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Detour on Old Falcon Way

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Between the cosmetology building and the metal building, construction is going underway on Old Falcon Way.

Starting Monday, the exits from parking lots C-6 and C-11 onto Old Falcon Way will be closed.

All exiting must occur from C-6 to the North by the new Science Building and lot C-11 to the South onto New Falcon Way.

The focus of the project will be to trench and tie the storm drain system at that place of the campus.

If everything proceeds as expected, Old Falcon Way will be re-opened completely during the week of Oct. 22, giving students and faculty full access to the parking lot and by proving and exit and an entrance to it.

The plans of the construction team are revealed through a detail explanation from Robert K. Riffle, director of physical plant.

"The infrastructure project will then commence down the median of Old Falcon Way to the East for the next couple of months, it will eventually tie into the new central plant area at the old staff lot C-13 location," he said.

"We will make sure that access is provided for all staff and students (including deliveries as required) traveling down or across Old Falcon Way during this portion of the infrastructure project."

Appleby Sario, undeclared major, thinks the construction will be an inconvenience, "because usually

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Board of trustees rally: Maria Elena Durazo (center) motivates the large crowd to vote for the following candidates (l-r) Rosa Barragan, Tom Chavez, Tina Cho and Martin Greenidge.

Cerritos rallies for Board changes

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In an effort to encourage students to vote in the Nov. 6 Board of Trustees elections, a rally was held in the Amphitheater Sept. 27 at 11 a.m.

More than 300 students, faculty and staff attended.

Among the clubs who sponsored the event were the Chicanos for Community Medicine, Gay Straight Alliance, Cerritos College Faculty Federation and Puente.

These clubs have come together and organized the Committee for a better Cerritos College. The organization endorses the following candidates for the board:

- Tom Chavez,
- Rosa Barragan,
- Martin Greenidge,
- Tina Cho.

Each of the candidates spoke to the audience about why they felt they should be voted in and about their goals for the college.

About the event, Barragan said, "This is the first time that there's been a collaboration between students, faculty, staff, community and the candidates."

"There's a good connection between all of the units and it's going to lead to changing this campus."

The event was hosted by Riley Schnitz, member of the Forensics team. In between the guest speakers, she urged students to

get involved in the election process.

"There's more to coming to Cerritos than just going to your classes and socializing. You all are members of the community. If you want to make a change, here's a way to do it," Schnitz said.

"The changes that you make to the school will be felt long after you're gone."

Among the other speakers who addressed the crowd were:

- Assemblyman Tony Mendoza of the 56th district,
- Maria Elena Durazo from the LA County Federation of Labor,
- Ivan Pastrano, area director for the California Schools and Employees association,
- ASCC president Jason Macias and

- Marty Hittleman of the California Federation of Teachers

"We need to elect a Board who listens to the students. Elect a pro-education and pro-employee board," Pastrano told the crowd.

Despite the urges of many of the speakers to urge the students to go out and register to vote, Durazo said it would take more than that.

"There are people sitting on the Board who aren't connected to the students making decisions. We need you to vote for the right people. We need you to hold them accountable."

She later led the crowd in a chant of

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Students get advice on transferring

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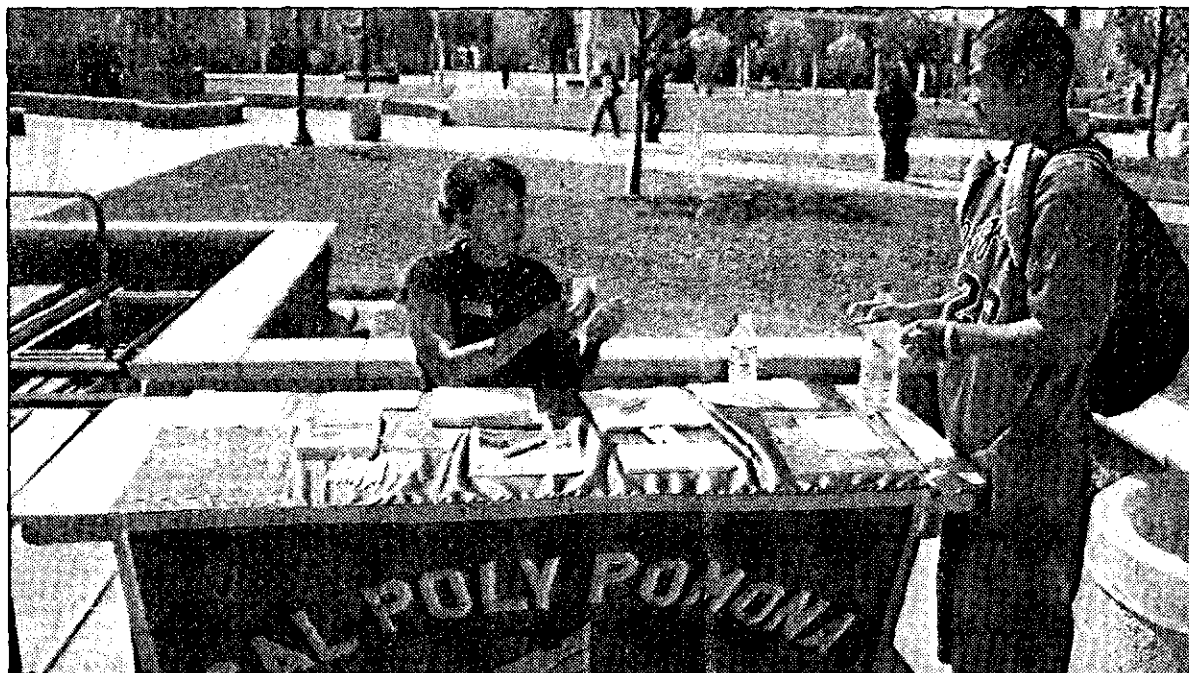
Forty-five colleges and vocational schools visited Cerritos College to educate students about the benefits of attending their schools on Oct. 3.

Some of the colleges that attended were

- San Francisco State University
- Pacific Coast College
- California Baptist University
- California School for Culinary Arts
- Musicians Institute
- Fashion Institute of Design Merchandising
- Cleveland Chiropractic College

Long Beach State University seemed to be the most popular of the colleges that attended, always having the most traffic and the longest line of students seeking packets of information.

Nancy Perez, nursing major, was one of those students waiting



Transfer: Recki Cruz, architecture major, (R) asks questions to Shelley Bruce, Cal Poly Pomona student ambassador (L).

in line for information from Long Beach State University.

"I'm interested in their nursing program," she said.

Perez is positive that she wants to attend LBSU because "my boy-

friend and my sister go there."

"I want to go to school with people that I am familiar with."

FIDM also had plenty of traffic from students thinking about getting into fashion and merchandising.

ing.

Cora Diggins, Cerritos College alumna, came to the college to visit a friend when she came across

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Project HOPE gets funding from Board

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Project HOPE was granted with \$319,000 for one year during the Board of Trustees meeting, Oct. 3.

Project HOPE is a program that focuses on helping students achieve excellence in the medical field.

Jason Macias, student body president stated that Project HOPE is helping out this generation, and that the Board needs to make it a must to protect the success of this program.

