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## It's more than just a contest

By Amara Aguilar  
Editor in Chief

It has been called a beauty contest, but many homecoming candidates insist the quest for the crown is much more than that.

"If I thought this was a beauty contest, I wouldn't have entered," candidate Elvia D. Robbins said.

She feels Cerritos College's homecoming queen should encourage activities and academics.

Candidate Sarah Trivoli, sponsored by the Chess Club, agreed, "The homecoming queen should promote activities on campus, clubs, student government, good grades, classes and everything that goes along with being a student at Cerritos College."

Another candidate sees things a little differently.

"All you do really is smile, wave and support the football team," Kiyana Buie, sponsored by Cosmetology, said.

Actually, you don't even have to do that.

Cerritos College has no written description of the duties of homecoming queen.

The contest has been held annually since 1957, and

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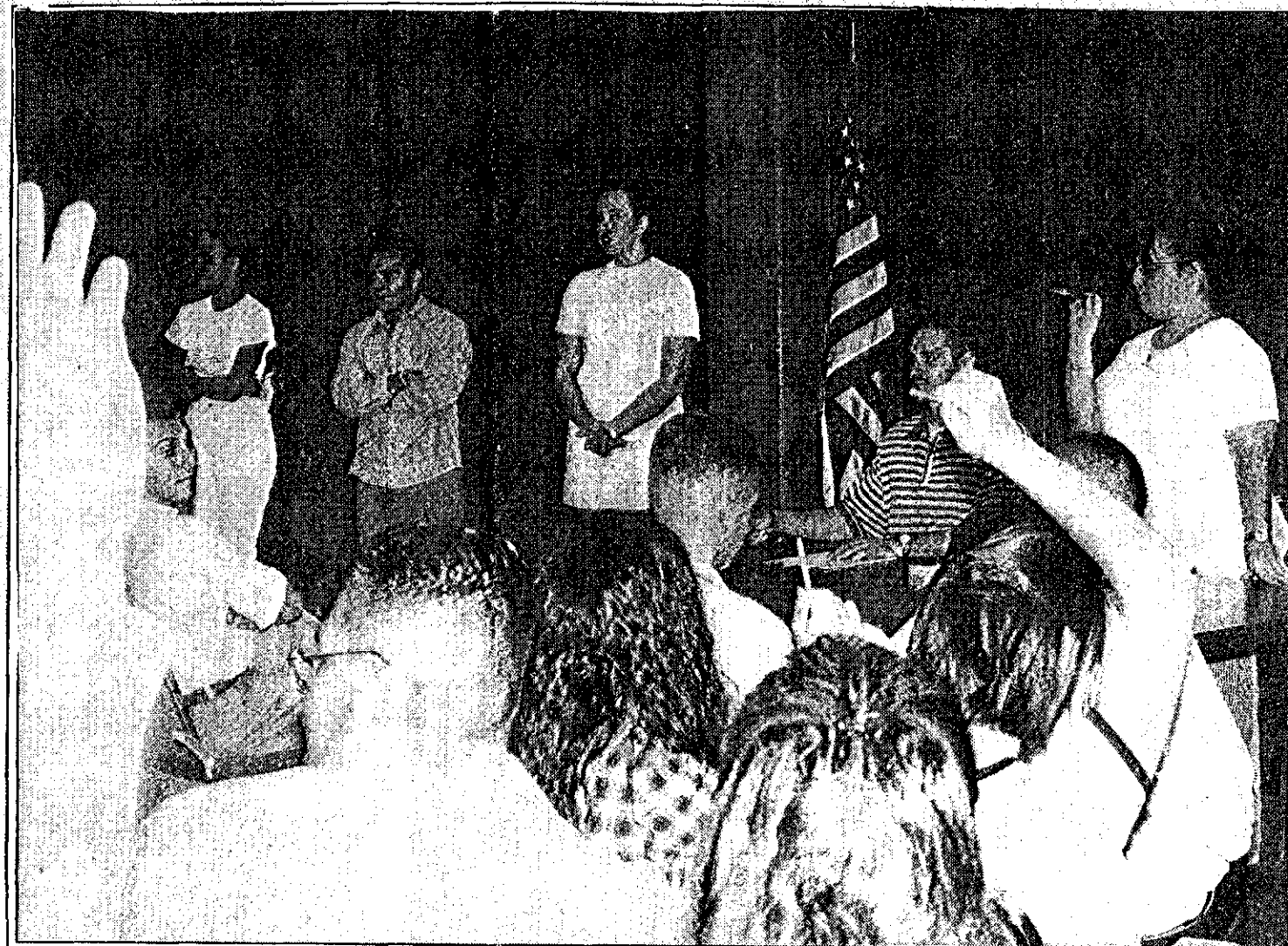


Photo by Emily Madewell

In the 9-14-2 vote, Jennifer Fairchild, justice, looks at dissenters with disbelief that she will not be approved by senate as Chief Justice of the Student Senate Judicial Branch.

