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#### **HOMECOMING CALENDAR**

OCT.1-2 Court **Elections** 

**OCT.7** Court Announced OCT.9 Mock Rally

OCT. 13-17 Float Building

**OCT.18** Football Game

### Court elections and other festivities to begin next week

Staff Writer

It's Homecoming season again and time for students to decide who will best represent Cerritos College as Homecoming Queen.

Elections for the court will take place Oct. 1 and 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. outside the food court, Elbow Room and Health Sciences

According to Student Activities clerk Trudy Foster, there are currently 18 stu-

dents running for court.

To be eligible, students must have at least a 2.0 GPA and carry at least six units.

place Oct. 7 at 11 a.m. in the Student Center. Once the court has been announced,

Introduction of the court will take

students must choose who will be crowned Homecoming Queen.

Elections for Queen will be held Oct. 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. outside the food court, Elbow Room and Health Sciences build-

The Queen coronation and Parade of Floats will take place Oct. 18 at the Homecoming game against San Diego Mesa at 7 p.m. at Falcon Stadium followed by the HomeComing dance from 10 p.m. to midnight in the Student Center.

Float construction for the parade will be Oct 13 - 17 all day in the stadium. A total of 20 floats can enter the contest themed "T.V. Classics."



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# Bill could reduce fees by 10 percent by next year

By T.R. Taber Staff Writer

Cerritos College students can expect a drop in fees next year, if Gov. Pete Wilson signs a bill passed by the California State Legislature by Oct. 15.

If passed, Bill AB 1318 will reduce student fees by 10 percent at community colleges and by 5 percent at University of California and California State University systems beginning next fall and continuing through the 1999 - 2000 school year.

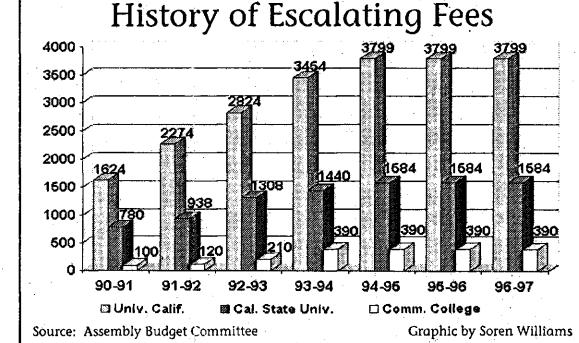
Cerritos students are currently paying \$13 per unit in fees. The bill would lower the fees to \$12 per unit.

Over the past six years, fees have almost tripled for community colleges and nearly doubled for U.C. and C.S.U. systems.

To meet rising fees, students are taking out loans. Between 1990 and 1994 college loans have almost doubled, increasing from \$1 billion to \$1.9 billion.

The bill would ease the financial burden of students for the first time since 1984 and the second time in the state's history.

"Finally, we are sending the right message to California's students: after years of rising fees, their education has once again become a top priority," Lieutenant Governor Gray Davis said in a Sept. 13



news release.

Davis, who is a U.C. Regent and C.S.U. Trustee, has been working on decreasing college fees for over two years, according to Davis' press secretary Olivia Morgan.

A similar action set up to affect U.C. systems, proposed as an ammendment to the nature."

state constitution, was defeated at the legislative level in 1996.

AB 1318 passed legislation Sept. 12 with strong bipartisan support.

"It's been a long battle," Said Morgan. "But all we need now is Gov. Wilson's sig-

### **VILLANUEVA Nunnery blasts Board members**

Kent Mc Creary

Staff writer Former Associated Students of Cerritos College President Wayne Nunnery praised Board President Bob Verderber for releasing information that allegedly clears the college of wrongdoing during a public presentation last

Wednesday. He then blasted Board members Mary Loya and Dorothy Carfrae for their efforts in having

Cerritos audited. He stated that Verderber was courageous in sending out press releases to newspapers such as the Los Angeles Times and the Long Beach

Press-Telegram. "I would dare say that you haven't done anything wrong. And there's no charge they could bring against you [Verderber]," Nunnery

Nunnery pointed out that when he and several Board members went to Sacramento to testify before the State Auditors Committee to argue that Cerritos should not be audited, they were not allowed to have their arguments

