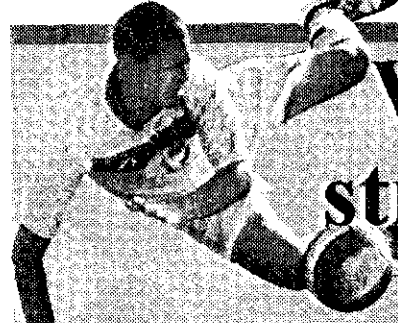


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ASCC Cabinet member resigns

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Steven Sinkewicz, commissioner of vocational outreach, abruptly resigned from his position on Monday during the ASCC Cabinet meeting.

During the meeting Sinkewicz said, "I have decided to resign as commissioner of vocational outreach, because being in the position of commissioner of vocational outreach has taken me away from my studies in all of my classes."

Furthermore, he mentioned, that he took offense to a recent article printed in the Talon Marks and additionally he and an unidentified person had disputed in what he described is "gender equality."

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Students get mega advice

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Students were able to get advice on their post-Cerritos education plans last Tuesday as more than 70 universities filled Falcon Square to recruit students as part of the University Mega-Fair.

Among the universities who sent representatives to the Transfer Center-sponsored event were UCLA, USC, UC Irvine, Cal State Long Beach and Cal State Fullerton.

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College Night dawns

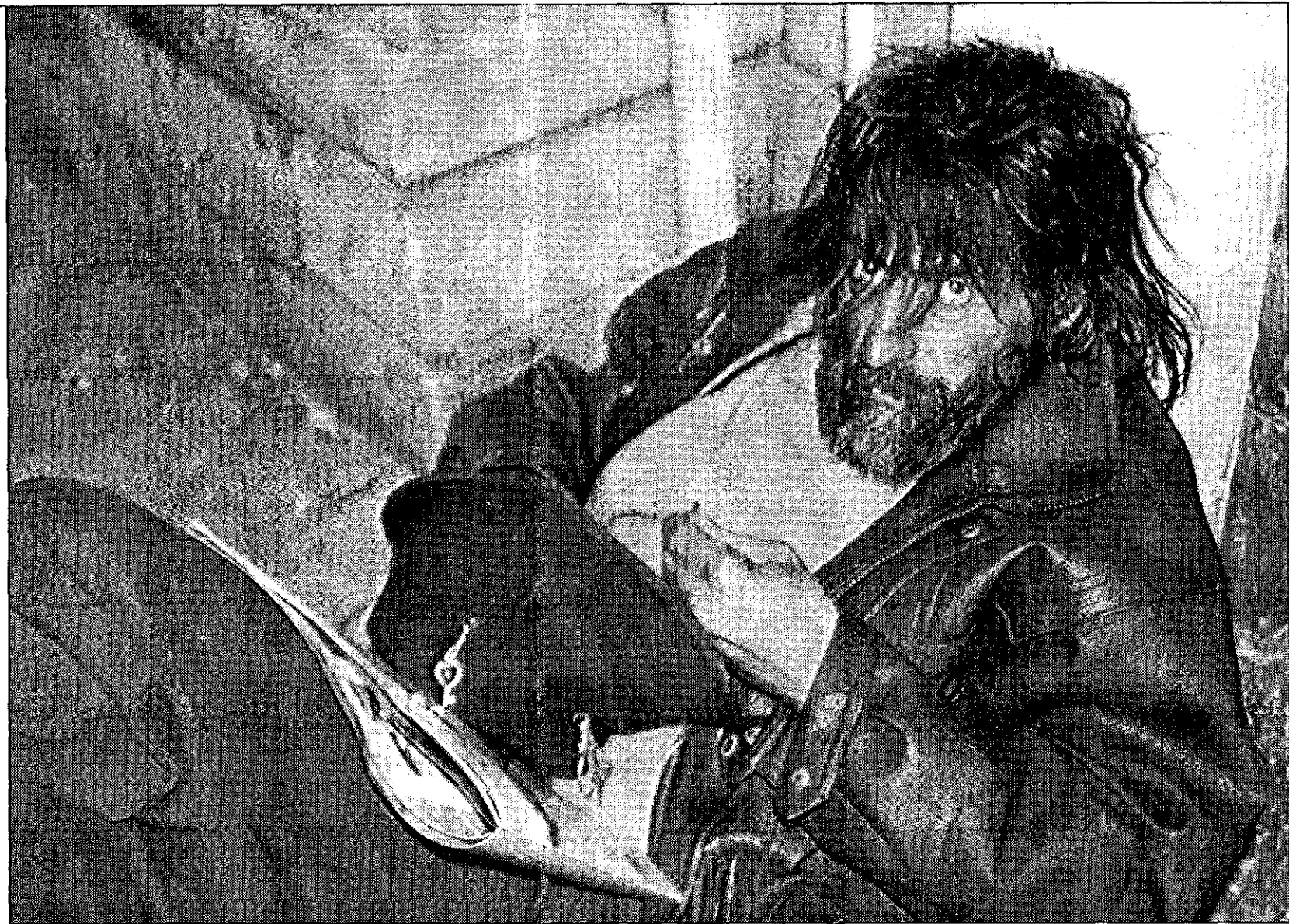
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Sixty-one colleges, including 17 Cerritos College programs and six out-of-state schools, gathered Oct. 3 in the gymnasium to inform over 1,000 high school students about what each college had to offer.

The students from ABC, Bellflower, Downey and Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School Districts came to find out what each, if not every, college from across California had to present.

Hector Ibarra, Downey High School senior, said that he was looking into a career in computer

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Street life: Simply known as Rafa, this street dweller resides in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles in between two buildings on Spring Street and 6th street.

Living in the lap of poverty

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Technology has made life for most of Cerritos students and the rest of Americans easy and comfortable, but among the splendor, there seems to be a certain sector of society that has been left behind, dragged along since the beginning—the homeless.

For members of the Cerritos College community and those familiar with the LA area, the 50-

block district in Downtown Los Angeles known as Skid Row has come to connote the poverty problems of the world.

"I try to avoid going (to Skid Row) because of (the homeless)," Mane Fatu, law major, said.

However, some people may not have a choice.

"I'd never thought I'd wind up on Skid Row," said Kimberly Dasilva as she went for a mid-afternoon stroll down 7th Street where the city is peppered with tents and used needles or as she calls it, "home."

Dasilva was a Thousand Oaks resident and her second relapse to heroin addiction brought her to the streets of the infamous district.

"You should have seen it before. The city just cleaned up. Before, there were a lot more tents all up and down Skid Row."

On Friday during a media briefing, LA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and LA Police Chief William J. Bratton reported that the new initiative to curtail lawlessness on Skid Row seems to be working, but Bratton admitted that policing alone will

not solve the poverty problem.

While Bratton added that the police presence in the area would be permanent, students at Cerritos feel that simply arresting these people may not be the answer.

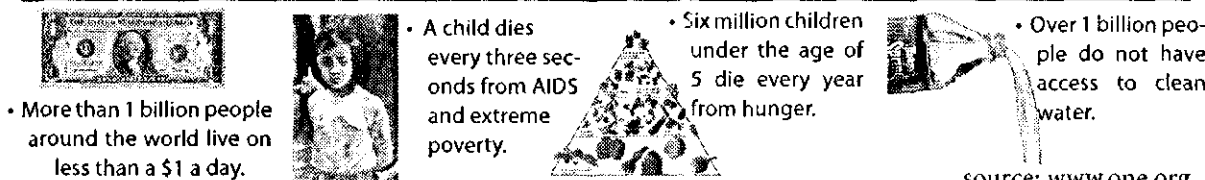
"There has to be a more reasonable and humane way," Andrew Garcia, business major, said.

"There is no excuse for the richest country in the world to have such standards not only for its citizens, but for humans throughout the world."

However, Kevin Hall, American history instructor, believes that a lot of times people put too much emphasis on what the government should do.

"Usually when people think of poverty, they think of it on a national or global scale. But there is so much that can be done on a lo-

Poverty around the world



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Governor Arnold vetoes student aid for immigrants

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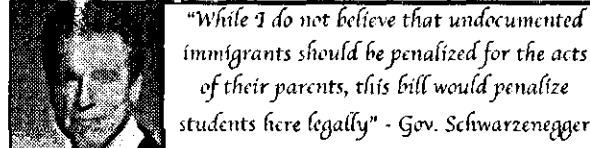
A bill that would have allowed undocumented immigrants to receive financial aid while attending California universities and colleges was vetoed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Sept. 30.

SB 160, also known as the California DREAM act, was sponsored by Gilbert Cedillo (D-Los Angeles) and passed by the state legislature who approved the bill Aug. 31.

"While I do not believe that undocumented immigrants should be penalized for the acts of their parents, this bill would penalize students here legally," said Schwarzenegger in a written statement.

Just as senators and politicians have battled over the debate of whether or not undocumented immigrants should receive financial aid, Cerritos students are lined up on the sides as well.

Some students agreed with the governor's decision.



"While I do not believe that undocumented immigrants should be penalized for the acts of their parents, this bill would penalize students here legally." - Gov. Schwarzenegger

"It's all a matter of priority. The priority of illegal immigrants should be toward getting citizenship so they can receive aid," said Lauren Day, undecided major.

"There are enough American citizens who are having trouble paying for school as it is, so that should be the government's priority, getting money to citizens."

"If there is extra money then (undocumented) citizens should receive financial aid. Those who have student visas, those who are legally allowed to be here, should get money first," said Charryss Sawyer, nursing major.

However, Cedillo disagrees. "California high school graduates who are accepted to our universities and colleges should be allowed to compete for financial aid," said Cedillo. "These students, among the best and the brightest young minds in our state, should not be punished for their parent's pursuit of greater opportuni-

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Cerritos students arrested

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Thousands of people marched down Century Boulevard to protest the working conditions and unfair wages of the workers that work in the 13 LAX-area hotels on Sept. 28.

Along with the closing down of Century Blvd. over 300 hundred people were arrested, including two Cerritos College students.

However, the arrestees volunteered to get arrested as a form of civil disobedience.

Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance club members, Gredma

Casasola, biochemistry major and Marlen Rios-Hernandez, music major, explained that they both attended a speech by Dolores Huerta which was held at El Camino College. During her speech Huerta encouraged everyone in attendance to sign up for this event or go and support the event.

"I strongly believe in the (hotel worker's fair wage) cause, and I have family members affected by this" - Marlen Rios-Hernandez, chemistry major

Casasola also felt for the cause saying that it wasn't getting arrested that was important, but what the arrest represented.

Other Cerritos students attended this protest, like English major, Waleed Nueirat.

"For me, it's to make a point. I truly believe that HR 4437 was a start of the immigration cause," Nueirat explained.

Erik Herrera, law major, also

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"FACE PAINT BY NUMBERS"



PHOTO COURTESY OF FRANCISCO CHECKICINO
Scare-up your makeup: Cerritos College students from the theater makeup program had an opportunity, last Thursday, to observe and apply some knowledge and makeup to characters in Knott's Berry Farm's annual Halloween celebration known as Knott's Scary Farm.

Former teachers union director leaves campus to help SoCal faculty

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The often-used cliché "the more things change, the more they stay the same" couldn't be any more true for former Cerritos College Faculty Federation executive director Peter Nguyen.