## JUDGEMENT DAY

By T.R. Taber  
and Daniel Alberini  
Staff Writers

The gavel came down on Jennifer Fairchild at last Wednesday's student senate meeting, when she was the first appointed chief justice in several years to be rejected by senate.

The senators opposed to her approval cited lack of knowledge of Fairchild's qualifications and the accusations surrounding her appointment as the reasons for denying her the position.

Other senators had confidence in the ASCC president's chief justice appointee.

"[President] Kelly Stortz made those nominations according to her

*"The students are really the ones who are getting short-changed on this whole deal."*

— Jennifer Fairchild, who was not approved as chief justice

beliefs and who she thought would best fill the position," Sen. Armondo Borboa said. "I'm sure she would not nominate someone who could not do the job."

The controversy over Fairchild's appointment began last spring when Korin Masselink-Oliver

resigned her position as chief justice.

Stortz, then president elect, expressed concern to the court after hearing of former ASCC president Wayne Nunnery's intent to appoint former senator Alfonso Gutierrez to the position of chief justice.

Upon hearing Stortz's views, the court unanimously decided that the new chief justice should have prior court experience.

After discussing her options with the court, Masselink-Oliver withdrew her resignation until Stortz assumed the position of ASCC president and then resubmitted her resignation.

On the court's recommendation, Stortz then appointed Fairchild as Chief Justice. See SENATE, page 2

## Get info for your transfer

By Viviana Rolon  
Staff Writer

The Cerritos College Transfer Center will hold a series of workshops during Transfer Awareness Week Oct. 13-16 for students looking for assistance in transferring to four-year institutions.

One of the highlights of the week will be the College Fair on Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Quad.

Various colleges and universities have been invited to attend the fair.

Cal State Fullerton and UCLA are among the schools that will be present.

The Transfer Center encourages faculty, staff and students to wear t-shirts, hats, etc. from favorite four-year colleges they went to or plan to attend.

"We want transfer awareness week to allow students to get information and help them in the transferring process," said Kathleen Sheperd, transfer coordinator.

"And it's also a great opportunity to get information."

To attend one or all of the workshops, students must make an appointment at the transfer center, located in the Administration Building at the counseling area at least one day prior to the work-

## 'THE TEMPEST', brewing soon on Burnight stage

By Don Perez  
Managing Editor

Shakespeare's last work, "The Tempest," starts out after the result of a massive storm (a tempest) that shipwrecks most of the play's characters.

It might also be fitting for the current production of the play at Cerritos College has been weathering its own tempest of problems; casting and deadline problems among them, as the play is scheduled to begin this Friday.

But like the play's main character, Prospero, it has endured its demons, such as sets and costumes that have just been finished.

"Art in general is turning chaos into order. You just never know what kind of chaos and what kind of order to put it in," co-director Dan Cartmell said.

"We're coming along well now; we have a familiarity," Denise Moise said. Moise is an original cast member and she plays the goddess Ceres.

dess Ceres.

The play's two directors are also highly experienced, and have done Shakespeare on the stage before. Mortensen had played a regular role in the soap "Days of Our Lives," and Cartmell, from Orange County, has

Caliban (Cartmell).

But although they may have most of the limelight, they have shared their experience and knowledge to the castmembers.

"It's been a great experience for me, coming straight from high school and working with guys like Dan and Greg," 18-year-old Beth Cole, who plays Miranda, said.

According to Gloria Manriquez, theatre department employee, Cerritos College has not had a Shakespearean play since "The Twelfth Night," in the fall semester of 1990.

"Cerritos College has not done Shakespeare in a long time, and there's potential for some new exposure," Mortensen said.

Cartmell agreed, noting Shakespeare's test of time.

"The other great playwrights have ended up as museum pieces," he said.

TEMPEST CAST		
DAN CARTMELL Prospero	RALPH MALDONADO Alonso	BEN BRANSON Stefano
GREGORY MORTENSON Caliban	THOMAS BUCK Antonio	JASON FALSKE Boatswain
RANDY R. ANDERSON Sebastian	THICHARD KENNEMUR Conzalo	DAVID CARREIRO Ariel
BETH COLE Miranda	JEFF MYERS Adrian	RAMELLE LEVY Juno
ROBERT HARRISON Ferdinand	ART ARANDA Trinculo	MARLENE BELTRAN Iris
RANDY ANDERSON Sebastian		DENISE MOISE Ceres

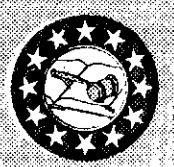
credits in several sitcoms including "Home Improvement," and "Murder She Wrote."

