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Homecoming court voted in

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Of the 22 women running for Homecoming court, seven were elected to the court last Thursday.

The following morning, the new Homecoming court held its first meeting to discuss the Homecoming activities coming up in the next few weeks.

On Tuesday, the court introductions were held.

Dean Ackland, coordinator of student activities, held the meeting and stressed the same thing since day one.

"Get everyone involved," Ackland said when he went over plans and procedures for the upcoming events.

Surprisingly, with all the information Ackland provided, the women had very little questions or concerns.

Adriana Venegas, 2007 Homecoming Queen, attended the meeting to talk about her own experiences while being in the court.

Venegas explained, "Being in the Homecoming court can be very stressful. It gets very competitive. During all the Homecoming events, you have to stand out."

"Finding the time to do it was hard because it required a lot of time."

Venegas also had a few tips for the 2008 Homecoming court, "Be friendly at all times and don't leave anyone out. Get everyone involved."

April Garcia, Kabarkada Club, said, "I just have to go out, meet and talk to new people every day."

"I feel really special. People actually voted for me. My club helped me out a lot. We went around the school and talked to people."

After the meeting, Venegas did stay to answer any questions or concerns from the women.

Of the seven, six attended the meeting. Karen Santoyo, ASET Club, was absent.

On Tuesday, the court introductions were held in the student center.

All seven court members were individually introduced with a series of questions ranging from where they grew up to who their favorite baseball teams are.

The Homecoming Queen candidates were given the opportunity to show what they are about.

Umeamara Butt, International Student Association, said, "It got us to get to know each other. It's actually fun. At first it felt more competitive, but now we're



Homecoming: Monique Meza of the Cosmetology Club was being walked during the court introductions on Tuesday.

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working together."

Out of the seven candidates, only two mentioned their club and the activities they've participated in.

Victoria Kennedy, Forensics Club, explained to students that she was not running because of a beauty pageant.

Kennedy was running for her club.

"I think I have an upperhand," Kennedy said. "We (the candidates) have to remember that we have to represent our clubs."

Monique Meza, Cosmetology Club, said, "People like to see us getting in-

formation session about the program," said Hernandez.

Hernandez stated in his speech, "I'm just trying to plant a seed for you all."

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Rojas explained that the main goal of CCM is to lend a hand.

CCM proved it by attending the health fair this past Sunday in Falcon Square.

Barrita has new plan for water

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ASCC President Michael Barrita informed the cabinet on Monday about his two plans he is putting into play: campus clean-up and evaluating the campus water fountains.

Barrita said that on his break at around 4 to 4:30 p.m., he picks up trash on the Hill.

He says that when he does it, he sees other students clean up the Hill as well.

Shola Shodiya, ASCC vice president, said, "Maybe we could have a 'campus clean-up day.'"

The cabinet also wants to push cleanliness in the bathrooms, from general cleanliness to graffiti.

To evaluate the water fountains on campus, Barrita assigned the 37 buildings on campus to the 15 commissioners.

Each commissioner is to map out where the water fountains are in each building and write a report on the conditions of each fountain.

Some may be rusted and others may have no pressure. These are the things they will report about.

Barrita expects the reports back in "two to three weeks."

He will then turn in those reports to facilities.

His goal is for students to have water they can be comfortable with.

This plan is along the same theme as his water proposal from his term as vice president during the last school year.

Barrita set up a proposal to offer free water at the Student Activities office to all students.

That proposal was shot down by Pepsi, which sells water in the vending machines all over campus.

Now he wants the water fountains that need the most attention to be brought up to par.

Nathalie Chavez, ISCC commissioner, says, "Hydrate yourself."

Bridges to the Baccalaureate coordinator speaks to CCM

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Chicano/Latino Community Medicine held its first general meeting last Thursday.

The meeting included a guest speaker, Ignacio Hernandez, coordinator of Bridges to the Baccalaureate research program in Cal State Long Beach.

"We want them to start thinking about careers in scientific research. We want to expose an opportunity out there," Hernandez said.

Hernandez discussed the program Long Beach offers to minority groups with a science major from community colleges.

Ashley Rojas, secretary of CCM, said, "The information session of Bridges was very informed. He provided priceless infor-

mation that we can take advantage of. We're lucky to be given that on campus."