He then accused Loya and Carfrae of tearing

down the reputation of Cerritos College. He then went on to state that the \$160,000 used to pay for the audit could have been used to benefit students, citing that the money could have been used to buy books for the Please see BOARD, Page 2

#### the news at a glance

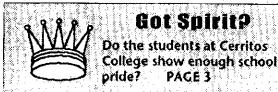


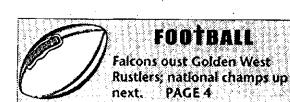
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Homecoming



WELFARE Benefit recipients affected by welfare reform. PAGE 2





#### CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Teleconference Center to Open

Business and education leaders, as well as city officials will join the Board of Trustees and the campus community for the inauguration of the college's new Teleconference Center.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at 4:45 p.m.

The Teleconference Center is located on the east side of the Wilford Michael Library and Learning Resource Center.

For more information, contact the Economic Development Office at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2496.

### **Tournament raises** scholarship money

Friendly Hills Country Club hosted the 12th Annual Cerritos College Foundation Golf Classic Aug. 11.

According to Tournament Coordinator Pam Day, the event raised nearly \$27,000 to help support the Foundation's scholarship fund as well as the Wilford Michael Library and Learning Resource Center.

In special presentation, Biola University Trustee Dr. Ronald Rallis, Sr., and Foundation President Dr. Gerald Roodzant, presented Gaskin with a silver medalion, which is designed to be worn by the president at all official campus events.

### **Golf facility update**

The Board of Trustees approved the site for the proposed golf center project at the Aug. 6, Board Meeting.

Family Golf Center has met with the city of Cerritos Community Development Department staff to review the site plan. The plan indicates the location and size of the major elements proposed for this

The facility features a new clubhouse with a classroom, driving range, miniature golf, batting cages, parking, and landscaping.

#### **Instructor** honored

Journalism Instructor/Adviser Richard Cameron was recently named as one of three professionals selected to be inducted into the 1997 Community College Journalism Association Hall of Fame.

"I really feel that I have a strong support network behind me here," Cameron

### **Back to Basics**

The new works of artist Sandra Rowe entitled "Back to Basics" will be on display for a limited three week engagement in the campus gallery Sept. 30-Oct. 23.

The exhibit's opening reception is scheduled for Oct. 1 from 6 p.m. to 9

For more information, call Gallery Director Dan Cautrell at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2612

#### **BOARD:** Verderher praised for releasing audit information

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library. He added that staff tied up with the audit could have been used elsewhere.

- Carfrae responded, stating that the money was taken from the State Auditors Committee and would be used on an audit, whether it be at Cerritos or at another community college.

"It was not something that was going to be spent on Cerritos College for the benefit of the students or the resources they were speaking of. If the auditors had not decided to come to this institution, that \$160,000 would have been spent elsewhere," Carfrae said.

She said that she was pleased that the auditors decided to perform an audit of Cerritos College, adding that in its 40-year history, the college had not been audited until now.

She added that she was glad to see that the auditors came to the college and the community and spent the money for the good of the

"If things are not well, the taxpayer can have the comfort of knowing that they'll be fixed," Carfrae said.

# Food for thought

Photos by Lindorfe Gallegos

Free food went fast at the International Students Club Multicultural Foods Fair, which took place on Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. to noon in the Quad.

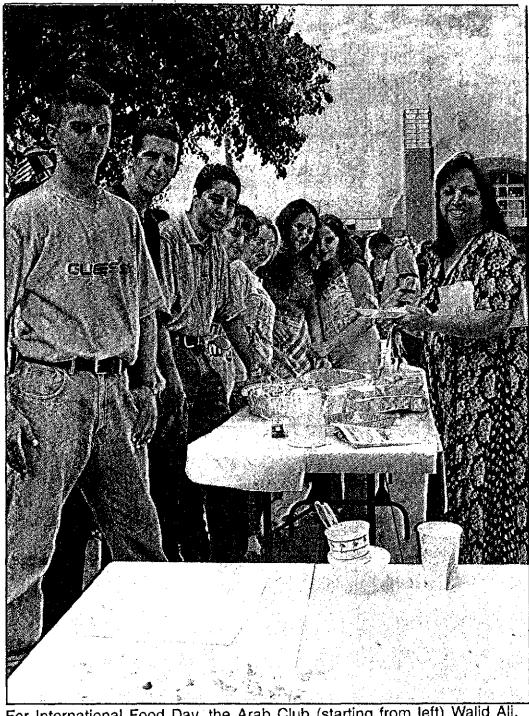
The Foods Fair is a collective effort of several on-campus organizations as well as the International Students Club of Cal State Dominguez Hills and Cerritos

