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Radio booth: Students visit Latina 96.3 FM's booth as radio deejays played music and talked to the crowd students hung out in Falcon Square last Thursday.

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Local radio stations entertain students

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Widely known radio stations, like Power 106 and KROQ, have been providing music and entertainment to Cerritos College students.

KROQ will be at Cerritos College, Sept. 6 and Power 106 will be here on Sept. 13.

Mohica Acuna, program assistant, watches over the events.

"I'm just here babysitting," she laughed, "I'm making sure that they don't say any curse words."

Cerritos College uses the radio stations to advertise to prospective students and, in turn, the radio stations come here to promote their

music.

"We did this last semester," she said, "and I think the semester before last."

LA's #1 Party Station, 96.3FM, made a visit and rocked Falcon Square with the latest hip-hop and reggaeton music, Aug. 23.

Despite the small crowd and lack of massive enthusiasm, the two hosts tried their best to get students interested.

They passed out MVP Grand Slam CD's to students with Cerritos College schedules, t-shirts to those willing to hula-hoop for the crowd and were interactive and personable with their listeners.

Bumper stickers and water bottles were also available.

Isabel Payan, nursing major, sat and listened to the music and enjoyed the students' performances.

"I'm just here for the music," she said, "I listen to this station at home and I love reggaeton."

After watching a few students hula-hoop for t-shirts, Payan decided that it was her turn.

"I have never done that before," she said, "it was fun."

Elizabeth Lopez, undecided major, followed in and joined Payan in center stage.

"I saw her hula-hooping," she said, "and I wanted to do it too."

Lopez was glad to spend her afternoon listening to 96.3FM.

She didn't know that they were going to be at the college and was ex-

cited when she stepped out of class and saw the 96.3FM party van.

"I think that they are so funny and the music is so good," she said.

"I'm happy that they finally came down here."

Milagros Canas, teaching major, was happy to see that her favorite radio station had made it to her school.

"It I weren't here I'd be sitting down waiting for my class to start," she said.

"I really like this music and I listen to this station at home," Canas added.

KROQ brought music and personality to Falcon Square, Aug. 28.

KROQ amplified popular rock hits for students hoping to es-

cape the heat and spend time with friends.

Leslie Rodriguez, criminal justice major, sat in the shade bobbing her head to the music.

"I don't really listen to this station at home," she said, "but I do like rock music."

Rodriguez spent the afternoon with her two friends Bonnie Avalos, criminal justice major, and Paulette Ulloa, teaching major.

Rodriguez, Avalos and Ulloa felt that this was a great way to relax and have a little bit of fun before class.

"Well, the music isn't very relaxing," Avalos said, "but the day is."

New police chief hired

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After nineteen years of hard work and dedication, Richard Bukowiecki was appointed Chief of Police for Cerritos College.

Marvin Engquist, a retired LBPD officer, had previously held the position for the past seven years.

After serving this campus, he decided to retire knowing that the position was going to be in good hands.



"My main concern here at Cerritos is that every single student feels safe and well protected in case of any emergency."
- Richard Bukowiecki, Chief of Police

Bukowiecki was recommended by Engquist.

He was approved for this position Aug. 15.

Last year, Bukowiecki was the intern-chief and prior to that, he was a commanding officer.

Bukowiecki's goals have been the same since the day he wanted to provide a safe environment for everyone here on campus.

The Chief of Police provides different organizations with the correct education on how to keep a safe environment.

"This campus is the same as any other community college campus, it's our job to let everyone know

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IT TAKES TWO TO SALSA



Dancing shoes: Nancy Barajas, registered nurse major (left) and her dancing partner, Arturo Acevedo, a P.B. trainer, shake things up in their Latin Social Dance class located in the Dance Studio in the FA building.

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'My Democracy,' a chance to create political videos

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The Political Science and Journalism Department are teaming up this semester to bring the "My Democracy" contest.

This is a video editorial contest, in which participants must create and submit a 2 to 3 minute video relating to democracy or political science.

The video can be a serious editorial or parody like The Daily Show.

Contestants will have the opportunity to win cash prizes and publication on MSNBC on campus, talonmarks.com, MyPoliSciLab and others.

Amara Aguilar, journalism instructor, said, "This is a great project for students of political science and journalism."

"It will allow students to be expressive and creative, while developing video production, editing and technical skills."

Aguilar teaches the Internet for Journalists class and it is open to anyone working on his or her project and for those that may need help.

If you do choose to enter here are the guidelines to

follow:

•Select a topic that relates to democracy or political science.

•Create a video editorial 2 to 3 minutes long.

•Produce a serious or comical editorial.

•Work individually or in a group.

•Compose yourself within the campus student conduct policy.

•Use of copyrighted material is prohibited.

•Submit a CD/DVD of your video in QuickTime or .mov format to the Political Science Department.

•Submit video editorial by Oct. 19.

"I think it's a great idea because the younger generation is not as politically aware as past generations," Bo Pena, multimedia major, said.

