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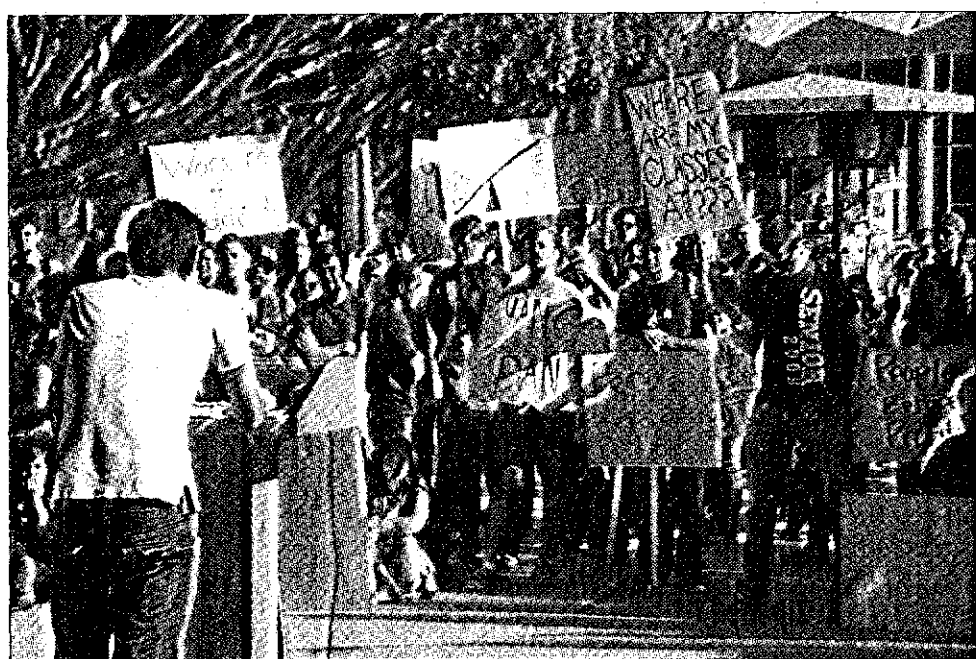
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**Rally 'round the school:** Students rally on UCSB's campus Monday at noon to protest fee hikes and budget cuts. The students gathered at Cheadle Hall to challenge Chancellor Henry T. Yang to publicly oppose the proposed 32% fee increase.

## UCs protest fee increase

UC students will be protesting impending fee increases at UCLA.

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Statewide there is a massive gathering of UC students, faculty and staff migrating to the UCLA campus for two days of protest. This comes in the wake of several UC campuses staging protests on their respective campuses throughout the week. The protest, which is set to be held Wednesday and Thursday, is in response to

the UC Regents meeting that is set to take place simultaneously.

The UC Regents will be voting on a proposed 32 percent fee hike for the remainder of the school year, this comes directly after they implemented a 9.3 percent fee hike this past spring.

If voted on and passed, this action will bring the UC tuition over \$10,000 per year.

The Regents will also vote to lay off nearly 2,000 more workers, continue with furlough plans, and cut classes and various student services.

With \$1.35 billion already pledged to be used for construction, this has many students scratching their heads wondering if this should truly be a priority in this seem-

ingly desperate time.

"I feel like it is an extreme lack of prioritization, they need to go to the state with these issues and stop looking at the students for an easy fix. We shouldn't be paying more for less," said Celina Ayala, UCSB external vice president of Statewide Affairs.

With many Cerritos College students planning on transferring, this is an important vote that will effect future generations.

"I think it is important to be aware of UC issues, especially, if the students are looking to transfer. The issues that the UCs are facing will impact the future students," said communication disorder major Jazmine Iniguez.

## H.O.P.E. blames Farmer

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Title V Project H.O.P.E. recently made accusations against Vice President of Academic Affairs Bill Farmer. The accusations were based on money.

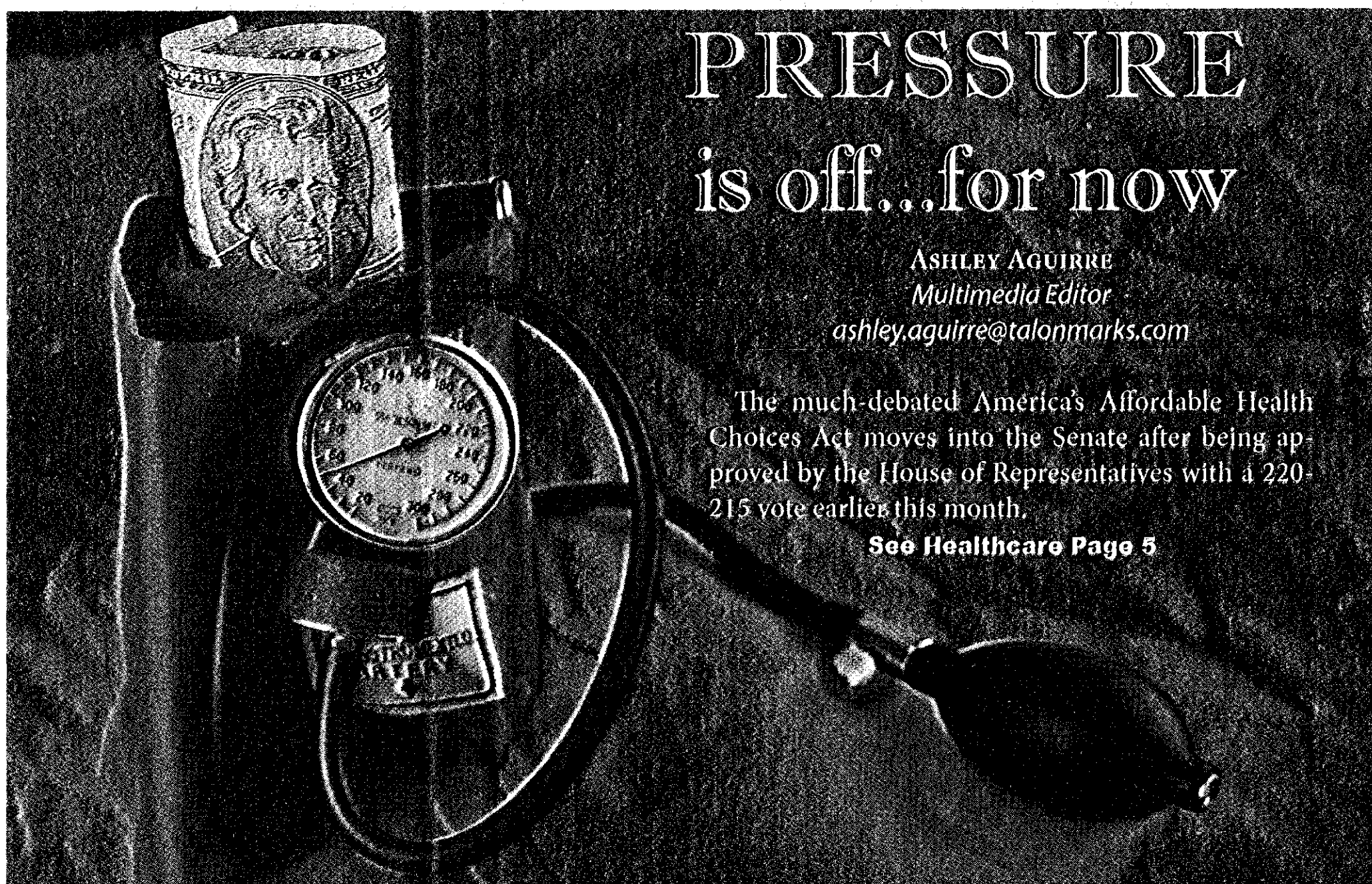
Project H.O.P.E. claimed it promised \$57,000 by Farmer, who was acting president of Cerritos College at that particular time, was yet to be paid to them.

