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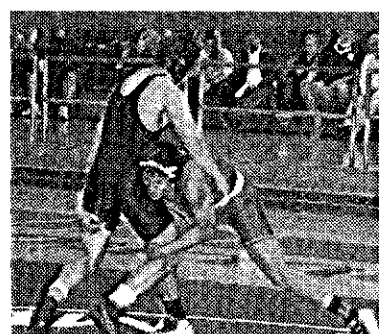
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Board deals with H.O.P.E.

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Members of the community filled the Board room last Wednesday to petition the Board to make Project H.O.P.E. part of the curriculum at the Board meeting last Wednesday.

Also, Deborah Shelpy, of tBP architecture, gave an update of the Campus Implementation program.

During the public forum session of the meeting, current and former members of Project H.O.P.E. along with their parents, teachers and staff members spoke to the Board, asking it to make the program part of the school's curriculum.

Rosemarie Medina, music department clerk, was the first person to speak in the open forum.

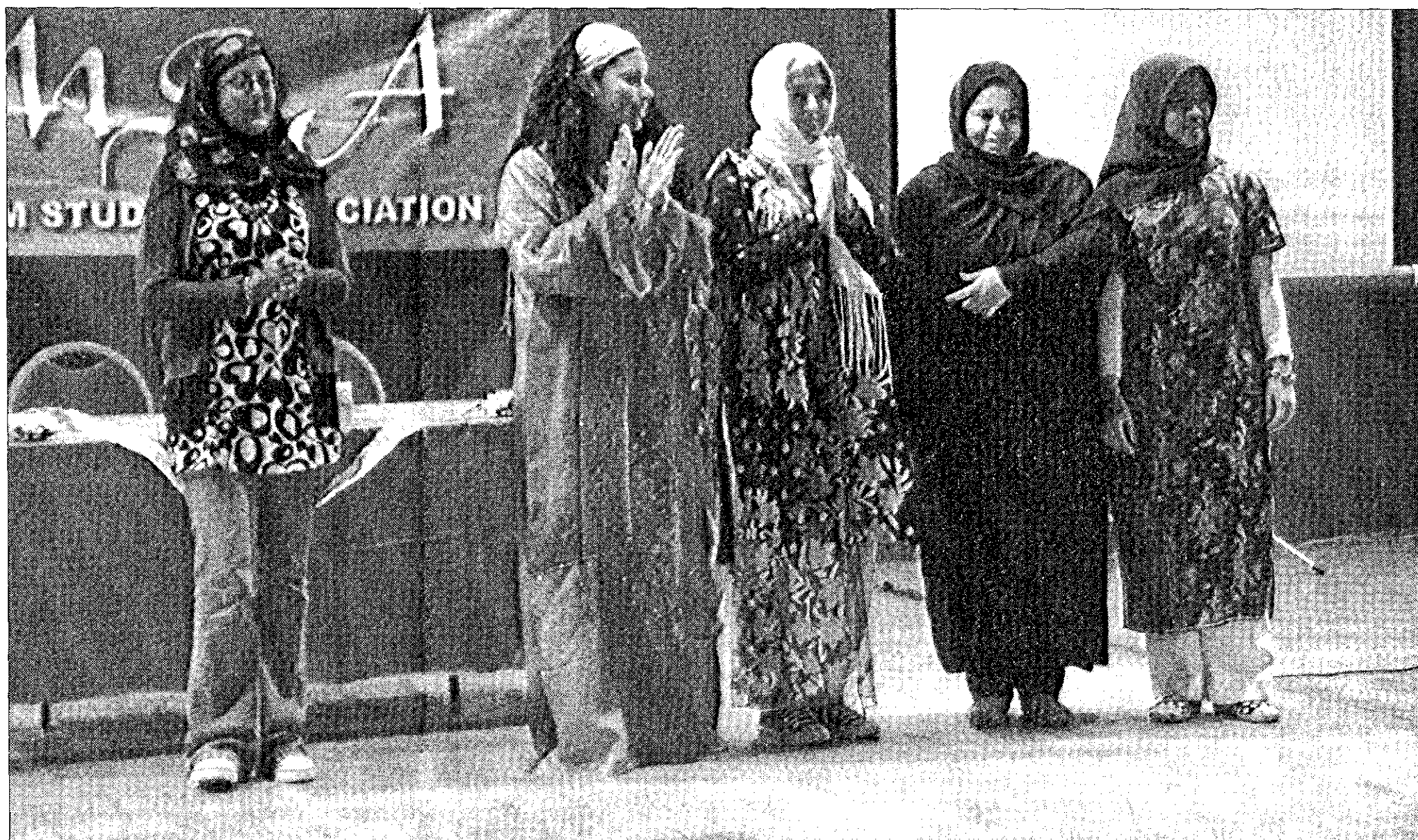
"I find it puzzling that a program as successful as Project H.O.P.E. has yet to be institutionalized," Rosemarie Medina, music department clerk, said to the Board.

"Why isn't it being supported for more than one year? It can't be because of funding. There are



"Others have come and voiced their concerns about the program. But they weren't taken seriously until now," - ASCC Vice President Michael Barrita

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Holy day: Members of the Muslim Student Association thank the audience for celebrating Ramadan with them during the celebration, which took place last Thursday in the Student Center.

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Muslim students celebrate Ramadan

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Students who practice the religion of Islam celebrated one of their most holy festivities of the year, Ramadan, in the Student Center last Thursday.

The Muslim Student Association sponsored the event and brought two guest speakers who are currently enrolled at UC Irvine and they explained what Ramadan means.

Robin Mahmud, economics major, opened up with a prayer in Arabic and then translated it to English.

Ramadan is the name of the ninth month of the Islamic calendar.

It's a month where Muslims fast for 29 days and are encouraged to read the entire Qur'an.

It is also believed the Qur'an was revealed. Mahmud described the word Islam as submission to God to surrender and to be obedient to him.

ent to him.

During the fasting period there is no consumption of food or liquid. If it's taken without being aware, then that is excusable.

There are many things that are prohibited, including food, smoking, foul language and sexual intercourse with their spouses.

Muslims get up before dawn to eat and perform their prayer. They usually bow down and pray five times a day. The fast is over for that day when the fourth prayer of the day is due.

Aslam Abbas, biochemistry major, said, "When we pray, we go all the way to the floor, indicating that we are nothing without the Most High."

Abbas said Muslim is a universal religion and the one who started this religion was God and the ones who follow were Noah, Jesus, Abraham, Mohammed, and many others mentioned in the Qur'an.

He also explained that a lot of people think

that Mohammed was the founder of this religion but he wasn't he was just a faithful servant and the one who was the most respected and trustworthy in the city of Mecca.

When the Ramadan is over, they celebrate by giving presents to children and pay their fees and that money goes to a poor family.

For example, someone who lives in Orange county and has a family of four would be paying around \$50 to who ever is in need.

Syntia Hadiningtias, geology major and President of the MSA, said, "We had some problems and couldn't present the PowerPoint that we had, but the guest speakers did a wonderful job in explaining the Ramadan and it worked out great."

After the guest speaker, Hadiningtias had a fashion show of how Muslim women dress for different occasions.

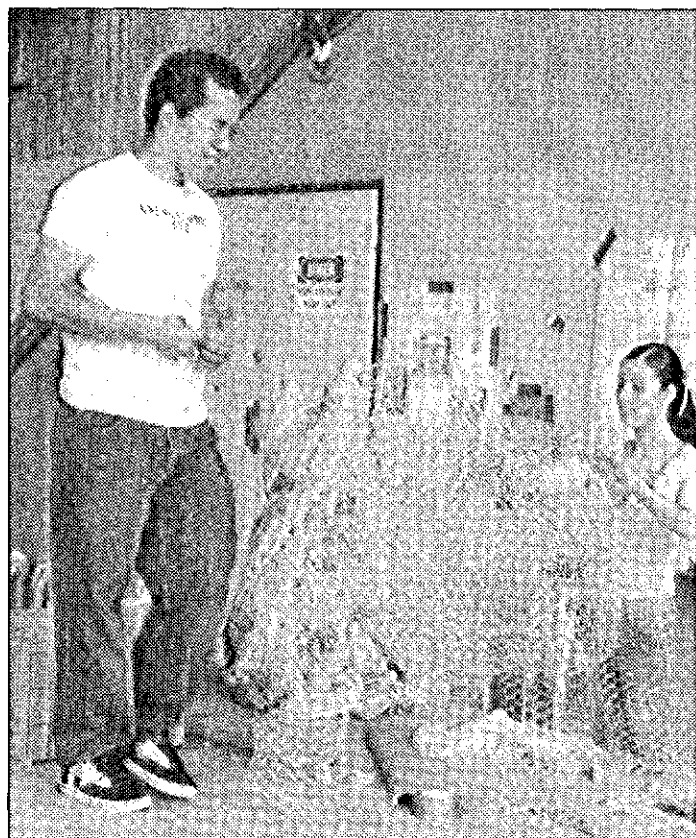
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A DAY IN RAMADAN

- Wake up/Say Duaa for Make Wudhu/Pray Tahajjud
- Prepare/Eat Suhoor
- Pray Salatul Fajr
- Brief Ramadan family meeting
- Learning activities, such as TJ Ramadan
- Pray Dhuhur/lunch Pray Asr
- Read Qur'an or Ramadan-related articles
- Iftar
- Pray Salatul
- Eat dinner
- Clean up
- Pray Isha

Source: www.talibdeen.wordpress.com

FLOATING AWAY



Working hard: Itzygueri Florez and Robby Florez, members of the Child Development Club, begin to build the club's float for the homecoming parade. The theme of its float is called "Animal Crackers".