After helping the CCFE reach its first long-term contract with administration earlier this year, Nguyen will now do for the Southern California region what he used to exclusively do for Cerritos faculty.



PETER NGUYEN

Nguyen is now Regional Field Representative for the California Federation of Teachers, an affiliated union of the CCFE.

The region which he will represent encompasses faculty from schools in the Cerritos, Orange and Los Angeles community college districts, three non-collegiate school districts (ABC, El Rancho, and Hawthorne), and UC Irvine.

Part of his job will be to assist faculty and unions with collective bargaining agreements within respective districts.

He will also specify the rights, compensation and benefits of faculty members to their respective administrators. The job is very similar to what he did at Cerritos, but will be done on a larger scale.

"I had accomplished my major goals in terms of establishing a strong first contract and increasing union activism (amongst faculty). The time was right for me to take my skills to the next level," Nguyen said.

"I won't be as involved in the day-to-day operations of the CCFE, but I will still have

input into bargaining and strategic decisions of those in the local unions."

Despite his new position, he will remain a part-time teacher in the political science department.

"I'll keep me connected to campus and I have great respect for the teachers in the political science department; they're all terrific!" he said.

As to why he originally took the job as executive director of the CCFE, he said, "I saw the position as an opportunity to broaden my understanding of the community college system and to help a new union get off to a strong start."

About his new position he said, "I'll look forward to the challenges of representing a larger contingent of academic professionals in L.A. and Orange counties."

Nguyen is most respected for drawing the first contract and getting fair increases for both part-time and full-time faculty. Under the contract that he helped draft, full-time faculty got a 12.3% fair increase and part-time faculty got a 20% fair increase.

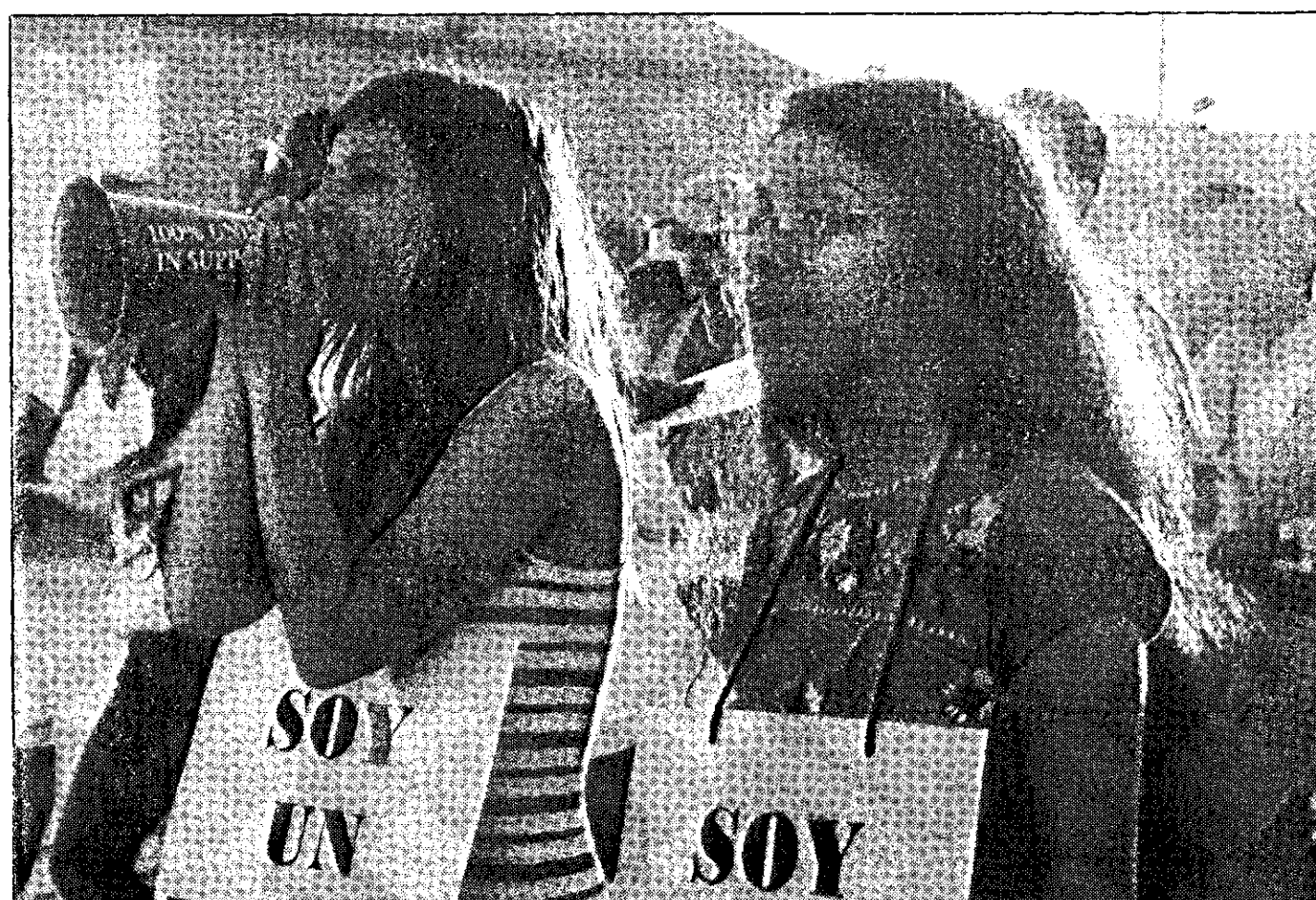
Some Cerritos faculty members, though sad to see him go, are happy with him earning a new position and are grateful for the time that he spent as part of the CCFE.

"I'm one of his most enthusiastic advocates in the faculty," said Ted Stolze, CCFE membership chair. "He's taught (the faculty) well and we're better activists now. We've learned a lot from him in the year he's been here."

CCFE president David Fabish is one of Nguyen's closest friends and worked with him during the faculty contract negotiations.

"We both worked hand-in-hand and side-by-side to make positive changes on campus. He played the bad cop and I played the good cop," said David Fabish, CCFE president.

"It made a very effective combination. Peter's very tenacious and fierce and I'm more of a laid-back and easy-going guy."



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Rebels with a cause: Gredma Casasola, chemistry major and Marlen Rios-Hernandez, music major, walk Century Blvd. near LAX to protest working conditions and unfair wages. They, and more than 300 others, were voluntarily arrested as a form of civil disobedience.

Protest: Cerritos students join hotel workers to protest working conditions

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felt it was important to attend these types of protest.

Herrera believes that the majority of the employees are Latino immigrants and as much money these hotels make from tourist they won't agree to a pay raise or provide health care benefits.

The local chapter of the hotel and restaurant employees union Unite Here has been trying to unionize the more than 3,000 airport hotel workers, most of whom are from Latin America, for some time. Untie Here is looking for fairer wages for the workers.

Workers are asking for \$10.33 an hour

without any benefits or \$9.08 an hour and include some type of health care.

According to the union these employees earn about 20 percent less than similar workers make elsewhere in the city.

A large part of the well-planned protest was organized by We Are America, the immigrant rights group that helped organize the "Day without an Immigrant" march that drew more than 4,000 protesters to downtown Los Angeles on May 1.

These employees got the support from wide range of people such as state senators, assembly members and city council members and many residents from out side of Los Angeles County.

Before the march began a rally was held where the band Maria Fatal gave a performance to the cheering crowd. Tom Morello of Audioslave and Ben Harper also played music to hype the crowd up.

Police officers were also in full force at this event.

"I expect things to be very peaceful and we also worked with the organization as well and they have been very coopera-

tive with us as well," Lt. Dennis Kato, of the LAPD, explained.

He also said that the arrestees were going to be taken to various jails in the surrounding areas and they would be fingerprinted, possibly be given a ticket and then be released.

The main reason why the police were there was to maintain the peace throughout this event. Just across the street of Century Boulevard were a few Minutemen counter protesting this event.


They weren't they only ones counter protesting this event. Employees of the Radisson Hotel were wearing green shirts with the saying "No se puede" meaning "No, it can't be done."

These employees stood on the outskirts of the Radisson property and refused to comment on why they were wearing the shirts.

Casasola and Rios-Hernandez were sitting in front of the Westin. As they were waiting for the cops to come, Rios-Hernandez expressed that she felt antsy. "We just want to do this already!" she said.

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Float Building this Week
Monday through Friday, under the visitors side of the stadium. Tues-Thurs: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday: 9 a.m. to Midnight. Everyone is Welcome!!!

Homecoming Game Saturday
At 7 p.m. vs Saddleback. Wear your blue and white and enjoy the homecoming game and half-time show. See you there!!!

Campus Clean-up:
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College: High school students get UC, CSU info

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technology and said that he hoped to talk to representatives from Cal Tech, Virginia Tech, or MIT.

"I've had an interest in computers for a while," he said, "and I would hope that one day I will be able to develop computer software."

Angel Hernandez, Downey High School senior, said that he was undecided on what to study after graduating, but he was interested in going to a Cal State University such as Cal State San Diego or Cal State University Pomona.

Cerritos College was also represented and among the 17 programs that were there were Cosmetology, Financial Aid, Scholar's Honor and Court Reporting.

Cerritos College President Dr. Noelia Vela said that she was pleased with what Cerritos College had to offer, as well as with the relationship Cerritos has with the surrounding high schools.

"The Cerritos College faculty has done a fantastic job in helping to promote what other colleges have to offer high school students," she said.

One of those hoping to recruit was the U.S. Army and Staff Sergeant Eric Quintanar wanted to help change the misconception of the Army.

"On average, the Army has 150 men and women who are either full-time or part-time," he commented, "and one of the first things that students ask us if they will be going to Iraq."

He said that wasn't what the Army does, but that there is information that the Army provides regarding jobs and also that 100 percent of the tuition is paid for when students come into the army.

Aid: Arnold blocks bill that would have gave aid to immigrant students

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ties."

Others feel that Schwarzenegger made a wrong decision in deciding against the proposed bill.

"I'm for the bill. If they're here already, then they should stay. People have come all this way for a better life. It's messed up to send them back," said Christian Okeke, broadcast journalism major.

"Whoever is seeking education should be allowed to do so. There are many American citizens who aren't going to school and not taking advantage of the financial aid," said Salvador Zavala, undecided major. "But there are people who want to come to school and want to get an education."

This isn't the first time that the DREAM act has been brought before Congress. Senators Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Richard Durbin (D-IL) proposed a similar bill in 2003.

In 2002, Schwarzenegger signed into law AB 540 which allowed undocumented students to apply for in-state residency status when applying for public colleges and universities.

Christina Bautista, nursing major, feels that California needs to give focus to another group of immigrants; international students.

"(International students) don't receive any type of financial aid at all. Before you come to the United States, you have to submit forms that say you can afford to pay for the education. The government assumes that they can pay, but some of them really struggle with the cost," she said.



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Surviving: Kimberly Dasilva pauses during a mid-afternoon stroll last Wednesday. She usually walks down 7th Street where the city is peppered with tents and used needles or as she calls it, "home." Dasilva was a Thousand Oaks resident and her second relapse to heroin addiction brought her to the streets of the infamous Skid Row district.

Poverty: Fixing the homeless problem

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cal level," Hall said. "Many American cities have local organizations that help low-income people. Students should look up organizations on the Internet and volunteer with them."