The Bridges Baccalaureate Research Program is a nine-week paid position course that is offered every summer. In the nine weeks, students work on a lab research project which they present to fellow colleagues in the end.

"I'm here for two reasons: support the alumni from Bridges and to have a little in-

formation session about the program," said Hernandez.

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H.O.P.E.: Family inquires for information at the Consulado General de Mexico en Los Angeles table.

H.O.P.E. comes knocking at Cerritos

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The health fair last Sunday was the first to ever happen here at Cerritos College and was also the first to be fully sponsored by Project H.O.P.E.

Project H.O.P.E. is a federal funded program created for a students who wish to enter the medical field.

It aims also to increase the number of minority and latino students entering the medical field.

The health fair included hearing

and vision exams, and glucose and cholesterol checks along with many other types of medical exams.

The Red Cross was also available for anyone who wished to donate blood.

Luis Martinez, biochemistry major volunteer at the fair, stated, "You can imagine the impact this is going to have on our community."

The check ups were entirely free and did not require any medical insurance.

Mirella Flores, Project H.O.P.E. staff member stated, "It is a great program for students. We give the guidance and structure to guide you

through that path."

Martinez concurred, "I have the help from these great people who are willing to help and support me. Project H.O.P.E. students were always pushing me to do better."

Project H.O.P.E. provides counseling, tutoring and scholarships for their students.

They also help students with transfer information and take field trips to visit different campuses.

Furthermore, Flores stated, "Our goal for students who get out of the program is for them to come save the community."

Students who are in Project

H.O.P.E. also receive recognition for their achievements during the end of the year banquet.

In addition, Project H.O.P.E. has summer programs at UCLA for students.

They also work with high school students who wish to enter the medical field.

Students do not have to be directly involved with Project H.O.P.E. in order to volunteer at the health fairs.

"It is not about Project H.O.P.E., it is about helping the community," Martinez added.

Da Silva performs in piano concert

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Pianist Paul Da Silva, along with two other performers, took listeners on a musical journey last Saturday.

Hosted by the Cerritos College Music Department and the ASCC, the concert was open to everybody free of charge for admission and parking.

The event took place in room BC51 inside the music department building.

The concert began with two piano pieces by composer Robert Schumann.

Da Silva put on a stellar performance that was applauded by listeners every time.

For the following two pieces, Melissa Hendrickson accompanied Da Silva with the French horn, and Darryl Tanikawa with clarinet respectively.

Da Silva described his duo with Tanikawa as being "a bit gloomy, then brighter and finally springy."

The last piece consisted of a trio with Hendrickson on the French horn, and Tanikawa on the clarinet.

The trio even gave the crowd a special 'desert' after they finished, to which listeners applauded excitedly.

Afterwards, attendees were invited to help themselves to snacks and refreshments, and allowed to converse with all three musicians.

Both Hendrickson and Tanikawa are professional musicians and have worked with various orchestras.

Da Silva has performed recitals in New York City, Seattle and Texas and has soloed with the Centennial

Philharmonic in Denver, Colorado

He currently serves on faculty at Cerritos College and is an organist at Beatitudes of our Lord Catholic Church.

He has a recording scheduled for release soon entitled "Fantasies and Arabesques."

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Rob Watson, Piano Concert
Sunday, October 19th - 3 p.m.
BC-51

Orchestra Fall Concert
Friday, October 24th - 7 p.m.
Student Center - Free Admission

Band Fall Concert
Tuesday, October 28th - 7 p.m.
Student Center - Free Admission

Holiday Choral Concert
Sunday, November 9th - 2:30 p.m.
William Bristol Civic Auditorium
16600 Civic Center Dr. Bellflower
(562) 804-1424 for ticket information

Faculty Gala
Sunday, November 16th - 2 p.m.
Burnright Theatre
General \$10 - Students/Seniors \$5

Jazz Fall Concert
Sunday, November 19th - 7 p.m.
David Betancourt, Director
Student Center - Free Admission

Holiday Choral Concert
Sunday, December 14th - 4 p.m.
Dr. Anna DeMichele, Director
California Heights United
Methodist Church
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Instrumental Holiday Concert
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Burnright Theatre - Free Admission