Also participating were students from Culinary Arts. The types of food featured included American, Arabian, Armenian, Mexican, Philipino, Romanian and Japanese.

Jae Kin President Internatio nal club, stands in front of the flag



Linda Harris (left) being served mexican food with her ribs by Rosie Coria (right).



For International Food Day, the Arab Club (starting from left) Walid Ali, Anwar Qader, Omaro Ailouch, Amal Hassib, Assia Khalife are serving Jennifer Arias a tasty dish.

# State welfare reform could help students

By Joyce Kelly

The legistlation on welfare reform has! seems to be a tall barrier. and productive life.

The two major fundings are approximately \$229,000 for two programs called TANF and CALWORKS is suppose to receive around \$993,000.

TANF stands for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, which replaces the GAIN program, a program designed to get AFDC recipents into the workforce.

Those receiving welfare under AFDC (Ald to Families with Dependent Children) will have to work a certain amount of hours to receive aid.

CALWORKS is an allocation of funds for coordination, job development activities, curriculum development, work study programs and child care.

As of Jan. 1, students receiving AFDC had to work 32 hours a week in order to receive welfare benefits.

The new welfare students will have to obtain short-term vocational training, after which John Grindel, Director of Development, they will be given four weeks to find a job, and will receive increased fundings.

If these students don't find a job, they will be given less than a year to receive an education and find a job that is considered "living wage" employment.

In a recent faculty senate meeting, the instructions and procedures for these projects and how to handle them presented questions

The government has offered community California, or a penalty for not meeting the

WORKS Recipients 1997-98 Fiscal Year," Cerritos College had a headcount of 2,002 AFDC recipients, with a total welfare reform allocations of approximately \$1 million for

The government has offered the community colleges lots of money but the time element seems to be a tall barrier.

work study, child care, job and curriculum

In a presentation to the Board of Trustees, explained that in order for the school to receive the money, certain deadlines had to be

A report in the Sept. 21 issue of the Los Angeles Times indicates states must meet a deadline in order to receive the money.

The money is coming to the states from the federal government to help with welfare reform.

These funds may not come to the state of not a new development," he said.

colleges lots of money, but the time element deadline of Oct.1 may cause a penalty in the amount of \$4 billion.

offered community colleges money to assist In a report titled, "Appendix A-California This means if California doesn't come up welfare recipients on achieving a self-sufficient Community Colleges Welfare Reform for CAL- with a statewide program for collecting child support by Oct. 1, it could lose approximately \$340 million.

> This could also lead to the state losing its entire block grant for TANF, a total sum of \$3.7 million for 1997.

> Worse, there is no exception to the child support collection part, which could cause the state of California a tremendous financial loss.

> Even though Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-Calif) is aware of the Oct. 1 deadline being a two-year extension, she is still trying to get her colleagues on Capitol Hill and in the Clinton administration to extend the target date to six

> Rep. Clay E. Shaw, Jr. (R-Fla.), one of the chief authors of the welfare reform bill, promised to help alter the penalties of the law.

> going to lose \$4 billion," he said. He continued to state he felt California would probably not lose anything.

"I want to make it clear that California is not

On the other hand, the Clinton Administration is standing firm on the matter of teaching the states a valuable lesson.

Michael Kharfen, a spokesman from Health and Human Services Department, stands ready to impose the penalty on the states if they don't comply with the law.

"The states have known for over a year they had these things to do. They are not a surprise,

#### FOCUS ON ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA LLUB CONNECTION:

#### By Vivian i Rolon Staff Writer

Some students have seen posters up for AGS and have wondered what "AGS" meant.

