

Voting for homecoming begins today

❖ Elections take place to determine final court of seven women.

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The clock is ticking and nerves are on edge for the 24 women running for the title of 2004 Homecoming Queen here at Cerritos College.

Elections will take place on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for those who attend classes during the day, and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for stu-

dents who attend classes at night.

Candidates with the most votes will be sorted into a smaller court of seven women.

From there, one will be crowned at the Homecoming football game on Oct. 15.

Although candidates continue to go thru mental and emotional stress throughout election time, another element that begins to feel the pressure is their wallets.

One of last years' candidates, Joanna Ochoa, along with the other candidates, had to purchase their own materials such as paper, candy, give-a-ways, and dresses in order to compete. "I spent around \$100 just on stuff I passed out, like candy, colored flyers and CD's," Ochoa explained,

"with dress, sash, and everything else, I would say I spent a little over \$200."

For those interested in voting, they can do so at three different polling locations spread throughout the campus for their convenience.

There will be polls in the Food Court Patio, the Health Science Patio, and at the Social Science Patio.

Within the group of candidates there are four independents. Independent means that you don't belong to a club, or don't have a club to back you. But don't let that term fool you.

Ochoa was the only independent to make it to court last year and that only pushed her to strengthen her campaign measures.

"When I found out I made it to the court out of so many girls, it felt like one of the biggest accomplishments ever. [Then] I started putting more dedication and effort into my campaign," Ochoa said.

Yet some students have yet to see the fruit of candidates labor concerning campaigning.

Even so that they didn't know that Homecoming was even going on. "I didn't really notice it was going on to be honest," said student Lisbeth Alonso, nursing major. "I mean, I see posters around, but they don't get my attention."

Other students have already decided whom to vote for but have yet to narrow it down. "Yea, I'm probably going to vote for either Jennifer Martinez (No. 17) or

Anetta Glass (No. 14). They're my friends, so I said I'd vote for them," said James Richardson, Dance major.

And candidates Mariana Arias (No. 15) and Kenya Duval (No. 24) are returning for a second time to try and win the crown after cutting it close in the last Homecoming elections.

After the final court is chosen, the lucky seven will then participate in the Homecoming Queen elections on Oct. 13 and Oct. 14.

"The hardest thing [when I ran last year] was getting people involved in the elections. Many people didn't care much for voting, but we need them," Ochoa said.

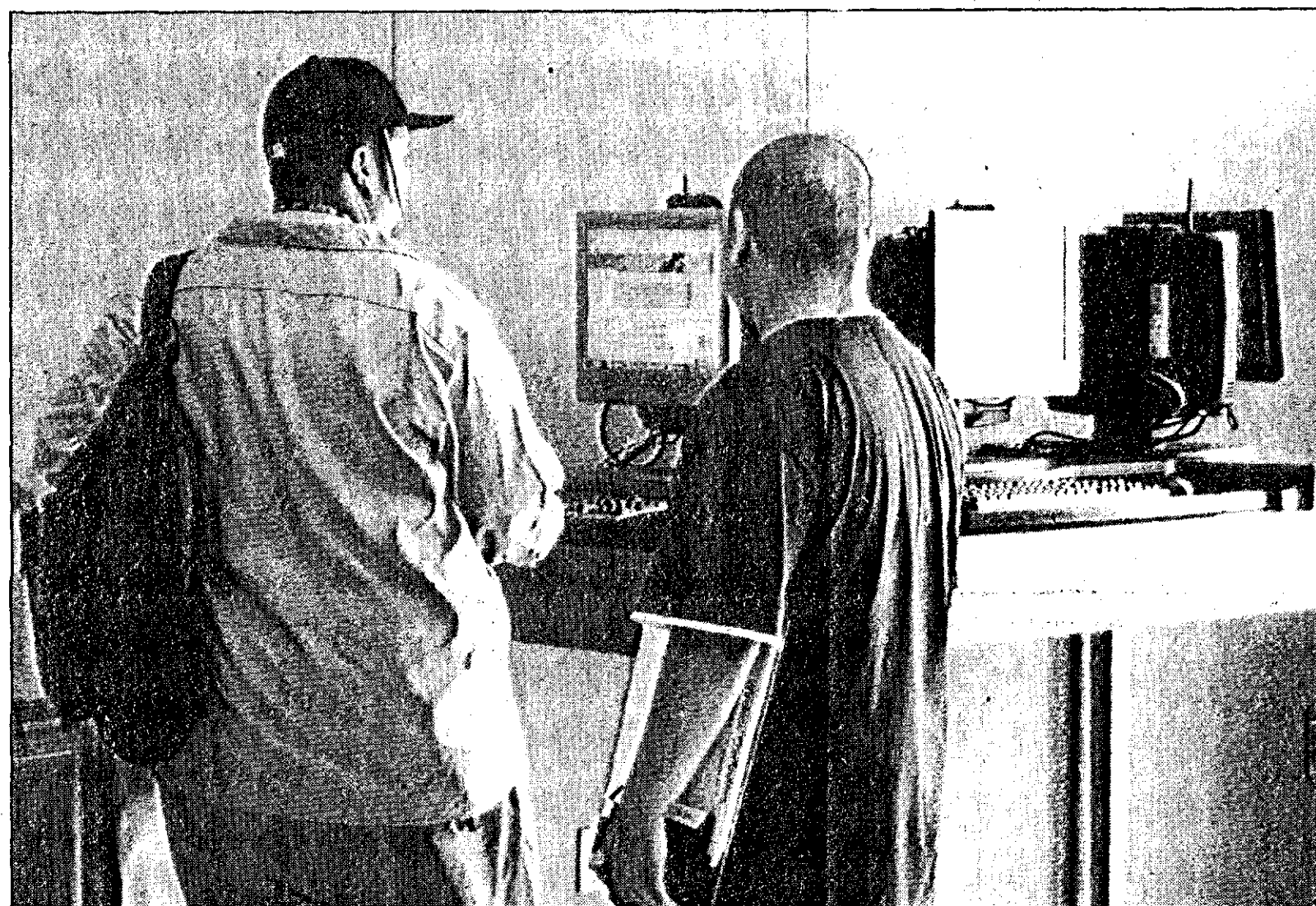
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Pending installation: Students view one of three new Financial Aid computers.

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Financial Aid receives new computers

❖ Office hopes machines ease lines, quicken process.

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Financial Aid will be getting a helping hand this year.

Computers are currently being installed in the financial Aid Office. These computers will serve to help the students get through those Financial Aid lines quicker.

The main reason for the computers is to fill

out a FAFSA (Federal Application for Student Aid), check your online financial aid status, or to check you loan entrance interview.

Many students find themselves waiting in long lines, for long periods of time. "With the new computers, we're hoping that more students will try the computers before standing in line," says Students Affairs Assistant Anjeanette Barbee.

"The computers will cut the wait time in financial aid lines," Barbee said.

The computers will be used for a number of things besides filling out a FAFSA and checking your online status, though priority will go to

students in those predicaments.

The computers can also be used to verify enrollment status, browse any Cerritos College Department for information, for the Chafee Grant Application, or simply for a scholarship search.

At the moment the computers are in the testing phase says Amelia Lillia, student affairs assistant.

"We're hoping that if all works out well, we'll get more installed."

Three more computers will be up and run-

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Rotaract Club hosts 3-day charity for children

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"This was the best thing students at Cerritos College could do for the children of the El Faro Orphanage," Political Science professor, Dennis Falcon said about the Rotaract Club's recent campaign.

The Rotaract Club held a three-day campaign Aug 24-26 asking students and faculty to give any school supplies to the needy

children of the El Faro Orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico. Cash donations were also accepted.

Instead of setting up a tent or table in Falcon Square, the Rotary Club decided to talk to students directly by visiting several classes.

"I think it's a more effective approach going from class to class. It also gives the instructor the incentive to donate," said Founder and President of the Rotaract Club, Paulo Amaral.

The campaign ended three

days later, raising over 5,000 school supplies. The items were given to the non-profit organization, the Self Enlightenment Institute.

The club also raised \$240 in cash donations, which was used to buy more supplies. "The money we collected was used to buy supplies such as food, medication, and clothing," said Amaral.

Most items collected surprisingly were not from the campus, but from an outside source.

"I went to ABC/Disney Studios for an internship program over the summer and I met Karen Kawanami [who works for Disney Worldwide Outreach] and I told her my idea. She like the idea so much that she donated 870 new Disney Worldwide Outreach pencils, 103 D.W.O. name tag stickers for books and 109 D.W.O. book-marks," said Amaral.

Besides the extra help from

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MEChA students fast to support 'dream' bill

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Claudia Camacho, Arturo Ornelas, Yuri Frikas, Hulmaro Agustin and Bardo Martinez, are all Cerritos College students and members of MEChA who showed support for the Dream Act Bill by participating in the Dream Fast Vigil held in front of the University of Southern California last week.