Some students agree with Hall and feel that even those who are not that fortunate themselves can do more.

How to help?

"As students, we may not have the economic means to help, so the next big thing is to give our time and eventually help out after we graduate in our career paths," Maria Zaragoza, history major, said.

She isn't alone in her belief in volunteerism.

"We can try not to waste as much food and try to (volunteer) to feed those in need," Diana Varela, psychology major, said. "Most of the community is uptight about poverty and the homeless so we need to change our way of thinking."

Yet, some students like Mane Fatu, law major, have different feelings about offering help to the

afflicted.

"We can't help them if they can't help themselves," Fatu said, "and if they don't let us help, there's nothing we can do."

Fatu does think that there is something to be done to help the situation on the Row.

"I think they should build a place for those on Skid Row to stay because they pollute the streets and ruin the neighborhood," she added.

On the other hand, Hana Fisher, undecided major, doesn't see poverty as much of a problem outside of Skid Row.

"I'm not worried about it that much in the U.S.," Fisher said.

The U.S. problem

But the poverty problem does extend beyond the neighborhood.

According to political pundit Keith Rosenthal, member of the International Socialist Organization in Boston, "Even in the U.S., the richest country on the planet, 38.2 million people (13.2 percent of the population) lived in families that were classified as 'food insecure' in 2004, and 20 percent of

children go hungry every day."

In fact it has been a problem in the U.S. for quite some time, according to Ted Stolze, social science instructor.

"There have always been 'skid rows,' post-depression," he said. "But they were not as much of a problem until the Reagan years. (Reagan) cut funding for mental health care."

Stolze also sees 1973 as, "the beginning of the slashing of the welfare state," as a big part of the problem.

"With the end of the Cold War there was a social movement to convince people that Capitalism is better than Communism. (At that point) you (had more) people blaming the poor- you're poor because you lazy."

Today, around the world, conditions are much worse. According to the United Nations, around 36 million people die every year of hunger and malnutrition- six million of those are children.

The world problem

"According to the UN World Food Program, more people died last year from hunger and malnutrition than from AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined," Rosenthal notes.

The UN estimates that \$13 billion would solve the most basic nutrition shortages around the world.

"This amount is equal to three percent of the U.S. military budget, or 10 percent of the net worth of the world's three richest families," Rosenthal adds.

But Stolze believes that the underlying problems will take

more than money to fix.

"A homeless person can't practice basic freedoms. Middle/upper class politicians inadequately represent the working/poor people."

The push for change

Stolze believes that it will take a political or social movement to truly solve the problems of the "skid rows" of the world.

As evidence of this, there are people who suffer hunger in their own countries where there are no food or economic shortages.

According to the UN, 78 percent of malnourished children under the age of five actually live in countries with food surpluses.

Whenever there are surpluses of food, that extra food has to be destroyed in order to keep profits high and the market going.

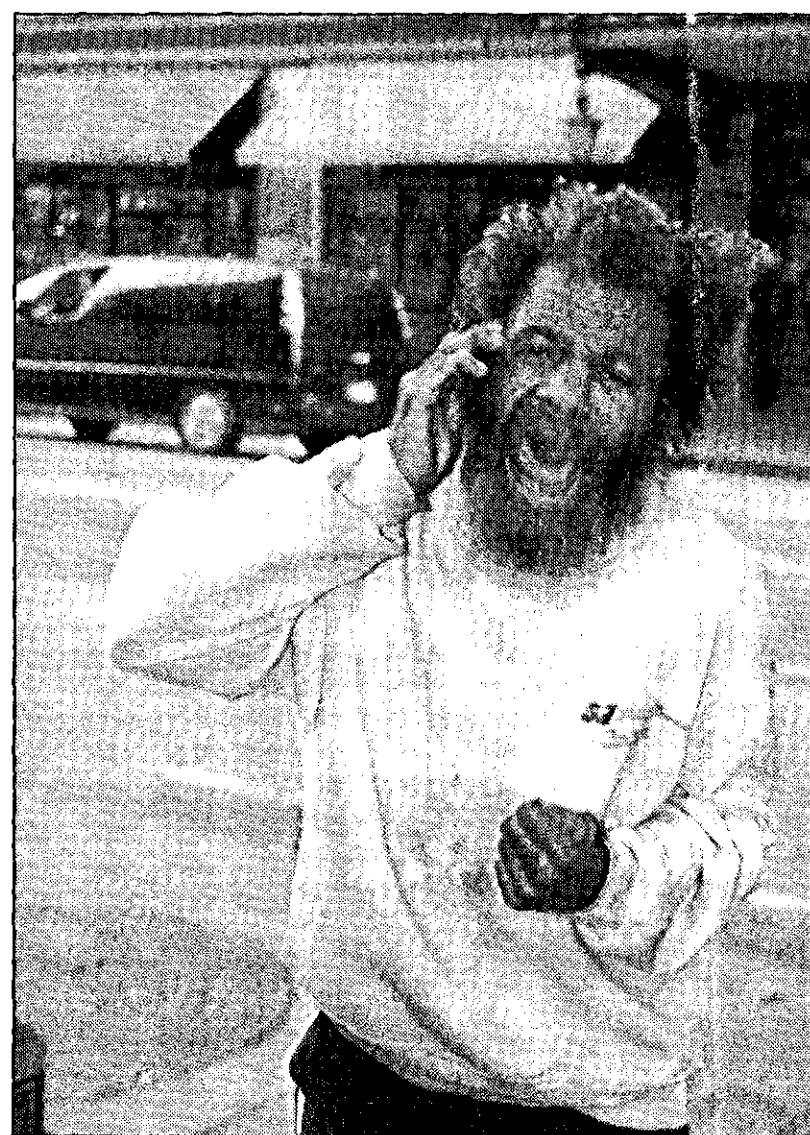
This apparently is also the norm in the U.S. even during times of hardship.

Rosenthal notes, "During the Great Depression in the U.S., the federal government bought up and stockpiled 257 million bushels of wheat in order to keep prices afloat."

"These days there is a growing gap between rich and poor," Stolze concludes.

"Corporations have been free loaders for a long time. More people are in debt. People have no health care. There is a lack of economic equality. There is a lack of freedom."

Tanya Bermudez, Jonathan Sanchez and Steven Martin contributed to this story



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Free show: A homeless man dances on Broadway Boulevard in Downtown LA



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Work: A homeless man works on bracelets that he sells in Downtown LA

Cabinet: Commissioner resigns for no apparent reason

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What or whom Sinkewicz was referring to however, remained unclear. Sinkewicz was appointed, as commissioner of vocational outreach at the mid-term of last year, said during is confirmation that his main concern was for student education and that he was excited to help out the ASCC Cabinet.

Members of the Cabinet however, reacted with shock and surprise as Sinkewicz quickly left the meeting after his announcement without any further comment.

Sinkewicz could not be reached for further comment as to why he left.

Both ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio and ASCC Vice President Alex Armendariz, were as surprised as anyone and were unaware that Sinkewicz was going to resign.

Immediately following the conclusion of the meeting, Cobarrubio attempted to contact Sinkewicz by phone to see if both of them could have a discussion as to why he unexpectedly decided not to continue as commissioner.

Afterward, Armendariz said he hoped to get to the bottom of why.

"(Joe and I) hope to sit down with him," Armendariz said, "and ask him what's up and why?"

He added that at this point, to him it is also unclear why someone, who has been a "great commissioner within his position," who would resign so abruptly.

Fair: Students from all over the world are greeted at Cerritos College

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ton.

"Overall it went really well. All of the representatives had positive things to say about our campus and students," said Brittany Lundeen, transfer center co-coordinator.

"We had between 300-500 students come through.

"There were so many it was hard to give the exact number."

She added, "We had some colleges that normally don't attend send representatives send some this time, such as UC Berkeley, Cal State Northridge and CSU Sacramento."

Students were able to speak with college representatives who told them information

about the requirements needed to transfer to their respective colleges.

"It's very convenient (for students).

"It was a way to gather all of the universities on campus, instead of having to travel to the college or to have to go to the Web site," said Ronald Suelo, criminal justice major.

Eddie Portillo, pre-med major, said, "It's cool that all of these colleges came out of their way to come speak to us. It shows that they care about students."

"I'm the first in my mother's side of the family to go to college of any kind."

"I want to go all out and finish at the highest level," he added.

According to www.cpec.ca.gov/ (California Postsecondary Education Commission), in the spring of 2005, 56 students transferred to UCI from Cerritos College, 51 to UCLA, 232 to CSU Fullerton, 281 to CSU Long Beach.



Senate views new website

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Members of the ASCC Senate got their first look at TalonNet with the help of reading instructor M.L. Bettino during the ASCC Senate meeting last Wednesday.

TalonNet is a course material program that can now be accessed through the Cerritos website and also helps students who are currently taking classes online.

He first introduced TalonNet last year to faculty during the program's pilot run where the faculty had the opportunity to familiarize itself with it.

The first phase of the program was in progress last spring and summer and Bettino hopes that every student who will be attending Cerritos will have full use of the program by fall 2007.

During the sample version of TalonNet, Bettino showed how the program worked.

"As students log on to it, they will be able to find course materials," he said, "and as well as the syllabus for the course or courses a student is taking."

He added that if a student runs into a problem or has a question about a particular homework assignment, that person will be able to receive help from the instructors or have questions answered by the instructor as well as a fellow classmates.

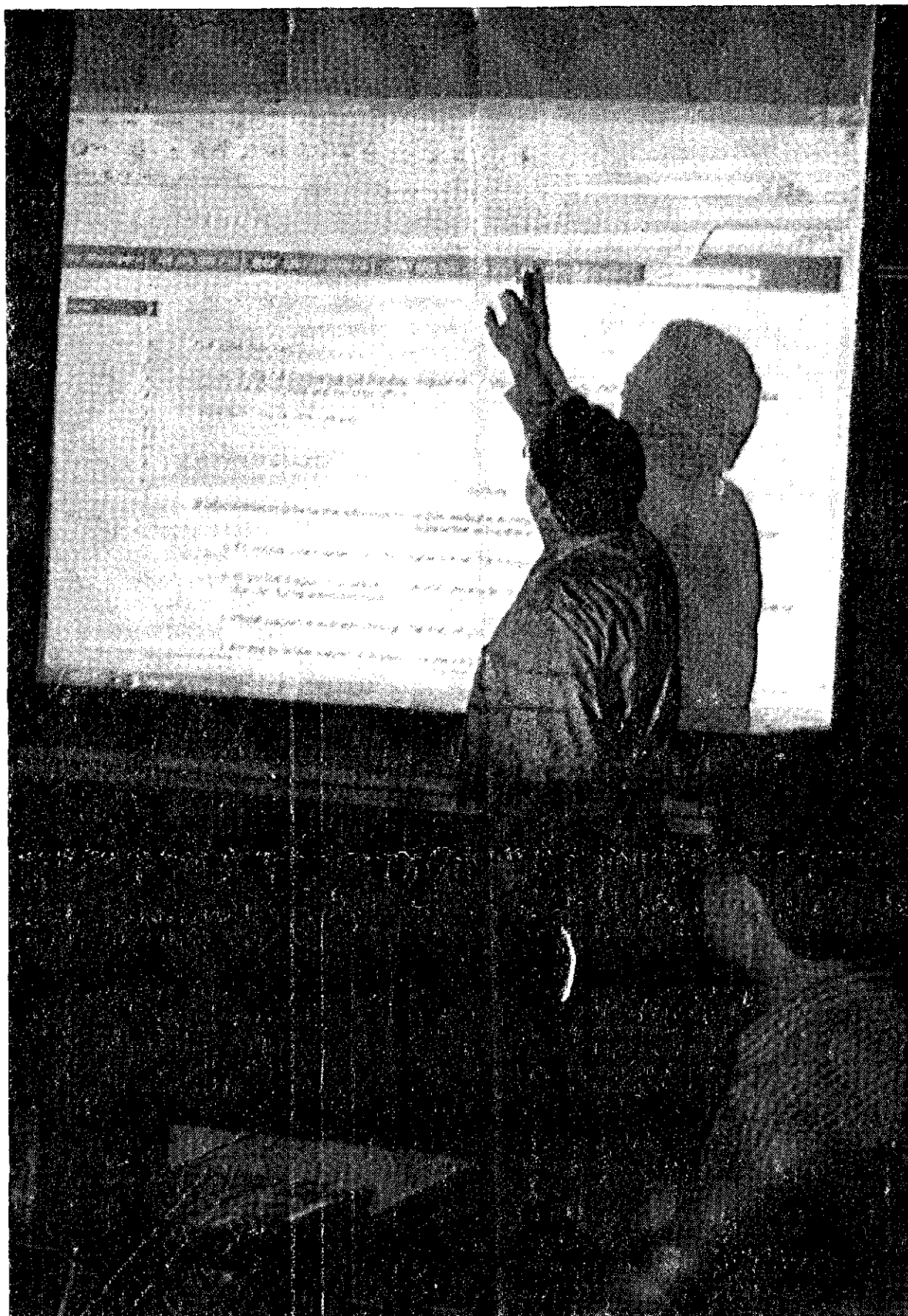
Most importantly for students however, is that through TalonNet students will now be able to see their final grades, not someone else's, because instructors are no longer permitted to post grades outside of classrooms.

