

Verderber releases confidential report

Board president releases preliminary state audit findings

By David Feenstra
Staff Writer

Confidential information related to the state audit was released two weeks ago by Board of Trustees president Bob Verderber after state auditors gave the administration and Verderber a verbal report on their preliminary findings.

The topic of the meeting was to remain confidential until the official report was released sometime in October.

That was until Verderber released a two page press release with the headline, "College Officials Feel Vindicated."

The release that was sent out to many local news organizations claimed that the auditors had completed their work and "found nothing illegal."

State auditor Kurt Sjoberg told the *Press-Telegram* that all information was to have remained confidential and that he is considering filing criminal charges against Verderber.

The state auditors did not comment on the status of the audit or on any criminal charges against Verderber.

"I thought the students and the faculty had a right to know the information," Verderber said.

"I just can't see how you can hold back information that would prove the innocence of those alleged wrongdoers."

Verderber said that they had

been given an extensive verbal report that showed no wrong doings.

"We've been treated like Richard Jewel," he said in reference to many people condemning of Cerritos College with out any hard facts.

He also said that the auditors should have taken it upon themselves to send out a press release clearing Cerritos.

But, in an interview with the *Press-Telegram*, Verderber was quoted as saying that it was critical to get the information out before the October Board election.

Verderber now claims that the election was not his main motive, rather his main motive was to make sure that "our people know that everything is alright."

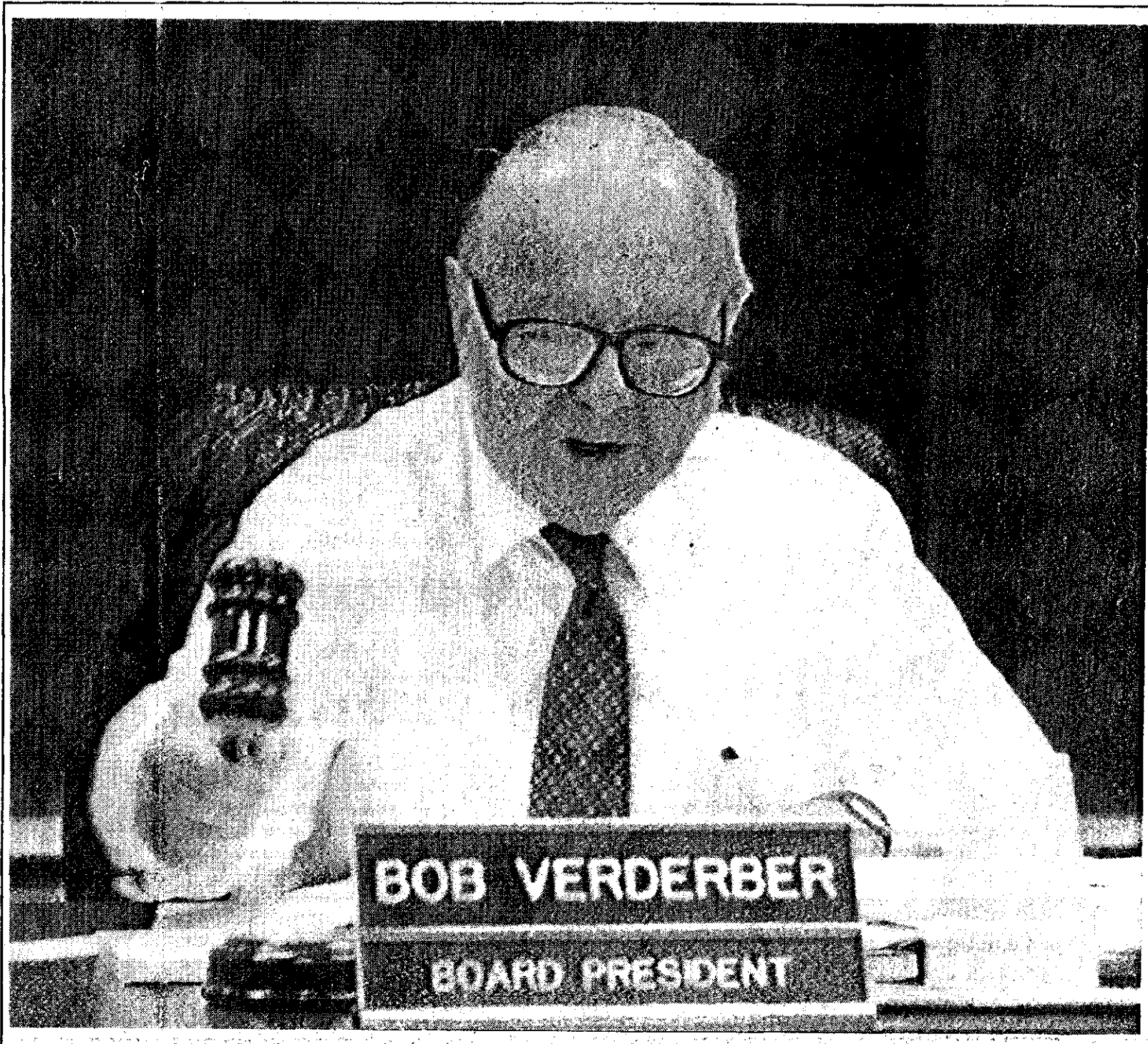
He also went on to claim that he has suffered no backlash from his fellow Board members.