The rallies have drawn more than 100 hundred people since they began Sept. 13. Participants fasted to support the Dream Act, a bill which allows undocumented students to receive financial aid and student loans. Some fasted for a day, others fasted for a week.

"The bill has gone through committees; but has to be brought up by senate majority leader Bill Frist in order to be voted on," Dario Valles, MEChA/ USC said during his day long fast.

"We want as many people as possible to call and write to him in support of the DREAM act," Valles said.

Committee cancels scheduled kick-off for 50th anniversary

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The Cerritos College 50th Anniversary Steering Committee has decided not to go ahead with the originally scheduled kick off planning event that was planned for Thursday.

"The Committee has decided not to host a kick-off planning event but instead, send out memos across campus to get people involved," said Megan Richardson, Community Relations Coordinator.

The Committee will be look-

The Dream Act affects undocumented students whose status prevents them from qualifying for financial aid, student loans and private scholarships. The reason for the Dream Fast Vigil was to show the urgency of passing the bill.

"I am a permanent resident so I can receive financial aid," Blanca Pacheco, MEChA/USC said. "I'm here for my family and friends."

Financial barriers prevent undocumented students from receiving a college education.

"I know immigrants and I know their drive to go to college, but were unable to because of financial purposes," Valles said.

The vigil has created some public response.

"We got a lot of attention from the media, especially because of the Emmy's," Pacheco said.

MEChA anticipates that the pressure generated from the Dream Fast Vigil will have a positive result on getting the bill passed.

"The Dream Act affects all nationalities, not just Latinos," Pacheco said. "I'm here to support in anyway that I can."

ing for faculty and staff members to get involved with the celebration of 50 years of Cerritos College.

"Currently, the participation form online is more for faculty and staff, we have been receiving most of the forms back from the staff and faculty including some from alumni," Richardson said.

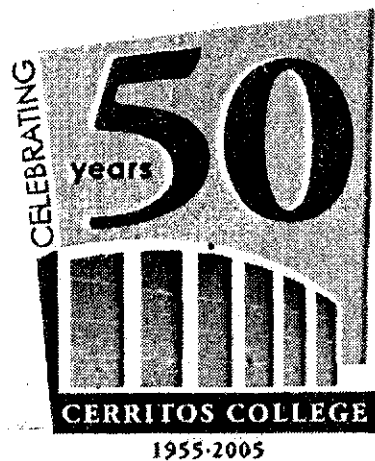
The Steering Committee is also looking into how they can integrate the students into the participation of the 50th Anniversary.

The committee is also working with the Associated Students of

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**50TH:**

Committee looking for students to participate

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Cerritos College President Josh Franco to find a student representative to be on the Steering Committee that will be at the college until 2006, since the celebration will last until the year 2006.

There are six subcommittees that can be participated in these committees.

Faculty and staff can participate in more than one if they wish.

Those that are interested in being involved can fill out a participation form online at www.cerritos.edu/50th.

Once the Steering Committee receives the form, it will plug people into subcommittees that they can be involved in.

50th Anniversary Subcommittees

Below, are a list of the subcommittees that can be participated in and a description of what that specific committee will be in charge of:

Academic

This subcommittee is responsible for a special guest speakers series, an alumni speakers series, a convocation luncheon, on-campus displays and more.

Archival/History

This subcommittee is responsible for the collection, organization and management of college archives and memorabilia.

Additionally, the committee will be overseeing the production of the memory book and DVD.

Arts & Entertainment

The Arts and Entertainment subcommittee is responsible for integrating the 50th Anniversary into the existing Theatre Arts and Music programs, as well as hosting special concerts throughout the celebration year.

Major Events

The Major Events subcommittee is responsible for the 50th Anniversary gala event. They will work with the eight surrounding cities within the district to create separate events in each city.

Fundraising & Sponsorship

This subcommittee is responsible for helping to secure funds for elements of the 50th anniversary.

Student Activities/Athletics

This committee is responsible for merging the 50th Anniversary into existing student and athletic events.

Plans include a special Homecoming weekend, commencement ceremonies and first annual "hall of fame" dinner.

Company representatives plan to recruit at job fair

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Thanks to an upcoming job fair, looking for a job just got easier. Cerritos College will be having a mini job fair on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring in copies of your resumes, have someone that you trust give you some feedback on your resume, make sure it's up to date and error free.

About 23 companies will be offering entry level positions in customer service, instructional

aids, clerical, real estate mortgage, reservation agent and much more. Some of the companies are Disney Land Resort, AFLAC, Happy Cooking Co., Prudential California Realty, LA Police Department, FedEx Ground and more.

Students are advised to browse through the different job stands take a look at what may interest you before you actually start talking to employers.

Avoid excessive jewelry and perfume; dress professionally, most importantly is to be neat, clean and well groomed. Make it a good

first impression, most employers will remember those who stand out from the crowd of jeans and T-shirts, your chances increase of getting a call for an interview.

As you approach representative introduce yourself in a positive and confident manner. Offer a firm handshake with a smile, speak clearly, and give a brief description of your work experience and abilities. Shake their hand and thank the representative for their time.

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AID:

Computers to expedite financial aid procedures

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ning this week. The Financial Aid office hopes to put up at least 10 "workstations" (working title) in the very near future.

"The staff is confined to a space," says Lilia. "We can only see one student at a time. By installing these workstations all over the Financial Aid office, we will alleviate students of all the basic questions that they might have."

The computers have been in the office for about two-three weeks according to Barbee.

If you have any questions

regarding the computer workstations, or any other Financial Aid issues, you can contact Financial Aid at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2397, or you can visit the Financial Aid office on Monday and Tuesday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., and on Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon. Hours are subject to change.

CHARITY:

Tijuana orphanage benefits from Rotaract fundraiser

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Disney, the club wants Cerritos College to know how grateful they are. "We are very thankful for the support from students and faculty on campus," said Amaral.

The club may have coined success in raising enough supplies and

funds for the El Faro Orphanage, but their plan on helping people doesn't stop there. "In the future, we plan on helping the Norwalk Metropolitan Hospital and the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles," said Amaral.

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For more information please contact the Cerritos College Foundation office at 562-860-2451, ext.2539.

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- Student Activities
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Students react to Russian tragedy

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A presentation was held by the Muslim Student Association last Thursday in light of the Russian school siege in the city of Beslan Sept. 1.

The event began with an introduction from the MSA club and definition of its purposes.

Ahmed Waheed, Electrical Engineering major, said the goal of the club is "to clear out misconceptions of Islam, help and be a part of the community and inform the students of world affairs and their connection to Islam."

Then he moved on to lead the audience through a mental look at the history of Chechnya and its fight for independence from Russia, and where the Sept. 1 event falls into place.

As Beslan celebrated the new school year, 33 terrorists held over 1,300 students and teachers hostage in the school gymnasium.

There, bombs were already wired to set off with any sudden movement.

The bombs wounded or killed over 600 people, mostly children.

Waheed explained that over 90 percent of Beslan's citizens are Muslim and the Quran, the book Muslims live by, condemns acts of violence, especially if they lead to death.

According to the Quran 5:32, "Whosoever takes a life without due justice, it will be as if he killed the whole of mankind."

Waheed answered questions from the audience regarding the history of the struggles between Russia and Chechnya and ended the event with a passage in the Quran that encourages people to fight against persecution.

"I thought the presentation was really informative. I was ignorant on the subject because I was caught up on studying for finals. So, it cleared up questions I had about the siege," Cerritos College Alumnus, Rafia Waheed, said.

CORRECTION

In our Sept. 15 issue, we reported that sophomore Paulo Amaral (Rotaract Club) was the top vote, receiving 168 votes. Yet sophomore Mel Li (Phi Theta Kappa) received the most votes, with 171 out of 659.

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Who's afraid of the BIG BAD VIRUS?

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You've heard about it everywhere, in newspapers, on the news and from friends. It seems to be a daily topic on the news. More and more the West Nile Virus is starting to raise concern. Although officials are concerned, are Cerritos students concerned?

One hundred students were asked a simple question: Are you concerned about the West Nile Virus?

Out of the 100 students, 61 percent stated that they were not concerned with the virus. The remaining 39 percent of the students are worried about the virus becoming a problem. This means that on a larger scale, 61 percent of Cerritos College students have no fear that the disease will infect them. This is real stuff, and it's here to stay.

"I don't really understand what the West Nile Virus is about," said Mohini Patel, biology major, "I'm not really worried about it."

The West Nile Virus originated from mosquitoes and can infect humans, birds, horses and other mammals. It can cause flu-like illness or no symptoms at all.

At what time does it become a problem, if it already isn't?

The West Nile Virus was first detected in the United States in New York City in 1999. Since then, it has spread massively throughout the U.S.