After hearing about TalonNet, senators said that they were unaware that it was being used, but did have positive things to say about it.

Senator Jaime Sandoval said that he hoped students would take advantage of the program's service.

Senator Victor Nuñez explained that he is currently using the program for a business-managing course and said that using TalonNet has been beneficial for him and hopes it will be to other students as well.

One of the things he finds most helpful is that any questions he has about homework assignments will



Show and tell: M.L. Bettino, reading instructor shows ASCC cabinet members the front page of TalonNet, a site designed to help students.

be responded to as swift as possible and also accessing any particular assignment is easy "because everything I am looking for is there."

Afterward, the Senate turned its attention from matters of the campus wide Web to matters of the campus world.

Cobarrubio reminded Sena-

tors to sign-up to participate in the "Show Pride in Your Campus" event and hoped that they would promote and encourage students to show up during the time in which the Student Center and Social Science building's restrooms would be cleaned up.

Vice President Alex Arimendariz

agreed and added that he hopes that now that there is a phone number to contact on the flyers that students will take advantage of reporting restrooms that need attention.

Both hope that there will be a good turnout during the event to show that keeping the campus clean matters.

Earth friendly vehicles help replace old trucks

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Fuel efficiency has not typically been the calling card of pickup trucks and sport-utility vehicles (SUVs).

Small hybrid gasoline-electrics are all the rage now among commuters looking to save money at the pump, but similar technology has been slower to gain traction in the "light truck" category.

Carmakers have made strides in recent years, though, to meet growing demand for vehicles of all kinds that will sip and not gulp.

Currently, General Motors is the only carmaker offering hybrid pickups.

Hybrid versions of its Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra 4x4s have been available since 2005, and get about 18 miles per gallon (mpg)/city and 21/highway.

The non-hybrid versions get 15/19 mpg, but cost \$1,500 less.

GM claims that those paying the hybrid premium will get back that extra investment in fuel savings over three to five years.

Toyota reportedly has plans for

hybridizing its full-size pickup line, too.

The company recently unveiled its FTX concept truck, a large 4x4 hybrid pickup, hinting that technology developed for the project will likely end up in its current full-size Tundra pickup.

But no such models have hit showrooms yet, and Toyota remains mum about a release date.

Meanwhile, industry analysts have been picking up chatter about a hybrid version of Honda's popular Ridgeline pickup, but the company has yet to publicly announce plans.

Replacing an older truck with a newer model—especially a hybrid—will almost always guarantee better fuel economy, but it might not be the most environmentally sensitive way to go, all things considered.

Some experts would argue for keeping the old truck, and fixing and tuning it up, thus preventing another new vehicle from hitting the roads while an old one clogs up the junkyard.

Repairing an old vehicle is usually cheaper than buying a new one, though it is difficult to quantify the cost of ongoing maintenance hassles.

New program offers assistance for students

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UC Berkeley and Cerritos College have collaborated to help middle and low-income students who plan on transferring to the aforementioned university, Vice President of Student Services Stephen Johnson said at the Board of Trustees meeting last Wednesday.

Also, ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio informed the Board on the progress of the "Show Pride in Your Campus" event to be held on Oct. 19.

The recently formed Transfer Alliance Program will enable students who can't afford to go to college the opportunity to be helped with tuition fees as well as transportation and housing.

Johnson hopes that students who plan to transfer to UC Berkeley and those who need assistance will

take advantage of the program.

He added, "Students who apply will have an opportunity for one-on-one counseling with someone from Berkeley when a student transfers."

As the Oct. 19 date for the "Show Pride in Your Campus" Campaign approaches, Cobarrubio said that he hoped that the event will attract numerous students to help keep Cerritos' campus clean.

During the Senate meeting on Oct. 2, Cobarrubio displayed laminated flyers that will be posted in clean area restrooms that will provide a phone number where students can report a restroom that needs attention.

He commented that he hopes with the flyers students will be encouraged to show that they care about the campus and added that he hopes students will know that something is being done to help the campus stay clean.

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Cerritos opens SCC play winning

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Outside hitter Jennifer Espinoza led the team with six service aces and tallied 10 kills, helping the Falcons win the conference opener against the East Los Angeles Huskies in straight sets Wednesday.

"We (finally) played together (and) got through our mental errors," Espinoza said.

The convincing 30-10, 30-25, 30-13 win ended a six-game losing streak for the Cerritos volleyball team and improved its conference record to 1-1.

Terri Del Conte was thrilled that the team finally had a victory to celebrate and attributed the win to the team's patience.

"(The team and I) had more fun today," she said. "We settled down and waited for the other team to make a mistake."

The Falcons did not have to wait long for those mistakes to come from the Huskies.

After losing the first point of the first set, the Falcons took the next nine points, thanks to continuous errors by ELAC.

On the rare occasion that ELAC was able to keep the ball in play, it merely sent the ball softly back over the net to be killed by the Falcons.



STEVEN MARTIN/TM

Clean sweep: Cerritos midfielder/defender Eric Gonzales tries to steal the ball from an unidentified Mt. SAC player. The Falcons' 2-1 loss to the Mounties ends their 10-game winning streak. The team now has an overall record of 7-3-3 and 1-1-2 in conference games.

Soccer team falls to No. 2

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"We had two mental breakdowns," head coach Benny Artiaga said. "It was nothing special (Mt. SAC) did (but) that is all a team like that needs."

The first breakdown came as the first half was winding down.

The Mounties had a free kick in the Cerritos zone and the Falcons defense was not prepared, according to Artiaga.

In the 44th minute, forward Eduardo Escamilla took a pass off the free kick for Mt. SAC and crossed it

to the center of the box to midfielder Rigo Chavez who then passed it right to forward Nestor De La Cruz who drilled the ball, beating Cerritos goalkeeper Miguel Lopez.

After a goal by midfielder Jose Diaz, momentum had returned to the Falcons' side, at least until the 75th minute when Cerritos hammered the final nail into its own coffin.

After a controversial foul call on Cerritos just outside of its own box, the Falcon defenders were caught

with their pants down.

While Cerritos was disputing the call with the referee, the Mounties performed a quick restart and found a wide-open Hector Quevedo for the winning goal.

"We should have had them," forward Joshua Meyer said after the game. "Ranking does not matter in close games like this."

Meyer had to leave the game after he sprained his ankle in the 80th minute as he was trying to score on a breakaway.

Long Beach takes Cross-Town Cup

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The battle of all battles took place on the Cerritos College football field as the Falcons faced Long Beach Community College, Sept. 30, in the annual Cross-Town Cup match.

With both teams taking turns putting points on the board, the Falcons with eventually lose their edge and suffer a 38-25 defeat.

This is the third game that the Falcons have lost on its newly remodeled field this season leaving them with a 2-3 record overall for

the season.

The Falcons will open National Division play when they challenge Saddleback College in its annual Homecoming Game, Saturday at 7 p.m. on its home turf.

In the first half, the Falcons played aggressive offensively, scoring first.

The Vikings answered quickly scoring twice, clinching a 14-7 lead over the Falcons.

The Vikings scored twice in the beginning of the second half, tying the game at a 28-28 tie.

In the end, the Falcons went on to lose their fight against the Vikings.

Falcons face tough battle in SCC

The Falcon soccer team is off to a hot start this season. Its 7-2-2 (1-0-1 conference) record has earned it a No. 2 ranking in the South Coast Conference and a No. 9 ranking in the state according to the California Community College Soccer News.

Forward Joshua Meyer has been a house of fire with seven goals and nine assists in nine games.

However, are the Falcons really contenders in the very tough South Coast Conference?

Last season, the Falcons also got off to a hot 7-3-1 start, but cooled off during conference play and finished the regular season with a respectable 12-7-5 record.

They made the playoffs but were bounced out in the first round by the superior Roadrunners from Rio Hondo College.



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The Roadrunners finished with a No. 7 national ranking among community colleges.

A key component that the Falcons lacked last season was a goal scorer that the opposing team had to respect. Cerritos' leading scorer last season had seven goals in 25 games last season.

Meyer already has that with two-thirds of the season left to play. He fills that role for this team.

The attention he brings to himself on the pitch provides more open space for his teammates to work with.

Falcon places first in tourney

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Brandon Doran, 5' 11" and 245 pounds, of Cerritos College placed first in the 285-pound weight class in Sept. 30's wrestling tournament in the Cerritos gym, but he wasn't the only one to take down a victory.

Six Falcons claimed victory that day. The others were:

- Chip Baker, 5' 11" and 285 pounds, placed 3rd in the 285-pound weight class.
- Gene Choi, 5' 8" and 185 pounds, placed 1st in the 174-pound weight class.
- Jack Porter, 5' 11" and 180 pounds, placed 1st in the 165-pound weight class.
- Carlos Alaniz, 5' 5" and 135 pounds, placed 4th in the 141-pound weight class.
- Jason Carillo, 5' 6" and 135 pounds, placed 3rd in the 133-pound weight class.

The Falcons put up a good challenge in every match, but fell short of getting the points they needed to win the event.

They made their opponents earn their points.

Cerritos had many victors that day, but some weren't able to take any wins that day.

Those who didn't get any wins learned from their losses and are now able to set some goals on what they can improve on.

"(I could improve on) my conditioning," says Mike Torres, 149 pounds, "(I need to work on) not getting tired during my matches and being able to last the full seven minutes."

