously self-serving, the insurance industry-backed Proposition 104 would

increase the penalties for non-compliance with financial responsibility laws. It would also prohibit public officials from setting insurance rates, with the exception of worker's compensation and assigned-risk insurance.

The only straight rate decrease is offered by Proposition 103 (20 percent.) All other drops affect only parts of a policy, such as liability or uninsured motorist, and can easily be made up by boosting other rates.

Rate setting by area is also up for reform. If rates are equalized, people in less desirable locations will pay less, but those in better areas would be charged more. It is important to note that, should this measure pass, the Los Angeles area could expect to see a decrease in premium rates.

The state would stand to lose some of its \$1 billion yearly tax on insurance premiums. This would have to be made up through some other form of taxation.

The best way to go to the polls is as an informed voter.

If no one insurance proposition seems perfect, a balance may be struck by voting yes on several.

Bear in mind, though, that passing Proposition 104 will cancel all other insurance-related proposition, with the exception of Proposition 106.

A win for Proposition 100 will cancel only the conflicting parts of Propositions 101, 104, and 106.

Any other initiatives passed will be followed based on voter majority, wherever a conflict occurs.

Contrary to current advertising, this need not be your last chance to "reform" the insurance system.

If you don't like what you see, use your no vote on all of the insurance-related propositions.

Your vote may inspire less confusing legislation that is more likely to serve the public interest.

Campus Comment

Do you think the Cerritos College Campus Police should be permitted to carry firearms on the college campus?



RAY JONES
ENGINEERING

If it will help against crime OK, but make sure the people carrying the guns are highly qualified.



AMY ALTMANN
ACCOUNTING

I don't think anything really happens on campus that they would need guns.



RUEL SANJANCO
BUSINESS ADMIN.

I think they should (have guns) to reduce crime and provide more protection for students.



KURT WAHL
LIBERAL ARTS

I don't think it is a good idea. Why bring a firearm into a situation where there is little violent crime?



LYNN DERRICKSON
BUSINESS ADMIN.

I don't think it is necessary. There doesn't seem to be many problems. Maybe if they kept them in a car or building instead of with them.



ROBERT LOGAN
POLITICAL SCI.

I think it's stupid. I come from a gang city and there is hardly anything here compared to where I came from. It would be dumb.

AIDS education gets a spotlight
for public awareness in October

BY MARGO LEWIS

Is it enough to set aside only one month out of the year to publicize the fact there is a killer in our midst?

Just 31 days to be extremely cautious of not becoming its next victim is not enough time. Caution cannot be rushed.

No one is immune to this disease. New statistics are compiled daily about this growing disease.

We know that AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is caused by a virus that destroys the body's immune system, leaving it powerless against certain cancers and otherwise rare infections. It can also invade the nervous system causing severe neurological disorders.

It may be transmitted through sexual intercourse, sharing unsterilized hypodermic needles, blood transfusions, or by a woman to a fetus during pregnancy.

Women are the first developing risk group which could have the advantage of preventative measures and education. We know the disease is caused by a virus. We have a test for detection, and we know how to educate about condoms and restraint.

It is crucial for women to use their organizational and networking talents to educate themselves about this disease.

A spokesperson from the National Women's Health Network even went so far as to say, "We have to start doing Tupperware parties for condoms."

As many as 100 of the 3.5 million Americans who will receive blood transfusions this year could become infected by the AIDS virus because AIDS-tainted blood can't always be eliminated by available tests.

An informal survey of 15 and 16-year-olds indicated 78 percent of those asked had learned what they know about AIDS from radio or television, 15 percent said they had learned about the disease from a school teacher or a magazine, while the other seven percent received their information from other sources, such as the newspaper.

Controversy has arisen about what grade in school to start providing AIDS counseling

and instructions.

One 16-year-old boy, who learned about AIDS from his parents and the television, said, "This earlier the better. I think that this, along with other things that kill, should be taught. Remember how everyone learned how to cross the street? Well, AIDS should be stressed even more. When taught at an early age, humans tend to remember better, not when they're told."

More than 1300 teenagers in California have tested positively for the AIDS virus and some medical experts fear this age group could become the next major risk target of this deadly disease.

Within four years it is estimated the number of Californians with AIDS will nearly equal the number of Americans who died in the Vietnam War.

