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Photo by Emily Madewell

Student expresses her opinion by voting in student senate elections.

By Daniel Alberini
Staff writer

Seventy-seven individuals, and only 32 chairs to sit in.

It wasn't a massive game of musical chairs, however, as the representatives for the Cerritos College Student Senate were announced Friday.

Ernesto Martinez, representing the Math Club, acquired the most votes with 199, followed by Chang Jae Kim, of the International Student's Association with 192 votes and Etta Hur, an Independent, with 190.

The results were scheduled to be posted approximately an hour after the polls closed at 9 p.m. on

Thursday, but were postponed due to problems with the Scantron ballots.

The delay drew criticism from anxious candidates waiting to hear the outcome of the election.

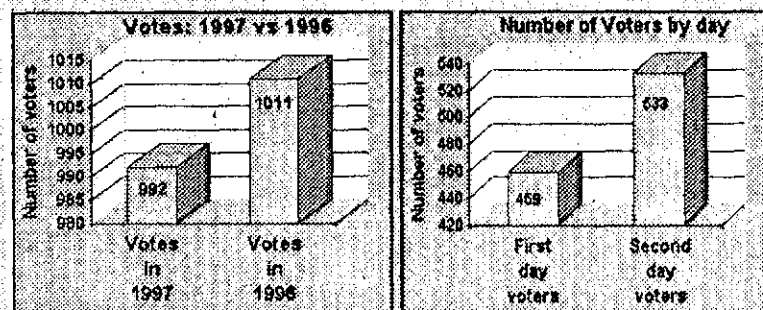
"They had us wait for two hours for nothing! They're in there playing around," Miguel Martinez, an Independent, said.

Some people weren't as critical.

"I think it'll be a good idea to have a recount. There's nothing wrong with it," Joel Esparza, ASCC vice president said.

Overall, during the two days the polls were open, there seemed to be a mood of apathy, as only 992 students went to the polling booths, far below the

New senators announced



Graphic by Soren Williams

Voter turnout down for 1997 elections

goal of 2,000 votes hoped for by Greg Wylie, commissioner of public relations.

The low turn out was largely blamed, by students and candidates, on the lack of time allotted for campaigning and the absence of information on the candidates and their positions.

"I would like to see a longer campaigning period so students could learn more about the candidates," Giovanni Jorguera, Alpha Gamma Sigma, said.

Still, some did get the information, and some didn't.

"I voted because someone handed me a flyer," Elisa Trasoras, a Nursing major, said.

"To tell you the truth...I'm a night student and

THE WINNERS

Gilbert Grinle
Giovanni Jorguera
Patricia Ponce
Yadira Leon
John A. N.
Sondrey
Ernesto Martinez
Etta Hur
Ramon Palomino
Haemie Chung
Miguel Rivas
Dae Kyu Lee
Chang Jae Kim
Nancy Sanchez
Hugo Esparza
Rojelio Rios, Jr.
Sandy Kim
Sophia Luengamonsuk
Arlene Stafford
Miguel Martinez
Jaime Rivas
Aaron Leon
Armondo Borboa
Sean Mejia
Kathy Song
Young Ho Jung
Kristian
Hernandez
Ali Carey
Karrie Benoit

Auditors charge Board President

By David Feenstra
Staff writer

Officials from the state auditors have filed a criminal complaint against a Cerritos College Board of Trustees member.

State auditor Steven M. Hendrickson sent a letter to Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office asking them to investigate Board President Bob Verderber.

The letter asks the D.A.'s office to look into whether or not Verderber violated any laws when he released information regarding a confidential audit report several weeks ago after a closed door meeting with officials from the state auditors.

The state auditors were unavailable for comment on the audit situation along with the pending criminal charges against Verderber.

From the beginning Verderber has continually denied the charges saying, "I did nothing wrong. I just wanted to let everyone know that they have been doing a good job."

A spokeswoman for the D.A. said that she could neither confirm or deny any pending investigation of Verderber.

"I do think Mr. Verderber's conduct in putting out a press release that basically states his perceptions of what he may have heard was inappropriate," said fellow Board member Dorothy Carfrae.

Carfrae who is also up for re-election went onto say, "As far as I know he put out the press release as Board President without speaking to any of his fellow Board members."

She also claims that there was no notice given to any of the Board members and that the only people at the meeting were administrators and Verderber.

"I'm concerned that in an election year when he is running, as am I, that he would go to the press as Board President without showing the leadership of going to the Board as a whole first."

"If the audit information was important enough for him to disseminate to the press than it was important enough to come and speak to his colleagues."

