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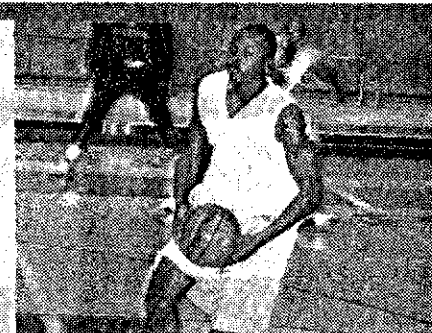
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Dia de los Muertos: Walter Fernandez, history professor, dons a mask which is used to scare away death at the end of the Dia de los Muertos festivities.

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'Day of the dead' is a lively event

FACTS ABOUT DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

"DIA DE LOS MUERTOS" IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE DAY OF THE DEAD. THE CELEBRATION STARTED MORE THAN 500 YEARS AGO, WHEN SPANISH CONQUISTADORS LANDED IN MEXICO AND ENCOUNTERED NATIVES PRACTICING A RITUAL THAT SEEMED TO MOCK DEATH. THE RITUAL IS CELEBRATED IN MEXICO AND SOME PARTS OF THE U.S.

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Students were able to celebrate the lives of their deceased loved ones during the school's celebration of Dia de los Muertos last Thursday in the Amphitheater.

Dia de los Muertos, which is Spanish for "Day of the Dead," is a two-day celebration mainly celebrated in Mexico. The dates are Nov. 1 (All Saints Day) and Nov. 2 (All Souls Day).

It was decided that the campus would celebrate it Thursday to in-

corporate more student participation, Walter Fernandez, history instructor, said.

The Artists' Society, the Anthropology Club, M.E.Ch.A.- and Puente were a few of the campus organizations that made contributions and participated in the event, organized by the Sociedad de Profesores Hispanos.

The ceremony with a procession that started near the Campus Police station at 11 a.m. and ended in Falcon Square.

There was a procession with a dead bride and groom who were married by Froylan Cabuto, Spanish instructor.

German Silvas, computer animation major and Elizabeth Guzman, dental hygiene major, were the bride and groom. They decided to do it out of fun.

Fernandez put together the "Combination ceremony of Pre-Spanish beliefs and mix of Catholicism," he said, to reflect in a cultural way on what people's lives meant to others.

The stage of the amphitheater was filled with colorful paintings and altars for display.

Members of art instructor Rebecca Guzak's class contributed

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Pre-med students get career advice

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Dr. Chris Chung, DDS, was the guest speaker at the Pre-Med Club's fourth general meeting on Nov. 1.

Chung, who has been a general dentist for almost nine years, spoke to the Pre-Med Club about continuing through a four-year university and medical school, and then about the workplace for a dentist.

"[Schools] are looking for somebody who's well-rounded," Chung said.

He said that schools aren't just looking at a student's GPA, but his or her involvement in school.

He said the key questions to think about during an interview for a dental school are:

- Why this school?
- Why dentistry?
- And, what significant even in your life made you want dentistry?

Chung emphasized that a dentist is a great job... except in Southern California.

"There are dentists on every corner," Chung said.

Chung said when a student first graduates from dental school, he or she can make about \$400 a day.

Taking business courses could also help because a dentist needs to sell him or herself.

"You need to make [patients] comfortable," Chung said. "You need a marketing skill."

Chung bought a practice after he graduated in 1999.

He said that while he owned the practice, he was making about \$150 thousand a year.

Now after he sold his practice, he makes about \$180 thousand a year.

Chung practiced for two years before going into the military.

He said the advantages to serving in the military were:

- The military covered tuition.
- He got to wear a uniform.
- He got to see the world.

Chung may not be the only doctor speaking at the Pre-Med Club this semester.

Pre-Med Club President Jessica Mercado said, "We might have another doctor visiting [the club] in four weeks."

Applications for conference available

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Applications for the 2008 Leadership Conference are now available at the Student Activities Office.

The ASCC will be holding its annual Leadership Conference from Jan. 2 until Jan. 4 held at the Catamaran Resort in San Diego.

Applications are being accepted until Nov. 15 and participants will be chosen on a first-come-first-serve basis.

A registration fee of \$50 covers transportation, lodging, meals,

workshops, entertainment, dinner cruise and a dance.

Numerous guest speakers are included in the three-day agenda as well as a dinner cruise and dance on the last night.

The conference will include about 70-80 Cerritos College students.

Holly Bogdanovich, director of Student Activities, comments that the event is "a great way to meet new people with interactive workshops" that students will truly enjoy.

Registration forms are available at the Student Activities Office.

Cabinet discusses events

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Six members, not including presidents, showed up for Monday's Cabinet meeting so ASCC President Jason Macias called for an unofficial meeting.