"I told him in my opinion that it wasn't the right thing to do," said Board of Trustees member Mary Loya.

"After all, he was the only Board member I know of who had any input."

Loya who is not up for re-election until 1999 also said, "I'm not sure whether or not that it was politically motivated. It's just hard to say if people will take it to heart or not, but, it would probably make a difference to me."

Along with Verderber, Board members Dorothy Carfrae and Cheryl Eple are up for re-election this October, with the remainder of the Board up for re-election in 1999.



Board President Bob Verderber released audit information that was supposed to be confidential until October.

Photo by Lindorfe Gallegos

Budget approved, more funds available for library materials

Kent Mc Creary
Staff writer

Students can look forward to more resources in the library and new instructional equipment as a result of the school budget that was approved unanimously by the Board of Trustees Sept. 3.

Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin stated that he was pleased with the new budget.

"The most significant thing in the budget is the fact that we are going to have significant dollars for library materials and instructional equipment," Gaskin said.

Gaskin estimates that the amount of money available for those needs are somewhere between \$1.5 to \$2 million.

As for problems with the budget, he did note that he would have liked to see more funds devoted to classified staff to support the college's operation.

Gaskin also would have preferred the budget for the technology area to be \$250,000, instead of the \$100,000 dollars slated in the 97-98 budget.

In terms of spending, expenditures in most areas of the budget will increase.

The biggest expenditures in the budget went to certified and classified personnel.

Certified salaries will account for nearly \$25 million this school year, and over \$11 million is budgeted for the salaries of classified employees. Staff benefits will get over \$8.5 million in the 97-98 budget.

Funds for books and supplies will figure in at \$1.5 million; services and operations will receive \$5.2 million this fiscal year, and a little over \$11.5 million will go to other outgoing expenses.

"The majority of the outgoing expenses will be devoted to payment for the fund where we pay for the COPs (Certificates of Participation). We had the borrowing to do," said Judith Christensen, vice president of business services.

She attributed most of the increase to the fund payment and capital outlays.

In last year's budget, \$178,654 was received from federal sources.

According to this year's budget, Cerritos College receive a little over \$21,000.

Christensen states that the figure was based on information that Business Services had at the time, and that there may be more federal funding coming to the college in the future.

Christensen also noted that budget was very healthy, and that she didn't have any concerns about the budget.

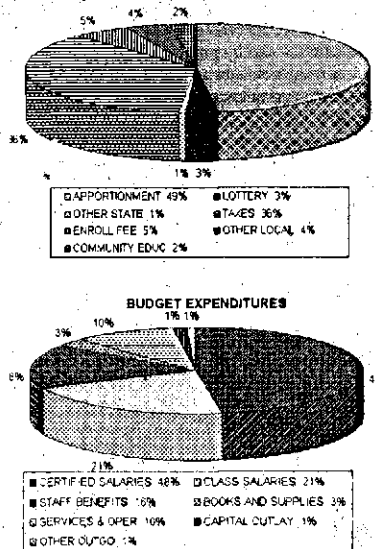
"With the economy on the upswing, we certainly have more money coming to us than we've had in the recent past," she said.

As for how Cerritos College got its funds for this year's budget, apportionment accounted for 48 percent of the funds, and 36 percent of the budget came from taxes.

Enrollment fees brought in a little over five percent of the 97-98 budget.

Gaskin said Governor Pete Wilson and the state assembly are supporting community colleges at a higher level than in the past.

"I think the fact that the general assembly and the governor now are supporting community colleges at a more appropriate level is really significant. We have more resources than ever," he said.



Elections to be held today

By James Reynosa
Staff writer

This week, the students have a say.

Senate elections take place today and tomorrow.

Students running for Senate will be seeking one of 30 positions.