The audit of Cerritos was ordered in April after the continual lobbying by several past and present Board members along with

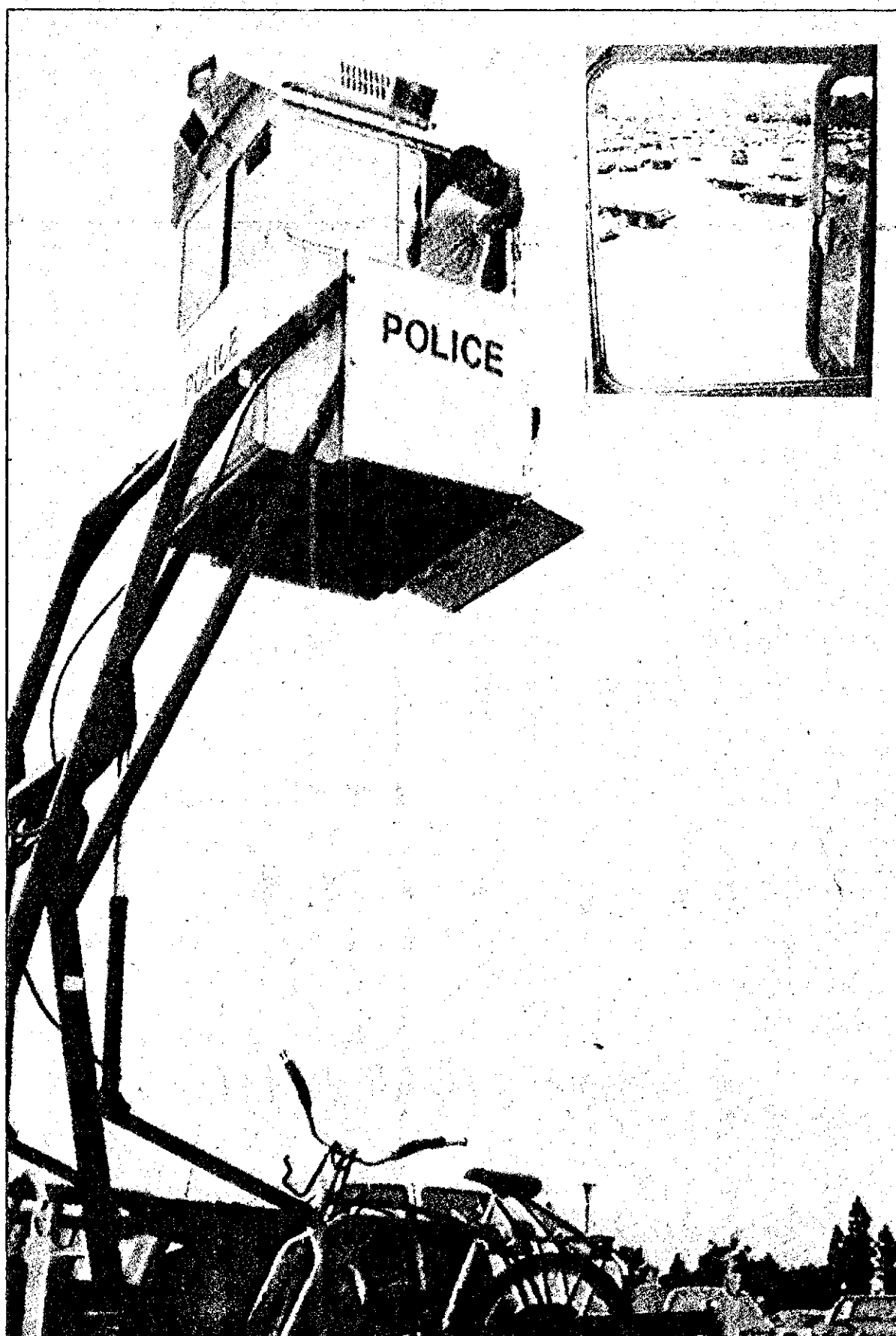
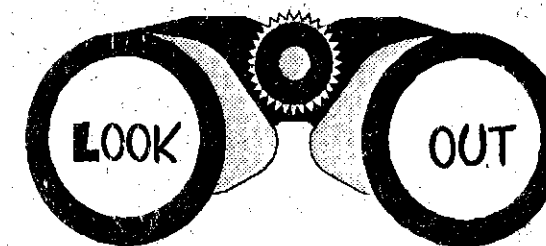


Photo by Lindorfe Gallegos

Campus Police acquire new manned surveillance towers, they are hoped to be a deterrent to campus auto theft.



Campus police acquire manned towers; auto thieves, vandals — Look Out

By D.S. Perez
Managing editor

"Will it still be there where I left it, and in one piece?"

At the end of spring semester, that was the thought of every student leaving the campus and walking toward where they thought they left their car, as more than 30 cars were either stolen or vandalized last spring.

This semester, campus police have responded with a new weapon — two portable, 20-foot tall, manned towers.

"Vehicles being broken into and vehicle theft are the top crimes on campus," Cerritos College campus police Lt. Richard Bukowiecki said. "Hopefully, with these, we can cut down the number of crimes in the parking lots by 50 percent."

According to Bukowiecki and Chief of Police Louie Kemp, this is one of several actions campus police is undertaking to combat crime, as the staff last year was undermanned to keep watch of the college's parking lots.

"Originally, this was one of numerous options we looked into," Bukowiecki said. "We considered video surveillance and stationary guard towers. These towers were the best choice. They're portable, and they are practical."

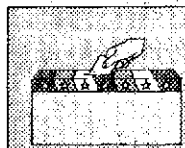
The towers, which are located in lots C-1 and C-10, are up — and manned — from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Because of their portability, campus police can move them via jeep to different areas of the campus, such as such as placing them in the stadium parking lot during football games.

According to Bukowiecki, the towers, built by New Heights Inc., were purchased for \$16,500 each and they were previously used in the '96 Olympics in Atlanta.

The funds used for buying the towers came

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Reception notice

The campus community is invited to a reception honoring Vice President of Business/Assistant Superintendent Judi Christensen, on her retirement from Cerritos College.