After a two-year struggle for both Project H.O.P.E. and the Board of Trustees, an announcement was made in January 2009 that Project H.O.P.E. was in the works of permanency (institutionalization) on Cerritos College campus.

Project H.O.P.E. allows Latino students to become academic leaders, officially began Oct. 1, 2007 and continued strong for the five years it was granted to run.

The program was due to cease Sept. 30, 2007, but that was not the case.

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## PRESSURE is off...for now

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The much-debated America's Affordable Health Choices Act moves into the Senate after being approved by the House of Representatives with a 220-215 vote earlier this month.

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## The Cerritos Automotive department holds no curriculum for its hybrid vehicle



**Hybrid:** Donated by Ford Motor Company, the Ford Hybrid is still waiting to be incorporated into the automotive program.

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Cerritos College is ill-prepared to fully utilize the Ford Escape Hybrid, donated by Ford in an effort to bring Ford Automotive Student Service Program students up to speed on the new technology.

Jon Bender is one of two instructors for the Ford A.S.S.E.T. program.

He plans on introducing the hybrid vehicle to his students in the spring, though there is no hybrid curriculum offered as of yet.

"We have our alternative fuels curriculum. I don't think we offer any hybrid training for Ford, but we're working on that."

"We can go and use it, and we want to introduce the students to it, maybe for a show-and-tell for an auto 100 class."

Auto 100 is an Automotive Maintenance and Operation course.

Bender, who has been teaching the Ford program for 22 years, is not completely familiar with the hybrid system.

"Not 100 percent. I've read about them but I haven't had any specific training myself. So far, we haven't seen a hybrid class that Ford said they would want to do that I was anticipating for our A.S.S.E.T. program, but it's not on the curriculum yet," he said.

He believes interest in the Ford A.S.S.E.T. program will increase with the introduction of a hybrid-training course.

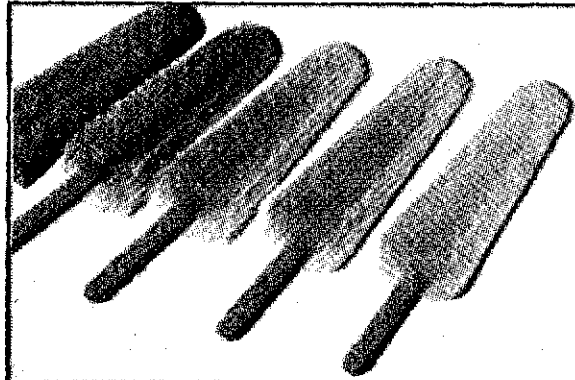
"Just today, I had a couple of students ask me if there was any specific classes on hybrids and I said 'not yet but we're working on it,' he said. 'And I think a couple of the other colleges nearby actually do have some introductory classes, but we haven't done that yet, but we should.'"

Steve Berklite, the Interim Instructional Dean of Technology could not be reached for comment.

Janet Malig, Director of the Advanced Transportation Technologies and Energies Department understands there is no specific hybrid training for the Ford A.S.S.E.T. Program as of yet.

She encourages anyone seeking training in this new technology to get involved in Cerritos College's Alternative Fuels Program starting in the spring.

