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## Eggleston wins homecoming queen

### Cerritos College Homecoming Queens

2007-Adrianna Venegas - Court Reporting  
2006-Erica Rhodes - Court Reporting  
2005-Victoria Aquino - Kabarkada Club  
2004-Crystal Rangel - Court Reporting  
2003-Replika Bhullar - Business Club  
2002-Heather Fox - LDSSA  
2001-Claudia Geldis - Feminist Leadership Programs  
2000-Carolina Mojarro - Poetry and Arts Club  
1999-Alma Gutierrez - Phi Theta Kappa  
1998-Sheyenne Heckert - Phi Theta Kappa  
1997-Kiyana Bule - Cosmetology Club  
1996-Marbella Canales - Alpha Chi Epsilon  
1995-Francine Di Giorgio - Court Reporting  
1994-Angela Sosa  
1993-Maria De La Vega - AHORA  
1992-Maria De La Vega - AHORA  
1991-Danylle Williams - AHORA  
1990-Rosie Partida  
1989-Denise Trapp - AGS  
1988-Claudia Aguilar - AHORA  
1987-Dottie Thompson - Beta Phi Gamma/Press Club  
1986-Tami Jensen - Sigma Phi

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After the Homecoming events held the past few weeks, Helen Eggleston of the Court Reporting Club was announced 2008 Homecoming Queen.

Eggleston was announced queen during the halftime show of Saturday night's football game.

The Homecoming events began three weeks ago when 22 women signed up to become this year's homecoming queen.

The Homecoming adventure began on Sep. 24 when all 22 women attended the meeting where Dean Ackland, coordinator of student activities, stressed to the women the importance of student involvement.

In the month of October, the Homecoming court and its clubs put up posters and passed out candy promoting their own candidate.

Eggleston was an underdog with other clubs like the Cosmetology and the Kabarkada Club outcheering every other club in the events like the court introductions and the mock rally.

The closer the queen elections were, the more involved Eggleston's club became. Eggleston's club, Court Reporting Club, was seen all around campus passing out flyers to Cerritos College students on a daily basis.

In one of the final events before announcing Home-

coming Queen, the mock rally, the Court Reporting Club was there supporting Eggleston, filling up the whole left side of the student center.

The month of October was filled with activities from the mock rally to float building.

In the mock rally, each princess chose a male student to represent and mock her.

The student center was filled with numerous laughs from the crowd as the men were answering questions in their feminine voices and dancing with their short dresses on.

Monique Meza's representative, Ricardo Mendoza, cosmetology major, won the event.

"The mock rally was really fun," Mendoza said.

Clubs spent the better part of last week building their homecoming floats for the halftime show.

The theme of this year's floats was "TV Favorites."

Eggleston's club designed its float as Wheel of Fortune.

Of the 22 women that signed up to run for homecoming court, seven were elected three weeks prior to Homecoming Night.

"I didn't think it was going to win. It was a really exciting experience though," she shared.

Victoria Martinez, education major, stated that she wished Victoria Kennedy would've won.

She said, "She was really pretty and really nice and she deserved to win."



ELIETH KOULZONS/TM

Homecoming queen: ASCC President Michael Barrita crowns the 2008 Cerritos College homecoming queen, Helen Eggleston.

## Ceramics student has passion for pieces



ESMERALDA INFANTE/TM

Ceramics: Jorge Del Toro described his piece as a one-of-a-kind piece of a human form with reptiles incorporated.

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Patience, consistency and passion are the three main components needed to make an outstanding ceramics piece, in Jorge Del Toro's own personal view.

Del Toro has been a student at Cerritos for four years, perfecting his skills in the Ceramics program here at campus.

Born in Jalisco, Mexico, Del Toro has always had a passion for clay. One could say it's in his blood.

"When I was growing up, maybe around the age of 10, I was always around the Mexican ceramic studios and I established a hobby for it back then," Del Toro explained.

As a student from Huntington Park high school, he was heavily involved in his high schools ceramics program. After graduating he stopped working with clay and stepped out into the business world.

"I used to like it back then, I enjoyed making replica models but it just ended there," Del Toro

reminisced.