The reception will be held next Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., in the Student Center.

Donations toward the purchase of Christensen's gift are now being accepted.

For more information, contact Donna Jones at extension 2245.

Taste of cultures

Cerritos College and Cal State Dominguez Hills will host the Multicultural Foods Fair Thursday, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Quad.

The fair will have a variety of Southern and Central American, Asian, European, African and Middle Eastern cuisines.

The fair is a collective effort of several on-campus organizations and the International Students Club of Dominguez Hills and Cerritos College.

The College Culinary Arts Academy and the Associated Students of Cerritos College will also contribute to the fair.

Have a ball

Cerritos College's Golden Key Club will be holding its annual Harvest Ball on Oct. 26 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Norwalk Masonic Lodge.

The ball will feature "Kelley's Velvet Tones."

Tickets are \$3 and are available from the Golden Key Club and the Cerritos College Center for Lifelong Learning.

Parking lot closures

Two parking lots are closed for construction.

Lot C-7, Lot C-8, both in the area of the Santa Barbara Building, will be closed while construction work takes place.



Photo by Lindorfe Gallegos

Student vehicles are under the watchful eye of campus police with the help from its new towers.

Towers: new watchful eyes on campus lots

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officer with another pending, and begin hiring community service officers, which will be a sect of campus police consisting of AJ majors on campus.

The latter should start within several weeks, and should the towers prove successful, another tower will be placed in the Lot C-5, C-6, and C-11 area.

Campus police did a bit of shopping around to find the best product. Police Chief Louie Kemp traveled to Pasadena City College and Knott's Berry Farm, where similar devices are used in the parking lots, and was impressed with the results in those areas.

According to Pasadena's chief of police, Phil Mullendore, the towers used at his college had a drastic effect in the number of cars stolen for the past two years.

"We went from 44 cars stolen in one year to 12 in the first year of using the towers," Mullendore said.

Mullendore also added that the number of car break-ins also decreased by a third.

"They're effective; one person watching

from that tower is worth three officers on the ground."

And so far, students should have shown approval of the new towers.

"If it's going to help reduce crime in the parking lots, I'm for it," recently elected student senator, Gilbert Grinie, said.

Grinie, who ran for ASCC President last Spring on a platform centering on students' concerns about campus crime, sees the towers as a practical, if costly, step.

"Even if it costed us money, I'm still for it," he said.

Kemp acknowledged that that is the tower's goal.

"You, as a student, should feel safe enough to park your car and return where you left it," Kemp said.

Another aspect to the towers is that they

are less intimidating in appearance, and they have many creature comforts, such as air conditioning, heating, and tinted windows.

"It's fairly easy, not too complicated to operate, and comfortable," traffic control

officer Kathleen Higgins said while watching from her vantage point in Lot C-10.

Bukowiecki especially noted the non-intimidating factor on the towers.

"The towers are visually softer, less ugly, and happen to be more open," Bukowiecki said.

Mullendore agreed.

"They have a less prison-like appearance;

the stationary towers can resemble gun towers at prisons...people feel better parking near them too," Mullendore said.

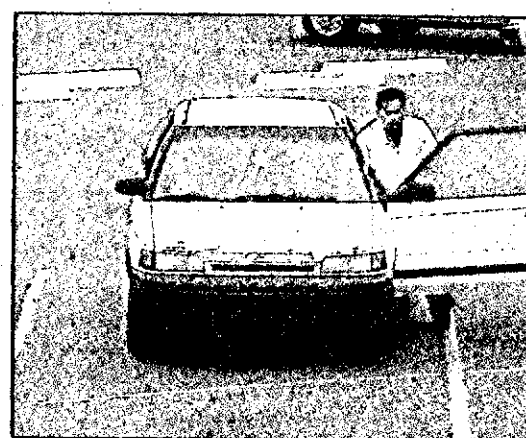


Photo by Lindorfe Gallegos

IF this were a break-in, he'd be caught.

POLICE BEAT

Compiled by Campus Police

Permit Fever

At 10:45 a.m. on Sept. 8, a student reporting a past theft.

The student said that on August 28, someone stole his parking permit from his 1965 Ford parked on Falcon Way.

According to the student, he had left the passenger's side window down.

Another auto burglary occurred on Sept. 9 at 10:10 p.m., at the east end of Falcon Way, where a student reported a burglary.

The victim said someone broke into her Ford Mustang and stole a car stereo and other items.

Another permit was recorded stolen at 10:45 a.m. on Sept. 11, where a person reported another vehicle burglary.

The victim said someone broke into his 1986 Nissan parked in Lot C-2 and stole his parking permit.

Lucky break

At 12:15 p.m. on Sept. 10, officers responded to lot C-5 regarding a grand theft vehicle which had just occurred.

The officers searched the area and recovered the stolen motorcycle at the Home Depot on Studebaker Road.

The recovered motorcycle was returned to the owner.

Not in compliance

At 11:05 a.m. on Sept. 11, an officer on bike patrol observed a 1994 Chevrolet driving the wrong way in Lot C-2.

The officer attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver would not comply with the officers commands.

The driver was eventually detained and cited for driving the wrong way and for failure to obey a lawful order from a peace officer.