"This becomes more important today because we live in a time where a number of traditional American institutions, such as, the Constitution and, more specifically, the Bill of Rights are under attack by the renegade federal government with suspect legitimacy and general support of the people."

The top 10 video editorials will be honored at an awards ceremony held in the Burnight Center at 5 p.m.

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Student clubs meet and greet

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The first ICC meeting was held on Aug. 23 to discuss activities coming up in the next month.

Dean Ackland, coordinator of Student Activities, held the meeting and expressed the need for a council commissioner.

He also talked about club mail boxes and the need for room requests to be sent to him.

Rob Torrez, field manager and coordinator for the Red Cross, came up to speak about the upcoming blood drives.

When he walked up to the podium, he planned on awarding those sitting in the front row with movie tickets.

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Recycling program stays

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ASCC President Jason Macias informed the cabinet of his intent to continue the recycling campaign during the Cabinet meeting, Aug. 27.

Macias hopes to encourage Cerritos College students to recycle and help protect the earth.

He would like to start a committee and continue the success of the recycling campaign, "Show Pride in Your Campus" which began last semester.

The ASCC plans to hold events once a month, to promote the recycling campaign and raise money for the program.

The cabinet members hope to get as many students involved as possible to keep the campus beautiful.

At the moment, there are only a few recycling bins around campus.

Macias hopes to place more recycling centers.

He also looks to make individual bins for bottles, cans, paper and plastic to ensure campus cleanliness.

Cynthia Duran, student representative for financial aid also men-

tioned during the meeting that it is not too late to sign up for aid.

The deadline was set in March, but has now been extended.

Students can still receive assistance if they apply.

To receive aid, students need to fill out a FAFSA application. According to Duran, it may take a while to process the application.

Students can still apply for Cal Grants. In order to do this, the students must fill out the FAFSA first.

The need for peer counselors was mentioned by Evelyn Young, daytime activities representative, during the meeting.

Young said that Cerritos College hopes to find fresh faces for peer counseling.

Students can sign up to become a counselor on Oct. 3rd in Falcon Square.

The booth will be set up from 7-9 p.m.

The cabinet also mentioned that there will be a student rights presentation on Sept. 5th.

It will be held in the Science building, room 207 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. All students are welcome to attend this presentation.



Cabinet Meeting: ASCC President, Jason Macias runs cabinet meeting.

LIZETTE CASTRO/IM

Chief: Bukowiecki appointed

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that it's safe to attend Cerritos College" said Bukowiecki.

Under Bukowiecki's command, there are about 50 personnel, including 15 sworn police officers and 35 civilian staff members consisting of parking enforcement, dispatchers, and office personnel.

Bukowiecki supervises the campus personally, as well as his officers by patrolling the campus day and night.

There are officers walking and riding bikes to make sure that there is no crime going on and that everything is safe.

Bukowiecki states, "My main

concern here at Cerritos is that every single student feels safe and well protected in case of any emergency."

Bukowiecki's job description entails supervision, evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of the campus police.

He is also in charge for preventing and solving any conflicts that occur including theft, fights, drugs, parking violations and security.

One of the most common crimes occur because students leave their belongings unattended, for example, cell phones, I-pods, and most important books.

My Democracy: Cash prize for best videos

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During the ceremony, the top three video editorials will be announced and awarded.

•First place will receive \$500

•2nd place will receive \$250

•3rd place will receive \$150 and, the fan favorite, which must differ from the three chosen by the judges, will receive \$100.

Entries will be judged based on the following criteria:

•20 percent on the relevance to democracy.

•20 percent on the relevance to students.

•20 percent on originality and creativity.

•30 percent on educational content.

•10 percent on the production quality.

If you need help getting ideas you can go to the MPSP/polls

website at http://wps.ablongman.com/long_longman_lpcerritos_4/0,2111773,00.html or speak with a political science faculty member for more information.

For more information, contact Dennis Falcon, political science professor, at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2753.

Topics can include, but are not confined to

- Gay Marriage
- Abortion
- Healthcare
- War in Iraq
- Patriot Acts
- 2008 Election
- Foreign Policy
- Alternative Fuel Sources
- Global Climate Change
- Capital Punishment
- Legalization of marijuana
- Immigration

Clubs: Inter Club Council met Aug. 23

However, there was only one person seated in front.

Torrez said that Student Activities is always supportive of the blood drives, as well as Student Health Services, Project HOPE and the club leaders.

He also announced a contest that is for the clubs.

The club to bring in the most donors will get a party.

Ackland continued the meeting to tell the clubs to get ready for Club Info Day.

Clubs were encouraged to have at least a sign-up sheet and something to give to students, such as a flyer.

Coming up will be an honoring of the first football team in Cerritos College.

He also announced that Constitution Day is coming up on Sep. 17 at 11am and 2pm.

There will be a speaker and a musical pre-

sentation.

Ackland discussed "Water Day" where there will be activities like a water balloon toss on Sep. 18.

Vice President Michael Barrita suggested a "Movie Night" where ASCC would show controversial and enlightening documentaries.

"Our main concern is clubs," he said.