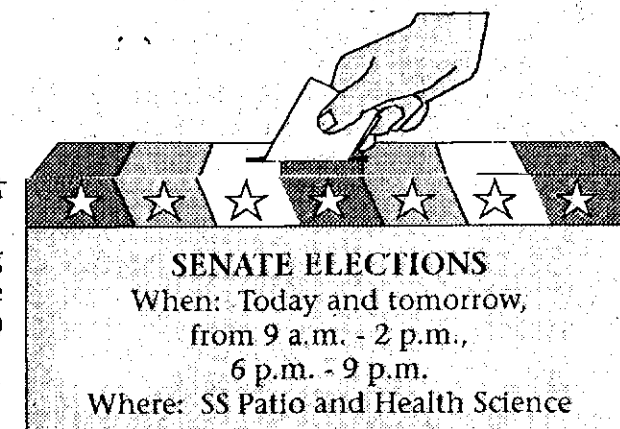
Ballot boxes are located in the Student Center, Social Science Patio and Health Science buildings from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.- 9 p.m..

But bigger than the Senate elections, might be the issue of the number of voters.

Last year 1,011 students voted out of the over 21,105 students that attend Cerritos College.

"We have a goal of 2,000 votes," said Greg Wiley, Commissioner of Public Relations. "Something has to be done. When only a small amount of students are representing the college, it doesn't look well."

With that, Wiley had thought that maybe the Senators would try to make themselves known. "They have to speak up. Hopefully they would go to each of their classes and tell all of the students to vote," Wiley



On Thursday 12 applications had been submitted and on Friday the number jumped to 77.

"That's not enough time for the students to make a choice," Wiley said.

"There are really too many," said John Sendrey, who is running on the International Student Association ticket. "But that's what this process is. To vote on who you want. The only problem with that is time."

"I didn't know there was an election this week? Where did you hear about this?" said Marie Sanchez while picking up a flyer.

Today and tomorrow the students will decide how much time they needed.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Flu shots to be administered

The Student Health and Wellness Center will be administering flu shots on Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Sept. 25 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The student fee is \$8 and the fee for staff and the general public is \$10.

Pregnant women and those people sensitive to eggs or mercury should check with their physician before getting immunized.

For more information and questions, contact the center at ext. 2321.

Get help for math

"Guessing, Estimating, and Number Sense," is the title for the Math Survival Skills Workshop that is being offered.

The workshop will be available to all students on campus. The workshops are free and require no advance registration.

The workshop will start on Nov. 4 1997, from Tuesday 11-12 p.m. in Room LA-29.

Universities beckon

Cerritos College will host the University Mini Fair in front of the library tomorrow.

Students will be able to find information on admission requirements, the application process, major requirements and various workshops.

Twenty-four colleges will be attending. USC, UCLA, and UC Irvine are some of the colleges that will have representatives.

The mini fair is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Transfer Center at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2154.

Forensics honored

Bill Sparks, director of the Cerritos College Forensics team, has been chosen by the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association to analyze and run the Evidence Debate Team program, which takes place Sept. 13 and 14 at Biola University.

Also chosen from Cerritos to instruct at the seminar are Johnnell Vega, Jim Terry, Both are bronze medal winners in national events and will conduct demonstrations in Parliamentary Debate.

Quincy Davis, who won silver in national events, is another student from Cerritos who will conduct demonstrations in Impromptu Speaking.

