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## Senate seats up for grabs

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Have you always wanted to be part of student government but never had the opportunity to do so?

You can fulfill your wish this semester by applying to be part of the Associated Students of Cerritos College.

The senate branch of the ASCC is currently accepting applications. They can be picked up in the Student Activities Office and must be turned in by Sept. 1.

In order to be a senator one has to gain 75 signatures from various

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## ASCC discusses big plans

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New and returning ASCC Cabinet members congregated Monday and announced upcoming events and general plans for the fall semester.

ASCC president Joe Cobarrubio began the meeting by thanking Cabinet members for their assistance during Welcome Back Week and said the event was successful. He went on to announce plans

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## Staring in the eyes of fear

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It's been said that the only thing one should fear is fear itself, but living in the state of the world today makes it impossible to be fearless.

Americans have become accustomed to fear things we do not know or understand. According to Leslie Stapp, philosophy instructor, "Our justifiable fear on terrorism is manipulated so people in power can use it to make us more malleable, so we become overly dependent for protection."

And in present time this fear is what's sweeping the nation and affecting the lives of some of the students at Cerritos College.

*"To speculate comes from being forced to be aware of the world. Thinking about cultures and religions, the everyday person doesn't understand, so he fears."*

-- Leslie Stapp, philosophy instructor

"Society is run by fear," Joey Zukas, undecided major said. "(And) the government is not doing anything to calm fear, if anything it's instilling (it)."

To be on red alert and cautious of every surrounding is now a social norm. "Everyone has to be aware of his surroundings! Who is not going to have fear for his life?" business administration major Victor Nunez said.

The more the world suffers from natural disasters, diseases and terrorism attacks, the more precautions people adapt to in order to avoid fearful situations.

"All these things are happening (and) what we make out of it, what we learn, we can change for the better," Nunez added. "After Sept. 11

everything started to fall apart, you have to take the initiative when seeing something suspicious to do something about it.

Events, like the recent London bomb scare that lead to airports taking extra precaution, can stir up a mix of feelings.

"Passengers are not anxious," said Irma Rodriguez, former Transportation Security Administration employee, who worked in LAX.

"People are annoyed about following the rules. People don't understand it."

"I don't think we've become fearful, I've never seen anyone really panicked about flying. It all depends on you."

"If you want to go along with it and make it easy then you'll have a good flying experience."

Some students agree with Rodriguez's assessment.

With all the measures being

## Fear facts

### WHAT WE FEAR:

- Aerophobia: Fear of flying.
- Acrophobia: Fear of heights.
- Nyctophobia: Fear of darkness.
- Pyrophobia: Fear of fire.
- Pedophobia: Fear of dolls.
- Necrophobia: Fear of death.
- Lillophobia: Fear of speaking.
- Demophobia: Fear of crowds.
- Claustrophobia: Fear of confined spaces.

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## Relief for students, tuition drops

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In an effort to encourage higher education, California is reaching out to students in spring 2007 by way of the pocketbook.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and state legislators have approved a legislation to reduce fees to \$20 per unit at all California community colleges.

Cerritos College President Dr. Noelia Vela said, "We anticipate only positive effects for students and their families as the cost of attendance drops and opportunity to go to college increases."

Earning of the \$6 fee reduction, Robert James, undeclared major, said, "It's not much, but it's cool."

"It'll help a lot (of students) like me who have to pay for their own classes."

Enrollment costs that spiked from \$18-26 per unit in fall 2004 have left some students out in proverbial "cold" in the realm of education, as work,

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## Coca-Cola awards Cerritos student

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Karen Woods, president of the Court Reporting Club, is one of 350 students in the U.S. to receive a \$1,000 scholarship award for her academic success from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

"I'm very happy," Woods said. "I never really win anything."

The \$1,000 scholarship award is given to students who have shown academic success and participated in community service during the past year.

Woods found out about the scholarship in the Financial Aid Office at Cerritos College after she grabbed four forms for different scholarships.

She was interested in finding ways to make some extra cash to buy court reporting equipment. According to Woods, she will spend between \$8,000 to \$10,000 on equipment alone.

"I need a more modern (stenographer) machine."

Micki England, an adviser for the Court Reporting Club, provided a recommendation for Woods.

"She was very deserving," said England. "(Woods) has a very generous heart."

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Signing off: Dr. Noelia Vela signs the "Show Pride In Your Campus" petition during Welcome Day. ASCC will launch a campus clean-up campaign which will begin Oct. 19.

## In-N-Out attracts big crowd on welcome day

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Cerritos College students were welcomed to campus last Tuesday night and Thursday morning with music as well as a free meal.

The idea behind the bi-annual Welcome Back Day and Night is to promote students getting a current student I.D. with the Fall 2006 sticker.

The activity was sponsored by the ASCC, which helped to promote the use of the Cerritos I.D.

The Student Health Center was also present in the Welcome Back Week, promoting the health services it offers.

As usual, In-N-Out burgers were served to those who got their I.D. or the updated sticker.

The environment in Cerritos during the ASCC sponsored event seemed to have been relaxing according to Jason Anda, sociology major.

He was not alone, even some students who

didn't get a chance at the free burger felt that the environment was relaxing.

Charline Reymundo, English major, said she liked the scenery and liked to socialize but the food line was too long.

Some individuals, like Krystal Pope, child development major, thought that the music alone was entertaining enough.

Besides the fact that your student I.D. can get you free things, the ASCC stresses that it is important to have your I.D. for other reasons and that it is important to be involved in school activities.

According to Holly Bogdanovich, director of Student Activities, the Welcome Back Day is a way to help the use of student I.D.s and to create a fun and festive atmosphere for a better college experience.

She also said, "Studies show that students who are involved in activities do better in school."



## Senate: ASCC elections return to Cerritos College

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students. Also one must have a GPA of 2.25 or greater and be enrolled in at least 5 units. Once elected, the student serves for both the fall and spring semesters.

The senate is one of three parts of student government; the others being the court and cabinet.

The senate acts as the legislative branch of student government.



DEAN ACKLAND

"(Part of a senator's) job is to take what is discussed in the meetings and to relay them to the students," ASCC Vice President Alex Armendariz said.

Thirty students are needed to fill the senator positions.

Of the 30, 15 of the members must be freshmen.

However, in the past, first-year students have been hesitant to apply to be members.

Due to the lack of students campaigning in past elections, senators have been elected by appointment rather than by vote.

Ariadana Sanchez, business management major, has an idea as to why many students don't compete.

"(Some freshmen) don't apply because they feel that they don't know a lot about the campus," she said.

"Yes it is scary at first, but you'll learn (about the campus) as you go along."

Sanchez plans to campaign to be a member of the Senate.

