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# Audit to be Released This Week

#### **By AMARA AGUILAR** TM Editor in Chief

When Bookstore manager Alan Beaulieu was asked if he had any comment on the Bookstore audit scheduled to be released early this week he replied, "What audit?"

His reply stems from the fact that he has been on paid administrative leave since Sept. 12.

Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin would not comment as to why Beaulieu was put on leave.

The audit, finalized by Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Co., "covered all aspects of the operation of the Bookstore," Gaskin

said yesterday. The audit was part of an investigation into the financial matters relating to the Bookstore.

Past financial discrepancies in the Bookstore, including a 1995 audit that showed overexpenditures and a 1993-1994 inventory that in-

dicated inventory was undervalued. have contributed to questions regarding the operation of the Book-

store.

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store in Azusa, said he is not to

return to work until told to do so.

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"I think you'll see numerous changes in the operation of the Bookstore."

Mr. Beaulieu in the very near future," Gaskin said.

"I think you'll see numerous changes in the operation of the Bookstore. It will be more of a Those queswill retail operation and more in tune hopefullly be with the needs of the students," cleared up with he added. the release of

The results of the audit will be discussed at the Nov. 20 Board of Trustees meeting.

The audit is considered a matter of public record and the discussion will be open to the community. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

# **Plans Made to Hire District Auditor**

#### **By DAVID FEENSTRA** TM Staff Writer

**Cerritos College President Fred** Gaskin dropped a bomb shell at last week's Board of Trustees Meeting, announcing publicly that the finalized Bookstore audit would be in his hands early this week.

When the rather brief Board meeting was beginning to wrap up, talks turned to the hiring of a new district auditor.

Board member Mary Loya and Board Secretary John Moore announced that they were finished doing their reference checks on two of the auditors, sparking questions from fellow Board Member Bob Verderber.

Verderber questioned the Board as to why only two of the auditors had their backgrounds checked. Gaskin reminded him that the third auditor was already background checked before they began their current assignment.

When talks switched to the scheduling of the auditors second presentations, Gaskin made the announcement of the night.

"The Bookstore audit is complete and the final product should be in my hands within the next few days," Gaskin said. This announcement will put an end to the weeks of accusations and speculations involving the Bookstore situation



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Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin (left) and Board of Trustees President Cheryl Epple discuss Master Plan at Nov. 6 Board Meeting.

Bob Arthur. Arthur informed the Board that the committee had decided to invite back three of the four bidders.

The presentations will be held Nov. 12, at 3, 4 and 5 p.m. These presentations, which will be open to the public, will allow the three remaining candidates an hour to submit their final proposals. Highlander, All Seasons and Family Golf Centers are all scheduled to give their bids. After all the submitters are finished the Board

will allow for public questions and comments. The main difference between the bidders is whether or not they include miniature golf.

The Board also questioned Gaskin on the current situation of The Master Plan. According to Gaskin the plan is well underway. Things being discussed in the Master Plan range from investment possibilities, to future enrollment. One of the biggest components from the Master Plan is encouraging student population growth. The

most influential draw for students is the Honors program.

Gaskin was pleased with the new Honors program saying, "This new Honors program will allow us to draw in more students who wish to use us as a stepping stone to colleges like Stanford and UCLA."

The next Board of Trustees eting is scheduled for Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. Items scheduled to be presented range from the Economic Growth Plan to possibly the Bookstore audit.

Strawberry Fields not Forever

By PAT ROMAN TM Staff Writer

Discussions ranged from food drives to future proposals during the last Associated Students of Cerritos College senate meeting."

Deborah Arthur, ASCC commissioner of activities urged the senate "to bring in canned foods to give to local needy people between Nov. 12 and Dec. 6."

ASCC President Wayne Nunnery discussed the proposal regarding leasing the strawberry field to a golf driving range.

The strawberry field is "16.2 acres of prime real estate, which generate \$23,000 a year (in revenues)," Nunnery said.

Cerritos College owns the property located on the south side of campus and the lease expires in June.

The proposal to turn the field into a golf driving range, serving the community, is expected to generate \$200,000 in revenues. Nunnery failed to provide the senate with an estimated figure.

The additional monies would go into repairs needed throughout the school such as painting buildings, repairing the bathrooms and other repairs throughout campus.

Nunnery also mentioned a "technological company out in Silicone Valley who agreed to negotiate a joint venture with Cerritos College and provide technological innovations for the college in exchange for a 'training base.'

The company would train and provide students in electronics, fiber optics and computers.

The company currently employs 2,500. Eight hundred of those employees have A.A. degrees.

Nunnery said the company would serve as a "school -to -work program that would hire students (from Cerritos) after receiving an A.A. degree."

The proposal is expected to go

Information on the strawberry field renovation was also presented to the Board. Chairing the Board Subcommittee was Board member before the Board of Trustees in January.

If approved the program can begin as early as January 1998.

### **INSIDE TODAY'S TALON MARKS FEATURE 4 SPORTS 6** NEWS 2 Proposals made for turning strawberry • Pat La Guardia., director of the Assess-• The Falcon wrestling team heads to Fresno Saturday for the State Duals. patch into golf training center. ment Center, tap dances in a hammock.

# NEWS

### **NOVEMBER 13, 1996**

#### POLICE BEAT

#### **MONDAY, OCT. 7**

At 1:23 p.m., an officer responded to the Bookstore to investigate a commercial burglary. A student reported she placed her backpack in a cubicle in the lobby, went into the store for two minutes and returned to find her property missing.