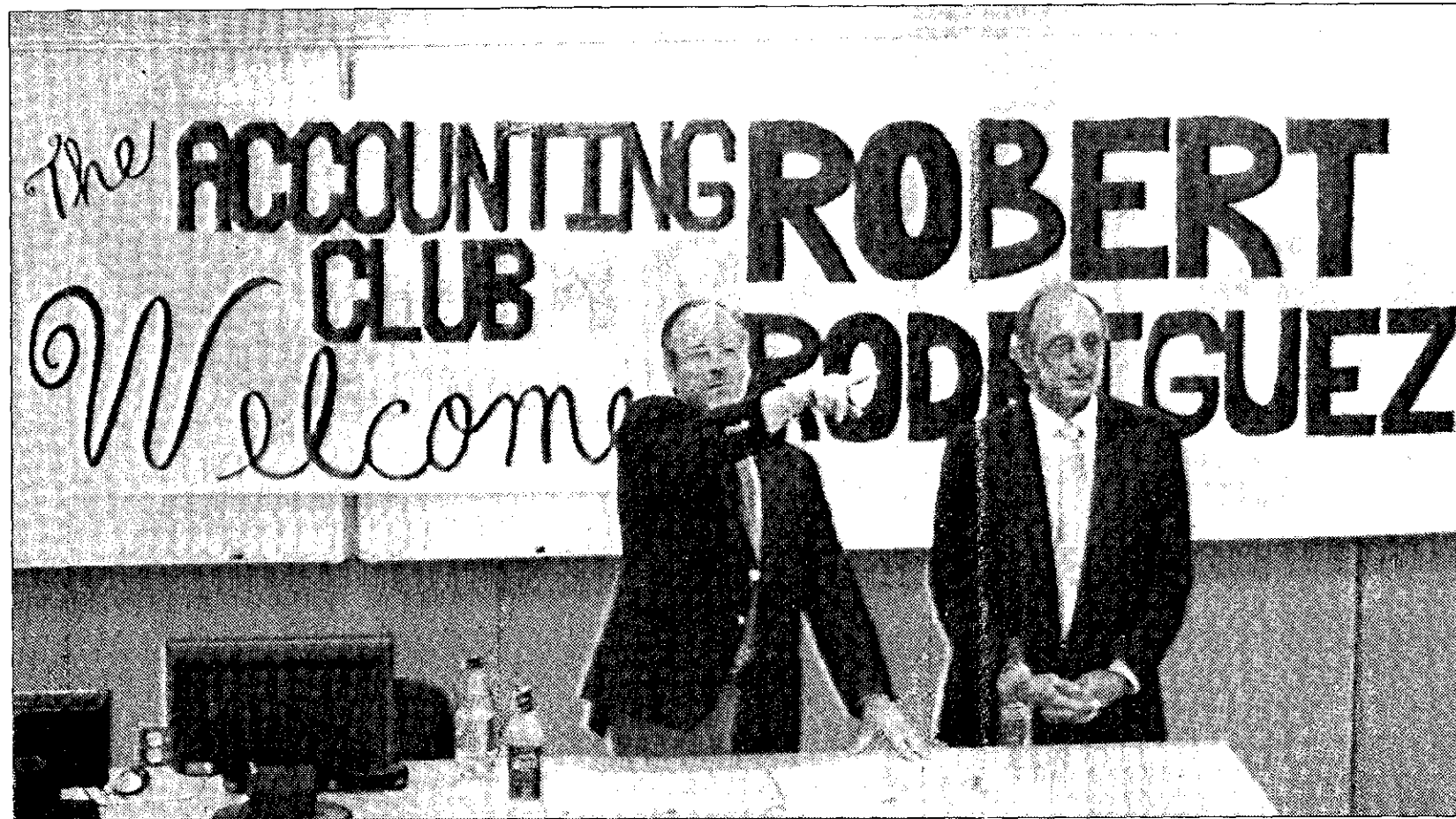
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Talking education: Robert Rodriguez, owner and CEO of First Pacific Advisers, joined Cerritos College on Thursday to discuss and stress the importance of education.

## Rodriguez beat into success

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The Science Building's auditorium was filled Thursday for the Accounting Club's guest speaker Robert Rodriguez, owner and CEO of First Pacific Advisers.

The mutual fund manager spoke to students about his rise in business, which included coming from an immigrant Mexican family to ultimately overseeing \$12 billion in assets.

"The world is so much different than 40 years ago," he told students. "The only one holding you back is you."

Growing up, Rodriguez said his father "beat into" him and his brothers the idea that they were going to college.

"Education. Without it you will be roadkill... Education, education, education," the CEO stressed.

But for Rodriguez, getting his education was not an easy task. He said he faced a world fraught with discrimination, including inside the school system.

"Companies today do not care about race and gender as they did when I was growing up."

Although he eventually got accepted into USC, he could not get student loans. He attributed paying for his tuition through networking.

**“You’re going to be faced with challenges. If you do not have integrity and ethics now, you will never have them.”**

— Robert Rodriguez  
CEO of First Pacific Advisers

"I spoke to the dean of the business school, who gave my financial aid paperwork a green light."

However, his financial woes were not over. When he embarked to graduate school, Rodriguez did not get the fellowship he was aiming for.

So instead, he said, "I worked full-time while attending graduate school full-time. I turned a two-year program into one because I wanted to get going."

He eventually earned a master's degree in business administration from USC.

Nowadays, Rodriguez manages both the stock and bond fund for First Pacific, is a frequent guest on business and news programs, and was named by Money Magazine as "the best fund manager of our time."

Rodriguez credited the success of his firm to conservative business choices, which in turn, he said, stemmed from integrity and ethics he maintained throughout his career.

"You're going to be faced with challenges. If you do not have integrity and ethics now, you will never have them," he said.

"He has really inspired me to achieve my goals, no matter what," business major Maria Marquez said after his speech.

## H.O.P.E.: No satisfaction yet for new project

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One month after the program had officially ended, Project H.O.P.E. had numerous successful candidates that still needed funding, but the funds and time were just about to run out.

That sparked Project H.O.P.E. to get together with students, alumni, faculty, staff and the community to go before the Board of Trustees in October 2007 with Public Presentations that supported H.O.P.E.'s institutionalization.

That resulted in a unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees to use reliable money sources, such as Avalon, to keep Project H.O.P.E. going for one more year.

That would take it to June 2008, when the school year ended. All the meanwhile, H.O.P.E. is accepting more candidates for its program.

What started off as a five-year agreement, ended in a bitter battle over a program (Project H.O.P.E.) that didn't follow the time/money-allotted plan.

Last May, with only one month left until the program was to cease yet again, Cerritos College students and the community held a silent protest in support of H.O.P.E.'s institutionalization.

That protest led the program to receive funding until June 30, 2009 with the following day July 1, 2009, being the first official day that the program would be institutionalized. The battle was over.

There are approximately 15 board meetings per school year.

That adds up to approximately 30 meetings during the time frame of October 2007 - September 2009.

Why did Project H.O.P.E. only speak at four meetings in the two-year struggle? Why would it keep accepting students, even though there was no future program guarantee?

January 2009, Bill Farmer, acting president at the time, solidified Project H.O.P.E.'s situation.

Farmer stated, "Project H.O.P.E. had many recommendations about how it could be made permanent into the fabric of the college. I accepted all of them, except for one. I could not give it the entire budget it requested for its faculty."

In doing so, Graciela Vasquez's position was cut as the Director of Title V Project H.O.P.E. to a re-assigned position as Director of Adult Education/Diversity Programs.

The leaders of Project H.O.P.E. took it personal that Vasquez was relocated, and that's also when the accusations against Farmer spawned, claiming he owed them money and lied about it.

But the program technically should have been over. It was a five-year plan.

Farmer's response to the accusations were, a "the proof is in the book" attitude. "We have paid them," he stated. "It received its money, I don't know why it feels that the \$57,000 is still missing."

Since 2006, Project H.O.P.E. has received more than \$730,000 in assisted funds to keep the program going.

That does not include the \$57,000 it received in September 2009. In total, it has received almost \$800,000 in fewer than two years.

