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Board may dismiss campus officer

❖ Off-duty DUI collision center of discussion.

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The Board of Trustees heard both sides of the case against Carlo Velazquez, a Cerritos College Campus Police Officer currently on paid Administrative leave during their Sept. 1 meeting.

This incident was the source of much discussion at the BOT meeting.

Despite the discussion, BOT President Bob Arthur refused to state if the board

had come to any conclusions in regard to Officer Velazquez after hearing the arguments presented by both sides.

"Board members are not allowed to disclose any decisive information," Arthur said.

Driver Clearance (5008), A section of the Cerritos College District Board Policies, has become the center of dispute between the District and a Campus Police officer who was found guilty of an off-duty driving under the influence charge (DUI).

He was charged with a related vehicular collision in that same off-duty incident (the records were acquired

through a cross-reference made by the District's attorney) in which he was declared to be partly at fault by the officer present.

Specifically, Board Policy 5008.2 states:

Drivers may drive District licensed vehicles if their driving record during the past three years indicates no more than:

- a. Two (2) minor citations; or
- b. One (1) minor citation and one (1) accident (not at fault); or
- c. One (1) accident (at fault) within the past three (3) years.

(Discretionary Education Code Section 70202)

Velazquez, and his attorney, Michael Lackie, a representative for public safety employees, made an appeal to the BOT, since it will determine whether he is to remain an employee of the Cerritos College Campus Police.

The college District also had an attorney present, Barbara Ginsberg, and each side presented its case based on different interpretations of the Driver Clearance Code.

"The district [had] only looked at [Velazquez's] DMV record to determine whether he should remain as an employee or not," Ginsberg said.

The incident, which took place on

July 12, 2003, caused Velazquez to exceed parts of the section 5008.2 of the Board Policies, argued Ginsberg.

She said, "Section 17.8 of the Campus Police Procedures Manual [stated] 'police officers must alternate between vehicle and foot patrol on each shift'" and added that in exceeding the board policy, Velazquez was not eligible to drive a District vehicle, and therefore, could not perform his duties as a Campus Police officer.

Ginsberg based this claim on the fact that Velazquez was issued a two-point cita-

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Students respond to blood shortage

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"There's a major blood shortage in California," says American Cross Senior Representative, Rob Torrez.

"Due to the fact that it's summer, school's out and accidents increase," says Rob Torrez. "Cerritos College Students have been supportive in offering a huge supply of blood to local hospitals in the month of September."

"September is always a good month at Cerritos College for blood donations. The diversity of Cerritos College helps in allowing for all types of blood as well, which is greatly appreciate."

This past Wednesday and Thursday and during the month of August, the blood mobile, sponsored by the Red Cross, was in the Student Center asking students for one thing, to stop and take a few minutes to donate blood.

For two days, Cerritos College students lined up to offer their hand in helping the community's local hospitals.

From 45 minutes to an hour, the entire blood donating process consisted of checking in, answering a few brief health questions, and the actual donation process.

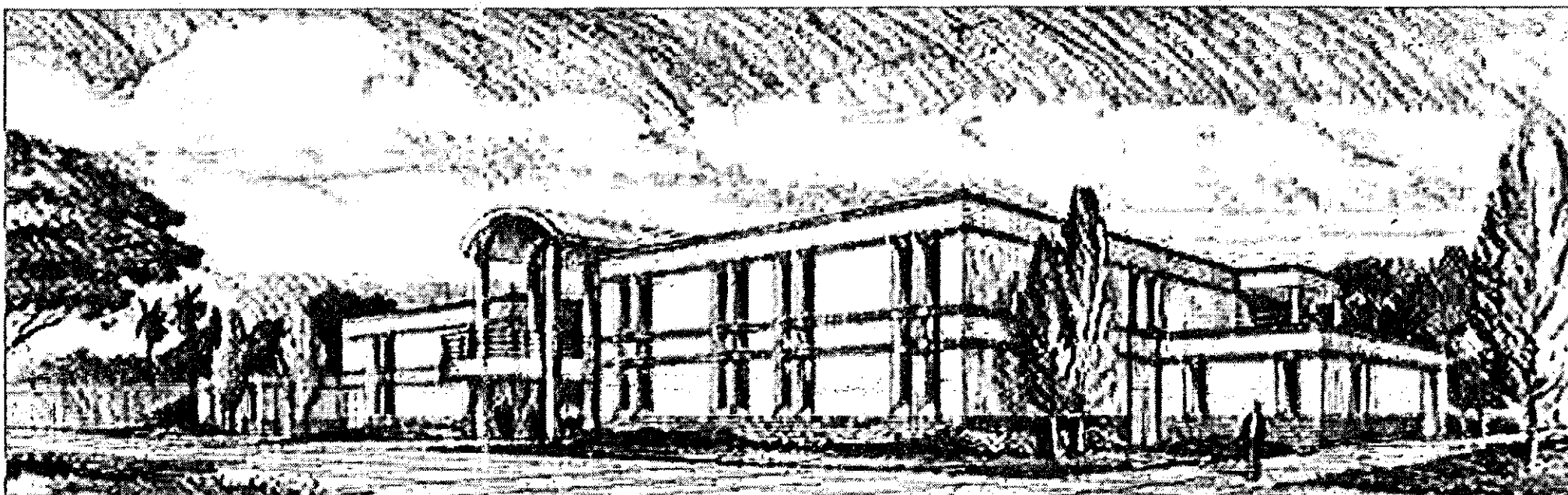
An adult body can hold anywhere from 8-12 pints of blood. All the Red Cross asks for is one pint. Every pint of blood can potentially save three lives.

After the donation process, students are asked to relax in a small area of the room and provided with juice, crackers, or cookies to prevent them from feeling fatigued, sick, or dizzy.

In four to six weeks, The Red Cross will mail all blood donors a paper stating their blood type.

What can you do to stay on top of things before donating blood? "Drink plenty of water before you come, and don't forget to eat," was advice that Business major Jesika Go was offering students. Go was also quick to state that everyone who donates blood receives a free gift.

The blood drive was a success. "Thank you Cerritos College for your continuing support in the blood drive program," said Torrez.



Anticipated vision: An artist's rendition of the new Math & Science building.

Calculating from the ground up



RICARDO RAMIREZ/TM

Breaking the surface: Board members Josh Franco, Bob Verdeber, and Bob Eppler take part in the Sept. 8 ceremony.

❖ Math & Science Building set to replace Lecture Hall; will be "student friendly."

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Cerritos College began its first phase of making the campus student friendly. Last Wednesday, faculty, administrators, representatives from the state and the community, attended the groundbreaking of the new Science & Math building, which will replace the Lecture Hall on the westside of campus.

As President Noelia Vela spoke to a small crowd of community representatives and faculty about the remarks she received from Senator Diana Feinstein and Norwalk City Mayor Cheri Kelly about the support from the community and the passage of the General Obligation Bond, as she welcomes everyone to an historic moment for the college and introduces the person involved in the process of the phase for the college.

Norm Fujimoto, Instructional Dean of Science, Engineering and Mathematics said, "We are entering a proud and exciting adventure in the community for the college, I have seen many buildings being placed on campus, but this is the first time we

demolished a building and have it replace by a new building."

The Science & Math building will be funded by the G.O. Bond, costing \$20 million and it will consist of 51,218 square feet while housing five biology labs, four chemistry labs and six lecture halls.