CLUB CONNECTION

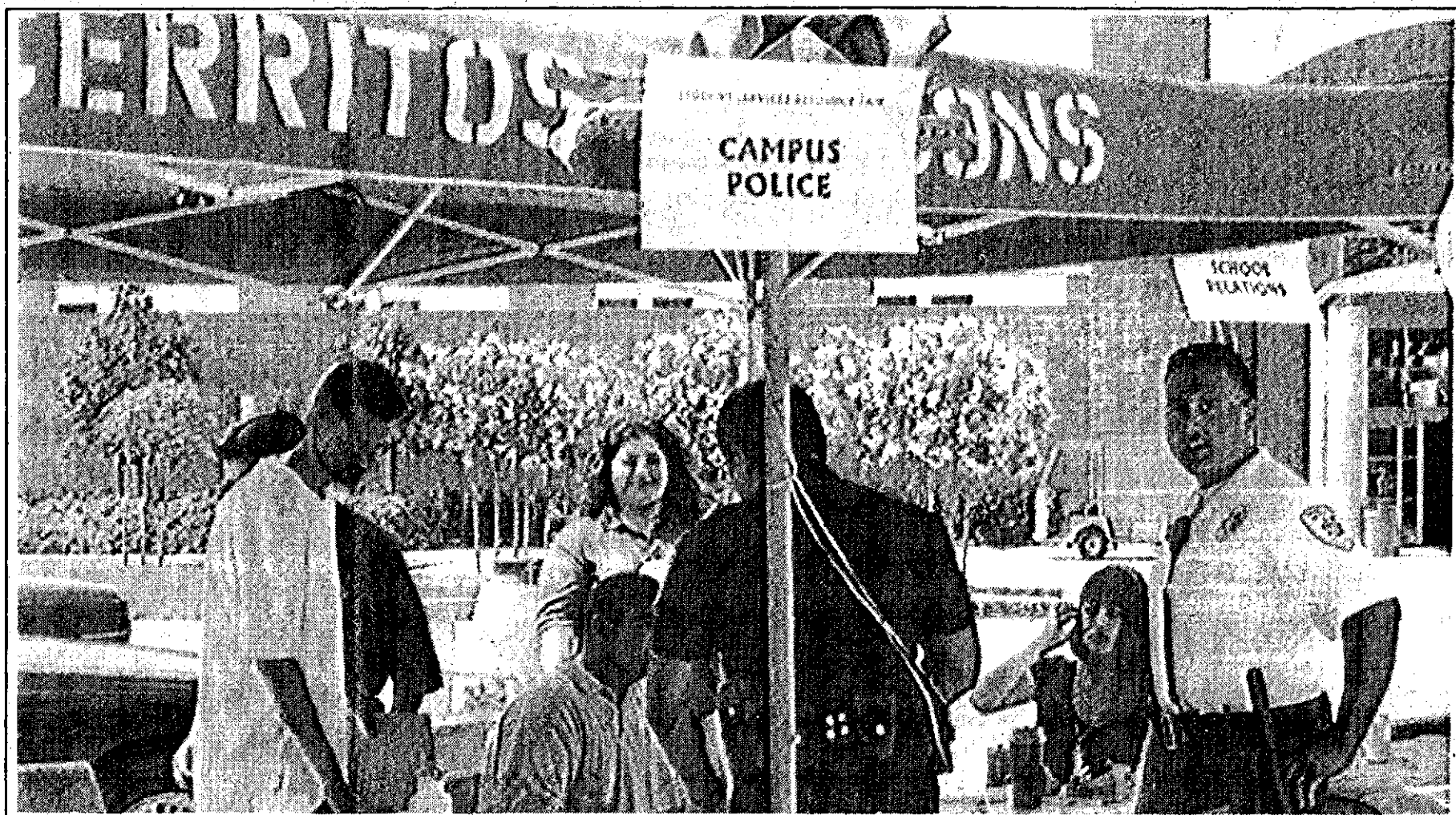


Photo by Emily Madewell

Campus police officers Randy Albano and Andy Casas provide information to students on Club Day on Thursday.

FOCUS ON: PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

By T.R. Taber
Staff Writer

If you have an interest in Freud or are looking for a group of people who share your interests, the Psychology Club/Psi Beta may be just the therapy you need.

This semester, club members will have the opportunity to hear speakers from the community.

The club will discuss such topics and issues such as time management, positive parenting, goal setting and developing good study habits.

"It's an excellent opportunity for students to work with peers on psychological issues," club adviser Dr. Todd Gaffaney said.

The Psychology Club/Psi Beta consists of two clubs.

It is one part the Psychology Club, combined with a chapter of the Psi Beta National Honors Society.

In August, Psi Beta received an honorable mention in the Outstanding Chapter of the Year

Competition. The competition is held annually in Chicago.

They competed with more than 120 colleges.

According to Gaffaney, honorable mention is equivalent to second place.

Psi Beta also won first place in the Outstanding Chapter of the Year Competition in 1995.

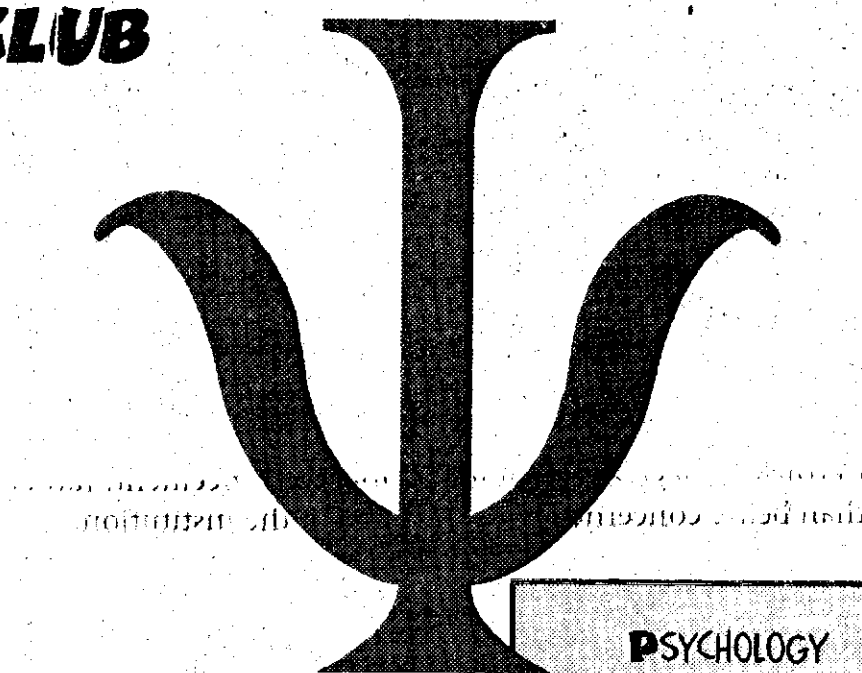
The club's plans for community involvement include trips to the Metropolitan Mental Hospital. There, students will have an opportunity to interact with the hospital's patients.