Brenda Nolasco, nursing major, was a senator during the 2005-06 school year. She says that one of the keys to gaining votes is self-promotion.

"You have to be out there campaigning for yourself," she said. "Introduce yourself to students and educate them about student government because most students don't even know there's one here at this college."

Dean Ackland, coordinator of Student Activities says that future senators must keep their focus on school work. Once elected the student must maintain a 2.0 GPA.

If a student fails a class, the position held is compromised. Ackland gives current and future senators a warning.

"Don't be so caught up in your (ASCC) position that you neglect your classes and grades," he said.

Current student government members are excited about meeting the future applicants and want as many students to compete as possible.

"It's going to be a fun and interesting year, and I want students to be part of it," said ASCC president Joe Cobarrubio.

"(Joining student government) will be a great learning experience; leadership qualities will be gained," said Ackland.

## Cabinet: ASCC discusses campus cleanup project and voter awareness

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for one of the ASCC's biggest projects planned for the year, the "Show Pride In Your Campus" campaign.

This will include an event in which students from various clubs participate in cleaning up the campus.



JOE COBARRUBIO

The date is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 19 though no time has been confirmed.

"It's not just a student project, it involves faculty and staff also," he said.

"We hope to change the campus atmosphere."

"(The event will) involve jobs such as pulling gum from the bottom of desks and picking up trash across campus."

Holly Bogdanovich, director of Student Activities said that one part of the campus that needs to

be targeted by the campaign is the Student Center.

"I've noticed that many people aren't bussing their own tables," she said.

"Custodians do what they can, but we don't have the capacity to hire more people to clean up after students."

Coordinator of Student Activities Dean Ackland said that in comparison to other college campuses, Cerritos is a "pretty clean campus, but there is always room for improvement."

In additional announcements, Gredma Casasoles, commissioner of external affairs, announced plans for a voter registration drive scheduled for November in time for the state-wide elections.

David Rodarte, commissioner of disabled students made an announcement about the bus shelter on campus located in the C-2 parking lot.

The shelter is designed for disabled students who wait to be picked up by the Access van, which is designed strictly for those in wheelchairs.

His goal is to increase awareness about this to other disabled students.

"It is a place where they can feel secure while waiting to be picked up," he said.

"I know that many disabled students don't know about the programs offered here, so I hope to inform them."

## Fees: California CCs lower tuition, Pell Grants suffer

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and finances just don't add up.

Leah Evangelista, business administration/marketing major, said, "I have had classmates who would drop (classes) because they couldn't afford to come."

The declines in enrollment throughout the state are believed to have been due, at least in part, to the fee increases.

Colleges have felt the sting of losing part of the student body. Vela said, "We have had to watch our budget beyond appropriate due diligence, in terms of being prepared for more reductions in the years ahead."

She continued, "We have managed our budget very carefully in order to handle the recent budget downturns, but it is time to turn the corner and get back to focusing on more improvements and growth."

News of the reduction in fees created a happy stir among those who heard it.

Raquel Guerra, child development major, said, "It's very great. It'll encourage more students to come back. When I first started to come three years ago, there were more classes, and now, hardly any. If there are more students, there will be more classes."

In addition, Daisy Gomez, undeclared major, said, "It's better because a lot (of students) can't pay or get financial aid."

While the report seems to bear only glad tidings, it presents a bit of a problem for the Financial Aid Office.

Although Financial Aid workers are happy for the increased opportunities for students, they remain

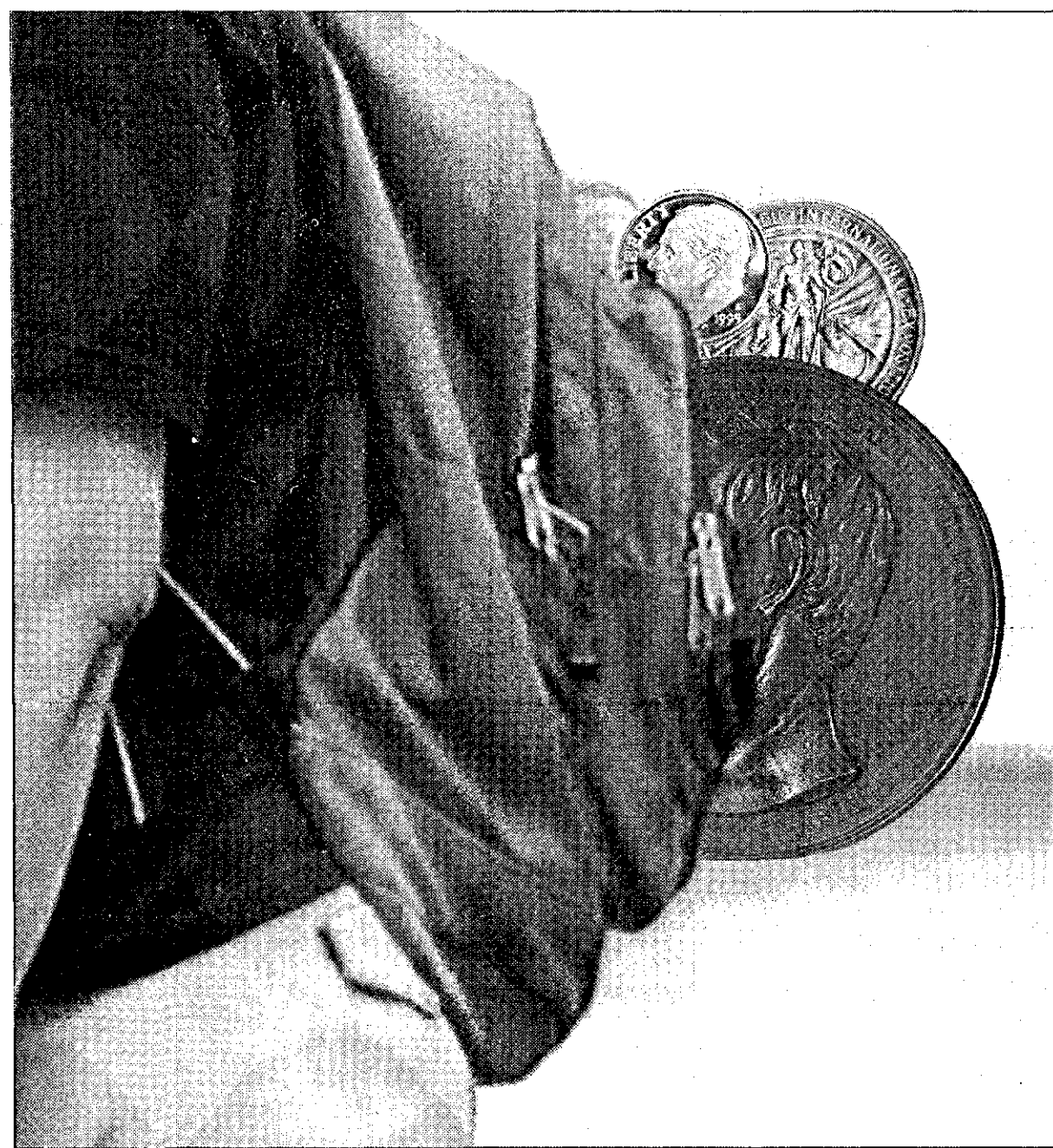


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only too aware of the negative side of lower tuition.