A review of the surveillance videotape revealed that a male suspect entered the lobby seconds after the victim and removed her backpack. The criminal investigation is still pending at this time. (96-1102)

At 2:45 p.m., an officer was assigned to investigate a reported petty theft from a staff employee. A flashlight was reported missing between Oct. 1 and Oct. 14, and was now being reported as stolen. (96-1103)

At 9:15 p.m., an officer responded to Lot C-1 to investigate a hit and run traffic collision. A student's vehicle was struck by an unknown suspect causing minor damage. (96-1104)

#### •TUESDAY, OCT. 8

At 8:25 a.m., officers responded to a medical aid at the Arts and Crafts building. A female student reported having trouble breathing. The Los Angeles County Fire Department, Station 115, responded and provided medical services. The victim was transported to Pioneer Hospital via American Medical Response ambulance. (96-1105)

#### •WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

At 12:45 p.m., an officer responded to the Cerritos College Police Department, front counter, to investigate a reported grand theft auto.

A student reported that he parked his vehicle, a red and white 1986 Ford picl-up truck, in Lot C-11. When the student returned, he discovered his vehicle had been stolen. A report was taken and processed with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Norwalk Station. (96-1106)

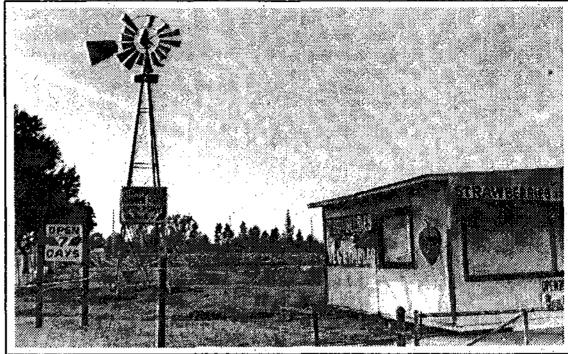
At 5 p.m., an officer was contacted by a staff member at the Student Center who reported she was the victim of a petty theft. The staff member stated that someone had removed her personal property from inside the student I.D. center. (96-1107)

#### **•THURSDAY, NOV. 7**

At 10:15 p.m., an officer responded to the Cerritos College Police Department, front counter, to investigate a reported grand theft auto.

A student reported that he parked his vehicle, a white 1984 Toyota 4-Runner, in Lot C-4, When the student returned, he discovered his vehicle had been stolen.

A report was taken and processed with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Norwalk Station. (96-1108) Compiled by JENNIFER KHO and DAVE KLIX



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Strawberries or golf balls? In order to increase monetary funds at Cerritos College, the strawberry patch will be changed into a multi-faceted golf training center by the end of 1998.

### **Increased Leadership Proposed**

#### By JUDY JIMENEZ **TM Campus Editor**

A proposal involving a community college teacher strand of educational leadership doctoral program at USC was brought to the table at the Oct. 29 Faculty Senate meeting.

As outlined in the proposal, background information states that we have not provided programs that will help community college faculty become more effective instructors.

The main focus of doctoral programs for community college and higher education, is for the administrator and those pursuing areas of leadership, not the classroom. Overall, "student learning" is the desired outcome.

**Faculty President Pinder started** off by saying, "They're trying to put together a doctoral program for those of us who wish to stay in teaching, not administration. Many of the Ph.D programs are really focused towards administration ...

As the proposal was open for discussion, Senator Joan Licari stated, "I'm not sure if I'm for the idea or not. The thing that bothers me, is a whole doctorate based on improving your teaching at a community college.

"I don't know how I feel about that because I went back and got

my doctorate in my subject area and I think that it was invaluable to me. I'm so glad I did it because it hasn't reached my background to help my students ...," Senator Licari said.

A senator then commented, "It is giving people more choices. I think that there are people who want to pursue a doctorate in a subject matter - that's great. There may also be people who want to look at something broader like this and I wouldn't want to not endorse another choice.'

The senate then voted to endorse the proposal to go forward to State Academic Senate to be looked at and the motion passed.

#### **ELECTION '96**

# **The Aftermath of the '96 Presidential Elections**

By DAVE COWDRICK TM Opinion Editor

#### The Candidates

Last week President Clinton became the first Democratic Presidential Candidate to be reelected for a second term since Franklin Roosevelt.

Clinton stood awaiting the

Clinton, accompanied by first lady Hillary Clinton and daughter Chelsea along with Vice President Al Gore and family, made his way outside of the state house to deliver his acceptance speech to the crowd that had gathered.

unquestionable victory, a proud

He dedicated a portion of his speech outlining his plans for his second term. Included were promises to balance the budget, get more children to read, swing open college doors, reform welfare humanely, lower crime rates and reform the campaign finance system. In realization that the Senate would be claimed by the Republicans, Clinton, in what may have been his most influential words of the night, said about the American people, "They are sending us a message: work together." Clinton also paid tribute to Bob Dole in his speeched and asked that the crowd applaud him saying, "On behalf of all Americans, I wish him well and godspeed." In his concession speech in Washington, D.C., Dole also stirred the crowd he was speaking to by saying of Clinton, "I wish him well" and I pledge my support," but received a flood of booing from the crowd at the mention of Clinton,

#### The Numbers

By the end of election night Clinton had captured 375 electoral votes out of 538 which put him above the 370 electoral votes he won in 1992. Dole was able to win a combined 129 electoral votes.