Commissioner Cynthia Duran left when that was announced.

There was no new business, just reports.

The Pennies for Pines program, a foundation to plant trees to restore the burned forests, was brought up to the Cabinet.

Six to eight dollars repairs one square mile.

Macias received an e-mail from Subway.

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Senate looking for healthier food choices, night parking

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In the Senate meeting last Wednesday, members discussed the canned food drive, faculty parking and healthier food on campus.

The canned food drive is currently going on for clubs and ends next Friday.

The top three clubs will receive an award.

Anyone can bring in can foods, even if not in a club.

If a student is in a club, he or she would donate can foods to represent his or her club.

A person not in a club can pick any club on campus for the cans to go toward.

Ten cans gives students one Show Pride point.

A student can earn up to two Show Pride points.

Any can foods are acceptable, "as long as they are not expired," Michael Barrita, ASCC vice presi-

dent, said.

Sen. Mitchah Williams brought up the idea of faculty parking being available to nighttime students.

This idea is up for review.

Also, the move toward healthier foods available is awaiting review of contracts.

Healthier foods such as Subway may become available on campus.

A food inventory will be given out to the Senate.

Also, the Senate were given contact sheets.

Senators are not to discuss Senate business over e-mail, however. That was the main issue with exchanging e-mail addresses.

Holly Bogdanovich, director of Student Activities, said Homecoming "was really a fantastic event."

She said the Talon Marks covered it very well on the back page of the newspaper.

DROPPIN' KNOWLEDGE



Rockin' the crowd: Khalil Ekuloma, member of hip-hop group Fresh Air, recites a verse during a concert for the Board of Trustees elections, Tuesday. Other musical acts, included a folk singer and jazz band. The event was sponsored by the Special Services Committee and ASCC.

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Brain food: Lety Medana, transferring major, receives a donut and drink.

Early students get breakfast

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"Free donuts, free donuts" is what staff members from Student Activities were screaming as students were passing by Tuesday morning for the Early Bird Special.

Donuts, milk, and orange juice were being provided to everyone on campus.

Many students were unsure if the donuts and drinks were free so they wouldn't get near until they were sure they could get some.

Hector Bryan Colchado, engineering major, said, "It's good to know that the school takes care of us by giving us food."

Ana Perez, child development major, said that she was on her way to take a test and that her instructor is very strict because if she got there a minute late, she wouldn't be

able to take the test.

She replied, "[It] is good to receive free food because, just like me, many students come to school with an empty stomach and now I have some food."

Alex Hernandez, history major, said that he didn't need milk or orange juice because he had water in his backpack.

Hernandez said, "It's a good way to start the day. [But] for today, I have a good breakfast."

Kenyon Stewart, criminal justice major, said, "I love it. I save money and I have been to other schools and they don't do this. This makes me want to come to school early."

Many students were shy to get donuts but others saw it as a good way to start the day and went ahead and brought their friends.

The early breakfast ended before 8:30. By then, there was some milk left.

Cabinet: Subway discounts to come

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Students will get a 10 percent discount from Wednesday to Monday and 15 percent on Tuesday.

On Nov. 14, the co-founders of the UC Davis book exchange will be

visiting the student government.

"It's really successful at UC Davis," ASCC Vice President Michael Barrita said.

Also, the next ISCC meeting will be Thursday.

Barrita closed the Cabinet meeting, telling members about the new bill that passed through the House of Representatives, HR 1955, the Violent Radicalization and Home-grown Terrorism Prevention Act of

2007.

Barrita described himself as being scared of this bill because of its resemblance of George Orwell's novel, "1984," because of its reference to "thought criminals."

Technical secretary here for 40 years



Anniversary: Glenda M. Kornbau, technical secretary, celebrates her 40th year as assistant at Cerritos College.

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Glenda M. Kornbau is celebrating her 40th year at Cerritos College as technical secretary.

Kornbau works in the Facilities Department.

She said, "40 years has required a lot of patience and a good sense of humor."

She is in charge of assisting Robert Riffle, director of Physical Plant, transportation, food committee, and safety committee.

It all started in 1965 when Kornbau had just graduated from Warren High School in the city of Downey.

In the '60s, everyone who wished to go to college or a university had to go to the corresponding one according to the city where they lived and the district where the city belong to.

Kornbau started her career at Cerritos College with the intention to obtain her degree to become a technical secretary, a title that was going to get her a job at North American Aviation, which is now known as Boeing.

Like many students, Kornbau had to find a job while being a student, so she got hired in 1967 on campus as a cashier clerk.

She finished her degree in 1968, two days after Sen. Robert F. Kennedy had been assassinated at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

"I have a lot of memories of my graduation and of the loss of a possible president that was assassinated."