John Moore, board member said, "We are very fortunate. We have a plan on how to use the G.O. Bond money. It's going well, especially with the excitement of the new Science & Math building. This is the jewel of the school that will out shine all the surrounding school districts." He also mentioned seeing Cerritos College in three to five years being more technologically advanced to help support the needs of student education.

"A student friendly environment is the goal that Cerritos College will be fulfilling for the future of the campus," says Cheryl Shimazu Biology instructor. She said that she assisted with Norm Fujimoto and others in the division to contribute to the planning of the Science & Math building.

The Science and Math building is one of the first buildings at Cerritos College to replace the Lecture Hall. This is the first phase for the Science & Math building.

The second phase will be placed over another

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Senate race ends, Franco welcomes lucky 34

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The President would like to say a few words to his newly elected representatives.

"I would like to say [to the new senators] that as a senator it is a great opportunity to listen to the concerns of the student body...to represent its best interest."

Your Student Body President, Josh Franco, welcomed the chance

of presiding over the new congress. Franco and his version of Marc Anthony (of Julius Creaser fame) Vice President Saul Romero also wanted to let the senators know that they should enjoy it while it lasts, because it "doesn't last forever."

Lucky for the 52 people that ran for senate, the campaign does not last forever.

It ended this past Thursday as the ballot box, which was opened a day before, closed for the year

and brought in 33 new senators.

According to Franco "It's like a class with power. Well all classes have power, we just have more."

The new class will be some 34 senators (only two are returning incumbents) large and features 15 independent candidates (not sponsored by a club) and nine representatives elect who are members of the India club. That accounts for 70.5 percent of the senate.

Out of the 659 votes (12 voids), Sophomore Paulo Amaral

(Rotaract Club) was the top vote getter registering 168 or 25 percent of voters' go-a-heads.

The voids were ballots which had votes for more than the maximum of 10 candidates.

Independently sponsored, Freshman Justin Graham and Sophomore Jerret Henderson (Rotaract Club) followed Amaral with 153 and 138 votes respectively.

Any student that had in there possession a Cerritos College iden-

tification card with a valid Fall 2004 sticker was allowed to vote at any of the three location on campus. The three polling locations were the Food Court, Social Science patio and Health Science patio.

This message was posted on the Go Cerritos website and is attributed to Franco.

"We, the student government, look forward to a positive and productive semester serving the students of Cerritos College."



Sitting pretty: Olga Torres gets her eyebrows plucked by a Cosmetology student during Club Info Day

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Clubs line up to attract new members

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In between the library and the bookstore many clubs and organizations tried to get students involved in their programs.

The Cerritos College health care center held a booth that many students overlooked because their fees.

"Blood pressure and Glucose checks for diabetes are available," Katie Ho, an RN at the Cerritos College clinic said. "Many students do not know about our clinic and we want them to know."

The US Bank table offered free checking accounts.

Carly Elizabeth, Law major, supported her bank of choice by saying, "Every student that signs

up for a free checking account only available to college students for four years will receive a free box of checks. This supports the student to make a clean separation from their parents when they enter the real world."

The Career Services Department handed out helpful information on successfully filling out resumes, how to ace an interview, search strategies for jobs, and giving out information on employment web sites.

The student can also get help picking a major at the Career Center; you can contact them at (562) 860-2451 or online at www.cerritos.edu/career-services.

There were other clubs that offered scholarships or that give to the community.

One such club is the Scholars

Honors Club. The club offers a wide range of privileges other students do not get, but you must maintain a 3.0 grade point average or higher to join.

Marla Ramirez, English Literature major said, "Every semester, our club gives out one or two scholarships and we get special privileges like extra credit work that is not offered to the normal student plus it looks good on your college transfer papers or any resume."

Tom Jackson, Cerritos College Board of Trustees member, showed up at the Alpha Gamma Sigma enclosure to promote this club.

"We want to foster academic achievement and give many opportunities to service the community. Last April, \$38,200 in

scholarships was given out by the state run organization," Jackson said.

Religion seemed to play a large part on club day on last Wednesday and Thursday too.

There was every aspect of beliefs from the Church of Latter Day Saints to the Muslims MSA club, which really wanted to show people that they are not different from any other religion.

The Christian Students of Cerritos College were handing out freshly baked cookies and spreading the name of the Lord.

Angelica Alarcorn, Undecided, said besides sharing the word of the Lord, the club also does other things like, "Hold events Big Bear or Oregon." They recently just held a barbeque on campus for the club members.

DRIVER:

Board hears both sides on officer's DUI violation

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tion by the DMV for his DUI, which she stated "was more than a minor traffic violation," since violations such as vehicular manslaughter are in the same category, as well as for being partly at fault in the resulting collision.

However, during the rebuttal Lackie argued that the District was basing Velazquez's possible termination on nothing more than its own interpretation of DMV policies.

Lackie said that the appointed hearing officer's advice was to allow Velazquez to continue as an employee, and added that the campus police chief would gladly keep Velazquez.

The Campus Police Lieutenant, Richard Bukowiecki, however declined to provide the Talon Marks with a premature statement, since a finalized decision is yet to be reached by the Board of Trustees.

"[The Board] interpreted that two DMV points are greater than two minor violations, which isn't stated anywhere," Lackie said.

Lackie also said that Section 5008 did not say an employee should be terminated if these violations take place. "You can't tell what happens in a case like Mr.

Velazquez's, 5008 doesn't say he can't drive a car...it doesn't say you must have the following prerequisites to drive."

Ginsberg concluded that the Board of Trustees should consider the facts she presented when justifying or rejecting the District's position, which is that Velazquez was clearly in violation of the Board Policies, and should therefore be immediately removed from his position as a Cerritos College Campus Police officer.

In response, Lackie said, "[Velazquez] isn't making excuses. He understands discipline is forthcoming."

Lackie added that the purpose of the board policies is to reprimand misconduct appropriately, and not to terminate unjustly. "The law presumes, just like discipline presumes, that he is to correct behavior; pay fines, and complete remedial training are all parts of correction for misconduct which he served."

He finalized by saying that, "Once fired, he will never be hired again. There's no agency, that I know of, that will put him to work," and by asking the board to give Velazquez another chance.

Velazquez has been on paid administrative leave since September 2003.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

BUILDING:

Construction due to be completed in 2006

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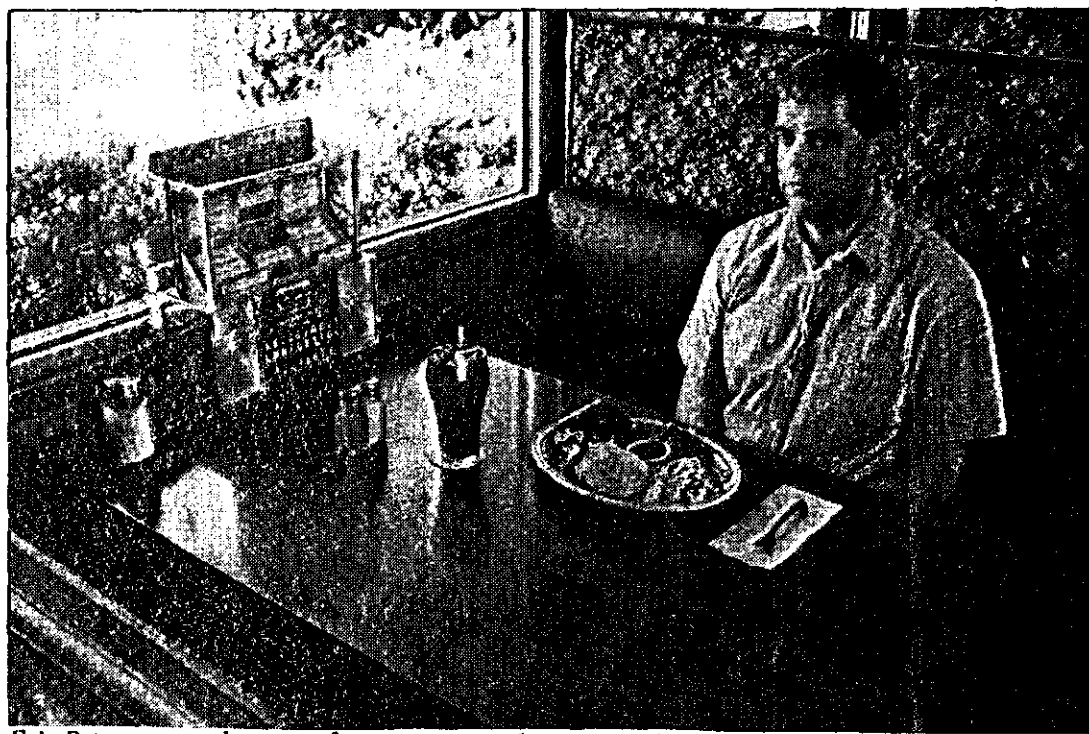
existing building, which will be the Natural and Physical Science building, only once the completion of the first phase is complete.

The Science and Math building has plans of being completed by the fall of 2006, by the Kemp brothers.

Holly Bogdonovich, Director of Student Activities, said, "The new complex will provide our students with an advance Science and Math labs, better facilities and classrooms, which will enhance their educational experience."

Area college student dating self

THINGS ARE REALLY STARTING TO HEAT UP



Eric Peterson, top, has one of many romantic dinners with himself at their favorite restaurant.

By LISA CHENEY

Local college student Eric Peterson recently announced that he's entered a committed relationship—with himself. Peterson vehemently denied rumors that the two were dating other people. "We're totally committed to each other. We've never been happier." When asked what prompted the campus heartthrob to take himself off the market, he chalked it up in large part to his current financial situation, claiming that monthly fees from his checking account were making it too expensive for him to date around. "It was partly a cost-effective decision

on my part, but it's been really nice for us to spend more time together." Peterson was apparently unaware of Free Checking from Washington Mutual. It's an account with no monthly fees and the option to add Deluxe services like free online bill pay. And he could have gotten Free Checking just by visiting a Washington Mutual Financial Center, then signed up for online bill pay at wamu.com. "Dang," said Peterson, "if I had known about Free Checking Deluxe, my current dating situation would be different. I probably wouldn't have settled down with someone so soon."

"We've never been happier."

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Cerritos gets new full-time photography professor

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After a fierce competition with a pool of very well qualified applicants, Ed Heckerman, a graduate of Cal Arts, was selected among the finalists and walked away with a full-time faculty position at the Cerritos College Photography Department.

As one of the only full-time faculty next to Department Chair, Christina Fernandez, Heckerman was thought to be eminently qualified. "He has taught different types of classes and I find his personal work very interesting," said Fernandez with great enthusiasm, "I am thrilled to have him. He and I are going to make a wonderful team."

Covering both ends of the spectrum, Heckerman's curriculum this semester includes introductory and upper-division experimental photography. In his experimental class, which takes the format of lecture and active discussion, students respond to his teaching method.

"He's got a lot of great ideas," said David West, Business, a student in Heckerman's experimental



Taking a Breather: Ed Heckerman taking a break right after his class, which ends at 7 p.m., and before the interview.

class. Another student, Christene Raines, Liberal Arts/Photography, made the observation, "He seems to incorporate different disciplines of art such as music, into photography."

With a resume that comprises previous teaching positions at institutions such as UCLA, Claremont Graduate University, Art Center, Cal State Long Beach, and Cal State Northridge, Heckerman has 12 years of experience living and working in Europe as a contemporary artist.

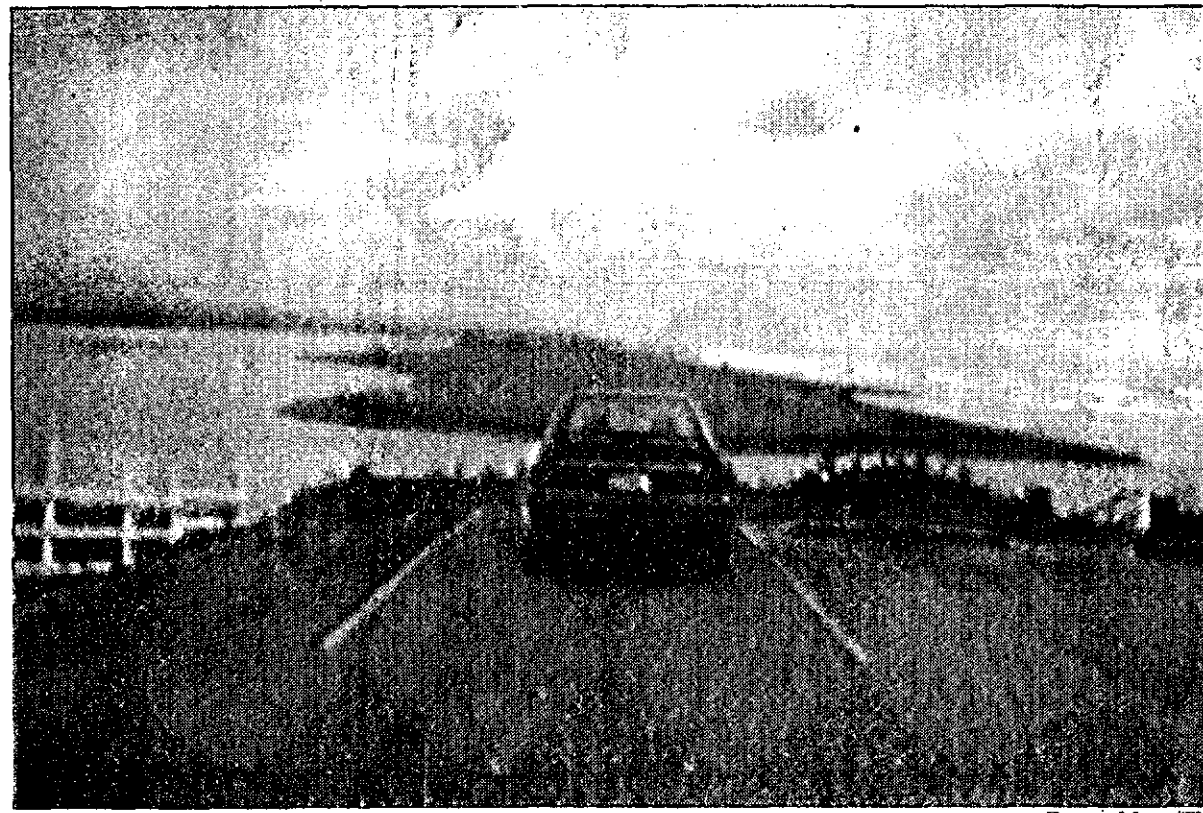
While in Switzerland, Heckerman worked with the Human Geography Department at the University of Basel. A collection of his photographs, together with essays with several Geographers, was published in a book that focused on the human use of the Rhine riverside. Employing a documentary style, he incorporated visual poetry into an otherwise scientific publication.