Recent studies show 127 reported human cases of the virus in the Los Angeles area alone.

Culinary Arts major, Amanda Noble states that although the disease is scary, she isn't worried about it.

Another problem is the lack of knowledge. A lot of people don't understand what the disease is, how one goes about contracting it or what it exactly does to people.

"I don't know what's going on, but I know it's a mosquito related disease," Noble said.

The virus is transmitted when an infected mosquito bites its subject. Researchers have also concluded that the West Nile Virus can infect a pregnant woman's fetus, and be transmitted between a mother

and a child while breastfeeding.

"Personally, I'm not scared for myself, but I do fear for my children," said Ramone Gonzalez, music major.

Slightly more informed than some, Gonzalez only understood that this mosquito contracted disease had something to do with contaminated water and mosquitoes biting you.

People infected with the West Nile Virus can experience headache, fever, body aches, or swollen glands. People at the age of 65 or older are at a greater risk of contracting the disease. The West Nile Virus can also cause people have permanent brain damage, or in extreme cases, death.

The West Nile Virus is a disease that directly affects everyone and it's not going away. As of now, there are no vaccines for the West Nile Virus but several companies are working to find one.

Most students wait too long to inform themselves about this very real disease.

By choosing to remain uninformed, students tread a thin line between being able to recognize the difference between an everyday mosquito bite and the more serious West Nile Virus.

Know thine enemy:

Classic WNV clinical description

- Mild dengue-like illness of sudden onset
- Duration 3 - 6 days
- Symptoms: fever, lymphadenopathy, headache, abdominal pain, vomiting, rash, conjunctivitis, eye pain, anorexia
- Advanced age primary risk factor for severe neurological disease and death

3-14 Days

Incubation period of WNV.

20 percent

Chances of those infected to develop "West Nile Fever"

1 in 150

Number of cases that develop into meningoencephalitis.

Glossary of terms

conjunctivitis - inflammation of the conjunctiva (membrane that lines the inner surface of the eyelids).

dengue - an acute infectious disease transmitted by aedes mosquitoes, characterized by headache, severe joint pain, and a rash.

lymphadenopathy - abnormal enlargement of the lymph nodes.

meningoencephalitis - inflammation of the brain and meninges (membranes that envelop the brain and spinal cord). May cause permanent brain damage.

An ounce of prevention...

Apply insect repellent containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-metaltolamide) to exposed skin.

Whenever possible, wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks whenever outdoors. Spraying clothes with repellent provides extra protection.

Avoid doing outdoor activities during the hours from dusk to dawn, as these are peak mosquito biting times.

Drain stagnant water from your home, as mosquitos lay their eggs in standing water.

Make sure screens on your windows and doors are well-fitted and in good shape.

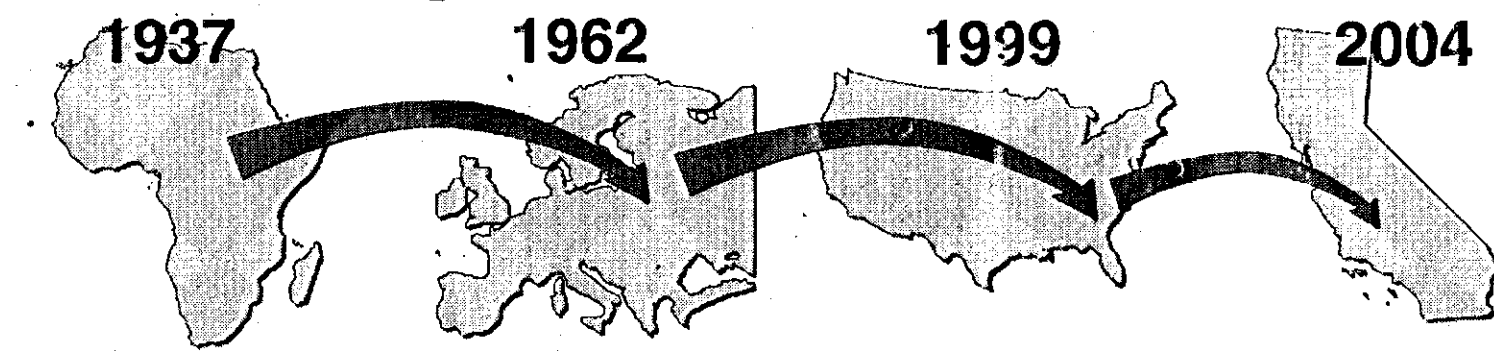


Report dead birds to your local authorities, as these may be signs of the circulation of the virus between birds and mosquitos.

...and a pound of cure

At this time, there is no real cure for West Nile. Treatment consists of high doses of Ribavirin and Interferon-a2b delivered intravenously. Twenty-five percent of cases require an Intensive Care Unit (ICU); 10 percent require mechanical ventilation.

The paths of least resistance



The virus is first isolated from a patient in the West Nile district in Northern Uganda.

West Nile hits Europe, with cases reported in Southern Russia and the Southern Mediterranean.

The first known case of West Nile in Northern America is reported in New York City.

In California, there are a reported 326 cases of West Nile. 127 of those cases are in the L.A. Area.

How the virus is transmitted

Mosquitos extract West Nile Virus-infected blood from birds.

Over 150 species of mosquitos are infected with West Nile.

Birds are the natural hosts of West Nile, and the virus becomes mobile as a result of bird-mosquito transfer.

Humans and animals become infected with West Nile Virus when infected mosquitos feed upon their blood.

Arrows indicate transmission of West Nile Virus

Go deeper

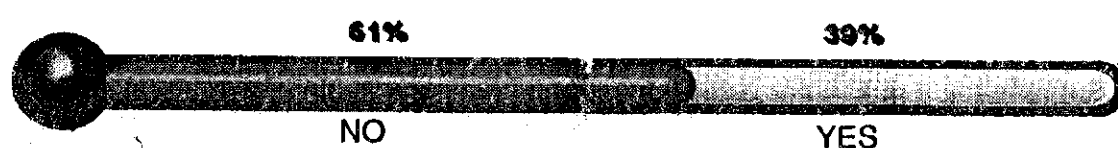
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A measure of concern

We asked a hundred Cerritos College students:

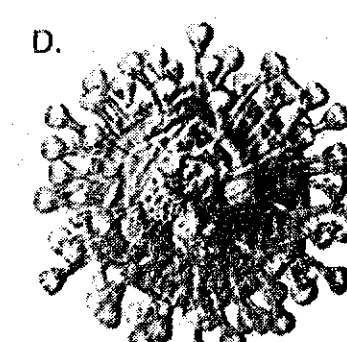
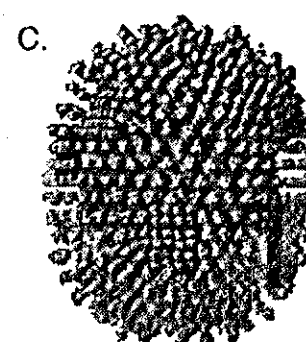
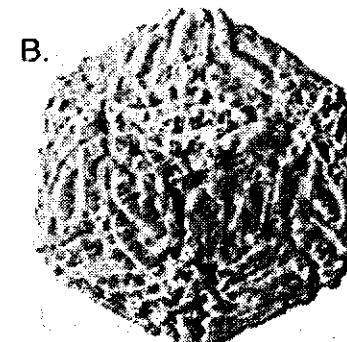
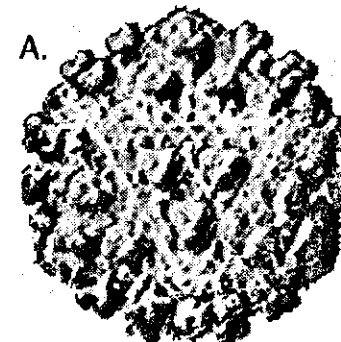
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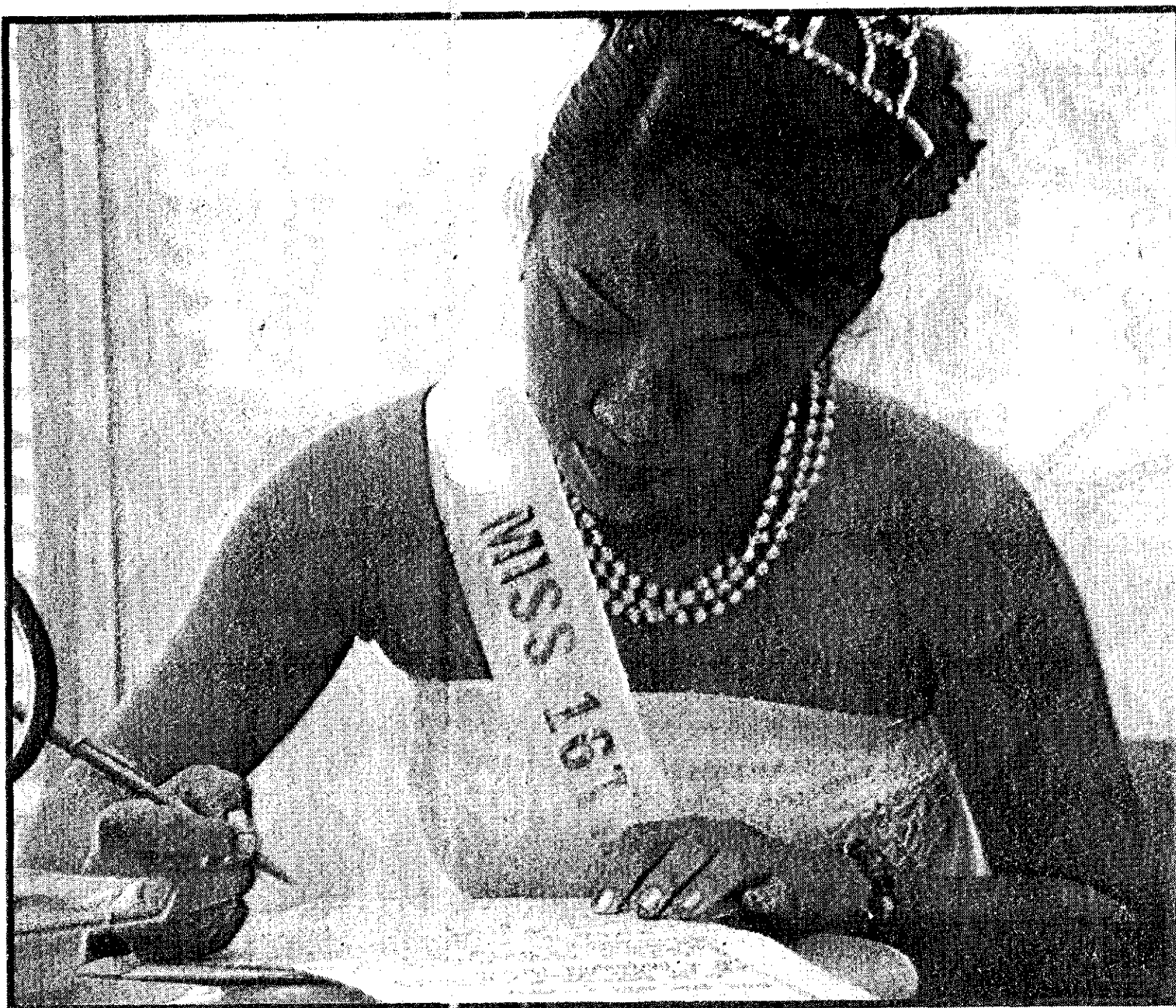
Under the lens

A single virion of the West Nile Virus is only 50 nanometers (one billionth of a meter) in diameter. Try to identify which virion belongs to the following infectious disease:

1. West Nile Virus
2. Influenza
3. HIV
4. SARS



ANSWERS: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z



DOMINICK ULLOA/TM

Determined: Sosa advises students to learn as much as possible. Here she prepares her speech at the Miss 16th of September pageant.

Winner takes all

The former Miss 16th of September talks about winning more than just a pageant

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Beatriz Sosa is looking for a place to live. While packing her bags for fall classes at UC Irvine, the Cerritos College alumna and former Miss September 16th for the city of Norwalk was told that the apartment she was planning to move into was no longer available.

"At the last moment there was a problem with one of my roommate's paperwork," Sosa said, "I'm hoping we can find a home before classes start; maybe this means we'll get something better!"

Determination and being positive are part of Sosa's mindset. She is a Cerritos College transfer student who will be attending UC Irvine in the fall to major in Psychology with an emphasis on Pre-Med.

Sosa came to the United States from Mexico City in 1989, not speaking any English. She was an ESL (English as a Second Language) student for two years, at which time she was able to transition to English speaking classes.

"School is my priority," Sosa said, "I want to succeed so that I can give back to my community."

Sosa is last year's Miss September 16th for the city of Norwalk.

Sept. 16th is the date of Mexico's Independence from Spain and is celebrated in Norwalk with a pageant and court. Contestants wear traditional ethnic attire and give a speech about what the Mexican heritage means to her.

"I'm happy to have had the chance to represent my country here," Sosa said.

Sosa received a \$1000 scholarship when she was crowned queen and used the funds to further her education at Cerritos College.

"Being the winner made me really proud of who I am and where I come from," Sosa said, "It has been a great experience and I would encourage anyone participate in the competition."

As queen, she got to present her speech at a city council meeting. She also participated in various city functions such as the Arturo Sanchez Halloween parade and Angel Tree at Christmas, where she passed out presents to children.

"Kids are our future," she said, "I want to show them how to make a difference in their lives."

Sosa hasn't always been so sure of the path she would take in life.

She had been attending Cerritos College for one year and had been offered a good paying job. Then she was diagnosed with epilepsy at 19 years of age after having two seizures.

Five months later she was cleared by the doctor's and given a clean bill of health. She took this as a second chance to have a full, healthy life. Sosa enrolled in college full-time, got a part time job and started working out. She ran the Los Angeles San Francisco Marathons in 2001.

"I don't take my health for granted anymore," Sosa said, "Being diagnosed epileptic made me want to help people."

While at Cerritos College, Sosa participated in Project H.O.P.E. She was included in one of the first group of students to complete the program and transfer to a university. Sosa is the first in her family to go to college.

"I believe in the value of collectivism,"

Sosa said, "When you help yourself, you help your family."

Feeling that Cerritos College has prepared her for a four year university, Sosa advises fellow students to learn as much as possible while at the junior college level and to make and keep connections with professors.

"I plan to be a doctor," Sosa said, "I want to serve the underrepresented, low-income community."

For the past two years, Sosa has worked at the Norwalk Senior Citizen's Center, helping with recreational activities and classes.

"I enjoy helping people," she said.

For now, the busy student is house hunting and getting ready to pass her crown on to the next Miss September 16th.

"I'm excited for the next queen," Sosa said, "Winning is wonderful; today I feel important!"

Cerritos faculty to work at United Nations court in Tanzania



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With less than one week to her departure time, Priscilla Trillo has been busy packing for her trip to Tanzania, East Africa.

Trillo has been selected by the United Nations to document the hearing of the 1994 Rwanda Genocide, where 800,000 ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus were slaughtered by Hutu extremists in a matter of months.

Hutus and Tutsis are the two tribes in Rwanda. The individuals on trial for murder and crimes against humanity from 10 years ago will be tried in international court. Trials will be held in

English, and Trillo will be reporting in English.

Trillo has a bachelor's degree in Political Science and International Relations from UCLA. She is currently a part time Court Reporting instructor at Cerritos College.

Trillo sent in her application for the reporter position with the UN in July and was contacted two months later. The position will be in Arusha, Tanzania where the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda is located.

The position is a three month assignment and could turn into a permanent position.

Tanzania is located in the southern hemisphere.

It will be summer in Tanzania in

the next few months with 90-degree temperature and humidity. The population in Arusha is 100,000.

Trillo will have to make adjustments going from the court system in United States to the court system in the international court.

One is the number of judges presiding in court. In this case, she will have to report in a courtroom that is held by three judges.

Witnesses will be referred to anonymously since they have to be protected in order to testify. The court transcripts are due on the same day of the hearing.

With these new adjustments and the workload, it is going to be a very intense three months.

Including the ability to type more than 180 words per minute, Trillo also has an unusual gift in language.

She was a Linguistic major for her graduate work in UCLA. She studied Russian and can read and understand most of the Slavic language. She began to learn different languages when she was a senior in high school.

This linguistic gift has helped in her career. "Court Reporting is in essence a different language and I've always been hardwired with language," she said.

She had originally studied to be a diplomat. "I've always wanted to be part of the UN," said Trillo, "I got side-tracked with language."

She regards herself lucky to be talented linguistically and wants to use her language skill to help people. "I've been very fortunate in that sense," she said.

She is in the process of developing a dictionary system for the courtroom that gives instant translations in different languages.

Trillo's passion in language leads to her love for travel.

She's traveled to different countries in Europe and returned from vacations at Iceland and Finland this year.

She is looking forward to visiting Africa at the end of the three-month assignment. She enjoys the different cultures and languages the world has to offer.

EDITORIAL

School should think before it builds

Ever wonder why the college decides to do construction on a building right when the semester starts?

We want to know why construction has to take place during the busiest times of the year such as the fall and spring semesters.

Take for example the Lecture Hall. At the end of the Spring semester the building was already prepped for demolition.

On Aug 16 the Language Arts building finally came down as students in neighboring classrooms saw it turn to rubble on their first day of class.

What took so long for the building to finally come down? And why wasn't it demolished during the slower times on campus like summer?