At that time, she heard of a job opening as a technical secretary on campus so she had to decide between getting a job at North American Aviation or to continue at Cerritos College.

She decided to stay in the job placement department and later heard that North American Aviation had laid off its staff because it closed down.

Kornbau said, "I'm glad I stayed here because some of the employees got sent to different cities, and I wouldn't be happy away from here."



Mourning: Elizabeth Guzman, dental hygiene major (right) and German Silvas, computer animation major (left) celebrate the day of the dead.

Celebration: Event honors the dead

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paintings and altars. She got the idea to have her students participate, when she saw an e-mail from the event coordinator.

Guzak also contributed an altar. In remembrance of her father, Guzak donated sweet bread, tequila and a favorite game that her father used to play to an altar designed by art students.

Other offerings from students to their loved ones included a guitar, candles, flowers and lemons, which according to Guzak is an effort, "To appeal to all of the senses."

Another altar on display was entitled "Day of the Living Dead." The altar had a black background with skeletons and tombstones that had the words "slavery," "death," and "racism" on them.

"Those are things that still exist in society, but they are dead to us," Jeph Ortega, art major and one of the contributors to the piece.

Among the items on the altar were spray cans, face masks and an LA Dodgers hat. "We wanted to make it modern," he said. "A lot of our friends were graffiti writers, so we paid tribute to them. We also wanted to make it political."

Others who contributed were:

- Edson Martinez, art major,
- Raul Moreno, art major,
- Selena Ochoa, film major,
- and Sonia Hernandez, art major.

"The (Día de los Muertos) event was very traditional. It's important that we have a professor who reminds people of this tradition," Jessica Leon, French major, said.

"Some find it offensive that the holiday is 'making fun' of death. The Mexican tradition of the holiday is more humorous. It's saying that we're all the same; we're all going to die one day."

*additional reporting by Steven Martin

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Sweatshop Fashion show: FMLA members posing and showing off the most popular brands, like Nike and Target, during their fashion show last Thursday.

Revealing fashion show

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Protesting worker exploitation in wages of manufacture goods, the Feminist Majority Leadership Association presented a Sweatshop Fashion Show.

It was narrated with some factual information that show these corporations are guilty of those claims.

The models wore the clothing of popular brands and made their way down the walkway displaying the corporations.

Two FMLA members addressed issues and controversies that are troubling to the club, about these corporations.

The corporations are surprisingly common and are very influential on today's youth with their trend setting power.

Some of the corporations brought up were:

- Nike,
- Gap,
- Old Navy
- and Target.

"During the 1970s, most Nike shoes were made in South Korea and Taiwan.

"When workers there gained new freedom to organize and wages began to rise, Nike looked for 'greener pastures' countries where protective labor laws are poorly enforced and cheap labor is abundant.

"Also in China and Vietnam, the law prohibits workers from forming independent trade unions.

"This was also true in Indonesia until 1998.

"These three countries continue to be the major places where Nike shoes are made."

This statement was one of the remarks made by the FMLA fashion show narrators.

Meli Wakefield, co-president of the club, feels that it is necessary to make these statements about the "sweatshop" corporations in order to "educate people" and reveal people's ignorance to such issues that deprive people within the poverty level.

"One person that stops shop-

ping at one of these corps will not accomplish much. But a group effort will be more effective.

"We are here to make information available to the unaware."

As for how the protest relates to women's empowerment, she replied, "It does not have a direct connection, it's just humanitarian."

She also made comments about how women might be affected, but that one of the points of the Fashion Show was to display their activeness in labor rights and show that they are caring people hoping to wake up America.

The other co-president of the FMLA Janette Rodriguez, commented that the club is not here on campus to change people's opinions, that's for them to decide.

"It's important for people to think."

With that in mind, she also commented that they hosted this fashion show to "create conscious consumers."

'Bee Movie' is off and buzzing

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U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. - Apparently, Jerry Seinfeld was once a successful sitcom actor. Though many may never have heard of that show he was in whatever it was called-Seinfeld has seemingly had a hard time finding work since the show aired, not having worked in any feature project for several years.

Strange, as one would think that he needed the money: millions per episode from that "show about nothing" couldn't have gotten him very far.

However, Dreamworks decided to give this untested up-and-comer a fresh chance in their animated "Bee Movie," and he delivers like someone who has been in the business for years.

"Bee Movie" is the story of bumblebee Barry Benson-voiced by Seinfeld-who, fearing a life of constantly working to produce honey, flees his hive in search of experience.

He's saved from a squashing by Vanessa, played by Renee Zellweger, who, if she weren't human, would be Barry's dream woman ("She's beautiful, and she's a florist!" he exclaims).

While with Vanessa at a grocery store, Barry uncovers humanity's secret: People are taking the honey that bees work themselves to death to make.