The wave of technology continues on campus

By Kent Mc Creary
Staff writer

Students will benefit from access to new computers throughout campus, as departments from Business Education to auto body classes have received or will receive new computers in the future.

Although Business Education 17 still is using 486-processor machines, by next spring students taking class there can look forward to the new IBM's obtained through the lease agreement with IBM.

According to Barbara Soden, Business Services co-chairperson, starting next semester all students taking a typing class will use computers. At present, beginning students are relegated to typewriters due to a lack of equipment.

Students taking other Business

Education classes are using Microsoft Office 97, Professional Edition, to learn how to create flyers, letters, charts, and presentations.

According to Office Technology Asst. Professor Cindy Moriarty, the course teaches students to do more than get software to do what they want.

"We don't just teach them how to manipulate software to do something. We teach them how to apply it to a particular business job," she said.

Business Education was not the only department to get new equipment or waiting to get new com-

puters, however.

According to Instructional Dean of the Technology Division Randy Peebles, the computer assisted

Drafting labs also had their computers replaced. In fact, the computers in Tech 7 were not only replaced, but now have the latest in Autocad software (Version 14) on them.

"That places Cerritos College as the No. 1 college in Southern California with the latest and greatest version of Autocad," Peebles said.

He also noted that Cosmetology and the Furniture Manufacturing

Program received three new computers and the Electronics Department received 20 new computers, and he hopes that other programs will soon share in the wealth of technology.

"My hope over at Talon Marks is that you guys start to get some of the high speed equipment; hopefully with some of the other phases coming out, you guys should get some new equipment to join the high tech world," Peebles said.

Students taking classes in Auto Body 54 should also notice some changes in both equipment and software.

Last semester, 386-processor machines were used there. As a result of the IBM lease, the computers now in AB 54 run on Pentium powered processors.

"The whole industry (is) now kind of removed itself from hand

"The whole industry (is) now kind of removed itself from handwritten stuff. Everything is through the computer..."

FOCUS ON: MECHA

By Viviana Rolon
Staff writer

Students that want to join a politically active club or an organization should consider M.E.Ch.A., which stands for Chicano Student Movement of Aztlan (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan).

Although some students might think that M.E.Ch.A. is politically extremist in nature and that it is a club exclusively for Chicanos, which is not true; M.E.Ch.A. is open to anyone who has an interest in chicano culture.

"It's a training ground for leadership," club member Ruben Ochoa said. "[M.E.Ch.A. also] creates cultural awareness."

M.E.Ch.A. has been involved in marches and rallies. A recent example was last fall, where members persuaded people to register to vote. They also took part in anti-Proposition 209 campaigns and rallies.

This semester, Cerritos College will host the

Centra; a monthly meeting of all the M.E.Ch.A.s in Los Angeles County.

M.E.Ch.A. has a broad base of members that represent Cerritos at all the off campus meetings called Mesa Directiva.

M.E.Ch.A., however, does not have a president. The reason is because members feel that everyone is equal and that no one person should have most of the power.

In April, UCLA will host a national conference where the members will talk about events going on in the community that affect minorities.

M.E.Ch.A. has its meetings on Thursdays at the Social Science Building at 11a.m. To become a member M.E.Ch.A, students need to attend three consecutive meetings to gain voting rights within the club.

Faculty bares itself to students, public

By Joyce Kelly
Staff writer

Faculty in the Fine Arts Department are exposing their souls, by way of talent, to the students of Cerritos College in an art exhibit now on display in the art gallery through Thursday.

Most of the works range from paintings to sculptures, and all of them catch the students' eyes and interests.

"I'm really impressed with all the teacher's works, Steve Jimenez, art major, said.

Larry Brady, Interim Instructional Dean of Fine Arts, displays his talent in green-toned water colors.

His "Experimental Alphabet" was achieved with his invention of a special pen-type instrument.

Anita Janosova's untitled charcoal print is a torso of a man, she paid \$12 per hour.

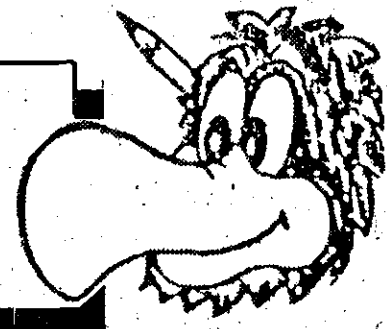
EDITORIAL

Elections not exactly front page news

The scantron machine broke down. But it wasn't like there were that many votes to count at last week's senate elections. Only 992 students cast their votes for candidates that would fill the 32 open seats. Why don't students vote? A lot of students didn't even know the elections were being held. Others were disinterested, but they shouldn't be. The senate decides how the students money will be spent. It is responsible for making decisions that affect each and every student at Cerritos College, but how can the senate truly represent the student body when no one votes? More people attend the football games than vote in the senate elections. The school would be better served by having a voting booth at the football games, it would probably double voter turn out. The apathy of the students at large causes the senate to be mocked. When there are almost 200 different jobs in student government and not even 1,000 people voting all it takes is for you to have some friends to get voted in. These elections really are precursors to how people behave later in life. Superbowl or presidential elections? Tough choice. Why is it that more people would pay to see a football game than vote for their student representatives? Maybe it's just that they aren't entertained enough. Perhaps they need celebrities backing them, or free food. These elections decide quite a bit for the students and while the school sits detached from them, the few who run get in without a hitch. In the era of soundbites and instant gratification deciding who to vote for just takes too much time from a student's busy schedule. Especially when they have to get ready for the football game. Five friends sure can take you far on campus.

