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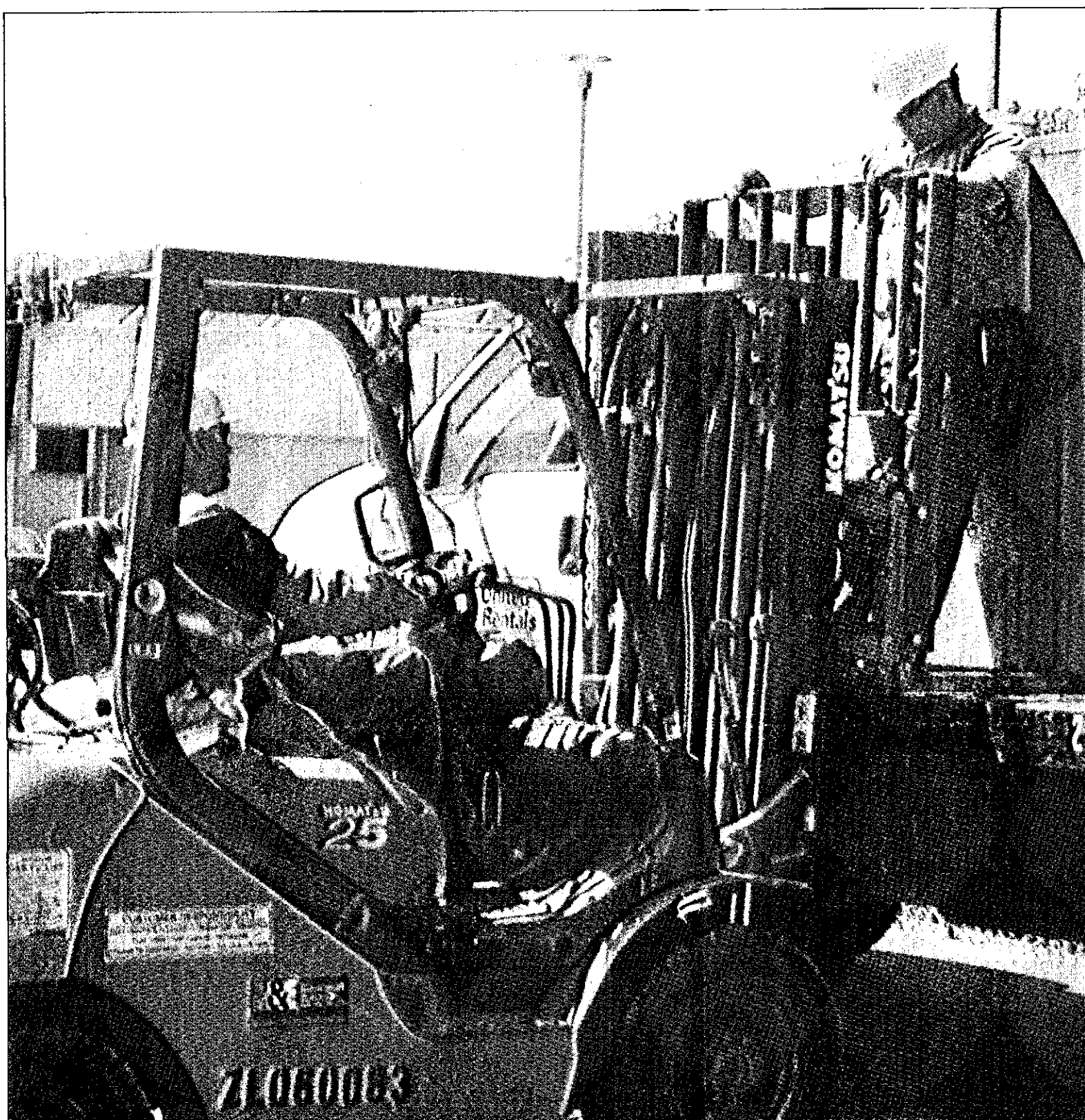
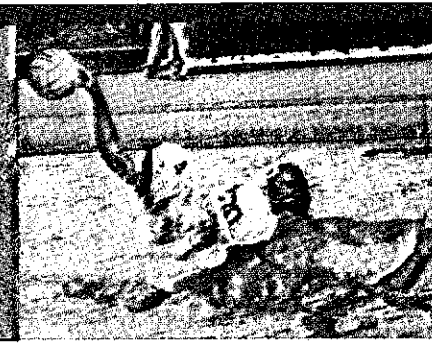
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Construction: Marco Segura (L) and Joel Linguna (R) with Southern California Boiler are moving a boiler from the Administration Building.

Campus construction continues

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Students will notice more construction on campus as Cerritos College undergoes major renovations, with some projects underway and others set to begin later in the semester and in the near future.

The construction is near the Metals Building, bookstore and Physical Sciences Building.

Robert Riffle, director of the Physical Plant, said that crews are installing new high-voltage transformers in the Metals Building.

Crews are also digging trenches near the bookstore and Physical Sciences Building.

The trenches are for a high-voltage line and new chilled water line, which will be tied into a loop from the Central Plant, said Riffle. "The chilled water is primarily for the air-conditioning system."

Riffle added that this infrastructure project is currently estimated to cost \$25 million.

In addition to the digging of trenches and installing the high-voltage transformers, crews are replacing boilers across the campus.

"We're taking care of the boilers. We have 27 boilers, probably over the whole campus," said Joel Linguna, who works for Southern California Boiler.

The Cerritos College Web site states that this project is scheduled to be completed in October.

Linguna said that it would be completed in October or November.

Students will also see more construction in the coming months.

"Heavy-duty construction starts in December," said Juan Camacho, a pipe welder who works for American Industrial, the sub-contractor responsible for chilled water and gas lines. "By December you're going to see a lot of movement, a lot of trucks."

