

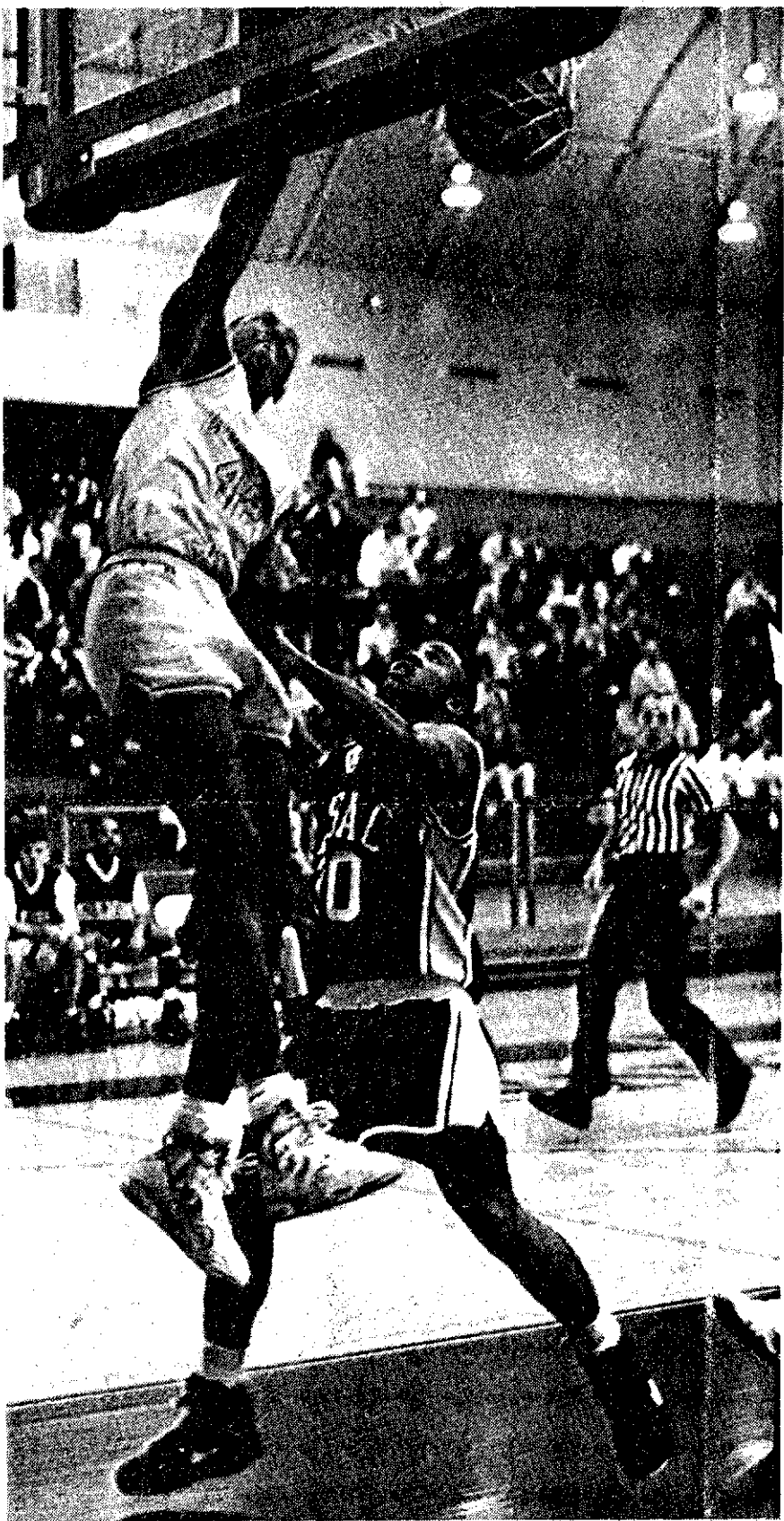
**I**n these transition times of changing cultural, ethnic, social demographics at Cerritos College, let our perspective be diversity without isolation and fragmentation...unity with mutual tolerance and sensitivity...commitment to the greater good while respecting each individual's rights...that we might ensure a free press and a viable education for all who would "gladly learn."  
— THE EDITORS

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## High-flyers slam-dunking 'em



— TM Photo by KEITH BIRMINGHAM

**FALCON POWER** — Matt Mitchell's powerful slam dunk to open runaway against MT SAC symbolizes Cerritos' surprising prowess as the state's top JC team. Falcons clash tonight with tough No. 2, arch rival Long Beach City.