C.C. FALCON

Defender of Falcon Truth



INTERNET ADDICTIONS: I couldn't help noticing all the computer addicts in the library, some of them there for hours at a time surfing the Net and checking out e-mail.

Don't these students have classes? I also couldn't help noticing the signs posted next to the computers. A list of rules stating, among other things, that chat rooms and e-mail can't be accessed on those terminals. Apparently they can -- and are!

CAR POOL PARKING: What's the deal with the car pool parking spaces? Every time I fly over them they're empty.

With all the parking complaints, more students should car pool. Or

the college should turn them into regular spaces for students.

SPEAKING OF EMPTY SPACES: Why aren't all those empty staff parking spaces being converted to student parking? We have an abundance of staff spaces and a shortage of student spaces.

Then again, what do I know? I just fly where I need to go -- no over priced parking space for me!

TOO MUCH TRASH: Flying over campus I noticed countless trash bins -- and all the trash *not* being put in them.

Places to put trash are everywhere, so take some pride in Cerritos and

use them. It's bad enough to see trash lying around, but right next to a trash bin?

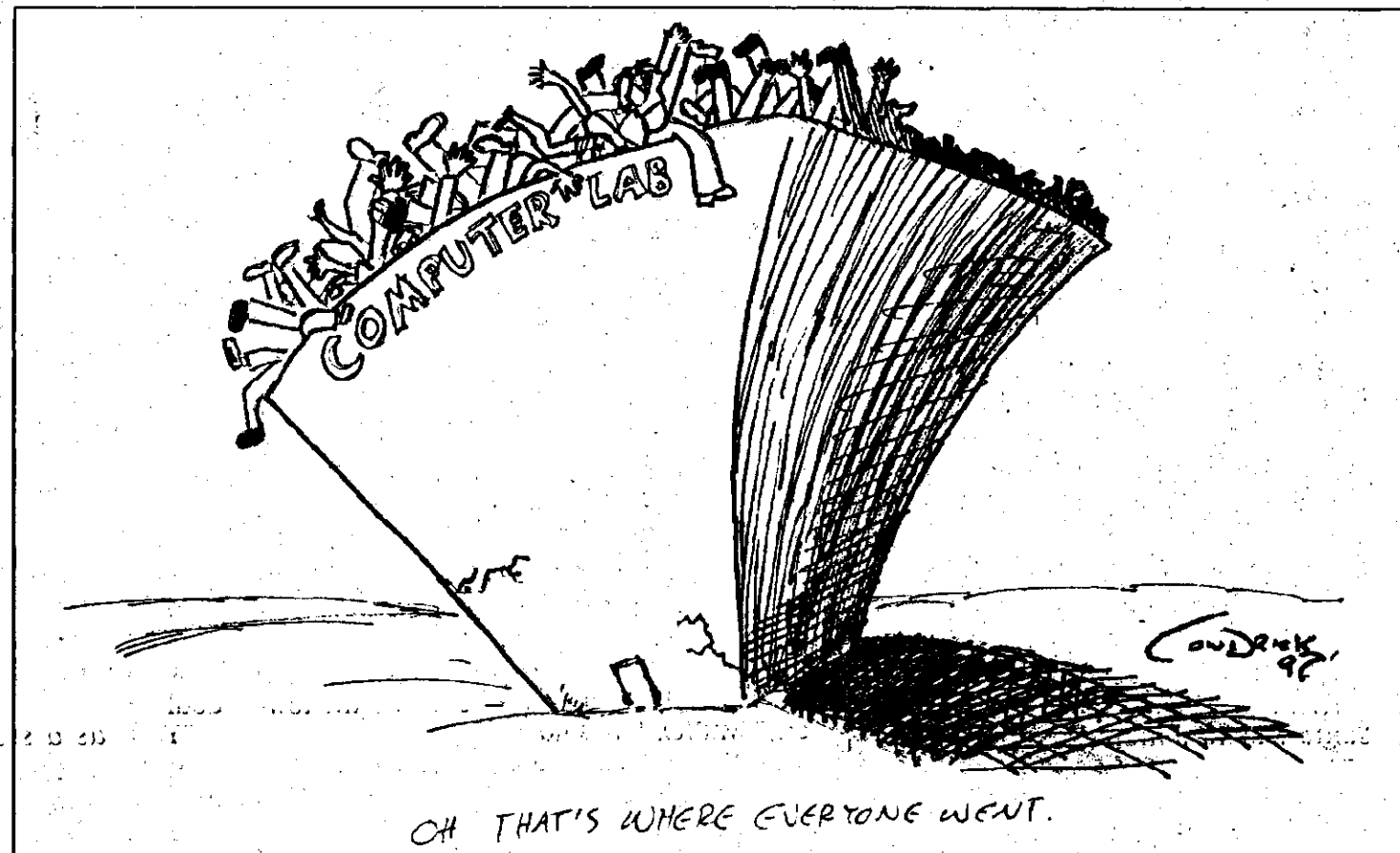
WHERE DID EVERYONE GO? Remember all those over-packed classrooms the first week or two of the semester?