This program is rather new and needs support from the schools administration to become a stable program here at Cerritos college.

Project HOPE has had a major impact on students here at Cerritos.

It has proven to be positive and very resourceful; students are gain-

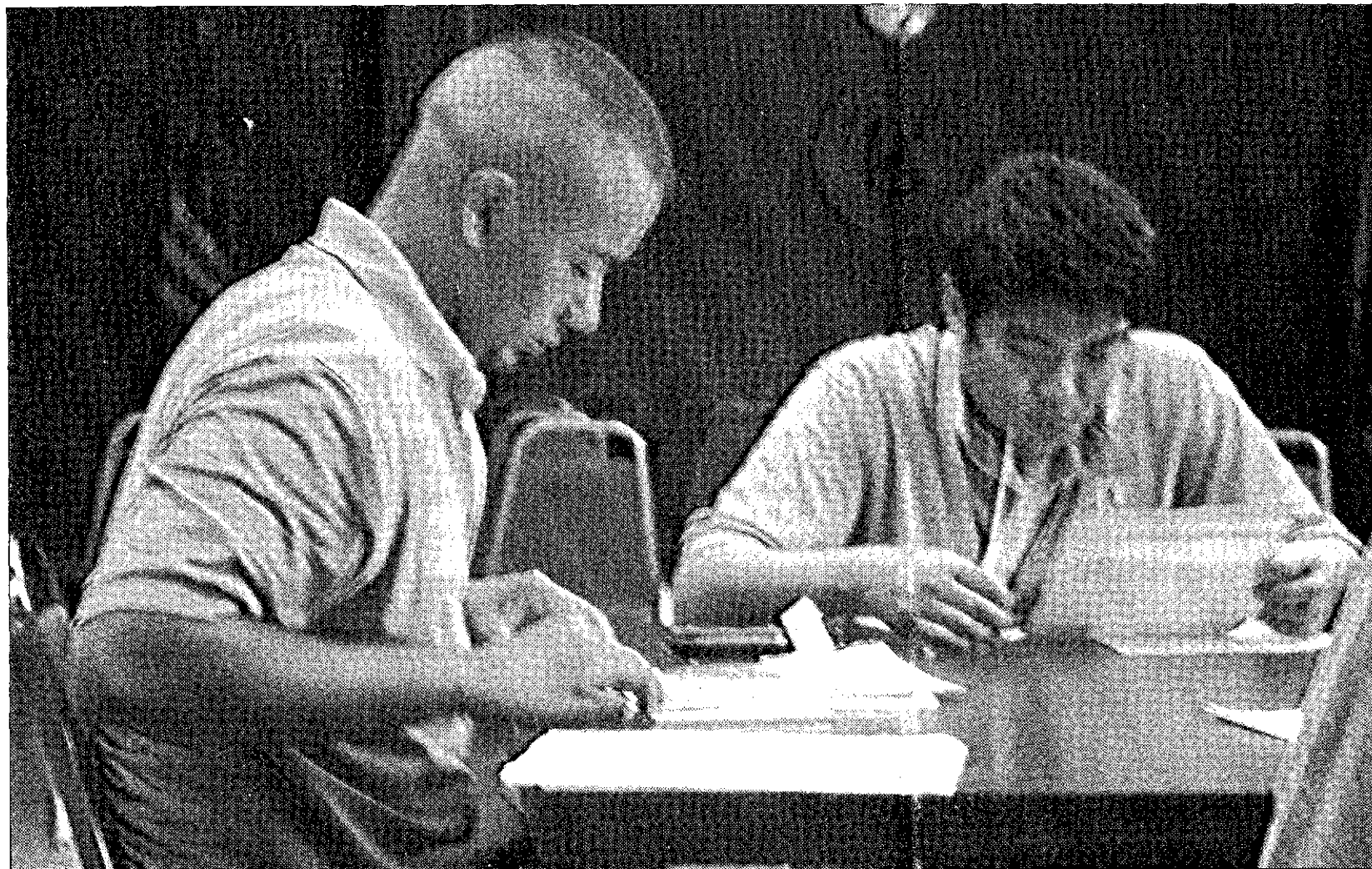
ing a lot of valuable information and learning a lot. The program offers a great amount of opportunity and hope for students.

The founders of Project HOPE said they are thankful for the one year, extension but they want to make a strong impact in the community now and as the years go on.

Project HOPE is a great program that has a lot of opportunity, an unidentified mother at the meeting said.

She broke into tears describing how much Project HOPE has helped out her two sons. She also stated that the program needs funding her sons and other students can benefit from it.

She also stated that she was going to have her younger daughter enroll as soon as possible.



Cabinet meeting: Michael Barrita, ASCC vice-president, discusses future events with cabinet members.

LIZETTE CASTRO/TM

ASCC discusses elections

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ASCC President Jason Macias announced that the election for homecoming will be processed this week, during Monday's ASCC Cabinet meeting.

He conducted an inventory of the healthy goods that the campus offers.

He also spoke about the student trustee position and discussed the pros and cons for the election.

The election will be extended

an extra week for voter registration and will be held Nov. 6.

Michael Barrita, vice president announces that three senator positions are still open.

He gave information for the Board of Trustees meeting and invites students to come.

His reports were about the nearest campaign, which will also be held Nov. 6 for the Board of Trustees.

"We encourage students to vote and be politically active," Barrita said.

Students who are taking a political science class can receive

extra credit by getting involved in the election.

They can do things, such as phone banking.

"This is the election that affects students directly because it's a local election," said Barrita.

This will be held Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Other students gave reports about more upcoming events.

Macias announced other upcoming events.

• Homecoming Court Elections: Oct. 10 and 11 from 9

a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the food court patio

• ICC Meeting: Oct. 11 at 11 a.m. in BK 111/112

• Homecoming Queen Candidates Meeting: Oct. 12 at 10 a.m.

• Homecoming Court Introductions: Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. in the Student Center

• Homecoming Night Activity and Classroom Visits: Oct. 17

• Homecoming Mock Rally: Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. in Student Center

• Award Applications Available: Oct. 22

Senate looking to create self-defense phone line

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The ASCC Senate announced that the homecoming court elections are going to take place this Wednesday and Thursday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For the students that attend night classes, they are also going to have an opportunity to vote between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. booths are going to be in the food court patio, the health science walkway and the social science patio.

Jason Macias, ASCC president, announced that Linda Sanchez, congresswoman, is going to be providing the Senate with constitution books and senators are going to be giving these books to the students on campus.

Macias said that many students don't know how important each vote is and many students don't take participation in this kind of events but the constitution books are going to give students a better understanding on how important is to

vote.

Macias is still working on a project along with the rest of his committee to find a way where students can buy food that is healthy and at costs that are affordable.

Members of the senate also announced that they are looking forward in creating a self-defense telephone-line that would help the campus be a safer place. In case of any emergency the phones on campus are connected to the campus police and in case of an emergency any students can pick up the phone and dial 911 and they would receive help in just a few minutes.

Aditi Khurana, science major, said that she is happy with her new business and said at the meeting that she is looking forward to working with different clubs.

She can provide students with ways to fund raise money at lower cost and get more for their money.