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Scholarship opportunities presented at Cabinet meeting

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Holly Bogdanovich, director of Student Activities, announced that an outside corporation AXA Achievement has offered scholarships during Monday's ASCC Cabinet meeting.

Also, ASCC President Jason Macias announced plans to inform students about the Master Plan document.

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The deadline for applications for the AXA Achievement Scholarship is Dec. 15.

Bogdanovich said it's a great opportunity for someone to get scholarship money for classes.

For additional information students can visit their website: www.axa-achievement.com.

"It's connected through our school foundation," Bogdanovich said. "It gives out great scholarships."

ASCC president Jason Macias, announced the different commit-

tees throughout the school.

He has attended a Campus Transformation Committee that talked about the Master Plans for Cerritos College.

Macias informed others about the plans he have received.

The Master Plan discusses changes that will take affect within the next seven or eight years.

"I would like to schedule a meeting with as many student government members as possible to discuss the concerns and present what's going on," Macias said.

Students can then learn about the Master Plan and give feedback.

Canned food drive to begin

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Cerritos College will be sponsoring a canned food drive from Oct. 29 - Nov. 16 that will help people in the local community.

Nancy Bonilla, a staff member in Student Activities, said that cans will be collected so that they can be distributed to families in need during the Thanksgiving season.

Students at Cerritos College can partake in this drive by bringing can foods to school to be donated. For every 10 cans students bring, they will receive one Show Pride point.

All the cans will then be turned into Student Activities, where they will be counted and then given to the Norwalk Chamber, who will distribute them to the community.



Senate meeting: Terrie Lopez, from the Student Activities office, speaks at the Senate meeting on Oct. 17.

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Career Services informs Senate

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Terrie Lopez from Career Services spoke in front of the ASCC Senate about the school's placement tests in its meeting last Wednesday.

Lopez said, "Assessment is the most confusing thing about career services."

She explained a little about how the placement tests work.

The computerized tests are comprised of adaptive questions. They get harder when correct answers are entered and they get easier when incorrect answers are entered.

"It's not too challenging or too

simple."

She also mentioned the assessment tests for students that are unsure of what they want to measure in.

The assessment tests help students figure out, "what [they] might be interested in and what [they are] good at."

Career services also helps students find what kind of jobs are available with each major and who is hiring.

"We can [also] help you write a resume and help you interview."

In other business, ASCC President Jason Macias informed the Senate that two committees remain

without members: the Instructional and Technology Committee and the Matriculation Committee.

Macias also announced that Sen. Mitchah Williams will be appointed as Party Whip.

Party Whip acts as a middle person between the Cabinet and Senate, which Macias was acting on those duties before now.

Williams said, "It needs to be filled."

Kanneaka Sin, chief justice of the Student Court, came to talk about homecoming.

"It's by all means not a beauty pageant," she said.

Sin said that what homecoming

is really about is school spirit.

Sen. Andy Duong expressed his concerns about smoking on campus.

A few ideas were discussed on how to fight the problem of people smoking closer than 20 feet of entrances and exits of buildings.

Duong said, "We should put up more signs."

Holly Bogdanovich, director of Student Activities, suggested that all the ashtrays be moved to 20 feet from each building entrance.

She suggested even signs would be placed on the ashtrays stating that they are 20 feet from the entrances.

Board: Goes over Master Plan for campus renovation

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sources that are over the state mandated budget."

Another speaker was ASCC Vice President Michael Barrita. He asked if the Board's decision to grant the program \$300,000 for another year's time was politically motivated.

"Others have come and voiced their concerns about the program. But they weren't taken seriously until now," he said.

After the public forum, Board Vice President Bob Arthur said he listened to the concerns and agrees about the importance of the program.

"This administration has made attempts to fund the program through grants," he said.

"One of the main ones that we hoped would have come ended up falling through.

That's when the Board stepped up and granted funding for another 12 months."

Carmen Avalos, Board member, also agrees that the program is important, but also asked that the program itself take more of an initiative to make sure that it is institutionalized the right way.

She also spoke to some of the parents of Project H.O.P.E. members in Spanish and thanked them for coming and for their support.

Shepley gave an update of the Master Plan, which lists all of the changes that have and are to be made to the campus.

The Liberal Arts building was scheduled to have additions to it, but due to the building's age, it would cost just as much to renovate as it would to completely tear it down.

The cost to renovate the building would be \$17 million to renovate and \$15.4 million to add on.

"The building is over 50 years old and has been deteriorating at a rapid pace," she said.

The Burnight Theatre is on schedule to begin renovation, with costs projected at \$32 million if there is enough room in the budget to fund it.

"There's a big domino effect. Sometimes you have to wait for the funding," Jo Ann Higdon, vice president of business services, said.

"We don't have the option of closing buildings where students need to take classes."

Ramadan: Students learn about holiday

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When women go shopping or to go visit their friends, they wear an all black outfit, something very simple with no beads or prints.

In situations where women know they are only going to be around women, they dress up in more colorful dresses with a lot of

rhinestones and beads.

Modern women wear pants and a shirt or dress on top but with solid patterns.

Melissa Stayerman, psychology major, said, "Women are more comfortable around each other and don't need to worry about showing off their clothes."

Psychology Club lectures about steroid use and abuse

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The Psychology Club hosted its first of three lectures about steroids Tuesday.

Jasmine Batres started the presentation talking about the biology of steroids.

Testosterone is used in steroids and when the body intakes it, messenger RNA makes copies of that steroid message.

Steroids alter glutamate, which determines excitement, acetylcholine, which is for the heart, serotonin, which determines mood, and dopamine, which affects pleasure.

Batres said that steroids "mess with the hypothalamus" which in turn "messes with the whole system."

Males produce 10 milligrams of testosterone a day. Steroid users use 100 milligrams a day or more.

Steroids do not improve agility, skill, or cardiovascular capacity. Physically, men experience feminization and women experience masculinization.

Other negative effects for both sexes include:

- acne
- bloated appearance
- rapid weight gain
- clotting disorders
- liver damage
- premature heart attacks and strokes
- elevated cholesterol levels

• and weakened tendons.

"Steroids are addictive," Batres said. "People experience withdrawal symptoms."

Those symptoms include mood swings, fatigue, restlessness, and loss of appetite.

Angela Song, Psychology Club member, continued the presentation on the subject of mood-related symptoms from steroids, commonly known as "roid rage."

Experiments were conducted where between two to 10 percent of people experienced mood-related problems with 600 milligrams a week.

Song said steroid users use steroids because "they believe their (bodies) are so small."

This is known as muscle dysmorphia, also known as reverse an-

orexia, where a person is never satisfied with his or her muscle size.

Song pointed out a particular observation where over the years, the GI Joe toy's muscle size has grown with the more common steroid use has become.

The presentation was finished with the discussion of controversy over steroid use with athletes.

Athletes need to go that extra mile for fans that buy tickets to see them play.

"If it was legalized, things would be better," Batres said. "We pressure athletes to do it."

A student in the audience brought up the issue with wrestler Chris Benoit and how steroids have an impact on other people.

"How it affects (other people) is a whole 'nother issue," Batres said.

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Men dress up at Mock Rally

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The stage and walkway were set and pompoms were on every seat. The Student Center was filling up. The Mock Rally on Oct. 18 was about to begin and students were getting excited.

The "mockers" were:

- Irish Della
- Tusi Rigo
- Angel Meza
- Lavaai Tuiali
- Mark Baradi
- Mark Zuniga
- Christoff Sarta

Sarta was the winner. He was handed a bouquet of carrots and radishes.

Sarta said, "I want to thank JJ for getting me up here to do this."

Della, with Adrianna Venegas, was wearing a grass skirt, a lei and flowers made into a hat. He fondled his "breasts" to the crowd.

The disc jockey hosting the event asked him what he likes to do for fun.

Della said, "I like to take long walks through the park [and] stare at the stars with my boyfriend."

The audience responded with laughter.

For Della's dance, he shook his rear-end for the crowd.

Rigo, supporting Nicole Campos, was next with his brunette wig, orange skirt, and sunglasses.

Rigo's question was what he would change about his appearance.

He said, "I think my [butt]."

Rigo said he didn't know what he was going to do for his dance. He was just going to figure it out.

Meza, supporting Alyssa Huerta, came out in a blonde wig and a red skirt.

The disc jockey asked what his most embarrassing moment as a young lady was.

"A couple guys were checking me out as always. I bent down and my back showed to everybody," Meza said. "It was so embarrassing. I still can't forget it."

He then danced to a song from his "best friend," Britney Spears.