## No. 1 Falcons(22-2) visit No. 2 LBCC (21-5) tonight

By Jimmy Baro  
TM Sports Editor

Cerritos is still the No.1 basketball team in the state after overpowering Mt. San Antonio 91-64 last Saturday night and some little luck over El Camino Wednesday to improve to 2-0 in conference and 22-2 overall.

Winners of 18 in a row, the Falcons put their streak on the line tonight against last year's South Coast champi-

ons Long Beach City (21-5) rated No.5 in state on the road.

Tip-off is set for 7:30.

"It's going to be a dog fight," said Head Coach Jack Bogdanovich.

Last year's final encounter between the two clubs at Long Beach City decided the championship.

The Vikings came out on top 87-80.

"This game will decide who has the early inside track on the conference

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# VOTE!

## Spring Senate elections today, Thursday see 47 for 32 ASC seats

By DON JERGLER  
TM Associate Editor

Over the next two days the campus will be alive with fly-er-toting Student Senate campaigners, waiting to swarm potential voters as they pass by.

Candidates, along with supporters, hope to persuade students in transition to select them from the 47 others vying for a prestigious position on the 32-member student legislative body.

Although the roster is down from last semester's 63 candidates, officials are hopeful for an enthusiastic show of concern by the campus population — voter wise.

Polling places can be found adjacent to the Social Sciences building, near the Health Sciences building, and in front of the Coffee Shop. Booths are open at 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and again from

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Responsibilities of Senators include overseeing a half million dollar student budget, and establishing rules and precedents for Student Government.

Another vital service of Senate is to listen to the concerns and ideas of students, an obligation which critics say has been neglected by past Senate sessions.

"I would like to see Senate keep in touch with students, and find out what they want," said Student Body President Mazen Nabulsi. "The needs of the students need to be heard. In the past they haven't."

A great deal of concern has been expressed over whether the majority of this semester's Senate will have a better record of commitment than last semester, in which 14 members missed three plus meetings out of 12.

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## Upcoming Events

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

- Student Senate Elections
- Men's basketball at LBCC
- Women's basketball LBCC here
- Ride Share parties 9,10,11,12,1
- De Leon, Fenner Art Exhibit through Feb. 6

### THURSDAY, JAN. 30

- General Faculty Meeting 11 a.m.
- Concerned Faculty Meeting 2 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 31

- Cerritos/Fullerton Tourney @ Cerritos/Fullerton, TBA
- "Charlotte's Web" through Feb. 2 in the Burnight.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 1

- Welcome Dance from 9-12 a.m. Student Center. DJ, prizes. Free with ASCC card.
- Men's Basketball here.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 4

- Faculty Senate, 11 a.m.
- Board of Trustees, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

- First Student Senate Meeting, BK111/112 at 2 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 6

- AGS Meeting, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., in HS102.

March 6 — Last day to petition for Commencement

• **Shades of Sal** •  
**"The Offbeat Goes On"**

By Sal Panuco



I always wondered what it would be like to go surfing at 6 a.m.

Greg Rippe told me that he goes surfing before our 8 o'clock class.

I admire Greg. He's the kind of fellow that marches to the beat of a different drummer. A beat that only he hears. One that stirs his heart with a yearning for life.

That beat is what drives him out to the sea where, at sunrise, the stormy waters of the Pacific Ocean try his soul and where his spiritual self is restored while riding the shoulder of a 10 foot wave.

I honestly thought he was nuts, but I decided to come along and do a column on him to try to find out what method there was to his madness.

It was 5:30 a.m., the Monday of the Martin Luther King holiday, when Greg came by my place to pick me up. It was still dark outside and very cold so I threw on a couple of sweaters and we were on our way to Bolsa Chica State Beach.