On a financial basis alone, the AIDS epidemic is expected to create a crisis for government. AIDS also promises to change society in the foreseeable future in areas from medical care to people's sexual practices.

According to current death rates, only 16,000 of the 50,000 Californians who will have contracted AIDS through 1991 will be alive, but that proportion could increase.

An anti-viral drug AZT, was approved for sale to AIDS patients in March 1987. The estimated cost of a year's supply of the drug is \$10,000.

In California, Medi-Cal is required to pay for drugs specifically approved for AIDS. If 1000 AIDS patients on Medi-Cal use the drug, it will cost California taxpayers \$10 million.

In her book, "Advice for Life, A Woman's Guide to AIDS Risks and Prevention," author Chris Norwood said, "I think all people in the U.S. who have been sexually active in the past 10 years, and not in a faithful relationship, should be tested for AIDS. It should be a regular part of health, although people should also have the right to refuse the test."

It is painfully obvious we should all use the month of October to increase our AIDS awareness, but it is an awareness we must maintain everyday of our lives.

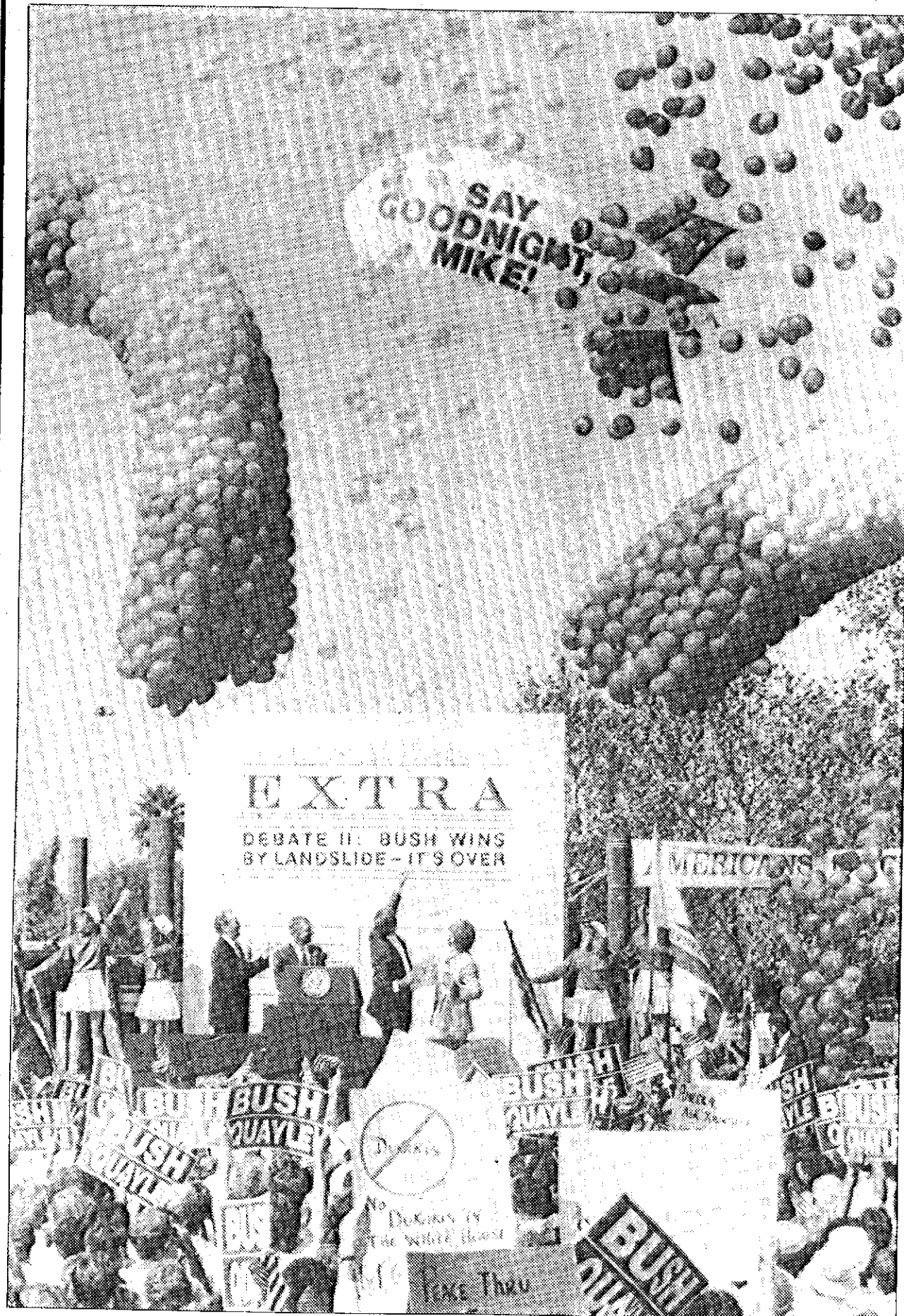
GOP Rally

Last Friday's rally in Heritage Park, Cerritos, for Vice President Bush drew support from local politicians as well as Governor Deukmejian, and celebrity Chuck Norris.

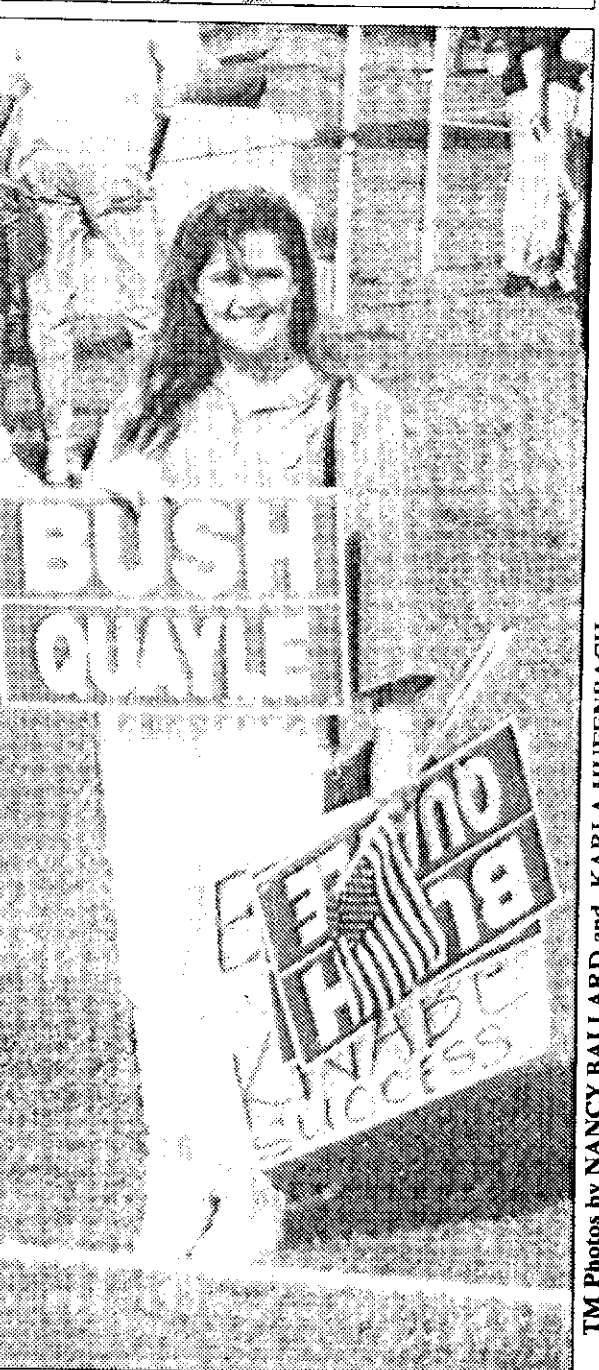
Sigma Phi Fraternity members, (top right) helped with crowd control, while ASCC Vice President Kelly Kafel (below) armed with campaign posters and flags joined in the spirit of the afternoon.

Falcons were well represented in the VIP area, tickets courtesy of the Bush campaign.

The rally attracted well over 10,000 spectators as well as the major news media.



Election 1988 Score	
BUSH	2
DUKAKIS	0



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ON THE BALL — Cerritos Freshman Jerome Cook takes shot on Santa Monica College's goalkeeper in 9-0 victory last Friday. The Falcons, 5-1 in conference, are gearing up for an SCC match Friday at El Camino.

Men's soccer team wins again; boasts 5-1 conference record

By KENNY O'LEARY
TM Assistant Lab Tech

With a show of two wins by convincing margins, the Cerritos men's soccer team had one of their best weeks this season.