Khurana said, "If you are thinking of raising money I'm the person to contact and I would do

my best to provide you with the best items according to your club."

Senator Chris Franco is going to be thinking of ways to keep the campus clean starting with the restrooms.

Another issue that really concerns Franco is the grammar that has been appearing on Talon Marks.

Franco said, "I was reading the newspaper and I noticed that there were grammar mistakes so I'm looking forward to meet with the editors with the Talon Marks."

The Senate also announced that it is going to work on a book exchange ad-hoc committee that is going to help students get books faster and at lower costs.

ASCC Vice President Michael Barrita said, "It

is a way to help students get their books."

Fair: Colleges come to campus

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FIDM's booth.

"My sister wants to go to FIDM but she was never able to meet the right people to get the information that she needs," she said.

"I just happened to run into the right people for her."

Students weren't the only ones having a good time getting the information that they needed.

The participating college's representatives spent a great deal of time

chit-chatting with smiling students and made the best out of the hot day.

Susana Marin, admissions counselor at UC Irvine said, "It really doesn't help that it's 80 degrees, but we're having a good time answering students questions and getting them interested in our school."

Julie Samere, assistant director of Viterbi School of Engineering, said that she likes coming to transfer fairs at Cerritos College because

she sees a lot of interest from our students.

"We love Cerritos College because the students take a lot of college courses that are important to engineering like calculus, chemistry, physics and computer science."

Students, like Ricky Perez, find the transfer fairs helpful and convenient.

"It's easier to come here and get all of the information that you need," Perez said.

Rally: Students urged to vote

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se puede," which is Spanish for "Yes we can."

Some students were there for extra credit offered from their political science instructors and others were there to support the movement.

"I think it was good for the candidates to come out and talk to us. It shows us that they care," Cynthia Virate, psychology major, said.

The candidates felt that the rally was beneficial in reaching its goal of getting students to become

aware of the elections.

"I was excited about the response. We seemed to resonate with the students," Chavez said.

"I hoped that the students walked away from the event knowing that they can make a difference."

Workshops to prepare students

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"Prepare yourself for the job fair" was the main topic for the Job Fair Workshops that took place on Oct. 2 and 4.

Janis Pizer and Traci Ukita, both counselors, talked about job fair strategies for the Fall 2007 Job Fair that will take place on Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. along the sidewalk near the library.

The workshops were to help students with basic resume writing and successful job fair tips.

Ukita explained that the job fair is a great opportunity for students to meet with employers and vice versa.

She also said, "Research before the fair. Have a sense of what you're going for. Students can also use this as a way to explore careers."

Researching companies, preparing a resume, developing a "sales pitch," and having a "Dress for Success" outfit are essential to being prepared.

She stressed the point that if you go to the fair, be ready and try not to get caught off guard.

Many times a job fair can be an interview.

According to "Interviewing: Another Basic Overview," the key to successful interviewing is preparation.

It is very important that you dedicate time to prepare for your interview by knowing about yourself and the employer.

• It also gave these helpful tips to remember:

- First impressions count
- Use a firm handshake
- Look (and smell) sharp
- Watch your body language (posture, eye contact, etc.)

- Anticipate the concerns of the employer
- Show you want the job (positive attitude, enthusiasm, etc.)
- Smile.

When at the job fair be sure to do a "walkabout." Casually walk around, observe the employers, and remember your manners.

Some points that Ukita mentioned were:

- Turn off your cell phone
- Do not interrupt a recruiter's conversation with another job seeker
- Introduce yourself
- Listen attentively
- No gum chewing
- No smoking
- Conservative clothing (business attire recommended)
- No "student attire"

After the job fair make sure that you follow-up with recruiters. You can write, email, or call within a few days. Thank them and maintain contact.

Be sure to have copies of your resume.

Remember that it should grab the employer's attention and that it will show what you have done and can do as an employee.

Ukita mentioned that the average employer spends 30 to 60 seconds looking at each candidate's resume.

She said, "Make sure to proof-read and there really is no right way to write a resume. Make it your own."

Esther Cruz, teaching major, said, "[This workshop] was useful. I learned a lot of stuff. [Coming] out of high school they taught us about resumes but no so much in detail."

Information on the Fall 2007 Job Fair is available on the website: www.cerritos.edu/careerservices/job-placement.

Detour: Undergoing construction

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I walk onto campus, now I have to be prepared to walk around [the construction] everyday due to this construction."

Even though many students consider this construction to be an inconvenience they fail to realize that it is being done to improve upon the infrastructure of the campus, in other words,

modify it.

A word to students out there worrying about the complications that the construction will cause from Robert K. Riffle, director of physical plant, "Thank you for your support as we move forward in on this project."

For more information on this project, contact Riffle at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2301.

STUDENT CLUB EVENTS

ASCC: Pick your Homecoming Court

Wednesday & Thursday, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. by voting either day.
Where? At the Social Science Patio, Health Science Walkway or the Food Court Patio.

ASCC: Homecoming court introductions

Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. in the Student Center.
Come meet the 2007 Homecoming Court.

ASCC: ICC meeting

Thursday at 11 a.m. in BK111/112.
Please have a club representative at the meeting.
See you there!!!

ASCC: Homecoming Mock Rally

Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. in the Student Center.
Meet the Homecoming Queen Candidates and the men that Mock them.

MSA: Ramadan Banquet

Spiritual Speaker
Picture presentation
Cultural Show

Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. in Student Center

Come join us for great food and door prizes

ASCC: Float Building

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'Anna in the Tropics' is an extraordinary play

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Ana in the Tropics, by Nilo Cruz, was performed this week at the Burnight Center Theatre.

There will be more shows on Oct. 11-13 at 8 p.m.

After the 8 p.m. shows are done, the last show will be on Oct. 14 at 2 p.m.

This play has topics that the entire audience can relate to.

The scenic design took place in a cigar factory in Tampa, Fla. during 1929.

The setting had barrels, tables, chairs, benches, and in the back, there was the two-story home of Santiago and Ofelia the part-owners of the cigar factory.

The opening scene took place at a cockfight and it gave the audience an idea of what men use to do. Drink and bet their money on fights hoping that the rooster that they chose would win.

There were two half-brothers, Santiago and Cheche, addicts that were betting until Santiago ran out of money and started borrowing from his brother.

For the women, they were at the port waiting for a lector that was going to start working in their cigar factory.

In the background, the audience could hear the ship coming and the



Anna: 'Anna in the Tropics' will be performing in the Cerritos Burnight Center Theatre on Oct. 11-13 at 8 p.m.

ASHAKA MATHEWS/TM

ocean almost like if we were there waiting for the lector.

The audience at this point was very quiet and I personally was impatient to see what the plot was.

There was a husband and wife, Conchita and Palomo, that started having problems because Conchita felt that her husband was cheating on her.

It reminded me of how women say that they have a sixth sense, and that they know when things are going bad.

Conchita was asking her husband

who was the woman that was stealing her love.

Palomo pretended as if nothing was going on and said that he didn't know what she was talking about.

At this time, Juan Julian, the new lector, had been working for them for quite a while and I thought that Marela was the one that was going to have an affair with him.

Susana Barteles (as Marela) humorous performance made the audience laugh and dream with her comments.