Ross Perot, who stayed in the race until the bitter end, managed to get eight percent of the Ameri-

voter turnout for this election showed it to be the smallest voter turnout since 1924.

Clinton captured 51 percent of the votes of the American people while Dole was only able to acquire 39 percent.

#### The Propositions

The most talked about and controversial issue of this election seemed to be affirmative action which came in the form of Prop. 209. In lieu of attempts to keep Prop. 209 from passing, it ultimately did. Prop. 215, which made the use of marijauna legal for medicinal uses, also passed. Among the other propositions that passed were 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 213, 217 and 218. Propositions that didn't pass included 205, 207, 211, 214 and 216.

him 32 electoral votes. Unfortunately that wasn't enough for Dole.

Clinton was able to win the six New England states along with New York, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and The District of Columbia. California was also taken by Clinton which provided him with 54 electoral votes.

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results of the election at the Greek Revival Old State House in his home town of Little Rock, Arkansas. At 9:15 p.m. after an



can vote. Of course this is only eight percent of a projected 49 percent of actual voter turnout. The estimates of the eligible

#### The States

If you could see the states won by the candidates on a map you would notice a great show of support for Dole coming from the midwestern states. Among these was Texas which was Dole's biggest victory of the night bringing



race was when Clinton won Ohio, a state which no republican has ever been known to win the race without.

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### EDITORIAL Building More Than Just Bridges to the Future

**OPINION** 

The promise of building a bridge to the 21st century was often heard from now reelected president Bill Clinton, but we wonder if the foundation of that bridge will cost American people countless sacrifices.

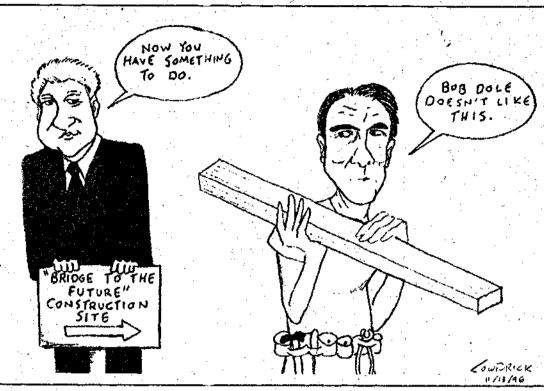
After a long campaign where promises to the American people and countless attacks to the moral values and ethics of each one of the candidates, the greatest democracy of the world elected once again a Democratic president.

This time Americans are hoping for a better economy, health plans and the new jobs.

The main issue here is that Clinton's re-election was not really a surprise because Bob Dole's political strategy gave away many Republican votes to Clinton's cause.

There is no way we can tell if Clinton was the best option.

Rather we would think that



he was the least bad of the three candidates.

Even though Dole was discussing moral values and the need of a better foundation for our society, it seems that Americans are no longer worried about ethics and moral but rather about money, jobs and medical care.

Ross Perot was not even an option at all because his experience as an entrepeneur does not

make him a diplomator a president.

It seems that Americans also realize that our economy is not only being affected by inner issues, but by the worldwide economy debacle, and they chose to trust Clinton once again with our country.

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This was the last election of the century and it will be a challenge to the president to build the promised bridge.

We have used our right to vote and elect our president.

Now it is time for us to take up our responsibilities and work hard to help our government to build together a better future.

It is time to do a little bit more than political speeches. It is time to work really hard.

It is time to get rid of the apathy and start doing the real work. It is time to go out to the streets and begin to look at our world with a new perspective.

Let's be optimistic and hope that all the promises made will be fullfilled.

We have to remember that before crossing a bridge we have to construct one.

### POINT/COUNTERPOINT Close the Doors to Ask For Solutions, Discrimination

#### By DAVE COWDRICK TM Opinion Editor

In 1963 a very influential man envisioned a world in which people "will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Because of him and others like him we were able to come closer to understanding that all people are equal no matter what their race, ethnicity or gender may be.

Today we have government affirmative action programs that are based solely on the grounds of

contracts and admissions to public colleges and universities.

For example, a company that has an affirmative action program and is hiring, has already met its quota for Latino workers.

It is now concentrating on getting some black workers on the payroll.

If a highly skilled Latino applies for the position and a less skilled black person applies for the position the black person will most likely get it.

"Affirmative ac-This is completely unfair to tion opens door to the Latino who, under normal discrimination." circumstances,

# Not Propositions

#### **By DAVID FEENSTRA** TM Staff Writer

If you're blind enough to believe that racism is gone, I suggest you go crawl under that rock you've lived under or go back to whatever. planet you came from.

Racism is here and it is here to stay. No matter what you believe. or how you try to candy coat it, racism and prejudices run our society.

Proposition 209 is the angry white male proposition. Under skilled and overconfican be nothing but racial undertones laced in it.

Voting for prop. 209 will only do one thing, put the minority back in charge.

Apartheid is in America. Trying to deny the fact is pa-

thetic, the American dream is dead. There is no way to succeed in

America without the influence of white America being pushed on you. A quota system is wrong, but a culturally diverse hiring board is

DOL. "Proposition 209 The only way the various miis the angry white nority communities can get on top male proposition." is to sell out.

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face, einnicity and gender to de-

termine who is most deserving of employment or admission to a school.