Cerritos, Santa Ana, East Los Angeles, Moore Park, Mt. San Antonio, Victor Valley, and Rio Hondo were all in attendance.

This season, SCC play began on Sept. 25 for the Falcons against No. 11 East Los Angeles College on the road. The team stepped it up and won 2-0.

It followed that game up with a 0-0 draw at home against a much weaker Compton team.

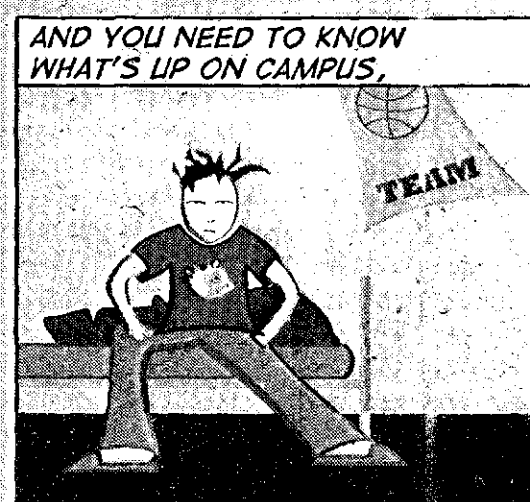
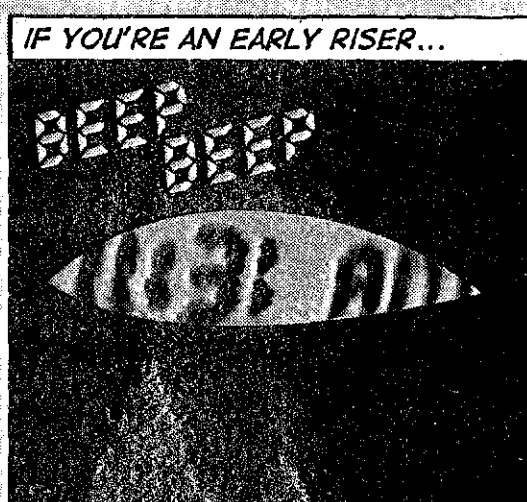
This was a repetition of a couple of weeks prior, when the Falcons beat a great Rio Hondo team on the road, only to come back home and draw a weak Oxnard team 0-0.

If the Falcons want to be considered a team to be reckoned with in the SCC, they cannot afford to give away points at home to weaker teams.

Cerritos has squandered a golden opportunity to be 2-0 in conference and on the top of the hill of the SCC.

Instead, it is trailing Long Beach City College (2-0 conference, 7-0-2 overall) by two points and has both Mt. SAC (1-1-0, 10-1-1) and El Camino College (1-0-0, 9-2-0) nipping at its heels.

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Dare to be politics free

Maybe we've been going about it the wrong way. The future of this country, which is the children, should rely on an entirely new "Just Say No" campaign: "Just Say No to Politicians!"

With elections right around the corner, Republicans and Democrats have proven to a new extent that the only thing more rotten than spinach is the current political machine.

It seems like everywhere you look, you kind of hope Popeye will come and kick a little ass.

But this is reality and voting for Robin Williams isn't an option.

In fact, there aren't any real options in a country that sponsors torture, manifest destiny and mudslinging.

Elections are Nov. 7 and from here to there the public will be filled with commercials that are supposed to be compelling arguments, but have turned into propaganda that intends to swindle the potential voter.

Here's a thought, maybe television commercials aren't the best source for information.

No one is saying that you shouldn't care. You should definitely care. In fact, as a College student you should represent the youth and defiantly rage against such wrongs as dishonest leaders.

No one is saying you shouldn't vote either.

Vote! By all means, vote. But vote the issues not the crap.

There is plenty of untainted information out there and it's up to you to get informed. Some mostly unbiased sources are:

- vote-smart.org
- azpolicy.org
- luvv.org

Let's face it, education is an interactive process. You shouldn't wait for it to come to you. The recent mid-term campaigns have featured petty and catty offenses between candidates.

Even President Bush has so stooped so low as to mimic the actions of Venezuelan President Hugo

Chavez.

Chavez has childishly called Bush the devil and made several other slanderous remarks, only to be followed by Bush calling Democrats cowards and saying that they basically side with the terrorists.

Seemingly neither men can help extreme exaggeration.

However, if you lacked the will to do the research and find that most anti-terror legislation has had wide bipartisan support and that Bush isn't charming enough to rule Hades, you might have been misinformed.

After all, misinformation has replaced ethics as the standard course all leaders should take.

California is no different.

Commercials for Propositions 86 and 87 have battled it out to be the most confusing pieces of misinformation since President Nixon told the nation that breaking the law isn't what crooks do.

The governor's race is no Honest-Abe race either.

Democratic nominee Phil Angelides' camp is painting incumbent Arnold Schwarzenegger like he is President Bush, but we all know Arnold is to big of a flip-flopper to be a Bush Republican.

After all, if the Democrats were going after all the people who supported Bush's reelection, then they would probably wipe San Diego off the map.

Schwarzenegger, no stranger to battles for the future, has gone a step further by plagiarizing Angelides' old nemesis Steve Westly. The governor is using clips of the negative campaign adds, that were used during the Democratic Primaries to lampoon Angelides, in his bid to win votes.

It's clear the politicians need to change the way they try and reach the public before the country's education becomes more infantile than baby Sweet Pea.

It's even more clear that as the mudslinging continues it is up to the voters to research the candidates and proposed legislation and vote on the issues not the commercials.



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Respect means same to you and me

People today mistreat everyone else and still command respect



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People today either have serious social issues or they were never taught a little thing called respect.

What happened to the universal idea where even when you met a stranger you showed respect, because that was the courteous thing to do?

Nowadays, disrespect has become part of peoples' personality traits.

It used to be taught that one should always respect their elders, but even that has disintegrated from the social priority.

And it goes both ways.

It can be especially irritating when an elder treats you a certain way just because he believes that his position in society has earned him a re-

spect-free card.

News flash: students, teachers, employees, even a kindergarten has earned respect and should never have to deal with anything less than that.

You may not see it in your daily routine, you may not even care, but the problem is there and one day you will experience it and you will feel unjustly treated.

And you will complain and call that person names, but that's just karma for you.

Maybe it's in the water we're drinking or maybe it's what we are learning from television, or worse ourselves, but people need to seriously consider their behavior skills.

It can be especially irritating when an elder treats you a certain way just because he believes that his position has earned him a respect-free card.

It's as simple as not yelling at someone for no reason, or not ignoring the cashier when making a purchase, or even not making a judgment of someone based on past experiences with other people.

Really though, it's a simple as treating someone as you would like to be treated. It's not called the golden rule for nothing folks.

So when will this issue cease to be a problem? Apparently it takes more than a song to get people to understand the meaning of respect, just don't tell that to Aretha Franklin.

And people, if all you ever do is disrespect other people and their ideas and pretty much anything else, you can't expect anything more than just a slap in the face right back.

Seeing how being respectful can be a challenge in itself, maybe you could start with some apologies. If things work out for the best, maybe we can save the next generation from despair and teach our children a little better social etiquette.

Maybe then people will finally learn to respect each other and teachings of leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. will no longer be a dream.

As for those of you that just don't care enough about common courtesy to treat people with respect that they deserve, maybe some time off will work in your favor. God knows you'd be doing the rest of society one.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK HOMERUN LEGISLATION MAY FALL SHORT OF FENCES

JOHN CORNYN

Sen. John Cornyn (R-Tex.) commented on the barriers to constructing a fence across the Mexican-American border. As soon as Congress authorizes construction of the 700-mile fence lawmakers rushed to approve separate legislation that ensures it may never be built as advertised.

"It's one thing to authorize. It's another thing to actually appropriate the money and do it." - Cornyn

Judd Gregg (R-N.H.), who chairs the Senate subcommittee that funds the Department of Homeland Security says at least 300 to 400 miles will be built.

"I think there will be fencing where the Department feels that it makes sense." - Gregg

WHAT CAN STUDENTS DO TO HELP THOSE STRICKEN BY POVERTY?

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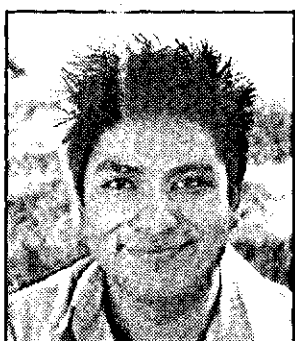
"People should volunteer more and be more active in their community and help out those in need."



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"Just educate people more on the current situation because people don't know what others in third world countries do and their situations."



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"By being more knowledgeable about situations in both our country and third world countries, we could use our leaders or just become leaders in our school to help address the problem."



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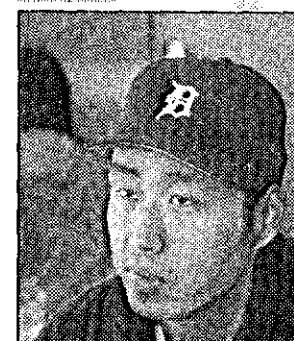
"Provide a shelter for them with plenty of food and supplies."



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"As students, we have to do something about the distribution of wealth and maintain the equality."



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"Give back to your community when you graduate."

Religion way too violent

Radicals on both sides of the issue bring dogma into question



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It seems that with every passing day, the religion issue keeps getting tenser by the minute.

From the Pope's insensitive remarks regarding the Prophet Muhammad to the Islamic radical's violent response, one wonders why religion even exists.

Both Catholics and Muslims preach peace, understanding and compassion.

But in reality, the radicals from both religions have altered the meaning and course their faiths were supposed to take.

The Pope insinuated that the Prophet Muhammad wanted to spread Islam by the sword, basing his opinion on some old Muslims scholars' text.

It seems that the Pope has some selective historical references, since Catholics, also sometimes linked with Christians, of the past do not have a very nice record.

Someone with so much education as himself must have surely read something about the Crusades.

From the 1100s to the 1300s,

the Church's hierarchy waged a war against the Muslim nations in order to recapture the holy land, present-day Israel.

During this era, the Pope and fellow priests, urged every believer in Christ to wage war against the non-believers.

Paradise and instant redemption was allegedly promised to any Christian who took up arms against the infidels.

Does any of this sound familiar?

To make matters even worse, this whole war was for land and economic advantages.

This hypocrisy goes beyond belief; it seems that Christ held and taught a particular set of thoughts yet died for the complete opposite.

He always sided with the landless poor and had no dreams of material wealth.

Does the Pope alone reserve the moral high ground to criticize any religion for "spreading religion by the sword?"

To do so is to completely ignore what the European Christians did

to the Americas.

One has to only read the tragic story of the Peruvian Inca, Tupac Amaru, to see to what extents Christians so humanely spread their religion.

Amaru fought bravely against the Spanish for the preservation on his Incan culture, but was eventually captured and beheaded for not converting to Christianity.

The list of such events goes on, but there is only so much space to work with here.

In present times one would think our political and religious leaders would learn from past mistakes, but that seems to be too wishful.