According to Camacho, this is just the beginning. "We're just laying down the foundation," he said.

He also said that a new automotive shop, which includes a new body and paint shop,

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Senate elections on Wednesday, Thursday

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The ASCC Senate elections are being held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week at two different times:

- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and
- 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The polls will be held at three

different locations on campus:

- the Social Science Patio,
- the Health Science Patio and
- the food court patio.

To vote, students need a valid 2008 Student Activities sticker on their student ID cards.

The ASCC encourages all students to go out at these times and vote for this school year's senators.

Recommendations made for Cerritos' improvement

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The accreditation report is in and has placed Cerritos College under warning for its failure to comply with past recommendations.

Cerritos College has been given a series of new recommendations that must also be dealt with.

The Accreditation Commission of Community and Junior Colleges has given Cerritos College a total of eight recommendations.

Four of the eight recommendations must be addressed by March 1, 2009.

These recommendations are in the following areas:

- leadership: communication and participation,
- planning, resource allocation and evaluation,
- program review and
- leadership: empowerment, innovation, collaboration and decision-making.

The remaining four recommendations will have to be addressed by June, 2010.

These recommendations are in the following areas:

- mission statement,
- student learning outcomes,
- accurate catalog info and

- human resources policies and procedures.

Some of the recommendations, however, are not new to Cerritos College and are repeats from the last accreditation review in 2002.

It is because of these repeats that Cerritos College has been put on warning.

Cerritos College has twice been recommended that it must have a program review.

In order to meet the standards it is recommended by the ACCJC that the school improve all accommodations around campus including the non-instructional areas around campus.

The other repeat offence is in the area of planning, resource allocation and evaluation.

In order to comply with the commission it is recommended that the college make full use of the Office of Research and Planning for the purpose of developing a comprehensive planning and evaluation process that is guided by the college mission statement.

Another recommendation that must be addressed by this date is in the area of leadership, to improve communication and participation.

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'Way of the Master' spread to heckling Cerritos students



Word of God: Stewart Scott tried to give his speech while students were heckling him.

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Three men stood in the amphitheatre trying to spread the word of God on Aug. 27.

They had a board displayed with a picture of Albert Einstein.

"People say they don't believe in God, we say they failed the intelligence test," said Ray Comfort, co-host (alongside Kirk Cameron) of the religious show, Way of the Master.

Mark Spence, dean of Cameron

and Comfort's School of Biblical Evangelism, told students that "We cannot know what truth is outside God."

Spence was challenged by David Gallareo, chemistry major, with almost every statement he made.

Gallareo said he didn't necessarily want people to not believe in religion.

"I wanted people to doubt him and think he's a moron," Gallareo said. "I want to destroy people's beliefs so they know what to believe."

None of the heckling from students stopped these people from

continuing their presentation.

Stewart Scott, one of these three, said things like, "Jesus Christ died for your sins so (salvation) would be available to you."

Despite anything they would say, students weren't feeling their salvation.

"I don't think a lot of people wanted to hear it," said John Arenas, biochemistry major.

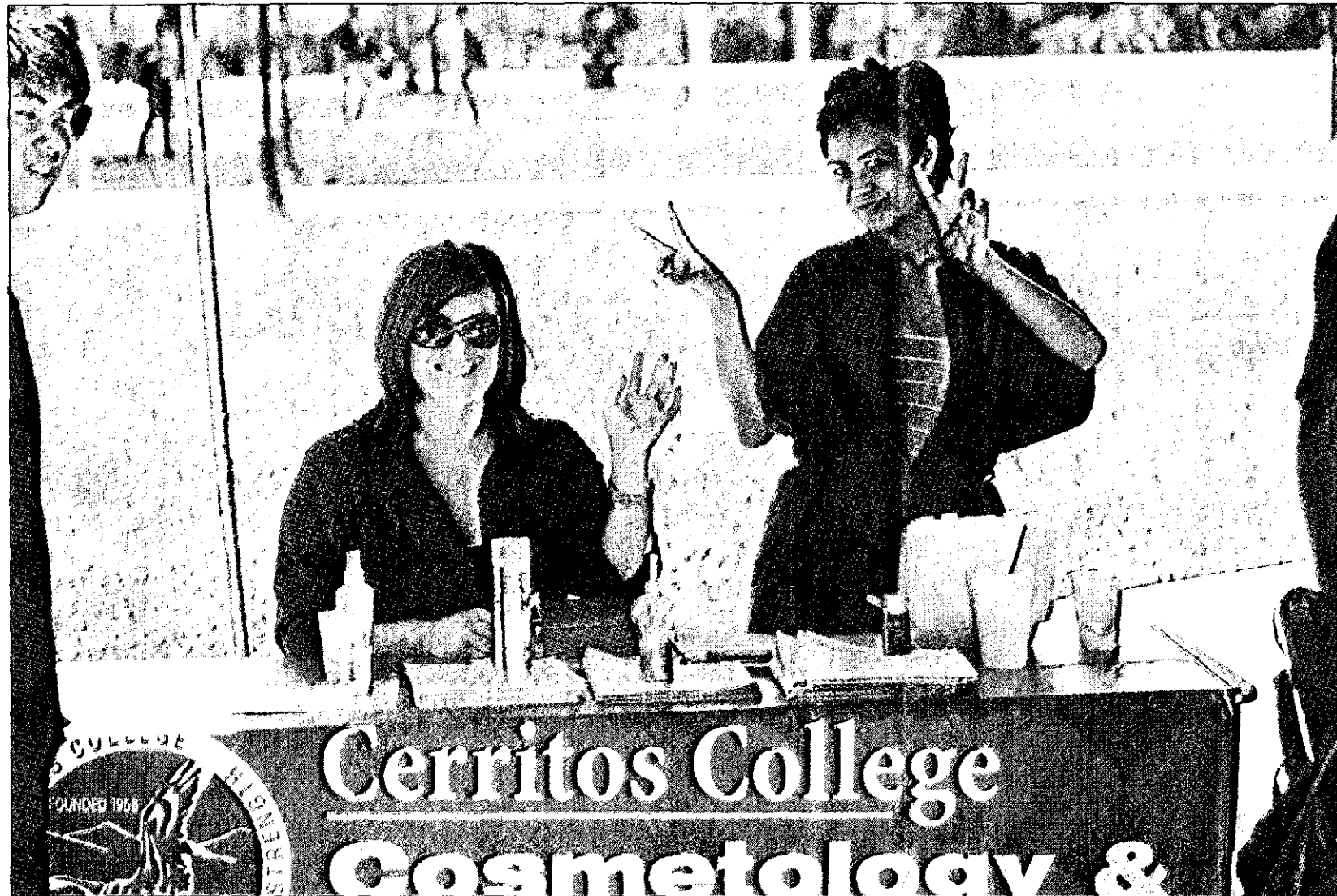
Archie Posada, music major, said, "If people want to hear about God, they'll go to church or read the Bible. I think (they're) going about it the wrong way."