Tuiali, supporting Anna Tapu, wasn't wearing a wig but he was wearing a Hawaiian skirt.

He was asked what is hard about being a woman.

Tuiali said, "Besides having to dye my hair every day, maintenance and keeping up with pedicures."

During Tuiali's dance, women and men came up to the stage to throw dollars at him.

Two came back to get their money back.

Baradi, supporting Sarah Genio-Graves, emphasized his big "breasts" with his outfit.

He was asked who he thinks is the perfect male specimen.

Baradi responded, "Brad Pitt."

Baradi shook and spanked his butt during his dance. He then pulled the disc jockey to dance with him.

Zuniga, supporting Ashley M. Flores, came out in a tight pink and black workout outfit.

He said, "If I was a car, I would be a Lamborghini because [Lamborghinis] are fast, smooth, and nice."

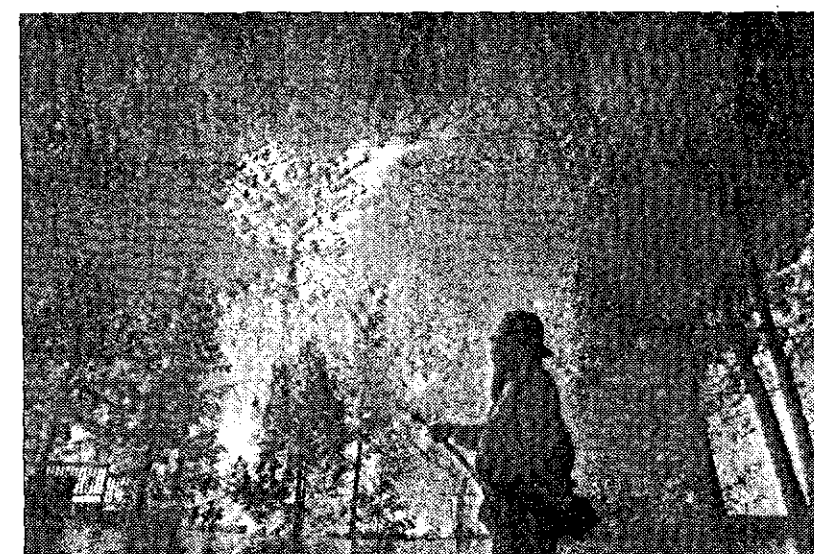
Sarta, supporting Andrea Castillo, came onto the stage in a tight black dress with his "cleavage" showing.

Instead of dancing, Sarta sang. He continued singing beyond when the music stopped.

He looked at the disc jockey and said, "Let me get to my chorus! I rehearsed for this!"



Mock Rally: Christoff Sarta wins the Homecoming Mock Rally, receiving a bouquet of carrots and radishes.



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San Diego campus closed due to fires

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(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. - The wildfires that menaced Southern California over the weekend and Monday have also hit close to home for Northwestern University students from the area, many of whom have families directly in the fires' paths.

Authorities have called them "witch fires" -- the Southern California wildfires that killed at least one person Monday and injured dozens others. The fires blazed through San Diego County and led to the evacuation of more than a quarter of a million people and the destruction of almost 130 homes.

"My family had to evacuate, and when I found that out, I knew it was kind of a big deal," said Weinberg sophomore J.P. Lona.

The Carlsbad, CA, native said emergency workers were fighting fires "a five-minute drive" from his house.

He added that he communicated with family members throughout the day Monday. And as for the

safety of his home and possessions, "it's gonna be what it's gonna be," Lona said.

The wildfires have covered about 310 square miles of an area already severely affected by drought.

Although firefighters and police departments enforced a mandatory evacuation, many people have refused to leave their homes in hopes of protecting their possessions.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency in the seven counties ravaged by wildfires. Aside from the damage brought on by the flames, the fires also damaged a major powerline operated by San Diego Gas & Electric, causing about 50,000 people to lose power Monday.

Weinberg freshman Corinne Bernstein is from Irvine, CA., which is located between Los Angeles and San Diego. Although her family has not yet been evacuated, their area has been placed on evacuation watch.

"I'm definitely concerned (about the fires) living in Southern California, but the fire warning's been high all summer," she said. "It's been a very dry season - this is the worst it's been in a long time."

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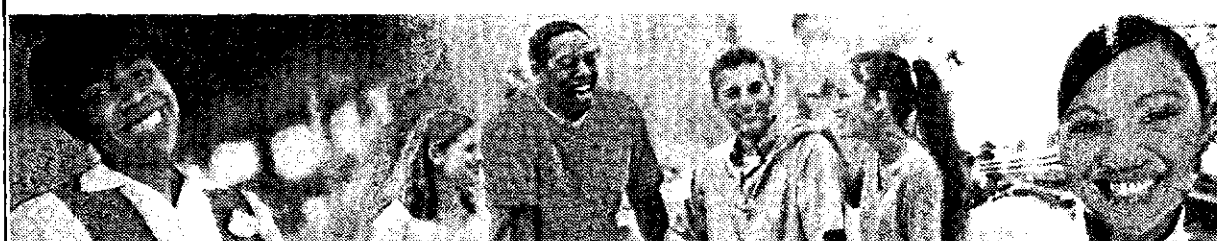
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• EDITORIAL •

America has become shallow

In today's society, beauty is more important than intelligence or personality and this needs to change if we are to grow as a society.

Everywhere you look, you will see this problem.

In television shows, you have either the very good looking people or the very unattractive people and the unattractive people play roles like villains or someone with a high level of intelligence.

Beauty pageants are filled with contestants who can barely put a sentence together, such as the recent debacle at Miss Teen USA by Miss South Carolina Lauren Caitlin Upton.

For those who do not remember or never heard the answer, when she was asked, "Recent polls have shown a fifth of Americans can't locate the U.S. on a world map. Why do you think this is?"

Her answer was, "I personally believe that U.S. Americans are unable to do so because, um, some

people out there in our nation don't have maps and, uh, I believe that our, uh, education like such as, uh, South Africa and, uh, the Iraq and everywhere.

"And I believe that they should, uh, our education over here in the U.S. should help the U.S., uh, should help South Africa and should help Iraq and the Asian countries, so we will be able to build up our future."

Even on a more localized level, people fall into the trap of putting too much emphasis on looks.

Cerritos has started its homecoming celebrations with the queen elections taking place Wednesday and Thursday.

You would think in a college that intelligence would matter, but it still does not.

Granted, being intelligent matters in the classroom. However, we still must find a way to make intelligence more important on the whole.

With plastic surgery, everyone

has the opportunity to be beautiful. But what fun would it be if everyone looked the same?

Teenagers, who are not fully developed, are getting breast augmentations so they can fit in better and not be out cast.

Children idolize people like Paris Hilton and Justin Timberlake, instead of someone like Steven Hawking.

It's a sure bet that many people don't know that Doris Lessing won the Nobel Prize for literature. But most people know that Justin Timberlake won an MTV music award.

The sad fact of this issue is no matter how much we have evolved, we still judge people in this society on what they look like.

We must change this mind set to put more importance on intelligence and personality.