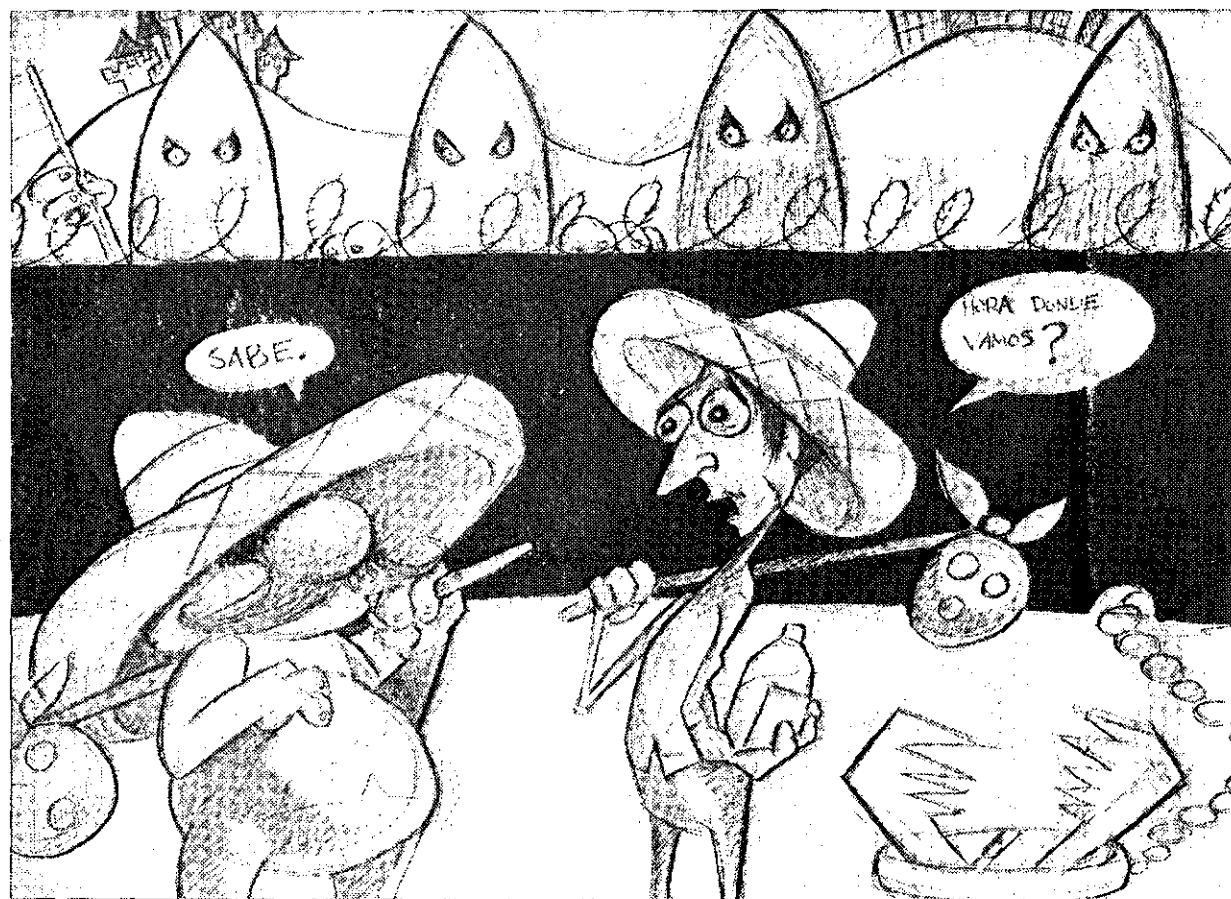
Instead of open dialogue and understanding each others differences, we send in "smart" bombs into foreign lands.

They in return use "human" bombs in defense, since they do not have the millions of dollars or the sophisticated technology to build such weaponry to the likes of the United States.

Instead of pointing out each others faults, we need to build on our strengths.

Every religion aims for the common good.

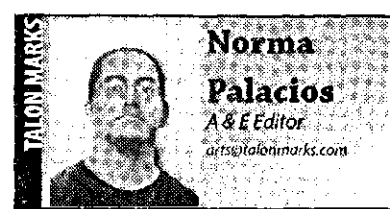
But then again, with our current political and religious leaders, that also seems like wishful thinking.



AXEL NEVAREZ

It's hard out here for a student

New requirements for AA will take a toll on college students' pockets



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Beginning the fall of 2009, students will have to take an extra English and math class to option an Associate of Arts degree at a California community college and that can only mean one thing- more money out of your pocket.

As a student I don't like this at all.

Don't the community colleges get enough money already?

It's bad enough to being paying \$26 per unit, and depending on the total units, paying what seems like \$300 for classes, and now colleges will be raising the graduation requirement for an AA degree.

What's next, a charge for using computers?

The recommendations to change of regulation are:

- Students will be required to

obtain a satisfactory grade in an English 1A or another English course at the same level.

- Students will be required to obtain a satisfactory grade in a math course at a level of intermediate algebra instead of elementary algebra.

The reason behind this is President Bush's statements that high schools are not performing well in math and English.

Now, it seems that he is concerned with college students who are not performing well too.

That's funny considering that our esteemed president doesn't have one ounce of concern about poverty, the economy or global warming, all issues that directly effect the future of this country and its students.

Memo to Bush: Talk all you want

about the concern you have for education, but what have you done for us lately?

Students should be more concerned about how light their pockets will be as those who will attend college in 2009 will have to be.

I know I am.

It's all about the money to pay for those classes. Did the Board of Governors think about that? No!

Those who are on the Board of Governors probably thought, "Well, those students who want a degrees, well, lets just make it harder and pocket the money."

Math and English are hard.

Math, for most students, is a subject they dread and I admit I am one of them but no matter how hard you try, it is difficult to understand and actually "get it."

Likewise, with English, writing a research paper isn't for everyone and it can be overwhelming.

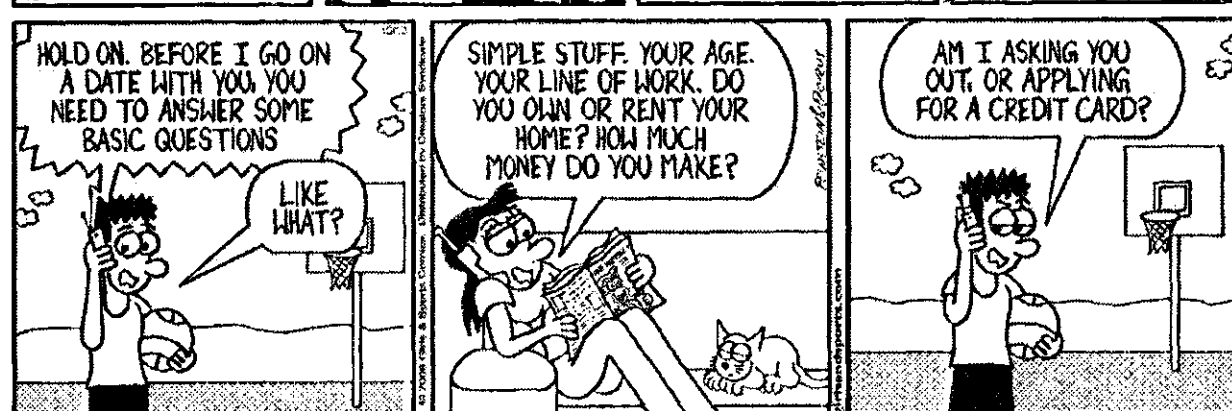
But again, it all leads back to the money that is hard earned, the colleges are making themselves rich and the students are the ones who are poor.

Two Dudes

by Aaron Warner



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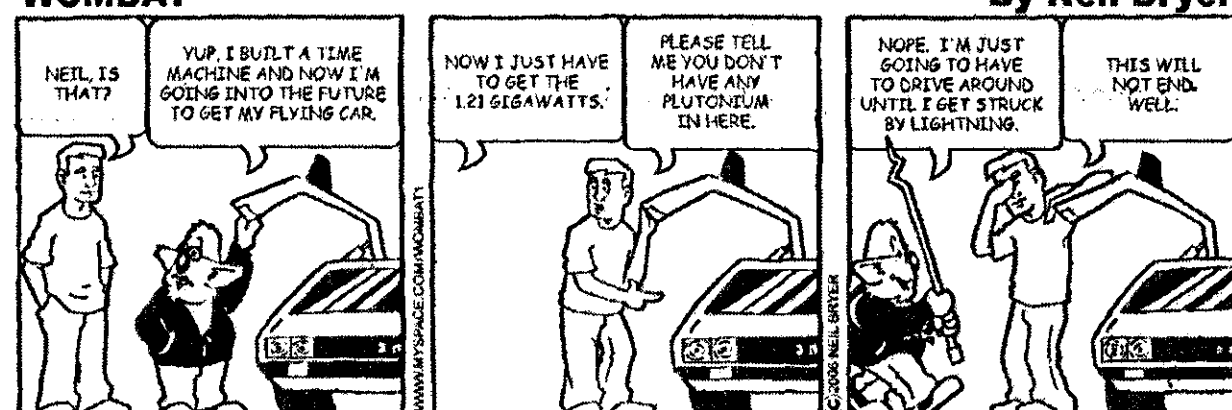
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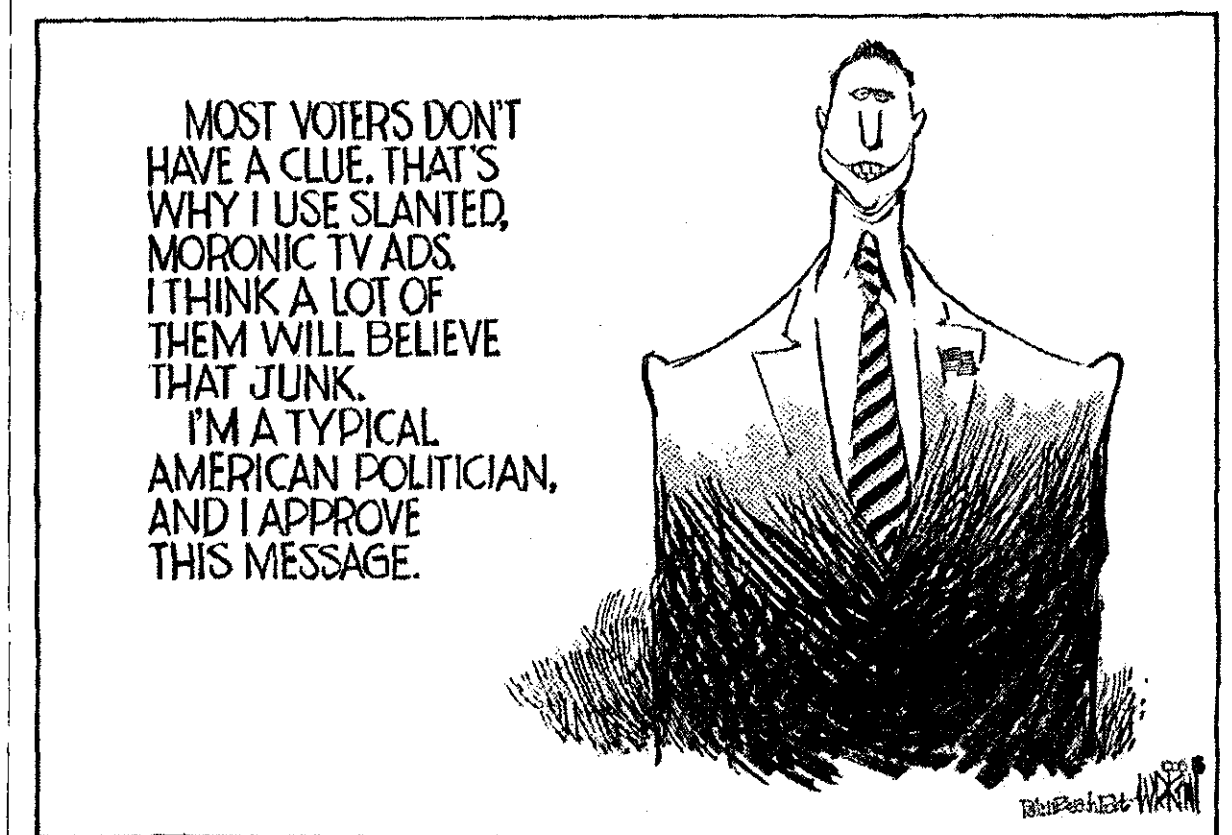
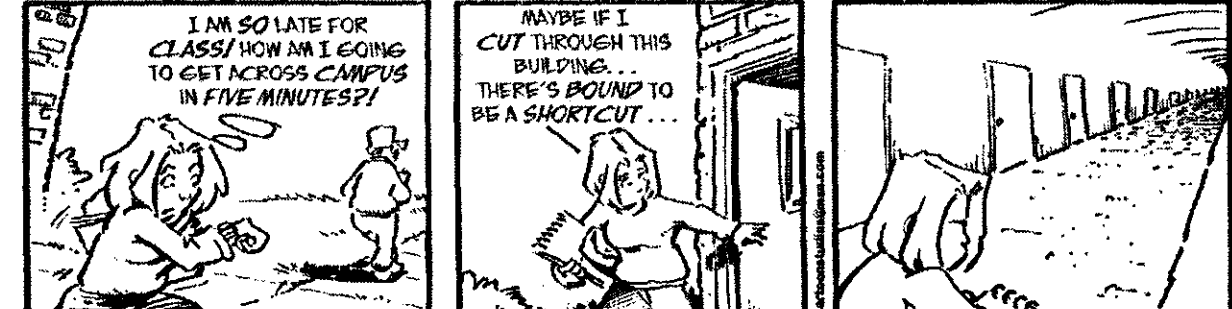