Conchita had realized that her

husband wasn't going to admit his adultery and, at this point, all she wanted to hear was the truth so that she could put an end to the situation by getting a divorce.

It all started at the cigar factory when Juan Julian and Conchita were alone, they started talking about what they think of life and the tradition that women had at that time.

The tradition was that a woman would cut a long piece of her hair and give it to her love interest. He would find a tree and bury that piece of hair so the couple could have bet-

ter crops.

Conchita never gave her hair to her husband. Instead she gave it to her dad. But this year, Juan Julian was the one that would receive that piece of hair.

This shows how Conchita's marriage was bad and she fell in love with the first man that gave her some attention.

The flirtation started and then the desire for each other grew and finally they committed a sin.

Overall, the play was extraordinary.

Band plays 'Rent'

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The Cerritos College Symphonic Winds performed in the Student Center Sept. 25.

The group played popular songs from the musicals, "Rent" and "West Side Story," patriotic themed songs, like "America on Parade" and "The Free Lance March, on to Victory," and other classics, like "Sonata for Winds."

David Betancourt, director of the Symphonic Winds, hosted the event with plenty of enthusiasm to get the crowd fired up for the show.

There was a slight change in the program as Alan Hawthorne, conductor, would be conducting some of the songs, but that didn't stop the Symphonic Winds from giving an "excellent performance," said Hiep Dinh, a regular at these events from Norwalk.

"I've been here many times.

"My kid comes to these events to get extra credit and I just tag along," he said.

Dinh says that he really enjoys this because he likes the style of music and because he has background in this type of thing.

"I play the trumpet in a small band."

Dinh was part of a fairly large audience, who all came to support friends and family, as well as gain some extra credit for Betancourt's class, free of charge.

The Cerritos College Symphonic Winds is part of the Veysey Program.

The Veysey Program allows students as young as the age of 10, to participate in any of Cerritos College's ensembles.

They can do this tuition-free, while gaining high school and college credit.

Jedi Mind Tricks grows with its 'Ritual of Battle'

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Jedi Mind Tricks presents "Army of the Pharaohs: The Torture Papers" was one of last year's most popular underground hip-hop albums.

This year, they released their sophomore album "Ritual of Battle" along with a re-release of "The Torture Papers" Sept. 25.

"Ritual of Battle" brings back this super group with all the members, new and old and some of the best beats and lyrics.

The group members are Vinnie Paz (of Jedi Mind Tricks), Apathy, Celph Titled, Chief Kamachi, Crypt the Warchild & Planetary (of Outerspace), Des Devious, Doap Nixon, Demoz, Esoteric (of 7L & Esoteric), Jus Allah, King Magnetic, King Syze & Reef the Lost Cauze.

Over the years, the group has grown and it has changed for the better with more variety in the music and lyrics.

The album has 16 tracks and is a little darker than the first one, bringing a lot of horror inspired and

sampled beats and hardcore lyrics.

Like the first one they have a few deep tracks about life but the majority are dark and hardcore.

I feel this is a great album and if you love hip-hop this is one of the groups to keep an eye out for.

The artists, individually and as a group, are constantly coming out with quality music and mix tapes all over the place.

The tracks that really stand out beat and lyric wise are "Time to Rock," "Dump the Clip," "Seven," "Drama Theme," "Pages in Blood,"

and "Don't Cry."

This is not to say the other tracks aren't good and don't have a place on the album, but these stand out as some of the best on the album and that is really good considering people buy major albums today for one or two songs.

The album includes new production mostly from Doap Nixon and a few beats from Ill Bill with music from some of the original producers as well.

I personally thought that their first album was a little better than

this one but can't say anything bad about it at all.

I would give this album a 9 out of 10 because it definitely delivers what it promises and with more tracks than the first release.

To me, with the group growing and changing so much, it takes a little away from what it was in the beginning and even the first release, but it still has a lot to offer and will probably gain new fans for it.

To hear some of the band's music, visit <http://www.myspace.com/armyofthepharaohs>.

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Jazz: The jazz band played while vocal singer Denicar Bergancia sang "Tangerine."

Jazz draws a crowd of students

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The Cerritos College Jazz Ensemble held its fall jazz concert Oct. 3 in the Student Center at 7 p.m.

The concert was directed by David Betancourt, who is in his ninth year as the director of the band.

The band consists of teachers and students, among other talented musicians.

Betancourt said the audience was "getting bigger every time [he] turned around."

The band started off the night with "Mack the Knife," followed by "It Had to Be You" and "East Avenue Stroll."

Denicar Bergancia, nursing major, joined in with vocals with the songs:

- "Tangerine"
- "Every Day I Have the Blues"
- "God Bless' the Child"
- "Almost like Being in Love"

The band finished off with a few more songs including "Moon Dance" and "Sing, Sing, Sing."

Bergancia said she started in high school.

"Mr. Betancourt called me up and told me he needed a jazz singer," she said.

It worked out for Bergancia because she was unsuccessful in setting up a jazz choir herself.

Bergancia also plays the saxophone and clarinet.

She said, "I want to have my own unique sound rather than sound like just another singer."

Mark Fronke, accounting teacher and tenor sax player, encouraged his students to come to the concert.

"I gave them a little bit of extra credit," Fronke said.

Fronke was giving his accounting students an exam the next day.

"I told [my students] they should be in the library studying for most of the afternoon and the evening," he said. "Then they should take a break and come over [to] get their dinner and listen to a little jazz music."

For a preview of the Cerritos Jazz Ensemble, log onto talonmarks.com for an audio slideshow.



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EDITORIAL

Is financial aid enough for you?

Though there are hundreds of students receiving financial aid each year, the truth is the amount that many students get is simply not enough.

The cost of living today has sky rocketed in the last couple of decades. It is nearly impossible to live on your own while making minimum wage.

College students, nationwide, are struggling and penny-pinching just to get by.

Some students drop out of school just because of the fact that they can't afford to spend time studying rather than working.

Lisa Barnhart, philosophy major, says, "There are times were I need to take semesters off just so I can work a second job to get my self out of a financial crisis."

Financial aid does provide some relief, but in particular cases, some students need more help from the government to be able to continue with their studies.

Financial aid is awarded to students based on the total of their parents tax claims, or their taxes, depending on whether a student is dependent or independent.

But taxes don't let the government know the situations of the students or what all their financial records show and pertain.

Jeff Cohan, a dependant student, says that financial aid does not provide students with enough money.

He himself wants to go to school full time, but he has to work a lot of hours so that he can help his mom support his two brothers and little sister.

"I tried going to school full time but financial aid did not provide 30% percent of what I needed financially."

For an example, if a student makes \$15,000 a year and the government only awards that student the same amount of money, how is that student supposed to support himself and make it for a number of years and still attend school?

It is always read that billions of dollars go unclaimed each year. That money should go to the students that are enrolled in school already.

Money that is unclaimed is very valuable and it needs to be used.

If studies have shown that there are large sums of money unclaimed each year, then the government should give more of that money to the students that are currently receiving financial aid.

Teresa Warren, law major, says that financial aid has helped her a little but not enough.

She says she can barely even make it and that times are tough for her.