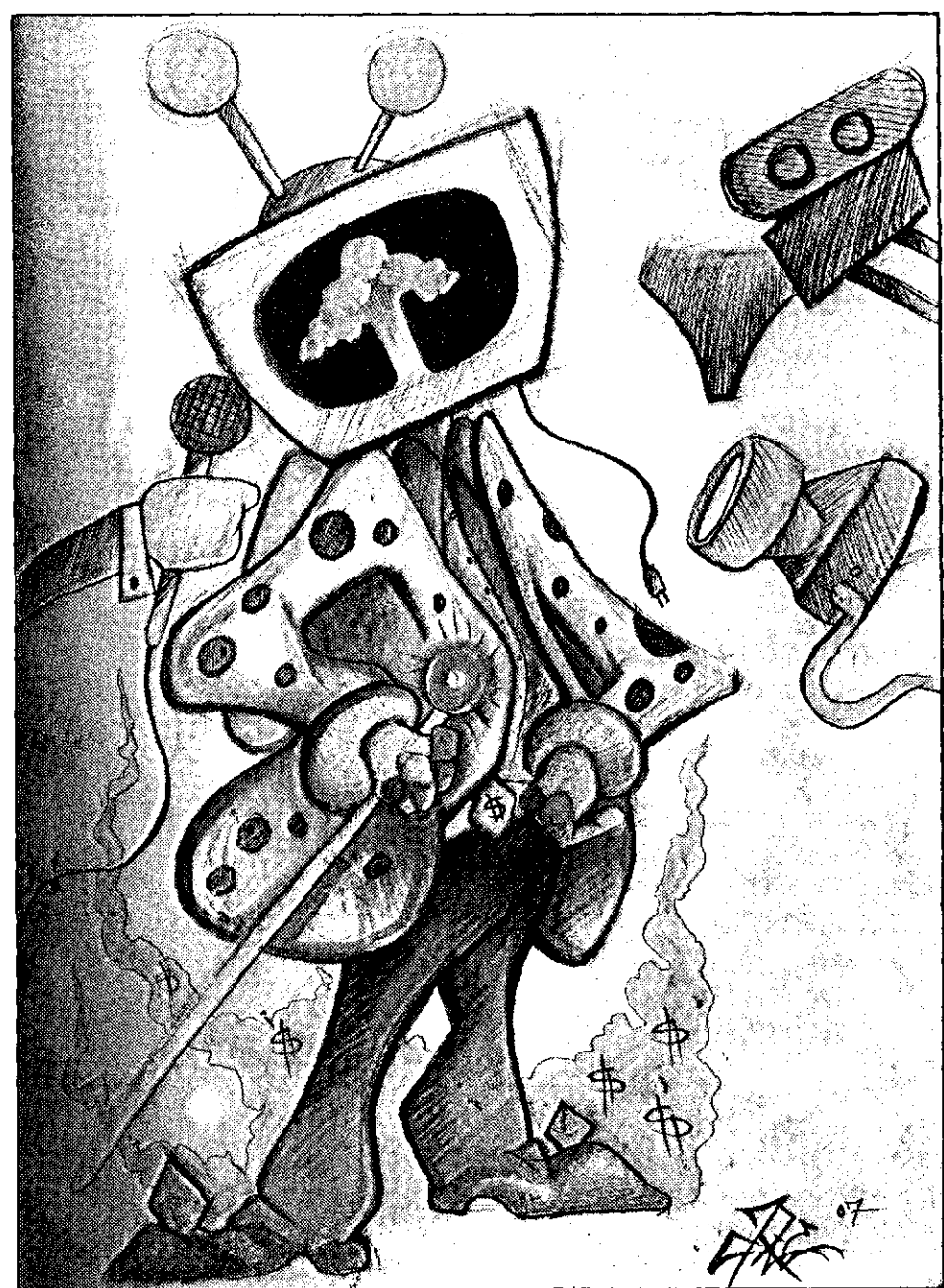


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Parents aren't getting it

Some parents don't know when to let go of their precious children



woman comes into the picture and takes their son's attention and even love.

Daughters are always daddy's little girl and fathers are very protective of them as well.

The fact is that it is a cycle of life, boys and girls grow into men and women.

Parents, even if they have a big role in a son's or daughter's life, need to realize when it is that time for them to go out in the world and experience things.

I'm sure that most parents only want the best for their children but sometimes they get caught up in what they want to see and not what the son or daughter wants.

This is where a breakdown in that relationship comes in. There is a point where needs and wants differ for people and parents need to learn this better.

What I have seen a lot is parents fight-

ing with their children over relationships, careers and schools. Parents want certain things and the son or daughter wants others.

Sometimes it is a cultural thing and other times they are trying to make up for mistakes that they made and want a better life for their children.

Either way, certain things are inevitable and if someone is going to take a wrong road you can't stop them but just hope that whatever happens helps them learn from it and be better for it.

Sometimes helping is hurting; if you make a person too dependant on you or something, when he or she will have to go out on his or her own, he or she won't be able to do much or maybe anything.

There is a time that you have to let go and let things be what they are.

The best thing you can do is teach your children all the good you can and be there for them and finally hope that it will give them the strength and knowledge in life to accomplish many things.

The absolute truth does exist

Too many people take moral relativism too far



why is it not applicable to the law?

Certainty and absoluteness must come into play and assure every individual of his or her liberties and rights that are demanded as American citizens.

For example, let's say it is right for me to slash someone's tires in my mind, but according to society, it is an inhumane evil that I have performed.

Is it not obvious that the person that has been wronged?

It was absolutely wrong to slash those tires.

What I am trying to say is that there is a definite line between factual information, right, and wrong that cannot be

lent and opinion that can be conformed to satisfy.

Albert Einstein's theory has been taken out of context and proportion.

What his theory makes reference to is the difference in appearances, such as size and velocity, from different perspectives.

It's gotten to the point that when someone says "Christopher Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492," someone else might respond, "That's your opinion, it was purple and we're both right too."

If these two contradicting ideas conflict, how can they both be right?

It is impossible for both of these people to be correct.

Opposites do not agree, that's the definition of opposites.

A clear, distinct line has to be emphasized because there is such a thing as the absolute truth.

FREE SPEECH ZONE !?

Why are people so superficial
when it comes to looks?

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"A lot of it has to do with the media and also having a lack of being secure in ourselves."

MATA ULIVUGA
economics major



"We are very capitalistic people. Businesses tell people that they need to buy certain products and look a certain way."

MARY BALTAR
nursing major



"Most people are naive and they think they that looking a certain way is important. They let others tell them who they should be."

MICHAEL MELWANI
architecture major



"Judging someone on beauty is not necessarily a bad thing in the right situation. But if you are relying on beauty when you need someone with brains, it becomes a bad thing."

SARAH GENIO-GRAVES
theatre major



"We see other people dressed and looking a certain way. Peer pressure makes people think they must look and dress like everyone else."

JAVIER MAYA
undecided major

Don't talk down to me

Keep negative comments about me to yourself. Worry about you.



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Don't you feel that there are always people watching every single move you make? They are so focused on your life, they put their own lives aside.

That is how I feel and the things that they point out are only the negative ones. I don't hear comments on how good I'm doing.

At school, there are people that say that my writing is not good and my English is not proper.

This is why I'm in school getting an education, so that someday I can be an example to others, especially my future children.

So why isn't anyone talking about the good life that I have?

I have a wonderful family that is always there for me that tells me that they believe in me.

I have a man that loves me and lets me know how much I mean to him. I have a job that I enjoy and I

work around positive people. I know that there is still a lot that I need to improve and I am working on that.

So if you don't have a positive comment toward me, then keep it to yourself.

I know my weaknesses better than anyone so please don't try to tell me that you know more than I do.

Instead, this is what I want to hear, "Flor, nice work. That is a nice truck you drive. Flor, you are a good friend and you are not a hypocrite."

I know that I'm young, smart, and pretty so leave me alone and instead, go and use your energy for yourself or find someone else that you can help out instead of trying to destroy a good person.

This world has people that will try to bring you down as well as people that will open your eyes to positive roads.

What I do is stay away from negative comments and if I hear that someone is talking about me, I laugh because they take time to analyze my life, so I must be a celebrity in their eyes.

Everyone does whatever they can. Some do more than others, but you don't know the personal problems that they have, so don't judge. You are not anyone to criticize.

If you think that you are too good and that no one is at your level, then why are you still in a community college?

If I had all those smarts, I would definitely be at Yale, Harvard, or Stanford!

For now, I'm in a very happy stage of my life and I thank my best friend for all that he has made for me.

I am proud to be Mexican as well as I am glad to be here in Ceritos College, building my career.

One day, I will write a book on the challenges that I have been going through.



Board games over 'Soup'

'Chicken Soup for the Soul' isn't life. Board games are a closer match.



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DAVIS, Calif. - Where do I turn when I'm feeling lost and disheartened, when I need guidance and direction?

I'll tell you where I don't look: "Chicken Soup for the Soul." Not that I have a problem with sentimentality.

Frank Capra films are a favorite of mine. However, the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series contains stories so fake and saccharine that they've been known to give lab rats cancer.

I've had firsthand experiences with this feel-good propaganda. I survived harrowing POW-like torture in 11th grade when my P.E. teacher read the stories aloud to inspire the class.

I wouldn't be surprised if I had a brain aneurysm while listening to those pedantic parables.

I wasn't the only one who suffered from adverse effects.

The bad kids in class turned to drugs, taking hits from apple bongs during the mile walk. (It was the lazy cardio class, so we didn't run). Then again, it was public school, so they probably would have gotten

high during class even if the teacher didn't force feed the "Chicken Soup" stories down our throats. The point is, the only appropriate time to read a selection aloud from "Chicken Soup for the Soul" is if, and only if, Little Billy accidentally drinks bleach and vomiting needs to be induced.

So if you can't turn to a crappy short-story compilation to get you through life, where can you look? Answer: board games.

Scoff, chortle and guffaw if you must, but board games tell it like it is.

You should never handle a scalpel (Operation). You will never hold onto Asia (Risk). Gloppy the molasses monster will sink your battleship (the Candyland/Battleship crossover).

Yes, life is hard, your dreams might never be fully realized, but that's okay! You, dear reader, can steer your way through life by following the basics tenets of my board game philosophies:

Philosophy One: "Life is like Jenga. There are no winners, just one big loser." Jenga, to me, is a game of hope: the odds are in your favor.

At the conclusion of Jenga, there are multiple "winners," and they all feel pretty good.

But the guy who knocked the tower over, on the other hand, is the biggest loser in the history of the universe -- a bigger loser than George McGovern, Sanjaya Malakar, and Charlie Brown combined.

Philosophy Two: "If you are a woman, the character you play in Clue (or Cluedo as it's called in Britain) correlates with your station in life."

The women of Clue are very different from one another. The cast includes a hot sexpot, a rich old lady and a maid.