Heckerman believes photography tends to lean towards being either informative or contemplative. It is a recording, yet at the same time a transformation of an event in time and space.

"I sometimes intentionally puzzle my audience because I want them to think for a moment, is this documentary photograph or art?" An example of this is his series called Transition Zones, which can be viewed on his web site.

"Photography is a technology, a process, and a practice, meaning a discipline that involves commitment," Heckerman said. He works with time and light and is fond of employing chance in his work, which he views as a gift that opens up possibilities, and a strategy to short-circuit the ego. Working with chance is one of the themes taught in his experimental class.

Over the years Heckerman has focused on many different types of photography and interdisciplinary art ranging from photojournalism, performance art, Polaroid, documentary, and conceptual-oriented photography. He worked for many years as a professional photographer while continuing his art-based photog-



DANIEL MENA/TM

Mesmerizing: Watershed Edge, a selection from Heckerman's work.

raphy.

Heckerman views teaching as an honorable profession free from the constraints of the marketplace. "If I can help people to have an open mind, an open heart, and extend compassion through my work, then I think I've done something worthwhile."

His philosophy on teaching is summarized by the statements, "If you want to be of service to your student, you have to find out what they want to do with photography, do your best to give it to them, and don't push your agenda on them. Nevertheless, I want my students to walk away with a solid technical foundation, understand the aesthetic options open to

them, and the important issues surrounding contemporary photography, and what it takes to be a professional."

Heckerman's most recent exhibition, Auspicious Openings, was showcased in Los Angeles International Airport earlier this year and will be on display again at Ontario Airport in the near future.

To get a glimpse of his ongoing project Watershed Edge, visit the on-campus art gallery, presently featuring the annual faculty art show until the end of the month.

Additional selections of Heckerman's work can be viewed online at www.cerritos.edu/eheckerman/.

Once again, fun at the L.A. County Fair

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Adventure, fun, games and food tasting are all the things you can do at the Los Angeles County Fair at the Pomona Fairplex fairgrounds. Families of all ages

and ethnicities can join the festivities of the L.A. County Fair Sept. 10 through the 26.

The fair consisted of eight showrooms of vendors, rides, animal attraction, horse track, and an eclectic selection of food from hot dogs, ribs, and

Mexican food.

There were also amazing things for children to enjoy especially with the newest exhibition for kids and adults. It is called, "Passport to the World" & Education Expo, which features a worldwide trip from mystic Japan to ancient Egypt to alluring Peru. All you need is curiosity to enjoy this new exhibit.

"I enjoy working at the L.A. County Fair. I've been doing this for over 27 years.

The first 17 years, I spent my time as a security guard and then for another eight years as an assistant manager. I am

currently a tram operator for the fair," said Michelle Lawrence, L.A. County Fair.

The fair animals that were displayed gave excitement to the children and their families.

Emily Rodriguez, animal caretaker, taught a father and his son how to properly hold and feed a lamb.

The vendors' soar from low priced 24kt gold jewelry, home furnishings, home appliances, and health related materials.

The L.A. County fair makes the most for the family throughout the year for Los Angeles residents.



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The crowds at the fair clamour for freebies at the LG action sports event.

Famous artist comes to Cerritos College

Mira Nakashima shares her father's work during discussion

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With books in hand, woodworkers of Cerritos College and abroad attended a discussion by Mira Nakashima at the Student Center on this past Monday.

Mira Nakashima is the daughter to the world famous furniture designer George Nakashima.

At the discussion, Nakashima talked about various experiences of her father's early days as a furniture designer, from his financial struggle to creating pieces of his first and unfortunately his last big show at the American Craft Museum. Nakashima showed various

pieces of her father's work, from stools and chairs to benches and 20 foot long tables.

In addition, she displayed a variety of her own designs that she has created after taking over her father's studio after his death in 1990.

Furthermore, Nakashima brought to the attention of the Nakashima Foundation, for Peace, an organization that is hoping to fulfill the wish of George Nakashima to put an altar of peace on six continents as a symbol of a man's hopes and dreams for a beautiful world.

Later in the evening, she informed everyone that a full length documentary is being

made about her legendary father.

Nakashima invited everyone to attend a show of her father's designs at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles. The show will be running from Sept. 12 to Jan. 2., Nakashima took time to sign copies of her new book "Nature Form and Spirit: The Life and Legacy of George Nakashima" to fans, as well as take pictures.

Mira Nakashima wanted to send a message to the young woodworkers at Cerritos College, a saying that her father told her as a child.

"My dad used to tell me to keep your nose clean and create a little beauty around you."

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November 4, 5, 6

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Performances to be held at the Burnight Theatre

The Visit

December 4, 9, 10, 11

All shows start at 8 p.m.

December 12

Show starts at 2 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

Three issues please, hold the mud

In the eye of the politician, the objective is to win. In the eye of the voter, the only objective is to do what's best for the rest of the country.

The public says time and time again, that we are looking for a candidate who's honest, honorable, and intelligent enough to make life altering decisions.

Realistically, all that the public desires is for campaign teams to stop the mud slinging between candidates and to continue addressing what concerns us the most.

The majority of the country only wants to hear about the situations with Iraq, healthcare, and the economy rapidly improving.

This election is unlike any others. We are currently in the middle of a war, with. So in our opinion, who did what, when they were in college (which we all know is an insane time anyway), is irrelevant. What matters is hearing the real facts, straight from the candidates' mouth.

Although it originated from days when men wore wigs, and women wore corsets, mudslinging is not unfamiliar to Americans.

Honestly, many could care less if Bush's family "paid his way to

safety" by placing him in a certain guard unit in the military. Many do care. But leave it to the public to decide what the truths and fallacies are.

The public will always be open to media coverage, publicity, and candidate speeches throughout election time. Censorship is not an option here, so many wonder what they can do to avoid it during crucial times.

One option is to actually research the candidate for you. Don't rely on facts that campaign commercials feed to you. Many local libraries offer information on candidates.