Well, there's a lot more room to stretch my wings now. What I want to know is: Where did everyone go?

ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE: Our school is back in style!

Have you noticed our bright, colorful buildings now coincide with the latest fashionable colors?

Finally. Or was that last season? —T.R.T.



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Native Americans attack mascots

By Kent McCreary
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Native American groups have succeeded in forcing three schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District to change their mascot names due to what they perceive as demeaning actions.

A *Los Angeles Times* article dated Sept. 8 quoted Joseph Talaugon, Chumash tribal elder and member of the Committee for Native American Rights as saying, "Anytime you have a school with a mascot like an Indian or warrior, there is always going to be corresponding behavior with people walking up and down with paper-mache masks and that stupid tomahawk thing."

To Talaugon, it may be stupid. But to the supporters, it is a way of supporting their team.

Talaugon argues that what is being

done is the stereotyping of Native Americans.

To accept this argument is to say that any school that has a mascot of any ethnic descent is really stereotyping that ethnicity. Does Long Beach City College stereotype people of Nordic descent because their mascot is the Viking?

Should people of Greek descent now come forward and demand that a college change the name of its mascot because some might find the name Trojan demeaning?

Schools have these mascots because of the reverence of the heritage and history of the school, not to stereotype anyone.

"For those of us who have a history with that school, we will always be Braves. Not once in my 38 years of being a Brave have I associated my mascot with anything other than the

proud history and heritage of the school," said Birmingham High alumni Jim Pitillo in an commentary run in the *L.A. Times*.

All they are doing is celebrating their school's history and heritage. Last time I checked, that wasn't a crime.

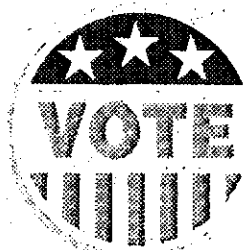
We do the same thing at sports events when we support our sports teams.

If push comes to shove, there might be groups objecting to our mighty Falcon.

The Falcon might be shot down because this group or that thinks a school is demeaning a person, animal or other group by using its' name as a mascot.

One LAUSD board member told the *Los Angeles Times*, "If you just erase the image, what does the school become?"

CAMPUS COMMENT



"Why do you think so few people vote for student senate, and what do you feel might increase the turnout?"

By Emily Madewell

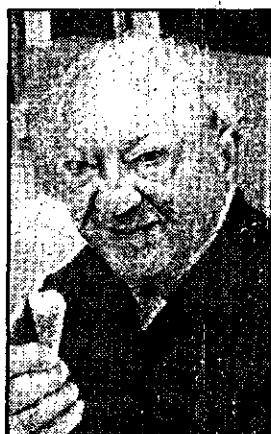
"People are not interested enough to change the fact that they do not have a personal stake in it."

—Joy Bejarano, Undecided



"They do not vote in national elections why should they vote here."

—Sol Kreisler, Jewelry



"I do not think that they should expect you to vote without a debate or even an announcement of their platforms."

—Rosie Garcia, General Education



"There is a lack of information. I did not even know that the elections were going to happen."

—Melissa Jewell, Cosmetology



"I do not vote because they do not fulfill their commitments. If they did, I would."

—Sam Gonzales, General Education



"There isn't a good enough reason to vote. Publicity and plans for constructive extracurricular activities might help."

—Joseph Sage, Computer Science



"Students do not know what is going on because they do not take the time to find out."

—Delilah Martinez, Business Administration



"I would like more information on the candidates' goals."

—Jackie Butler, Nursing



KEY PLAYERS:

MATT SORENSON
QB
251 YDS 2TD

BRIAN HAYWOOD
REC
7-147YDS 1TD

KAREEM LARRIMORE
CB
INT 1 BK

KEY PLAYS:

76 YD TD PASS FROM SORENSON TO HOUSHMANDZADEH

12 YD INTERCEPTION RETURN BY KAREEM LARRIMORE

61 YD TD PASS FROM SORENSON TO HAYWOOD

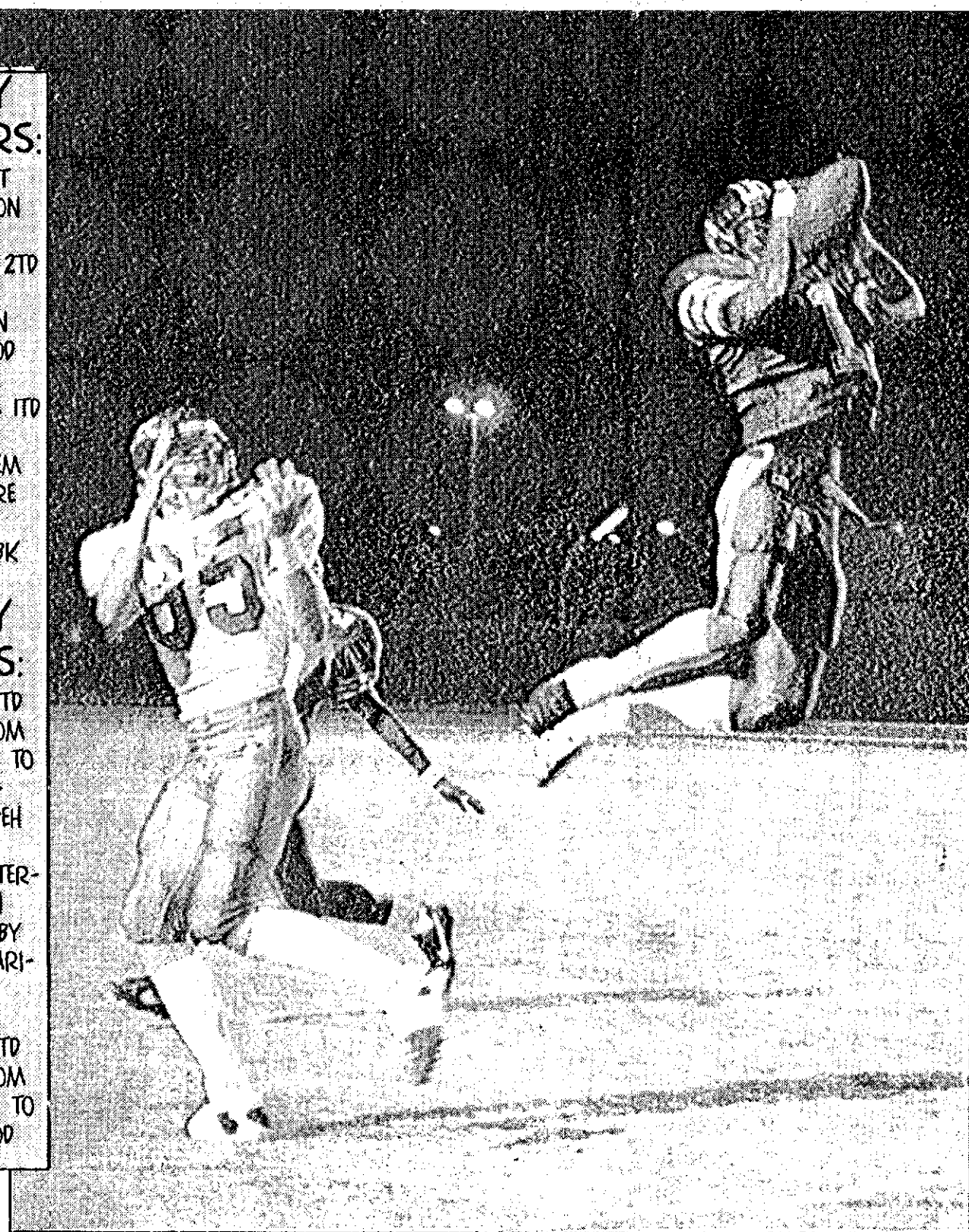


Photo by Tom Hernandez
Cornerback Kareem Larrimore, #1, picks off a pass in the Falcons 40-0 win last week.

Domination isn't enough for them

Football team is fourth overall in country; no mercy shown to O.C.C.

By Mike Lembke
Staff writer

All right, the team is ranked fourth in the nation, the offense has just scored 40 points and the defense has played to perfection, shutting out the opposition for the night.

Shouldn't the team's players be on top of the world?

Apparently not.

"We can do a lot better," Matthew Sorensen, Falcon quarterback who was 12 for 22 on the night throwing for 251 yards and two touchdown passes, said.

"We made a lot of mistakes, but we will polish everything up and get ready for Golden West next Saturday."

Orange Coast College (1-9 last season) was dominated and overpowered by the Falcons from the very beginning.

On the ground, the O.C.C. Pirates ran for -11 yards. The air wasn't any kinder either, as the Pirates posted only 130 yards passing.

Also, just three minutes into the game, Sorensen hit T.J. Houshmandzadeh on a 60 yard touchdown pass that gave the Falcons an early lead.

Sorensen also distributed the pigskin equally, throwing to six different Falcon receivers on the night.

Sophomore Brian Haywood led in receptions, reeling in seven passes

for 147 yards, including a 61 yard touchdown pass in which he eluded several Pirate defenders.

Running back Michael Moody sat out most of the second half, after he scored on runs of two and three yards in the second quarter to give the Falcons a 21-0 lead.

"I struggled a little in the beginning, but kept fighting," Moody said. He finished the game with a total of 43 yards rushing.

Quion Austin, a sophomore running back from Long Beach Jordan, also took advantage of the Pirate's pathetic defense.

Austin ran the ball for a total of 99 yards and two touchdowns, all done in 14 carries.

Jerold Sua and the rest of the Falcon's defense manhandled the Pirates' offense, flooring their players with several massive hits that will send a shockwave to all upcoming Mission League opponents.

"We're definitely a force to be reckoned with," sophomore linebacker Vincent Vigil said.

The Falcon's next test is this Saturday against Golden West. It is a home game for Cerritos, and again the opposition does not have much to offer against the Falcons.

"Golden West is like Orange Coast College," head coach Frank Mazzotta said.

"This game will give us more experience and it will get us ready to play against Saddleback [on Sept. 27]," Mazzotta added.

Cross Country begins trek towards State

Teams aim for championship

Kent McCreary
Staff writer

Cross Country's season began last Saturday as the men's and women's teams competed at the Fresno Invitational in Fresno.

This Saturday, both teams will travel to Pierce College in Woodland Hills to compete in the L.A. City Invitational.

"We were pleased with the way things turned out," Sarell said.

In the race, Jennifer Kling had both team's top finish, as she crossed the finish line 31st overall with a time of 21:30.