There was a gap of 15 to 20 years before Del Toro actually decided to pursue his passion of ceramic building once again.

"He found his calling once again in life," said Anthony Gonzalez, ceramics instructional aide.

Del Toro confessed when he started hand building here at Cerritos he wasn't sure of the direction he wanted to take.

"I wasn't really focused on what I wanted to build, but I always had an interest in reptiles. I read and learned more about them, and that became my focus," Del Toro explained.

His interest in reptiles also comes from the fact that some have become endangered. Certain people he knows in the ceramic industry also admire him for that.

"Jorge is speaking out for the endangered species out there and people have come to admire that," Gonzalez shared.

Del Toro has created some exceptional pieces according to Gonzalez, not because he takes

## 'Way of the Master' back again

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Once again, a poster of Einstein with the words "IQ Test," was set up next to Stewart Scott, the same man that has been returning to Cerritos College preaching the 'Way of the Master.'

Police vehicles lined the entrance to the Student Center and next to the fountain in the quad.

ASCC President Michael Barrita was present to make sure there was not a repeat of last time.

"Someone complained about being called out again," explained Barrita for the police presence.

Stewart later passed out CDs to students. Most students accepted the discs, but others rejected them.

Stewart then proceeded to offer fake million dollar bills, with religious-inspired questions behind them.

"It's just a piece of paper, take it," Scott said as some students rejected the bill.

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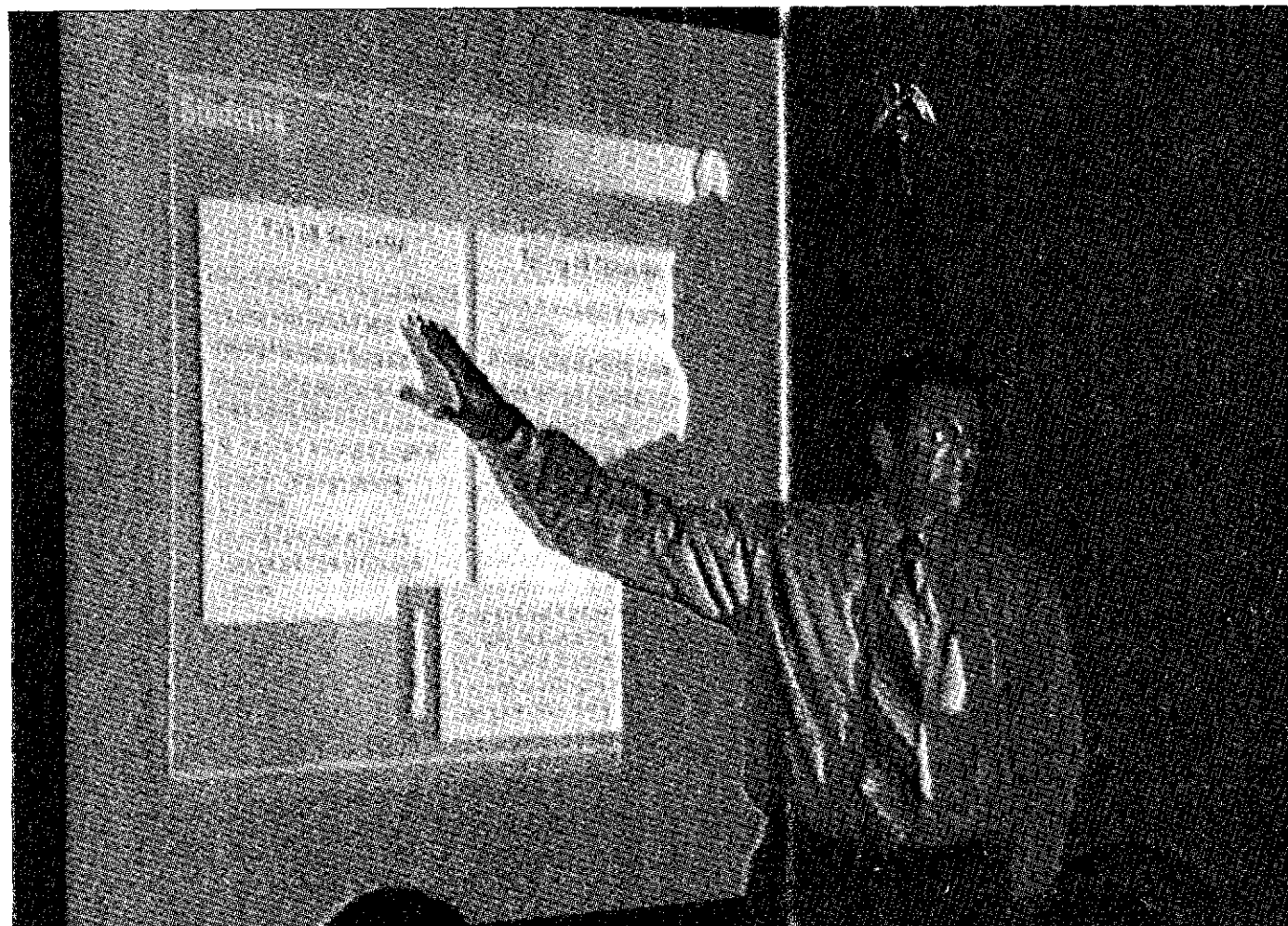
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Senate: Dr. Bryan Reece goes over valuable information with ASCC Senate.