Jesus Gonzalez, medical major, feels that financial aid does not provide students with enough money to make it in this high priced economy.

He said that, even though he receives some financial aid, "I need more help from the government"

School is not cheap to attend based on the simple fact that time is money.

The money that the government has is our tax paying money.

School is important and our taxes should come back to us through financial aid.

But in order to attend school and live in today's society students need more help.



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War in Iraq is pointless

Our family, friends and loved ones are fighting in a war for this country that is costing us both money and lives

This country is fighting a war it cannot win because it cannot beat a belief system where violence is the norm.

We cannot get involved in the world's problems because we have too many of our own.

We cannot fight wars effectively on so many fronts.

We cannot call this war an issue over human rights when we have held prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba since the beginning of the "War on Terror" and have passed laws that let law enforce-

We cannot fight this war when it has cost this country billions of dollars and we do not have a health care system and when Social Security is going to soon be without funding.

Being the center of attention

It seems that these days, people are always screaming for attention and when they get it, they're upset.

The real issue seen a lot is women who wear clothes that are too revealing or words on their butts or chests.

People read the words and women say, "why are you looking at me?" or something along those lines.

To be straight to the point and simple to understand, just don't wear things like that or don't go out with it if you don't want that attention.

Yes, eyes on both men and women are drawn to the physical but also to words. So when your butt says "Hot Mama," one might chance to read it.

If you don't like it, stop wearing it. That is the simple fact. If we decide to do something we should always know what can happen if you do it.

For example, if you get on a stage in front of people, you wouldn't get mad if they looked at you because you're there for that reason.



ment officials torture suspects.

We cannot fight this war when it has cost this country billions of dollars and we do not have a health care system and when Social Security is going to soon be without funding.

The reason most people believe we should be there is to help the people of Iraq.

But, what about our own people? Should we just leave the people that fight for this countries freedom to die in Iraq?

The reason we have a military is to protect this country not others.

During Hurricane Katrina there was

not and still is not enough resources to actually make a difference.

The National Guard that was supposed to be there to help people during national disasters was in Iraq or at least its equipment was.

If there is a war that we need to fight it is the war in Afghanistan.

The war in Afghanistan is still going on and the Taliban has gained a foothold.

There are not enough troops there to ensure a victory.

If we want to help the rest of the world there are a lot more needy places we should be.

We could be in an African country where most of its citizens are dying of starvation because of ruthless dictatorships.

We can go to North Korea where it might actually have weapons of mass destruction (a.k.a. a nuclear bomb.)

The Bush administration made an error when going into Iraq. So please, President Bush, get our troops/family members out of Iraq and back home where they belong.



Well in the world, there are similarities to the stage or screen. If we do certain things we will get attention for them and it won't always be or seem good.

People know these things even if they deny it or feel they have the right to wear clothes they like without being bothered and that is true.

As an adult, one should know about what appeals to the other sex and if there are younger kids doing this, which there are, parents should pay more attention as well.

Last time I checked, our eyes don't have boundaries although there are certain polite unwritten rules, we can look all over the place.

The same goes for wearing tight or

revealing clothing and complaining that you are getting attention for it.

You can see this even in the media from Britney Spears not wearing underwear to celebrity sex tapes all over the place.

I am sure those were private things but if you want to be in the public eye, in any form, you will get attention especially if you do something that is different or just attention getting.

Another good example I have from personal experience is working at Knott's Scary Farm.

People come in and get mad that they get scared or almost got scared but that is the whole reason of Halloween Haunt, why would you go? That is the whole point of the event.

The basic point I am trying to make is thinking before you act. Make informed and knowledgeable decisions and once it is done, if you don't like the outcome change it or deal with it.

FREE SPEECH ZONE !?

What does the average person spend their financial aid on?

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"Tuition, books, lab fees, supplies needed for class. (Students) basically (have) enough to cover the basics."

MELISSA DE MATA
communications major



"I think the average person gets about \$15,000. Some people spend it on books and things like that, but others spend it on clothes and pay their bills with it."

ROBERT GERLS
pharmacy technician major



"I think once students buy all of the school related things, they blow it off on personal items. I think the average person gets about \$500."

RIGOBERTO RENAS
undecided major



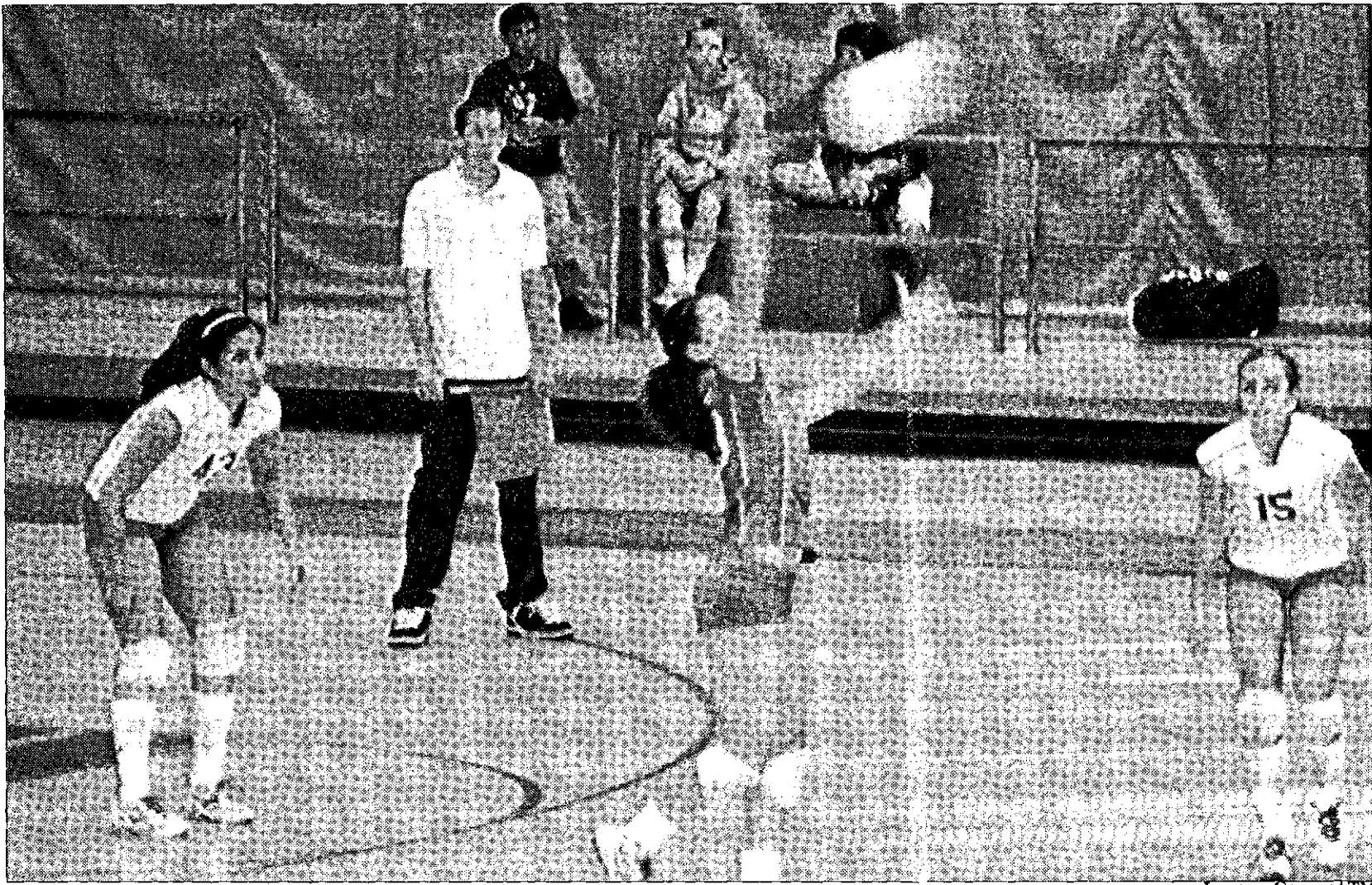
"They get roughly about \$2,000 on books and tuition. The financial aid that a student receives should be able to pay for all of the expenses without any other help."