They will also be playing the play's main characters, Prospero (Mortensen) and



Photo by Lindorfe Gallegos  
Ferdinand declares his love as Prospero looks on

### the news at a glance



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Chief Justice Jennifer Fairchild rejected by student senate. PAGE 1

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Falcons now ranked NO. 2, beat national champions Saddleback. PAGE 4



## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### GOODBYE TO A V.P.

Vice President of Business Services/Assistant Superintendent Judi Christensen is set to retire Oct. 2. Christensen expressed her thanks and noted she would always hold a special place in her heart for Cerritos College.

### DOOR TO FUTURE

Cerritos College continues on its journey into the future by way of telecommunications, which will be kicked-off Oct. 14, with a reception at 4:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. to make the community aware of the Teleconference Center with its unique capabilities. These new features to the Teleconference Center will be completed by the opening reception date.

### NEW WORKSHOPS

Learning Assistance Program is offering two workshops to assist students in study reading, and doing a research paper. All of the workshops are free and open any student on campus.

Take place between the hours of 11 a.m. and noon. The presentation will take place in LA-29. (KNM)

### Forensics

The forensics team showed their stuff at the PSCFA Warm-up Tournament.

The team of Johnell Vega and Jim Terry received an excellent rating in the open division. The teams of Maria Estrada and Julie Berry, and Joyce Kelly and Rick Fakhre also received excellent ratings in the novice category.

Jim Terry lead the Cerritos' team with two certificates in individual events.

Bill Sparks and Dewi Hokett coach the team. (KNM)

### L.A. Philharmonic

The L.A. Philharmonic will bring its harmonious sounds to the Cerritos College Performing Arts Center on Oct. 1.

The performance for Cerritos College students will be begin at 1 p.m.

All performances are free.

Works by: Mozart, Dvorak, Tchaikovsky, Ravel, etc.

## El Niño leaves Cerritos College campus all wet

By Don Perez  
Staff Writer

Elvia Robbins found the aftermath of Tropical Storm Nora quite costly.

Since it had not rained in the Los Angeles area for 219 days, and the roads had suddenly become more slippery, Robbins found it necessary to prepare for what might be a very wet and dangerous season on the freeways.

"I had to get new tires for my car," the 27-year-old humanities major said.

"It's dangerous because people don't seem to slow down, they still drive like crazy. When a drop falls, they forget to keep their distance," Robbins said.

Los Angeles had been hit by a only a small edge of Nora - and perhaps just a first taste of the El Niño weather pattern that has been predicted to affect Southern California.

However, Kent Colbath, who teaches oceanography on campus, dismisses the chance for some disaster hitting the California coastline - or the college campus. Only one tropical storm has hit L.A. in the last 200 years.

"There's no firm odds that we will experience a tropical storm," Colbath said. "But there may be a chance we'll have more rainfall."

According to Colbath, El Niño may increase the area's amount of rainfall from 14 inches to twice as much - or decrease it.

Colbath also said an El Niño can either bring extra wet weather or make it a very dry winter season. The current El Niño has not been identified.

El Niño is a freak weather effect that happens every two to seven years. According to Colbath, an El Niño is when the tradewinds blowing across the Pacific die down and the tropical current comes onto the California coast, running as far north as Pt. Conception.

"Everything, from a drought to a small rainstorm, is going to be blamed on El Niño this year," Colbath said.

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"If people want to point fingers at me and say that I was the one who initiated it, yes. Because I did not feel that a former senator and newly elected associate justice was in any way, shape or form prepared to step into the position of chief justice," Stortz said.

Since senate was not in session over the summer, the approval had to wait until after senate elections in the fall.

"The question is not whether [Masselink-Oliver] did not revoke her resignation. the question is did she have the constitutional right to do it?"

Fairchild, who served on senate for a year, as associate justice for a year and as acting



Photo by Lindofe Gallegos

Jennifer Deitch (far right) and friends are caught running to escape the unforbearing rain.

However, increased rainfall may affect the college campus and the surrounding area. Generally, during any storms, traffic jams on the freeways are common and so are accidents.

"We don't have many accidents in the lots, however," Police Chief Louie Kemp said. "It's because the speed bumps in the lots prevent people from driving at high speeds. But we do have a lot of cars that conk out due to flooded cars or from people leaving their lights on."

Another factor when it rains is that some buildings leak. Kemp noted that their own building leaks, and several other buildings,

such as Social Sciences and Liberal Arts, have similar problems.

As for the area around the campus, according to Officer David Barr, the streets that flood the worst are Alondra Boulevard, Falcon Way and Gridley.

He added that the areas of the campus that tend to get large puddles are the quad, Lot C-5 and the west side of Lot C-10, and the area around the metals building.