We can only wonder what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would think about that.

Affirmative action programs do not create an equal opportunity environment, but instead an environment of discrimination.

No longer can a person expect to find employment on the basis of credentials.

Now if a person wants employment he or she better not fall into an overrepresented category of people. With the passing of Prop. 209 discrimination will be banned by barring state and local government from using quotas or preferences based on race, ethnicity, gender and other such factors in decisions regarding hiring, the awarding of

would have gotten the job.

Affirmative action doesn't create equal opportunity it creates "equal discrimination."

It singles out minorities as an inferior group of people and gives them opportunities that they could never hope to achieve on their own. This is what affirmative action does.

Availability of a job or acceptance into a good college or university should be based on merit.

If you're qualified for the job, you should get it. If you have good grades in school, you should be admitted into a good college or university.

Affirmative action only opens new doors for discrimination. It tries to help those who are discriminated against by discriminating against others.

dent whites

claim reverse

discrimination when in reality they are just under qualified.

It's time to sack it up and deal with it. In a perfect world affirmitive action wouldn't be necessary, but in case you haven't been paying attention to the real world, race is everything.

Murderers are aquitted because of alleged racism. Brilliant leaders are shunned from power because of race. There is nothing in this world that is not affected by race.

Prop. 209 will accomplish nothing but set back race relations in this country. No matter how badly you want to believe it won't, you're wrongl

Any time a proposition is backed a Gestapo which includes Newt Gingrich, the fascist Pat Buchanon, and David Duke the former grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, there

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ready heated race relations will reach a boiling point.

Merit and qualifications can only get you so far, if you don't have an equal opportunity. Colleges don't weigh grades from high school equally. High schools from upper middle class cities get preferential treatment over lower income schools.

Without assistance, the only way to get out of a ghetto school is to play sports. College admission committees scoff at a straight 'A' student from a ghetto school, but if you come from a rich private school with a 'B' average, colleges are knocking on your door.

Prop. 209 only treats the symptoms of racism, it does nothing to solve the problem. It's like putting A Band-Aid on a gun shot wound to stop the bleeding.

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## **Director Manages to Tap into the Future** Resources

FEATURE

#### By MONICA COTO TM News Editor

Managing change is like trying to tap dance in a hammock.

"I can understand that," Patricia La Guardia, director of the Assessment Center, said with a loud laugh.

As manager of one of the most dynamic facilities on campus, La Guardia must constantly keep her staff informed of the ever-changing demands of the career world, prepare them for the educational landscape of the future, while still staying focused on the students of today.

Since the beginning of her career in 1973 when she was one of the first female counselors hired at Cerritos, La Guardia has been a force for change.

La Guardia has done federal projects, served national office, and even wrote the first curriculum for peer counseling.

It was perhaps for her apparent resiliency toward change that she was appointed director in 1984 when the Assessment Center building was being built.

"When it happened we all lost space and staff," La Guardia said. "We really learned how to depend on one another and how to share resouces. Everyone here is crosstrained."

Today, in addition to administering ten thousand tests annually, the center's small staff offers over-55 workshops, sponsors numerous conferences, and receives nineteen thousand requests for job placement from students.

"It's amazing when you see what for the future?

we need to plan for and sometimes it's hard to get an organization to move quickly," La Guardia said.

In order to stay ahead, La Guardia must watch and listen to everybody and everything around her.

"You can find me in my office every morning reading," La Guardia said, motioning to the stacks of magazines and reports that clutter her small office.

"Everyone in the office trades books. That's how much you have to read in order to stay current," she explained.

As informative as these are, however, La Guardia considers students her most valuable resource.

"When you're as curious as we are, we're like investigators. We're always talking to students and everybody has something to contribute," La Guardia said.

"Today during lunch we were talking about the socialization of females between 12 and 16," La Guardia said, smiling at the novelty.

Included in the conversation were single mothers, wives with young children, and a graduate student from Colorado who is in the middle of completing her master's degree.

"They've all been challenged. They've had to drop classes, they've gone through divorces, they have babies to take care of, they've adopted children and they were all concerned. Everyone had opinions and life experiences and everyone was listened to with respect," La Guardia explained.

So what does La Guardia predict for the future?



Pat La Guardia is the Director of the Assessment Center.

"My assumption is that in the future we'll be serving more students and they will be younger. The challenge to student services is to listen, read and look," La Guardia said.

"The landscape can change dramatically and for us to be there for them, we have to stay close to the students because the census is going to change."

This, coupled with talk of mov-

ing the Assessment Center to a more centeralized location, is La Guardia's greatest concern for the future.

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"Sometimes you get really comfortable knowing this is what you do. Then all of a sudden someone just pulls the hammock from under you," La Guardia said.

Fortunately La Guardia seems to love the work and always manages to land on her feet.

# Reclaimed

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By DAMON WILSON TM Staff Writer

Have you ever run through the sprinklers or drunk from your household water hose?

Imagine looking over as you drink, and seeing a sign that reads: "GRASS WATERED WITH RE-CLAIMED WASTE WATER."

This is a sign that many students have seen posted on campus.

Cerritos College started using recycled water to maintain the lawns in 1988.

"The principle of recycling is not a new idea. For three billion years nature has been using, cleaning, and reusing water countless times," a representative for the West Basins Water Communications Department said.

The idea behind modern water recycling is to collect used water, treat it and reuse it instead of using precious drinking water.