## Hybrid: Ford gift to Cerritos is still not being put to any use

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"We have two courses, we have one specifically for electric vehicles, but if you're looking for a course for hybrid itself, it's part of our Alternative Fuels Program," Malig added. "We had the course offered in the Fall, but we didn't get enough students to sign up for it."

John Lee, service adviser at Cerritos Ford, boasts his hybrid technician, Robert Toscan, who is a graduate of the Ford A.S.S.E.T. Program at Cerritos College, is in fact, "a real asset to our service department and our company."

Lee adds, "He's actually one of our few master-certified technicians. He's also our hybrid and diesel technician."

Robert "Woody" Toscan received his hybrid training through the Ford Training Center in Santa Fe Springs.

The certification course took two days. Toscan remains in contact with the staff at the Ford A.S.S.E.T. Program.

Toscan said, "I love that program. If I can look back and see who had the biggest single influence on my life, it's the A.S.S.E.T. Program."

Toscan believes the Ford A.S.S.E.T. Program would benefit with the introduction of hybrid training.

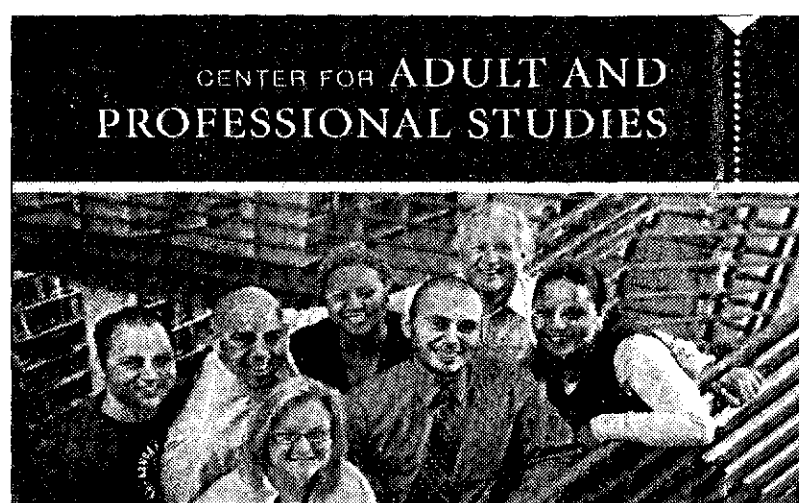
"I think any training the students get before they graduate will be a great benefit, especially hybrid and diesel in particular. Those are the things I see getting bigger in the industry and for Ford. Having that knowledge when they come out, it's more beneficial for the dealership to hire them. It's beneficial for themselves to be more familiar with it. Everybody wins."

Toscan also offers a helping hand to Cerritos College. "If you guys need somebody to talk to about the hybrid, I have my own

safety equipment, I have my own scan-tool. Anything I can do to help out the A.S.S.E.T. Program, I'm there for you guys."

The Ford A.S.S.E.T. Program is a two-year automotive program designed to upgrade the technical competency and professionalism of the incoming dealership technician.

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# A SALUTE TO THE TROOPS

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"Every time you see someone who has served or is serving our country, just lean over and say 'Thank you.' That's all most veterans need, and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded," said student trustee and veteran Felipe Grimaldo.

As the host of last Tuesday's Veterans Day event at 11 a.m. on the Hill, he was one of the many who took the time to honor veterans and all the work they have done for our country.

He said, "We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the more than 650,000 American service members who died in battle or the 1.4 million who were wounded. We can, however, recognize and thank the more than 24 million veterans who are still living today."

The event included speeches from members of the Student Veteran's Club, veteran and homecoming queen Evie Mendoza, professor Dr. David Young, retiring of colors, poetry reading and something else that was considered extremely special by Grimaldo.

A few minutes before the event began, a helicopter flew over Falcon Square and continued to fly over to the backside of Cerritos College.

It was then confirmed by the commissioner of public affairs, David Cota, that the Army recruiting station dedicated that flight to Cerritos College.

Anthropology major Jesse Jode witnessed the flight and thought it was heartfelt.

"I think a simple thing like that reminds everyone of all the hard work and sacrifices by veterans that should be acknowledged and recognized everyday," he said.

Members of the community were also involved in the Veterans Day event.

Dan Piedimonte has been collecting objects that are used in the army for over 30 years.

He and Jerry Berry, who is also a veteran, contributed by bringing in their tanks and army objects collections to the campus.

"I think it is great that Cerritos Colleges takes the time to host this event," said Piedimonte, "it shows it values all the efforts put in by veterans."

Though this was only the second time the event was held, Grimaldo thinks it was a great turnout.

He said, "A lot of people showed up and showed great respect throughout the entire event. I think they also realized the importance of showing our gratitude to those who have sacrificed so much for us."



Members of Mayfair High school: Color guard participated in the presentation of the colors.



Jerry Berry: A veteran and collector of military memorabilia brings some of his collection to Cerritos. "I've been collecting for a long time and I own a lot different military vehicles," Berry said.



Dog Gunnery: Gunnery Sergeant Gonzales sits campus with his adopted dog, Gunney, who's owner died.



Military art: Displays of military art lines the quad in front of "The Hill" where the Veterans day ceremony took place.



## •EDITORIAL•

# Senate: Students don't matter

The exclusion of the ASCC-appointed student in the full-time faculty employment selection committee has generated a lot of doubt in whether or not Cerritos College is committed to its mission statement, or is instead determined to silence the student voice.

Human resources prepared a draft of the full-time faculty employment selection procedures in which it excluded the participation of one non-voting student representative appointed by the Associated Students of Cerritos College.

Whereas before, a student representative was required to be part of the selection committee, now it is considered optional, meaning it is up to the department that is hiring to determine whether the student will in fact take place in the committee or not.

Human resources should be ashamed of itself to have even considered excluding students from the selection committee and depriving students of their right to voice their opinions in such a critical matter.

Cerritos College's Web site states its mission is to serve the community and build futures through learning, as well as promote student success.

If that is its mission, then how dare it have the audacity to even consider making such an inconsiderate and imprudent move like this.