The club will also have active involvement with the Child Mentor Program.

To become a member of the club, students must meet the eligibility requirements established in the Cerritos College Club Code.

In addition, students who wish to become a member of Psi Beta must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 overall.

Students who also wish to join



PSYCHOLOGY CLUB/PSI BETA

President:
Janice Thieboldt
Vice President:
Johnnell Vega
Adviser:
Dr. Todd Gaffaney
Place: SS Build.,
Room 213

Time:
Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

Contact:
Dr. Todd Gaffaney
(562) 860-2451, ext.
2764

the club must have a 3.0 GPA in psychology classes as well.

Anyone interested in joining the club may attend its meetings which take place every Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Social Sciences building, Room 213.

POLICE BEAT

Missing Book Bag

At 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday an officer responded to the library, where a student reported a theft. The victim said she left her book bag in a study room unattended for about 10 minutes. When she returned, she discovered that someone had stolen it. Her book bag was later found in a trash can, but the books were gone.

said a male lifted her skirt.

The informant said she was on the Social Science stairwell when the male dropped a pen.

He bent over to pick up the pen, and as he did, he lifted her skirt. She yelled at the suspect, and he fled.

A suspicious circumstances report was taken and an investigation is ongoing.

Marijuana Bust

At 10:20 p.m. on Friday, officers on routine patrol observed a pickup truck drive west bound through the stop sign at

Falcon Way and lot C-10 at about 40 miles per hour.

A traffic stop was initiated during which officers observed a baggie containing what appeared to be marijuana behind the drivers seat.

The substance was packaged in such a way as to lead officers to believe the marijuana was intended for sale.

The suspect subsequently admitted to possession of marijuana for sale.

He was arrested for the offense and cited for the original traffic violation, failure to stop for a stop sign. He was booked at Norwalk Sheriff's station.

CHOP SHOP

number of cars stolen from Cerritos College parking lots last week



Lifting Her Dress

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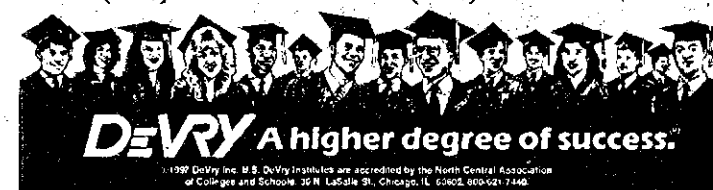
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EDITORIAL

Premature gamble may hurt Verderber

Was it wrong to illegally release preliminary audit information?

Yes.

But the rules are different during the election year.

Just ask Board of Trustees President Bob Verderber.

Verderber distributed a press release two weeks ago that indicated state auditors had completed their work at Cerritos College and found "nothing illegal."

That is good news—very good news. So good that Verderber couldn't keep it to himself—which is understandable.

The problem is that Verderber's action reeks of political agendas and self preservation, not the welfare of Cerritos College.

Verderber told a local newspaper that it was "critical to release the information now because the audit has become a key issue in the November college board election race."

The state audit is a key issue, and the results of the investigation are of vital concern to all those associated with Cerritos College.

If the press release is accurate and the allegations including money and contract mismanagement are untrue, college officials have every right to feel vindicated.

But if Verderber violated state law by releasing preliminary audit information, as state auditor Kurt Sjober claims, how can Verderber feel vindicated?

He may have broken the law to influence an election.

Two other Board seats are up during the next election, one of the candidates include Dorothy Carfrae, who has staunchly supported the audit.

Verderber may claim that the auditors have found nothing wrong at Cerritos, but that is far from the truth.

If politicians like Assemblywoman Grace Napolitano and Carfrae were looking for problems at Cerritos, they've found them.

And the problems don't lie in how this institution is run, but with who is running it, particularly politicians who use Cerritos College as a tool for political advancement, rather than being concerned with the good of the institution.