Student activism workshop will be on Sept. 5 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Golf tournament rose \$54,000

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The Cerritos College Foundation rose over \$54,000, for awards and scholarships at the 22nd Annual Golf Classic, Aug. 6.

"CCF is a charitable fund raising organization that supports the college," said Steve Richardson, executive director of CCF. "We raise all of the money from our golf tournaments."

CCF also accepts private donations because there are certain things that state money and federal grants can't do, like support scholarships and class trips.

CCF supports scholarships such as:

- Richard McGrath Memorial scholarship
- Habib American Bank Business Panel Scholarship
- Roy Maki Scholarship
- Ed Bloomfield Scholarship
- Alice Wang Scholarship
- John Helms Memorial Scholarship
- Pepsi Scholarship
- Norm Reeves Honda First Year Experience Scholarship
- U.S.S Pellas Scholarship
- Some of CCF's corporate sponsors who participated in the tournament and provide private donations include:
- Bovis Lend Lease
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- Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe
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- The Pepsi Bottling Group
- BP Architecture
- Trane
- Union Bank of California and
- Zebra Coffee

"This was our best tournament ever," said Richardson, "we raised just over \$54,000."

Last year, the tournament netted \$48,000.

The tournament was held at the Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier.

Richardson believes that this was the best location for the golf tournament because of Cerritos College's long-standing relationship with the club.

"It's also a private club that is hard to get on," he said, "so people want to play there."

Students like Melissa Triollo, undecided major, are grateful that there is a program that provides support for students.

"I plan on applying for scholarships," Triollo said, "it's awesome that they can help."

Jennifer Salazar and Debbie Moreina agree.

"That is a great idea and they should put the word out," Salazar said, "because I had no idea that they (CCF) existed."

Salazar believes that the foundation provides an excellent way for students, who want to keep learning, to get what they need for school.

"We have to pay for books, school supplies and even for gas," Moreina said, "that can get pretty expensive."

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Gallery displays work of Alex Donis

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Art works by a famous artist are being displayed at the Cerritos College Art Gallery and will be until Sept. 25.

The opening reception will take place Aug. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. An artist walkthrough will be held on Sept. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Born in 1964 in Chicago, IL, Alex Donis went to Cal-State Long Beach and Otis College of Art and Design, making him an extraordinary Los Angeles based artist.

His artwork has been displayed at various museums and art centers. He has also had the privilege to have his work featured in many publications.

The art gallery, located in Room FA50, is displaying Donis' selected art works from 1995 to 2006. The media shown are paintings and sketches and they come from his five different series: Altar de Amour, My Cathedral, Pas de Deux, War, and Heroina.

In his series of Altar de Amour, Donis used mixed media and silk-

screen. Using vibrant colors, lifeless objects and popular icons such as Pedro Amendariz and Judy Garland. His displayed artwork resembles collages.

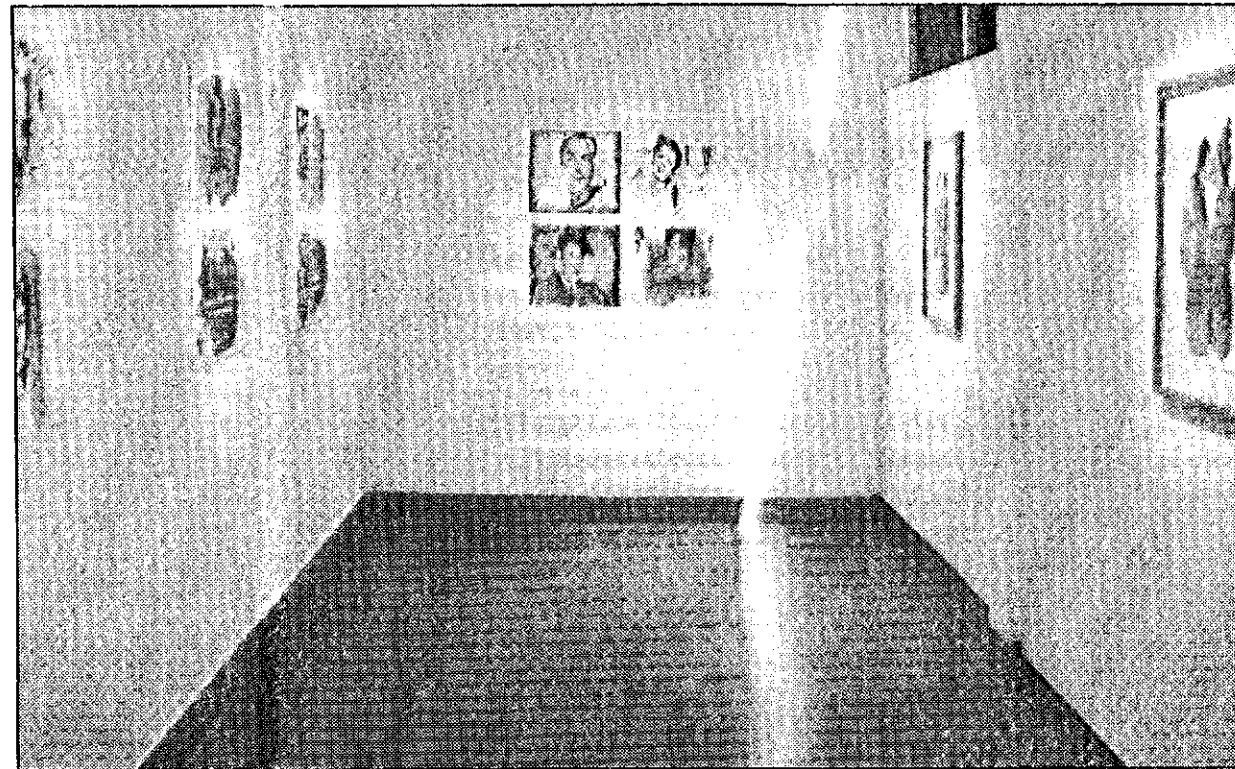
Donis' artwork in the series, My Cathedral, is attractive to the eye since it combines different individuals/ideas that clash and give a sense of understanding.