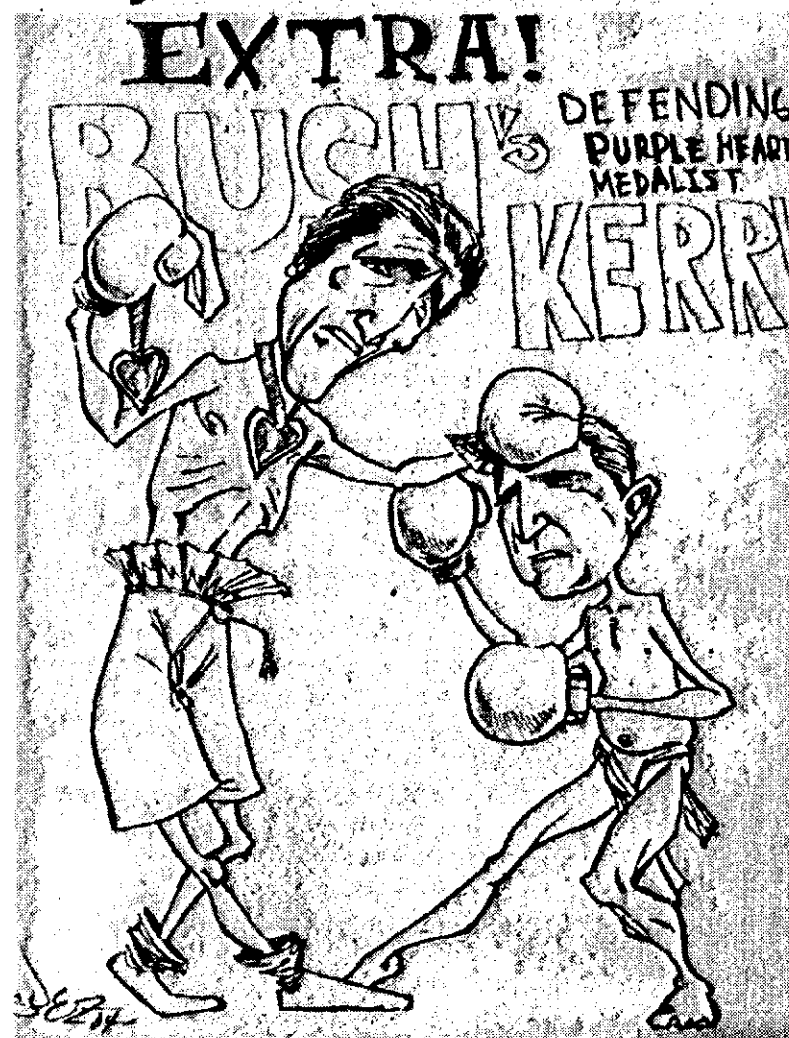
And if you rely on Internet news to get you the facts, make sure that the source you're reading is a reliable one.

Also read the voters book. Sometimes it contains lots of valuable information many never knew was a factor in the election.

Last but not least, do not encourage libelous behavior from the candidates.

All it does is take up valuable time that could be spent explaining how they're going to fix the problems facing our country.

We want to hear about how candidates are going to protect us



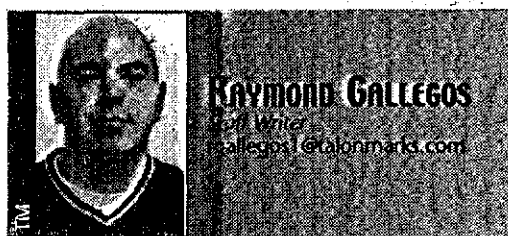
from enemies and how we can get our troops out of Iraq. We want to see that jobs will be provided for our community. Also that America will no longer know the term "deficit."



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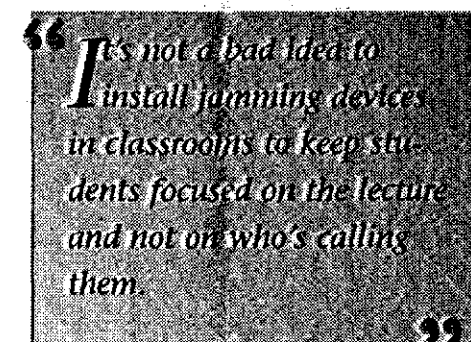
Cells, please turn them off!

❖ Respect does apply to cell phone use, despite what most people seem to think.



There are many cell phone plans to choose from but still, I have a home phone, an e-mail address that I check frequently, and I have an answering machine. Why do I need a cell phone too?

I cannot stand it when someone forgets to turn their cell phone off in class and that annoying ring tone interrupts the students in



class. Students on campus do not respect the "No cell phones in class" rule usually written on every professor's syllabus.

It's not just the students. I had a professor who was constantly answering his cell phone and would even stop the class to talk to whomever was calling him.

In some theatres they are installing cell phone jamming devices to keep people from using their cell phones, or even receiving incoming calls.

It's not a bad idea to install jamming devices in the classrooms to keep students focused on the lecture and not on who's calling them. I do not even want to hear that annoying vibrating mode like a dildo just went off in the classroom.

I once was a cell phone patron for a while, and having had a girlfriend at the time was hell. This brings me to my last point: if you have a boyfriend or girlfriend, your cell phone turns into a tracking device. The calls will not stop coming. Questions arise such as where are you? When are you coming home? Or comments such as: I know you're with someone else.

This cell phone era is ridiculous.

Women on top, the way it should be

❖ Just what is it with that mysterious hold women have on men?

Poet Maya Angelou once very eloquently articulated the hold women have over men when she wrote, "Men themselves have wondered what they see in me. They try so much but they can't touch my inner mystery."

This excerpt from her poem "Phenomenal Woman" is a very basic principle in man's desire to capture a woman's attention.

I cannot with any certainty or eloquence articulate why women like men.

I also know nothing of man to man or woman to woman attractions (despite having some attraction towards woman on woman action).

These are phenomena that, as far as I know, even Angelou has not been able to articulate.



The start of a man's desire for a relationship lies deeply within the mystery of the woman, but there is always one problem.

As men grow to define this mystery and pretend to have solved it, they move on.

Sorry women, we just get bored.

It is not at all an excuse or a reason, that's just the way it is.

Women are gorgeous creatures that could dominate the world with their majestic hold on the male sex organ, and they should be treated accordingly, with the utmost respect and admiration.

That being said, my love for women does not ever overcome my stubbornness and righteousness that comes from years of being

a guy.

It also does not satisfy my yearning to satisfy my libido with whatever is available.

I do apologize forever using a woman for her body, even if at the time I drunkenly thought she deserved it.

The problem however is not just that of the man. Relationships usually fail on both ends of the sex scale.

It is not singly our (men's) fault. It is, as are most things on this anthill of a life, a two part mess.

If women could capture our minds instead of our organs, than maybe we would overcome our boredom and stubbornness.

They might even accept us for what we are instead of changing us and leaving us with only our pride and righteousness.

It would also be great if women did not all like the same jerk (of course this is asking a lot).

If they would stop being attracted to the "bad guy," then maybe many men would stop being that "bad guy."

CAMPUS COMMENT

"How long on average does it take for you to find parking on campus?"

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"Ten to fifteen minutes. It sucks because it is wasting our time and we have better things to do."

ANGIE GUEVARA
theatre



"Five to ten minutes. It is a waste of time."

JONATHON POLGAR
business



"Ten to twenty minutes. I'm not very happy. I'm hot and frustrated."

MARIA SOLORIO
business administration



"Five minutes, because I cut people off."

EDWARD CHO
undecided



"I do the smart thing and ask for rides."

LESLIE CARRILLO
undecided



"Less than five minutes because I have an early class."

STEVEN CORDERO
business finance

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TALON MARKS, CERRITOS COLLEGE

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CERYL

Cerritos College alumna and Board of Trustees member Cheryl Epplé died unexpectedly of a suspected heart attack on July 5. She had served on the board in a variety of positions since first being elected in 1993.

Epplé led a full, active life. From student government to her dedication to volunteerism, she had a strong commitment to community service. The impact of Epplé's life was felt not only by her family and friends, but also by the communities and organizations that she served.

Childhood: 1951-1969

Cheryl Ann Epplé was born in Lynwood, California on Nov. 2, 1951. She was raised in Compton, until she was a sophomore in high school when her family moved to Cerritos.

After graduating from Mayfair High School in 1969, she attended Cerritos College.

Epplé came from an educated family. Her mother was a graduate of UCLA and impressed the impor-

tance of education upon her daughter. Transitioning to Cerritos College was a natural progression.