The Falcons beat Glendale 4-1, and had an overwhelming victory against Santa Monica last Friday, 9-0.

Cerritos' next match is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 21, at El Camino. Match time is 7:30 p.m.

The Falcons took an early 1-0 lead against Santa Monica when Joel Medina was good on a penalty kick.

Pablo Montalvo was later denied a goal when he put the ball past the goalie, only to miss out on the score as a result of an offside penalty.

Montalvo quickly came back with a goal off a head shot.

Byron Pereira made his contribution to the Falcon scoring drive by scoring the third and fourth Falcon goals before halftime.

The Falcons had their best half of the season when they exploded in the second half with five goals. This was the team's best half of the season.

Arturo Becerra, who usually doesn't score goals for the Falcons, became an offensive threat this week. Becerra scored twice, tallying the fifth and sixth goals.

Javier Romero then scored the seventh and eighth goals of the game.

Sophomore Galdino Rodriguez topped off the scoring at 9-0 to give the Falcons their widest margin of victory this season.

Assistant Coach Vladimir Nieto said, "We had total domination of the game, we came close to playing perfect both offensively and defensively. Our execution was high quality this week."

"We have been working on finishing touches at the goal. This week our practice sessions paid off."

Pereira led the Falcons against Glendale earlier in the week, scoring two of the Falcons four goals.

Rodriguez made the score 3-0, and Mario Orozco finished off the Falcons scoring with their fourth of the day.

Glendale was able to get on the score board during the last 10 minutes to make the final score 4-1.

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Dons pluck Falcons 24-21; no-luck blues follows birds

By JEFF OCHOA
TM Staff Writer

The beginning of the season had the Cerritos College football team as the number one ranked team in the state. Five games into the season, the Falcons, to everyone's surprise, can't be found in the rankings.

Saturday night the Falcons fell victim to undefeated Rancho Santiago, 24-21.

This Saturday Cerritos travels to Grossmont for a 1:30 p.m. match up.

"The kids are trying. They're doing pretty good," said Head Coach Frank Mazzotta, "our kicking game had me mad."

Against Rancho Santiago, bad snaps and poor kicking led to self destruction.

Cerritos missed an opportunity to score a field goal when the snap never got to the holder. A mishandled punt led to a Rancho Santiago touchdown.

Scoring didn't start until two minutes had ticked off the clock in the second quarter when Rancho scored on a seven-yard quarterback keep to put the Dons ahead 7-0.

Following a 47-yard kickoff return by Freshman Marcus Tyrone, the Falcons moved the ball on six plays, with McConnell finally connecting with wide receiver Avery Moore on a 15-yard timing play to even the score at 7-7.

Ten minutes later, Cerritos scored its second touchdown with just 10 seconds left to play in the first half when McConnell hit Moore again on a 15-yard scoring pass up the middle to give the Falcons a 14-7 lead.

Starting off the second half, Cerritos self-destructed on a punt that never occurred as the snap sailed over the head of punter Morris Satki and was recovered on the Cerritos 4-yard line.

Rancho proceeded to score to tie the score at 14-14.

With just under five minutes left to play in the third quarter, Rancho kicked a 25-yard field goal to go ahead 17-14 to end the third quarter scoring for both teams.

Rancho Santiago started the fourth quarter with a 5-yard quarterback keep for a touchdown to go up 24-14.

With 11 minutes remaining in the game, Cerritos drove 80 yards on 10 plays to close to within three points on Reggie Pitchford's one-yard run with just over seven minutes to play in the game.

Cerritos staged a comeback with productive ball movement on passes by McConnell, but the threat was ended on the last play of the game on an interception in the end zone.

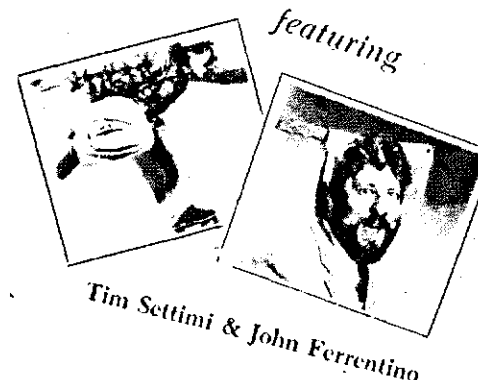
"If you have a lucky rabbit's foot, send it," said Mazzotta.

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