For the men's side, Joe Estrada finished the four-mile course with a time of 21:39, placing him 51st.

Although the finishes were low, the number of runners who managed to make it to the finish line on the men's team give an optimistic feel for the team, according to Sarell.

"I believe that the men's team has the potential to make it to the state championships," Sarell said.



Photo by Lindorfe Gallegos
Danielle Montgomery chalks a goal in Falcons' 2-1 loss

Loss in more ways than one

By James Reynosa & D.S. Perez
Staff writers

Not only did the women's soccer team get beat by one goal, the players also got beat up on the field physically at Golden West last Friday.

It wasn't pretty that the team was dominant throughout the game, outshooting Golden West by a total of 19 shots to 10, yet still lost, 2-1.

"I got beat up through the whole game," outside half-back Danielle Montgomery, who scored the lone Falcon goal on the Falcon's third kick, said.

"We should have won. We outplayed them, but we got unlucky on defense. Still, we looked good and we'll get better."

As for the season, the women's soccer team (1-1) has a simple goal: to replace a player that scored so many of them.

With the departure of Kelly Walker, who had 32 goals of Cerritos' 63 goals last season, and that they are now competing with 12 teams, head coach Debbie Jensen's expectations might seem a little high.

"If we can be 12-8, like last year, and have another ranking

[11th in the state] then it will be a good season," Jensen said.

"We've lost some players, but we have become more balanced compared to last year," Jensen added.

Doing the best to keep the team in contention will be five returning players on defense and Karen May on offense.

Freshman goalie Jamie Heilpap will be the "if" factor with her lack of experience.

In the Golden West game, May was the player of the game, despite the fact that she played on the losing side.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football
Saturday
Golden West
7 p.m.

Men's Soccer
Saturday
at Santa Ana
6 p.m.

Women's Soccer
Tuesday
Fullerton
3 p.m.

Men's Water Polo
Today
Golden West
3 p.m.

Cross Country
Saturday at
Pierce College

Wrestlers have eyes on state title

Another year, another run for the State Championship.

That's all you hear when you're talking to Head Wrestling Coach Jeff Smith.

Why shouldn't he start thinking about State? The Cerritos Wrestling Team has not ranked lower than 5th in the State in the 90s.

"We're basically just getting into shape and working on skills. Slowly getting them ready for a college program," Smith said while watching some players swimming laps.

"We start in a few weeks, you know. Some of these guys have been working out for months."

But the first meet isn't what concerns Smith, it's what happens in December.

"We put all our emphasis on the State

SPORTS BRIEFS

Championships: It doesn't matter how you start, it's how you finish," Smith said.

And starting might not be the only problem. This year the wrestling team is mostly freshmen, a concern for Smith.

"We're a fairly young team. We got a real good group of freshmen, but they're young so I have a feeling we might suffer a little bit," Smith said.

But as quickly as Smith tells you his woes, he'll tell you his demands.

"I coach to be in the Finals. We expect to be there at the end of the season."

Wrestling is different from other sports. In wrestling every position is open every year, no matter what you did last year.

"None of the spots are set, until we wrestle on Sept. 26," Smith said.

Expected to lead this team are Brian Gilliland, Jose Palacios and David Develle.

Men's Soccer off to winning start

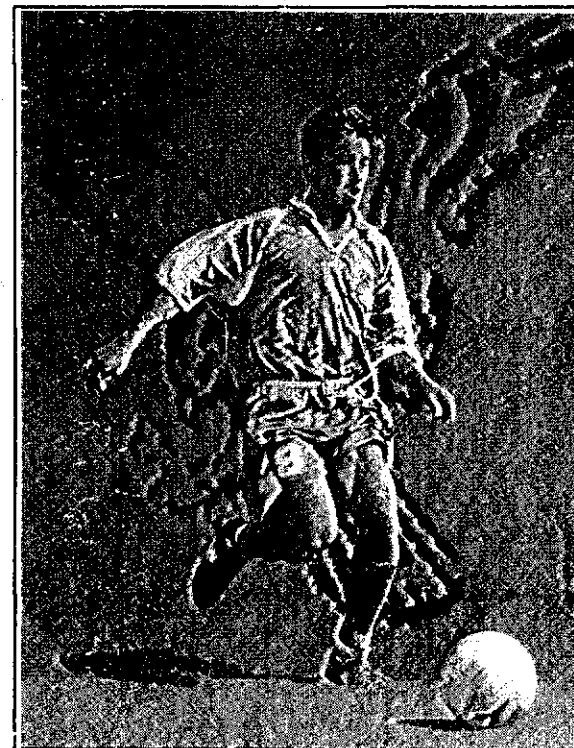
Men's soccer continued its winning streak with a hard-earned 3-2 victory at Fullerton, a team the Falcons have not beaten in six years.

Although Fullerton scored first, the Falcons players retaliated with goals by Carlos Contreras, Juanito Saenz, and Daniel Vegas, who scored the winning goal, a 25-yard shot into the corner.

According to coach Ronald Arce, the team's 2-0-1 start is one of the best in years.

"We are no longer a practice toy for other teams," Arce said.

"If they play us for a game now, they might lose. This win clearly proves that, since we beat one of the stronger teams in the conference."



Juanito Saenz

- Freshman
- Position: Forward
- Two goals this season