He partakes in this somewhat religious ritual four times a week, all year round. "People look at you like you're crazy, surfing at 5:30 in the morning, but once your in, you heat up and use energy," he said to me as we were getting there. When we arrived he ran straight for the beach to check out the tide. I ran behind.

The moon was still out and the sea twinkled with a lunar reflection. Greg began to jog toward the shore of Huntington Beach, then up to the walkway where everything was soundless except for our breathing. We talked there for a while, then silence ruled as dawn began to give way to morning splendor.

He hopped on a bench and stood there gazing at the eastern sky as it illuminated bright orange. He fell in deep thought for about two minutes and then broke his penance.

"Isn't it cool?" he asked excitedly. I thought he had forgotten I was next to him and I was so cold that I could barely answer.

"Yeah, it's pretty nice," I said, though not as thrilled.

Walking back to the car to get his surf gear, Greg continued, "Surfing is to me what alcoholism is for others. Once I get out there, I forget my troubles."

I thought about what he said and began to understand certain things.

Finding a time to be with yourself.

That's what surfing does for Greg. Not in loneliness but in solitude. It is a time for him to search his soul. He never said it to me but I saw it.

It's true what Wordsworth says about the world being too much with us and how "little we see in nature that is ours."

There was something about the sun. It was shining so brightly that it moved Greg deeply. Something magical happened.

The sea also challenged him. I asked what he thought about the ocean.

"The ocean is like a beast that doesn't want to be tamed," he said amusingly, quoting Patrick Swayze verbatim from the movie "Point Break."

For a 20-year-old, Rippe is quite modest especially about his three surfing championships in four years. Calling himself only an average surfer, he seemed to be more proud of his parents. "I'm a son of farmers, he said. "My mom's from Nebraska and my dad's from South Dakota."

Greg sponsors two surfing teams. Calvary Chapel Surfing Association (CCSA) and Image (a group of surfers from Huntington Beach High School). He provides them with surfboards and other equipment that he gets from his sponsor at discount prices.

He participates in tournaments from Santa Barbara to San Diego. "Everything I do, I do for the glory of God since he is the one who gives me the talent," Greg said.

As soon as it was light enough, he put on his wet suit, took his board and headed off to the beach.

I watched him as he took the first couple of waves. They pounded him and worked him. Then, sure enough, he began to ride them 20, 25, 30 yards. It became undeniably evident what type of confidence was carrying him.

It's sunrise and morning star and one clear call for Greg. He hopes the waves will take him far, when he has crossed the bar.

Sooner or later we should all strive to be like Greg Rippe. We too have a clear calling and a hope to get someplace far.

In a sense, we're all surfers—even if we all don't know how to surf.

**CAMPUS COMMENT...**

Conducted by MIKE KIEFFER • KEITH BIRMINGHAM (Photog)

**Should condoms be available on campus for students to purchase...?**



**ANGEL GILBERT**  
 English / Cont

...Statistics show that students are sexually active. They need to be aware of who they are with and what kind of protection to use. We need to address the problem. By distributing condoms we are not condoning sex, but we are encouraging safe sex.



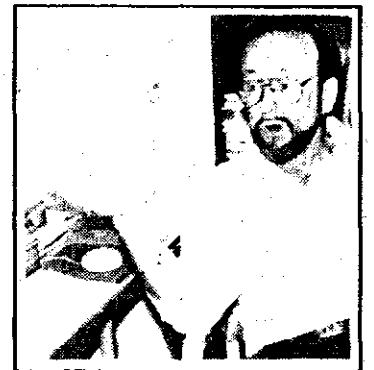
**MONICA RESENDIZ**  
 Psychology / Soph

...Yes, schools should make condoms available. We are adults and we should have access to this.



**JED ZEPPELIN**  
**GENTLE BEN KCEB**

...Should students decide to have sex at all—protection should be first on their minds.  
 ...Too late for abstinence, might as well protect yourself now.



**Dr. DON SEWELL**  
 Counselor

...Yes, many problems arise from unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. By giving out condoms we are not promoting sex, because people are already sexually aware. It's natural behavior. We must remember that along with condoms education must be included.



**MAZEN NABULSI**  
 Law / Cont

...No, the majority of students who come to Cerritos only stay for classes, as compared to a four year university where sexual activeness is more common.