In one of his Iris prints, he has Jesus Christ and Lord Rama embracing each other in a way that make them seem like lovers. Can this make a controversial question pop: will some people take offense to such a painting?

Alma Avina, a high school student, says, "I heard about this gallery from a friend and decided to come and check it out. I don't think it should be controversial, we have a freedom of speech and Mr. Donis is showing us, telling us, his way of how he sees things."

Furthermore, she says, "I don't take it into offense, I appreciate it. Someone has the guts to speak out and show something that might make the world gasp."

Opposing controversy, in another Iris print, he has illustrated



Art Show: Local artist, Alex Donis' selected art work is displayed in the Cerritos College art gallery. The opening reception will be Aug. 29 and the artist himself will be present Sept. 6 at 5 p.m.

Che Guevara and Cesar Chavez in a lip-locking position. They were both two revolutionists fighting for a cause and Donis shows us how the two ideas go perfectly together.

The series of Pas de Deux, Donis has paintings that combine mediums such as oil, ink, and acrylic paints. He shows again individuals, not in a about-to-kiss manner but in graceful, dance postures.

In these paintings he shows soldiers together, in dance-like positions. He has a Taliban and a U.S.

soldier, a Hutu and a Tutsi, a Sandinista and a Contra.

The characters look graceful, peaceful, as if they trust each other and are happy. It makes one think that there is no such thing as war.

His series, War, is a bit of related to the Pas de Deux one. Donis, using oil and enamel, painted police officers and gang members dancing.

The expressions of the characters are comical in the fact that they both seem delighted and they look

like they're having fun.

Heroina, a series of paintings that were painted with pastels, shows the same images of women but different poses. The women look as if they are interacting with one another, talking and embracing.

Students should take some time to appreciate and understand a different view that exists in this world.

For additional information contact the Art Gallery at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2612.

Famous author's story told

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With Anne Hathaway, from "The Devil Wears Prada," portraying a young, intelligent woman, "Becoming Jane" is a film about the life of the great and famous writer, Jane Austen.

Jane is the youngest of a family with the misfortune of being stuck with poverty.

A poor Englishman and a maid, Mr. and Mrs. Austen played by James Cromwell and Julie Walters, expect her to marry a young man who is wealthy.

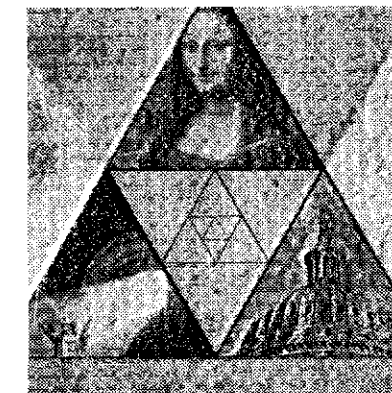
Jane, not really wanting to marry for wealth, falls in love with Tom Lefroy (James McAvoy), who is not rich, and relies on the support of his uncle.

Jane and Tom leave, thinking that their love will survive without money.

Sacrificing her love for Tom she decides to return home and continues to write.

Jane Austen never married and wrote six great novels including Pride & Prejudice. In some of her stories she wrote stories of romance, and hers was the greatest inspiration.

Director Julian Jarrold and screenwriter Kevin Hood incorporate the values of love, classes in society and a bit of feminism to create a film that will teach you that experience is what will make you in life.



Cover of The Dan Brown Companion: The Truth Behind The Da Vinci Code and Demons by Simon Cox

Da Vinci Code vs. Angels & Demons

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At the start of the fall semester, extracurricular reading is probably not at the top of anyone's free time activity agenda.

However, a lowbrow escapist novel may just be the anecdote for a text called "Readings in Middle English Prose"

Before the "The Da Vinci Code," in 2000, Dan Brown published a less well known conspiracy thriller, "Angels & Demons".

Essentially, both novels share the same theme, a continuing conspiracy by a clandestine cabal within or opposed to the Roman Catholic Church; and the same protagonist, Robert Langdon, Harvard Professor of Religious Symbolism.