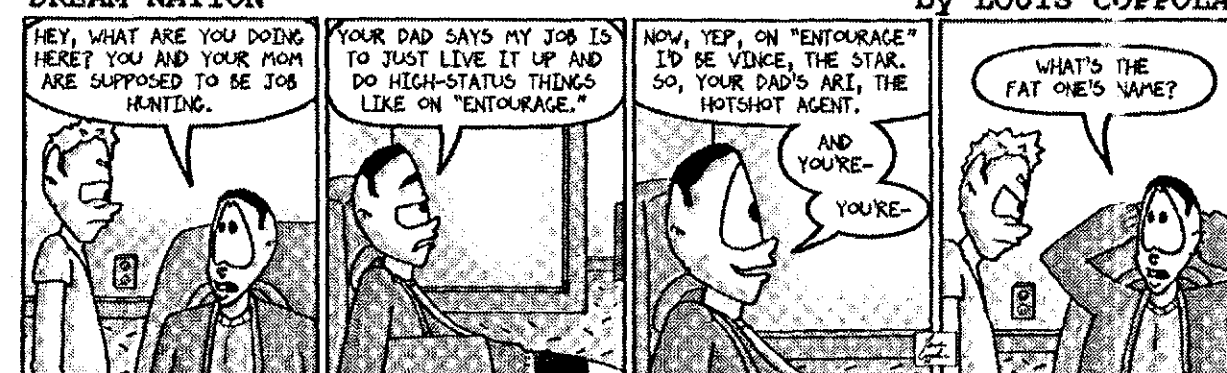
Since Miss Scarlet is the most beautiful character, every woman wants to be her.

The remaining woman gets stuck being Mrs. White, the middle-aged maid with bunions who shoots Mr. Boddy because he paid her minimum wage and was a bit too grabby.

And lastly, Philosophy Three: "Life is absolutely nothing like the Game of Life."

Teachers don't make \$100,000 a year, shacks cost a lot more than \$40,000 (at least in California they do) and I will never, never, never drive a mini-van. I don't care how many blue and pink children I have.

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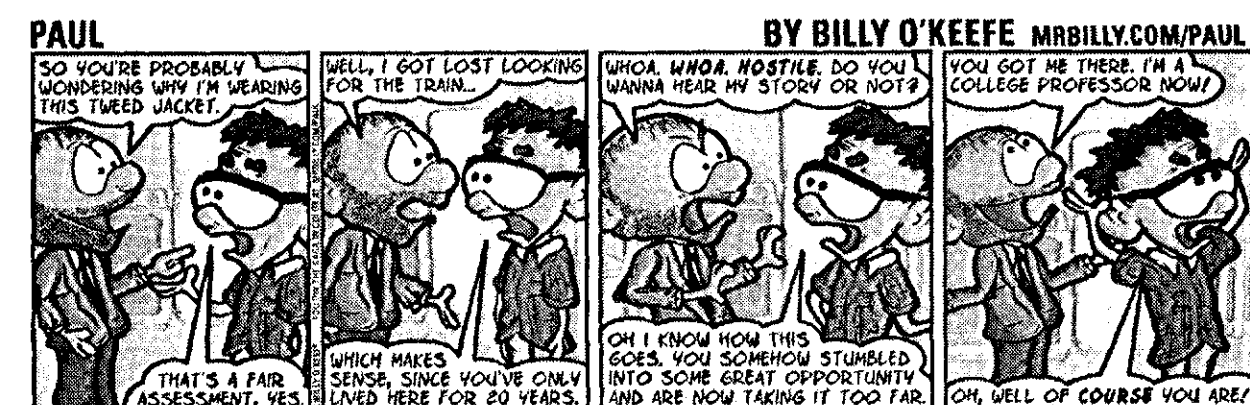


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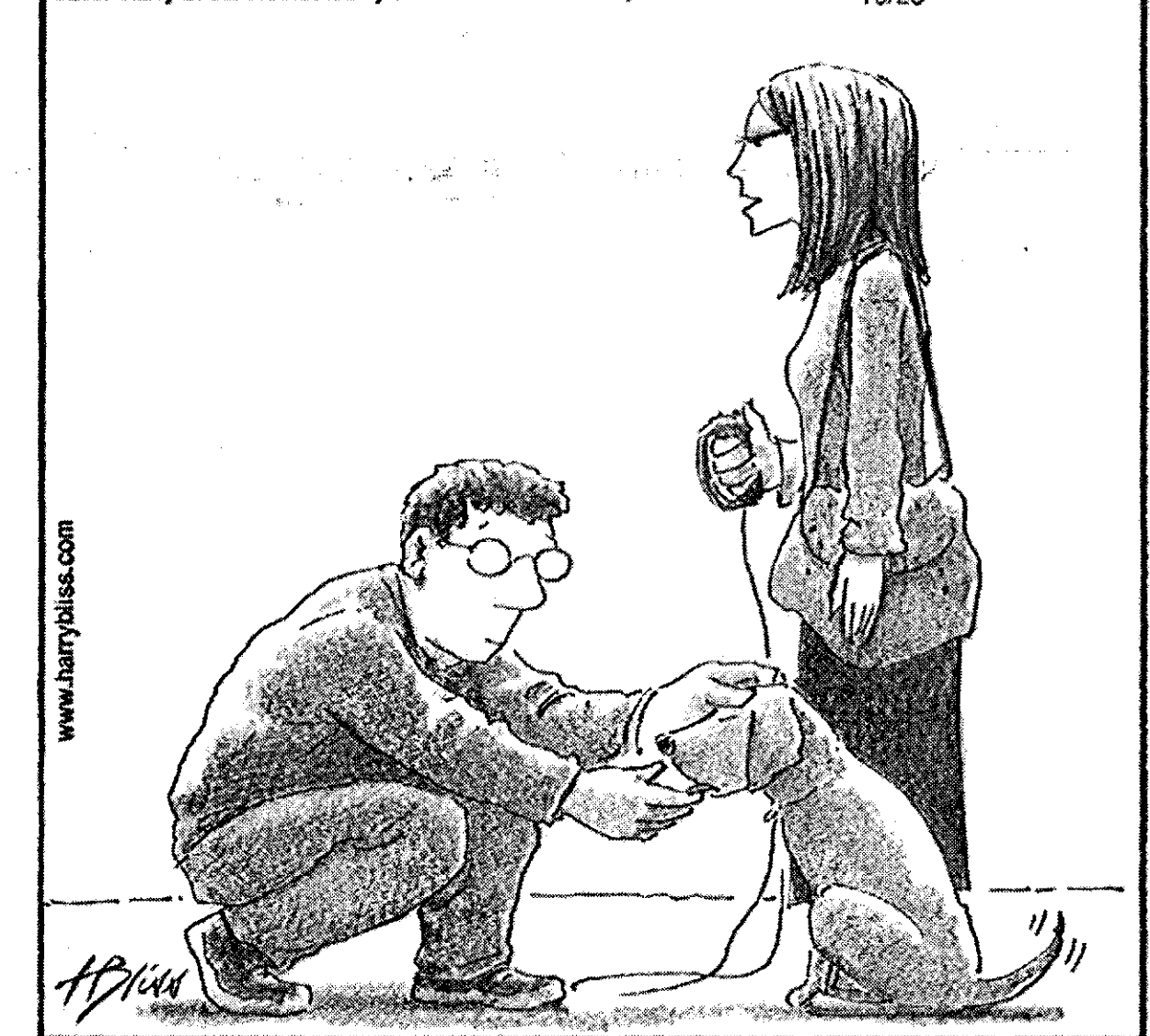
GIRLS AND SPORTS



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"Actually, it's 'Snoopy,' not 'Snoopy.'"



Dancers prepare for fall concert

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The Dance Department is going to be hosting a Fall Dance Concert Oct. 25 to 27 at 8 p.m. in the Burnight Theatre.

The dancers said that they have been practicing their routines for the last two and a half months.

Samira Khalof, liberal arts major, is very excited about the concert.

"I love dancing, it gives me happiness," she said. "This concert will give us the opportunity to show audiences what we have been working so hard on."

Janet Sanderson will be the director of the concert.