**Talon Marks**

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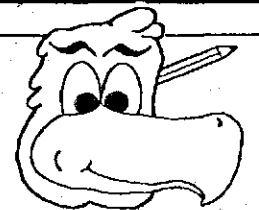
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**CC Falcons**  
**EDITORIALLY SPEAKING**

**Crossing Falcon Way...**



• **CROSSWALK CRAZIES** — Got the shock of my college career here recently when this guy actually hurried across a cross walk I was waiting to drive across on Falcon Way.

I mean...he actually broke into sort of a trot — and I wasn't gunning my engine threateningly, either.

And when was the last time that happened for you?

Usually, student folk come in endless hoards with nary a hold-it-a-sec thought of the poor slob sitting there in their cars trying not to edge and creep through the crosswalks without getting a ticket.

I wasn't in a hurry that day, kind person, but thanks for the memory.

**WHY NOT VOTE?** — If you're like everyone else I've seen, you have most likely been glued to the news for

the newest political happenings and such.

Watching the TV religiously causes your mind to wander, and you start to think, "Why can't I be caught up in some exciting political event?"

Fellow students, you are in the middle of a significant political campaign at this very second... and you probably don't even know it.

The ASCC Senate elections are a very important part of the Cerritos campus experience and sets the tone for the school year.

Get caught up in the hype. Do your part and get out and be involved.

Get out there and vote. Even if you don't know any of the candidates, or don't really care all that much about what's going down, at least your vote will provide one of the numbers to let them know you're there.

F, D, W — a way of 'academic' life for hordes of enterprising repeaters

NEWS BRIEFS

Students slate Feb. 3 readings as part of Black History month

Students of the African-American English 1 class will be hosting a read-in on Monday, Feb. 3, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the Cerritos College Board Room.

This event is in conjunction with the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and is part of the Third Annual International African-American Read-In Chain. The aim of the students and that of the NCTC is to interest schools, organizations, and citizens in the significance of African-American literature.

"We feel that this event will help promote the much needed awareness of the immense contributions made to history by Black writers and poets, both men and women," said Frank Gaik a teacher who is sponsoring the program. The month of February is National Black History Month.

'Killer One Acts' run Thursday - Saturday

"The Attack Of The Killer One Acts" opens tomorrow night, Jan. 30, and will run through Feb. 1.

Tickets are still available with a \$2 donation at the door.

All performances begin at 8 p.m. in the Burnight Theatre.

The students who are directing these four one acts include Cliff Shinder/"Dentity Crisis" by Christopher Durang, Susie Alderette/"Death Knocks" by Woody Allen, Martin Molina/directing "David Mamet Pieces, and Jim Caves/"The Real Inspector Hound" by Tom Stoppard.

Next on the theatre's agenda is a Richard Harris musical comedy, "Stepping Out," which will be directed by Georgia Well, Cerritos drama prof and department chair.

Improving your health subject of new series

How important is your health?

Want to learn proven ways of avoiding difficult or life-threatening health decisions?

Learn answers to your legitimate questions and dispel myths about the HIV virus and AIDS.

Peggi Thomas, RN, of the Health and Wellness Center, will be conducting an informative seminar during the second Tuesday of every month in BK111, behind the bookstore.

The first session will be conducted on Feb. 12, from 10-11 a.m.

For further details, contact Ext. 217.

For individual matters and additional AIDS information, Nurse Thomas will be available on Tuesdays from 8 - 10 a.m. in the Student Health and Wellness Center.

Math without fear is added to workshops

The Re-entry Resource Center will offer a "Math Without Fear Workshop."

The presenter of this workshop is math instructor Sue Parsons

he workshop will be held on February 10, at the Community Services building Rm. D

Advanced reservations are advised. Seating is limited.

For more info please call the Re-entry Resource Center at 860-2451 Ext. 530 or 411.

City of Artesia looking for a brand new 'Miss'

Here she is, Miss Artesia!

The city of Artesia is preparing for the annual Miss Artesia pageant.

Many of the contestants have hailed from Cerritos College, with ushers coming from the Cerritos College Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Application deadline is Friday, Feb. 28, 4:30 p.m.