"In the last big storm, it was Lake C-10. You'd step off the curb and you'd be slogging in knee-high water," Officer Thomas Brush said.

### OTHER GOVERNMENT NEWS

#### FACULTY SENATE

Faculty senate has voted on Student Representation on Curriculum Committee, with 18 in favor, 21 opposed and 44 in favor of giving the students an advisory vote only, similar to the practice followed by the Board of Trustees.

It will be presented to the board at the next meeting.

#### Candidates for the Board

THURSDAY OCT. 2

LOCATION: BOARDROOM

TIME: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## HOMECOMING: Court race begins

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despite the views of many candidates toward voting standards, looks still matter to some.

Student Patricia Varela noted that in one of her classes "all the guys were passing [pictures of the candidates] around and talking about who was the prettiest - and that was the one they were going to vote for."

They'll have their chance today and tomorrow as court elections take place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6 p.m.-9 p.m. outside the food court, Elbow Room and Health Science Building.

Seven candidates will be chosen to vie for the position of homecoming queen, and then, on Oct. 15, the quest for the crown begins.



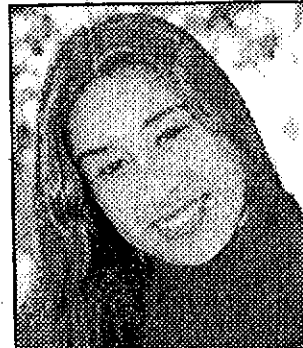
Elvia D. Robbins



Claudia Aicardi



Misty Rose



Doris Galeano



Jane Sabillon



Christina Perez

Pictures of candidates not shown in previous issue

## Health center brings free HIV testing on campus

### Health Center offers students a variety of medical services

By Soledad Puertos  
Staff Writer

The Student Health Center will soon be adding a Mobil Aids Unit to its long list of benefits already offered. The 40-ft mobil unit will be arriving on campus Oct. 28, and will return Nov. 4 to deliver results.

Results will be given to the students by trained counselors on hand for consultations.

The mobil lab will be offering free HIV testing, courtesy of the Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science. It will be located in the quad to be easily accessible to the students.

"This is the first time [the

mobil unit] has been on campus," says Kim Crouch, an R.N. from student health center. However, Crouch has expressed interest in the program becoming more than a one-time event.

Previously students were given the choice of paying a \$14 fee for HIV testing at the Health Center and receiving their results in two days or being referred to a County Health Facility for free testing to receive their results in two weeks.

The students will have the choice of having blood drawn or

a Ora-sure. According to the health center officials both blood and oral testing are 99.9% accurate.

**HIV Testing**  
Oct. 28 9-3 pm  
**Chiropractor**  
Tuesday 10-12 pm  
**Allergist**  
Friday (once a month)  
9-12pm  
**Flu Shots**  
Oct. 7, 15 10-2pm  
Oct. 23 2-6pm

All testing results will remain confidential, and counseling will be available from trained personnel of the Drew University of Medicine and Science.

The health center will also be offering the services of Dr. Gina R. Santilli, chiropractor.

Santilli will be on campus every Tuesday from 10-12pm. Free consultation and medicinal massage, at a cost of \$10 for 15 min-

utes or 30 minutes for \$17.

Also providing a new service is allergist, Dr. Stanley P. Galant M.D., who will be performing a five-year clinical research study on asthma. He will be on campus one Friday every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., conducting preliminary tests for allergies and asthma.

Dr. John A. Akamatsu, optometrist, will be providing free eye exams. He will be on campus once a week.

Included in the services provided by the health center are flu shots, which will be given starting Oct. 7.

For more information contact the Student Health and Wellness Center at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2321.

## Focus on: Culinary Arts Club

By Viviana Rolon

Do you love cooking? Do you love fine food but can't afford it? Then how about checking out the Culinary Arts Club.

The club started in fall of 1995, but was inactive last semester due to the construction of the Student Center.

The Culinary Arts Club currently has about 32 members. It's broken up into two groups, the baking class taught by chef Michael Pierini and cooking class taught by chef Ellis Robinson.

Last semester the culinary arts went to a food show at Trade Tech and placed fourth among top schools that have been competing for about 20 years.

"We want students to know about this club," says vice president Paul Stout, "And also want the [culinary arts] program to gain recognition and respect."

"I learn a lot this semester already and look forward coming to my baking class" says Kerry Estrada baking student.

Next semester Chef Pierini's goal is to team up with Cyprus College Culinary Arts department and travel to Europe on a food tour.