CHEF HATS ON



Time to cook: Culinary arts students prepare to serve food to Cerritos College students and staff in the upcoming semester. The Culinary Arts Café is located in the Student Center.

TM SPECIAL BY MICHAEL OH



Come join our club day: Stephanie Rivers, Cosmetology Club treasurer, invites students to join the cosmetology club at Club Info Day.

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Clubs introduced to students at Club Day

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Tents were up and tables were set this past Wednesday and Thursday as many different clubs set up camp to promote themselves.

The clubs ranged from the Gay Straight Alliance to Psychology to the Campus Crusade for Christ.

Many clubs had incentives to get people to approach their table. The Christian Students Club was passing out free muffins, which seemed to be working.

Talon Marks Editor-in-Chief, Tim Dickerson was present. Dickerson was passing out clickers with the words "Campus news is just a click away." Pun intended.

Chris Pacani, exercise major from the Triathlon club was setting up photos of past members. "Our triathlon includes running, cycling and swimming. We also do a lot of marathons," Pacani said.

Alex Aguayo from the Gay-Straight Alliance was passing out "No to Prop. 8" stickers.

"The ones that don't know about it are the ones voting against it," Aguayo said in regards to

voting for Prop. 8.

Prop. 8 is looking to revoke gay and lesbian marriages, both past and future.

Leo Zambrano from the International Student Alliance explained to potential members the benefits of his club. "We are gathering people from other countries and exposing them to different cultures," Zambrano said.

Club Info Day happens twice every semester and is organized by the ASCC. It is a great event to attend if you are interested in joining any club, or at least learning about the many clubs on campus.

ASCC Cabinet moves forward on 'Habits of the Mind'

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The ASCC Cabinet meeting held on Sep. 8 consisted of many new upcoming projects of business to be arranged.

Michael Barrita, ASCC President, lead the meeting and discussed the continuing idea of an upcoming projects, supporting the Faculty Senate's, "Habits of the Mind."

The idea behind "Habits of the Mind" is to offer students information on becoming successful students here at Cerritos College, since it is estimated that 80 percent of students are first generation college students, this will help many in having a broad idea of habits to obtain in becoming a successful student in college and to further their career goal, as opposed to lingering for many years.

The plan is to launch this campaign in January 2008 and to hire a coordinator to manage it as well.

Also, after Barrita met with the Campus Transportation Committee, he states of three plans that were discussed in the meeting.

As the process of construction

here on campus is in progress, there were new ideas; of better parking, less buildings, and the reconstruction of the Falcon Square.

As parking continues to get heavier and busier everyday, Barrita explains that CTC brought up the idea of rearranging the parking spaces into a 90 degree angle, so that you can fit more parking spaces and cars into the lot.

There are many positives and negatives to this idea, as it is still being discussed as a possible suggestion to help relieve the traffic in parking and as an effort to save more of the strawberry fields.

The upbringing of reconstructing the Falcon Square caused government students to oppose to this idea.

Questions arose, as to, why spend more money to change something when its already had so much money put into it.

Especially since students helped by contributing money into the Falcon Square.

Present at the ASCC Cabinet meeting, the Director of Student Activities, Holly Bogdanovich strongly stated, "Leave as is!"

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Blood drive: By noon on Wednesday, the Red Cross had already collected 11 pints of blood.

Red Cross has Fall blood drive

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It was a good turnout for the American Red Cross this Wednesday.

By noon, they had already collected 11 pints of blood.

"One pint of blood is enough to help three people," said Obed Martinez, an instructor with the

American Red Cross.

"We had a good turnout today," said Martinez, "and there's still like 15 people waiting outside."

The American Red Cross has blood drives whenever it is allowed, as long as there is a good amount of sign ups beforehand.

The whole process takes from 45 minutes up to an hour, and it is recommended that donors eat and drink plenty of fluids before donating.

The Red Cross team here on campus consists of

10 members, with a total of five beds setup with the necessary equipment.

They also have a table set up with snacks and drinks for after donating, which was tended by two Cerritos College volunteers: Reyna de Luna, nursing major, and Monserrat Martinez, pre-med major.

Also sitting at the snack table was recent donor Jovanni Lucero, biology major. "I just like donating blood," said Lucero who also commented that it was not his first time doing so.

DJ Kalambres 'mixes up' in Falcon Square

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On Aug. 26, DJ Kalambres was playing some of the most popular music of in Falcon Square

After a rough day of school it could

not have been anymore fitting then to sit under a shaded tree, and listen to some good music.

DJ Kalambres has been a disc jockey for Mijo Entertainment, a mobile disc jockey service, for a little more than a year.