Young Adult: 1970s

At Cerritos College, Epplé became involved in campus life, attending the college shows, sitting on the floor to see Bill Cosby and standing to listen to Judy Collins, one of her favorite singers.

She joined the sorority Phi Kappa Zeta and began learning about student government. It was through these affiliations that she met her husband, Robert Epplé, a Cerritos student in 1970 when they both manned a table in front of the student center, taking a childcare survey. On a cold, windy evening he offered to share his Army field jacket with her. This was the beginning of a lifelong partnership as well as the beginning of Associated Students of Cerritos College funding for campus childcare needs.

Together they pursued a lifestyle based on commitment to

community as well as each other. Working as a lifeguard for an exceptional children's home, she would often take him with her on field trips with the group.

"She tried to make people aware and involved," he said, "we both had a recognition that everything in a community is us."

She continued to be involved with the campus after she left Cerritos College, later transferring to Cal State Dominguez Hills where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration.

Adulthood: 1980s to 2004

"This is your school, this is my school, together it is our school. Cerritos College truly is a community," Cheryl Epplé said outside the board room, June 2004.

Epplé was first elected to the Cerritos College Board of Trustees in 1993, twice holding the positions of president, vice-president and secretary to the Board.

"She was committed to the college," John Grindel, Interim

Vice-president Academic Affairs/Provost said, "She wanted to have a voice in the happenings of the community and always wanted a change for the better."

Epplé believed that the community college provides a first class education and is a perfect option for anyone. She strove to make a better future for Cerritos College students, focusing on the whole of Cerritos, not just parts of it, said her husband.

"She was a person who saw things sharply and crisply," said Josh Franco, ASCC President.

Epplé was known for taking on a project and seeing it through to the end at which time she could use one of her favorite sayings, "That puppy's done!"

"She was deeply involved in a variety of organizations," Grindel said, "She gave a lot of her time."

Epplé volunteered with the La Palma/Cerritos American Association of University Women, Soroptimist International of Long Beach, and the Battered Women's Shelter of Whittier. She strongly believed in women's rights.

"She lobbied for changes in laws for women," her husband said, "she believed in equality and working for it."

Epplé's biggest accomplishment and source of pride was her daughter, Nicole Epplé, a 2003 graduate of Cerritos College now attending Cal State Long Beach.

"Her daughter was her first concern," Epplé's husband said, "We instilled in Nicole the need for community service and her mother was very proud of her."

Epplé enjoyed vacations, travelling to Paris and England, where she stayed in a 600 year old barn.

She was an avid collector of chickens. On a road trip to Needles, there was a trailer sitting on the side of the road carrying an eight foot chicken.

"I put my foot to the pedal and got out of there before she could bring that chicken home," Epplé said.

Epplé was known for her Fourth of July parties, especially those thrown when living across from the Cerritos College stadium.

"Everybody knew we'd have the best fireworks show in town!" remembered her husband.

Epplé combined her passion towards community service with her love for family, friends, education and civic pride, encouraging everyone who knew her to become involved.

"She never stopped," Epplé said, "I'll always remember her smile. It was infectious and almost always there."



Through the years, Cheryl Epplé, 1951-2004. (Family photos courtesy of Bob Epplé)

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SPORTS

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The Cerritos college defensive line gets set to attack the Compton offense in the first play from scrimmage.

Falcon football comes home to pull off a victory over Compton

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After a crushing defeat to Chaffey College 35 - 14, the Cerritos Falcons bounced back with a win over Compton College, 32 - 28 last Saturday.

Even without Daniel Dixon, the Falcons running back, they still got their running game going.

Frank Mazzotta, the head coach of the Falcons said, "He had surgery on Thursday for a broken leg and is expected to miss the whole season."

For the Falcons first home game, the community and Cerritos students were in attendance and cheered their team on.

At first it looked to be a defensive

battle as Tim McCullough, a Falcon defensive back set the tone by making a crushing tackle to put Compton on their own 18 yard line after the kick off.

After a few punts late in the first quarter Compton drew first blood when they punched in a touchdown to put them up by seven to zero.

Then in the second quarter Bo Renaud, a Falcon running back made one of three long runs that put the ball on Compton's two-yard line.

After that Renaud ran in a touchdown and put six points up on the board for Cerritos. Mazzotta opted for

"The offensive line was on tonight. I had so many holes in front of me it was like a buffet."

running back, Bo Renaud

a two-point conversion that failed and still kept Compton on top of the Cerritos.

The first touchdown in the second quarter also resulted in a botched two-point conversion.

But when David Nichols, a Falcon wide receiver caught a long pass from the Falcon 37 yard line Mazzotta finally decided to go for the extra point, which made the game 19 to 7.

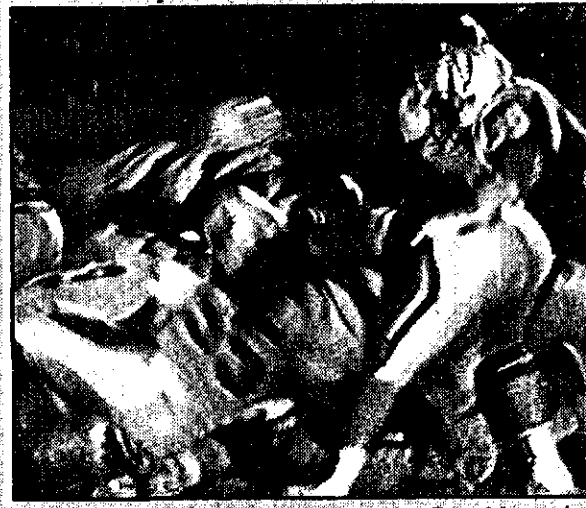
Then in the second half the tandem of Compton's Ashley Palmer, their quarterback, and James Finley, their wide receiver, got it going and scored 13 unanswered points after hav-

ing an extra point attempt.

After Compton went up by the score of 19 to 20, Dean Veloz, and Ex-Falcon who was sitting in the stands said in frustration "No discipline causes no team work."

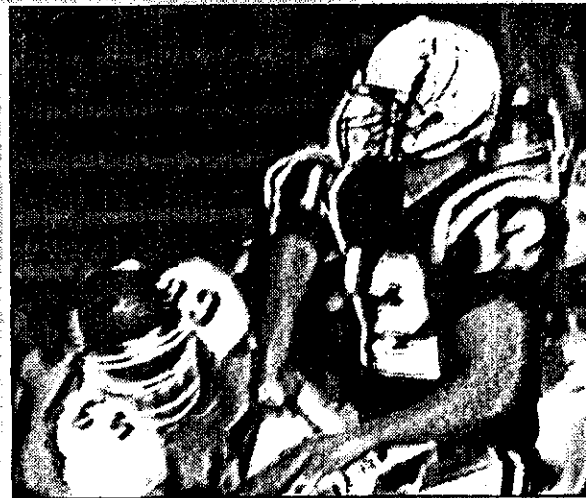
But the Falcons came screaming back and eventually dominated Compton all the way up until the end, when they put in their second stringers to finish. Compton took advantage of that and made a last effort touchdown to make the final score 32 to 28.

After the game Bo Renaud, the Falcon running back, said of Daniel Dixon, "He was a big part of this team, and I'm just trying to fill his shoes. The offensive line was on tonight, I had so many holes in front of me it was like a buffet."