We all know that it was going to take up the parking area in front of the building.

Displaced students and faculty must now hunt for another spot somewhere else on campus.

We suggest that the Board of trustees take a closer look at the proposed timelines to avoid construction during the times when the campus is the most populated.

Instead, we suggest the construction begin when it is the least populated so that the students and faculty are not impacted as much by the construction taking place on campus.

We know that the new Math and Science building can't be

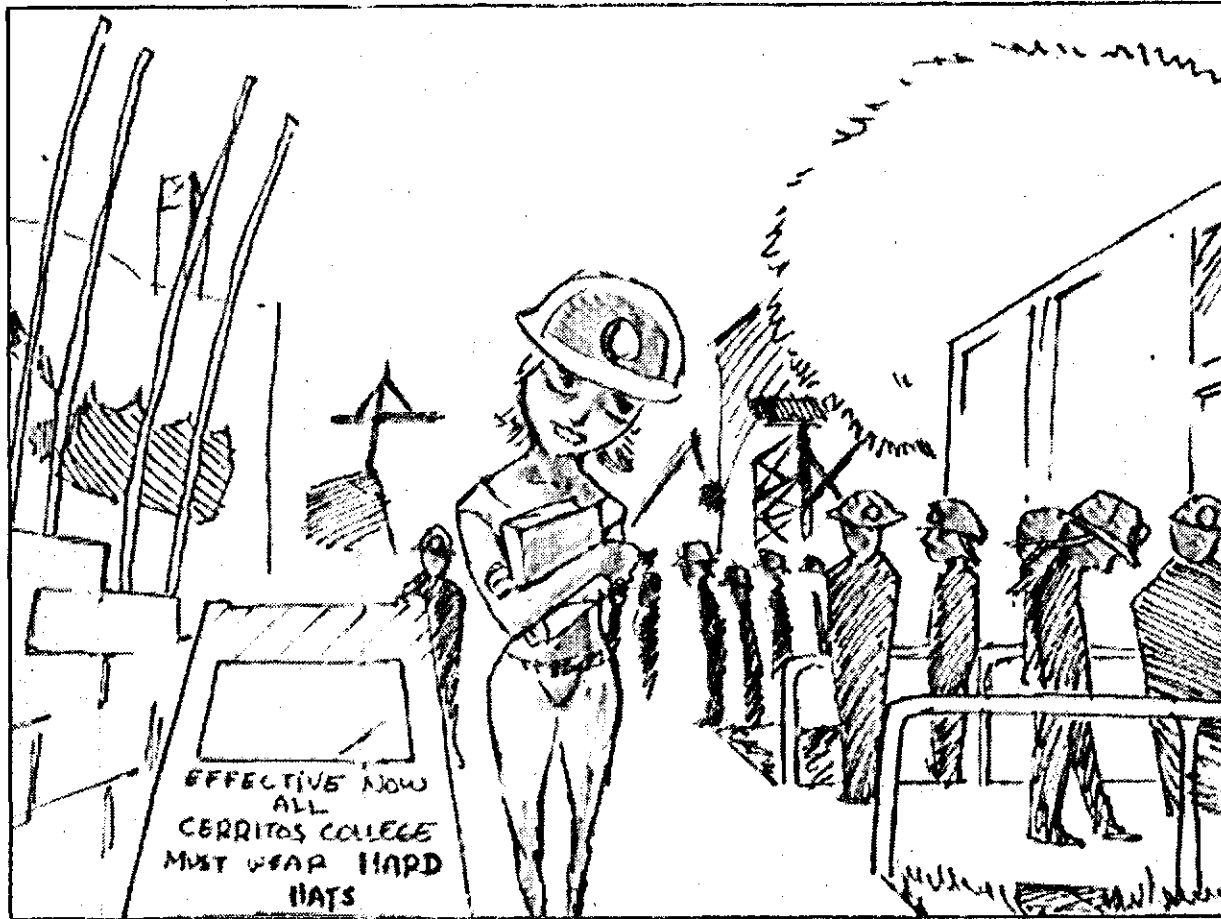


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built within a two month period, but at least get the old building down before classes start.

The construction is not the quietest activity on campus.

When the building went down, it was a tremendous distraction to the classes.

Not to mention a couple of weeks ago, when the construction crews hit a water main, the campus completely shut down that Friday.

The campus closed for the

day and could not be reopened because the water had to be shut off throughout campus disabling the fire sprinkler system.

All classes were dismissed for the day, and we don't believe that classes would have had to be dismissed if the construction was done when classes were not in session.

It's great that we are getting a new building on campus and we welcome the update in our old buildings.

With the passing of the \$210 million General Obligation bond, we know the school will be greatly improved.

We suggest that the Board study the real issues. Even though the new building's will help students get their education, the noise and barriers are at the cost of the students. It will be our education that will bear the burden of another untimely construction project.



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The life of the celebrity gets worse

The lives of celebrities are not what they used to be. When Natalie Wood, Elizabeth Taylor and Marilyn Monroe walked the red carpet, photos were always taken of these brazen women, but it always stopped there. The public knew little about their real personal lives, and it was generally kept that way out of respect for the person and their lives.

Today, that is definitely not the case. A great example of that is a woman who people either love or hate: Britney Spears. Before one starts to form an opinion, let's look at the facts surrounding the newlywed.

This young woman broke on to the scene when she was a mere 16 years old.

Since then, she has performed in world tours, has had over four successful records, has had her "wild ways" portrayed unto America unmercifully, been married, been divorced, and most recently, has been married again.

Not to mention, has had the full details of losing her virginity aired on every major television station to date.

I am not a fan of Spears' music, nor have I ever supported it. I've never bought a CD, bought merchandise, or regretfully purchased a ticket to see Crossroads like the rest of her following. The only thing I do support is her.



Like much of the public, I watched the news this weekend as photos of Spears' new marriage to dancer Kevin Federline, and couldn't be more pleased for the 22 year old pop star.

Why you may ask? Because for the first time in her career, Spears has held the details of this relationship extremely confidential, and looks happier than I have seen her in years.

Many criticize the stars life and the decisions she has made. But keep in mind, she is 22 years old. Please, raise your hand if you have never made a stupid mistake. I didn't think so.

The only difference is that Spears has a pack of paparazzi following her to catch her in the midst of her mistakes.

Imagine a girl who was at a party and just happened to drink a little too much than she should have. Imagine that girl walking outside and falling off a porch and skinned her legs so badly, that she has blood running down her legs. And lastly, imagine that girl rolling on the floor laughing, because she was so drunk. That girl was me.

The average person may think about this situation and laugh because we all knew what it was like when we were younger and did extremely off the wall things.

The only difference between Britney and I, is that she has people there with camera's, waiting for her to screw up. They do it so that they can show it off on public television and so that the public can sit there and wag a guilty finger at her.

Let the girl live her life. She's young, and will never look or feel as good as she does now. She's given up a normal life and a normal adolescence to reach her goals as a star, so let her spend her money as she pleases.

Being a young celebrity in Hollywood is not what it used to be. It's worse. And I commend Spears on the life she has achieved.

She is beautiful, successful, and finally, she's happy. Isn't that what we all want for ourselves? If so, then it makes no sense to persecute her.

Death brings new perspective on life and loss

What is death? Everybody dies, eventually. But for most of us, I suspect, it's difficult to handle the subject very well, be it others' or our own.

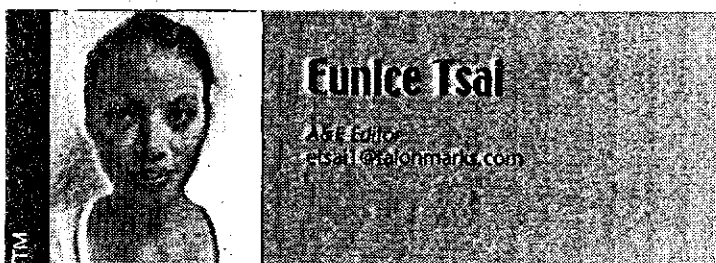
I don't blame you, it's not a topic one broaches unless necessary, or with any enthusiasm unless you're in the business of fortune telling. Most people don't even know what to say about it.

It isn't until you lose someone you love dearly that you will understand the meaning of death, and the ensuing loss. Christians believe in salvation of the Christ and the faithful being received into the heavens at the end of the life on earth.

Buddhists believe in "samsara," the round of existence; the indefinitely repeated cycles of birth, misery, and death caused by karma.

Suicide bombers believe, by the teaching of Islam, that when they die, they die for God. It is said that many of them die with a smile, even if it's without a just cause in others' eyes but their own.

And sometimes, death has no special meaning, but merely a psycho-somatic effect. Members of African tribes



die immediately upon the curse of witch doctors for they believe in the power of the curse.

Unlike birth, death comes in different forms. Some die young, some old, some peaceful, some violent, some voluntary, some of natural cause, some for the glory of one's country, some for crimes committed, some of worthy cause, and some of none.