When asked what kind of music he

usually plays he said, "I like to play all kinds of music. I like to mix it up." Kalambres was playing the hottest from Chris Brown, T-Pain, and Rihanna.

Cerritos students did not show any problems with the variety of music being played as fellow Falcons seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

Richard Mojica, director of Mijo Entertainment, explained the music played by DJ Kalambres: "He keeps it clean and plays mostly pop."

Mojica explained that Kalambres can also be found at local parties including weddings and quinceañeras.

Accreditation: CC warned to change ways

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This recommendation consists of the college, through the president's leadership, must create better forms of dialogue among the staff about the improvement of student learning and institutional processes.

The fourth recommendation that must be addressed by the 2009 deadline is in the area of leadership; empowerment, innovation, collaboration and decision-making must improve.

In order to comply with this recommendation the college must establish a climate of empowerment, innovation and collaboration resulting in a decision-making process that provides a voice for faculty.

If the school does not comply with these recommendations, it could be sanctioned with penalties such as loss of financial aid money, scholarships and eligibility to transfer to a university.

"We are nowhere near that," said Linda Rose, Instructional Dean Liberal Arts Division. "We have enough people on this campus who are knowledgeable and prepared to address each of these issues."

Another recommendation that must be addressed

involves the school's mission statement.

The commission recommends that the school include in their mission statement a description of its student population and to state its commitment to student learning and the value of diversity, however, this recommendation has the June, 2010 deadline.

Student learning outcomes is also on the 2010 deadline and must address the issues regarding the identification of student learning outcomes for programs, certificates and degrees.

Another issue subject to this deadline is that concerning accurate catalog information that requires that the catalogs information be consistent and accurate.

The last issue that the school must address is in the area of human resources and must update policies, procedures, forms and guidelines in all areas under human resources. Many parents rarely help students when it comes to college, so it's overwhelming when a student has to fill out college applications on his own, with sometimes little or maybe even no sense of direction of where to begin.

Construction: Cerritos campus being remodeled

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and a new Olympic-sized pool will be built in the future, although he didn't specify when.

Riffle said that the chilled water loop would run from the Central Plant to "many or most of the buildings on campus."

Overall, according to the

website, "The objective of Cerritos College is to update the campus, improve the look and to advance the educational experience of the students."

Students can learn more about the construction on campus by going to www.cerritos.edu and typing "go bond" in the search box.

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•EDITORIAL•

Educated votes decide future

Of all the issues facing students at Cerritos College, such as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and healthcare, the economy is the most prominent.

Facing a jobless rate of 6.1 percent, many students should be concerned.

Many students are working-class people, and they need jobs to pay for their way through school.

Without money, many people won't go to school.

Even if students don't see that economy as the biggest issue, the community college enrollment this fall is telling a different story.

When the economy is poor, community colleges see an increase in enrollment, demonstrating that the economy is a major issue for people.

According to the Los Angeles Times, it is estimated that community colleges are seeing a 6 percent to 15 percent increase in enrollment this fall.

This is mainly because students are opting to save money by going to school closer to home and spending less money on classes.

Our presidents may have little power over how well the economy does, since the economy moves in cycles.

So who becomes our nation's next president is of great importance to us.

Despite how people may feel about the presidential candidates, about who has more experience or who can better bring change to our country, one thing should remain in the minds of students: the economy.

Larry M. Bartels, an economic and public policy professor at Princeton, has used census data from the period from 1948 to 2007 to argue that over the 34 years since

that Republicans held the presidency, the average annual growth of the gross national product was 1.64 percent, whereas the annual growth during the 26 years of Democratic control was 2.78 percent.

Presidents have more power early in their administrations to have an impact on the economy.

The Democrats tend to use that power to promote the interests of the poor, through raising the minimum wage and favoring unions.

On the other hand, the Republicans tend to favor policies that favor the rich, such as limiting social spending and giving tax refunds for the upper strata of American society under the assumption that the wealth will "trickle down" to the poor.

The problem here isn't that students aren't Democratic, since they overwhelmingly support Barack Obama.

The problem is that students don't vote in large numbers.