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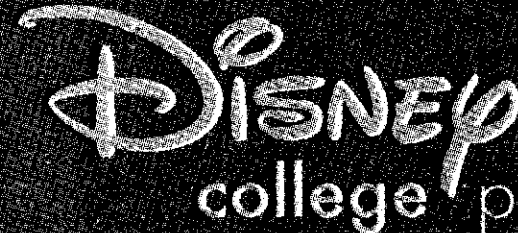
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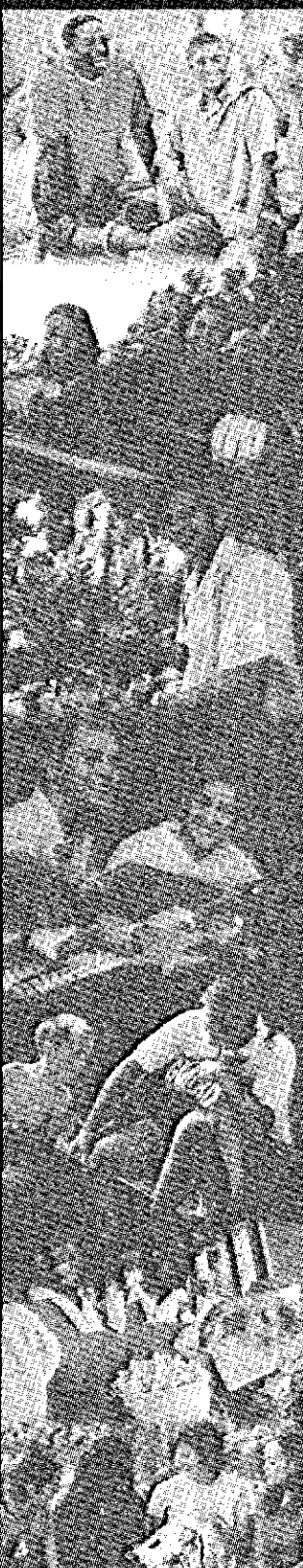


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•EDITORIAL•

The great depression returns

The impending American financial crisis will affect students as much as the rest of the world.

The dollar is in the toilet. The stock market is crashing and banking institutions are failing.

Who on campus really cares?

Students on campus should be outraged.

They should be marching in the streets because this affects everyone here.

The economy is the biggest issue facing our generation and we are sitting back, letting the economic policies of our president and his administration lead us down a road to a total economic disaster that has not been seen since the Great Depression.

Jobs are being lost and the cost of living is rising.

Gas prices are outrageous and you probably don't care.

Well, you should.

You may be worrying about how to get out of debt yourself, and maybe how to make sure that debt doesn't increase.

Imagine your entire country going deeper and deeper into debt.

What are you going to do then?

The leading financial institutions, you know the place where people borrow money to pay for things such as college, are crumbling because people can't afford to pay for their mortgages.

The country has had to borrow so much money from China, a country that has committed more human rights violations than maybe any country that we are in conflict with combined, that there is no way to stand up against them.

If this country were a family that bought a home it would have been repossessed by now by China.

The only positive, if we can really even call it that, is that if you have a job in five years, you might actually afford to buy a house.

Concerned citizens are marching in the streets to protest the war but where is the outrage that we are the first generation since the 1950s that have to be concerned that we might not be better off economically than our parents.

Eight years ago, before the George W. Bush era, this country was in a great economic upswing.

When Bill Clinton left office, we had a budget surplus, one that could have set us up with a stronger dollar, a secure Social Security and economic stability.

Now, eight years later, Bush's failed programs and unproductive wars have driven us into possible total economic collapse.

If the economy of the U.S. collapses, the world economy will begin to collapse, then the world, not only the U.S., will be totally and utterly screwed.

Today we fear we might not have social security by the time we are of age.

The constant plunge of the stock market is instilling fear in buyers all over the world. Pretty soon, our dollar will be worth less than the Mexican peso.

Our daily worries have changed drastically. It is now whether we will have enough money for the things we need, rather than for the things we want, as it was during the economic paradise of the 90s.