BRYAN ALVAREZ
geology major



"People mostly spend it on school related stuff like books, tuition, etc. But people also buy /spend it on other things like clothes and even buy a car."

MARIA SILVA
psychology major



Women's volleyball: Defensive specialist/ Libero Vanessa Mojica (No. 33) jumps to successfully return the ball to opposite side.

Volleyball team beats LATT

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On Friday night, the volleyball team got its first win of the season against L.A. Trade-Tech.

The Falcons won in three straight sets;

- The first set, 30-22
- The second, 30-18
- And the third, 30-22.

Prior to the win, the were 0-13 and 0-2 in conference play.

"We have had too many errors in previous games this season. But

tonight we did not lose focus," Teresa Ortega, head coach, said.

She also said that the team has played some of the best teams in the state and that contributed to its bad start.

According to setter Desiree Cortez, with so many freshman this season, the team has been working out its chemistry and it paid off with a big win over L.A. Trade-Tech.

In the first set, the Falcons dominated play early, but L.A. Trade Tech came back to make the set closer.

The Falcons fell behind in the second set but were able to fight

back scoring 10 straight points to win the set.

In the third set, the play went back and forth for a while before Cerritos was finally able to pull away for the victory.

"We still are hoping to make the playoffs because we just started conference play and still have a lot games left," Natalie Barajas, outside hitter, said.

Kristen Mendoza, middle blocker, led the team with a season-high 16 kills.

During the second set, she also

scored its 10th straight point while she was serving.

Barajas also contributed with eight kills and Cortez had two service aces.

Ortega said that the one of the team's goals is to beat Long Beach when it comes to Cerritos on Oct. 26.

- Kills leader: Brittany Hayes and Kristin Mendoza with 92 apiece.
- Blocks leader: Mendoza with 23
- Service aces leader Vanessa Mojica with 17.

Womens Water Polo Top 10 Poll

1. Riverside
2. Long Beach
3. Delta
4. American River
5. Modesto
6. **Cerritos**
7. Cuesta
8. Santa Ana
9. Golden West
10. Chaffey

Womens Soccer Top 15 Poll

1. Santiago Canyon
2. Brookdale
3. **Cerritos**
4. American River
5. Tomkins Cortland
6. Modesto
7. Herkimer County
8. San Diego Mesa
9. Ocean County
10. Santa Barbara
11. Camden
12. Howard
13. DeAnza
14. Cuyamaca
15. Skyline

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Water polo team win, 9-6

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The Cerritos College women's water polo team defeated division rivals, Long Beach City College, 9-6, last Wednesday.

Cerritos jumped out to an early lead in the first half, 3-1, by playing well on offense and defense.

Nicole Pena, utility, was on the sidelines cheering her team on, not able to play due to an injured shoulder.

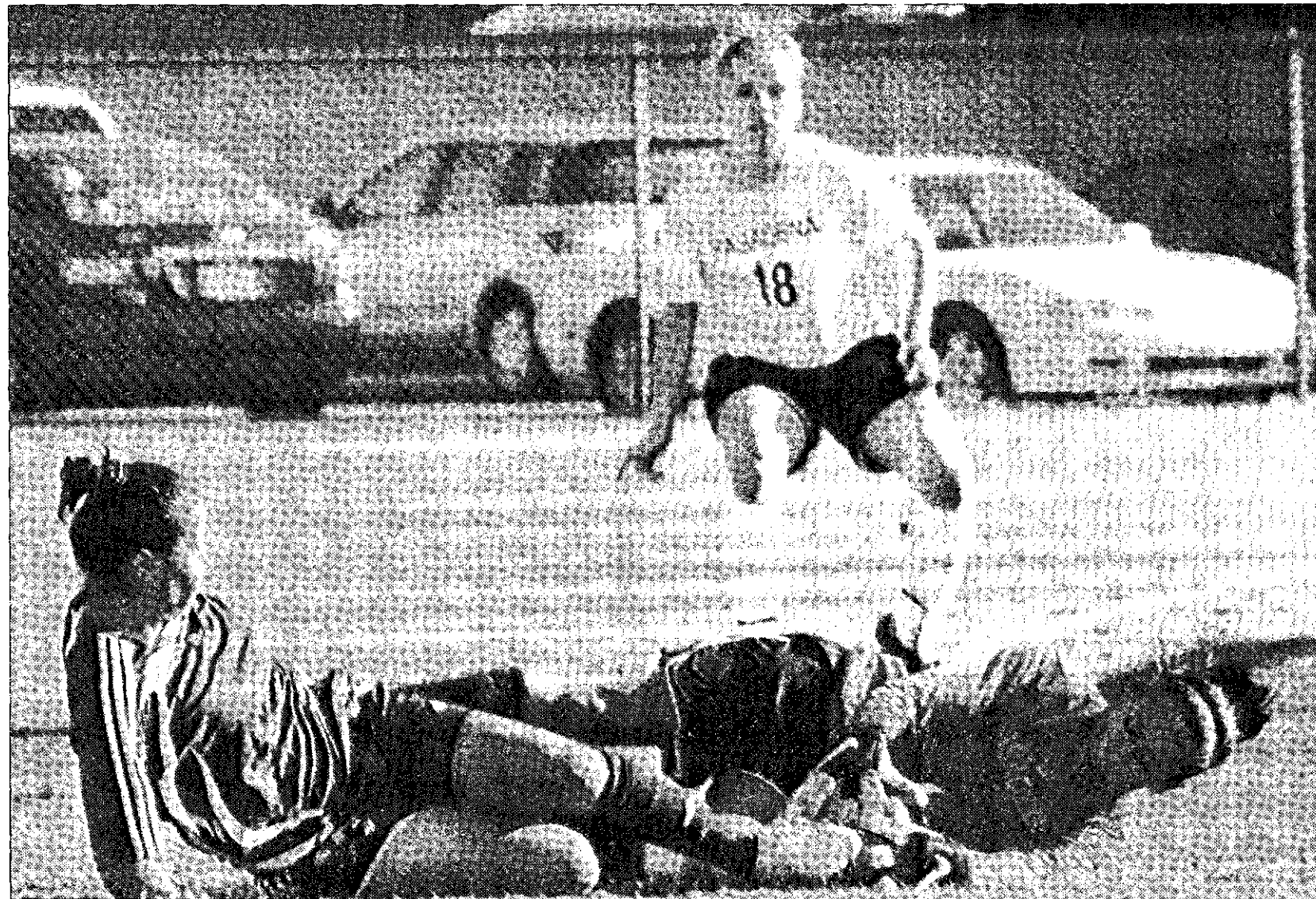
She said, "Long Beach is a really good team, but our team can beat them if we work on our fundamentals."