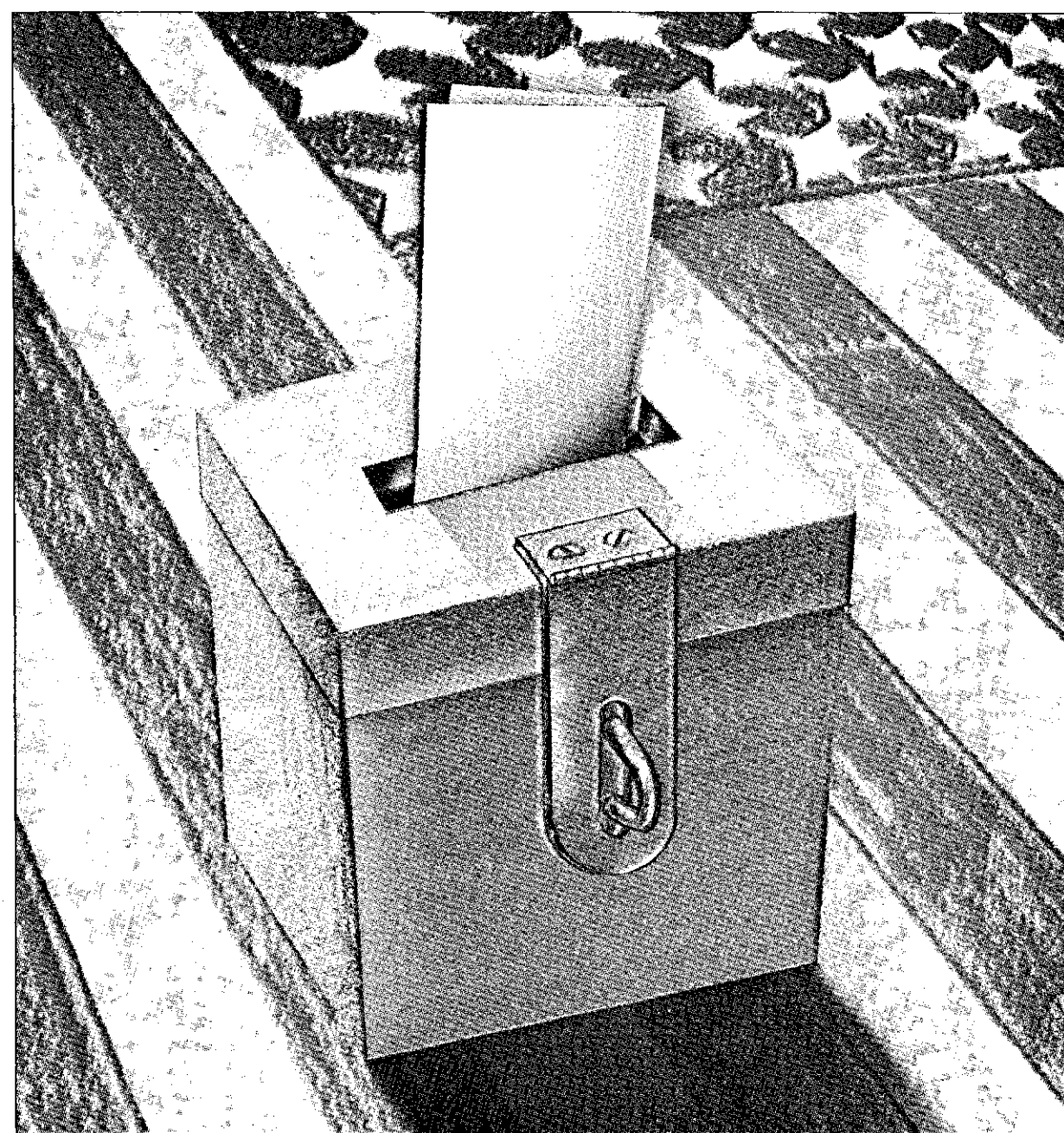
We talked to students last week about what they thought was the biggest issue in the election and were amazed to see how many didn't know what was going on.

Some people simply didn't care about the election or the issues. One man said he "didn't do politics," and walked away.

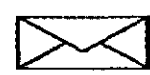
This is a historic election. If students are too apathetic to vote this time around, they must be brain dead.

Students need to get excited and get involved.

That doesn't mean that students have to go to rallies and conventions but just reading the news and learning about the candidates and the issues.



MCT



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR are welcome. They may be submitted both online and in person. In all cases, letters must be signed with real names before they will be considered for publication, either online or in print. Campus-related issues are given priority. Letters may be edited for length, though online versions tend to include full content, as long as it is not libelous or in poor taste. You may deliver letters to FA 42 or contact the editor by e-mail at editor@talonmarks.com.

Sexual harassment is no game

Sexual harassment is present everywhere, even where you least expect it.



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The community in and out of Cerritos College has been exposed to sexual harassment in many different shapes and forms, but it goes unnoticed as immorality and awarded as an act of supremacy.

A woman cannot even walk down the street anymore without being vulgarly whistled at, followed by a crude comment, while the men congratulate each other in admiration.

These acts may seem like a fun, innocent game, but this type of behavior usually leads to more serious forms of sexual harassment such as rape or molestation.

Sexual harassment is just a subtle form of rape.

According to www.sexualharassmentlaw-firms.com, in 2007 31 percent of women claimed to be harassed at work and 100 percent claimed

the harasser was a man.

Also, for some reason, a lot of gay women appear to be the target for abusers because men seem to think that all a lesbian needs is "a real man" to turn straight. Fortunately, that assessment is just a fabrication of the male mind.

Men are so insecure about themselves that they have to mistreat women in order to feel respected amongst their fellow men.

Sexual harassment appears to be more about gaining power than it is about sex. Men have this pointless need to dominate over others, especially over the female gender.

Although some women may give the wrong impression due to what they wear or how they act around men, they are still not "asking for it."

Men have to become aware of how to differentiate between women who are actually inter-

ested and those who are merely being friendly, because an intelligent woman will not confuse sexual harassment for just a simple misunderstanding.

Even the simplest inappropriate glance or comment should be considered sexual harassment and thought of as a punishable act.

Thankfully, many men are sophisticated enough to know the borderline between being friendly and sexually harassing a person. There is absolutely nothing wrong with a man treating a woman with equal respect and superiority as he would toward men.

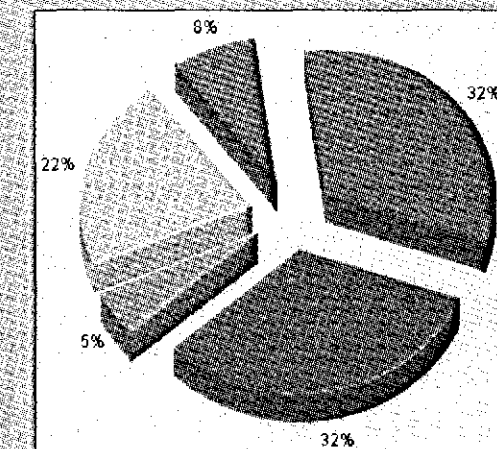
Since males tend to get the wrong idea because they do not know better, women should be prepared at all times for a sexual assault and be more careful no matter where they are, especially if alone.

This behavior must stop.
Hopefully Cerritos College does not contain any of these provincial perverts and if it does, then something must be done in order to educate those men on respecting women.

STATISTIC OF THE WEEK

What did you do this summer?