Kimberly Westby, student affairs assistant in Financial Aid, said, "We like that it's going down for students."

However, she said that when tuition decreases, the program falls under tuition sensitivity.

This mandate dictates that based on low tuition, students would be receiving approximately \$112 less on their Pell Grants.

Vela said that she is concerned by the fact that the students who are



DR. NOELIA VELLA

in greater need of financial aid may not receive the full amount.

In an attempt to rectify the situation, the Department of Education,

along with community colleges, is working to find a way out of tuition sensitivity.

Uncsure of what to expect in the spring, as to whether or not tuition

sensitivity will still be in effect, Westby said, "We're in the dark as far as Pell Grants. We all hope (it) goes away."

Otherwise, she worries, the institution will have to explain to students why they cannot claim the full financial aid amount as in prior years.

In light of the loss that the financial aid department may feel next semester, Westby said, "Twenty-six dollars is (still) a bargain. I don't think it's a big factor as compared to hundreds of dollars at a UC."

## Coca-Cola: President of Court Reporting Club gets award

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Woods has been attending Cerritos College since January 2004, but she has been studying court reporting for five years.

Woods took over as president of the Court Reporting Club last year after someone else backed out of the position. After her term, she declined to run again but was voted in by her peers.

"I figure it's God's will," she said. Her responsibilities as president

include inviting speakers to talk to students about court reporting and scheduling as well as leading the club meetings.

"She has done an outstanding job of organizing presentations and networking with the industry (and) bringing the outside working world to campus to mentor our students," said Vycki Morgan, a chairperson of the Court Reporting Department.

"Karen has very good leadership qualities. She proves that it's worth it to go for it by actually doing it and succeeding. You can't beat that," Morgan added.

Woods is originally from Adrian, Mich. and if you ask for her opinion regarding the Coca Cola vs. Pepsi taste test now, the answer is simple.

"Coke is the cat's meow."

## Fear: A look at the fears that can control many Americans

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taken to prevent danger, some students like Michele Zukas, undecided major, have learned to not be afraid.

Zukas believes that there is no need to live in fear of something that is going to happen anyway, such as death.

Yet Rodriguez admits you can never be too careful.

"They tell us about the different types of explosives (that can be

hidden) like a bottle of water.

"There's a lot of people who take things, but most people would fly accordingly cause they don't want the hassle."

However, those people aren't the ones who can be potential problems.

"But then there's a lot of people who don't want to be bothered.

And if something goes wrong Those people will be the first to point the finger at you."

But whether it's being afraid of the dark, clowns, spiders, the end of the world or terrorism, why is it that we fear so much?

Stapp explains that, "To speculate comes from being forced to be aware of the world.

"Thinking about cultures and religions, the everyday person doesn't understand, so he fears."

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# PR person flies the coup

Former member of public affairs office leaves Cerritos to pursue other interests

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When one door closes another one opens. And that is the case for Megan Richardson, former community relations coordinator.

After almost seven years, Richardson has decided it was time for her to venture out and do something different.

She decided to leave because she felt it was time for a change. She already has a new job lined up for her, which she begins Aug. 28.

"I'm interested in going into management and going into the private sector instead of the public sector," Richardson said.

Her new job isn't too far away from Cerritos College. She will be the marketing manager with Macerich Company at Los Cerritos Center.

"The greatest thing for me was being able to oversee and being part of the 50th Anniversary celebration," described Richardson.

"She really kicked butt with the 50th Anniversary celebration," Monica Acuna, program assistant agrees.

Richardson put together the guest speakers, time capsule opening along with other events related to the 50th Anniversary celebration.

Acuna also put together a going away party that took place Tuesday.

"It's just an opportunity for colleges to congratulate her and say goodbye to her," Acuna explained.

Richardson also said she enjoyed being part of the Mega Mixers and colleges ended up calling it the "Megan Mixer," she explained.

"She was very actively involved and we at Cerritos College will truly miss her," Holly Bog-



TANYA BERMUDEZ/TM

**Goodbye:** Megan Richardson, former community relations coordinator is leaving Cerritos to begin a new career as marketing manager with the Macerich Company at the Los Cerritos Center. Richardson worked at Cerritos for seven years and was a coordinator of the activities surrounding the school's 50th anniversary.

danovich, director of student activities and friend of Richardson, explained.

"This job was Richardson's first job out of college. She also added that she had great opportunities at Cerritos.

However, there were some mixed emotions in her leaving.

"We're very happy to see our own get promoted, but I'll miss her," Bogdanovich expressed.

"I'm not really taking a break," Richardson

mentioned. She is very excited about starting her new job.

"I know a lot of people are going to miss me but I'm just going to pass the torch."

"A lot of people are excited and sad as well," Richardson added.

She also added that she will miss the people at Cerritos especially those she worked with and developed friendships with as well.

Lastly, she also looks forward to walking through the door of her new career.

# Ex-teacher dies during summer break

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Former Cerritos College history instructor Howard Taslitz died of cancer on July 23. Before his passing, he gave the commencement speech at last May's graduation. He was also the first faculty member to give a commencement speech in 1968.

Taslitz taught in both the Humanities and Social Science Divisions between the years of 1962 and 1992.

During his tenure, he held various positions including chairperson of the social science, economics, history, and political science departments. He was also elected president of the Faculty Senate and held the position for 10 years.

"In all of the time that I've taught here, he's been one of the most respected professors on campus," Donna Miller, speech instructor, said.

Current instructors who taught during the same years as Taslitz described him as intellectual, scholarly and also said that he was a very caring person.

Additionally, Diane Keenan, women's studies and economics chairperson said, "He was one of the reasons why I chose to teach here at Cerritos College."

"I was teaching part time at a

four-year university and sometimes there it can become very competitive amongst the professors.

"When I came here it wasn't competitive at all. The atmosphere in our division was very warm and welcoming, I felt right at home. Howard was a big part of that. I had my office right next to his for years."

In regard to his teaching style, those who observed him in the classroom remembered him as being very knowledgeable about the topics he spoke of. They also remembered that each class he taught was always full; there would be 20 to 30 students on the waiting list to add one of his classes.

"He was one of the few professors who could lecture for three hours and hold an entire class's attention. Not many professors can do that," Keenan said.