Ashley Badali, driver, scored a goal with one minute left in the second quarter as she shot the ball on a fast break from a short distance To give the Falcons the lead, 5-2.

The Falcons led at halftime, 6-2, thanks to the goal as the first half ended by Hanna Llamas, left hander.

Long Beach was able to score the first goal of the second half to bring the score, 6-3, with Cerritos in the lead.

Cerritos was playing one of its best games of the season as it, was able to stop all of the Vikings shot attempts while scoring goals on the offensive side.



Women's soccer: Midfielder Susana Mendoza (No. 13) slides with force barely missing Pasadena's goalkeeper's face, attempting to make a goal.

Women's soccer game end in a 2-2 tie with Pasadena

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The Cerritos College soccer team ended its five-game winning streak and 12-game home winning streak on Friday, but still was able to get the tie against Pasadena City College.

"We had a bad week of practice and this is the result," head coach Ruben Gonzalez said.

Three of the four goals were scored on penalty kicks, two by the Falcons and one by Pasadena.

The first goal was scored by Corina Villegas, midfielder, of a penalty kick just seven minutes into the game to give the Falcons the early 1-0 lead.

That was the only either team was able to score during the first

half.

Most of the half the game was played in the middle of the field, with neither team being able to manage much offense.

According to Gonzalez, Pasadena played a defensive trap, by bringing the defenders up to midfield and not allowing the Falcons forwards to get behind them without getting an offside penalty, in order to play for the tie.

The second half started out in the same way as the first ended with both teams struggling to gain control of the game.

That changed about half-way through the half when on a penalty kick Alyesse Orr was able to place the ball perfectly between the crossbar and the outstretched arm of the Pasadena goalie.

A few minutes later Pasadena scored on a penalty kick past diving Chantal Cervero, goalkeeper, to cut the Falcons lead in half.

"The referees let Pasadena back into the game by making up a penalty and giving them a penalty kick," Gonzalez said.

Later in the half Pasadena scored again when the shot by its forward barely made it over the leaping Cervero.

Javier Arrellano, assistant coach said, "I think we just got too complacent during today's game."

After the goal by Pasadena, both teams struggled to gain possession of the ball and the game ended in a tie.

"We did not communicate very well today and that's what led to the tie," Yasmin Torres, forward, said.

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Men's soccer beats Pasadena

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The Cerritos College men's soccer team won its fourth conference game Friday afternoon against Pasadena City College.

The Falcons defeated Pasadena's men's soccer team with the score of 3-1.

The Falcons now have a conference record of 3-0-1 and overall record of 9-2-3.

Forward Michael Paz scored in the first half of the game for the Falcons.

Toward the end of the first half, midfielder Leo Munoz sent a lucky pass to defender Luis Segovia and he scored the goal.

"It felt good to score and help my team win," Segovia said.

Cerritos ended the first half of the game with the score of 2-0.

Then another two goals were scored in the second half.

Forward Gerardo Torres scored 22 minutes into the second half of the game, scoring the third shot for Cerritos.

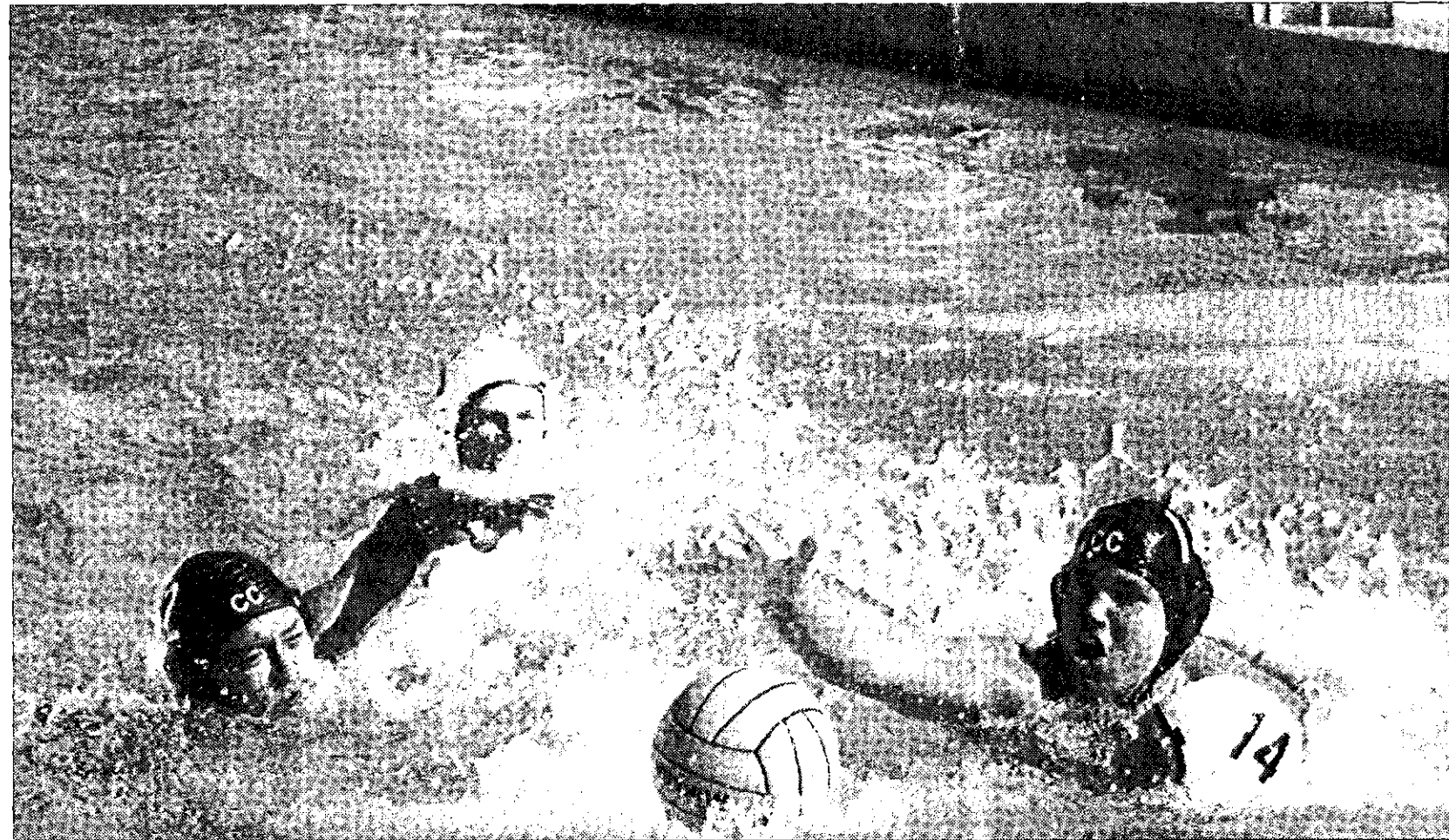
"We work hard in the game, motivation and pride keeps us going," Torres said.