AGS is Alpha Gamma Sigma, 'an honor society recognized by community colleges and univerties throughout the state of

AGS is one of the biggest clubs on campus. It promotes good grades and also encourages its memebers to get involved in school activities and in the community. To become a member of AGS students

must have completed 12 units and have a cummulative G.P.A of 3.0 of better and pay a memebership fee of \$12 for each semster. In addition to becoming an official member, students need to earn points during the seinester.

Points are earned by those who volunteer in the community, run for office, vote in ext. 2742 or ext. 2555.

elections or participate in any other school activities.

"I had a lot a fun and met lot of people trying to earn my points," former member Greg Wyllie said.

Memebers will get to gradute with honors. "Being affliated with AGS looks good on your transcripts," co-president Sarah Trivoli

Some of the events AGS has planned for this month are an AIDS walk in Los Angeles, Homecoming week, a bake sale and attending football games.

Alpha Gamma Sigma has its club meeting every first and third Thursday of each month and take place in rooms LH 4 at 11 a.m. for the daytime students and in the PS 1 at 5

For more infomation, contact Tom Jackson or Marie Jackson at (562)860-2451,

#### **AGS MEETINGS**

**DAYS** First and third Thursday of each month

#### TIMES

11 a.m. for day students, 5 p.m. for night students.

> PLACE LH 4

# **OPINION**

#### **EDITORIAL**

# **Action needed** for student activities

With the lackluster showing of support for the senate candidates and the poor voter turnout for the student body president, it seems appropriate to address our school spirit.

With homecoming on its way, it seems fitting to alert students of an opportunity to show their support for Cerritos College.

These ladies who are going out on stage to get your vote are a sampling of the students and deserve to be applauded for their determination.

They, in effect, represent the students by showing their tastes in personality and style.

Students who ignore these events such as presidential elections or homecoming elections then complain when they see who won really need to think about what they are saying.

If they don't like what they see, they should go out and change the vote by casting their own. After all, with only 900 or so students voting in any given

election, your vote really does count. The events on campus which rely on elections are for the

students. These events are here for the student body to show what it

wants done on campus.

When a tiny percentage of the student body votes, the few who run easily win.

The students effectively give up their choices when they don't vote, and when more students vote, the student body takes power, and the people in office become true spokesmen of the students.

If the students look around outside of this campus, they might see a startling change: the American public is losing its

Huge companies are forming by buying up the smaller ones, limiting our choices from computers to breakfast cere-

Gas prices go up with no particular reason, and the general public sits with its hands tied.

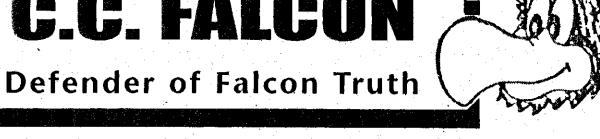
Americans have given up their choices and those in power are taking advantage of them.

Students need to start early by being aware of their surroundings and work to change what they don't like.

Voting for homecoming is simple and painless and parents and a It might even be fun deciding who is the best candidate.

So start early with voting and continue when more important choices are available.

# C.C. FALCON



FALCON NOT FLATTERED: I nested at that solved the problem. the football game last Saturday, watching Cerritos (2-0) wipe Golden West into the sod.

I was having a great time - until I "The Hunt for Red October." saw the mascot.

Don't get me wrong, though; I appreciate the courage it takes to wouldn't comment on the newspawear a parakeet outfit. The person in per that carries my nitpickings and that contraption did a good job. But aren't we the FALCONS???

the football game also may have chirping mad. noticed the play-by-play microphone being plagued by pings dur- the staff. ing the first two quarters.

rescue. Wings up to the technicians ously undermanned and inexperi-

For a while, I didn't know whether I was on the field watching an exciting game....or listening to

TALONS OF MISTAKES: Normally, I notices from my bird's eye perch.

But in the last issue, stories appeared unfinished, mistakes were PLAY-BY-SONAR: Those with ears at everywhere and a lot of people were

So I will apologize on behalf of

Like some athletic teams, this Fortunately, someone came to the semester's Talon Marks staff is seri-

enced. Cut them some slack.

ADD PAPER: Please read the paper first before using it as a tool.

Whoever used a stack of neverread newspapers as a support for one of the stone benches outside the Student Center is inconsiderate.