Dr. William Dunroe, psychology instructor, was not only a colleague of Taslitz's for twenty years, he also was a former history student of his.

"He had one of the quickest and most analytical minds that I knew," Dunroe said. "He had a booming voice. A student could not sleep in his class."

Dunroe currently holds Taslitz's former office located in the SS Building.

# Students from local colleges discuss Jesus at Cerritos

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As the sun began to set over Cerritos College last Thursday, a group of close to 20 students sat in the Amphitheater and discussed what they called the "simple truth".

That "simple truth" was the Bible.

The name of the group is Simple Truth and is a Bible study group consisting of students from Cerritos College, Long Beach City College and Cal State Long Beach.

"Sometimes people make the truth so complicated,"

said group founder Tommy Tang about the name. "It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what God is trying to say."

Among the passages discussed in the meeting were Luke 6:46, Matthew 6:33 and 2nd Chronicles 15:2.

About the group, LBCC student Todd Smaretsky said, "We're just a group of students looking to make a difference in this world."

The group meets several times a week with the location alternating between the three campuses each of the members are from. They are currently looking for new members and anyone is welcome.

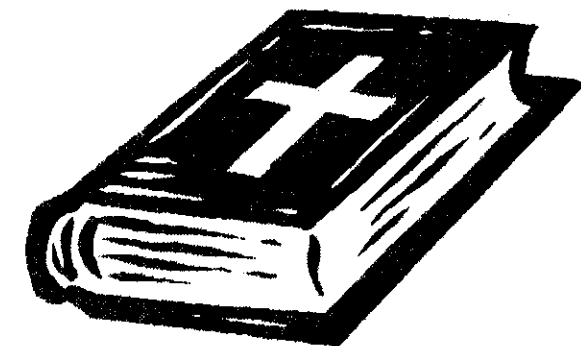
"Our discussions are open to anyone who wants to

come, it doesn't matter if they're a Christian or not," said Cerritos student Christopher Lee, computer animation major.

Group members had different reasons for joining, ranging from references of friends to more personal needs.

"I was looking for direction, I feel that the group is an answered prayer," Lee said.

For Francisco Ramirez, nursing major, this was his first time coming to one of the discussions. He said he found the discussion to be very interesting and is looking forward to coming back to one of the meetings.



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## EDITORIAL

# Be kind, don't leave trash behind

As college students, we find that we are overwhelmed with a strenuous amount of opportunities to learn more about ourselves, society and life in general. As adults, it is our social and ethical responsibility to clean up after ourselves whether it be at home, on the job or any environment we decide to place ourselves in.

However, with all this responsibility in mind in the past year, cleanliness has become a major concern at Cerritos College.

Anywhere from the messy, vandalized restrooms to the trash we leave behind in Falcon Square, students should not assume that their waste products will get picked up or cleaned at the end of the day.

Being well-educated adults, the students on any college campus shouldn't expect the janitors to clean up after all of their messes.

The ASCC has been working on the promotion of a cleaner campus with a program titled "Show Pride In Our Campus" that will take place throughout the fall and spring semesters.

The program has various components regarding the cleanliness of the campus and isn't just about picking up trash. The first event of the program is "Campus Clean Up" on Oct. 19.

Even though there seems to be a general interest in a better maintaining of the campus, our student government shouldn't have to go to these extreme measures to get students to pick up after themselves; after all "mom" wasn't always going to clean up your messes.

Former ASCC Senator Karla Marquez, along with other Senators, was trying to find a solution to fixing the dirty restroom situation since last semester, but the solution is very simple: one has to realize that it is the

students, not the lack of janitors that create the proliferation of trash.

Yes, it's true that janitors get paid to keep the entire campus presentable, but it is only in an ideal world that one can expect for anything to be perfect.

It is far too unrealistic to expect the janitors to keep every single restroom on campus clean and hygienic. Students and staff alike have to do their part as well.

It's understandable that you might be in a rush to go in and out of the restroom as quickly as possible due to an overwhelming class schedule, but does it really hurt to flush a toilet or actually put the paper towel that you use to dry your hands in the trash bin near the door?

As for leaving your trash around campus, it doesn't hurt to pick up your trash as you're leaving and put it in the trashcan.

Not only would it benefit the sanitary state of the campus, but the environment in which you yourself choose to pursue a higher education in.

You're getting up to leave anyway, and trashcans are always conveniently near to all of the facilities on campus.

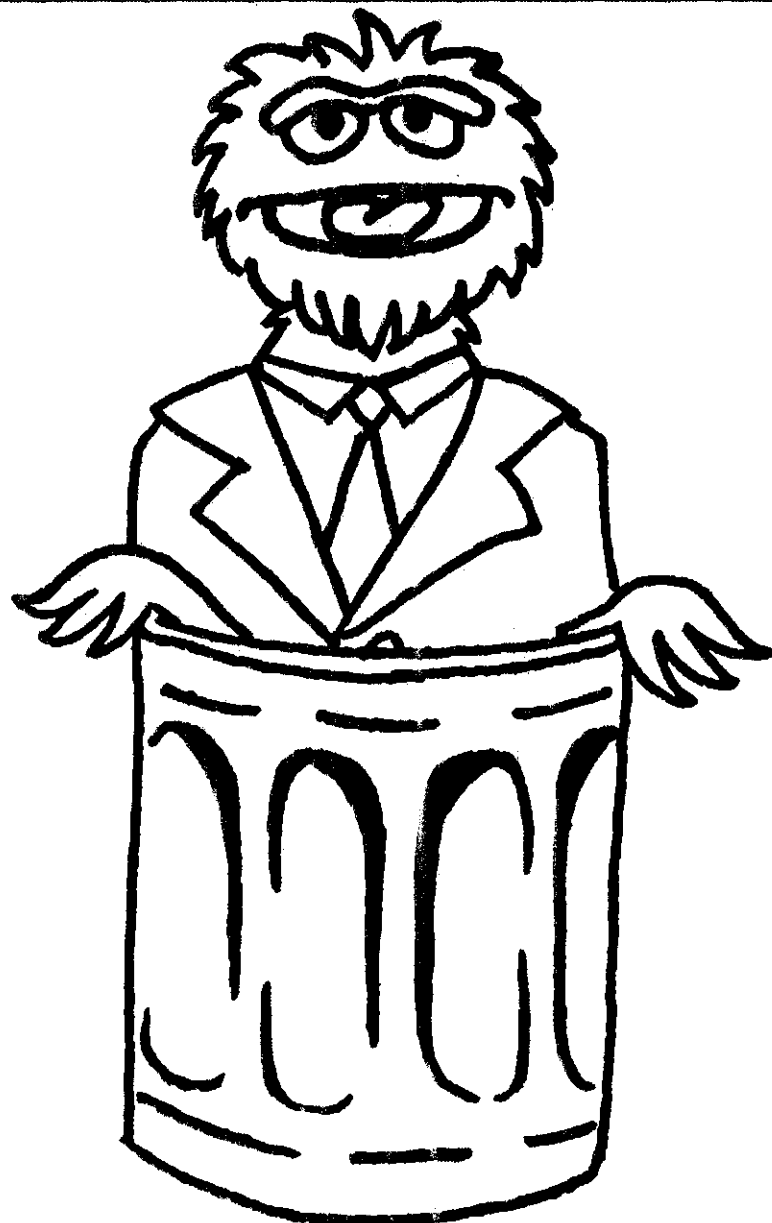
Has this generation gotten so lazy to the point where it can't pick up its own trash?