Barry and Vanessa take the bees' case to the courts to try to reclaim the honey that is rightfully theirs.

"Bee" was co-written by Seinfeld, which shows in the dialogue and especially Seinfeld's voice work.

Barry's dialogue more often than not sounds like Seinfeld doing his stand-up at the hive's improv night.

But seeing as Seinfeld hasn't taken on a major project in nearly a decade, this was a good role for him to choose-there's lot of room for him to riff and do what he does best.

This movie is Seinfeld's showcase, and although it doesn't entirely waste the formidable supporting cast (featuring Matthew Broderick, Chris Rock, John Goodman, Zellweger and others), they act as though they've been instructed to stay out of Jerry's way, for better or for worse.

Co-directors Steve Hickner and Simon Smith make sure that the world of "Bee Movie" is never boring or ordinary.

The colors are vividly realized, the animation looks great and the camera angles are visually stimulating.

Dreamworks Animation has previously made movies that take place under the sea, in fairy tale lands and in a sewer, but never has the sensation and wonder of an unexplored place felt so real.

As Barry and his fellow insects take flight, the audience follows along and gets a bee's-eye view of a thriving city.

The plot of the movie is engaging enough, weaving a compelling modern fable about the importance of every creature to the environment.

The movie is better than most animated fare and relies on more than puns and childish humor to be funny.

"Bee Movie" is a fun film and should spark enough interest to draw audiences to the movie theaters.

One can only wonder what that brazen youngster Jerry Seinfeld will do next. Will he ever reach his comedic potential? Only time will tell.

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The golden era of Hollywood came back to life at Cerritos

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The audience was sent back to the golden age of Hollywood with Cerritos piano instructor Greg Schreiner, in his fashion show, "Hollywood Revisited."

"Hollywood Revisited" is magnificent and doesn't come by Cerritos College often enough.

And with the many costumes Schreiner owns, going to see this show multiple times doesn't mean one would get the same show twice.

The performers of the show were Jill Burke, Michelle Maves, and Joshua Finkel.

Finkel's performance in Arnold Schwarzenegger's Prince Hapi outfit

from the 2004 version of "Around the World in 80 Days" was the funniest of the show.

He sang it with the typical Schwarzenegger impression with lyrics that were hysterical, ending with, "I may get slack, but I'll be back... as president!"

A costume that came as surprise was one of John Travolta's dresses from the recent remake of "Hair-spray."

Finkel did a great job in every costume he wore that night.

The women of the show did a fantastic job too.

Burke's "Lady in the Dark" (Ginger Rogers) performance is one to wait for.

She starts singing in a dress that

doesn't look unique from any of the others in the show.

Then she opens it up to show the beautiful display of red, green, and an assortment of other colors.

Burke's performance in Liza Minnelli's "New York, New York" dress was powerfully sung.

Maves did an excellent job in Sarah LaFluer's dress from "The Women of Camelot," which is an exact replica of Marilyn Monroe's "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" dress.

The finale was a great one as Finkel and Burke danced in costumes that Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers wore in the 1936 film, "Follow the Fleet."

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EDITORIAL

Common courtesy is dying slowly

The days of people practicing common courtesy are slowly dying. Apathy and a lack of respect has become the norm.

If we don't slow down and get back to the basics of etiquette and respect, then society as we know it will continue to decay.

The signs of this moral collapse are all around us.

People don't say "please" or "thank you" anymore, when someone goes out of their way to do something nice for them.

Even when people do say it, it's such a surprise to the recipient.

On the highways, people seem to act as if there aren't other cars on the road.

Constant tailgating and not following the speed limit are all practices followed.

Somehow, we've gotten it into our head that we're born with a sense of entitlement. We don't even bother to help others without expecting some immediate benefit.

But how can we expect others to treat us with respect if we're not going to reciprocate that same respect to others?

We're in such a rush to do nothing that we don't take time out to help others in need.

We need to re-impart the practices of common courtesy that past generations practiced and left for us to follow.

Though it's obvious by today's behavior that not everyone has taken notice of those

practices.

That reason is even more of a cause to bring these values back.

Future generations cannot afford to make the same mistakes that we have made.

We wonder why our children and those in this current generation don't use it, it's because they don't see enough of it.

Practicing these values are not very hard to do and won't take too much time out of the day.

Try saying "thank you", "please" and "excuse me" every once in a while when it is necessary.

Not only will it make you feel better, it will brighten someone else's day as well.

Hold the door open if someone is right behind you.

When you are driving, don't tailgate, there is no need to cut anyone off.

These are all things that should be culturally learned and be common practices for everyone.

Somewhere along the way, these practices have been lost.

But there's no better time to get these principles back.

We should treat people with the utmost respect.

Society's bad habits will not change unless we take the initiative and begin to impart these values into our daily lives.