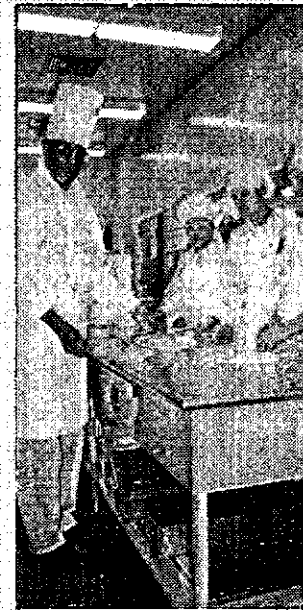
"I think the program has great potential," said Chef Pierini, "And the food industry is always growing."

The club will be attending two competition this semester. One of them in November sponsored by the American Culinary Federation food show held at Disneyland where last year they placed third.

By the end of spring there is plans to open up a restaurant, Art Cafe

in the faculty dinner room. Culinary Art students will be serving the meal which will consist of French food.

If your interested in learning more about the club or program. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of the month at 1:30 in the faculty dinner room. Located in the in the Student Center.



Culinary Art creates another tasty meal.



## EDITORIAL

### Student government must serve students

You would think in a one party senate there would be less bickering and more being accomplished.

Unfortunately, that isn't the case at Cerritos College.

Over the summer our ASCC president, Kelly Stortz, appointed who she thought would best serve as chief justice after the former chief justice resigned.

Since student senate is not in session during the summer the approval of Kelly Stortz's appointee, Jennifer Fairchild, was put on hold until after senate elections in the fall.

It's been a long time since senate has rejected an appointee, but that's exactly what happened at the meeting Wednesday.

Despite the controversy that may have surrounded Jennifer Fairchild's appointment, what happened in the senate meeting was anything but professional.

Our senate, at least, should be consistent with their actions. The same reasons given for Fairchild's rejection were the same reasons commissioner approvals were tabled until the next meeting. If there were questions as to her qualifications then that too should have been tabled or questions asked of Fairchild right then.

Since last Wednesday's senate meeting there have been rumors flying about who said what and when and why.

It's time for our government officials to realize they shouldn't be fighting among themselves when there are more important things to fight for.

Perhaps, our student government should act as advanced as our reputation says it is.

Let's focus on the students and what can be done to make Cerritos College a great place to get an education, not on petty differences and past grudges.

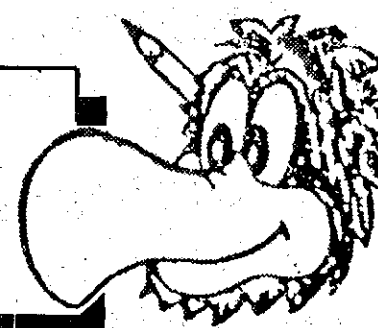
The students have placed their faith in the officials THEY elected to office. It's time those same officials set an example for the students by showing faith in each other.

If Jennifer Fairchild was the most qualified candidate to serve as chief justice then she should have been approved. If not, then students deserve to know why, and more importantly, who is?

So, enough with the rumors. Start giving the student some answers...

## C.C. FALCON

### Defender of Falcon Truth



#### PUTTING MY TWO CENTS IN:

As I left my parking space (which was soon fought over by the buzzards), I realized I had left my book bag in class.

So instead of just finding another space, I thought I could quickly park in the pay-parking stalls in Lot C-8.

Unfortunately, I had the rotten luck of getting a computerized toll post that either didn't work or didn't like my 50 cents.

I never trusted digital meters.

#### LISTEN.....

Do you hear it?

Be very quiet.

It's in the quad - or on 1610 AM on the radio.

Yep, KCEB, campus radio, is on the air, even though the studio is under renovations.

Problem is, it can only be heard via that tiny speaker on the southern edge of the Music building, or on a car radio from the part of the parking lot closest to the building.

#### "NO SOUP FOR YOU!"

The cafeteria has a great menu, but I'm a bird that's always on the fly, so I can't just take a plate and tray and chow down in the Student Center.

So whenever you happen to be in a hurry and want food to go, do NOT take a plastic tray to the counter and remember to say "for take out."

If you don't, it can be quite a messy hassle for the culinary arts people to scrape it off a clean plate.

And they're not too pleased with it either.