The exact job description of Pro-

fessor of Religious Symbolism is unclear, but it's apparently a good gig, as Professor Langdon's job seems to require that he work from luxurious European fleshpots.

The "Angels & Demons" plot line, like that of "The Da Vinci Code," centers on Langdon.

The reader follows the professor as he flits among the great (St. Peter's Basilica) and lesser known historical sites of Rome, attempting

to decipher the meaning of obscure symbols and writings.

Langdon's efforts are aimed at identifying a sinister sect (Illuminati) that wants to harm the Church (Blow up the Vatican).

Obviously, this novel requires the reader to put forth a prodigious effort at suspending disbelief.

Of the two, "Angels & Demons" has the more compelling plot.

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Media over-glorifies gambling

Gambling in America has become an epidemic and the people of this country are becoming addicted.

The media has glorified gambling by airing poker tournaments and the Internet has given gamblers access to betting without them having to leave the comforts of their homes.

This is where there must be more regulation placed for this potentially destructive form of entertainment.

Michael Vick, NFL quarterback, recently pled guilty to charges stemming from the financing of dog fighting and the gambling operations that took place in one of his homes in Virginia.

He has thrown away a lucrative career and the income he was going to receive from several endorsement deals.

Along with that, he also killed the animals that would not fight and make him money.

This case is very extreme.

However, many people in this country throw away their families and friends to gambling.

Tim Donaghy, NBA referee, plead guilty to charges stemming from point shaving by calling fouls at the end games thus letting one cover the spread.

This occurred because Donaghy got into debt with a "crime family" in Philadelphia due to his gambling problem.

According to FBI statistics, wagers on the NCAA men's basketball tournament reach over \$2.5 billion every year.

With the emergence of Indian Casinos all across Southern California, including Hawaiian Gardens and the City of Commerce, people that live there no longer have to travel for hours in order to place bets.

This makes it easier for people to become addicted to gambling by giving them a place to go that is only a few miles away.

Casinos are full of loud noises and flashing lights, the senses are overloaded.

It almost puts people in a state of disorientation and contributes to the loss of self control.

They are also dark with no windows or clocks; 12 hours can seem like 20 minutes.

When someone is gambling, he or she loses all sense of time and, with most casinos, there is catering for the gambler by bringing food and drinks to the table.

The only time people have to leave the tables is to use the restrooms and even those are hard to find.

The Internet gives a venue for people where they never need to leave their homes in order to partake in gambling.

It allows people to not only place bets online, but many web sites out there allow people to practice card games and help hook them into the world of poker, craps and blackjack.

While gambling can be fun there is a line that can be crossed and the mass media needs to curtail programming that glorifies gambling.



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Immigration and ignorance

As manifest as it may be, immigrants have all the reason to live in a land where they may pursue a better lifestyle for future generations, and themselves as well.

This was the mentality and the reason our forefathers came to this great country.

The reason was to explore different possibilities and the freedom within them.

In any kind of investigation, almost all Americans can trace their decedents to a foreign country.

The irony of the current issue along with the previous is obvious and has struck many pro immigrant supporters to the point where complete unbelief is a fraction of the emotions involved with the situation.

The opposers of immigrants tend to fit the generalization that they too, can climb the family tree to other countries.

So the question here is "why the ignorance?"

This ignorance imposes skew statements, which present flippant reasons and excuses of why we should oppose immigration as a whole.

The most common complaints and excuses are that, immigrants are a bigger burden on the government than a benefit to it.

There are currently about 8 to 20 million illegal immigrants in the U.S., according to www.cis.org



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If anything, immigrants provide jobs with their social needs and consumption.

Also, all working immigrants, legal and illegal, are required, by law to pay taxes and social security, so that by the time they retire, they are not able to cash in on their pension because they are illegal.

In turn, that creates more money for people that are retiring which cannot be claimed by these illegals.

Thus forth, presenting an unwilling and inevitable favor to social security.

Another reality, and purpose that they are unconsciously serving, is that the oldest of the baby boomers are retiring at the time being and our current population rate cannot fill in the jobs being left behind by them, the oldest baby boomers are turning 60.

Thus, their presence will help prevent a shortage in the labor market.

Another legitimate reason why they should have the government's permission to remain

here is that they happen to contribute to society with their morals and discipline through religious beliefs.

Of course, that is based on the loose fact that more Mexicans (56% of immigrants are Mexican) are traditionally either Catholic or Christian.

They happen to abide by the standards set by law enforcement, the only issue is that they are here illegally, but that's what must change in order to prevail as a united nation.

It might be true that their presence might cause unrest in society but the basis of the situation is due to our unwillingness and inability to acknowledge their presence here with citizenship.

Thus, this crippling factor causes tension between different racial groups due to the present inequality being upheld by our laws, our anti-immigrant laws.

The main cause of this being an issue is largely due to the Democrats' constant promises of fulfilling their hopes, yet managing to fall short by not delivering, even with their new control in congress and reputation of representing minorities.