Hey, I don't use this paper for lining my cage — at least not before I finish reading it.

PARK THIS: I went out to my car after class and noticed I had a parking ticket.

I was mad at first, but then I figured at least my car didn't get stolen.

- D.S.P & D.F.



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## **Eating Pollocks worries this hungry writer**

By D.S. Perez

Managing Editor When I'm hungry, I take a long time to think about my options on campus.

So I weigh my choices on junk food, fried food and vending machine pastries.

Well, after living on tacos, burgers and pizza for a semester, and since the doctor told me to check into something a little more healthier (something more on the side of a rabbit's dietary intake), I decided to check out the local cafeteria in the Student Center for something differ-

But before I eat at any restaurant, I always enter through the kitchen to get a feel for what I'm going to devour.

While in the place I take a look at the bulletin board, filled with who cooks what and what the recipes for serving students and faculty are.

An article hanging on the bullentin board catches my eye. It stresses the American infatuation with food. I have an infatuation with food too. If I don't get enough, I feel like l'll

physically die of malnutrition. Then again, I'm fat and I need to fit in a size-32 waist again.

Scanning the culinary schedule the line "Puree of green split pea," is hypnotic — I realize something: The average student at Cerritos

College has no idea what Polonaise, Madeira sauce, or Julienne is. Even worse is this: Grilled fillet of

Alaskan Pollock. Is this politically correct? Or even misleading? Cannibalism this is not, and I'm

relieved. Alaskan Pollock is a fish.

Unfortunately, I've come at closing time, as the cafeteria is only serving foods from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The leftovers, according to Culinary Arts instructor Michael Pierini, are thrown away.

Because of legal constraints, the food cannot be donated to a homeless shelter or something like that.

The next day, I check out the entrees du jour. I take the grilled fillet of red snapper with bercy sauce (don't ask) over the baked Iowa pork chops in natural sauce (I wanted New Jersey in artificial food coloring).

I take a bite.

It taste great, it's less filling. And I realize another thing: I'm helping out.

I'm helping in eating food that will go to waste if it is not eaten. I'm finishing the hard work the men and women of the culinary arts department have prepared for the last couple of hours.

And I'm spending about \$5 for all this great food.

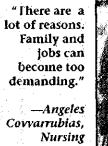
The best part of all, though, is that I'm getting my cholesterol and sodium intake gourmet style. Everybody wins in this deal, I suppose.

# CAMPUS COMMENT



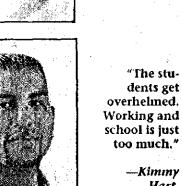
"Why do you think so many students drop their classes?"

By Emily Madewell



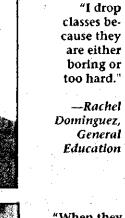


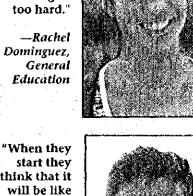




"Students get intimidated by the syllabus and the first exam." -Shawn Lemonnier, Undecided







think that it will be like high school. Then they realize that it is a lot more difficult,"

—Johnny Guzman, Mathematics



"They are trying out all of the teachers to see which classes are easiest."

—Andy

Brown,

Film



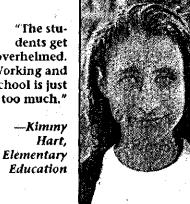
"Sometimes students underestimate their class loads." —Eva Grady,