The more predictable the death, like that of old age and natural cause, the easier it is to accept.

The degree of loss also depends on the relationship one has with the dead. My mother's passing five months ago was the single most traumatic event in my life.

Physically, I can't see her or feel her anymore, but spiritually, I see her everywhere I go.

Interestingly, I begin to understand the complexity of life as I come to understand the life of my mother. The discovery I made on her life, like her passing, is equally profound and overwhelming.

The acceptance of her passing comes to me slowly and alternates with denial. I often wonder that if I live another 30 years, that's 30 years of living without her. It's upsetting, but there's no other option but to go on.

It's interesting how life brings a different perspective after a loved one's death.

All of a sudden, your focus shifts and you begin to see what really matters.

It's a lesson learned, personally. But until you've held the hand that turn pale after all the blood's circulation stops and realizing the person had stopped breathing, you will not fully comprehend the loss that death brings.

Now death has a new meaning. When I hear of it, I think of the life left behind and the loss experienced. Death, is no longer a distant reality.

CAMPUS COMMENT

"If you could start your own campus club, what kind of club would it be?"

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"I would start a music club for playing, and singing, and also for bands [that way] people are introduced to music they don't [normally] listen to."

SAM GUERRERO
Architecture



"I think I would make a debate club."

JULIA LIN
Journalism



"I would start a sports club that would take [fieldtrips] to actual games."

CHRIS HERNANDEZ
Civil Engineering



"I would make a hip-hop club for no reason."

MARVIN CAMPOS
Undecided



"I think I would start a yoga club. I really enjoy it, it's relaxing."

CRYSTAL LIUZVNIIE
Nursing



"I don't have any idea."

CATHY DE LA TORRE
Paralegal



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POLAR OPPOSITES Politics according to me KERRY: Vote for me, pretty, pretty please

There I was, at one of the most popular locations in the world, the internet, looking for the web site that could best satisfy my temporary need for "personal fulfillment," when out popped a smutty sight that drew my attention away from myself and onto its dirty link.

It was a campaign ad for the reelection of President George W. Bush.

It was then that I realized, "yeah it's funny to make fun of how ignorantly false Bush can be, but maybe its time to get serious about the possibility of having to watch another Michael Moore film about this jerk."

So I decided to write a speech to the lesser of two evils, Democratic Candidate, Senator John Kerry.

So here it is Mr. Kerry, a speech that will steal some voters away from Ralph Nader, and convince most of the swing voters that you have what it takes to kick some serious political butt. Trust me; I got a C in speech class. Here's what you should say:

"This election matters. As evidence to this, because I believe any man who represents the people should offer evidence to back up any statement, I offer to you the recent wave of ads and false documentation that proves that people are going out of their way or even all the way, because to them, as well as to me, this election does matter.

I will not say anything more about these ads, except for that if their muddy intention was to humble me then they have succeeded.

If I once thought that my serv-



ice to this country was enough to adequately show its citizens 30 years later that I could serve them, I know now, that I must always serve my country in order to always serve its citizens.

So I am here today, more than ever, ready to serve my country for the next four years and for the rest of my life as a U.S. citizen.

In the past, many things have been said about this administration and its hazardedly fearless leader.

Everything from his lack of real leadership, real sense of reality, lack of realness and most recently the false documentation that pointed at his false military record.

That it is for him to deny and for him to admit, if he is that fearless.

We are at a turning point in our nation's history and it is up to you to decide which way we turn.

Whether you believe that we need a change in our national drug policy, our environmental policy, our faulty economy the change will be in your hands.

But we can no longer ignore the fact that our servants are dying, servants that have served our country in a much greater way than any current politician ever has.

They have served it by giving their lives and the truth of the matter is that it is time to make a much more important decision, than who served in what war decades ago.

The war, on terrorism, the war in Iraq, and the war our own people have with fear and apathy are at the very center of everything that might be wrong with this country. So I am here to offer peace as an answer.

We must fight the terrorist, for it has become essential to maintaining peace.

In the words of a man who served this country with his life, "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price...oppose any foe, to assure the survival of liberty."

Those are the words of the late, immensely great President John F. Kennedy.

But as for our very own wars and the war in Iraq, they must be converted to a different type of peace. It is a much harder peace that will not be fought, but given. We need to concede that Iraq was not the cake-walk that this administration thought and that our job in Iraq should be to bring it peace not war.

We are undeniably at a war, searching for our grand self-peace, but first we must end our wars and be prepared for the hard times ahead.

This election does matter, as long as Americans are free and as long as liberty can dominate fear and terror.

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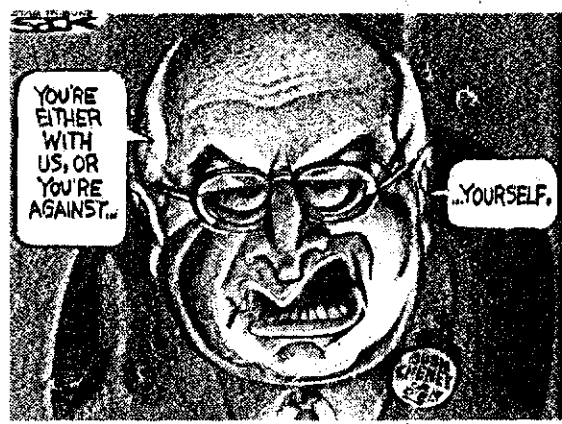
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PAUL



R.F.D.



BUSH: You have to finish what you start

Tick-tock, tick-tock, Kerry's time in the sun is almost over and soon he will be back to his bill flipping job in the Mc-Senate, adding a bit of the special Heinz sauce to every burger. On both sides no less.

But, it's not quite over and once again its time to go for the last three rounds and bring the 'goods.' Seeing how Kerry has nothing, he hasn't acquired by playing both sides, he should have a well balanced arsenal.

Ahhhhh, there I got my Kerry bashing out of the way. That will really get to you if you don't vent from time to time.

Now lets get right down to why Bush will win and lets not dwell on why Kerry should win because this story needs to be more than 20 words.

And the other side has done enough in telling us why Kerry should win, oh no wait, no they haven't, I meant why Bush should lose. I say Ralph Nader should win just to show them a lesson. It is actually very reminiscent of the 'school cafeteria food sucks' by students nation wide, a lot of whining and complaining but absolutely no viable option for change.

Finally here it goes the speech that should win Bush the election, that is if he were to read it to the masses.

Complicated speeches are for those who lack knowledge and are lacking in honesty. So I will make this brief but cerebrally adequate.

This match up between a doer and talker is not going to be settled with the promise of action and a plethora of words that change meaning intent cause and relevancy at the talker's whim.

This battle for the future of the world will be settled with facts not



rhetoric.

An unfinished marathon, it is the most relevant thing of all when it comes to the politics of this nation.

When a runner begins his march toward his goal, there is nothing worse than an interruption in the rhythm and progress that the runner has worked so hard to achieve.

This is where our country lies. We are in a race, one whose finish sees an Iraq that is not only free but a haven for democracy but also a model for those countries around it.

The end is a place where the entire world can enjoy a free Iraq as not only a business partner, but as an ally in the war against terror.

In the coverage of any race you will run into the repetition of terms such as 'the final stretch' and 'saving up fuel in the tank.' Despite the political pundits' constant attacks on the repetitive use terms like war on terror and a new and free Iraq, these terms are important and relevant just like the former.

I have to say that I apologize. I was about to fall into the trap of focusing on negative actions and reactions. Negative thinking is the last thing that this nation needs.

Accusations, attacks, and egregious assaults on the past are irrelevant and only serve to slow the process in search of what's right.

I am here as your leader, friend and fellow citizen that has the plans and race in hand. All that is needed is

that we focus on the goal at hand and that we finish this race.

Why we started it is not nearly as important as why we need to finish and not relinquish progress.

Saddam Hussein was a mass murderer, tyrant, and friend to all who seek the destruction of freedom.

The appeasement of Saddam by nations who lacked the fortitude and determination to do something about a growing danger had to come to an end. Be it for convenience, or because of fear these nations did nothing while millions of Iraqis suffered and countless died every year.

Appeasement has never led anywhere this world wanted and wants to be, and ignoring a threat is only a threat more potent with the edge of surprise.

We have done the right thing. The world, not only the United States, will benefit from a sovereign Iraq and a more democratic and free Arab world. If you think this is the one and only race that needs to be taken then you are mistaken.

It is this country's duty as it should be every country's duty to spread peace, liberty and progress to the nations of the earth that have been left behind and allowed to stay in the state in which terrorism because of religion and poverty is harbored and nurtured as a means of survival and in their mind the death to treat to their way of life.

This nation needs a leader, not a talker. This nation needs action, not a flipflop.