Supporting the continuation of keeping illegals in their current state is dehumanizing and depriving them of their freedom.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SOUL

To hear about Michael Vick's crime of dog-fighting people became outraged. Senator Robert C. Byrd had his say on dog-fighting.

"May God help those poor souls who would be so cruel. Barbaric! Hear me!"

"I am confident that the hottest places in hell are reserved for the souls of sick and brutal people who hold God's creatures in such brutal and cruel contempt."

"Then may God help poor Michael Vick."

How much of a problem is gambling for college students?

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Tahnee Klubnikin
chemistry major

"[Gambling] is a big problem. It's less money spent for education and more for gambling."



Victor Arias
architecture major

"I don't think it's much of a problem. They have other stuff to do."



Jose Rodriguez
Spanish major

"[Students] don't have enough money to gamble."



Jocelyn Chavez
undecided major

"I don't think a lot of [students] have a lot time to gamble. They work. They study."



Lorena Acosta
undecided major

"[Students] are broke and need to get [books] and pay for their classes."

Unity: Theme for this season's women

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Rebecca Juarez, center-midfielder, is the only returning player from a women's soccer team that came up short in the playoffs after a good regular season.

Last year's team finished the regular season, 21-1, but lost, 7-0, in its final game during the Southern California regional and came up one win short of making it to the state championships.

Ruben Gonzalez, head coach, said, "This year's team biggest strength is up-front with the for-

wards and midfielders because that is where our depth is at."

He also said that the team has great speed and skill and he feels the team has come together very quickly because most of the players practiced with the team during the summer.

Juarez played for the Mexican

national under-20 team, from 2004 until 2006, she was the Falcon's second leading scorer last season, was a captain of the team and was an All-American.

"This year's team is more unified and there is no jealousy like there was on last season's team," she said.

Gonzalez said, "Last year's team had so much talent but the problems in the locker room finally caught up with us, and that led to the blow out loss in the playoffs."

Javier Arellano, assistant coach, said, "We will score more goals this season and we are young but exciting to watch."

This year the coaching staff will have to look to many of the freshmen to fill the vital leadership roles that every team needs.

Gonzalez expects Monique Cisneros, forward/midfielder, to be one player that will step up and provide that leadership.

"The competition within the team is higher than it was in high school, every practice we are competing with each other for playing time," said Cisneros.

She also believes that the entire team so far has shared much of the leadership equally.

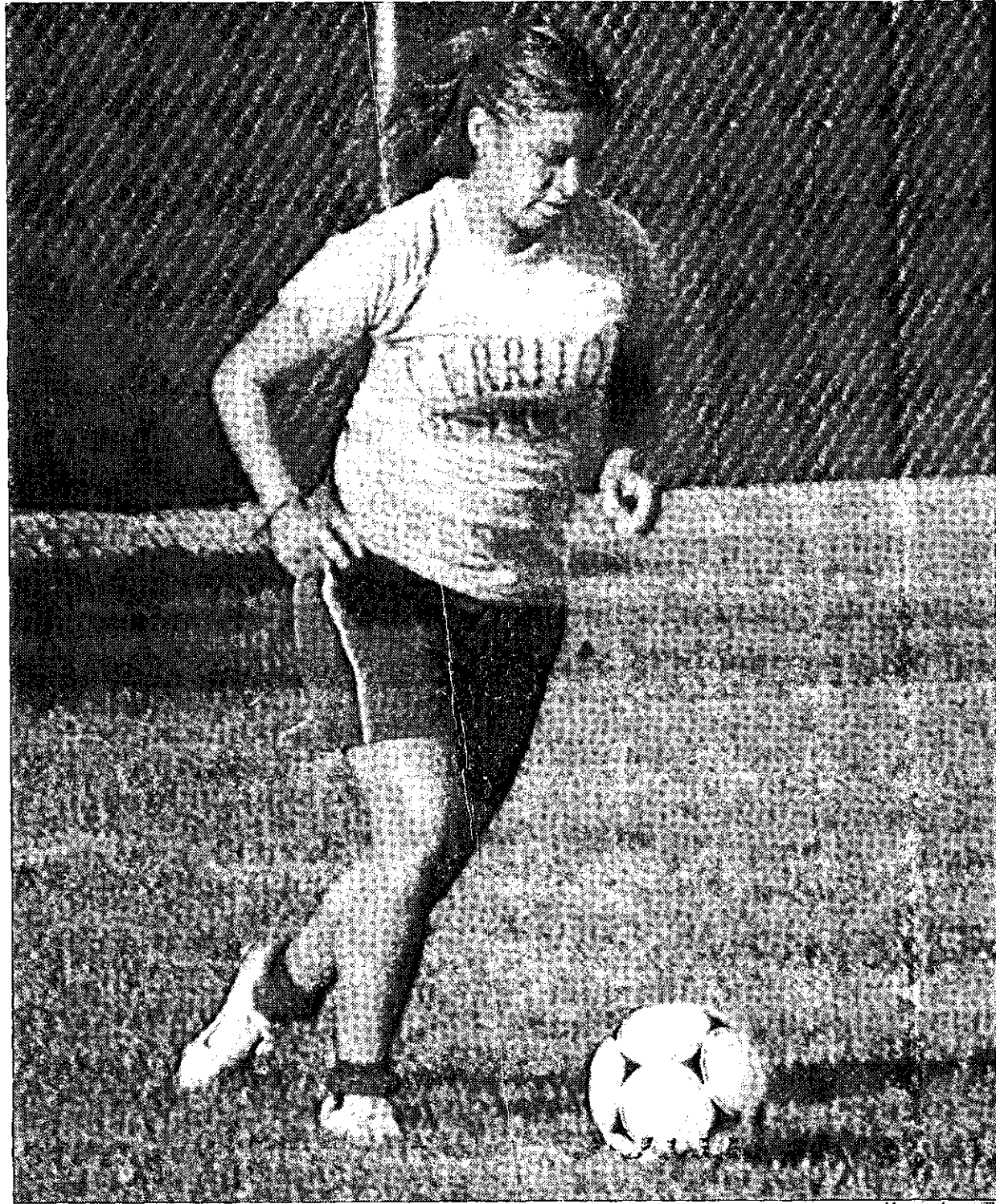
Other players that Gonzalez feels will be key players for the Falcons this season are defenders Gabby Aguilar and Desiree Cardenas, midfielder Susy Mendoza and forward Maria Zubiate.