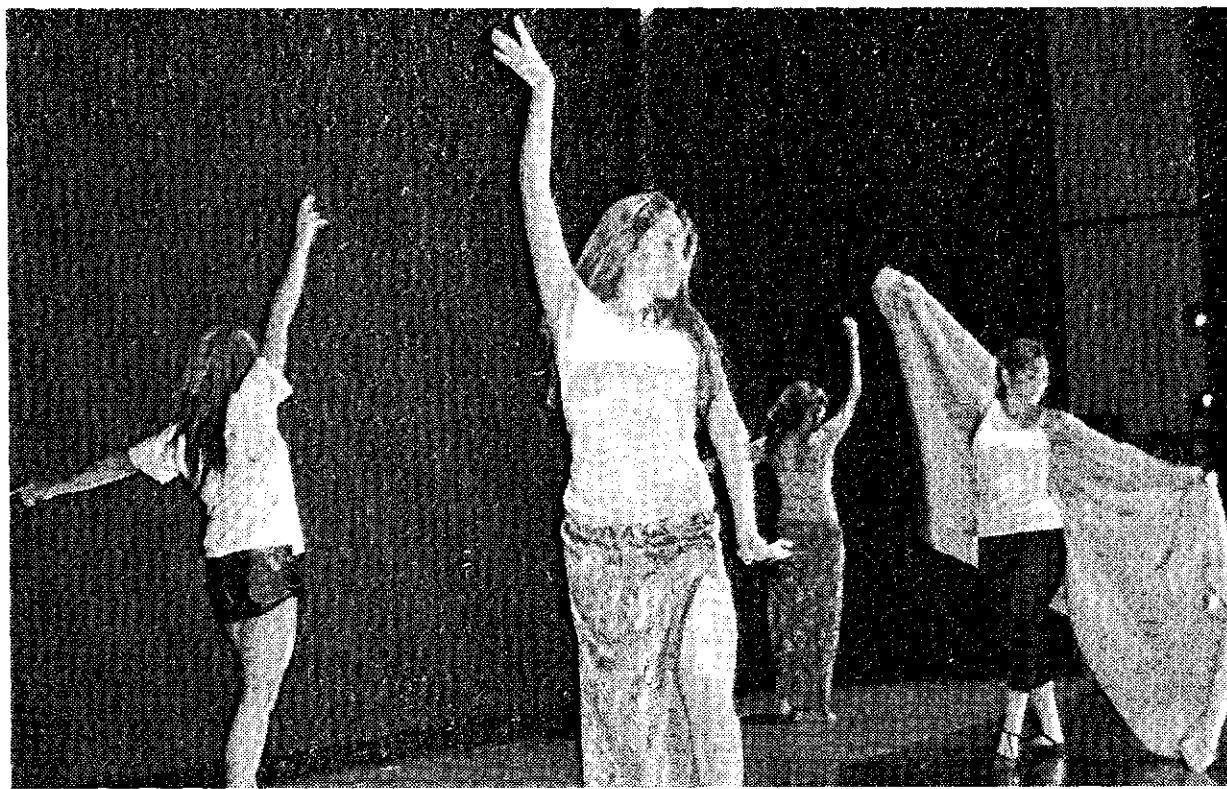
Last Friday, she was instructing students on where to be on stage during their skits.

Dancers were getting familiar with stage props and positioning.

One of the routines that they practiced was called "Seven Days, Seven Weeks." This performance refers to Buddhism.

One of the performers, Margarita Pulido, kinesiology major, said she is a little nervous about the concert, but hopes that the rehearsals will help ease some of the anxiety.

She also said that the people



Dance practice: Members of the Dance Department practice for upcoming concerts on Oct. 25 to 27.

JUNIOR CARRICK/TM

who are going to view this concert are going to be in for a treat.

As the dancers were practicing, light designer and stage manager Tyna Kennedy was designing the lighting for each group.

"I think this year, the concert is going to be a strong one, the dancers all seem focused, and dedicated," she said.

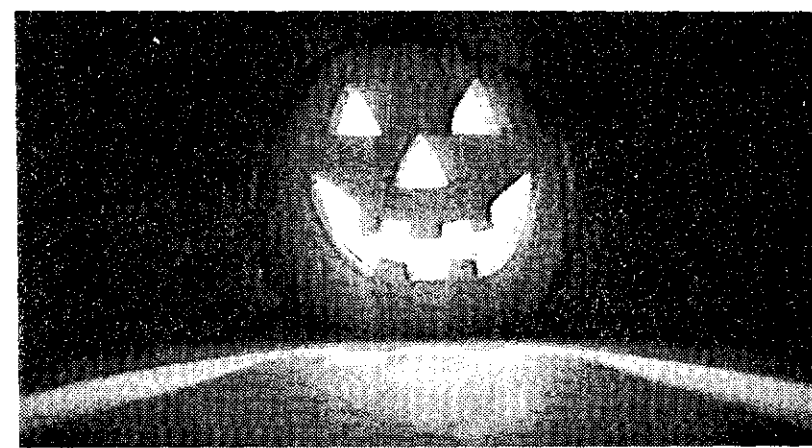
The rehearsals were very intense. Students were sweating and doing the same routine over and over again even if they felt the one before was perfect.

Edward Elgankins, dance major, said this concert means a lot to him. He wants to become a professional dancer. He is gaining a lot of experience. He can't wait for the concert

and he is excited and ready. He also states this is going to be one of the greatest concerts of all time.

All groups, students, and instructors are working together to make a great concert.

For more information, contact the Cerritos College Dance Department at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2861.



Is Knott's scary?

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Halloween Haunt brings new mazes and days for its 35th Anniversary. Knott's Scary Farm runs 27 days and has five new mazes.

The new mazes are:

- Beowulf: Labyrinth into Darkness
 - Pyromaniac
 - The Doll Factory
 - Killer Clown Kollege and
 - Black Widows Cavern
- The returning mazes are:
- Lore of the Vampire
 - Asylum
 - Red Beards Revenge
 - Feary Tales
 - 13 Axe Murder Manor
 - The Grudge 2
 - Lost Vegas
 - and Dark Realm: Lazer

rage

That is 13 mazes that Halloween Haunt has this year, the most they have had in Haunt history.

The movie studio releasing the actual film is backing Beowulf: Labyrinth into Darkness.

This maze was set up great with fully dressed-up sets and characters, but seems to depart from Haunt being about scares to just making money off of a movie.

That said, the maze is not very scary at all, cool to go through but just for the looks and the talent is good too and are into it.

Next is Pyromaniac, the concept is kind of weird but it was nice to see them change the theme.

There are more new mazes and a full report on Halloween Haunt and other Halloween events at www.talonmarks.com.

Master pianist visits Cerritos

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Pianist Dr. Sergey Martinchuk gave a concert for Cerritos College students in BC53 on Oct. 13.

Dr. Christine Lopez welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this event with a big smile and applause from the audience as Martinchuk came into a room full of spectators.

The expressions and body movements made the audience realize how passionate he is every time he touches the piano keys.

Delmi Pimente, teaching major, said, "My mother and I are pleased to be here he is a wonderful pianist. (It is a) good thing that I found out about the concert online."

Estela Morales, liberal arts major, said, "I'm currently taking music classes and this concert is going to count as extra credit. But the most amazing part is to see how he feels as he is playing. He looks very passionate."

Martinchuk said that before any concert, he takes a deep breath and he tries to be as calm as possible because he doesn't want to be hyper before getting to the piano.

His mother is the one that got him to play piano. She is not a pianist, but she made sure that he got his hands on the piano.

He began at the age of seven and after three years, he finally decided that it was something he wanted to get better at.

"When playing the piano, I picture a good scene of life because that's what music is, life," he said.

He never just concentrates on the notes but rather on something that he likes.

He said that for those who are undecided and want to try taking lessons on how to play the piano, he recommends giving it a shot and with time and practice, the rewards will come.

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Cerritos beats rival Santa Ana, 26-16

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A pin by Adam Hase, 174-pound weight class, 37 seconds into his match with Santa Ana's Justin Gomez propelled the Falcons to a win in their first conference match against the Santa Ana Dons, 26-16, last Friday.

"I did not think I would have a problem pinning my opponent because my coaching staff really prepared me for the match," Hase said.

The Falcons had three pins total in their match against the Dons.

The No. 1 ranked wrestler at 133-pounds, Paul Lyon pinned his opponent from Santa Ana in just over two minutes.

In addition, Al Kinslow pinned Santa Ana's Joseph Garcia in the 197-pound weight class.

The Falcons also had wins from David Razo, 157-pound weight class and Mike Koehnlein, 141-weight class.

Both won on points, Razo beating Sean Barbour, 157-pound weight class, 9-1, and Koehnlein beat Mike Lopez, 141-pound weight class, 14-6.

"This was the first time all season we had all of our starters in a match and I was really impressed with the way the guys performed," Don Garriott, head coach, said.

The Falcons lost five individual matches.

Jason Carrillo, 125-pound weight class, lost to Anthony Frank, 125-pound weight class, 2-1.

During Carrillo's match there was a controversial call that when he looked as though he broke the look of the Dons' wrestler and should have received the tying point but it was not given to him by the official.

"I don't understand what the official saw, but it was clearly a break and Carrillo should have received the point," Garriott said.

Tony Ruiz, 149-pound weight class, lost to Jose Serratos, 149-pound weight class, 12-3.