Nursing



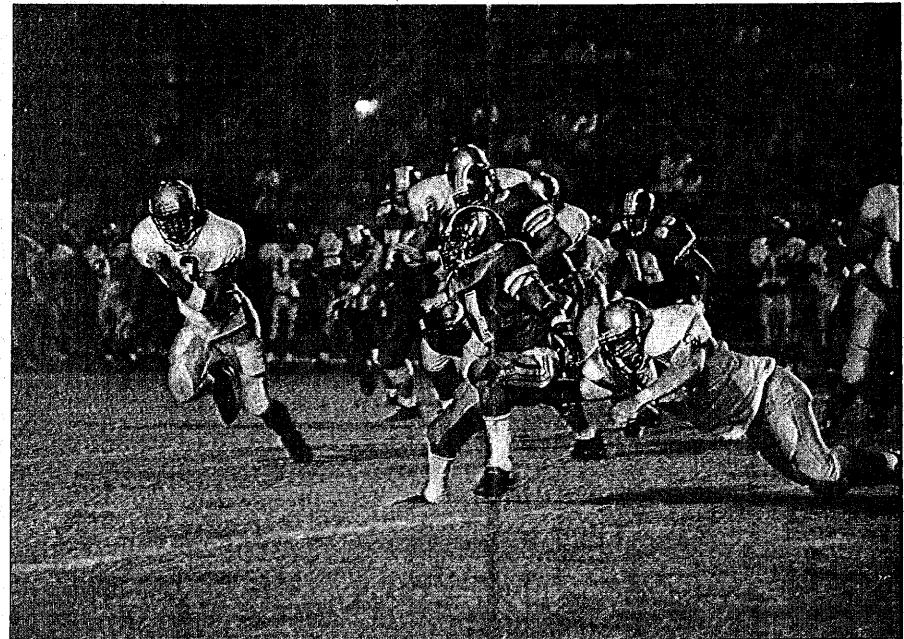
"Lack of interest and enthusiasm." -Mike Delgado, History











Quion Austin(#4) eludes the Golden West defense in route to 138 yards rushing and three touchdowns

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# Rustlers hog-tied in 31-7 Falcon victory

By D.S. Perez

**Managing Editor** 

For the first 104 minutes of the season, Cerritos College's football team had not allowed a single digit to appear on the visitor's side of the scoreboard.

. That dominance ended when Golden West (0-2) wide receiver Justin Miller scored the lone Rustler touchdown Friday night, on a 15-yard pass with less than a minute left in the third quarter, ending the Falcon's shutout streak.

Still the Falcons (2-0) won, 31-7, and six minutes of play, but all that seemed unimportant to the coaches.

"We should not have given up that touchdown. We had their play and I thought we had the quarterback sacked," defensive coach Mike McPherson said. "Giving up that touchdown really pissed them off."

Covering Miller was cornerback Kareem Larrimore, who had an interception in the first quarter.

He also missed part of the second quarter due to an injury, but returned to the game.

"I lost it mentally," Larrimore said. "I was hitting them hard out there all night, but [Miller] got that one good

catch." But although the streak ended, the night contained other highlights for

the team's defense. Cornerback Heshimu Robertson scored on a 77-yard interception and Cerritos allowed only 12 yards rushing, bringing the total yards allowed on the ground this season to one.

Passing was another story, as the team allowed 206 yards to Rustler quarterbacks John Frank and Matt Wentz.

However, the defense physically rattled Frank during the night. ""This was a more physical game than

last week," McPherson added. "We looked sluggish, there were totally blown coverages. . . but this might be a good wake up call after that big opening win [over Orange Coast]. 17 of those points came during the first. We have to get a lot better for

Saddlehack " The offense, however, did not have a good night, especially with the injuries, and this is not good for a team that will play on the road against the defending national champions, Saddleback College Saturday night.

"It'll be hard if we don't get these guys back. I mean, we need to have Matt Sorensen back, we need Brian Haywood back and we need to make sure that [offensive tackle Ray] Taupule is back to play," head coach Frank Mazzota said.

"But we have some talented kids. We can make some mistakes and we can make them up with our athleticism. We have some players that can respond to pressure and make the right play."

Indeed, the Falcons did respond well to pressure during the game.

After a very shaky start where he fumbled at the snap and then was intercepted, backup quarterback Tom Hass

finished 8-13 for 76 yards.

Starting quarterback Sorensen left the game with a sprained knee he suffered in the first quarter. He went 4-9 for 41

"We could have done more, and we could have done better," running back Quion Austin said.

Austin took the Rustler defense apart, making 138 yards on 28 carries, and he notched three touchdowns.

Unfortunately, he was the only one picking up the slack. Most of the scores for the Falcons came after key interceptions or fumble recoveries deep in Rustler territory.

"I had to step up after Sorensen got hurt. With him, we could have scored more, but we lost the momentum when he got downed," Austin said.

Mazzota agreed.