Fault lies with public

By James Reynosa
Staff writer

Will we shoot the shooters?

Is the media to blame for the death of Princess Diana?

For the past week, these have been the top questions on society's mind.

And the answers: no and no.

The paparazzi were not at fault in Di's death. Nor were the media, the editors or the publishers.

The fault lies in ourselves.

We, the public, are to blame.

The history of the paparazzi and the public's love for celebrity figures started with the death of Elvis.

As Elvis was lying in his coffin, photographer Generoso Pope smuggled in a tiny camera and took a shot of the "king of rock and roll."

When the picture was placed on the front page of the supermarket tabloid *The National Enquirer*, its circulation almost doubled.

"For whatever reason, the public cares about the lives of celebrities. [As long as] this dependency exists, so will the market for pictures and quotes from celebrities," said Gerry Davis, former picture editor of *The National Enquirer*.

With the public's lust for more pictures, publishers started to pay for pictures of celebrities.

And when the prices increased, photographers started to use more extreme measures. A simple picture of Di and her companion Dodi Fayed

kissing was worth an estimated \$1 million.

And thus the extremes that paparazzi went to get that fortune is legendary.

For instance, at the 1985 wedding of actress/singer Madonna and actor Sean Penn, photographers were hanging from helicopters overhead, desperately trying to get a shot.

Paparazzi have also ran down the cars of celebrities and have hid in the bushes of hangouts and homes.

Eventually something was going to happen.

So immediately after Princess Diana's crash, criticism of the media was fast—and harsh.

"I am horrified and disgusted, but I knew it would happen in the end," actor Sylvester Stallone said.

"The public has no sense of the danger involved. They think it's a game; it's not," press agent Stan Rosenfeld said in a *Los Angeles Times* article.

But the most bitter accusation came from Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, who said that he "always believed the press would kill her in the end."

However, Joseph Angotti, a professor of communications at the University of Miami, correctly states that the blame goes both ways.

"Yes, the paparazzi are to blame," Angotti said. "But so are all the people who buy this garbage."



So if you want to blame the media, then you have to blame the public.

It is the public who buys the tabloids, looks at the ads and reads everything from cover to cover.

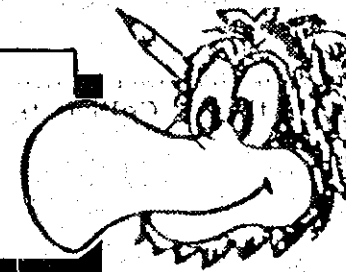
With no public desire there is no need for a celebrity picture. But there is a question.

If, or when, someone prints the photos depicting Di's last moments of life from her car, how many people will buy a copy to look at them?

And just how many will care how the photographer got them?

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OUT OF THE FRYING PAN: Yeah, it's great that we have new computers, but I am practically melting in here without any air conditioning.

It's hotter in here than it is outside. I kind of wonder what it is like inside of those new computers that might be cooking....

What's the deal guys?

GROUND TRAFFIC CONTROL: While flying around the parking lot the other day I took a big header into the new security tower in parking lot C-10.

All we need now are some more lights out there when I fly over to my night classes.

And by the way, I wish it didn't take up one of those valuable spaces. Somebody's got to park there. Isn't it safer if you park CLOSER to the campus?

THE BEST PART OF WAKING UP: Even an early bird like myself needs a hot cup of java in the morning.

Or, like when it's blazing hot, like it has the last couple of days, it's good to know there exists something called a mocha freeze—a tasty concoction of espresso, chocolate milk, whipped cream and chocolate syrup blended with ice.

It's too bad that the Zebra Coffee stand is always short on supplies and breaking down, but that place is still great.

ORIENT EXPRESSLESS: Hey, a bird can't live on worms and tacos alone, whatever happened to the Hong Kong Express?

It was supposed to be in the Student Center by now.

SLIDES AND JUNGLE GYMS AND WOOD CHIPS O' MY: It's great to see all those little kids in the Child Care Center playing on all their new toys.

Back when I was a chick, we didn't have toys as cool as those.

PARKING THE RED SEA: Soaring around the parking lot I noticed something....

Scratch that, I noticed nothing—parking is cake after all the non-dedicated students dropped out last week.

LAND OF THE DANCE: Flying by the Arts and Crafts building, I was on my merry way to the art gallery....

But then somehow I landed in the Dance Studio. Tell me, is it me or doesn't it seem out of place?

—D.F. & D.S.P.

CAMPUS COMMENT



"What is your reaction to Princess Diana's death and the circumstances surrounding it?"

By Emily Madewell

"It affects everyone because she was one of the most popular women in current time and a role model for many."