Nothing	32%
Take summer classes	8%
Go on vacation	22%
Go to a concert	5%
Partied hard	32%



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Source: www.talonmarks.com

What is the biggest issue for the upcoming presidential election?

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ERICK VILLA
culinary arts major
"The biggest issue is) the war. (Government officials) keep saying they're going to stop it."



MOSES KIM
sociology major
"The economy (is the biggest issue). We're trillions of dollars in debt. How is (the government) going to fix that?"



BRIANNE JAUNZEMIS
undecided major
"The biggest issue is) the environment. (The world is) going to flood and everybody's going to die with global warming."



MALLISA HANSON
nursing major
"The war is the biggest (issue). I don't know what to think. It looks like another Vietnam."



ANTHONY MORALES
criminal justice major
"The war in Iraq (is the biggest issue). Economically, I think it's time for the troops to come back. More people are dying. The war is done."



JOHN FRANCIS
political science major
"The biggest issue is) the economy, taking care of the problems we have at home."

Metallica comes back with a vengeance

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"Death Magnetic," the much anticipated new album from Metallica, certainly pleases old and new fans alike.

Leaving behind the flop of "St. Anger," Metallica comes back with a vengeance on this album, encompassing what Metal really means.

The album has 10 tracks, including one instrumental, which had been unheard of from Metallica for the past 20 years, since "And Justice for All."

This album has many firsts for Metallica. It is their first album to be produced by musical genius, Rick Rubin. It is also the first to feature their current bassist, Robert Trujillo.

This album is also the first in Metallica's history in which all band members contributed to each song.

All tracks have a very instrumental intro, with the legendary Metallica riffs that fans are accustomed to.

The album will be released on Sep. 12, and it will be distributed under the Warner Bros. label.

Metallica will be performing Dec. 17 and 18 at The Forum in Inglewood, promoting "Death Magnetic."

DEATH MAGNETIC

Track List

1. That Was Just Your Life
2. The End of the Line
3. Broken, Beat, and Scarred
4. The Day that never comes
5. All Nightmare Long
6. Cyanide
7. The Unforgiven III
8. The Judas Kids
9. Suicide and Redemption
10. My Apocalypse



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Don't cry, read 'Wolf'

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"He didn't really understand what had happened until the morning after the first full moon when he woke up with blood in his mouth, under his nails, and on his naked body: the memory of what he'd done, what he'd become, clear as diamonds."

Only then did he know he had become the enemy, and he wept at the loss of the last of his humanity... "was an excerpt from "Cry Wolf"

Released on July 29, "Cry Wolf" by Patricia Briggs is an invigorating story about the misunderstood lives of werewolves and their persistent struggle to survive peacefully in a human dominated world.

"Cry Wolf" comes to life through the imaginative creation of Anna, the heroin with a secretly unknown past, and her mate Charles, the dominant yet gentle enforcer of the North American werewolves.

Along with the help of other charming characters, Anna and Charles set out on a mysterious journey to defeat a malicious rogue werewolf that has been consumed by the darkness of a witch's black magic.

Briggs has masterfully captured a world filled with mystical creatures such as witches, werewolves, ghosts and ghouls that will seduce anyone who dares to enter the pages of "Cry Wolf"

Pitt, Clooney star in new Coen brothers comedy

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Deceit, lies, and murder with bit of dark humor makes "Burn After Reading" a must-see movie for the end of the summer.

The famous hot "Ocean's" duo star in this hilarious spy thriller. Harry Pfarrer (George Clooney) is a high noted federal marshall with the high tendency of sleeping with other women, rather than just his wife.

Chad Feldheimer (Brad Pitt) is the low-IQ, iPod-addicted gym trainer with the bad blonde highlights and the bad '80s dance

moves.

Throw in Linda Litzke (Frances McDormand), the desperate middle-aged woman who is obsessed to have plastic surgery, and Osborne Cox (John Malkovich), the old alcoholic CIA analyst that is given the boot at his job, and you have yourself a seat clenching film.

The fresh storyline begins when Cox decides to write the memoirs of his life, all with dark, top confidential information. His wife, Katie, who is secretly sleeping with Harry, decides she wants to divorce Cox.

With the evil scheme of sucking him dry of all his finances, she makes a copy of the memoirs and ends up losing it.

The memoirs then fall into the hands of Linda and Chad, and the blackmailing begins. Chad is too dumb to realize what is happening and just gets up doing the dirty work for Linda. He gets his nose punched into his face for it too, which by the way is hilarious.

One of the main reasons I love the movie was the way the plot unfolded. It does move quite fast, but makes perfect sense. Each character leads different lives, but they are all connected.

Whether it was through Harry sleeping around, or Linda getting herself into trouble with the memoirs of Cox, Chad was the character that made it happen for me.

This is by far one of my favorite roles that Pitt has played. I have always loved him for his action roles, but seeing him act like a immature moron was quite entertaining.

I didn't think he had it in him, but once he started dancing in those tight little black shorts I knew the role was made for him.

The unexpected twists and turns the movie unveils had me rattling my brain to seek the right answer. It kept me intrigued and made me keep wanting more.

Put it this way I didn't get up to use the bathroom when I was literally almost peeing my pants. That's got to be a good sign, right?

Actors chosen to play the char-

acters were perfect, couldn't ask for a better cast, maybe except Katie, who is played by Tilda Swinton ("The Chronicles of Narnia"). Honestly the English accent wasn't doing it for me. Tilda was bland and boring.

One main character does get his brains blown out, and believe me that was quite shocking but somehow had the audience laughing, sad but true.

It ended too abruptly and it left me scratching my head trying to put some unexplained pieces together.

Overall it made me laugh, ponder, and gasp, so it's definitely a keeper in my book.

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By the time they had run two plays in their first game of the 2008 season, the Cerritos College football team was already holding a 15-0 lead at East Los Angeles College on Saturday night. By the time the clock had run out on the game, the Falcons (1-0) had a 65-7 win over the Huskies.