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The Falcons scramble to recover a fumbled ball



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Quarterback Kevin Brown right after a completion

SPORTS QUIZ

By CHRIS RICHCREEK

1. Name the last team to finish last in its league in homers for a season yet still make the World Series that year.
2. When was the last time the Chicago White Sox were in the World Series?
3. Who are the only two coaches in NFL history to take different teams to the playoffs in consecutive seasons?
4. Bill Fitch, Phil Jackson and Jimmy Rodgers, all NBA coaches, have what college in common?
5. How many consecutive 30-victory seasons has goaltender Martin Brodeur recorded?
6. Who has tallied the most goals in Women's World Cup soccer history?
7. How many times has heavy-weight boxer Mike Tyson lost a non-title fight during his pro career?

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Answers

1. The 1987 St. Louis Cardinals had 94 home runs as a team and lost to Minnesota in seven games in the World Series.
2. In 1959, the White Sox lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers in six games.
3. Mike Holmgren (Green Bay 1998, Seattle 1999) and Jon Gruden (Oakland 2001, Tampa Bay 2002).
4. The University of North Dakota — Jackson played there, and Fitch and Rodgers coached there.
5. Nine, an NHL record.
6. Michelle Akers with 12.
7. Once, to Danny Williams earlier this year.

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No. 5 SHANELL MCMILLER BLOCKS A SHOT

Falcons' Volleyball spikes into scrimmage

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"I was a bit worried because all players on the team are freshman, but I was impressed with their composure and the chemistry they showed during the scrimmages," said Cerritos College volleyball head coach Teresa Ortega of her team's performance during the September first scrimmages.

The scrimmages served as preparation for the season opener against College of the Canyons on Wednesday.

The Falcons finished the scrimmage pool play with a record of 5-3, playing twice against each team.

The Falcons first game was against the

El Camino College Warriors, which they won in a very competitive manner, by a score of 38-36.

Then in the second game, against the Warriors, the Falcons lost in a 30-28 scrimmage.

In the team's next two scrimmages the Falcons beat College of the Desert by the scores of 30-15 and 30-20.

Then against San Bernardino Valley College the Falcons lost the first scrimmage 30-25, but won the second scrimmage 30-12.

The Falcons finished the day by defeating Santa Ana College 30-19 and 30-20 on both scrimmages.

"I was very impressed with everybody in the team, but Channel McMiller

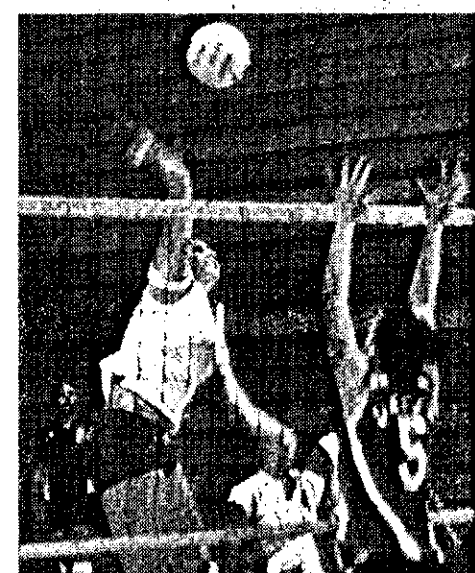
(Ramona Convent) has shown a lot of improvement and I like her aggressive style of play," said coach Ortega about the freshman outside hitter's performance for the day.

She led the team in kills with 28 and had 8 aces on services and five total blocks.

Another player who impressed on the scrimmages was Faith Malaki (Long Beach Poly), she helped the team with 24 kills, nine blocks, and eight service aces.

Ortega also mentioned that she was very impressed with Naomi Hobayan's (Ramona Convent) defensive performance, in which she always seemed to be in the right place, and had a total of 70 digs for the day.

The Falcons start the season



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No. 4 NAOMI HOBAYAN SPIKES THE BALL TO SCORE Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the College of the Canyons.

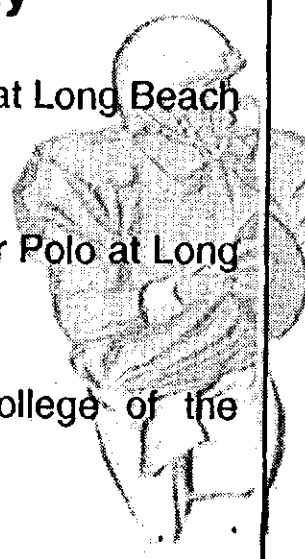
This week in sports

Wednesday

3 p.m. - Men's Water Polo at Long Beach City

4:15 p.m. - Women's Water Polo at Long Beach City

5 p.m. - Volleyball at College of the Canyons

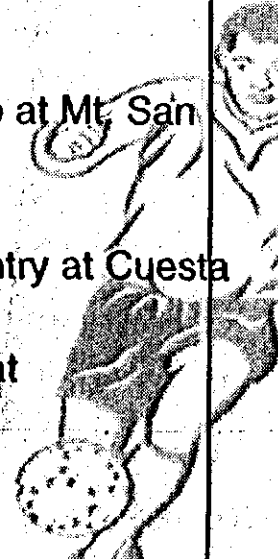


Friday

All Day - Men's Water Polo at Mt. San Antonio Tournament

9 a.m. - M&W Cross Country at Cuesta

2 p.m. - Women's Soccer at Southwestern

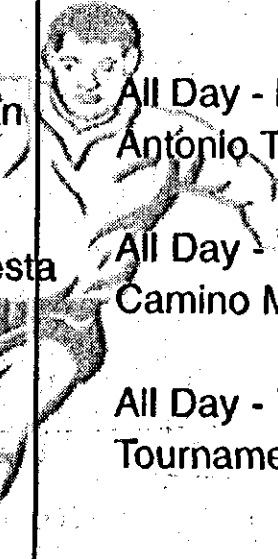


Saturday

All Day - Men's Water Polo at Mt. San Antonio Tournament

All Day - Women's Water Polo at El Camino Mini-Tournament

All Day - Volleyball at Santa Ana Tournament



Falcons soccer team loses at Rio Hondo

After pulling out to a 1-0 lead the Cerritos College women's soccer team saw Rio Hondo score four consecutive times and wound up on the losing side of a 4-1 game played at Rio Hondo.

The Falcons, 2-2-1 on the season, got on the scoreboard in the 26th minute.

The Roadrunners tied the game right before half-time and posted two more on the scoreboard to record the win.

The Falcons were playing short-handed, as two starters on their defense were out of action for the game.

Freshman sweeper Lauren Sanders who came over from Cerritos HS and sophomore left fullback Zina Lopez, who recently

transferred from Rio Hondo Community College, were both missing.

Sarell had several other scoring opportunities, but was unable to cash in on two breakaways in the first half.

"I thought, that despite the loss, we had some outstanding performances," said head coach Debbie Jensen.

She went on to say that, "We let down a little after we scored and they took advantage of it. We just weren't able to maintain consistently tough play over the entire game.

Fausta Vega was moved to sweeper and did an outstanding job taking control and did a ton of work for us in the back."

The sports action championships hit LA fair



A styling 180 of the vertical ramp at the bmx vert finals.

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Fun, competition and action, were the major elements of a weekend full of action sports and the culture that comes with it at the second annual LG Action Sports Championships.

The event was sponsored by LG Mobile Phone Company.

The event was held this weekend at the Fairplex in Pomona in conjunction with the opening weekend of the Los Angeles County Fair.