The ASCC and the janitorial staff are doing what they can to get students involved in keeping the campus clean, but there is only a limited amount of things such as a small group of individuals can do and it is not doing this for itself, it's for the student body.

This is your campus.

For some students it may be a home away from home, so be considerate and take care of it as you would your own home.

No one should have to pick up after you, this isn't high school anymore.



# CLEAN UP YOUR ACT

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# Georgie and the fear factory

After 9/11, as famed Gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson believed, there is no such thing as paranoia.

He meant, as I believe, that if you have a substantial fear then it must be that there is a very probable threat, however the course of society in the post-9/11 world has become one that has allowed fear to control many facets of it.

While it is quite ignorant to ignore the threats of terrorism and violence in general, it is just as insane to live in fear and allow paranoia to be your policy as is the case with the Bush administration.

From illegal wiretaps to election-time propaganda, the U.S. government has controlled what we do and what we know.

Even going so far as controlling the press, such as the New York Times by preventing stories that would hurt the President during the last election because of the "threat of national security."

Yet, security seems to allude the American public as fear of terrorism has grown in the past year.

Although it may sound unfair to criticize President George W. Bush for his handling of the war on terror, it is twice as unfair to the free world that he leads it.

How bad is the war on terror when its leader



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has become a sort of ally of some of the fronts that terrorist attempt to win?

Terrorism, as defined by [www.vdictionary.com](http://www.vdictionary.com) is, "The unlawful use or threatened use of force or violence by a person or an organized group against people or property with the intention of intimidating or coercing societies or governments, often for ideological or political reasons."

Our leaders, as evident by the rampant corruption and lobbyist Jack Abramoff, aren't necessarily lawful, but their methods aren't exactly terrorism.

Yet, Bush has helped achieve intimidation on behalf of the terrorist by repeatedly instilling fear in the hearts of the people he is supposed to protect.

In that sense, the terrorist are winning the war.

After officials from Scotland Yard foiled the terrorist plot that has lead to dry skies, the free world went into a code red, the highest level of the rainbow safety program.

In reality our generation is one easily controlled. It is controlled by fear, possessions, televisions, portable gadgets, Clear Channel and Fox News.

So it's no surprise that Bush uses words like "terrible" and "the enemy" to maintain control over Americans and America's allies.

The truth is terrorism has always existed in the world.

Even many instances in America such as the first World Trade bombing in 1993, are evidence of the previous existence of terrorist cells not only throughout the world but in our own backyard.

It is our own egotistical nature that is the root cause of our recent societal panic attacks. While the rest of the world has dealt with this very real threat, we have enjoyed ignorance and the bliss that it brings.

The only way to fight this threat is to live our lives in freedom. Without throwing caution to the wind, America's only way to fix the threats is to address the issues.

If we can simply try and create a society that is significantly fairer and a little less decadent then maybe some of the enemies we have will no longer see the need to manipulate us. In fact if we loose just one enemy then we will truly gain a victory in this war on terror.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK



### BATTLING THE ANTI-WAR SHIP

President Bush's most recent defense for the war in Iraq included a reference to 9/11. When asked by a reporter what the attack had to do with Iraq he fired back:

[Nothing. Nobody has ever suggested in this administration that Saddam Hussein ordered the attack.]

Bush also sought to clarify the differences between the Democrats and Republicans on the issue.

[There are a lot of people in the Democrat Party who believe that the best course of action is to leave Iraq...and they're wrong.]

## Whose responsibility is it to keep the campus clean?

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**CHRISTINA FELIX**  
fashion major

"Custodians and (students) are responsible. If (students) don't make a mess then it shouldn't be that bad."



**MELISSA LEVY**  
business major

"It's the students' responsibility to pick up after themselves. The custodian's job is to keep the classrooms clean."



**MARCUS HICKS**  
animation major

"Students should be more responsible by throwing away their trash!"



**CRYSTAL ANN**  
cosmetology major

"People who (the school) hires should keep it clean."



**SALVADOR MENDEZ**  
grounds custodian

"I think it's our job, but students can at least throw away their trash in the trashcans and throw away cigarette buds and not throw gum on the floor, that helps us a lot."



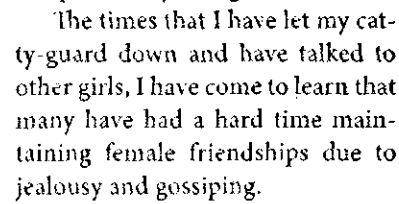
**MARIO SAN JUAN**  
english major

"The students spend most of their time in school so they should be responsible. We get it dirty we should keep it up!"



**Females fail to obtain a level of civility when it comes to women**

The minute a woman walks into the room, the normal reaction is to size her up and down and find the

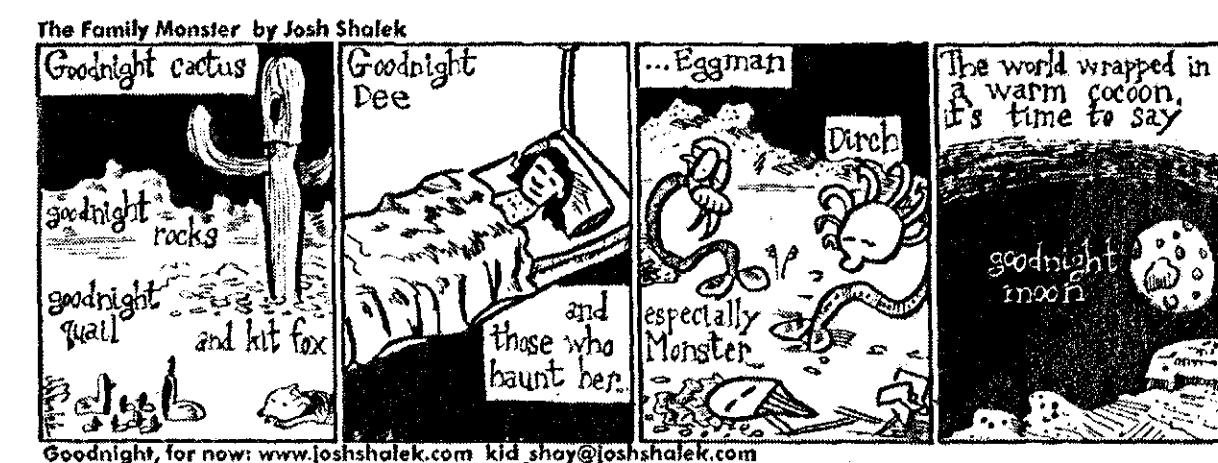


What's the use of educating ourselves if we can be so ignorant towards each other?