Cerritos will now play their first home game of the season next Saturday when they host Santa Monica College at 7 p.m. The win over East Los Angeles runs the Falcons overall series record to 14-0.

The game started with sophomore LeQuan Lewis, kick returner, returning the opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown. Then, on the second East LA play, freshman defensive end Jeramey Cutler, defensive end, tackled Husky quarterback Pedro Velasquez in the end zone for a safety.

On their first drive after the safety, freshman running back Tylik Carter, running back, broke off a 33-yard run to put the ball at the Husky 1-yard line. Carter finished his drive with a 1-yard touchdown plunge and after a missed extra point, the Falcons had a 15-0 lead just 1:53 into the game.

Cerritos seemed to do just about anything they wanted on offense and posted 272 first half yards to minus-14 for East Los Angeles.

One of the keys to their negative first-half yards was a punt attempt where the ball was snapper over Husky punter Tony Hernandez's head. A trio of Falcons landed on the ball in the end zone for a touchdown.

In the first half alone, Cerritos scored points eight different ways: kickoff return, running play, passing play, punt return, safety, fumble recovery, two-point conversion and extra point. By halftime, it was a 51-0 score.

With their sizeable lead, the Falcons utilized many of the players on their roster and added two more second-half touchdowns, while the Huskies reached the end zone once.

The Cerritos defense limited East Los Angeles to negative team yards until their drive in the fourth quarter that accounted for their lone points.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Falcons had several solid showings, despite limited playing time by the starting unit. It was evident in the first quarter that Cerritos was the more skilled team, as

they led 37-0 by the end of the first quarter.

On the night, Cerritos finished with 536 total yards, while limiting East Los Angeles to just 96 yards. Looking to balance their offensive attack, the Falcons compiled 305 yards on the ground and 243 through the air.

Individually, Carter led the team with 98 yards on seven carries and one touchdown, with freshman D'Amato Tyson, running back, busting a 55-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter and finished with 61 yards.

Through the air, sophomore Jeffrey Fischer, quarterback, completed 9-of-11 passes for 105 yards and two touchdowns in limited time, while the duo of freshmen David Neff, quarterback, and Chris Morales, quarterback, combined to complete 11-of-15 passes for 138 yards.

A trio of receivers caught a team-high three passes, with freshman Mario Miller, wide receiver, finishing with 59 yards.

On defense, sophomore Joshua Lomeli, defensive back, and freshman Ryan Steiger, defensive back, each led the way with five tackles, with the team recording six tackles for loss and nine quarterback hurries.



Men's Soccer: The men's soccer team practices to ensure another state championship

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Soccer team ready to kickoff

Incoming freshmen gives new choices to men's soccer team for the coming season.

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After finishing their 2007 season 2nd state title, the men's soccer team is looking forward to a great 2008 season.

As their season opener approaches, Coach Benny Artiga is

excited, stating that "this is the best recruiting class we have ever had."


Bringing their knowledge and experience, returners Michael Paz and Alex Munoz are some players to watch. Michael Paz was 1st Team All-American Player of the Year last year.

Falcons are also looking for a great season from newcomers Timi Seo and Sal Melendrez. Seo was named Orange County Division 1 Player of the Year, and Melendrez

was named the Press-Telegram's Player of the Year.

In addition to a number of strong incoming freshmen, the team has two new coaches and a brand new field.

The Falcons are currently 6-1. The team won the Mt. SAC last weekend and got second place in the Hartnell tournament. The Falcons next game is Sept. 19 at 4 p.m. vs Golden West.



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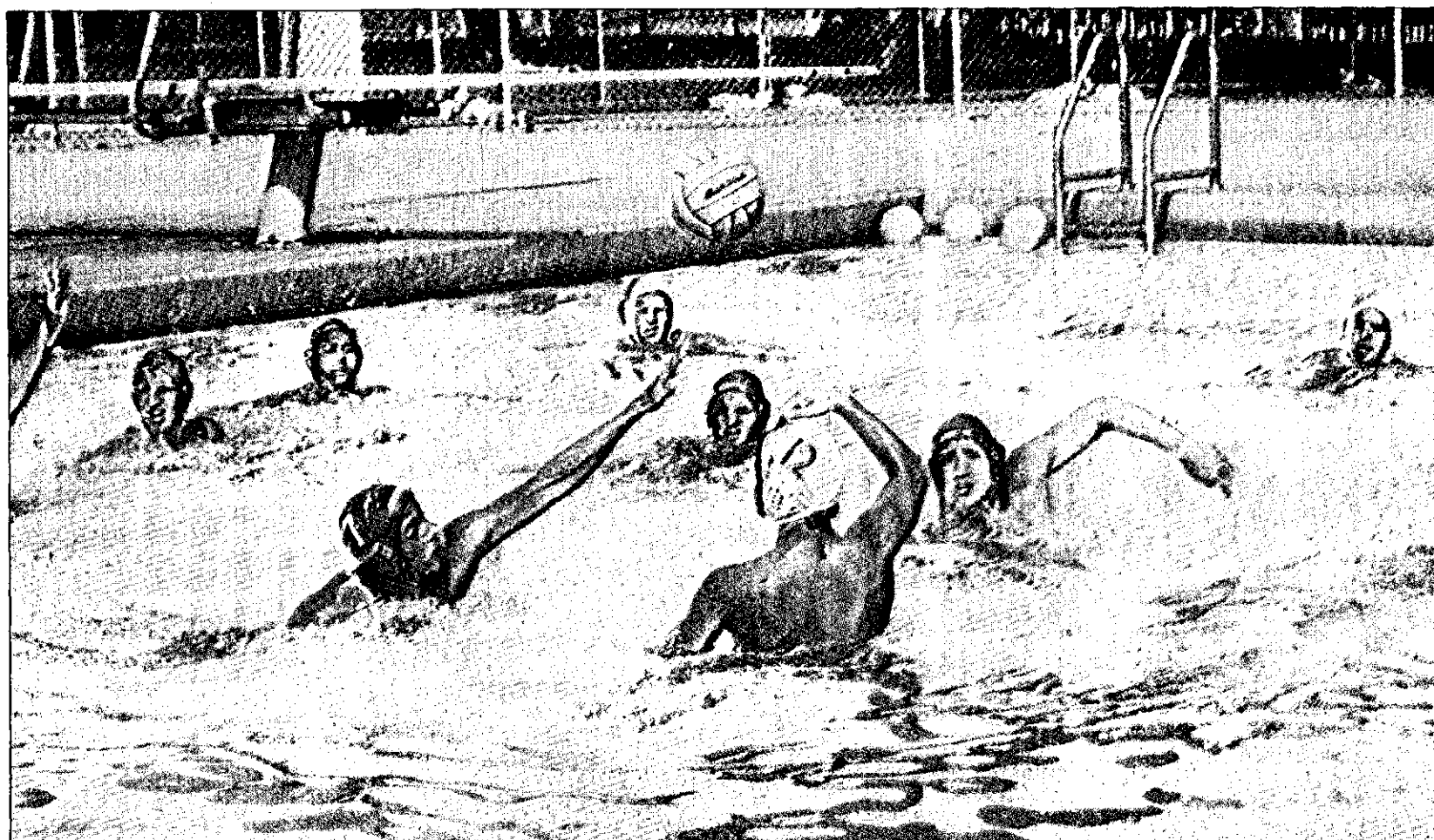
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Practice makes perfect: The Cerritos College men's water polo team runs some drills before its first game this past Saturday.