Recycled water is tested by district and health agencies to meet federal, state and local clean water laws. Recycled water is deemed drinkable by the City of Cerritos.

"But it might leave you smelling bad," Michael Sebak, Director of Mainenance at Cerritos College said, "considering recycled water has an odor."

Cerritos College waters 100 acres a year. This was putting a big strain on water wells, which are now used primarily for drinking. Recycled water came as a much needed relief.



## Milk Does a Student Body Good

#### By ONYX IFEMEMBI TM Staff Writer

Some experts believe that college campuses across the country are facing a calcium crisis.

It is widely thought that college students will eat whatever is put in front of them.

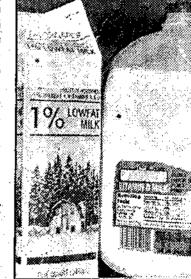
A survey by Roper-Starch Research in conjunction with Rolling Stone magazine shows a changing student attitude toward nutrition and a desire to lead a healthy lifestyle.

The success of the style.

This health requirement can be met by drinking at least three 8ounce glasses of milk every day.

Francisco Dominguez, also astudent at Cerritos, drinks soda instead of milk.

Dominguez explained that convenience, size and availability were



literally starving their bodies of an essential mineral that is required for bone-building.

Most students do not realize that they only have a limited time to build up their bone mass.

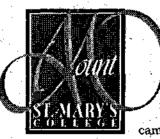
Bone-building only continues until people reach the age of 35.

The good news is that the calcium crisis can be solved.

Students should choose milk over a diet soda next time they visit the cafeteria.

People simply need to be educated on the benefits of milk so they can make a healthy choice when it is available. With so many concerns about fat intake nowadays, it is important that students are aware that skim milk offers the same essential nutrients as whole milk with none of the fat. People can visit the milk web site at http://www.whymilk.com and learn different ways to balance their diet. On the web site, people receive diet and nutritional analysis from a personal trainer based on age, gender and health goals. Students can also call 1-800-WHY-MILK to request a brochure It gives people advice on how they can pack the right nutrients into their active lifestyles.

### ARE YOU READY TO TRANSFER?



Mount St. Mary's educates women who make a difference in their professions and communities. We are now accepting transfer applications for Fall 1997. A representative will be on campus in the Transfer Center on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Baccalaureate programs are offered in 22 majors... Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Business Administration, Education, English, Psychology, Child Development, Sociology, Political Science, and many morel

For more information contact our Office of Admission toll-free at (800) 999-9893 The average college student's path to healthy eating is paved with good intentions, quick-fix diets, skipped meals, and poor food and beverage choices.

In an effort to cut unnessessary fat and calories out of their diets, many students are focusing on meals devoid of nutritional value.

Tina Solozano, a Cerritos College student, drinks about two glasses of milk every day. Unfortunately, only one out of four students do the same.

Even two glasses a day provides far less calcium than the amount that is recommended by the National Institute of Health.

College age students should they are consume 1200 to 1500 mg of calcium. calcium daily. They

FAUSTO RAMOS/Talon Marks Milk can stop a calcium crisis. his main reasons for not choosing milk.

According to him, "when one is thirsty, the little box of milk just doesn't do it."

Most students are unaware that they are depriving themselves of calcium.

They don't realize that they are

# ENTERTAINMENT

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### MOVIE REVIEW Age-Old Drama in '90s Style

By CHRISSY GUZMAN TM Staff Writer

William Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet" is still as captivating in the 90s as it was when the first movie was made in 1968.

Claire Danes and Leonardo DiCaprio are just as stunning as Olivia Hussey and Leonard Whiting were. Even though the new "Romeo & Juliet" takes place in the 90s, it doesn't lose the effect of the tragic romance.

Director Baz Luhrmann said he wanted to make this movie "rambunctious, sexy, violent, and entertaining." Wow, did he ever succeed.

Instead of men with swords it has gangsters with pistols. Instead of tights and ruffled shirts they wear funky threads from Dolce & Gabbana and Prada.

Danes and DiCaprio are splendid. They talk the language so well you'd think they spoke it all the time. They're such a great pair it seems they're a couple in real life.

This is definitely a must-see movie. Anybody would enjoy this timeless romance even if it is tragic.



Peter Gallagher (right) and Bruce Altman swing to a Karaoke number during a family gathering in Triumph Films' romantic drama, "To Gillian on her 37th Birthday."

## A Weekend of Celebration

#### By JOY POTTER TM Staff Writer

Based on the play by Michael Brady, "To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday" is a very complex and interesting film.

It deals with the emotional and psychological aspects of a family having to cope with the loss of a member. This movie tells a story of how a woman's life can affect the lives of those who love her even after she is gone.

The script is excellent as it brings the characters alive with humor as well as emotion.

Peter Gallagher plays David, a devoted father who cannot balance his brooding, his simmering anger and his emotional turmoil.

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Bruce Altman is Paul, David's brother-in-law, whose observations of how the family deals with the loss of Gillian (Michelle Pfeiffer) cause him to have doubts about his own life.

The surprise birthday/anniversary/blind date weekend turns out to be an interesting learning experience for everyone involved.

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**CD REVIEW Zombie Swingin'** Low

**NOVEMBER 13, 1996** 

By MARCELA PEREZ TM Staff Writer

White Zombie's "Super Sexy Swingin' Sounds" is very much like their previous album, "Astro Creep 2000."