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## Senate meeting states iFALCON

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The ASCC senate meeting on Oct. 15 consisted of two main informational affairs; adding USA Today newspapers on campus and a discussion of a campaign to promote students' success.

The USA Today paper includes four sections: News, Sports, Life, and Money.

The senate discussed pursuing making USA Today newspapers on campus through a program called the Collegiate Readership Program.

USA Today aims to encourage stu-

dents to be civically engaged, thus helping students connect class readings to what is happening in the world.

According to a survey by USA Today, 97 percent of students believe that keeping up with current events is important and 91 percent believe that newspapers are important to their education.

ASCC President Michael Barrita stated, "I think it is important for people to be informed about what is happening."

The cost would be somewhere around \$20 thousand per semester and the school would only be paying for the papers that are picked up by students.

In addition to adding USA Today papers on campus, the senate discussed a new campaign theme to help promote students to succeed.

The campaign theme is to be called F.A.L.C.O.N.; F for focus, A for advance, L for link-up, C for comprehend, O for organize, and N for new ideas. To falcon is to practice the habits of mind.

The slogan would be something like "Do You Falcon?" and would incorporate somewhat of a iPod visual slogan vibe; iFALCON.

There will be a Habits of Mind kickoff on Oct. 30 at 11 a.m.

## Ceramics: Student fuses humans with reptiles in artwork

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time to put them together, but also because he researches the animal he is going to create.

Not only has Del Toro acclaimed fame here at Cerritos, but his work has been displayed in other art galleries in nearby cities.

His latest creation in display is a decapitated gorilla's head. The message that Del Toro was trying to send across was to stop poaching. It is located in Highland's Park art gallery for the public to enjoy and admire.

"The opening reception was so exciting, it was packed, and the theme was the Day of the Dead," said Del Toro.

Another piece of his was put in display in the Museum of Art in Pomona. This specific piece was of a chameleon in a tree.

One of his recent projects is incorporating the human figure with reptiles, which may strike out to be very odd to some people, but the work comes out exceptionally well done.

Del Toro admits he couldn't have done any of this alone.

"(Gonzalez) has been such a great help to me, he takes care of all my art work," said Del Toro.

Gonzalez has been working at Cerritos for eight years, and feels extremely fortunate to be a part of the ceramics program here at Cerritos.

"I am very happy to have my job because I hear at some other community colleges they do not have an

instructional aide," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez's job usually entails of:

- running the studio,
- loading and unloading the ceramic fixtures and
- helping the students.

He shares one of the reasons he enjoys his job so much is because of the wonderful staff at the ceramics programs. They are always there to lend a helping hand when needed.

The ceramics program here at Cerritos has actually encouraged Del Toro into thinking of pursuing a career in ceramics, making it a full time profession.