Two Wops



A College Girl Named Joe

by Aaron Warner



Opinions are like excuses...
But we still want to hear yours

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IT'S NOT ABOUT PLATY

Letter to the Editor
I am writing to you because I am a student at a central college in Northern California and I am very disappointed in the way you have handled the situation with the student who was caught cheating on a test. I am sure that you will do the right thing and that you will not let this student off with a warning. I am sure that you will do the right thing and that you will not let this student off with a warning.

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Sword in hand, 'Hamlet' takes center stage

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Two and a half months worth of rehearsals will take center stage as the Theater Department presents William Shakespeare's "Hamlet" opening on Oct. 20 and Tom Stoppard's "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern" opening Oct. 27.

"Hamlet" tells the story of the prince of Denmark, who retaliates for the murder of his father by his uncle and Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are two characters that are watching Prince Hamlet and just trying to find their roles in life.

John Zamora, theater arts instructor, says that one of the reasons why he decided upon directing "Hamlet" was because it was one of his favorite plays growing up.

Of the 27 roles that are featured throughout the play, each of the students who is playing the roles adds a unique flavor to his respective character roles, Zamora says.

"Most of the cast has taken classes with me numerous times," he adds, "so (each student) brings (some of that) experience with them."

Tony Bartolone, a minor in theatre arts, who plays The Player, said his character is a cross between actors Robin Williams and Jim Carrey because he is a con artist.

Hamlet, is a young man when he finds out his father is murdered so the play's emotion may be difficult to grasp at first for some actors.

Zamora says that this is why "the play is rehearsed in block so that the students will get a general idea of what kind of emotion is being presented.

Gilbert Martinez, theater arts major

who plays Hamlet, agrees that he does have a lot of emotional characteristics, but there is also something else.

"There's a lot of layers to Hamlet," he emphasizes, "because not only is what he feels about the murder of his father important, (Hamlet) is also very intelligent (so much so) that I could write an entire paper on him."

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern also play a crucial role in "Hamlet" as two of his close friends who eventually betray him.

Maria Lopez, theater arts major, plays Rosencrantz, "who is not very smart," as she says, "because he just follows the rules."

Lopez says that she and her twin sister Barbara, who plays Guildenstern, don't have many lines in "Hamlet."

However, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern's director Kevin Hoggard says that both roles are brought into focus within the play he directs.

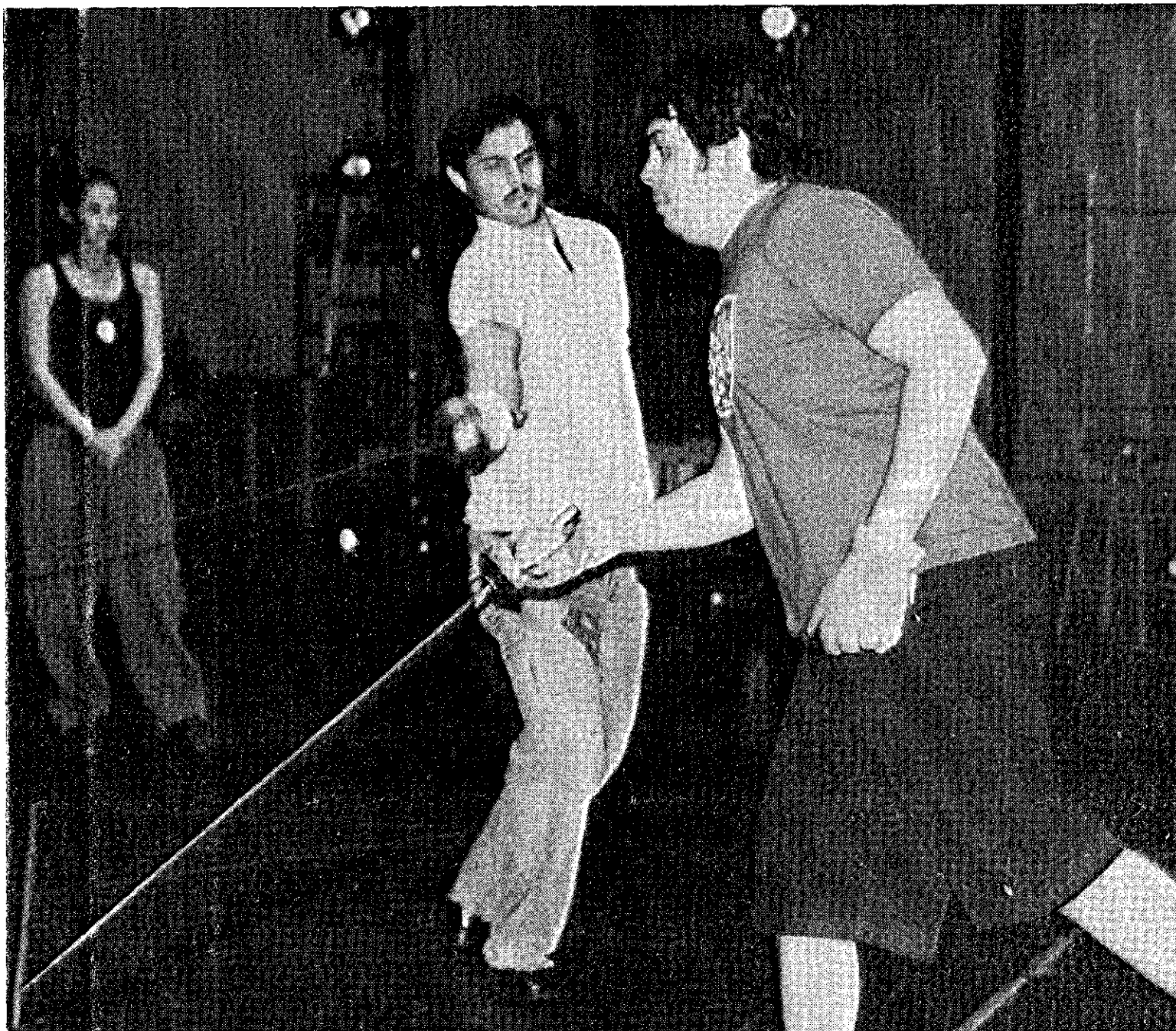
The primary reason why Hoggard wanted to direct Stoppard's play is because of the twin sisters, "because originally the roles of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern were written for men."

The hope that Zamora has is that those who come and see "Hamlet" is that they will end up having an appreciation for Shakespeare.

However, for Hoggard there is another element to "Hamlet" himself, besides Shakespeare's pen.

"He was an actor and when he wrote, he put himself as the actor in those plays, such as 'Hamlet'."

"Hamlet" runs through Nov. 4 and "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern" runs through Nov. 5.



On Guard: Tye Justis (left) film and theatre major, who plays Laertes and Gilbert Martinez (right), theatre arts major, who plays Hamlet practice a fight scene. Two and a half months of rehearsals will be spotlighted when William Shakespeare's "Hamlet" opening Oct. 20 and Tom Stoppard's "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" opening Oct. 27 will be performed at the Burnight Theatre. Justis and Martinez along with 25 other cast members who perform in both plays as theatre instructor and "Hamlet" director John Zamora commented, "I would hope that the audience will be excited about Shakespeare in the end."

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ABC's 'Betty' not that ugly after all

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"Ugly Betty" is the latest addition to ABC's fall lineup. However, what is unique about this show is what also makes it very good.

The show is a re-make of a Colombian show about an ugly young woman, who happens to be intelligent, that is thrown into the world of high fashion magazines.

Silvio Horta is "Ugly Betty's" writer and executive producer, along with Ben Silverman, Salma Hayek and Jose Tamez.

The original version, created by Fernando Gaitanacuten, is in Spanish and called "Betty La Fea." There is also a Mexican remake of the show called "La Fea Maacut's Bella," which currently airs on Univision.

ABC's edition is the first version of the show in English, but they give it a unique touch of the Spanish language making it sometimes Spanglish.

It's very similar to the other two versions, but this one is more heartwarming. Betty Suarez (America Ferrera) is innocent and just graduated from college, her dream is to work for an important magazine, and this is when the whole story starts unraveling and as the viewer you unravel with her.

She goes through a lot of difficulties with her boss Daniel Mead (Eric Mabius), the young son of the

owner. In the show the Daniel character is known for having sexual affairs with his female colleagues, especially his assistants.

Betty of course is unattractive so there is no chance that her boss would seduce her to bed. There was some scenes where Betty had to use some wardrobe for some photo shots because they needed a model so Daniel asked her to do it.

Daniel's only reason for using Betty as the model was so she could quit right there on the spot. It was very sad to see Betty surrounded by models and having all of them laugh at her because she made a fool of herself.

It's really easy to get lost in the Betty character because she is so easy to relate to.

"Ugly Betty" is going to be another hit because it's a very original concept to the English speaking audience. There isn't another show on the market that can be compared to "Ugly Betty."

The show had a great debut, as it was the most watched new show of the season according to Nielsen Media Research.

Ferrera gives new life to Betty in the English version.

There isn't another show on the market that can be compared to "Ugly Betty." Remember to watching Ugly Betty every Thursday at 8 p.m. on ABC.