The competition categories were inline skating (park and vert), Skateboard (park and vert), and BMX (park and vert ramp).

Regarded as the true industry championships, this event has drawn the biggest names in action sports and offers over \$625,000 in cash and prizes.

It is the largest per-sport purse in action sports history.

On Friday the World Championship

title for aggressive inline park skating was awarded to Chris Hailey.

Day two of the competition saw Ryan Nyquist beat out competitors to win the title of U.S. Champion of Freestyle BMX on the park course.

The World Championship title for aggressive inline vert skating was awarded to Takeshi Yasutoko, after two competitive runs and a bonus round for the top five finalists.

Fourteen year old Ryan Sheekler won the skateboard park championship.

He was the youngest competitor in the group of athletes.

Jamie Bestwick took the title of BMX vert champ on Sunday the final day of competition.

In the spirit of the fair there were many booths that had action sports themes and musical concerts.

Musically the event had the Migos, Pico Train, The Finer Side, Fine White China, Nural and Magna-Fi were present as well.



COVER OF SHARPEX VIDEO GAME

Rockin Jocks

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"Even with wings you never as fly as me ... you remind me of Kobe Bryant trying to be as high as me ... but you can't ... even if you get me traded ... wherever I'm at, I'm Puffy; you Mase and you're still hated."

This was Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal's insult to DJ Skillz, a radio deejay from Cincinnati, as reported by espn.com, or was it?

It does also dis Kobe Bryant. This brings to mind the great parallel music, has to sports and the natural evolution of one form of entertainment into another.

So in honor of O'Neal's dis and the musical sports that we love, these are



some of my all time favorite dises that so beautifully parallel our sports.

"Billie Jean is not my lover. She's just a girl who claims that I am the one." -Michael Jackson's Billie Jean

Another Mike also denied some allegations made by a woman more than a decade ago which lead to a big case.

"She's a lying, monstrous young lady... but now I really do want to rape her." This is former heavyweight boxing champ Mike Tyson's most recent publicized opinion of the woman who was convicted of rapping back in 1992.

So it's nice to know that prison does reform a person and can help convince even the most hardened criminals that violence is not always the case.

Wait, this might be a bad example of that, but a great example of a dis that has left its mark on the sports world.

"War...What is it good for?"

Absolutely nothing...- Edwin Starr's War

In 1967 another boxing champ had someone to dis, Muhammad Ali stung the government by refusing to go to Vietnam, and although he lost initially, three and half years later Ali floated back into the ring to reclaim his title as the greatest of all time. Props, Ali Boombaye.

"You claim to be a player but I (censored) your wife..." -Tupac Shakur's Hitemup

Back when O'Neal was still LA's big diesel, he also had his fair share of dis power and steamed rolled over the Sacramento Kings on and off the court.

In one case, he (O'Neal) insinuated that Doug Christie's wife was going to massage his "big toe."

So, if that isn't a euphemism I do not know what is.

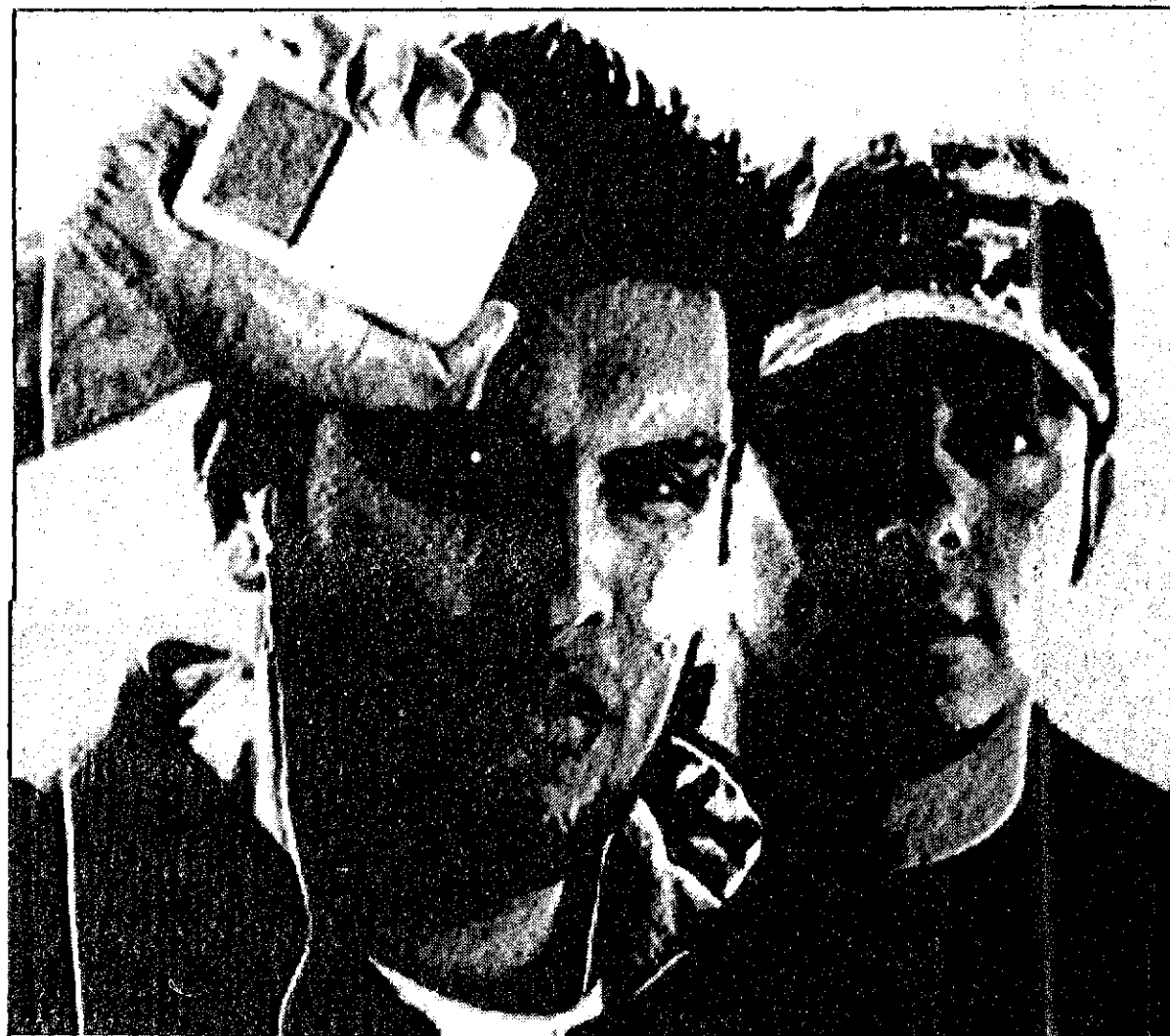
"Hit the road Jack and don't you come back no more, no more..." -Ray Charles's Hit the Road Jack

This past year Kobe Bryant had a dis of his own for the diesel and his former Coach Phil Jackson. Bryant apparently had them both evacuated from his court in "Laker Land" and also recently won his Colorado court case when all the rape charges were dropped against him.

So time will tale who has the last laugh on this battle of the basketball musicians.

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T"-Aretha Franklin's Respect

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar did it. Wilt Chamberlain did it. The 2004 Detroit Pistons did it. The Los Angeles Dodgers did it against the Oakland Athletics in 1988. They all completed the ultimate sports dis, by proving to the sports world that they were not done and earned some damn respect.



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