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Our judgmental society

People seem to judge others but in reality we are all the same.



wear, how we look and the things we do.

To a certain extent this is acceptable, but I feel some of this is just a bad old mentality and way of thinking that is passed on and created by people.

It also doesn't help to live in a place where in reality, people are treated differently regarding race, culture and even religion.

People are rarely judged on the abilities or capabilities they have. But who they know, what they are willing to do and control factors are looked at more.

It's like segregation in the 1950s, it was only by law and now it still exists but it is living due to people putting on each other or themselves.

We do this to ourselves by the way we live and think.

We really need to rethink how we treat each other. Forget what you see or even what we were taught to see, look at

things deeper before making judgments.

It is the same situation with celebrities.

In my mind, they are just regular people, except they do certain things that most may not do and make more amounts of money.

The media really blows this out of proportion.

I'd be willing to bet money that most people wouldn't want their private lives broadcast on TV especially the not so good things.

Yet they continue to watch crazy shows that cover nothing but what celebrities do and say bad things.

It seems that the bad is more entertaining than the good things people do and it continues into society beyond the screen.

The facts of the matter are that we all share the same air, feel the same joy and pain and bleed blood.

Let's all come back down to earth and become human again and not be machines to the ones that make us believe the lies that deteriorate the human race instead of make it stronger and smarter.

Affirmative action is patronizing

Affirmative action, to this day, allows minorities to enter college with lower expectations than white people.

Affirmative action patronizes minorities by placing false, low expectations from minorities that will only place them behind once they reach the school where others had to work more and have accomplished more than those minorities accepted solely on that fact, the fact that they are a minority.

The US is lowering the level of accountability by accepting students solely on ethnicity.

Acceptance should be based on academic achievement, not where you are from or where your parents are from.

Some of the common complaints of affirmative action are that:

- Affirmative action leads to reverse discrimination,
- Affirmative action lowers standards of accountability needed to push
- Students or employees to perform better,
- Students admitted on this basis are of-



ten ill equipped to handle the schools to which they've been admitted.

- It is condescending to minorities to say they need affirmative action to succeed and
- It demeans true minority achievement; i.e. success is labeled as result of affirmative action rather than hard work and ability

However, even though these statements display some of the emotions expressed by people that oppose affirmative action, it does create a color blind society, which is what all "ideally" desires.

But, surely there has to be another way.

How about the US college system accepts solely on achievement?

Discrimination has occurred in the

US for too long. Even though the government is trying to assist minorities by making it easier, it's a bit too late for that.

The harder path of reaching the "bar" makes the successful that much stronger and that much more meaningful.

Look at some current political figures that have fought their way through hardship and discrimination to be what they are now in life, such as Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell, and many more.

Discrimination makes us stronger and preferable treatment demeans any achievements a person from a minority group will achieve.

In reality, affirmative action gives a black eye to the minority community by basically stating, "Oh here, you are too stupid to ever get into college on your own, why don't you let me help you out."

All in all, affirmative action stupefies everyone involved.

FREE SPEECH ZONE !?

Why don't people practice common courtesy anymore?

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"People are rude because they are always in a hurry and do not think about the people around them."

JENNIFER BOPP
physical therapy major



"There is a lot of bad energy in the world and people are so self absorbed they don't think of others."

SAM MOORE
biological sciences major



"People don't say excuse me enough, they just but into conversation and interrupt other people."

SKYLAR MALDONADO
undecided major



"We don't want to talk to people anymore, we don't want to say please and thank you."

JANETTE RODRIGUEZ
psychology major



"I think because they don't have anything material to gain from it so they don't care about giving a common courtesy."

MARK MARTINEZ
theater major

Football team has wings clipped

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The defense fell apart in the Cerritos College football team's final home game of the season, leading to a 54-27 loss to Mt. SAC on Saturday night.

With the loss, the Falcons are officially eliminated from the post-season for the fourth straight season.

Mission Conference leading rusher, running back Lorenzo Goode, led the offense with 84 yards rushing on 21 attempts.

Duane Bowen, running back, scored his first collegian touchdown and contributed 63 yards on the ground.

Quarterback A.J. Toscano had 204 yards passing and two touchdowns, but was sacked twice. Backup quarterback Jeff Fisher threw two interceptions.

The Mounties were led by quarterback Kevin Craft, who had 452 yards passing, the longest going for 93 yards to wide receiver Eric Walker. Craft finished the night with six touchdowns.

Running back William Woods contributed 64 yards rushing in the Mounties victory.

For much of the second half, the Mounties ran a no-huddle offense.

"Our game plan for Cerritos was to utilize our speed and quickness and try to use the Falcons' size against them and to tire the defense out," said Bob Jastrab, head coach of the Mounties.