"I would like to pursue a career in ceramics. Lately it has turned into a passion of mine to work with clay, and I just love it!" admitted Del Toro.

He said he loves the excitement he feels when people comment on his pieces and how people actually go to the galleries to see his pieces on display.

"It feels good to be recognized and I see it as a reward."

Gonzalez also mentioned that community colleges don't get recognized for their art work. That it is said that they don't produce good work, but he thinks otherwise.

"I think all art here is beautiful, especially (Del Toro's). His pieces are so good because he is showing himself through his artwork, and that's why his pieces are always in demand."

## Flu Shot special, \$5.00 for Cerritos students

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Cerritos College Student Health Services are providing \$5 flu shots for students and \$15 for staff.

An appointment is not necessary to receive a flu shot and they will be available from November to April.

The flu, or "Influenza," is used to describe a particular type of virus that causes more severe illnesses than just the common cold.

Immunizations can be beneficial for those who suffer from chronic diseases from the heart, lungs (including asthma), kidneys and/or diabetes or HIV.

The flu and/or colds are not merely spread by coughing or sneezing.

Colds are spread also hand-to-hand shaking, holding, or touching the hand of an affected person then touching the eyes or nose puts a person at risk of infection.

The symptoms include sore throat,

sneezing, runny nose, muscle aches, fever, headache and loss of appetite. The aches and pains that come with the cold are usually signs that the body is fighting the infection.

The symptoms usually last two to seven days but the cough may last longer and will get dry while the fever goes away and the illness improves.

Some medications to help the flu are ibuprofen for the muscle aches, antihistamine helps with congestion and cough medicine with dextromethorphan and guaifenesin.

Eating soup, hot liquids and taking long hot showers also help to ease congestion and coughs.

A doctor should be consulted if a person has high or persistent fever, asthma and cough up green phlegm, severe headaches, difficulty holding own liquids, or if the person has not gotten better after a period of time.

## El Nopal art gallery opens at Cerritos

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The Cerritos College Art Gallery has made available to the public the new exhibition called Architecture Museography and Equivalents No. 2 an installation by Francesco X Sequeros.

According to the press release, this exhibition is a selection of prints from El Nopal Press.

El Nopal Press is an independent fine art press run by Sequeros, artist and master printer.

This exhibition focuses on the relationship between the gallery space and the works of art and relationship between the arts pieces themselves.

"Architectural Museography II" responds to the equation of the concern of increasing quality time between the public and the art object.

### Queen: Past winners

1985-Maria Cerraneda - MECHA  
1984-Sue Johnson - Cosmetology  
1983-Rubeca Lynn-LDSSA  
1982-Cynthia Bejar-Filipino Club  
1981-Marcia Perez-Filipino Club  
1980-MISSING  
1979-Cynee Shale (ice organization)  
1978-Marilyn Smeachuk - Vets Club  
1976-Tina Romero  
1975-Lorray Brown - Wrestling Team  
1974-Danny Lou Fielder  
1973-Carol Gurnette-Football Team  
1972-Carl Kaufman-Pin Beta Lambda  
1971-Dian Nelson-ICC  
1970-Susan Neff  
1969-Aron Pirtle  
1968-Sharon Buckridge  
1967-Sylvia Bester  
1966-MISSING

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# Football beats Citrus at homecoming

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With an all-around stellar effort, the Cerritos College football team defeated Citrus College, 42-17, on homecoming night last Saturday.

"Tonight, we got our swagger back," wide receiver Joshua Robbins said.

The Falcons suffered a loss in their last game against Chaffey in overtime.

They are now 4-2 overall and 1-1 in conference and now will play Riverside College next Saturday at Riverside.

"The next half on the schedule will be difficult," head coach Frank Mazzotta said. "We play Riverside and Mt. SAC and both have good programs."

The Falcons were led on offense by quarterback Jeffery Fisher who had 272 yards passing and three touchdowns.

Defensively, linebacker David Flores, who had 12 tackles, led them.

The Falcons opened up the game by scoring the first 21 points and led at halftime, 28-3.

On their opening drive, the Falcons went 99 yards for the score culminating in a touchdown catch by wide receiver Sheldon Smith.