Mock Rally: Chris Lloyd, (left) business major, cozies up to DJ Ray Martinez during the Mock Rally last Thursday at the Student Center. Lloyd who mocked candidate No. 3 Jasmine Gonzalez had no problem revealing his feminine side.

Lloyd shows his femininity

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In honor of the upcoming Homecoming ceremonies, seven men of Cerritos College explored the feminine side of life at the mock rally on Thursday in the Student Center.

The men dolled up in women's clothing, undergoing temporary transformation into female-like people to represent the seven Homecoming queen hopefuls.

Winner Chris Lloyd, business major, represented candidate No. 3, Jasmine Gonzalez, history major.

Mark Topp, business administration major, said, "He imitated her better than she did!"

Lloyd commented on the trials of taking on a female persona for a brief period by saying, "Heels suck!"

However, he attributed his winning to his salsa dance instructor, who taught him to walk the walk in heels.

"She taught me everything I know," he said.

The event, according to Trudy Foster, intermediate typist clerk for student activities, was to promote the ASCC.

It was also an opportunity for students to see the Homecoming hopefuls in a completely ad-libbed show and for the seven men it was an opportunity to step out of their comfort zone into a carnivalesque environment.

Judges watched the mockers strut their stuff down the runway, before the men broke out in dance.

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Susie Payne, budget manager and one of the judges, said that the judging is based on who tried to look and act most like a woman, and answered the Miss America-like questions most like a woman would.

The hopeful mockers won the approval of the audience as they paraded to the sound of cheers and applause.

The rally was an interesting experience for all involved, both audience and participants.

Desiree Tanner, court reporting major, said, "I thought it was great, and a little risqué."

Many of the students came out to support their friends.

Roy Gonzalez, geography major, came out to watch one of his peers, Walced Nueirat. He said "it was cool, fun, and exciting."

Nueirat, English major, found that parading around as a female was not as easy as it sounded.

In taking on the persona of Janet Uribe, candidate No. 5, he said, "I almost stopped breathing at one point. (When it was time to walk on stage), I was like, 'I can't do this.' It was freaky!" he said.

Yet, mocker Jose Serrato, fashion design major, found the experience helped him get in touch with his feminine side.

Serrato depicted candidate No. 2, Lindsey Cox. "It was funny," he said. "But I'm used to making a fool of myself."

Lloyd said that while it was fun to parade around in front of an audience, it was not fun enough to encourage a lifestyle change.

Ray Martinez, emceed said, "(I) don't know what's going to happen."

Then and Now



Original Betty: Ana Maria Orozco as "Betty La Fea," which aired regularly on Colombian television.



New Betty: America Ferrera as "Ugly Betty," which now airs every Thursday on ABC.

Mariah shakes it off for fans at sold-out Staples Center

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With her eight-octave voice, Mariah Carey performed some of her biggest hits last Friday night at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

The Emancipation of Mimi Tour finally made its way to the LA area. It was a show worth every cent.

The introduction was a monologue speaking about how her life has been a rollercoaster and how life in general has its share of ups and downs and we can't avoid them.

Carey started the show with her first hit "It's Like That" which is off her latest album The Emancipation

of Mimi. She only sang her singles from that particular album, which was good because it gave her time to sing some of her older songs.

She sang hits like "Vision of Love," "Hero" and "Don't Forget About Us."

She also had some of her friends stop by and help her sing a few songs. Rapper Da Brat came out and sang her verse in the remix of "Heartbreaker" and DJ Clue who she also collaborates with frequently but he kept the audience going in between Carey's wardrobe changes.

Another song she sang was "I'll Be There" and Trey Lorenz came out to sing with her.

You can tell Carey really cares about her fans and showed it because she knows her fans have their own personal favorite songs and so a segment of her show she sang snippets of various hits like "Thank God I Found You" and "Always Be My Baby" and "One Sweet Day."

She also interacted with fans. Carey first asked a fan she was having and the fan is having a boy so Carey suggested Roy, which is the name of her late father, Trey referring to her friend Trey Lorenz, and the last name she suggested was Carey. Carey sang for about two hours and she closed with her No. 1 hit "We Belong Together."

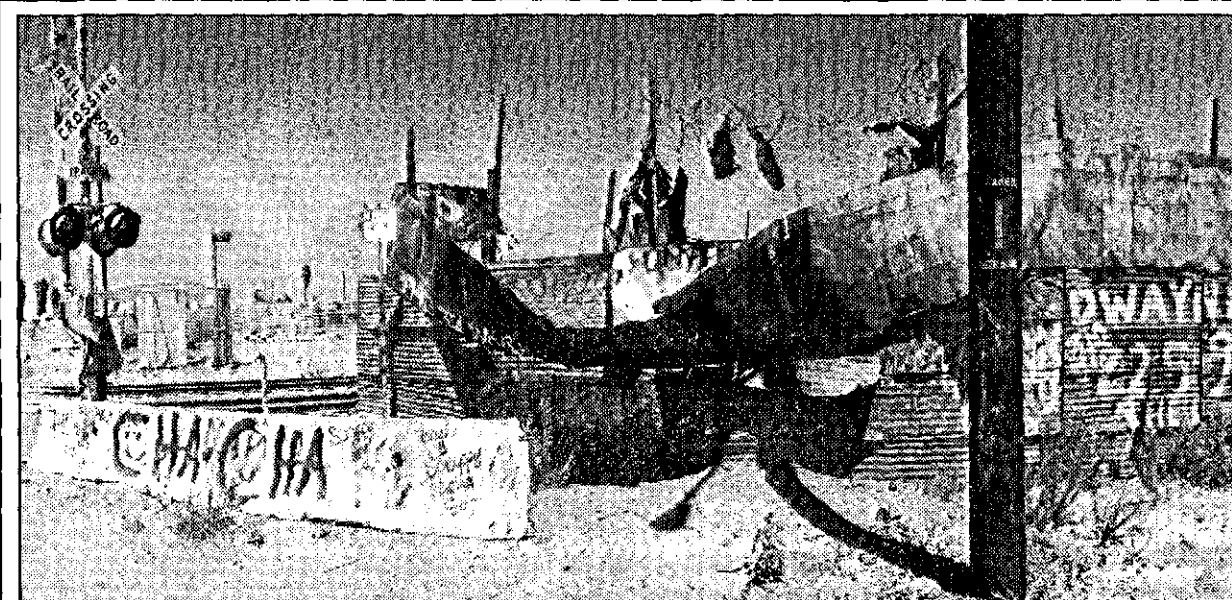


Photo Exhibit: Territories 3 is one of the photos in Patrick "Pato" Herbert's Photo Works exhibit on display in the art gallery until Nov. 2.

Artist's panoramic view of LA is displayed through photos

Art Gallery opens with new photo exhibit by Patrick Herbert

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The artistic works of photographer Patrick "Pato" Herbert, were on display at the Cerritos College Art Gallery last Thursday evening during the gallery's opening reception.

The artist's work manages to capture the images and intricacies of everyday life in LA, and the possibilities of what life can be.

Amber O'Donnell, court reporting major, said, "I think it's great, and very interesting. I don't know art, but it looks neat."

The showing of his four series of work began on Oct. 2, and will run through Nov. 2.

Joseph Cervantes, gallery assistant, said that since the opening of the gallery on Oct. 2, a lot of people have wandered in, including instructors with their students, couples, and other students.

The display ranges from photographic works in lenticular, panoramic, and experimental photography.

The Gallery is open Monday-Thursday 11-4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 6-9 p.m.

The artist will lead a walk-through on Oct. 18, from 4-5:30, to talk about each individual piece of artwork.

During the reception, people milled around outdoors, partaking in dinner before making their way indoors to feast their eyes on the surrounding images.

Judy Del Real, undecided major, found the lenticular artwork to be particularly incredible.

Lenticular artwork is made up of several photographs interlaced together and placed under a ser-

rated lens, to produce an effect of change.

When approached from different angles, the lens separates the jumbled photography to reveal single, yet changing pictures.

"I think it's really neat. It's like seeing double, but then you move and you see the other picture," she said.

The series of the panoramic look at LA extends from the streets to the freeways, portraying life in LA in a dizzying way, according to Del Real.

"I like the way everything is curved," she said.

While many of his photos spoke for themselves, others were left open to the interpretation of the viewer.

Cervantes had said that the series of experimental photography explored the spiritual nature of humanity.

Colleen Ellis, court reporting major, commented on his photo entitled "Cease-fire." "It's very powerful."

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Who will be queen?



1. Erica Rhodes
Court Reporting

2. Lindsay Marcia Cox
Pep Squad

3. Jasmin Gonzales
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4. Joann Janchol
Karbarkada

5. Janet Vribe
Puente

6. Jessica Figueroa
Cosmetology

7. Jeanine Rodriguez
Independent

The Homecoming Court was elected by Cerritos College students Sept. 28 and Sept. 29. After a two-week campaign the seven face the ballets once more this Wednesday and Thursday. The queen will be crowned at the Homecoming football game against Saddleback at halftime this Saturday.

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Homecoming queen tradition lives on

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future Cerritos alumni.

"Homecoming is just for fun. It's not just a popularity contest," Priscilla Gonzales, journalism major, said.

"If you do it it's just for fun. It's just a memory."

Dean Ackland, coordinator of student activities, said that this year's nominee list has been one of the largest Cerritos College has had in the span of the 50-year tradition.

"I'm very excited about the elections but there's a lot of competition," stated Princess Jasmin Gonzalez, ISA, before being elected to the Court.

With a surprising nomination count of 28 candidates, only seven made it to homecoming court and only one will be crowned queen at Saturday's football game half-time show.

Last year's winner, Victoria Aquino, will be there to crown the newly elected queen. The half-time festivities will also feature floats built by the school's various clubs.

Each float is supposed to capture a part of the theme. "We're doing it for the sake of competition," said Rosa Vela, business major, who is working on float based on Tim Burton's hit film "Edward Scissor Hands."

"It takes good ideas and getting actual laborers," she added.

To some students, events like Homecoming may seem very high school, but to the seven lucky ladies, this may be an opportunity to reach a new level.

"For me personally, I left that back in high school," Monique Napier, psychology major, said.

"(Although), it's good for some women. I know some use it as a stepping-stone for the Miss California competition."

A list of homecoming events can be found at www.talonmarks.com.

As this year's seven contestants prepare for homecoming elections, the usual round of Homecoming events have begun.

Homecoming queen elections, which will be held Wednesday and Thursday, will determine who will be Cerritos' 2006 Homecoming Queen.

The tradition of Homecoming has its roots deep in Americana history. According to the University of Illinois Student Life and Culture Archival Program, in 1910 Illinois alumni Clarence Foss Williams and W. Elmer Ekblaw developed the plan of a homecoming festivity centered around a football game in order to promote an alumni celebration.

However, the tradition did not become an annual event at the University until 1915.

At most schools alumni traditionally return to the school for the game and other related activities and at Cerritos College this is no different.

At last year's game the school brought back the original Freddy Falcon and Frieda Falcon, long-time school mascots.

The stands were also filled with alumni and school administrators.

The Falcons won a dramatic game that featured quarterback Mike Roy, starting in place of an injured Jeff Kline, who threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third to led Cerritos to a 27-14 victory over the Golden West Rustlers.

This year Cerritos' theme is Movie Memories and many hope that the event will bring many memories to come for



Royal lineage



2003 Queen: Replika Bhullar
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