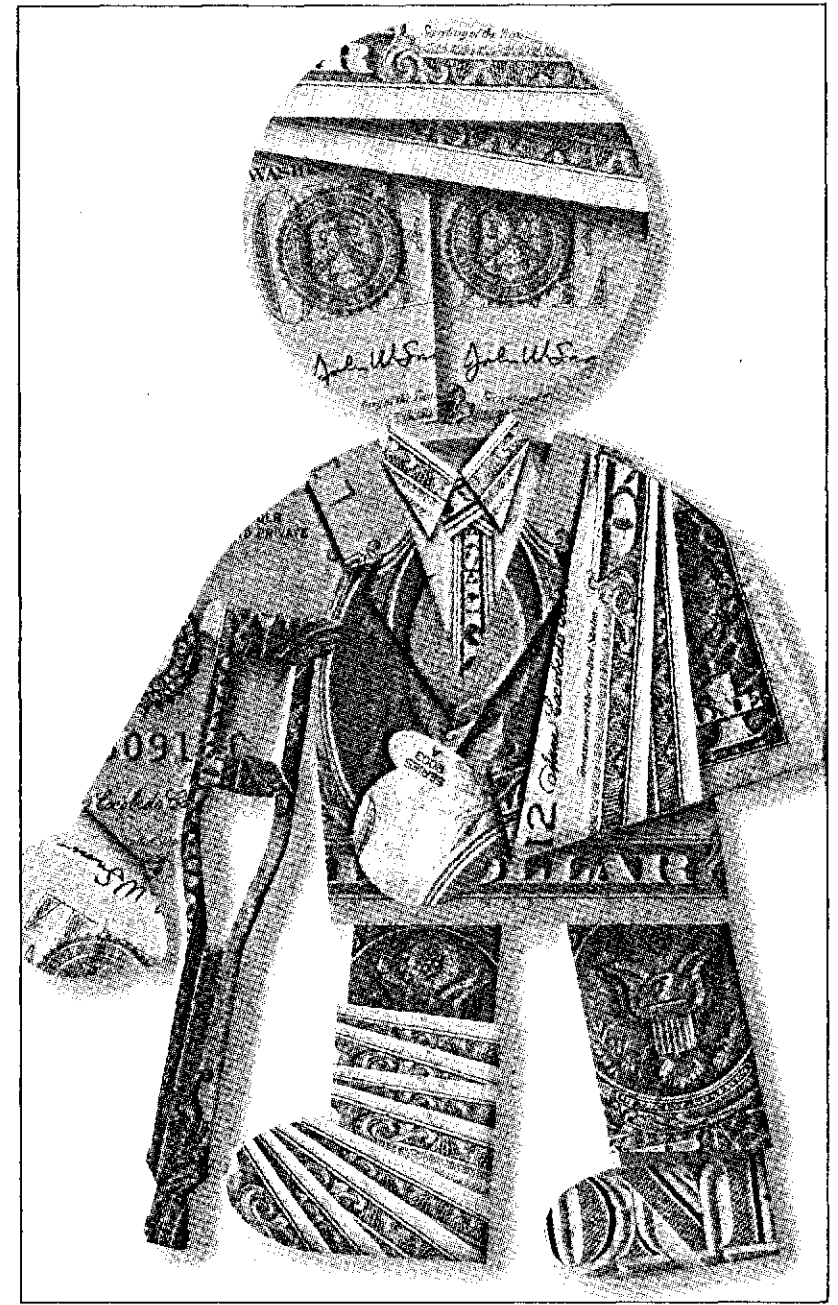
The unemployment rate is at its lowest point ever in the past 50 years, and the California state budget is in crisis since it can not borrow money from the federal government to fund its core necessities. At the rate things are going, California will be out of money by the end of the month.

Who will pick up the tab then? Californians of course. Taxes will be raised, social services will be cut, and in the end, it is us who will suffer.

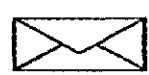
How is it possible that the seventh largest economy in the world is on the verge of bankruptcy?

It is shady business practices coupled with bureaucratic corruption that is leading to the collapse of this country's economy, which will eventually lead to the collapse of world markets.

It's a domino effect.



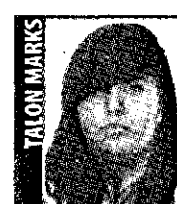
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Vote no on homosexual bigotry

Prop. 8 is looking to deprive happily married gay couples their rights.