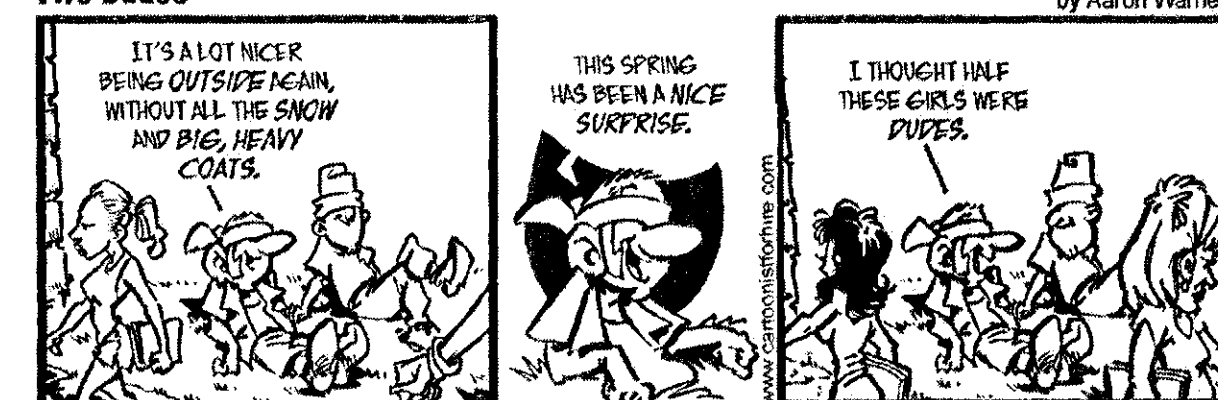
Who knows, maybe if you ask me where I bought my shoes, I might just tell you!

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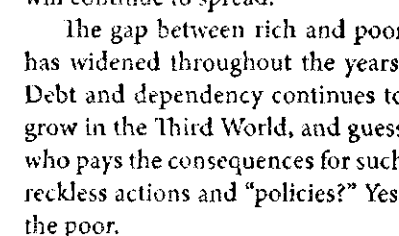
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Poverty in the world has become a bigger issue and it is time to educate society



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LIFE AS WE KNOW IT BEGINS AT THE START OF FOOTBALL SEASON!

DAVE COVERLY





## Instructor shares musical insight



**Back to basics:** Bill Hundley, (left) piano accompanist, gets back to gospel basics with music instructor Dr. Christine Lopez and students. Lopez recently returned from her sabbatical this summer.

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During her sabbatical last year music instructor, Dr. Christine Lopez, had the opportunity to do research and attend piano classes at Cal State Fullerton and Cal State Long Beach, where she had the opportunity to promote Cerritos College's Music Certificate Program.

She said that during her 15-year tenure at Cerritos it was the first time she had taken the year off, and do research for, more specifically,

piano pedagogy, which made her a "student again."

What piano pedagogy sets out to do is to create knowledge, activities and instructional skill for teaching piano to students, according to Lopez.

Before coming to Cerritos College Lopez taught at a university in Arizona.

She added that the reason why she didn't take a year off before was that, "there was young faculty (here in the music department), and that I wasn't comfortable or ready to

leave."

However, once the faculty and the department were comfortable and ready without her, in charge of activities, did she come to the decision of leave.

"Both Cal State Long Beach and Cal State Fullerton have excellent music programs," she said, "but what I gained was background information, resources, and materials (to share at Cerritos)."

Lopez said that she had the opportunity to take classes with music instructor Dr. Martha Baker Jordan

who teaches at Cal State Fullerton, and music instructor Sam Shou from Cal State Long Beach.

What she has noticed with students who have taken piano classes with her is that those who have not taken a piano class before are able to learn concepts of melody, rhythm and harmony.

Students feel that Lopez's experience will be beneficial in the classroom.

"She is very professional," Jennifer Franco, music major, said.

"And she never, ever has a negative thing to say about anyone," Franco added.

Franco has been taking classes with Lopez for six years and she characterized Lopez as a "fireball because she strives for students to be better."

Esther Anaya, music major, said that although she has taken only one semester with Lopez that any student who decides to take a class with her as the instructor will have an "appreciation for music."

Cirilo Reyes, music major, said that not only will students have a better appreciation for music, but also that Lopez as an instructor will seek out the needs of those students who want to learn about music in general.

All agree that during their time as students of Lopez that each one of them has been influenced by her for wanting to know more about music.

That is one of the things Lopez hopes students get.

"I want students not only to be involved with learning about music, but also have a good experience," Lopez explained.

## Theatre Dept holds Hamlet auditions

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The Theater Department began the semester with auditions for "Hamlet" and "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" last Wednesday at the Burnight Theatre.

The parts of the ghost, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, had been previously cast, leaving 28 available roles opened for students to audition for.

Students were required to perform short monologues or read from provided scripts.

The plays are directed by John Zamora and Kevin Hoggard.

Barbara Lopez, theater major, was cast as Guildenstern.

Lopez has been acting since 2003 and considers acting her passion.

"My first thought when the shows were cast was, 'wow!' This will definitely be a 'must see!' I can't wait to start rehearsals."

Opening night is scheduled to be October 20 and will run its course Oct. 21, 27, and 28 and again on Nov. 1 through Nov. 5.

Lopez believes that the play will be a success stating that "two brilliant directors, with completely different styles, plus unfiltered, equals greatness!"

All levels of theatrical experience were welcomed.

There were 13 people sitting in the lobby on Wednesday afternoon.

Students were waiting for their turn to go into the audition, read-

ing through monologues and scripts. Others were hanging out after being done with theirs.

Waiting to audition for the part of Polonius, business administration major Julio Hernandez, skimmed through his monologues while he waited for his turn.

Hernandez had no previous acting experience, but was encouraged to audition for the play after taking a class with Zamora this summer.

"I am looking to be the next Vin Diesel," exclaimed the confident Hernandez, who hopes that his experience in college theater can one day lead to a life of fame.

Britany Thomas, theater major, emerged from the audition room, all smiles.