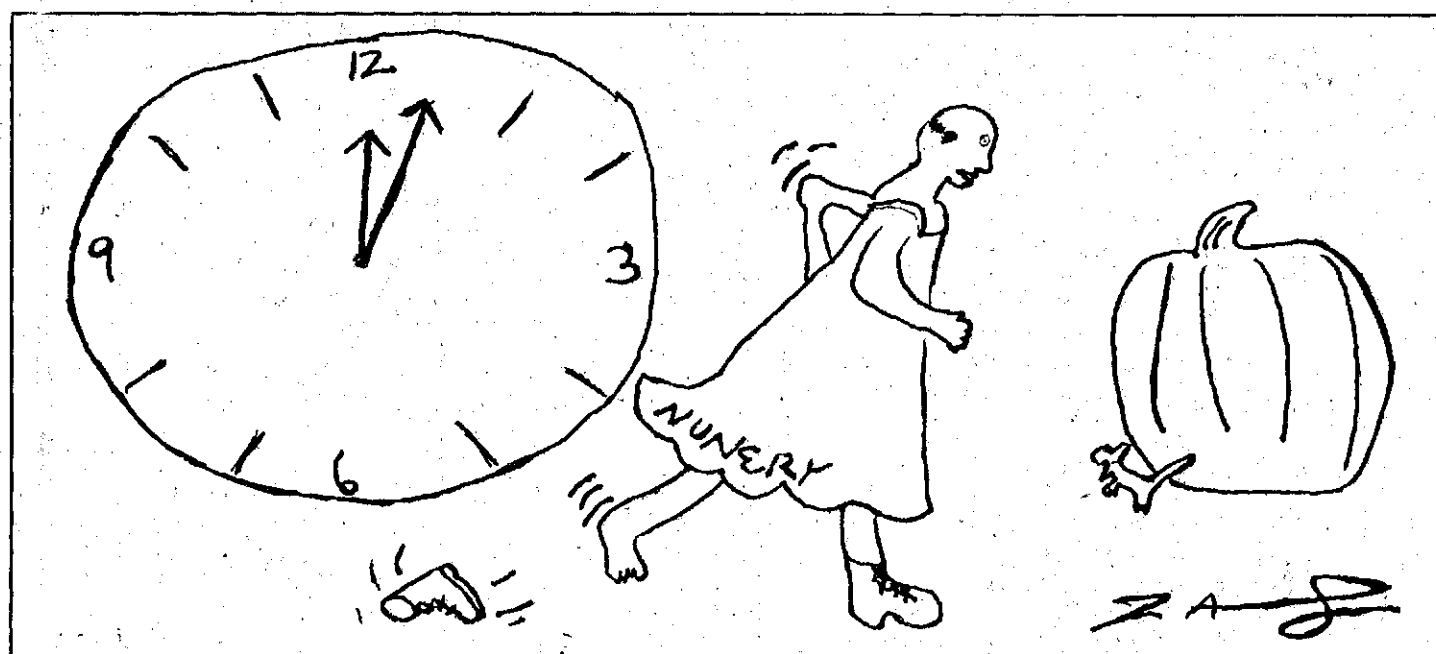
#### THE NUNNERY-ENDING STORY, PART II

Former ASCC President Wayne Nunnery hasn't left at all.

In the past two weeks, he's appeared at the Board of Trustees for a rematch with Dorothy Carrae, and then he may have played an arguable role in the botched appointments of new student judges.

The world moves on - and some people just don't get it.

But thanks for the intrigue.



## LETTERS

### ASCC President Speaks Out

When I took my oath of office in April, I knew what I was getting myself into.

I had dedicated the next year of my life to the students of Cerritos College because they had asked me to, and because they had enough faith in an unknown candidate who made two promises to them.

The first promise was that I would always be accessible to them. As Student Body President, I am directly accountable to each one of them, and they deserve to have my time when they need it.

The second was that I would be their voice, their advocate, and when needed, the champion of their causes. I am here for their benefit, not mine.

Because of how dedicated I feel to my students, what I witnessed last Wednesday at the ASCC senate meeting made my blood boil.

I observed the careful orchestrations of last year's student body president, Wayne Nunnery, ensure that

not only would the candidate for Chief Court Justice not be approved, but that she would also be publicly chastised and humiliated in the process.

Then, after all was said and done, Mr. Nunnery had the audacity to stand outside of the senate room and exchange thumbs-up and high-fives with the senators who had supported his vendetta.

For a former president to abuse a fellow student in that capacity sickens me.

Apparently, Wayne hasn't accepted the fact that the prom is over and it's time for him to go home.

It is my deepest wish that the students who supported this action take a close look around them at their fellow students.

This is not Washington DC, or Sacramento, but Cerritos College, and we are here volunteering our time and energy for the benefit of all our students.

They expect you (senators) to hold yourselves to a higher standard.

- Kelly Stortz  
ASCC President

### Representation Questioned

As you are aware, the student senate elections were held Sept. 10 and 11.

It should be very clear as to the unfair method this election was held. It is unfair because the ASCC failed to allow any provisions for the weekend students to participate in this election.

Are these students not also represented by the same student senate that was voted for?

We also feel that a student providing proof of enrollment (a current registrar's receipt) and a photo ID (a driver's license) should be allowed to vote as well.

A list of the eligible students should be provided at the polling places, so when the student votes, he or she should sign the list. This is what happens in municipal, state and federal elections.

And it can work here as well.

- Keith Kidd  
WMT student

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## CAMPUS COMMENT



"What do you think is the purpose of the homecoming court and are you planning to be involved or vote?"