Interested applicants may obtain further information on the pageant and/or sponsors by contacting Nancy Aguilar, Artesia City Hall, at (310) 685-6262.

Interactive tech groups starting

A series of study groups underway under the auspices of the Learning Assistance Program will focus on interactive video and computer programs which will introduce students to new, high tech tools to help in classes.

They will be held daily in the Innovation Center (LC-110) from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

ELECTIONS TODAY

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Senate orientation was Tuesday at 11 a.m. The first Senate meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 5.

An early agenda item is expected to be the controversial proxy voting issue in which Senators with excused absences can file their vote.

Another issue on tap is the question of unexcused absences and arrivals after the gavel has opened the sessions.

'Take it again' may be dying song; one, two, three times...and yer out!

By MIKE KIEFFER  
TM Managing Editor

You can take all the courses you want as many times as you want—as long as you flunk them.

Presently there are no restrictions on the number of times a student may re-enroll in a class after receiving a "W," "D," or "F" grade.

According to Dr. Adolph Johnson Jr., Dean of Academic Affairs, "Large numbers of students are not satisfactorily completing given courses and they are re-enrolling time and time again in the same courses."

These students who are repeating courses are blocking entrance for new students in the said courses.

The Faculty Senate has recommended that a student be allowed to enroll in a repeated course no more than three times.

This procedure does not eliminate access to the college nor to other courses. Instead it modifies access to the extent that students who reach the three repeats can then be directed to other community colleges or encouraged to relearn necessary skills to succeed in higher level courses.

Financially Cerritos College cannot afford to allow students to repeat courses indefinitely, because the district cannot collect apportionment on nonrepeatable courses which are taken more than once.

The Math Department ran statistics that showed 61.1% of students in math classes received a "W," "D," or "F" grade prior to fall 1991.

These numbers show the alarming rate of students who are not performing to potential and must repeat courses to receive a passing grade, according to both faculty and administrative representatives.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Below is a summary of withdrawal information and policies.)

Manage your stress

The Cerritos College Learning Assistance program will be conducting a stress management group each Thursday starting Jan. 30 at 11 a.m. in AC-54.

Students may attend these groups on a walk-in basis. Program counselor Tony Welch will discuss how to manage school and life's everyday stresses on a daily basis.

1. **Withdrawal from class: (W)**

- Authorized through 75% of term
- Cerritos has no withdrawal policy limitations
- Title 5 doesn't appear to prohibit limitations according to Chancellor's Office
- Frequency of students who have withdrawn from classes and re-enrolled is unknown college wide at this time.

2. **Repetition of Classes**

- Two authorized ways:
  - Substandard work (D, F, or NC)
  - Cerritos has no limitation policy
  - Title 5 allows only once for state apportionment
- Repeatable courses, expanded educational experience
  - Cerritos has an identified extensive list (Cerritos Catalog, pages 19-22)
  - Cerritos has maximum unit limitation (Computer system automatically drops illegal repeats)
  - Title 5, state apportionment allowed only for three semesters

3. **Probation and Dismissal Policies**

- Two types probation
  - Academic, minimum 12 units attempted and below 2.0 GPA in all units
  - Progress, minimum 12 units enrolled and entries of W, I, and NC reaches 50%
- Two types dismissal
  - Academic, two consecutive semesters of academic probation
  - Progress, two consecutive semesters of progress probation

4. **Procedures currently used to assist probation and dismissal students**

- Probationary Students (1870 Spring & Summer '91)
  - Required to see a counselor prior to registration (912 students responded)
    - develop an education plan
    - agree to a written contract of specific actions
  - If not seen prior to registration, group counseling is provided at time of registration (406 students attended)
  - Receive follow up letter requiring them to see a counselor at end of each semester and summer school
- Academic Dismissal Students
  - Not dismissed if latest semester's GPA is 2.00
  - May attend summer session to improve academic deficiencies for re-admission
  - May be reinstated after one semester through successful petition
- Progress Dismissal Students
  - Not dismissed if latest semester contains no W, I, or NC entries
  - May attend summer session
  - May be reinstated after one semester through successful petition

Submitted to Board of Trustees for discussion on 1/21/92 by F. Newman



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