Smith finished the game four catches for 37 yards and two touchdowns.

Later in the first half defensive end Jeramey Cutler ran back an interception to put the Falcons up by 14 points.

"That was my first ever interception in my entire football career," he said. "So that made it even sweeter."

The Falcons did not score in the third quarter and in the fourth, scored two more times to end the game with a 42-14 victory.

This was the first time all the players have played a college homecoming because last year's game was cancelled because of fires that raged throughout Southern California.

"It was exciting to play this game tonight because it was my first taste of a college homecoming game," defensive tackle Johnny Tivao said.



Football: Joshua Robbins, wide receiver, stiff arms the defender during Saturday night's homecoming game against Citrus.

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## Cross country places 7th

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It appears the week off worked wonders for the Cerritos College men's cross country team at the Santa Barbara Invitational, which took place at Leadbetter Beach, last Saturday.

The Falcons placed seventh out of the 20 teams that competed and finished with 182 team points, with Riverside Community College winning the meet with 52 team points.

Cerritos will now take a week off before competing in the South

Coast Conference Championships on Oct. 31 at El Camino College.

Leading the pack of Falcon runners was Angel Aguirre who ran strong along the beach and picked up the momentum when the race moved to the ground.

He finished in 12th out of 189 runners with a time of 22:48, which was part of a larger pack of runners.

Geovanni Popoca, who was the 26th runner to finish the race, and concluded with a time of 23:12.

Cerritos saw its next two runners packed together, Torion Bailey

(Mayfair HS) came in 42nd place in 23:35, while Jose Amador was clocked in 23:39, good for 45th place overall.

The final scoring runner was freshman Patrick Schwab, who placed 57th in 23:51.

The remainder of the Cerritos team consisted of Qualaun Reed (68th place, 24:11), Kyle Bogda (73rd place, 24:18), Armando Pina (78th place, 24:26), Roman Pena (83rd place, 24:40), Russell Kelly (91st place, 24:55), Dashan Craft (107th place, 25:16) and John Gaynor (108th place, 25:17).

## Falcons win championship

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For the third year in a row, the Cerritos College wrestling team advanced to the championship match of the Southern California Dual Meet Tournament, which was held at Moorpark College on Saturday.

The Falcons, who defeated the host Raiders, 32-18, and Mt. SAC, 36-7, faced South Coast Conference opponent Santa Ana College in the finals.

The team will now travel to Victor Valley College today at 7 p.m.

for a conference match.

In the championship match, Cerritos was only able to win four of the 10 matches, while it suffered one loss by pin.

Mike Koehnlein came through with an 11-3 win at 141 pounds, with Eric Sauvageau winning his 157-pound match with a 7-4 score.

Caleb Gerl and Juan Enriquez joined Koehnlein and Sauvageau by both closing out their day by going undefeated with their respective wins.

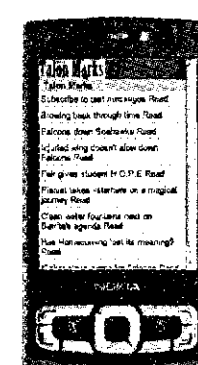
Gerl, at 184 pounds, registered a 7-2 win, with 285-pound Enriquez

collecting a 2-0 win with a first period escape point and riding time.

Ryan Richards received a bye win at 133 pounds, with Gerl (6-3) and Enriquez (6-2) being joined by Joe Cabanas and Bryan Mecinas at 125 and 149 pounds, respectively.

The tournament opened with Cerritos receiving byes at three weights and Cabanas winning by a pin in 2:25 at 125 pounds. Koehnlein posted a major win at 141 pounds with his 17-0 victory, while Enriquez shut out his opponent, 3-0.