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If passed, Proposition 8 will eliminate the right of same-sex couples to marry in California, thus destroying the dream of many gay couples all over the state and stripping away their dignity.

A new section would be added to the state constitution stating that, "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

Prop. 8 should be voted against. It is absolutely revolting that it is even on the ballot to begin with.

Allowing same-sex couples to marry does not demean or in any way affect the people who go into the customary man-woman fashion of marriage; therefore, gay couples should not be denied their right to also be happily married.

The phrase "domestic partnership" is insult-

ing to the gay community. It makes it seem like they are not human enough to actually marry, so they have to settle to an inferior title.

Although a "domestic partnership" in California incorporates a wide range of rights and responsibilities similar to a conventional marriage, it is still offensive because it does not give same-sex couples the actual right to call their life-long relationship a marriage.

The gay community strived for a very long time to win the fight to finally be allowed to get married in June, so do not let that fight be in vain.

Gays and lesbians are our friends, family, police officers, fire fighters, judges, soldiers, etc.

These people who have fought for your safety, earned your respect, and received your love are being deprived of their right to be happy.

Taking away a person's right to marry is basically telling them not to love.

How would a straight person feel if they were told not to marry the person they love?

The homophobia that comes from prejudiced straight people has to end.

The fact that same-sex couples are beaten to death, threatened or harassed for publicly expressing their emotions toward their boyfriend or girlfriend is disgusting.

People need to bear in mind that California's laws prohibit discrimination against anyone based on race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

The intolerance from stubborn straight people will probably never truly vanish, but hopefully, in the near future, same-sex couples will be able to live without the fear of homophobia haunting them.

Vote no on Proposition 8 on Nov. 4 to save the evanescent equality in marriage and bring the gay community one step closer to attaining the deserved human rights that they are being denied.

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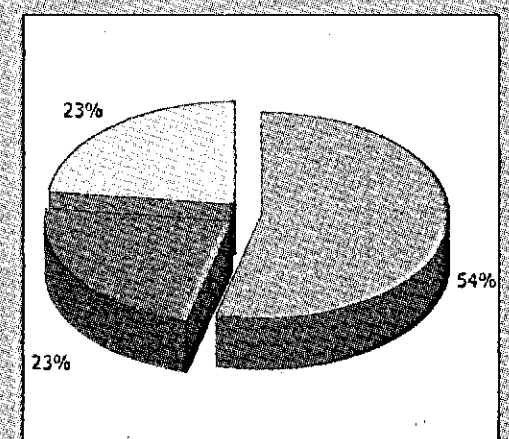
STATISTIC OF THE WEEK

Should preachers be allowed on campus?

Yes, they are protected by the First Amendment. 71%

No, they are annoying and should never be on campus. 14%

Hell yeah, I want to see more lesbians kiss! 14%



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How has the current state of the economy affected you?

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CHRISTINA MIJARES
animation major

"It's going to affect me when I transfer if I want to dorm. Housing prices will be crazy."



RIGO ARENAS
biochemistry major

"Last year, financial aid was \$6,000. Now it's \$5,000."



JUSTIN WITRON
biology major

"(It has affected me) bad(ly). I don't like the taxes. Seven cents to 25 cents. Soda used to be 75 cents, now it's a dollar. A dollar isn't worth a dollar anymore."



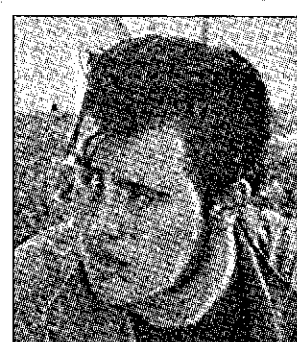
JESSICA COUFAL
psychology major

"(It affected me, but) not too bad, just gas. I'm kinda excited 'cause it's going down."



ROBERTO MAIK
accounting major

"(It did not affect me) much. Loan rates will go up. Loan for a car or something will eventually affect us."