Faculty Senate President Debra Moore stated that once she received the draft from Human Resources, she resorted to the California community college academic senate listserve to try to get an idea of how other community colleges went about including

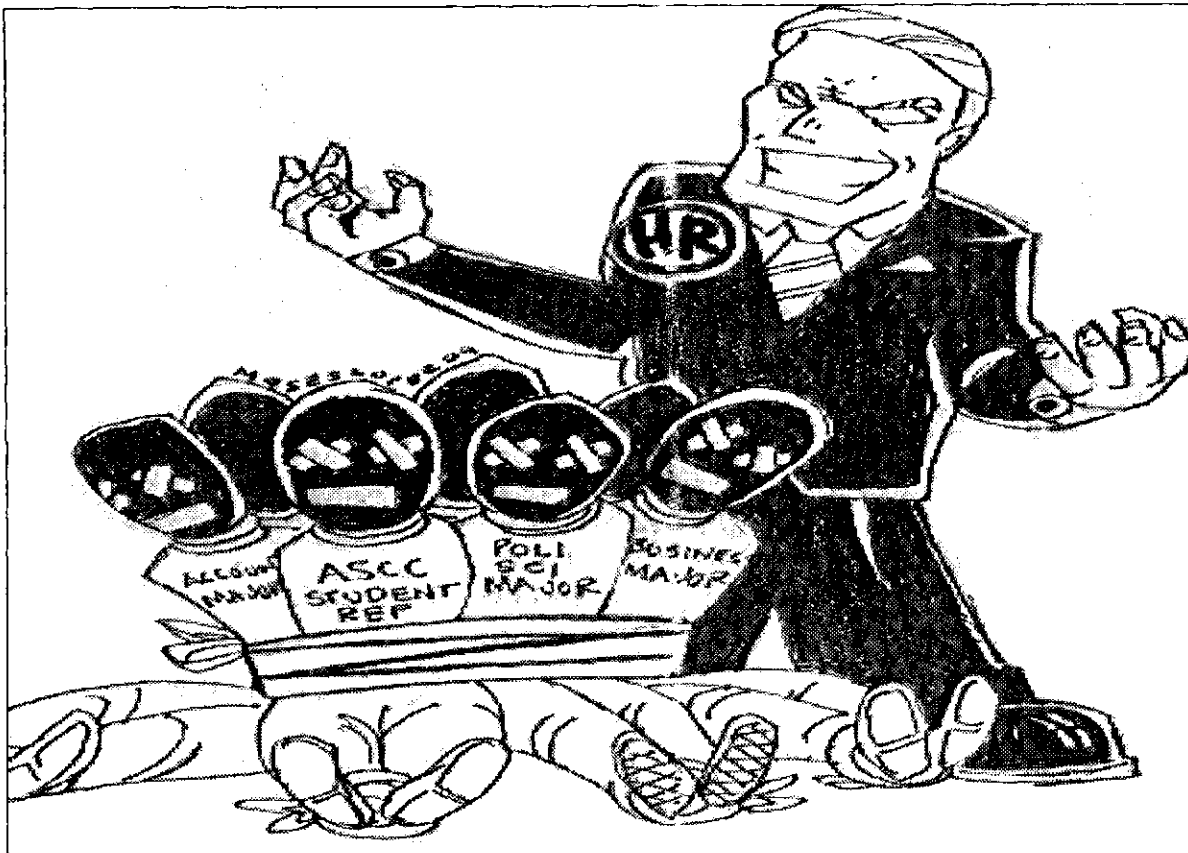


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or excluding students in their hiring processes.

Out of the 27 responses, two-thirds of them excluded students in their hiring processes and had no student participation whatsoever.

The other third included students in their processes whether it was as a non-voting member or a voting member.

However, just because most other community colleges are deciding to ignore the voice and participation of the people they are there to serve, does not mean that Cerritos College has to go that same route.

The issue here is not that students are not voting members in the selection committee,

because they were never voting members to begin with, but it is that they are being omitted from the entire process.

The purpose of the student representative is solely to provide his input and knowledge of what he thinks in respect of the candidate and whether or not the candidate should be allowed to move forward in the hiring process.

No matter what his opinion might be though, it is only expressed and does not influence the vote in who gets to move forward.

If it does not affect the vote, then why is Human Resources so determined to keep students out of the selection committee?

The only thing left to believe is that it

is focused on doing so because it simply wants to silence the voices of students and feels their importance in the process is too insignificant to be recognized or considered.

This not only gives off a horrible reflection of the school, but it also shows how much it takes its students into consideration.

It obviously does not care about its students and would rather suppress their voices in the process of selecting someone who is being hired to teach and serve them.

How dare the school say that it is building futures through learning and promoting student success when it is ignoring and excluding the very students it is here to serve?

It is like saying that a parent is looking to hire someone to watch over and teach his or her children without taking into consideration said children or listening to their needs and wants.

It is utterly inconceivable, imprudent and inconsiderate for the school to be considering such a decision.

The ASCC, as well as the rest of the campus, has every right to react and stand up for its rights and for the chance for its voice to be heard.

Show up at faculty senate meetings, express letters of concern and raise awareness that the voices of the students on campus are being ignored and silenced.



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## America is just not like it used to be

We the people of the United States of America need to understand that our fate lies with those who chose to allow more harm than good with indecision and macho-political posturing at the expense of the health and well being of us all.

Challenges to the healthcare reform bill stem from a rock-solid Republican stand against the bill as well as a number of moderate Democrats breaking from the efforts of its own party.

In a speech by President Obama, the purpose and importance of the bill is restated, "The Affordable Health Care for America Act is a piece of legislation that will provide stability and security for Americans who have insurance, quality affordable options for those who don't, and bring down the cost of healthcare for families, businesses and our government, while strengthening the financial health of Medicare."

It seems that our health care future is



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firmly in the hands of those who can't decide which side they're on.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, the one-time Democratic vice presidential nominee who ran with Al Gore, has jumped many a fence just to lock the gates on any kind of needed legislature by the very party he once desired to represent as vice president.

This Independent senator has also made clear his intentions toward the healthcare plan.

He plans on remaining in-bed with the Republican party to filibuster against the healthcare bill if it does not amend the lan-

guage of a government-run public health insurance option.

"If the public option is in there, as a matter of conscience, I will not allow the bill to come to a final vote," Lieberman said.

Civil servants, such as Lieberman are much too concerned about leaving their own mark on the world with no regard of the bruises they leave on the average American life.

We are in desperate need for help by those who can choose to help us, those we elected.

All of this political posturing should never be forgotten when the ball is again in our court come election time.

Joe Lieberman's pathetic participation in our country's government should be more than transparent in the eyes of the voters.

And not just Lieberman, but all of the funded fat-cats in the Senate and in Congress who don't seem to mind all of our suffering and anxiety.

Only a healthy America can get out of this mess and compete with a world that doesn't seem to mind the overall collapse of our country. Only a strong America can succeed.