—Nicole Zepeda,
Microbiology



"She found love, and then she died. My prayers go to her family. They did not have to follow her, and why was the driver drunk?"

—Michael Baello,
Psychology



"They should create laws against that sort of invasion of privacy. Fame and fortune is not worth someone's life."

—Marisa Martinez,
Liberal Arts



"I feel sorry for the kids, I can relate. I lost my father. The kids are the most important thing."

—Peter Hernandez,
Undecided



"I do not understand how it happened. It was a set-up. The driver should have been more careful."

—Tequila Kinney,
Theater Arts



"I feel really sad. But I want more information on how it happened."

—HoR Te,
Pre-op



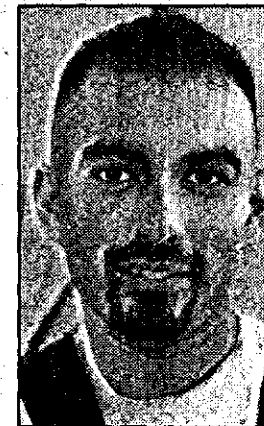
"This should not have happened. The paparazzi were in the wrong."

—LaKisha Thomas,
Nursing



"It is sad, but it does not effect me or students in general in any sort of way."

—Peter Rivera,
History



No ordinary cup o' Joe

taste test ZEBRA COFFEE

MOCHA FREEZE (\$2.75)
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PINA COLADA STRAWBERRY (\$2)
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Tart, sweet, very good.
Dangerous sugar rush here.

VANILLA FREEZE (\$2.75)
A weak-tasting \$2.75 milkshake. Get the mocha freeze or go to McDonald's for a vanilla shake instead.

DOUBLE MOCHA ROYALE (\$2.75)
(Iced or hot)
Gritty, but not very strong. Add sugar for better results.

WATERMELON MIDORI SOUR (\$2)
Kind of like a lime snow cone. Not bad in hot weather.

CAPPUCCINO (\$2)
More watered down than Bangladesh.

HOT CHOCOLATE (\$1.50)
Needs no introduction. Good way to start a winter morning class.

CHOC. CHIP COFFEE CAKE (\$1.50)
A soft, crumbly cake with chocolate swirls and chips. If you see it, get it. A must.

By D. S. Perez
Managing Editor

To beat the 90-degree heat outside, Sarah Trivoli has purchased a blended mocha freeze from the Student Center's Zebra Coffee stand.

She's also trying to get a caffeine rush before her next class.

"I think I'm addicted," said Trivoli, a 20-year-old English major. "It's tasty and it's nice to have on a hot day."

Erin Lacorte, a Zebra employee serving Trivoli, understands.

"It's like nicotine," said Lacorte, a 22-year-old alumni of Cerritos College.

Linda Daitsman, her manager, agreed.

"It's caffeine, it's cold, and it's chocolate," Daitsman said. "Why would anybody not want it?"

The Zebra Coffee Co. has been on campus since the spring semester with its stand at the Elbow Room. Another stand opened in the Student Center this semester.

As its name states, coffee is the main staple of the stand.

But for those who can't stand coffee, there are many non-coffee drinks, such as the Italian frozen drinks and fruit smoothies, which are generally cold and sweet.

The popular flavors, according to Daitsman are the blended mocha freeze, the strawberry fruit smoothie and the frozen drinks.

The Zebra Coffee stands have been busy, and there are several reasons why.

First, its nearest competitor, Starbucks, is located in the Cerritos Mall, which might be too far for some students.

"The prices are fairly good when compared to Starbucks," said Carlos Reyes, a 23-year-old Art major. "This stand is on the campus, and that's good to have when you're tired from classes or work."

Actually, the Zebra Coffee stand is also nothing new.

Lacorte remembers the Coffee House Nights from a few years back, and how it used to be.

"I loved the Coffee House Nights; I was always looking for good coffee," Lacorte said.

"There were always people there and there were bands and poets and stuff; that was cool and it brought a unity to the campus," she said.

Although business has been as brisk as a cappuccino, not everything has been going smoothly.

Both stands tend to offer different drinks: fruit smoothies are only available at the Student Center's stand due to the cooler conditions, but that stand cannot yet serve hot drinks due to a problem with its machinery.

Also, the stands eventually run out of ice, and supplies of pastries and ingredients have not come on a daily basis.

"It's really hard when you're running on a stand and don't have a constant supply," Lacorte said in a wistful tone.

cup o' Joe

"It's like nicotine."

— Erin Lacorte, Zebra Coffee employee and former Cerritos College student



Tori Cain mixes up another Mocha Freeze.



Miguel Rivas pours out a late night Mocha Freeze.