The same songs appear on both albums, though on "Super Sexy Swingin' Sounds" the songs are Astro Creep remixes.

The remixes feature The Damage Twins, also known as Lords Of Acid, The Dust Brothers, PM Dawn and Charlie Clouser.

The remastered mixes are "Electric Head Pt. 2," "More Human Than Human," "I, Zombie" and "Grease Paint And Monkey Brains."

Also, "Blur Technicolor," "Super Charger Heaven" and their only good song, "I'm Your Boogie Man."

Their new video for "I'm Your Boogie Man" is cool, but their other songs are not 'sexy swingin' sounds.'

All in all, the CD is not worth buying if you have their last trendy album.

#### MOVIE REVIEW

## A King-Size Diet to Get Thinner

#### By DIANA WEBSTER TM Staff Writer

While I watched the horror "Thinner" last week I couldn't help but think of what an incomparable diet plan this would be.

If only I could convince that gypsy king to let me market his curse to the masses of the weightconscious world we would both be rich: eat 12,000 calories a day and still lose an average of 21 pounds a week.

Oh, what a fantasy...

But to the cursed overweight lawyer William Hallick (Robert John Burke), this sudden and re-

name he used. The Running Man, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, was also based on a Bachman/King novel.

A cast of lesser-known actors play the lead roles of William, his wife Heidi, and William's doctorand golfing partner Dr. Mike Houston.

King/Bachman junkies will appreciate that director Tom Holland follows the book true to form.

Being a fan of horror and having read nearly everything that King (Bachman) has written, this made the movie work for me\_

However, I had trouble with the ending of this film. I can't quite decide if it's because I was never satisfied with the ending of the book (I read the last chapter three times and still hated it) or if it's because it struck me morally; revenge coming full circle and destroying the innocents along the way. Joe Mantegna is a recognizable presence as Ginelli, the mobster that Hallick defends on a regular basis.

"Thinner" has a good supporting cast and some striking make-up effects by artist Greg Cannom. If you like graphic horror, this may not appease all your tastes.

For most, rest assured that this film will be on video soon and it can wait until then to be seen.

If you like Joe Mantegna you'll enjoy him here.

For Stephen King fans, you don't have to look hard to find him in this

movie. Like a Where's Waldo game, King likes to make cameo appearances in films based on his works, and "Thinner" is no exception, as this time he plays Dr. Bangor, a pharmacist. In a little twist for we King fans, Bangor, Maine, is where King lives with his wife and many children.



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markable weight loss is anything but a fantasy.

The movie is based on the 1984 novel by the same name, the fifth book written by Richard Bachman. In 1985 the much-touted master of horror Stephen King reluctantly admitted that Bachman was a pen

#### COMING UP

#### A Night at the Opera

Tenor Al Morris appears at the Burnight Center Theatre on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. Pianist Gary McRoberts accompanies. The Gallery Singers will also perform. Student admission is \$8.

#### Philharmonic "YouthPass" Opens Doors

The Orange County Philharmonic Society offers a new "YouthPass" which, for \$29, allows students under 25 to attend as many as 33 Society events during the 1996-97 season.

#### **Performing Arts Give Spirit to Tibetan Culture**

The Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts Song and Dance Ensemble makes its first U.S. appearance as a full ensemble on Nov. 15-16 at 8 p.m. at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Student tickets are \$10.



Vanessa Daou, "Slow to Burn."

Photo courtesy of Michael Lavine

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### Vanessa Burn Daou(t)

By ELIZABETH MARTINEZ TM Staff Writer

Vanessa Daou's new record "Slow to Burn" is clearly fast to burnout.

Daou's goal has been to capture a state of unreality in her music. After listening to a couple of tracks, I was deeply lost in a state of boredom.

This music is slower than my grandma. The album has a total of eleven tracks that seem to blend into one terribly endless song. The music style is sort of an annoying slow motion techno sound

mixed with even slower keyboards and horns. The result of all this musical catastrophe is a sleeping frenzy.

However, Daou's voice is not as annoying as the music. She does have a good voice and she also has a few good lyrics to go with it. But somehow it's not enough to make this album a listening pleasure.

Daou's inspiration in her lyrics came from reading autobiographies from such women as Greta Garbo, Josephine Baker and Frida Kahlo. The album was produced by her husband, Peter, who also plays keyboards in it.

# **SPORTS**

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**Top Two Teams in** the State'Dual'

By AMARA AGUILAR TM Editor in Chief

The two best dual meet wrestling teams in the state will face off Saturday as Fresno hosts Cerritos in the State Dual Championships.

Fresho has not lost a dual meet this season and is ranked number one in state in dual meet competition.

Cerritos has lost only one dual meet and is ranked number two in the state.

The loss came early in the season Oct. 2 at Palomar.

The Falcons returned the favor at the South Duals, Oct. 25-26, when they were victorious over Palomar, 26-22, to win the championship.

Cerritos Coach Jeff Smith said regarding Saturday's meet against Fresno, "It should be an interesting dual meet simply because they're real tough in the lightweights.

"When they become weaker, we become weaker. When they become stronger, we become stronger.

"So it should be our strength against their strength. And we haven't wrestled that way all year."

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#### **FAUSTO RAMOS/Talon Marks**

Freshman Heavyweight Kelly Richardson pinned Francisco Duron of San Bernardino Valley to make the score 49-6. The win stretched the Falcons current conference winning streak to five games.