Young people of today are seeing no other America than the one we have now. This America they're witnessing is not the prosperous, generous, world-leading nation I know and remember it as.

This America is plagued by the purely ambitious. By politicians that have forgotten the words of Abraham Lincoln. "A government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth."

We need a unified country focused on the overall health and well being of this nation. We need decisions made that will anger those only bent on corporate greed.

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#### Should students be involved in the hiring process?

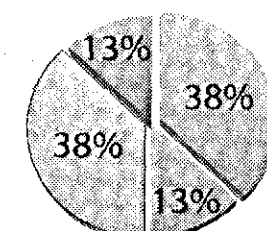
- Yes, a student voting member is necessary.
- Yes, but as a non-voting member.
- No, students have no say in hiring processes.
- It doesn't matter either way, they don't get a say.

### Last Week's Poll

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#### How was the timing on adding homosexuals to the Hate Crimes Law?

- It's about time! 38%
- It came at the right time. 13%
- It shouldn't be considered hate crimes. 38%
- It doesn't matter. Hate Crime is just a term. 13%



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Do you think students should be allowed in hiring committees?

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"I don't think it really matters, as long as I get credit for my class I don't see the purpose."



**RUBEN SOTELO**  
music major

"I think they should be a part of it because we the students are the ones learning."



**BRITTNEE JACK**  
theatre arts major

"Yes, because it would be essential feedback from the students who have these teachers."



**DANIELLE NOVA**  
English major

"I think it should be up to the faculty. They know more about who they should hire due to their credentials."



**SAMANTHA DESHLER**  
theatre arts major

"If there hasn't been a problem before then yes students should be able to."



**STEPHANIE MORENO**  
social worker major

"Yes, because we are the ones sitting through the professors' lectures."





# HEALTHCARE WAITS FOR SENATE

The House passes the new healthcare bill but awaits Senate approval.

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Although the House has taken a giant step toward healthcare legislation, there is still much controversy and skepticism surrounding the bill.

Stapled to the thousands of pages of potential legislation is the Stupak-Pitts amendment, which came as a late addition to the bill.

The amendment would restrict the federal government from funding "any part of the costs of any health plan that includes coverage of abortion," with special considerations taken in the cases of rape, incest or life-threatening pregnancies.

Planned Parenthood condemned the amendment for not only breaking President Barack Obama's promise that no one would lose his or her present coverage under health reform, but also for placing restrictions on women's health choices.

In a press release, Planned Parenthood writes "Planned Parenthood serves 3 million women every year through its more than 850 affiliate health centers across the country and has worked tirelessly

on behalf of those patients for affordable, quality healthcare.

"On behalf of the millions of women Planned Parenthood health centers serve, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America has no choice but to oppose HR 3962. The bill includes the Stupak-Pitts amendment that would leave women worse off after health care reform than they are today."

President of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance of Cerritos College, Becky Miller added, "I knew this part of the bill would be tricky. Unfortunately, Obama can't please everyone with health care."

"I feel womyn [sic] should have a choice as to what to do with their bodies. If Viagra is covered in the bill, abortion should be covered too."

The controversy over the Stupak-Pitts amendment is just one of the many issues that may further stall decades' worth of work toward healthcare reform.

There has also been some frustration at the omission of a public option, even though polls indicated that most of the American pub-

lic is in favor, according to a poll conducted by the Washington Post.

During the course of his presidential campaign, Obama called for a government-run public option in many of his speeches, yet the public option was removed from the bill prior to passing in the House.

Caitlin Anderson, geography major, currently has three different insurance premiums. Because of a pre-existing medical condition, there isn't an insurance that will fully cover the medications she needs.

"I can go to a hospital and give them three different insurances and still owe money. A public option is a good compromise because it provides an affordable option while allowing those who have private insurance to maintain what they have. Not having that at this point is a poor choice."

Even with private insurance many people find themselves with limited options.

"I'm lucky that one of my insurers is really good, but there are people who have certain insurance

plans, for example Kaiser, who limit its which hospitals and doctors its patients can use.

"That's not really giving anyone options, because the options are limited only to specialists who are part of its network," Anderson said.

The senate has not set a specific date yet to cast their votes for the bill.

If approved by the senate, the bill would still have to go to a joint committee where it would have to be reconciled into one document and voted on again.

"I feel a little bit closer to healthcare reform, but not much because I know there's still so much resistance. There are people who are against it because they fear 'socialized healthcare' and they're afraid of not having access to quality healthcare."

"I'm glad though that it's being talked about and that we're moving forward. There's definitely more of a platform for talk of healthcare reform that can lead to new legislation," Anderson said.

## What they have to say about the healthcare bill

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*Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of The House*

"I am concerned that without a public option, this will be difficult to accomplish. Private, for-profit insurance companies have no moral compass, and will look for ways to avoid any regulations included in the bill."

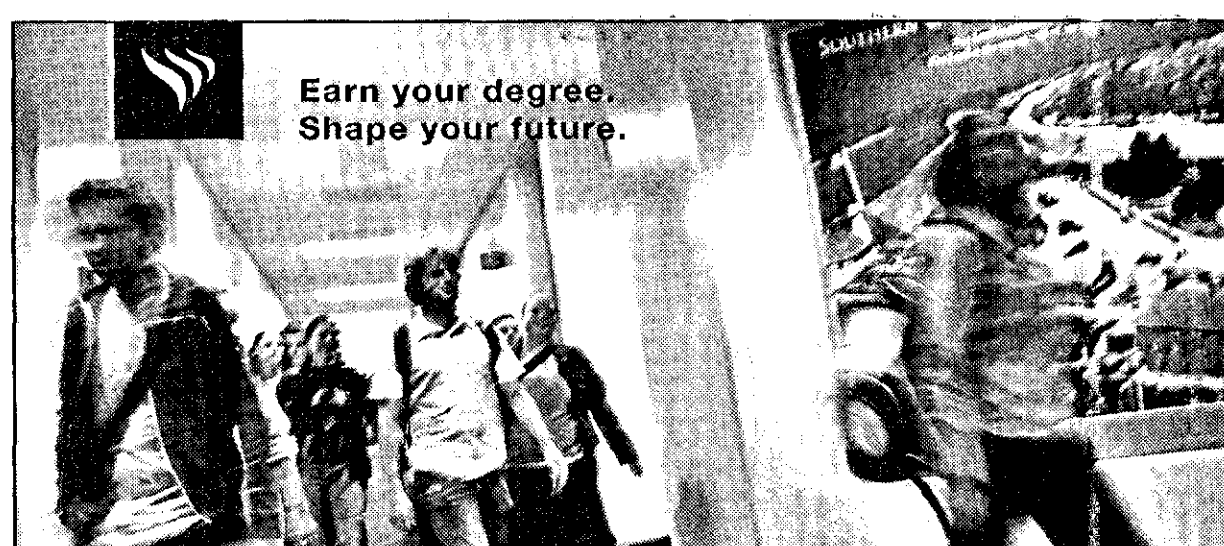
*Diane Feinstein, California Senator*

"I will not support healthcare reform that adds to the out-of-control spending spree the Democrats in Congress have gone on this year."