She explained how she did her 30 second monologue and how surprisingly calm she had been through the audition.

"I didn't audition for a particular part," Thomas said, who has experience writing and acting monologues written by herself.

Cheerfully, Thomas added if the directors saw potential she would get the part.

Kristen Faldetta, English major, who was just relaxing after her audition said, "I am about to graduate from Cal State Long Beach and being in a play is required."

She was also motivated to try out after taking a summer class with Zamora.

Like Thomas, she did not audition for any particular role.

For more information you can visit [www.cerritos.edu/theater](http://www.cerritos.edu/theater).

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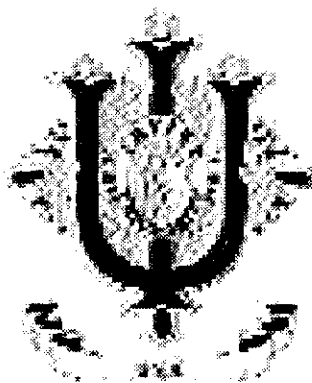
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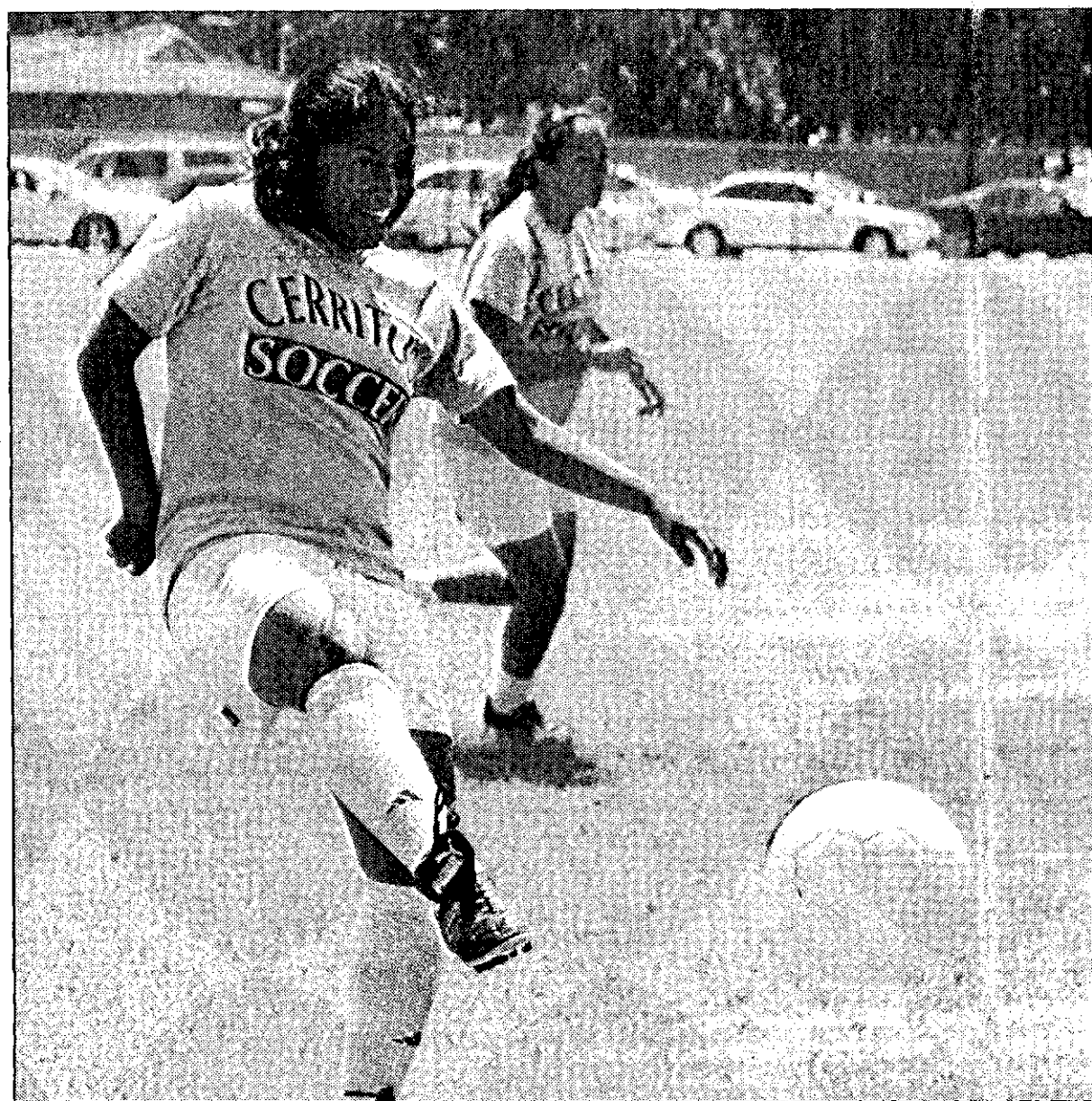
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## Falcons shoot for title



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**The Practice:** Monica Cedillo, forward, passes the ball back to her partner in a passing drill during Tuesday's practice. Cedillo and the rest of the women's soccer team begin the preseason on Aug. 27 in the Victor Valley tournament. The Falcons look to capitalize on last season's historical journey into the second round playoffs where they lost to Cypress College. The first round victory over Orange Coast was the first ever playoff win for the women's soccer program since its inception. The Falcons now turn their sights towards winning the conference title for the first time ever.

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The Cerritos College women's soccer team revs up its new season with great expectations.

Co-head coach Ruben Gonzalez feels that this season the Falcons will need to focus on the offense, to go along with last year's potent defense.

"Our goal is to score goals."

The Falcon's first home game will be on Aug. 29 at 2 p.m., against Golden West College.

Gonzalez said that the women have set themselves lofty goals for the season, and the main focus is to improve.

Team member Monique Hudson said, "I expect we'll win. We've trained hard this summer. It should be a good opening game."

Looking back at last season when the women finished second behind Long Beach City at the South Coast Conference, Gonzalez hopes to see the team improve by winning the conference, going further in the playoffs, and competing for the state championship.

He said that the Falcon women have never won the conference title and had not won a regional playoff game before last season's post-sea-

son victory against Orange Coast College.

Last year was the highest finish with the Falcons finishing the regular season second in the conference and advancing to the second round of the playoffs before losing 5-2 to Cypress College.

Hudson said, "The conference is a reachable (goal)."

Last season's young team was blessed with a strong defense. The team won 15 games that were shutouts in route to a 20-4-2 record.

With a season of experiences behind it, the team looks forward to again engaging in combat on the playing field.

"Our goal is nothing short of winning conference and doing well in the state championship," Gonzalez said.