ANDRES PULIDO
art major

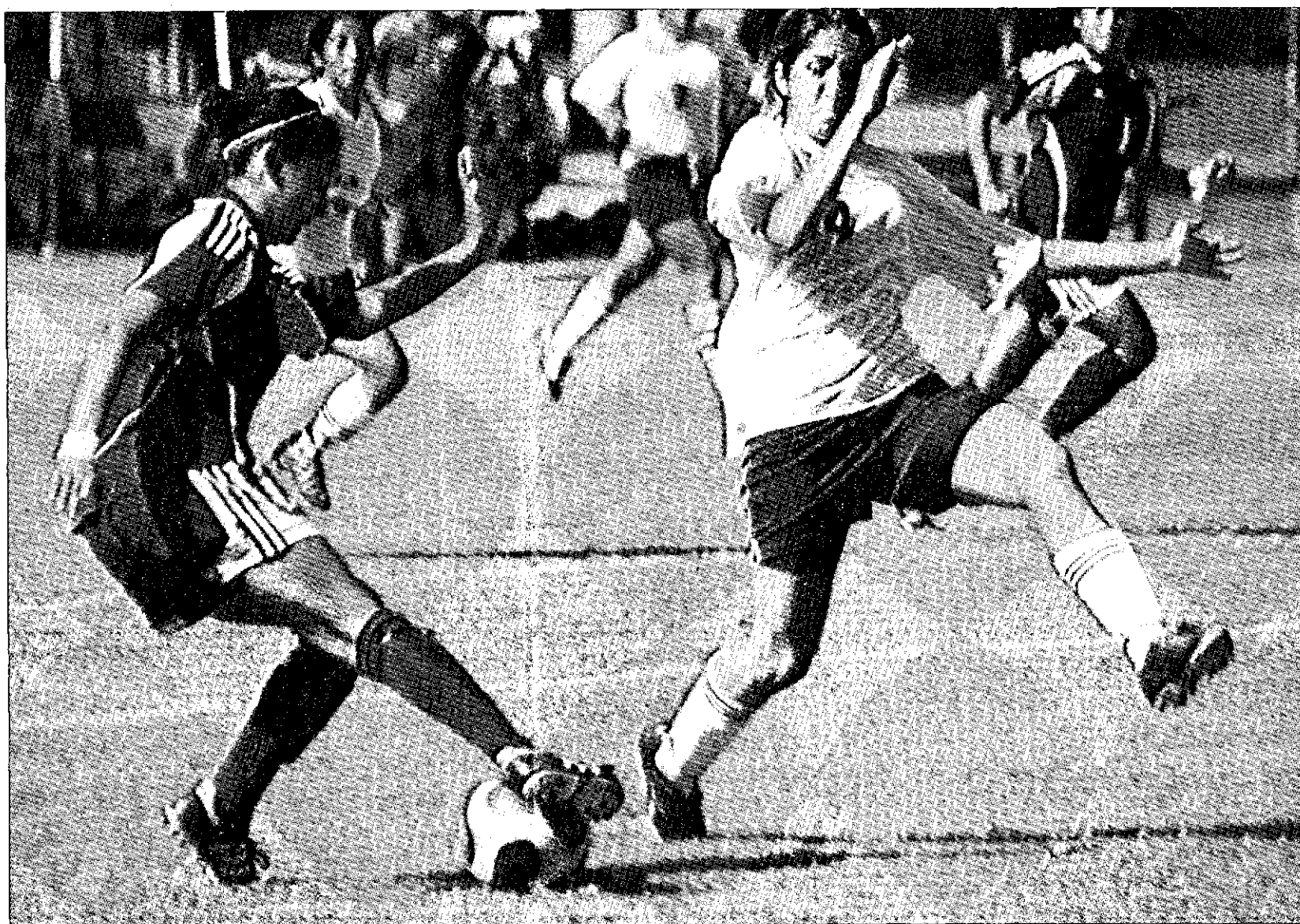
"Not yet but it will. I'm an art student. Supplies will go up."

Women's soccer beats L.A. Harbor

Women's Soccer

Top 15 Poll

1. Broome County
2. **Cerritos**
3. Montgomery
4. San Diego Mesa
5. DuPage
6. Santa Barbara
7. Oxford
8. Santiago Canyon
9. Brookdale
10. Santa Rosa
11. Richland
12. Ventura
13. Camden County
14. Cabrillo
15. Herkimer County



Women's Soccer: Cerritos College played good defense against Los Angeles Harbor Tuesday.

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Forward Monique Cisneros scored four goals and had one assist to lead the Cerritos College women's soccer team to a 7-0 victory over Los Angeles Harbor Tuesday afternoon.