A lowlight for the Falcons came in the third quarter when offensive guard Edgar Diaz stepped in front of Goode to catch the pass from To-



Hanging on: Linebacker Doncel Bolt (No. 8) grabs the jersey of Mt. SAC's running back Michael Casstano (No. 4) to bring him down during Saturday night's game at Falcon Stadium.

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scano.

By rule, the offensive linemen are not eligible to catch the ball.

Offensively, the Falcons were able to score on the Mounties, but the defense of the Falcons would let the Mounties march right back down the field and score.

"There is no getting around it. We did not play very well and I told these guys that if we played the way we played against some of the lesser teams early in the season, we would look like fools. Today we looked

like a bunch of fools," head coach Frank Mazzotta said.

At the end of the first half, the Falcons trailed 27-7, but were able to fight their way back in the third quarter, to close within two touchdowns, to make the game close, going to the final 20 minutes of play.

But, the Mounties were able to pull away and put the game out of reach with two fourth quarter touchdowns.

Both teams pilled up the penalties. Cerritos had 16 for 153 yards

and the Mounties had 15 penalties for 161 yards.

The Falcons seemed to be falling apart defensively when linebacker Doncel Bolt got into a pushing and shoving match with a teammate on the sideline.

BG Walters, corner back, said that as one of the captains, he will make sure that the team is ready and all the disagreements were over before the next game.

The Falcons' next game is against Pasadena City College on Saturday. Mazzotta said that the team has a lot to get ready for because Pasadena has some of the best athletes in the conference.

Mission Conference Standings

National Conference

Team	Division Record	Overall Record
Saddleback	3-0	7-1
Mt. SAC	3-0	6-2
Pasadena	1-2	6-2
Riverside	1-2	4-4
Santa Ana	1-2	3-5
Cerritos	0-3	3-5

American Conference

Team	Division Record	Overall Record
El Camino	3-0	7-1
Fullerton	2-1	6-2
Palomar	2-1	6-2
Orange Coast	1-2	3-5
Long Beach	1-2	2-6
Golden West	0-3	2-6

Source: www.missionfootballconference.com

Last Week's Scores

Cerritos 27 Mt. SAC 54 El Camino 42 Orange Coast 13
Fullerton 47 Palomar 17 Riverside 17 Pasadena 35
Long Beach 36 Golden West 31 Saddleback 35 Santa Ana 14

This Week's Schedule

1 p.m. Cerritos at Pasadena 6 p.m. Fullerton at El Camino
1 p.m. Golden West at Palomar 5 p.m. Santa Ana at Riverside
5 p.m. Long Beach at Orange Coast 7 p.m. Saddleback at Mt. SAC
Source: www.missionfootballconference.com

Individual Leaders

Rushing	Passing	Tackles
Lorenzo Goode	A.J. Toscano	Kupona Kawwa
981 yards	1224 yards	62 total tackles
per carry 5 yards	QB rating	21 solo
4 touchdowns	128.5	41 assist

Source: www.cerritos.edu

Women's Soccer Rankings

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

Source: www.ncaa.com



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Women's Soccer: Midfielder Susana Mendoza (1) takes lead after countless shots and making a goal without any fear of Los Angeles Harbor's players.

There might not be an 'I' in team but lately there is a 'me'

You can see it every time you watch a sporting event. It started with a player hitting a home run or scoring a touchdown.

Recently, however, it has gotten to the point where if someone makes a routine play, that person starts doing it.

If you have not guessed what I am talking about, it is celebrations in sports.

This is a disgusting display of a society that has become more narcissistic and needs to change.

With children watching and imitating their favorite players, the players need to take some responsibility and show some kind of maturity.

As children, parents put us in sports so we can learn the importance of being a team player.

Sports have become a haven for people who think that everyone needs to be looking at them.



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Many sports have passed rules to try to curtail these events from taking place.

For example, college football has made a rule stating any celebration is a 15-yard penalty.

This rule has been effective but it still gives some leeway to players.

Players still pump their fist and pound their chest after the most pedestrian plays.

What I mean is a player from team A runs down the field for a 50-yard gain and a player from team B pushes the player from team A out of bounds, then the player from team B gets up and acts as if he just scored the winning touchdown.

Or, when a baseball player named Barry Ortiz hits a home run when his team is down by 10 runs in the bottom of the ninth and then he wants to admire what he had just done.

There is a saying in sports that "There is no I in team," but these celebrations are destroying the team ideal that sports, such as football and baseball, were built on.

Not only do these players make fools of themselves and their teammates, they disrespect the sport and all those that have ever played it.

As college students and future parents or role models, we have a responsibility to ensure the next generation does not have to see the immature attitudes that the past generations have shown us.