*John McCain, Arizona Senator*

"It's almost always easier to pass a bill in the House than in the Senate. So the difficulties in the House show how tough it's going to be for us. But like the House, we'll succeed, because every Democrat, from the most liberal to the most conservative, knows that failure is not an option."

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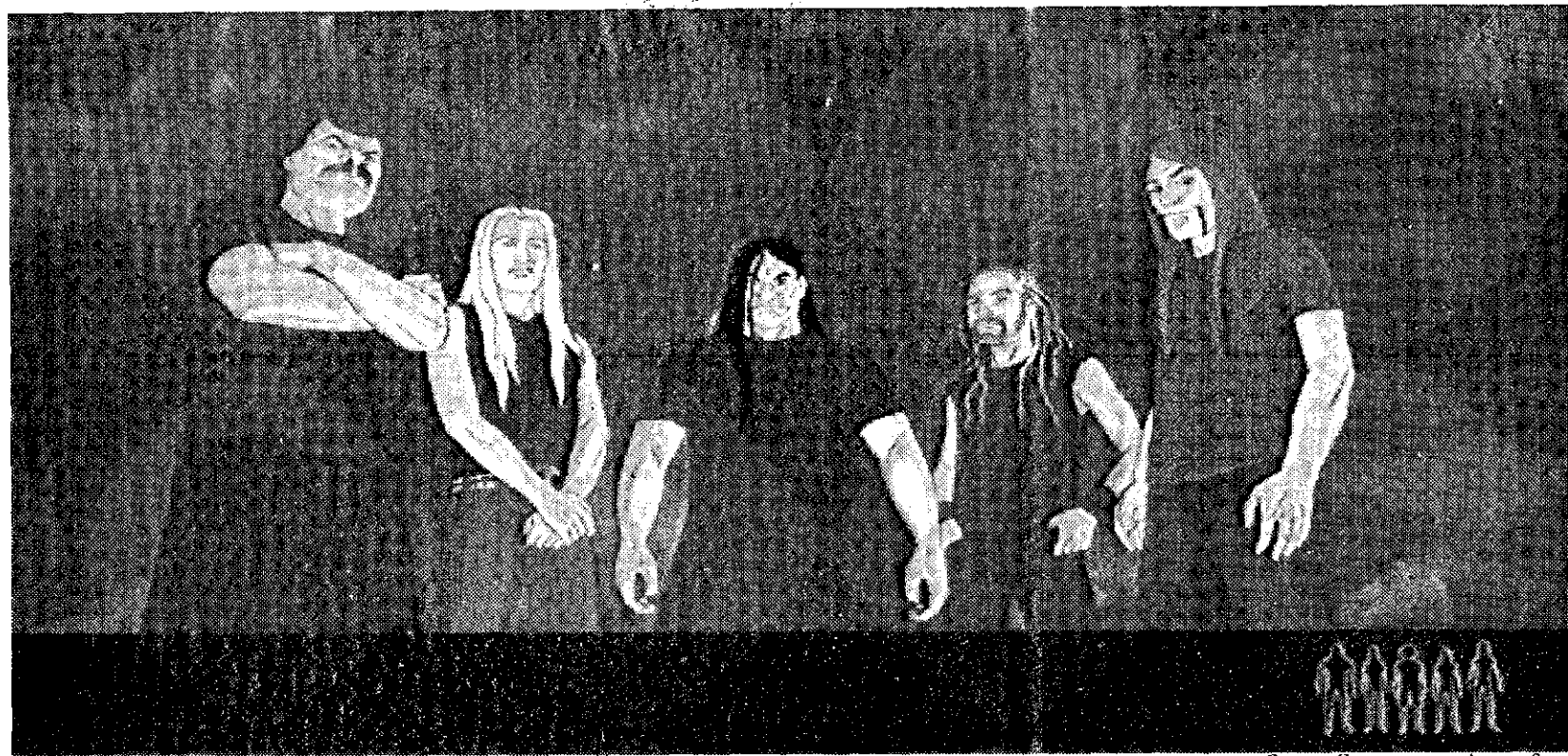
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**Dethklok:** William Murderface(far left) Skwisgaar Skwigelf(left) Nathan Explosion(middle) Pickles the Drummer(right) Toki Wartooth(far right)

## Get Dethalbum II before the 'klok' runs out

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"World's greatest death metal band" Dethklok from the Adult Swim TV show created by Brendon Small (Home Movies) "Metalocalypse" unleashed a cataclysmic album known as "Dethalbum II".

The show "Metalocalypse" revolves around the band "Dethklok" and its misanthropic, narcissistic members

- Nathan Explosion(vocalist) voiced by Brendon Small,
- Toki Wartooth(guitarist) voiced by Tommy Blacha,
- Skwisgaar Skwigelf(guitarist) voiced by Small,
- William Murderface(bassist) voiced by Blacha,
- Pickles the Drummer(drummer) voiced by Blacha

and their daily lives as stars who are responsible for the world's 12th largest economy. Even though the members aren't real, the creators, and voice actors do tour with a back-up band, and provides the music for the fictional band. Brendon Small does all the guitar, bass, vocal tracks for the show, and CD, while Gene Hoglan provides just the drums.

Dethalbum II is a great album, the songs seemed to have been extended

in length, and added more of a reality to them. Although the lyrics of this album aren't as humorous as the previous album, they still obtain their value the humorous side of metal.

The guitars in this album have awesome melodies, and the drumming is fast, yet rhythmic which is a lot to say when compared to most bands now a days. Everything about this album is epic, from its vocals, to its drumming.

### CD Review



The CD comes with 12 tracks, most of which appear in the show in certain episodes.