# Forfeits, Pins Equal Victory

**By AMARA AGUILAR** TM Editor in Chief

San Bernardino Valley would have been better off forfeiting all of their matches to Cerritos Nov. 6, rather than suffer a one-sided 49-6 loss to the best wrestling team in the South Coast Conference.

The Falcons, who host Golden West tonight at 7:30 and head to Fresno for the State Dual Championships Saturday, finished off SBVC in about an hour after they were handed 18 points from three forfeits.

"It's almost scary we wrestled so well," Cerritos Coach Jeff Smith said.

Maybe it was a little frightening that the Falcons (5-1 in SCC) won all but two of their matches in the Aviary by pins from Randy Bowers (134 lbs.), Juan Alvarez (159), Dan Moyer (167) and Kelly Richardson (275). Ray Fonseca (150) won by decision, 14-1, as did Scott Rojo (190), 6-1,

Even though the Falcons didn't lose a match to SBVC, they came close in the last one of the evening when Richardson faced SBVC's Francisco Duron,

Richardson was down 1-0 going into the third period. Richardson

said the longer the match went, the more of a chance he had to win.

"I knew he (Duron) wasn't in good condition. Coach [Smith] said wait until the third period and put him away. If I don't put him away, I'll lose it," Richardson said.

He didn't lose it. Richardson pinned Duron, ranked third in the state, with 1:27 remaining in the third period.

The pin sealed SBVC's fifth loss of the season, but at least they got something out of their match against the Falcons. SBVC, who has one win in SCC, received their only points from a Cerritos forfeit.

## The F' Files by DAVID FEENSTRA

Hey sports fans, where are you? The best team on campus was once again victorious last week, with next to no fans cheering them

Who is the best team on campus?

Is it football?

No.

You can stick a fork in the football team, they're done.

When they had a chance to push themselves to the next level, they ter six straight losses it's time to face reality.

We cannot beat them. We will not beat them. It just won't happen. Long Beach City is like death. No matter what you do, no matter how hard you try, death always

wins. If we push the Long Beach game to the end of the season, it will allow for the delusions of grandeur

The Falcon wrestlers are the defending state champions and this year's team shows signs of another championship squad.

Two weeks ago versus East Los Angeles there were more wrestlers on the mat than there were fans in the stands.

In a rare home match the wrestiers made short work of the beleaguered ELAC wrestlers in front of an empty bouse.

It's time to give support to a team that not only needs the support, but also to a team that deserves the support. Tonight is your last chance to catch the wrestling team in action, they will be playing conference rival Golden West at 7:30 p.m. in the Aviary.

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love. , inc Only uncanny luck has kept the Falcons in contention.

Barring an enforceable disaster the football should be in a bowl game. Nothing short of the world ending would put Cerritos in the Strawberry Bowl

It's time to take the Long Beach City Vikings off the schedule. Af-

Is the most successful team on campus women's soccer?

Close, but no cigar. Even though the Falcons have only been in existence for two years, they are in contention for postseason play.

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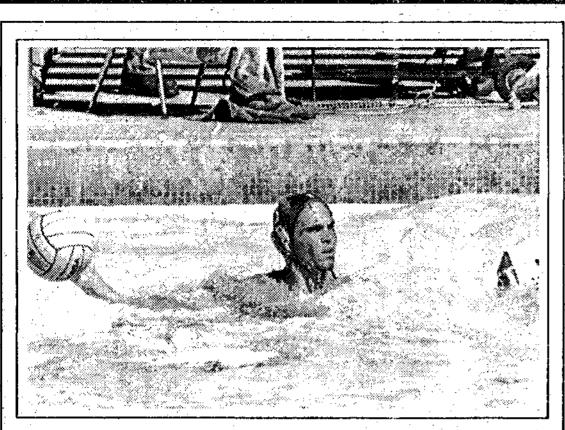
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### **Ruling Drowns Playoff Dreams**

nament seedings.

#### **By DAVID FEENSTRA** Staff Writer

Hopes of a Cinderella play off run came to a jarring crash after a controversial ruling eliminating the men's water polo team from the Southern California Tournament.

The judgment that came down from the South Coast Conference Commissioner eliminated the Falcon wrestlers on a conference rule that has not been enforced in several years.

The Conference regulation that the Falcons had inadvertently violated had to do with the Conference standings, and tour-

The SCC charter states that the standings and play off seedings would be determined by a point system.

In previous years the highest ranking teams from the SCC tourney had moved on to the state competitions.

This trend was apparently going to continue this year until Mount San Antonio protested Cerritos being in the tournament, even though according to the league mandate they should be in the tournament, not the Falcons.

When the protest was brought to the coaches meeting it was voted down and Cerritos was going to be allowed to compete.

Precedent was the main reason for the coaches ruling, the rule in the league handbook was deemed old and outdated.

Mt. SAC continued its quest for a play off birth by taking the protest to the SCC Commissioner Don MacKenzie.

Head of the Seeding Committee Corey Stanbury was unavailable for comment after several attempts to contact him by phone. ------

MacKenzie agreed with Mt. SAC's protest, thus eliminating Cerritos from the tournament and bringing the season to a crashing conclusion.

## **Team Has New Style**

#### By ANDREA AGUILAR TM Staff Writer

Players on the Cerritos College soccer team may come from many different countries, but when it comes to the game they all speak the same language.