One thing that the team will incorporate into this season of playing is the notion of taking nothing for granted.

Gonzalez said that the team of players has bonded over the course of the summer months when it first came together, welcoming both new and known faces.

Gonzalez said, "It is a very exciting team. (Fans) should come out to support it."

"The (women) have been working at the same level of intensity and

determination. Not one is falling behind," Gonzalez said.

Team member Cynthia Pimentel, undeclared major, attested to the dedication to the game and the team, saying, "There's not too much complaining that we are running too much."

She hopes to play all the games this season. "There is a lot of competition," she said. "There are a lot of good girls on the team. You need to be in top shape."

Last season the school made history when both men's and women's teams advanced to the southern California regional playoffs.

While it waits to be seen how the team will fare this season, Gonzalez said, "It looks promising."

"We know what we want (to accomplish as a team) and anything less would be a disappointment."

The team had opportunity to cheer on two of its own last week, as Nancy Gutierrez and Rebecca Juarez competed in the under-20 world cup in Russia as a part of the Mexican National Team.

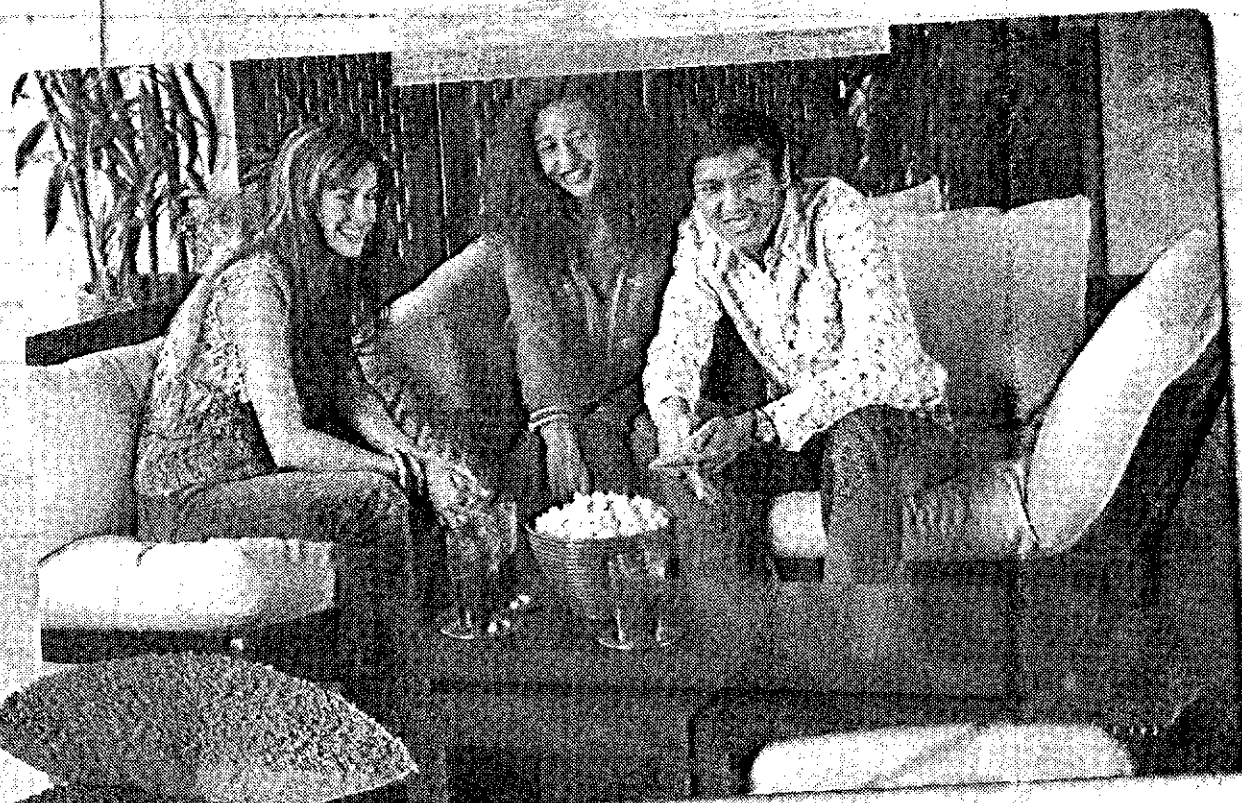
Gonzalez said the experience is something that the two women will be able to carry into and build upon within the Cerritos team.



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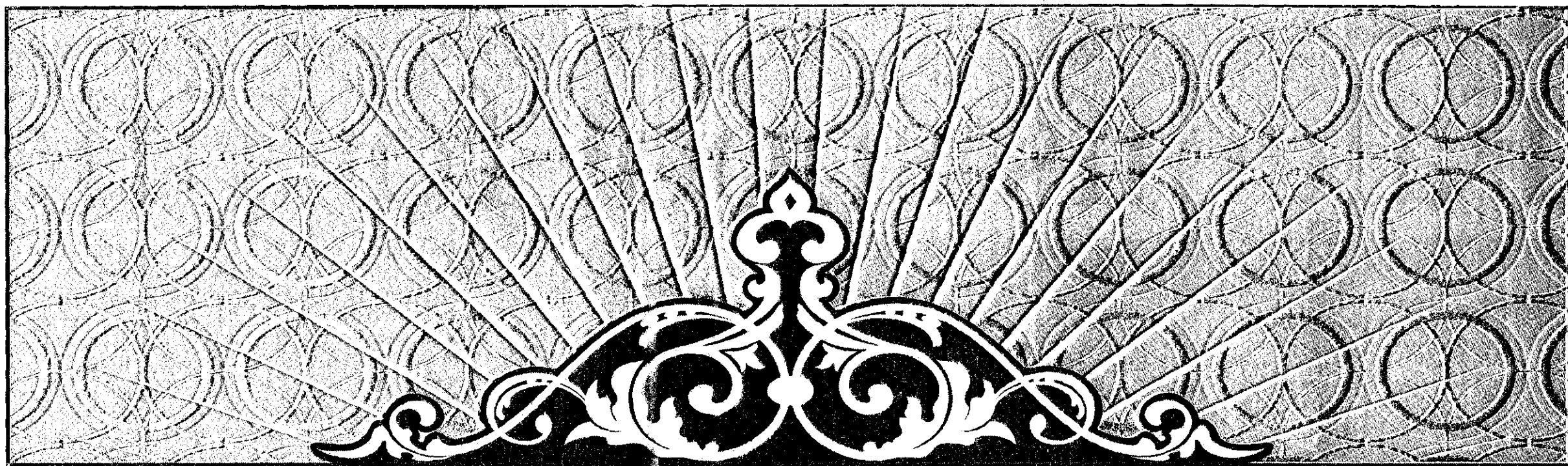
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