Juarez believes that the coaching staff has many difficult decisions because every player on this year's team has the talent and work ethic it takes to start.

According to Gonzalez, "This year we are going to try to out-score every team we play."

He also said the teams biggest weakness is that it will be over confident and look past some of the weaker teams.

"We will also be improved in goal because last season and we didn't have more depth," Gonzalez said.



Practice: Forward/midfielder, Corina Villegas and the girls soccer team practice long and hard on a blazing hot Thursday.

Runners hope to build off last season's success

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With a reputation of constant, the men and women's cross-country set standards of excellence at the community college level, due to their recent finishes.

Under the leadership of coach John Goldman, one of the more successful community college cross country coaches in the state, the cross country team is starting off in excellent shape.

There is plenty of hope to repeat last year's strong finish and successfully.

With the strong desire to improve upon last year's season, the team is looking to bring the state championship title back to Cerritos College.

Goldman is not only the head coach of both the men's and women's cross country team but he personally handles the recruiting of distance runners for the college.

Despite the men's last year's finish in 13th, the Falcons have high hopes due to proven talent.

Last year's Cerritos College freshman cross country runner,

Daniel Clifford-Sorenson (Lakewood HS), concluded his first season with the Falcons by coming in fourth place at the state championships, which earned him All-American status.

Last year, he led the women's team to its second consecutive conference championship and its third consecutive Top 10 finish at the state championships.

The men's team also fared well, placing third in the conference and 11th at the state championship.

In three years, the teams have a combined four Top 10 State Championship finishes, while producing 10 All-South Coast Conference athletes, two SCC Athletes of the Year and one community college All-American.

In Goldman's three years in the South Coast Conference, the coach has earned three conference Coach of the Year awards.

With the M&W teams first meeting on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 9:00 a.m. at Cal State Fullerton Invitational, the whole team does not only have aspiring hopes to regain the state champion title but they want to bring a sense of pride to their community.

This week's games

Wednesday: 2 p.m. Volleyball in Scrimmage Pool Play at Cerritos
4 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Compton at Cerritos
Thursday: 4 p.m. Women's Soccer at Oxnard
Friday: All Day at Men's Soccer Hartnell Tournament
All Day Women's Soccer in Sea Breeze Tournament at Oxnard
Saturday: All Day at Men's Soccer Hartnell Tournament
All Day Women's Soccer in Sea Breeze Tournament at Oxnard
9 a.m. M&W Cross Country at Cal State Fullerton
7 p.m. Football vs. Compton at Cabrillo High
School Sunday: All Day at Men's Soccer Hartnell Tournament
All Day Women's Soccer in Sea Breeze Tournament at Oxnard