By Emily Madewell

"The homecoming court represents the school in every way. I will go to the game, vote and get involved any way that I can."

-Jannine Ramos,  
Undecided



"I think that homecoming should just be for High School. I am not voting. People come to college to learn, not to party."

-George Lopez,  
Accounting/  
Business



"They are representatives of the school. Yes I am planning to vote."

-Freddy Lopez,  
General Education



"I will vote even though I think that it is just a popularity contest."

-Rena Urena,  
Undecided



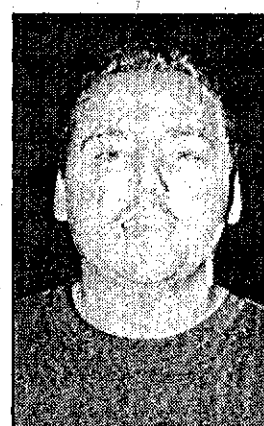
"I am not voting because I am too busy with my classes and my work schedule."

-Leslie Mirand,  
Psychology



"I was never involved in High School, why would I be involved now. I do not respond to things like homecoming."

-James Curtis,  
Film



"I plan to vote. It is a popularity contest, but those students should be well known around campus."

-Tony Broaster,  
Communications



"I am going to vote, and I am going to go to the homecoming game. I want to be involved in all of these activities."

-Shalia Thompson,  
Business Administration





## Cerritos defense holds on to win in major upset

Football: National champions fall to Falcons, 14-13.

By D.S. Perez  
Managing Editor

Ghosts may have been in order for last Saturday's football game between the Cerritos College Falcons and the defending national champions, the Saddleback Gauchos.

It was four years ago that the Falcons had snapped the Gauchos' 20-game winning streak, and after the Falcons won in a harrowing 14-13 drama, they again snapped a winning streak of 18 games.

The Gauchos were down 14-13, and all they had to do to stretch their 18-game winning streak was to kick a 21-yard field goal with 3:18 left in the game to win over a tired Cerritos College Falcon team.

But Gaucha kicker Brett Thompson, an All-American in pre-season polls, kicked wide to the left, giving the Falcons (3-0) a major victory in both the Mission Conference standings - and in the state and national rankings.

"In a game like this, a little break will determine the winner," Saddleback head coach Bill Cunerty said. "We'll regroup after this, but our chances for another national championship are gone."

And that may be the ultimate prize for Cerritos' victory over Saddleback (1-1), who had been No. 3 in the state and 14th overall in the nation until their loss that night. With the win, the Falcons are No. 2 in the state and they will take that to Riverside Saturday.

"We're the national champions for sure now," cornerback Kareem Larrimore said. "They're a good team, no doubt about that. With this win, we're going to be national champions."

Falcon head coach Frank Mazzotta agreed.

"We almost blew it," Mazzotta said. "But where does it rank? To beat Saddleback is always a major highlight for the season. I'll take wins anyway I get 'em...especially against Saddleback."

### ■ Offensive problems still abound

For the second week in a row, the Falcon offense was stalled, relying on the defense to get them into Falcon territory.

The only score from the offense came from 24-yard pass, where quarterback Matthew Sorensen connected with running back Michael Moody in the second quarter to give Cerritos a 14-7 lead.

The other touchdown came in the first quarter where defensive tackle Charles O'Neal, who intercepted a pass from Gaucha quarterback Brian Wilson and returned it for 27 yards for a 7-0 lead.

Running back Quion Austin, who had three touchdowns the week before against Golden West, was held to only 39 yards on 16 carries, and quarterback Matthew Sorensen completed only 8 passes on 22 attempts.

Worse for the Falcons, the team had only 21 yards rushing due to length sacks on Sorensen, and only 138 yards in the air. The Gauchos had gains of 139 yards on the ground and 159 yards passing.

And to top off the Falcons' offensive woes, the ball did not touch the Gauchos' side of the field until 10 minutes had passed in the game - and it came as a result of a long punt by kicker Gerritt Uttecht.

"They took the game to us; we didn't take the game to them," Mazzotta said. "Matt had no reason to keep throwing the ball on the ground. But he had a bad ankle and he got scared. But they also took the running game away from us."

Austin, who was disappointed with his performance, also took note of that.



Photo by Tom Hernandez

Quarterback Matt Sorensen connected eight of 22 passes for 138 yards in the Falcons' victory.

"We struggled again," Austin said. "I think they scouted us good."

The only bright spot for the Falcons was that they had no turnovers on offense, which had been a problem the previous week.

However, a major part of the Falcons' offensive problems came from penalties. The Falcons had 13 penalties which costed them a total of 105 yards.

"Every time they were in trouble, we got penalized," Mazzotta said. "I couldn't believe the penalty thing. It was unbelievably ugly. We're to be blamed for some of them though."