"Once we realized their weakness, we were able to attack straight to the goal," she said.

This was the second game in the South Coast Conference and the Falcons are now 2-0 in conference and 7-0-2 overall.

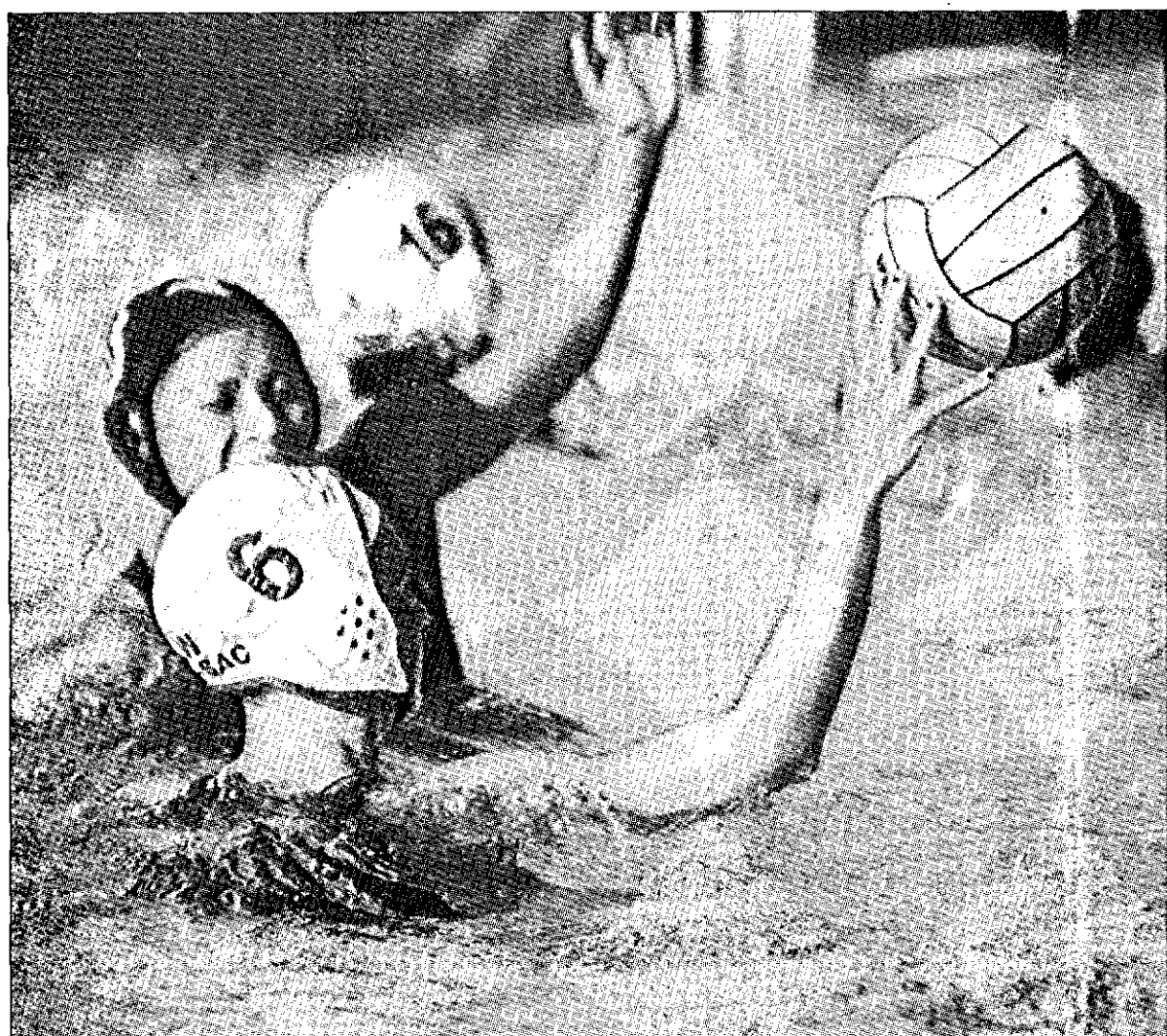
"We need to play better than this in conference," head coach Ruben Gonzalez said. The scoring started with Cisneros 10 minutes into the first half.