Ginger Emby, Shauna McKelly share a Mocha Freeze

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A storm is coming — 'The Tempest' will arrive

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William Shakespeare's final production, "The Tempest," will be brought to life by the Cerritos College Performing Arts Department beginning Oct. 3 in the Burnight Center.

Directed by Dan Cartmell and Greg Mortensen, "The Tempest" tells the extraordinary saga of Prospero, the Duke of Milan, and his beloved daughter, Miranda, who flee to an island to escape the treachery of his brother, Antonio.

Both Cartmell and Mortensen also have roles in the play, starring as the characters Prospero and Caliban, respectively.

This is a story of revenge, forgiveness, and acceptance of one's self.

"A handing over of power to the next generation," explains Cartmell.

Cartmell and Mortensen have known each other for over 24 years, bringing their professional outlook to the students of the theatre department.

According to Cartmell, most of the cast has never done Shakespeare before.

"It is a difficult language to handle, but they're doing a great job," he said.

The play's inner meaning carries Shakespeare's representations of all classes of people, from nobility to peasants, simulating the different personalities that he faced throughout his life.

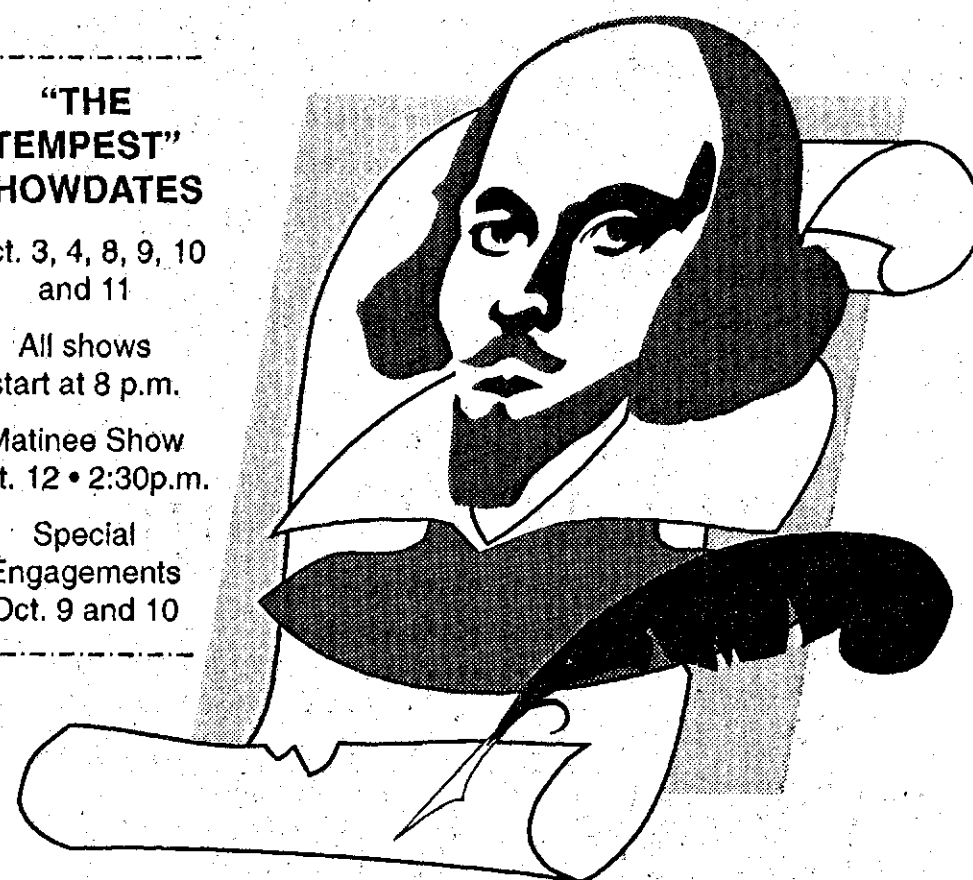
**"THE
TEMPEST"**
SHOWDATES

Oct. 3, 4, 8, 9, 10
and 11

All shows
start at 8 p.m.

Matinee Show
Oct. 12 • 2:30p.m.

Special
Engagements
Oct. 9 and 10



According to Mortensen, we can watch an event that takes a lot of finesse, whether it is a part of the theatre or a sports event, and see or hear things said or done in a way that represents the way one feels.

This play is believed to be one of the most difficult to follow.

Although Elizabethan language can seem somewhat difficult, the emotions that are represented in this play are easy to understand.

They are also designed to make one

think of their own life.

And that is what "The Tempest" tries to accomplish: a touching of emotions and an understanding of life's lessons.

The theatre department is bringing this play to the students to help them understand what Shakespeare, the playwright, not Shakespeare, the scholar, was trying to show us.

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