Saddleback had similar problems, getting penalized 10 times for a total of 104 yards.

The key penalty that killed the Gauchos happened with a minute remaining, when the Gauchos roughed Uttecht during a punt, which gave Cerritos a chance to run off the clock to finish the game.

"Roughing the kicker...now that I can't understand," Mazzotta said.

### ■ The keys to success

The cornerstone of the Falcons' victory however

was its defense, which did not give up the lead during the game.

"We played good against their offense, but their defense played great. It was a truly physical game," Cunerty said.

Larrimore, who left during the second quarter with leg cramps, believed that the defense was the true reason for the Falcons' victory.

"The defense had to step up," Larrimore said. "I cramped up in the game, but I knew I had to come back. We have to have the No. 1 defense in the nation now."

Austin agreed with Larrimore.

"Our defense really stepped up and came through," Austin said.

Mazzotta especially noted the key hits on Wilson, and the effort that linebackers Vincent Vigil and David Baruch did to keep the Gauchos from scoring late in the third quarter, where the Gauchos marched up to the Falcon one-yard line, but had to settle for a field goal.

"The defense sure was rocking them tonight," Mazzotta said.

## The F-Files

By David Feenstra

Shank you very much. After playing their collective hearts out last Saturday night against the defending national champs, the Saddleback Gauchos, all the Falcon Football team could do is sit and watch as pre-season All-American Brett Thompson trots out for what appeared to be a 21-yard gimme shot.

Thanks to a defense that scores more than the offense, the Falcons have pulled themselves to a No. 2 ranking in the state.

Not bad for a team that has yet to find its offensive groove, or for a team that lost its leading rusher and scorer from the past season.

Luck can only carry a team so far though, 90...no, 99 out of 100 times Thompson buries that kick and then the Falcons go home losers.

Let's collectively hope that the football team is able to run its good fortunes into an undefeated season, after all everybody loves a winner.

Put me in, coach - I'm ready to play.

High hopes were spring eternal for the Women's volleyball team - until a rash of illnesses and injuries hit the Falcons like a Mack truck.

It got so bad, head coaches Nancy Welliver and Jeanine Prindle had to pull a freshman off redshirt status...middle hitter Shannon Lumpkin, come on down! You're the newest addition to the women's volleyball team.

So we're the least popular team in all the land.

Water polo is perhaps the lamest sport I've ever seen. Whose idea was it to take a sport that wasn't even popular on grass to the pool?

Let's get the horses out of the water and let's start funding a real sport like lacrosse, or cricket were you get to play with a wicket.

Cross country has got to be the most misleading name in all of sports.

The runners don't go across a city, much less a country. It should be called cross-the-street or even cross-dressing.

No, I've got it. It should be called track, or better yet the "I got cut from soccer so I'm here" team.

## Men's soccer team undefeated in league

By James Reynosa  
Staff Writer

Practice makes perfect and forward Jimmy Cedeno put all that perfection into practice in Cerritos' 4-1 win over Compton College last Friday.

Before the game Cedeno had only one goal but, with injuries taking leading scorer Pedro Cruz out against Compton College, he had his first hat trick.

Three goals, three different ways, all coming in the second half.

The win put the men's soccer team at 4-0-2 (1-0-1 in the South Coast Conference). They host Long Beach this Friday, and kick-off is at 4 p.m.

It was a tale of two different teams in different halves.

In the opening minutes the Falcons scored a goal on a header and then just played back the rest of the half, playing defense. A play that backfired, Compton tied the match at the end of the first half.

"We were playing through some adjust-

ment in the first half," head coach Carlos Arce said. "We had some injuries and we just didn't play together in the first half."

Then it was show time Cedeno.

His first goal came off a penalty kick, his second off a pass from Juan Soenz and he

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**- Rafael Esposito,  
Assistant coach**

then beat two players and the goalie to score in the top corner.

"That is how we want to play. Quick passes and play the field from side to side. That

second goal was an excellent example," Arce said.

And the third was the highlight.

A bending goal 30 yards away and on a left angle, Cedeno hooked it in past the entire Compton team.

"I was practicing that shot this Wednesday. I didn't have the right placement, so I practiced it over and over again. I guessed that extra practiced payed off?" Cedeno said.

"Sooner or later, hard work pays off," assistant coach Rafael Esposito said.

There was no celebration after the win; just a few laps and a quick talk from the coach.

"This is nothing to be excited about. We had two goals coming in this year," Esposito said.

"We had two goals coming into the season. We wanted to be undefeated in non-league [3-0-1] and we wanted to qualify for the playoffs. This is just a small step to the second goal."

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**STATS AFTER 3 OPPONENTS**

CARRIES	58
YARDS	276
TD'S	5
LONG	22