Pasadena made its first and last goal during the last eight minutes of the game.

- Leading Scorer: Gerardo Torres with 16 points.
- Goals leader: Torres with 7 goals.
- Assist leader: Brian Alvarez and Alex Munoz with four each.



Men's soccer: Defender Hector Quezada (No. 24) prepares himself to kick a victorious shot with all his might.



Water polo: Two meter (No. 12) John Chao and driver (No. 14) Austin Cooper fight for the ball during last Thursday's win over Merced College.

Men's water polo defeats Merced, 16-7

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In response to Wednesday's loss to Long Beach, the Cerritos College men's water polo team defeated Merced College, 16-7, Thursday afternoon.

"During the first half of the game we were a little out of it," AJ Abrego, utility, said.

"But we were able to bounce back and play well enough to win in the second half."

The Falcons came out sluggish in the first half managing to score only four goals.

Scoring three of the goals in the first quarter by:

- Utility Dan Biag on a penalty shot.
- Another goal by Biag off a pass across the pool were Abrego.
- And the last goal of the quarter came from Louie Espinoza, utility, also assisted by Abrego.

During the second quarter, the Falcons only had one goal scored by Austin Cooper, driver.

Goalie Alan Nerarez said, "During the first half I think we took (Merced) too lightly because we played them last season and blew them out."

In the second half, the Falcons came out, strong scoring six goals. But Merced was also able to score a few goals and kept the score close going into the fourth and final quarter.

For Cerritos, Cooper scored while Abrego scored twice and Espinoza scored three times.

According to head coach Joe Abing, the team went

with a different style of defense during the second half and that's what led to the goals in the third quarter.

The Falcons continued pressuring Merced in the fourth quarter scoring six more goals and allowing only one.

The goals in the fourth quarter were scored by:

- Utility Chris Jimenez, his first of the game,
- Two-meter John Chao scored to give the Falcons a 13-7 lead.
- Then by Ryan Tamula with the assist going to Abrego and that was his fifth of the game.
- Two-meter John Chao scored to give the Falcons a 13-7 lead.
- And to end the second half-scoring driver Art Felix scored the final goal for the Falcons.

"We really needed this win to get our confidence back going into a tough tournament this weekend," Abing said.

Cerritos was able to win the first game of the tournament but lost in the second and will play two more games, Saturday.

Abrego said, "It's tough, we had two weeks where we only played one game and in the last four days we have played six."

- Goals leader: Dan Biag with 21.
- Assists leader: AJ Abrego with 31.
- Steals leader: Chris Jimenez with 18.

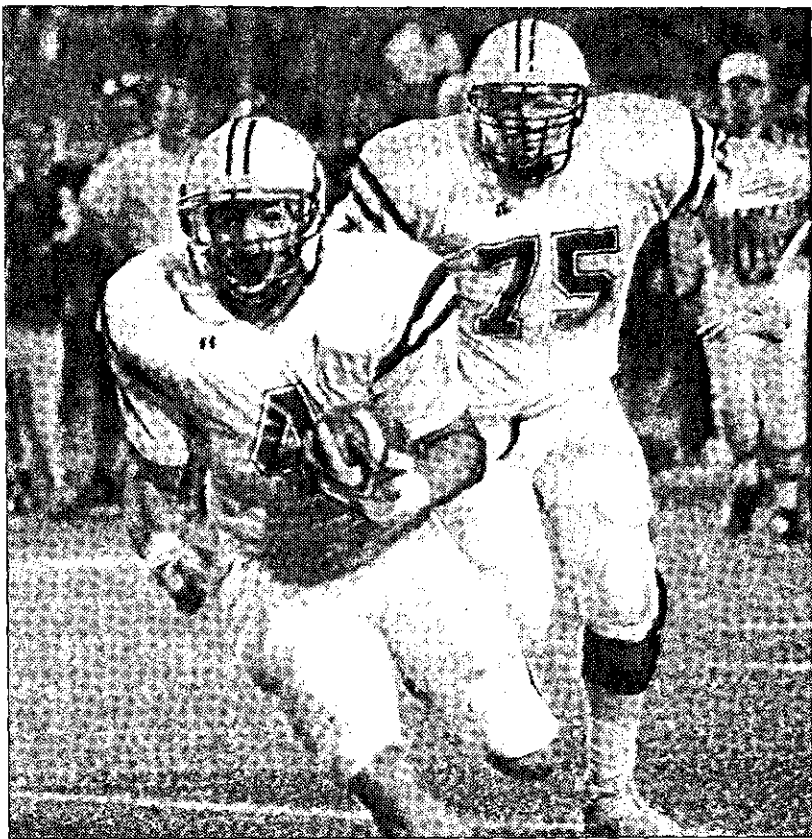
Cerritos next game is on Oct. 12-13 in the Cuesta Tournament.

The team's record is 12-5 and it is 3-1 in conference play.

Men's Water Polo Top 10 Poll

1. Golden West
2. West Valley
3. Long Beach
4. Cuesta
5. Ventura
6. Orange Coast
7. Cerritos
8. Riverside
9. Mt. SAC
10. Grossmont

Others receiving votes: Santa Rosa, LA Valley, Palomar, Chaffey and Santa Ana



Fight on: Running back Lorenzo Goode and the Falcons lose to Fullerton.

Lorenzo Goode has record breaking day

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Despite a school record 93-yard run by running back Lorenzo Goode, the Cerritos College football team lost to Fullerton College, 29-23, Sept. 29.

The previous record was 91 yards by Andre Wooten in 1986.

Goode finished with 234 yards rushing.

"(On the run) defensively we brought everyone up on the line of scrimmage and when he broke it, we didn't have anyone back and we got burned," Brian Crooks, Fullerton defensive coordinator, said.

"(The Hornets) were bringing eight guys and blitzing a lot. We just could not find a way to block them," Mazzotta said.

With about five minutes left, Cerritos had the ball with a chance to score on the Hornets' three-yard line.

On fourth and goal, the Falcons decided to go for the touchdown instead of opting for the field goal.

They brought out their short yardage package and everyone in the stadium knew what was next.

The ball was snapped, the hand-off was made and the Falcons were stopped.

"Everyone knows when we call that formation that we run the ball to the motion side and we were stopped," Johnny Tivao, nose tackle said.

"They haven't passed the ball out of that formation all season so we stacked the line in hopes they would run and they did," Crooks said.

Mission Conference

Standings National Conference

Team	Division Record	Overall Record
Saddleback	0-0	4-0
Pasadena	0-0	4-0
Cerritos	0-0	3-1
Mt. SAC	0-0	2-2
Riverside	0-0	2-2
Santa Ana	0-0	1-3

American Conference

Team	Division Record	Overall Record
Palomar	0-0	4-0
Fullerton	0-0	3-1
El Camino	0-0	3-1
Orange Coast	0-0	2-2
Golden West	0-0	2-2
Long Beach	0-0	1-3

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