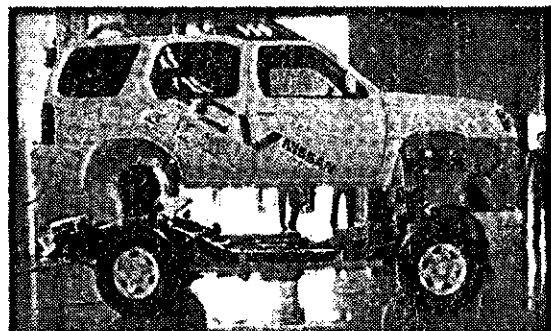
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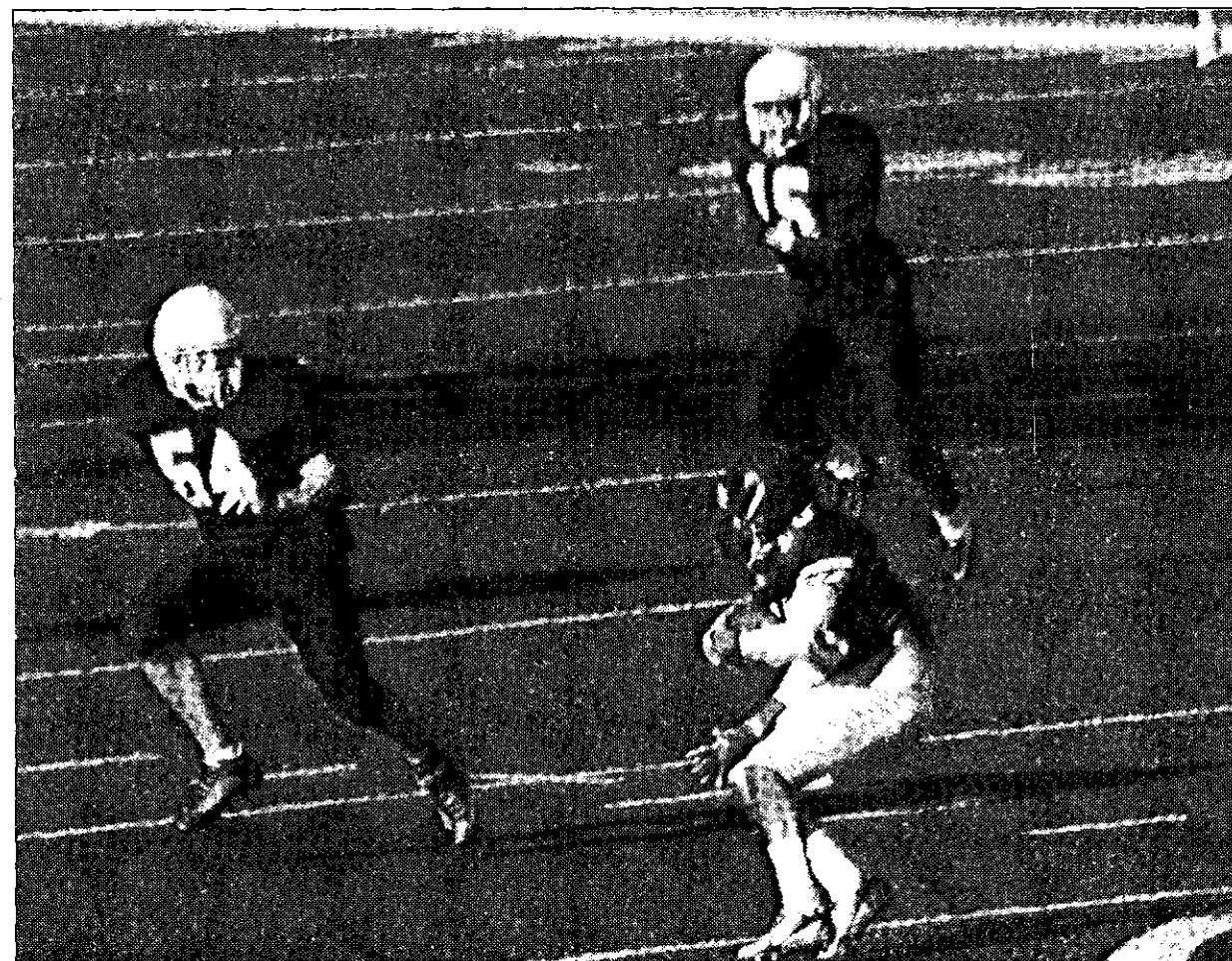
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New Season: De Angelo Mingo, wide receiver, show off his nice foot work.

Scrimmage helps a young team get ready

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For the Cerritos College football team's freshman class, last Thursday afternoon's scrimmage was the first time they were able to test not only their skill level against college level competition, but also their will and mental strength.

According to Johnny Tivao, nose tackle, the college game is so much faster than it is in high school and the players are a lot stronger.

John Jones, linebacker, who last played a football game last season at Mayfair High School said, "It has felt like forever since the last time I was able to play this game. It's great to put on the pads again."

For others like Mike Diaz, left tackle, it was a return to the field after a dismal 2006 season with the team.

"I love this team because it's more cohesive than last season's," he said. "When we stepped on the field it felt like we were one unit and that felt great."

Diaz also said that he was happy with the intensity that the offense showed throughout the scrimmage.

According to Marjon Ancich, defensive coordinator, "The defense played hard and gave a positive effort and we are very pleased with that."

The recent changes to both the offensive and defensive schemes also made this scrimmage an important test for the team.

After the game, Tom Caines, offensive line coach, said, "The offense was a little sloppy which was to be expected, but we were impressed with the play of the offensive line."

During the scrimmage, the team was able to play against both Glendale College and Mt. San Jacinto College in order to see where it was on offense, defense and special teams.

As the scrimmage went on, tempers ran high as a few scuffles between the Falcons offensive line and the Eagles of Mt. San Jacinto occurred, but the referees quickly broke them up.

Next up for the Falcons is Compton College Saturday at 7 p.m.

Ancich said, "Compton has great team speed and very many good players from around the country, we have a lot to do to get ready for them."

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