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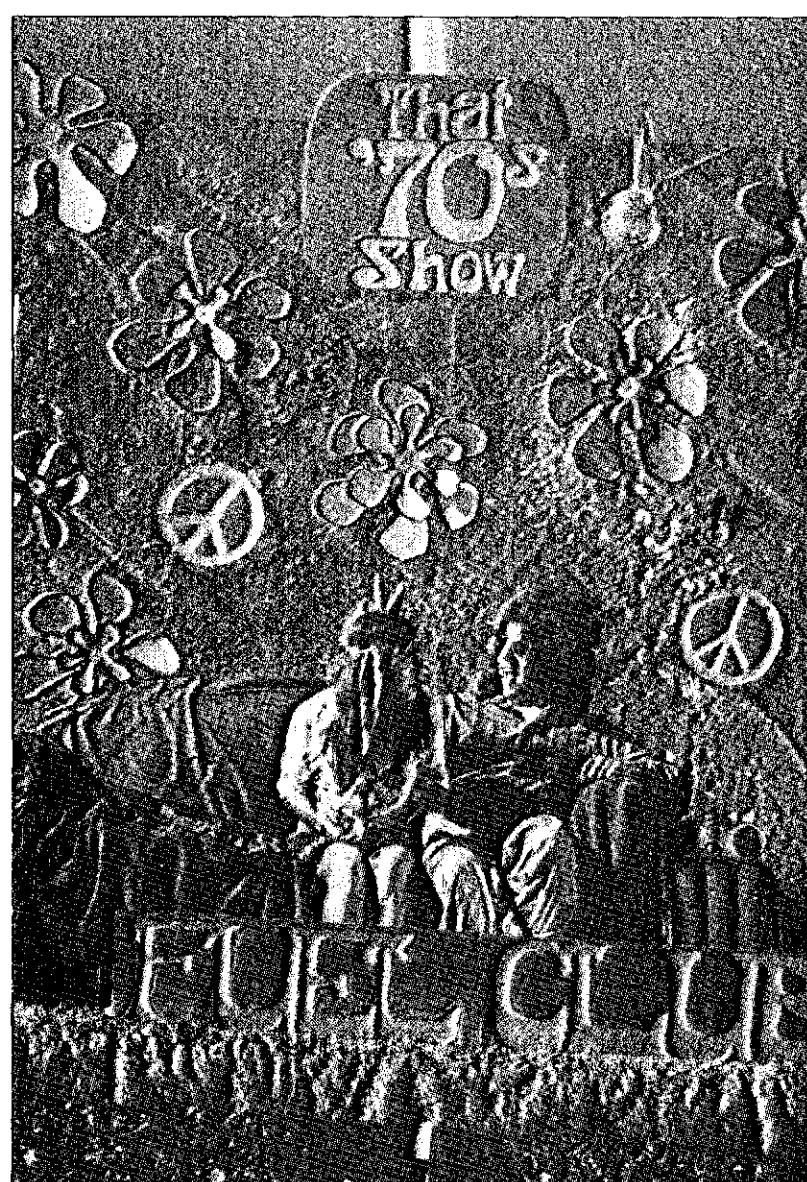
**Dental Hygiene Club:** The club won Best Overall Float with its "Gilligan's Island" theme.



**Black Student Union:** BSU won Best Displays the Spirit of Cerritos College with its "The Game" theme.



**Artist Society:** The club won Most Creative and Original Float with its "Fox 11 News" theme.



**F.U.E.L. Club:** The club won Best Utilization of Color with its "That 70s Show" theme.

The last time club sponsored floats paraded around Falcon Stadium track was back in 2006.

That was before the new rubberized track was installed.

In 2007, the homecoming game was cancelled due to the wildfires that ravaged California during this time last year. The floats were not paraded around the track, but rather set up around Falcon Square.

This year weather conditions allowed everyone to participate in Falcon Stadium, and enjoy the new track.

Construction took a whole week, with many groups working late into the night.

The theme for the floats this year was "T.V. Favorites."

Working with a \$400 budget, all clubs were able to portray their theme properly.

On game night, the floats were lined up on the track awaiting the half-time buzzer.