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Soccer team soars over Compton, 4-1

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Forward Michael Paz led the Cerritos College men's soccer team with two goals and two assists in route to the team's 4-1 victory over Compton College, last Tuesday.

"I'm very happy that I was able to contribute to the team," Paz said.

The first goal was scored by the Falcons five minutes into the game.

Both teams fought for the ball and Compton made its first goal 24 minutes into the game when Compton was able to shoot the ball past an outstretched Diego Millan, goalkeeper.

Cerritos fought back when Paz was able to get into the open field and was able to kick the ball past an over-matched Compton goalkeeper.

Nine minutes before the end of the half, Paz was able to score another goal and the score was 3-1 going into halftime.

In the second half, the Falcons came out with a change in goalie Micheal Mendez, goalkeeper, replaced Millan.

In the beginning of the half, the Falcons came out firing goals toward the net and they were able to score on a cross field pass from Paz to forward Alex Munoz.

"I saw the ball and didn't think I was able to get it," Munoz said.



Men's Soccer: Midfielder Alex Munoz (No. 9) takes advantage after a player from Compton slips and leaves the ball unattended.

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Men's Soccer Division III Rankings

1. Union County
2. Mt. SAC
3. Herkimer County
4. **Santa Rosa**
5. Richmond
6. Cerritos
7. West Valley
8. SUNY-Cobleskill
9. Taft
10. Montgomery
11. Suffolk County
12. Fresno
13. Hartnell
14. Santa Barbara
15. Three teams tied

Source: www.nscaa.com

Individual Leaders

Goals: Michael Paz with 12
Assists: Paz with 9

Points: Paz with 33
Source: www.cerritos.edu

Basketball team gets ready to fly after disappointing 2006

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The Cerritos men's basketball team missed out on participating in the Southern California Regional Playoffs last season.

This was the first time in 24 seasons that Cerritos missed the playoffs.

The Falcons ended the season with an overall record of 11-18 and in conference they were 4-4.

"We're going to be pretty good this season because of our new personnel," said Jerrell Elder, guard.

Team members feel like they could definitely improve from last year's season.

Playing good defense this season will be the team's main focus.

"I could have played better defense last year," said Chris Thompson, guard.

Gary Cain, head coach, is starting his tenth season as coach of the men's basketball team.

He expects the team to play hard and smart this season and believes that it's the best way for the team to win.

He also believes without a doubt that this year's team is an improve-

ment of last season.

"The offense is primary designed for small players, quick players and athletic players," Cain said.

"We are not as tall as have we been in the past years, the majority of our players are guard size players."

According to Cain, playing good defense, rebounding and fast breaking are the three keys this year if we're to be successful.

If the team plays hard, smart and together every game and can do all three things together, they are more likely to be successful, he also said.

"I have been working hard since day one and I dedicated myself to basketball," said Kevin Norris, guard.

"I came to Cerritos because I have an opportunity to be successful."