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Men's water polo team takes off

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Head coach Joe Abing's men's water polo team began its season with a record of 3-1.

Last Saturday, the team played at Golden West against four colleges: Golden West, Citrus, LA Valley and Mt. SAC.

The Falcons only loss was to Golden West College, who currently ranks No. 1 in the state.

"Our first tournament I think went really well. Our only lost was to the best team. I think we could build upon what we learned from these games and continue to get better," said Abing.

With 18 men composing the

team this season, Abing believes he has a really strong team this year.

"There is a strong returning group. In terms of setting an example for the new players, I think they do an excellent job."

A lot of the returners know what to expect and are therefore leading the rest of the team.

Louie Espinoza, a returning driver, in particular, has been named potential captain of the team for this season.

"I have a lot on my shoulders now that I'm leading the team. I have to step up to the captain title."

Espinoza, is considered one of the four returning players who stand out along with utility Dan Biag, defender Ryan Tamula, utility Miguel Villalobos, and driver Borris

Torres.

Abing also predicts that incoming freshmen utility Cory Baccus, driver Jesse Paredes, driver Pat Muniz, and goalie Kieran Hattie from New Zealand will have a major impact on the level of skill this team obtains.

"This team definitely has the potential to reach a conference title if it continues to stay focused and play together as a team," Abing suggests. Biag, a return utility, states they are working hard to get both conference and state titles.

"They are both in our graps," he said, "We just have to continue putting all our hard work and we will."

Michael Torres, utility, adds, "We have the best defense there is this year. The counter attacks are

well strategized and strongly executed."

Torres believes this year's team contains a lot of new people with a lot of different styles of playing.

He said, "They all come together to create a Falcon style."

As far as what he will contribute to the team, he replied, "I don't plan to be a star, I plan to make the stars."

"A lot of people think it's just a bunch of wet guys in speedos but it's not," comments Espinoza.

"The sport itself is much more difficult than it appears to be. With the coaches and people who make up the team this year, I am positive we will play like the strong team I know we can be."

Women's water polo starts season 4-0

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The women's water polo team at Cerritos College begins its season with a record of 4-0.

With many incoming freshmen and a number of returners, head coach Sergio Macias looks forward to working with a very solid group.

"I have high expectations for this team," he said. "The great returners along with the incoming freshmen have enough talent to surpass last year's success."

Although the team did set a record last season, having been so close to obtaining a championship last year made the women very motivated and connected.

"Our unity, our chemistry, our depth in and out of the water is going to help us relax and stay focused on our goals," says Angela Chiaromonte, returning driver.

"However," Stephanie Rosero, returning utility contributes, "based on what happened last season, we've realized that basic skills make a big difference. So that will be something we will work harder on."

With such a strong, and experienced veteran group, Macias states he is enabled more time to focus on improving skills rather than introducing them.

"The fact that I don't have to be telling them what to do all the time allows me to be very patient. I have confided a lot of trust on the returning group into leading this team to success."

The excitement of the women who were on the record setting

team last year is definitely feeding off the new participants.

Rosero believes, "We have the potential to win this year. It's the same good drills with more experienced people. We have trained really hard and are excited to begin our season."

According to Macias, there are three girls who will have an immediate impact on the team this season. Rosero being one of them along with defender Yvonne Ruvalcaba, driver Angela Chiaromonte, and utility Adriana Rodriguez.

"(Rodriguez) is smart, creative, and crafty. That along with (Rosero's) leadership and (Chiaromonte's) and (Ruvalcaba's) skills," Macias said, "that will hopefully take us to our first appearance at state championships and finish top three at conference."

Rosero, who is one of the best player in the state, is confident in providing leadership and vocalization for the team.

"We have more depth and the fact that we have more subs this year is going to help maintain the level of our focus and concentration. I will do my best in bringing leadership and vocalization to manage what is going on as far as what's going on in the pool is concerned."

Chiaromonte hopes the teams accomplishments at the end of the season will reflect all the effort and hard work they have put into their training.

She adds, "We just want to make coach proud."

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