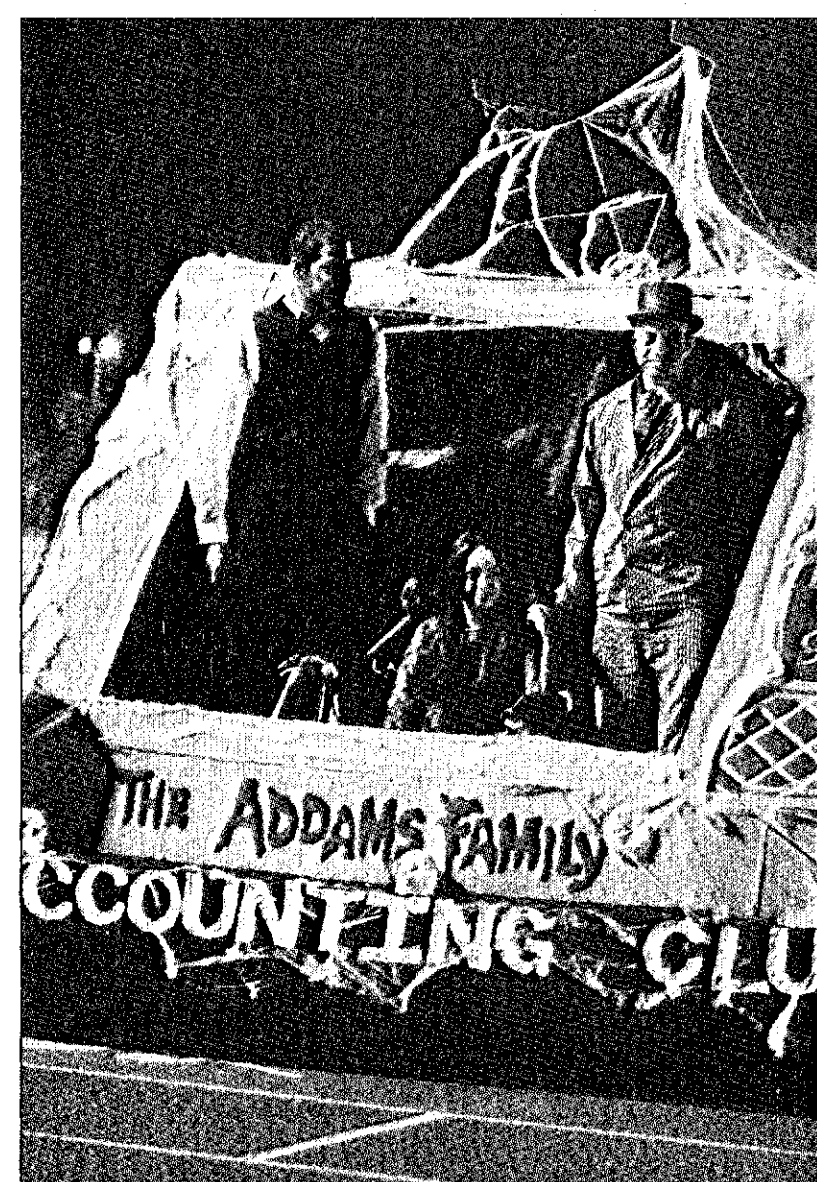
Each float set off as the names were called over the loudspeaker.

Many of the clubs dressed up in costumes relating to their float's theme.

All floats were received with loud applause from the crowd.

After touring the whole track, the floats were returned to behind the bleachers to be dismantled.

- Best Overall:** Dental Hygiene Club with "Gilligan's Island"
- Best Utilization of Theme:** ASB Club with "CSI"
- Most Creative and Original:** Artist Society with "Fox 11 News"
- Best Displays the Spirit of Cerritos College:** Black Student Union with "The Game"
- Most Unusual:** Kabarak Club with "America's Best Dance Crew"
- Best Design:** Court Reporting Club with "Wheel of Fortune"
- Best Utilization of Color:** F.U.E.L. Club with "That 70s Show"
- Most Humorous:** Forensics Club with "Rena 911"
- Best Utilization of Animation:** Phi Theta Kappa with "The Simpsons" and Accounting Club with "The Addams Family"
- Most Inspirational:** The Marathon Club with "Baywatch"
- Best Craftsmanship:** ISA with "National Geographic"
- Most Educational:** Math Club with "Jeopardy"
- Best Utilization of Paper:** Child Development Club with "Sesame Street"



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