Quickly after that score, forward Corina Villegas scored on an assist from Cisneros.

For much of the second half, the Falcons played their backups and Gonzalez was not pleased with their performance.

In the second half, the Falcons scored two more times, once on a penalty kick by Villegas.

"We gave a lot of people a chance to get on the field today to prove that they should be playing," she said.



Women's water polo: Cerritos College played defense against Mt. SAC last Wednesday

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Women's water polo defeats conference rival, Mt. SAC

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With utility Stephanie Rosero out for the game due to a shoulder injury, Adriana Rodriguez took the main role in leading the women's water polo team to its 11-5 win against Mt. SAC last Wednesday.

"I personally thought I did pretty bad. I kept thinking to myself drop, drop, drop and I couldn't get myself around to do it," said Rodriguez.

Throughout the game she scored three times and obtained five steals.

Rodriguez added, "I kept looking for the set so when I found the chance to score, I would go ahead and go for it."

Utility Sabrina Boling also contributed in scoring.

"We put away a lot of shots," Boling stated, "but there were a lot more that I'm sure we could've scored."

Though Cerritos came on with a rather slow start, it still managed to get on the board with a 3-0 lead during the first period.

"We had a slow first half," driver Angela Chiaromonte regards, "but we definitely picked it up in the second half."

She said they had a really good defense, but their offense needed to execute more.

Coach Sergio Macias agrees. "It took a while to adjust. We were not executing well enough in the first half," Macias said.

He adds, "We were patient enough to analyze their play and take control over the second half of the game."

By halftime, Cerritos led Mt. SAC 7-4.

Rodriguez claimed it was much easier to play in the second half.

"We took what we saw from the first half and used it to plan our strategy for the second half," Rodriguez stated.

"Like coach said, it was like a test. We were given the problems to work with, then we all played together in a smart manner so that we overcame them," she said.

Defender Kristin Rivas also noticed another advantage they upheld during the game.

She said, "We continued to re-

ceive too many fouls in the first few plays. So instead of focusing so much on our offense, we tried to make better usage of our defense, and it worked."

Chiaromonte exclaims, "We didn't know what to expect. We thought the game was going to close."

Rodriguez adds, "To be honest I think all of us expected much more out of Mt. SAC. I didn't think it was going to be this easy."

Towards the end of the game, utility Denise Vega executed two assists while driver Angie Silva along with defender Natalie Peng scored twice.

Also, goalkeepers Miranda Bakke and Mandy Perez helped the team by stopping seven shots.

Women's Water Polo
Cerritos College
vs.
Trade Tech
Oct. 8 at 4:15 p.m.

Heartbreaking loss for Cerritos against Chaffey

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One blocked field goal and a missed 37-yard field goal by kicker Nick Arellano crushed the Cerritos College football team as it fell to host Chaffey College, 16-9, Saturday night.

"We have five kickers and none of them can kick the ball," head coach Frank Mazzotta said.

The loss sends the Falcons to 3-2 overall and will have a week off before playing its Homecoming game against Citrus College on Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. at Cerritos College.

With just seconds left the Falcons had a field goal blocked that would have won the game, instead it went to overtime tied, 9-9.

On its first possession of overtime, the Panthers scored and the Falcons were unable to respond.

"We were caught off guard playing overtime against Chaffey," linebacker Junior Tivao said. "We were never thinking of overtime against that team."

On the positive the Falcons' defense held the Panthers to nine points through regulation and the offense had 363 yards.

"We played well enough to win but we put it in the hands of the special teams, guys that only practice 15 minutes a day. We can not do that," Tivao said.

"They were playing with a lot of emotion, but that is the way everyone plays Cerritos," Tivao said. "The program has a great reputation and everyone is

gunning to beat us."

Quarterback Jeffery Fisher led the offensive attack with 178 yards passing and 63 yards rushing.

Defensive linebacker David Flores led the Falcons with 13 tackles while fellow linebacker Matthew Moody contributed with a sack.

The loss sends the Falcons to 3-2 overall and will have a week off before facing Citrus College on Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at Cerritos College.

The game was the opener in the newly formed National Division, Central Conference.

"Losing the opening game is tough because we can only lose one more game and still be eligible for the playoffs," Tivao said.

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