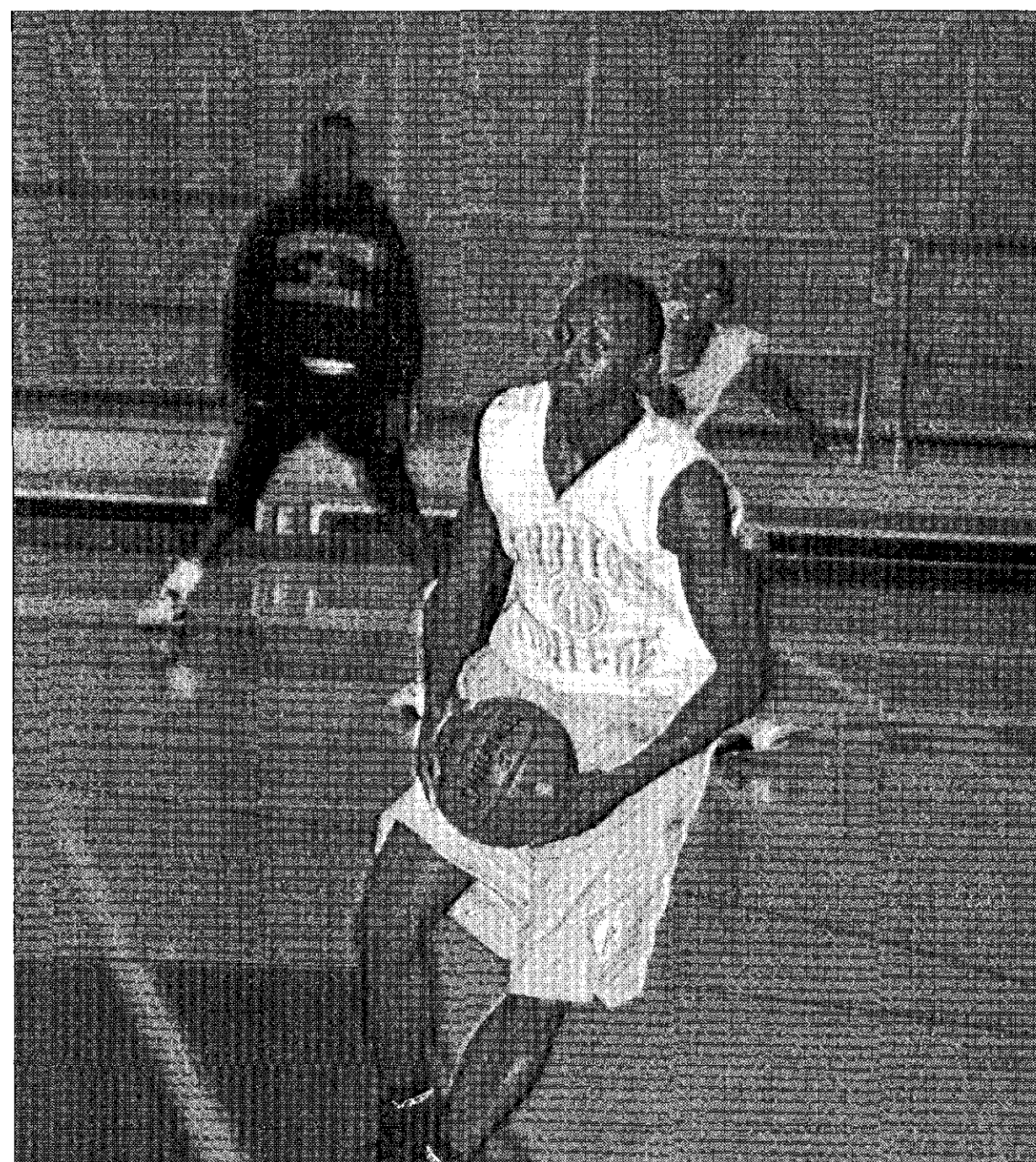
Coach Cain describes his team as being a more caring team this season.

The team feels that they all want to help each other do good so that they can make it to the championship this year.

The Falcons first game will be Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball 2007-2008 Roster

Jeremiah Barnes	Guard	6'1"	180
Darrell Thomas	Guard	6'0"	169
Aaron Thompson	Guard	6'3"	190
Jerrell Elder	Guard	6'2"	179
Wayne Chapman	Guard	5'11"	170
Van Girard	Guard	6'2"	175
Brandon Hicks	Guard	5'11"	175
Ramon Williams	Forward	6'3"	176
Andre Zeumault	Guard	6'1"	165
Aaron King	Guard	6'1"	200
Brandon Bell	Center	6'7"	280
Travele Jones	Forward	6'7"	210
Danrich Jones	Forward	6'3"	190
George Sanchez	Forward	6'3"	180
Justin Gilliam	Forward	6'5"	275



Men's basketball: Guard Brandon Hicks makes a pass to a teammate on Nov. 6 during practice.

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Wrestlers help fire victims

When the Cerritos College wrestling program was in preparation to host the Halloween Open on October 27 and 28, it had no idea that by the end of the weekend, it would wind up helping out a family from the tight wrestling community.

Falcon head coach Don Garriott, who was the event sponsor, found out that former high school wrestler Thomas Varshock died in the San Diego wildfires and he decided to help make a difference.

"I was reading on a wrestling message board about what happened to this family and I thought it would be a way to help one of our own," said Garriott, who had never met the family.

"It was after the first day of the tournament (which is for high school aged wrestlers) and I decided that we could do a 50/50 drawing with the money going to the family. I also decided that I would donate

\$1 for each entry in the tournament. Our goal was to raise \$2,000."

By the end of the day, Garriott had helped raise \$1,835, which included the \$635 from the individual entries.

The 50/50 drawing raised \$650 alone, with winner, Sara Gilbert, donating her \$325 to the fundraiser.

The rest of the money came from donations from fans and families that attended the tournament.

Thomas Varshock, 52, was a member of the first state championship team at Monte Vista High in 1973 and placed sixth.

Varshock and his son Richard, 15, were overcome by flames from the Harris fire at their Potrero home.

The sophomore wrestler at Valhalla High is currently at the UCSD Medical center in Hillcrest suffering from lung damage and burns to over more than half his body.

His father, a geological engineer, died as a result of the fire.

"This was a terrible tragedy and I was glad that we were able to help out in any way," added Garriott, who is in his second year as the Falcon head coach.

"The wrestling community is a tight community, so when I found out what happened, I felt that there had to be some way that we could help."

To make donations to the Varshock family, please write to: UCSD Burn Institute c/o Richard Varshock 8825 Aero Drive, Ste. 200 San Diego, CA 92123-2269

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