Let me finish my run, our run, this nation's economy and world relations will be better for it and the world will one day look back and see the most progressive and gutsy era of this modern world.



"In my efforts to steer clear of all the slime-flogging, I've hired a new campaign manager: The Creature from the Black Lagoon."

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Legend comes back to give lesson in life, hope through widow

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For anyone who wants to read a good book about good people that can clarify subjects ranging from marijuana to eclectic rhythms, Bob Marley's widow Rita has written "My Life With Bob Marley: No Woman No Cry."

If you ever had any doubt that Jamaica was a political boiling pot even before the Microsoft era, then you have obviously never smoked a spliff, a marijuana cigarette, while keeping it cool. To some, this Rasta style message is captured in one of Robbie Nesta Marley's tracks, "One Love."

Most likely, you've probably never listened to "Legend."

And even if you heard it; you've never really listened to the message he tries to convey.

If the Legend's tracks were hypnotically peaceful in getting this message of love and freedom across to the generic music lover, this book paints the message as it comes from the rubble and destruction of Trench Town, Jamaica.

Marley takes you on a wild ride that is a life of marriage with a Legend from the very first day their eyes met at studio one, to her husband's last words, "Leave you, go where? What are you crying for? Forget

crying, Rita! Just keep singing. Sing! Sing!"

"Sing! Sing!" is what she did, or rather does, besides managing for the reggae group, the Melody Makers and her own solo career.

Marley has managed to carry on her husband's message through charity work and her Legend tributes.

In the book she not only carries on the legacy, but also tells a story about a poor boy and girl that had dreams of making it out of the ghetto.

While Bob Marley's musical genius can chill the most anxious A.D.D. (Attention Deficit Disorder) afflicted adolescent, the story of his and his wife's life is energy inspiring hype. The music in "No woman, No cry," (Bob's song) does definitely give you the vibe that "everything's going to be alright."

But "No Woman, No Cry" shows you that thru their relationship and life, everything did turn out alright.

The Marleys' story is told very well in this book and the writing flows like the Dunn's River Falls onto the beaches of Jamaica. This is a great read for any fans of music, history, revolution, or even for anyone who likes a good story.

After reading the book, you will finally know what it means to have "One Love."



Julianne Moore (Telly) and Dominic West (Ash) on the run after discovering the conspiracy that both are now a part of. COURTESY OF COLUMBIA PICTURES

'The Forgotten' truly forgettable

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It's intriguing how a movie can keep you guessing and keep you thinking how great its going to be and end so short of impressive.

"The Forgotten," starring Julianne Moore, takes us into the life of Telly Paretta (Moore) who has lost her son.

Later on after realizing that no one remembers who her son was or that he even existed, she is told by

her psychiatrist that her son never existed, that he is merely a figment of her imagination.

Frantic, this mother goes after the truth while searching for her child and most importantly why no one has any recollection of her eight-year-old son.

After searching for a couple of hours she is arrested by federal agents.

Now the question is, why are federal agents trying to impose on a search for her little boy? What is the mystery behind this?

The mystery of this movie keeps you thinking. Things in the movie unexpectedly happen and keep you watching and wondering 'what was that about'.

You get more and more involved with the story as it goes on. Only to go home and realize 'wow that movie wasn't really that great.'

A survey with 15 people shows the diversity in opinions. When asked if they liked the film, four people said they thought it was great, eight people said they

thought it was okay, and three people said they thought it was a waste of time.

Opinions vary from person to person, whether or not you should see it depends on the kind of person you are.

The Forgotten is some what of a good movie, but I wouldn't recommend anyone waste a movie ticket on it. And yes, that's right. I was one of those three.



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Dreaming of a blue October

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I never sleep. Well, I hardly ever sleep.

After turning down, a night of heavy drinking and a morning of heavy vomiting, this Friday I actually had some sleep.

A full 12 hours of sleep, left me with about eight good passed out hours and about four hours of nightmares, which were predominantly about a blue razor blade slicing through my brain.

After consulting with my cousin, who passed two psychology classes at Cal State Long Beach, I realized that my dreams were about the Dodgers and their slide down the razor blade into wild card hell.

The Los Angeles Dodgers let another division lead slip away.

That was my nightmare, but lucky for the Chavez Ravine employees, and me the Dodgers are still holding on to a three game lead over the hated San Francisco Giants.

So can I sleep now? The answer is an emphatic NO!

The playoffs are not here. Not yet.

The Dodgers are the only National League division leader that has not clinched a playoff spot. This scares the ketchup off my Dodger dog.

I have seen this movie before and I do not like the way it has repeatedly ended.

As long as I can remember every year around this time my Dodger hat gets real crunched up from me taking out my frustration.

We always let division leads slip away and we usually do not even have the wild card to rely on.

Worse than letting it slip away is that the Dodgers could never makeup lost ground.

Once the lead is gone, we usually can never get it back.

So the Dodgers took the paramount series in San Francisco, but how?

How did the baseball gods (Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson, Harry Caray and Bob Uecker) rewrite the ending to this movie?

If the ending has indeed changed, if not just prolonged, then it has to be the re-found ability to comeback and win.

This year the Blue Crew must have figured out that any runs scored in the ninth inning do count toward the final outcome.

That's right there is no crying in baseball, no ties in baseball, and more importantly, no time limit in baseball.

The game ends after nine innings, not seven.

Just cause the Michelob gets dry doesn't mean our bats should stop cracking the cork out of the ball.

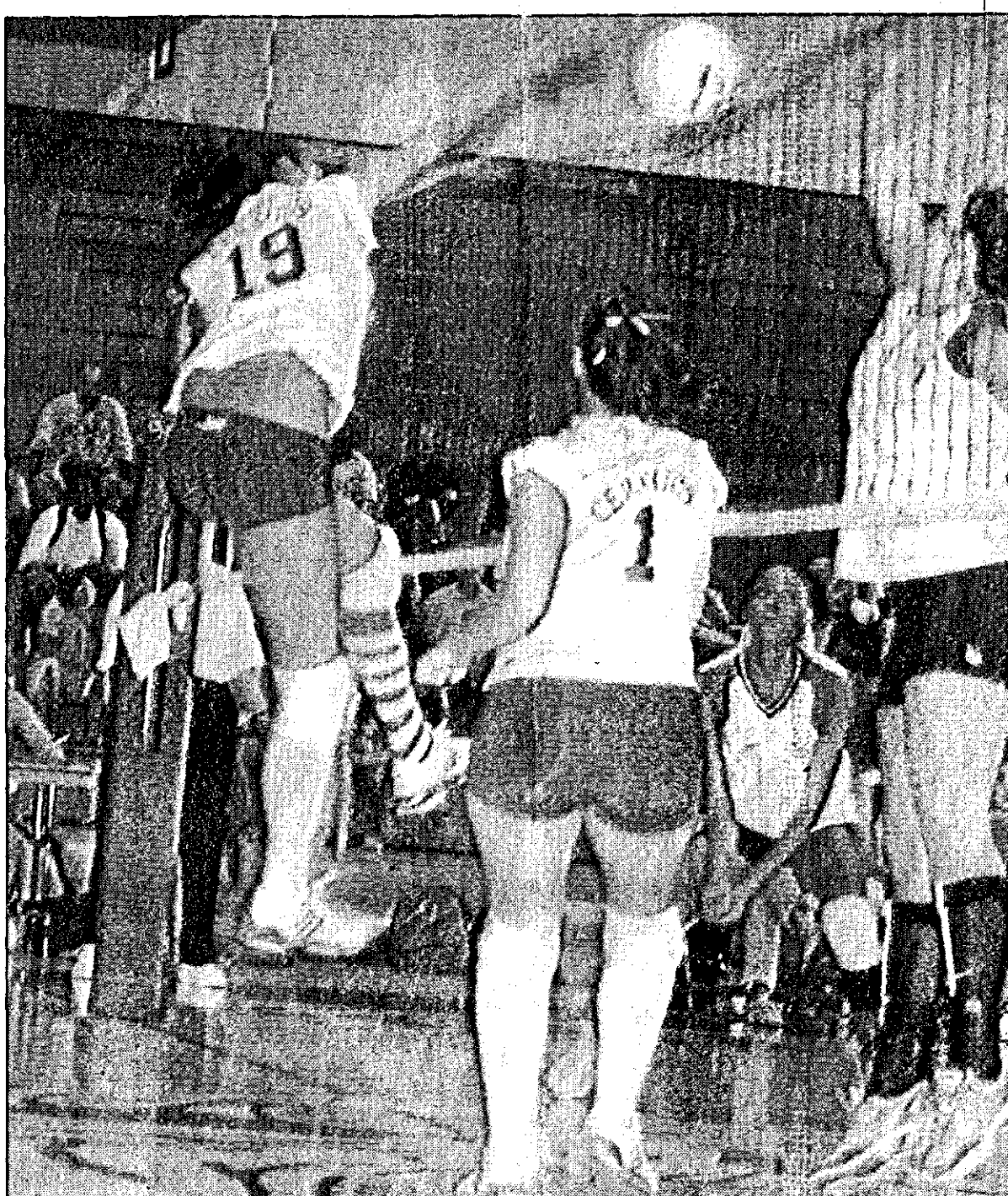
Not every team has Eric Gagne.