"I think we played kind of raggy," he

"But we had a few guys that got injured. When we put in [Hass], the guys were flat. We lost our quaterback and the offense lost a step."

That changed in the fourth quarter, when Hass and Austin led the Falcons up the field on a 12-play scoring drive for 69 yards.

Austin put on the finishing touch with a two-yard touchdown run up the

"In the fourth quarter, we drove the ball up the field with our secondary players. Hass managed to get it done," Mazzotta said.

### Glances at the sporting scene By James Reynosa Staff Writer

Here's a quick little low-down on the Cerritos College playground.

The football team is ranked third in Çalifornia. Think about that. There are 107 junior colleges in the state and Cerritos is No. 3.

More impressive is the Falcon defense that has given up one yard on the ground in two games.

"We haven't played that well yet," defensive coach Mike McPherson said. "We have had some missed assignments."

Coach, relax. This Falcon defense can play. But the question lies in the offense.

Cerritos has a huge offensive line. The average size is 6'3", 288 lbs. With this size comes a simple physics lesson: "Mass moving at a high rate of speed will open holes," or something like that.

The point is, the offensive linemen are going to make openings for the running backs and the running backs are going to get some yards.

Thus far the Falcons have gained 422 yards and seven touchdowns on the ground. Can the Falcons throw the ball? The first week they could when they had 310 yards from the air, but last Saturday night they couldn't with only 144 yards.

To be a national contender, the Falcons will have to be able to throw the ball effectively.

This week the Falcons will be tested, when the team goes on the road to take on the defending national champion Saddleback Gauchos, who have not lost a game in almost two years.

Worse than that, the Falcons might be without some starting players: quarterback Matt Sorensen, wide-reciver Brian Haywood, linebacker Geraldo Bascomb and offensive lineman Ray Taupule.

But the football team isn't the only team taking on a top competitor.

The volleyball team is traveling to face two-time defending state champion Golden West tonight.

The Falcons have jumped off to a 2-0 start and Lisa Valenzuela, Ali Carey and Kristy Pesanti have looked good. But the season is young and tonight is probably the biggest test of the year. Too bad it's this early.

The men's water polo team looked good early, with a 3-1 start, but after losing six out of seven games, it's now barely

The Fab Four of Raul Corral (22 goals), Don Weyrick (19 goals), Ryan Kelly (19 goals), and Craig Sandoval (13 goals) have been keeping the Falcons in some matches. The water polo team hosts Fullerton today at 4 p.m.

Finally, the men's soccer team has a 3-0-1 record entering league play. Can it be that the soccer team is going to the playoffs? It's still early, but the first four games have been a surprise.

# Water polo drowning after losing 6 of 7 matches

By David Feenstra **Sports Editor** 

Rustlers.

Reality has finally set in. After jumping out to a 3-1 start, the water polo team has lost six of its last seven, including a 26-8 loss to the defending champion Golden West

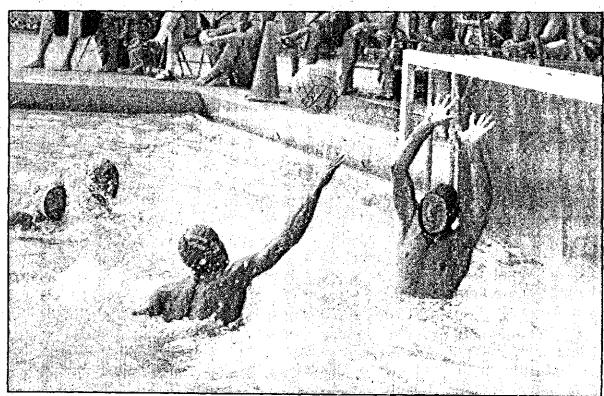
The loss pushes the Falcon's record down to 4-7; but worse, it gives Cerritos a conference

Raul Corral leads the Falcons with a team-high 22 goals, along with seven assists.

Don Weyrick is second on the team in both goals and assists with 19 and 7 respec-

Rounding out the team's offensive leaders are Ryan Kelly (19 goals, 3 assists) and Craig Sandoval (13 goals, 3

Jeff Wetzein anchors the defense with 78 saves.



Raul Corral tries to get one past goalie Ryan Brown in the 26-8 loss to the Rustlers.

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