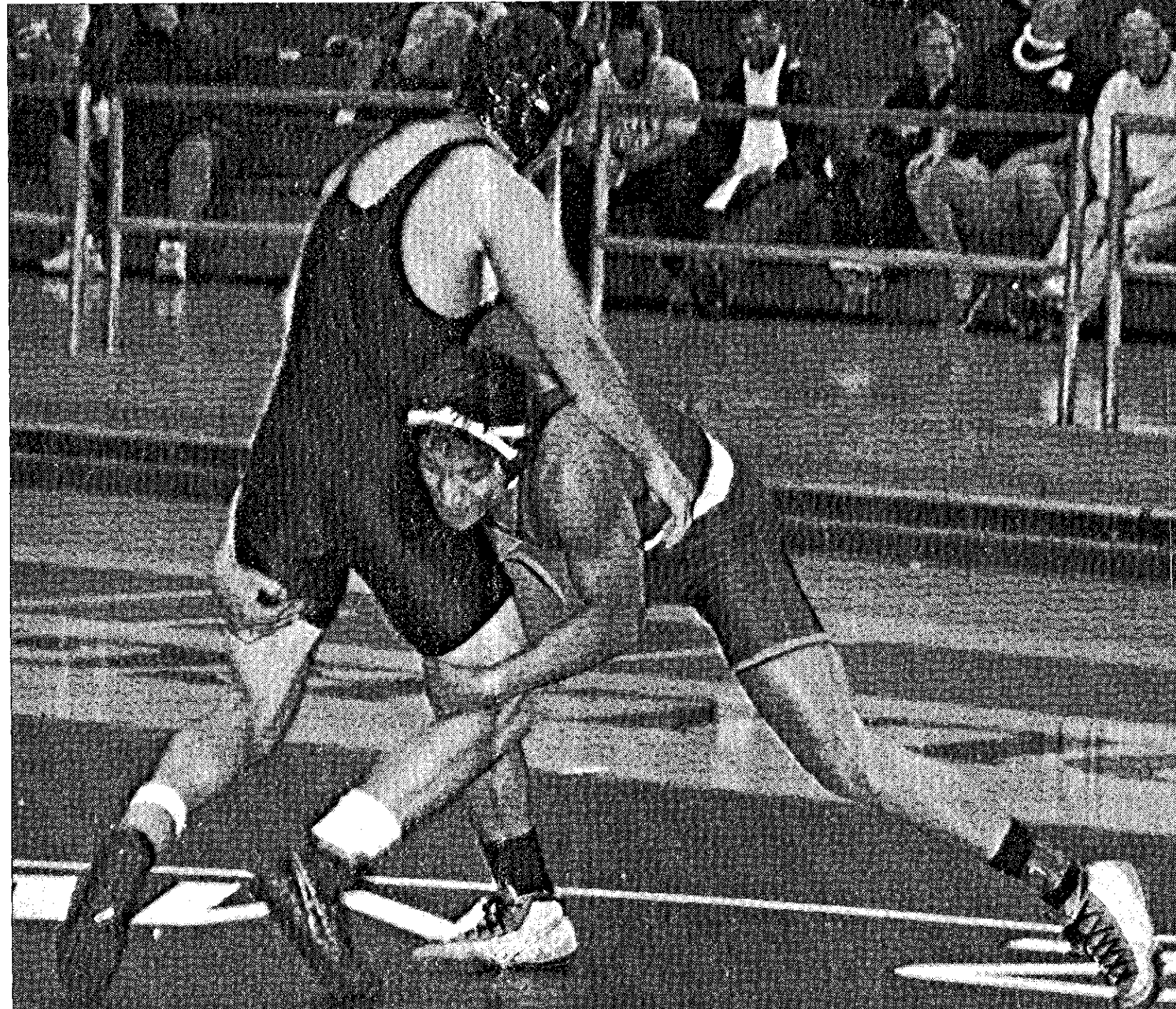
Carsell Swain, 184-pound weight class lost to Steve Sohnki, 184-pound weight class.

And Santa Ana's Tyler Porras, 285-pound weight class, beat Cerritos' Juan Enriquez, 285-pound weight class, 2-0, in the heavyweight division.

"We showed great energy tonight," Markus Mollica, assistant coach said.

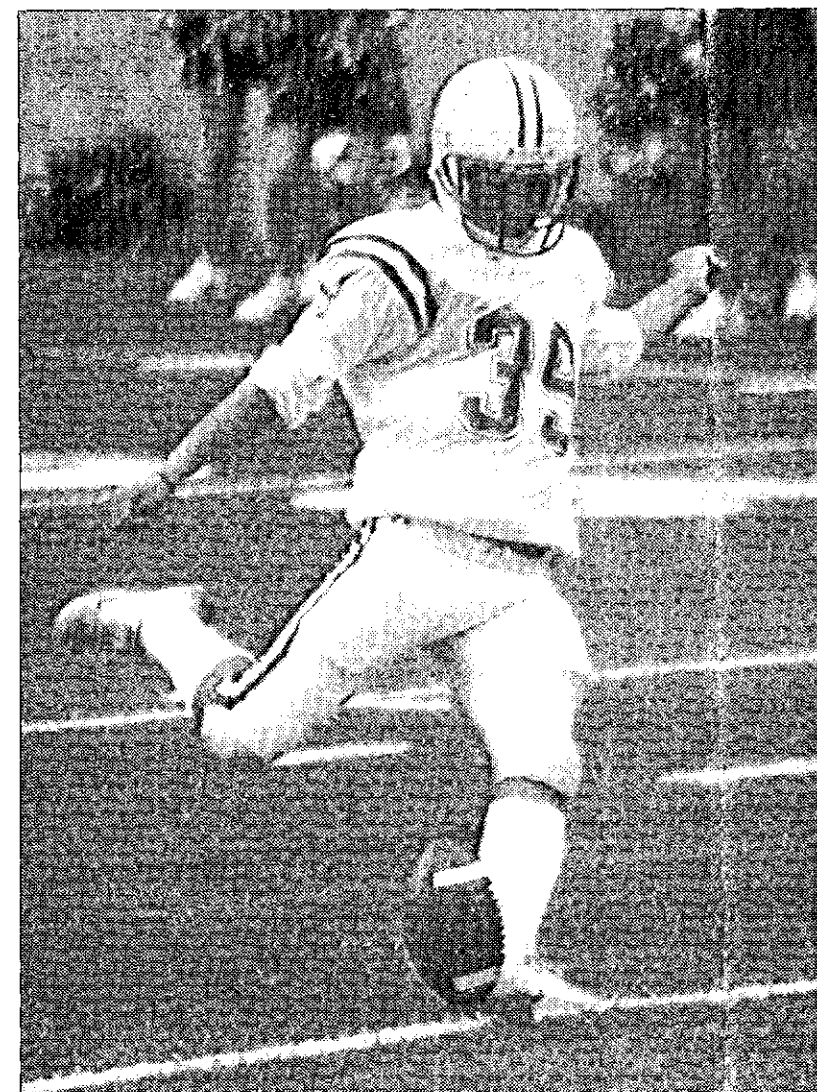
Garriott said that he was surprised about how much the team has improved since the beginning of the season.

He also said that he did not think the men on the team knew how good they really were yet.



You're finished: Last Wednesday, David Razo (right), started the winning streak for the Falcons by pinning down Santa Ana's first wrestler.

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Football: Place kicker Jesus Ochoa (No. 39) is about to make a field goal.

Men's Soccer Division

III Rankings

1. Union County
2. Mt. SAC
3. Richland
4. **Cerritos**
5. Suffolk County
6. Fresno City
7. Foothill
8. SUNY-Cobleskill
9. Santiago
10. Herkimer
11. Santa Barbara
12. Nassau
13. Hartnell
14. Ulster
15. Cabrillo

Source: www.nscac.com

Third straight loss for Falcons

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The defense gave up 407 yards in the football team's 22-16 overtime loss to the Riverside City College Tigers, Saturday night.

On special teams, Falcons kicker Jesus Ochoa missed two field goals, one that was blocked and one that went wide left in the team's final drive.

Ochoa, who is also a starter on the soccer team, said that he lost focus and hooked the kick.

The Falcons gave up 170 yards on the ground and 236 yards through the air to the Tigers.

However, the Falcons defense only allowed six points in the second half; one of those was the game tying field goal to end regulation.

Offensively the Falcons gained 100 yards on the ground and 164 yards through the air for total of 264 yards.

The offensive line gave up four sacks and quarterback A.J. Toscano was running away from the Tigers' defense all game.

"We are young on the offensive line and we are making a lot of mental mistakes," Frank Mazzotta, head coach, said.

In the fourth quarter, the Falcons took their first lead of the game when Ochoa kicked a 25-yard field goal.

The Falcons were able to get into field goal range but the kick by Ochoa went wide-left.

The next drive, with only a few minutes left in the game the Tigers were able to drive the down the field and kick a game tying field goal with no time left in the game.

In overtime, the Tigers were able to win the game, Jamaal Scott, running back, ran the ball for 15 yards and the winning score.

Mission Football Conference Standings National Division

Team	Division Record	Overall Record
Saddleback	2-0	6-1
Mt. SAC	2-0	5-2
Riverside	1-1	4-3
Santa Ana	1-1	3-4
Pasadena	0-2	5-2
Cerritos	0-2	3-4

Source: www.missionfootballconference.com

Last Week's Scores

Cerritos 16 Riverside 22 El Camino 44 Golden West 14
Pasadena 31 Saddleback 42 Long Beach 7 Palomar 44
Santa Ana 16 Mt. SAC 45 Fullerton 34 Orange Coast 35

This Week's Schedule

7 p.m. Saddleback at Cerritos 1 p.m. Pasadena at Santa Ana
5 p.m. Orange Coast at Golden West 5 p.m. Fullerton at Long Beach
5 p.m. Mt. San Antonio at Riverside 6 p.m. Palomar at El Cerrito

Source: www.missionfootballconference.com

Individual Leaders

Rushing	Passing	Tackles
Lorenzo Goode	A.J. Toscano	Kupona Kawwa
842 yards	1020 yards	54 total tackles

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Volleyball team loses to El Camino

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The Cerritos College volleyball team found itself playing against one of the more difficult teams in the state on Friday night in the gymnasium.