On any given team you're going to find lots of nationalities and they all speak the same language which is the language of the ball, the language of the game," Coach Carlos Arce said.

Arce is in his first year of coaching soccer at Cerritos and said the team consists of players from countries including Argentina, Armenia, Egypt, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Turkey and the United States.

Arce is from is Bolivia, and has teamed up with another first year coach at Cerritos Jorge Gonzales, who is from Peru. Together they are instilling a style of soccer brought from South America.

"In the United States the style of soccer is different and it shows in the league. Some players, some teams, have more like a European type of touch in which they focus on long shots to the front and controlling the ball in front and maybe scoring from there. But if you observe the way we are playing, it's very short passes, very quick touches to whatever players are open and then we try to score from. there. That's usually our style which is a very South American way of playing. We want to use the players to the maximum potential of their skills and build from there," said Arce.

"I think the bottom line is that if every one of these players can play better soccer than I can then they certainly deserve to be on the team," said Arce.

Gonzales also preaches the South American style of play.

"Most of the players have good conditioning in the United States, they are well disciplined, but they lack the ball control, like the passing. During their formative years, their younger years, they are not taught that way. You need to develop a player through the basic skills which is passing, ball control, pacing the game," said Gonzales.

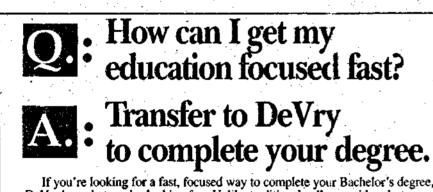
Gonzales used to play professional soccer in Peru. He was a fullback, for eight years, making his pro debut at seventeen, then at age twenty-five he came to the United States.

Gonzales uses this experience to teach a diffrent way of playing soccer than they may have been used to. "I have to change their whole attitude, their strategy, and how they attack. Before, the goalie would kick the ball all the way to the other team's area and everybody would try to go for the ball, hitting or trying for the big shot. Right now what we do is we start attacking. We call it a transition game from the right or left fullback all the way to the mid-fielder and they are the ones who create the cross and the pattern, the passing, the ball control," Gonzales said.

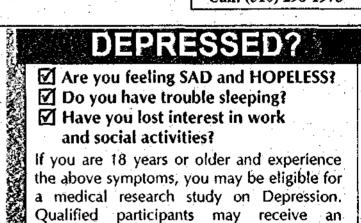
The team is currently vying for the second play off spot in the SCC, behind East Los Angeles who continues to dominate the league.

The new style of soccer Cerritos exhibits makes them a threat to other teams in the conference. Which means winning more games and there are no language barriers there.

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# NEWS

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### STUDENT HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER

#### Flu Immunizations Still Available on Campus

The Student Health and Wellness Center will be giving flu shots on Nov. 13 and 14, from 3-6 p.m. and on Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. - noon.

The cost is \$8 for students and \$10 for staff, faculty and the public. For more information, call (310) 860-2451 ext. 2321.

#### TRAFFIC AND PARKING

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#### Temporary Parking Permit Fees Return to \$1

After the traffic and parking committee voted for a 100 percent increase to help pay for the maintenance of parking structures, temporary parking permit fees were raised from \$1 to \$2.

Now the fee has been reduced to its original price of \$1. The permit can be obtained from the meters located in the parking lots and are valid on the date of issue for parking in white stalls only.

#### **JOB PLACEMENT CENTER**

#### Workshops for Technology Majors Offered

Resumé writing workshops are being offered for technology majors to learn how to emphasize their skills.

The workshops will be held Nov. 18 from 7-8 p.m. and Nov. 19 from 1-2 p.m., in ME 13.

For more information, call (310) 860-2451 ext. 2366.

#### THEATRE ARTS SOCIETY

#### "A Night of Improv" Presented at Cerritos

The Theatre Arts Society is proud to present "A Night of Improv" on Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. and also at midnight in the Burnight Studio Theatre. Tickets are \$5 at the door and the midnight show is for adults only.



Election '96 propaganda piled up as campaign parties tried to persuade voters into voting for their candidates and propositions. Voting returns showed that the percentage of registered voters who went to the polls fell to a record low of 49 percent.

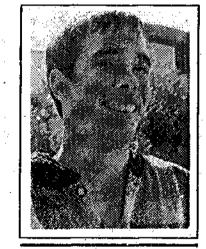
#### CAMPUS COMMENT



"Bill Clinton, because he is more into supporting minorities and people with financial needs." Tristan Mejias Social Sciences



"Clinton, because he is supporting affirmative action and is doing much more for student education.' Joanna Lopez Psychology



"My choice for President is Bob Dole, because I am just sick and tired of Bill Clinton." Franklin Franzen Art

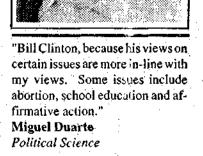


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"Bob Dole, most importantly because I agree with his views on the abortion issue." Janeen Oliver Undecided



don't believe either one of them and I think that they're both lying. They are both only telling the truth about each other." Mary Hilton Theatre Arts





"Clinton, because of his plan on education, his support of the government being the co-signer for student loans, he is pro-choice and supports affirmative action." Viviana Rolon Undecided

"The person running for Natural Law, because Clinton was in a drug cover-up when he was governor, Perot is just rich and power hungry and I just don't like Dole." John Martinez Art

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