Milton Bradley can still drive in a game winning RBI in the ninth and if he doesn't and it's tied after nine, there is no extra time.

It's free baseball. You get to play free of time constraints and are free to comeback and win the game to help create a magical number of four.

Four more games, before the Dodgers can be called the National League West Division Champions.

Four more games before they clinch, I unclench my Dodger hat and I can peacefully eat my Dodger dog; at least until the playoffs start.



RICARDO RAMIREZ/TM

No. 19, Melanie Figueroa spikes the ball to score for the Cerritos College Falcons in the win over Pasadena City College. The Falcons won three easy sets in a row in Pasadena.

Coachless not winless

❖ The volleyball team gets its first win, but it has to do it without its head coach.

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Without head coach Teresa Ortega, who went to Mexico to care for her sick mother, the Cerritos College volleyball team made quick work of the College of the Desert Roadrunners 30-10, 30-18, 30-20.

This victory is the first one for the Falcons this season, who are now 1-2.

Assistant coach, Jesse Rodriguez, said, "I like what I saw on the first set, on the other two sets they knew they were better so they did not seem to focus on the game that much, but I understand."

Rodriguez referred to the Falcons losing their focus on the game, because the Roadrunners did not put any resistance.

The Falcons scored the first 14

points of the first set, putting a clinic on the Roadrunners.

The second set was an easy set for the Falcons, so on the third set the team lost its focus until they were one point down.

Then it seemed like they flipped the switch and scored 13 of the last 17 points in the set to win the match.

The Falcons were led by Shannon McMillen, who had 19 kills, and Stephanie Crowell who had 39 assists and five aces.

McMillen said, "We relaxed, but we found our game, I like to win, so every time I saw the ball, I went to get it. That is the attitude I have."

A player who seemed to be all over was Naomi Hobayan, who threw her body at any ball that seemed lost.

She said later, "You could tell that they seemed nervous, so we played very aggressive and because of that, later on in the match, we relaxed."

Another Falcon who had a good game was Faith Malaki, who plays in a very intense manner and during the game she appeared to intimidate the Roadrunners.

She said, "Sometimes I don't

play hard, but my teammates push me to be aggressive, causing me to sometimes go all out during the game."

The Falcons next games in San Diego are going to be at a tournament during the weekend.

"It's a tournament we have been looking forward to, because some of the top state schools will play there and also some of the Arizona schools, that recruit very well, will be there," said Rodriguez about the challenge ahead.

McMillen said about the tournament, "We have been preparing for this tournament, so I'm very excited because a lot of really good teams will be there that day."

"I like to win, so every time I saw the ball, I went to get it."

That is the attitude I have.

- Shannon McMillen

Carrillo keeps on shutting'em out

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Robert Carrillo kept the goal safe from any flying objects this past Friday when he posted his second shutout of the year in the first game of the men's soccer conference season.

The Falcons' goalkeeper saved seven shots in the 3-0 Cerritos victory over the hosting Pasadena City College.

The Falcons are now 6-1-0 on the year and undefeated in conference play. The Falcons are the No. 3 ranked team in the state.

Cerritos College will be hosting Head Coach Juan Sanchez's former team, the Mt. San Antonio Mounties.

Sanchez coached the Mounties for three seasons and

led them to the No. 1 national ranking last season.

Carrillo's shutout was backed offensively by Adrian Gonzales' goal in the 13 minute of the match. Jesse Luna picked up an assist on the goal.

The goal was enough to seal the victory, but it was not enough for Gonzales who managed to get through the Pasadena defense and score a second half goal, with an assist from J. Luis Rodriguez.

Gonzales' goal came after a goal by Roberto Jorje, his first of the season.

Gonzales now has six goals on the year and a total of ten points to lead the Falcons. Carrillo has 31 saves in six games with seven goals against, for an average of just 1.27 goals against per-game.

Leading Scorers

Name	GP	Goals	Assist	Points
Adrian Gonzales	6	4	2	10
Joshua Meyer	6	4	0	8
Eduardo Padilla	6	2	3	7

Goalkeepers

Name	GP	GA	SV%	SO
Robert Carrillo	6	7	31	1
Armando Pena	1	2	5	0

Falcons kick it into zero gear on the road

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There are eight players on the women's soccer team that have scored at least one point this season. Six of those have scored a goal.

In Friday's loss to the hosting, Pasadena City College, none of the Falcons were able to score even one goal as the Falcons were shutout for the second time this season.

The game was the first of conference play.

Worse than the 0-5 defeat, was the loss of two Falcon Starters. Allison Sarell and Lauren Sanders went out with injuries in the match.

According to Head Coach Debbie Jensen the injuries were not at all a surprise.

Sarell and Sanders had been previously injured.

"Well, they're starters and it is always hard to replace starters."

They should miss at least a game, but Jensen expects them to be back for Friday's game at Los Angeles Harbor.

They missed this past Tuesday's game at Mt. San Antonio.

While the Falcons never managed to score, the Lancers Cristina Mirzakhanian could have taught on a class on it.

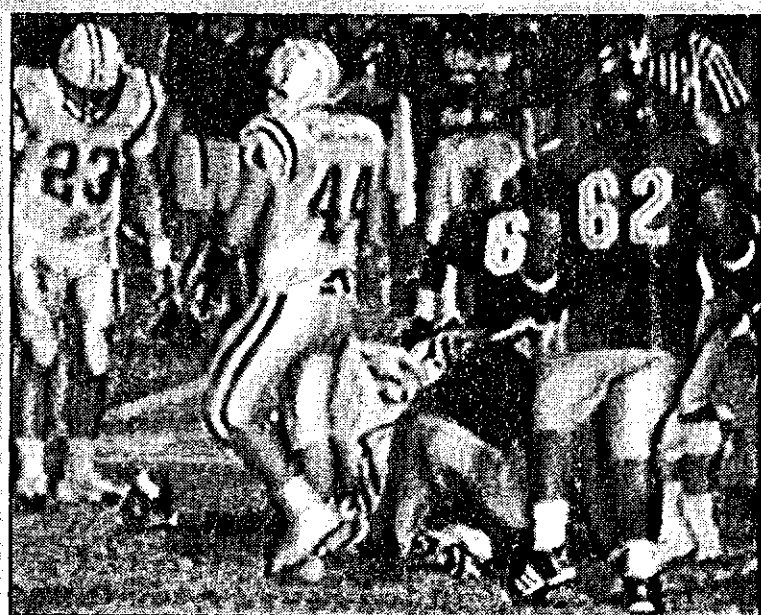
Mirzakhanian scored three goals and added an assist for Pasadena City.

As for the difference the injuries made to the game Jensen said, "Do I think we could have played better with them? Yes. But, do I think we could have won the game? I'm not so sure."

The Falcons have not managed to score more than two goals in a game all year let alone five.

The loss drops the Falcons overall record to 3-3-2.

Cerritos lanced, ends Pasadena's 15-game losing streak



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No. 23, Alfonso Avelua and No. 44 get off the pile as the play ends.

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Before the game there were rumors of the Pasadena City College Lancers 15-game losing streak coming to an end because Cerritos College was the last team they beat in 2002. Those rumors came true as the Falcons fell to the Lancers 10-7.

Before the game nobody thought the Falcons would come home with a 1-3 record, not even the Lancer fans.

Edward Martinez, a South Pasadena resident seemed skeptical about the game and commented on the 15-game losing streak, "It's kind of sad but were still hopeful."

And that hope proved to be embodied in the Lancer football squad.

The game first proved to be a defensive struggle that was plagued with penalties and missed opportunities.

At first it was the Lancers with the missed opportunity when a 41 yard field goal was blocked.

Falcon wide receivers, David Nichols and Anthony Oliver made some long plays, but the Lancer defense and penalties stopped them cold.

With 4:35 on the clock in the third quarter the Lancers got on the scoreboard first with a field goal.

After the Lancer field goal

Kevin Brown, the Falcon quarterback threw his first of two interceptions just before the fourth quarter, it looked bad for the Falcons.

Finally, Oliver made a posterizing catch over double coverage that hit Oliver so hard he did a back flip but still held on for the 26 yard reception.

Then it was Nichols turn, Brown threw a long ball to Nichols in the end zone that gave the Falcons a 7-3.

Yet the celebration was short lived as the Lancers exploited the Falcon secondary for the first time and Lancer receive, Alex Mercler, got wide open in stride down the field to get the decisive touchdown pass.