The final score was a three game sweep by El Camino College in a South Coast Conference match.

The Falcons (3-15 overall, 3-4 SCC) were defeated by the Warriors (17-1, 6-0) in three sets:

- 20-30,
- 16-30,
- and, 15-30.

The next match up for the team will be a road game against Pasadena City College at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

Besides the obvious height difference in the players over Cerritos, the Warriors were effective with their serve and their playing technique overall, that help net up the points in bunches.

Julie Reich, setter, briefly stated that the team's performance was not at the level they wished it would have been.

"We have played better before and I feel as if things were not clicking on today's game as it did when we went on that 3-0 streak."

In the first two games, Cerritos made their move to try to keep up with the Warriors and that's all it seems they could attempt, because the Falcons surrendered multiple points at a time and could not recover from those black eyes.

In the first game, the team received four kills from Julie Reich, setter, whose kills helped stop War-



Heads up: Setter Julie Reich (15), returns the ball to El Camino to try and score for the Falcons.

MICHAEL AGUDO/TM

rior scoring streaks.

Trailing just 8-7 in the first set, the Warriors scored the next eight points before Reich's kill ended that running spree.

Reich collected five more in the second game, but the team also received help from Brittany Hayes, outside hitter, who picked up two of her five kills early on in the second game.

Vanessa Mojica, libero, performed with heart and full heat despite the deficit in the score and she handled the hard hitting of the Warriors.

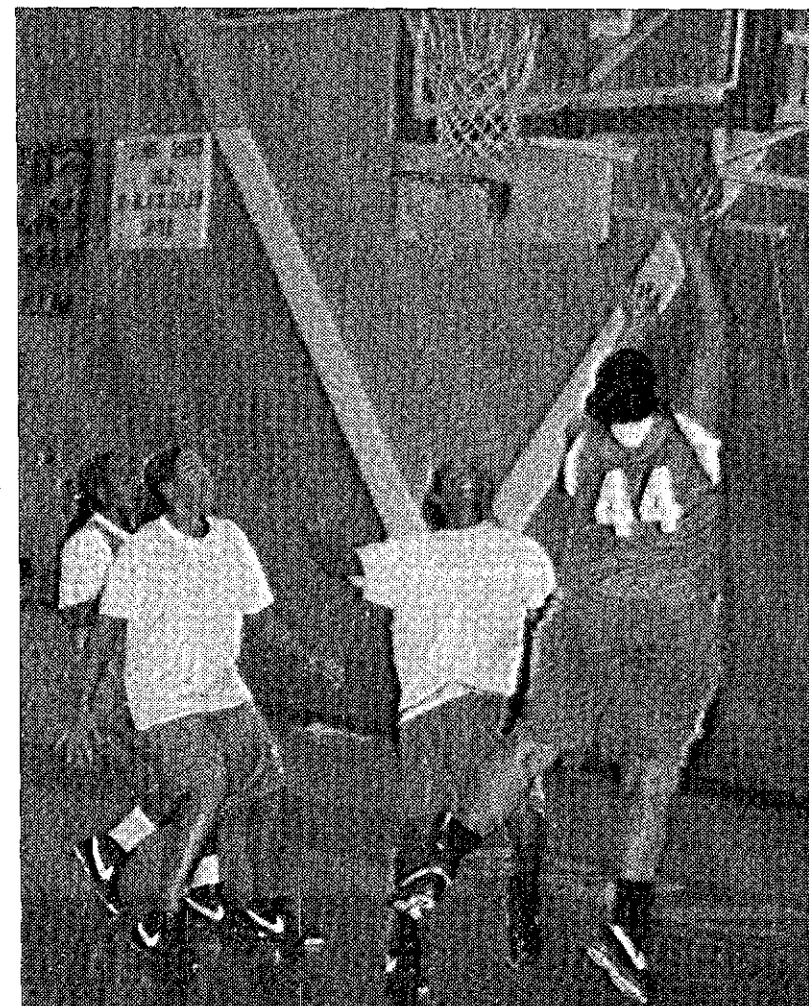
Mojica finished with a team-high 15 digs, while Reich and Crystal Gonzalez, defensive specialist, had seven each, and setter Desiree Cortez dished off 21 assists.

These significant figures were

not enough to claim victory for the Falcons.

On the night of the game, Hayes and Reich each finished with nine kills, while sophomore Kristin Mendoza added five more to the total count.

The Falcons did not have any success on the floor and failed to record a single block, while they had just one service ace.



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Play ball: Center Mele Motuliki (44) shoots and scores during practice.

Women's basketball gets ready for season

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"This is a great group of young women both on the court and in the classrooms," Karen Welliver, head coach, said.

This year's women's basketball team returns five seniors from a squad that went to the second round of the state playoffs last season including captain Tiffany Wilson, guard/forward.

Wilson believes this team has more chemistry than last year's team did.

Last season, the Falcons finished with an overall record of 18-15 and 5-3 in conference.

"This season we are smaller but we make up for the lack of height by being quicker and working hard on defense," Annamar Soltis, guard, said.

Soltis was red shirted last season and is still considered a freshman.

She also said that the team studies together twice a week and the women try to take classes together so they can help each other out.

Maltres Neely, guard/forward, is another returning player and in the 2006 season was first team All-South Coast Conference.

"Everyone is equal on this team and we play with an all out tenacity that we did not have last season," she said.

This season the Falcons will play a more up-tempo style of offense and play both zone and man to man on defense.

Wilson said that she believes that one of the biggest strengths will be that everyone on the team is interchangeable and everyone can all play numerous positions.

The Falcons had their first scrimmage of the season on Oct. 19 and by all accounts, it went very well.

"We were able to find out what we need to work on and played with a lot of intensity," Soltis said.

This year the team believes that it can push further into the playoffs because of its experience from last season.

Neely said that she wants to take on more of a leadership role this season.



LIZETTE CASTRO/TM

Women's soccer: Midfielder Rebecca Juarez waits for the right moment to pass.

2007 Women's Basketball Roster

10	Rebecca Mendez	Guard
12	Arielle McClellan	Guard
13	Shanetha Wofford	Forward
14	Tiffany Wilson	Guard
20	Anna Soltis	Guard
21	Colleen Cooley	Guard
22	Jaquita Payne	Forward
23	Rachel Butler	Guard/Forward
24	Domínique Washington	Forward
31	Genesis Lewis	Forward
32	Jenna Schlauch	Forward
33	Maltres Neely	Guard/Forward
34	Mercedes Taylor	Forward
44	Mele Motuliki	Center

Source: www.cerritos.edu

Women's Soccer Division III Rankings

1. Santiago
2. Broome
3. **Cerritos**
4. Brookdale
5. American River
6. Tompkins
7. San Diego Mesa
8. Santa Barbara
9. Howard
10. Herkimer
11. Modesto
12. Fresno City
13. Bakersfield
14. Camden County
15. Richland

Source: www.nscac.com

Leading Scorer

Corina Villegas with 19 goals and 11 assists

Last Week's Results

Oct. 19:
Cerritos 1, Mt. Sac 1

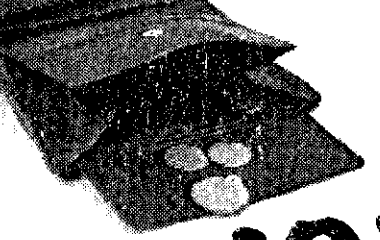
Oct. 22:
Cerritos 2, Taft 0

This Week's Games

Oct. 26:
Cerritos at Los Angeles

Harbor, 4 p.m.

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<p style="text-align: center;">ASCC: Float Building</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. - Midnight.</p> <p>Everyone is welcome to stop by located under the visitors side of the Stadium.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ASCC: Homecoming Queen Elections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come Vote! Wednesday & Thursday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Three voting locations: Food Court Patio, Health Science Walkway or Social Science Patio.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ASCC: ASCC Awards</p> <p>Applications are available in the Student Activities Office. Deadline to turn in an application is before 4 p.m. on Nov. 8. If you volunteer on or off campus then pick up an application.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Accounting Club: USC Transfer event</p> <p>Admissions Rep., Crystal Conley, from The USC Leventhal School of Accounting, will be speaking in room SS-141, Wednesday, at 11:10 a.m. to all who are interested in transferring to USC.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ASCC: Homecoming Game</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday at 7 p.m. in Falcon Stadium. Come cheer on our Falcon Football team to victory as the team faces Saddleback and celebrate with the 2007 Homecoming Half-Time Show!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ASCC: Food Drive</p> <p>Bring your canned goods between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. starting Oct. 29 - Nov. 30 to Student Activities. Our club competition ends Nov. 16. For more information call 562.860.2451 x2473</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Pacific Islanders Club: "Boo Bag" Candy Sale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yummy Treats! Oct. 30 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Falcon Square Support the Pacific Islanders Club!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Want to Advertise your Club activities/events for \$ \$ FREE \$ \$?</p> <p>Contact Alicia Edquist for details (562) 860-2451 x2617 or stop by FA42 -Talon Marks Newsroom</p>	