- Bloodlines (Dethcarraldo)
- The Gears (Dethsources)
- Burn the Earth (Dethvengeance)
- Laser Cannon Deth Sentence (Dethcution)
- Black Fire Upon Us (Dethrelease)
- Dethsupport (Revengencers)
- The Cyborg Slayers
- I Tamper With the Evidence At the Murder Site of Odin (Dethlessons)
- Murmaider II: The Water God
- Comet Song (P.R. Klok)
- Symmetry (Dethfashion)
- Volcano (Dethdoubles)

The members of Dethklok are currently on its third tour with Mastodon, Converge, and High on Fire.

Small told LA Weekly "the whole idea was 'How do you make this a band, how do you make this exist by itself with or without the TV show? If the TV show gets cancelled, could I keep making music? That's the goal,"

## Superfreaks not to take home to mother

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Stephen Dubner and Steven Levitt's "Superfreakonomics," the follow up to their multi-million selling "Freakonomics," is a pleasant combination of radical ideas, interesting stories and surprising conclusions.

The only problem with the book is that the authors seem to have been struck by the sophomore curse. Like musicians that step onto the scene with a platinum debut record, Dubner and Levitt fail to live up to the expectations set by their first piece of work.

The topics discussed in the book are the right combination of interesting and relevant. Within the chapters are such things as the economics of prostitution, the relative safety of children's car seats and even global warming.

Some of the conclusions are striking and unexpected (how safe a car seat is compared to strapping a child into a seat belt). Whereas others are fairly straightforward and simple to the point that after reading it one starts to think "I could have told you that" (as oral sex has become more socially accepted, prostitutes have charged less for the service).

Even covering such grand topics as global warming and terrorism does not quite put "Superfreakonomics" at the same level as its predecessor.

In the first book, the great thing about the topics was how unique they were. The most popular chapter found a strong correlation between the legalization of abortion and a significant drop in crime 20

years later, indicating that abortions eradicate a large number of potential criminals from society.

However, "Superfreakonomics" does not have anything as radical within its pages. Even the chapter on global warming, which has sparked much controversy since the book's release, is more of a profile on an individual and his solution to global warming than it is a groundbreaking revelation on the part of Dubner and Levitt.

That is not to say the book is uninteresting or the topics are blasé, in fact the opposite is still true. But, what makes the book a page turner is the style it's written in.

The chapters read more like a conversation than a lecture, moving from explanation to individual anecdote and back again. Interspersed within each chapter are stories of individuals that put a human touch on the topic.

These stories, which were like a cherry on top in the first book, are an essential aspect of the formula in the second, but take up a little too much of the book for my taste.

What's important to remember is that "Superfreakonomics" is meant to challenge the way we think about things and to "start a conversation" about the topics presented and the conclusions drawn.

If you are interested in economics, sociology, psychology, or just plain curious as to how effective a pimp is compared to a real estate agent, then read "Superfreakonomics."

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# '1 POINT AWAY'

The Cerritos College football team was a blocked PAT away from a perfect season, but will now have a clean slate entering the postseason.

The first round of the playoffs will begin as Cerritos will host Palomar on Saturday.

Here is the season in review of the 2009 Cerritos College football team.

## Opponent

### East LA

Final Score: 47 - 9

## Week 1

There is no question about what kind of season it will be after the Falcons run through East LA in the season opener. Cerritos piles up 667 yards of total offense, with 317 yards on the ground and 350 yards through the air. On the other side of the ball, the defense allows only 79 yards on the ground. The balanced attack on offense and a stifling defense are just a preview of things to come.



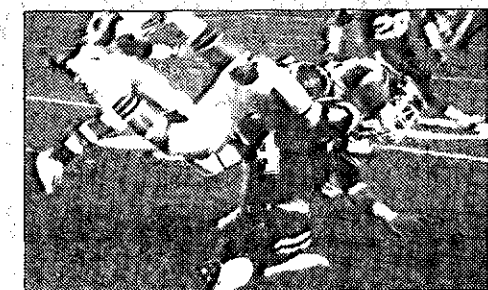
Hike: Chris Morales looks for a receiver.

## Week 2

### Santa Monica

Final Score: 66-2

Another game, another blowout for Cerritos as they stomp Santa Monica. The 60 point margin of victory ties the school record. The Falcons need only 21 minutes of possession to put up their 66 points. Quarterback Chris Morales throws for 230 yards and two touchdowns in the victory.



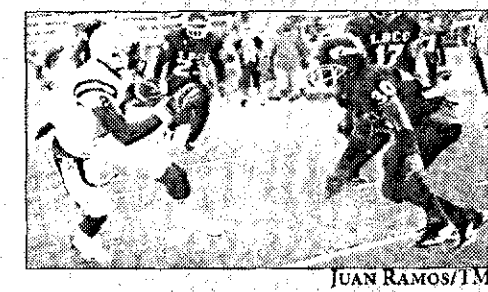
Tackle: Eric Russell tackles the runner.

## Week 3

### LBCC

Final Score: 47-10

The Crosstown Cup returns to Norwalk after the big win over rivals Long Beach. The victory proves that success is the sweetest revenge, after the Vikings beat Cerritos in a heartbreaker the year before. Morales, again, leads the offense throwing for 315 yards and three touchdowns. On the defensive end, linebackers Chester Woolen, Cee Jay Harris and Jack Francis combine for 19 tackles on the night.



Juke: Michael Willie runs for a gain against LBCC.

## Week 4

### Ventura

Final Score: 36-35

Ventura's attempt at a two-point conversion is thwarted by Francis and the defense in the waning seconds to preserve the victory for Cerritos. Harris also comes up big on defense with 11 tackles and an interception. Morales throws for four of the five touchdowns scored by the Falcons, but also tosses three interceptions. The win is the first close contest for the Falcons, but not the last.

## Game Leaders

Passing: Morales 225 yds, 4 TDs  
Rushing: Chamber 9 car. 67 yds  
Receiving: Willie 3 rec. 65 yds.  
Defense: Harris, C. 11 T, 1 int  
Offensive total yards: 431  
Total yards allowed: 329

## Week 5

### Chaffey

Final Score: 31-14

Conference play starts off on the right foot for Cerritos. The first half is a back-and-forth contest until Eric Russell puts the Falcons in front for good with an 85-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. The offense is held to its lowest point total on the year, but the defense more than makes up the difference by picking off three passes and recovering four fumbles.



Up and Over: Tavoy Moore runs after the catch for a first down.

## Week 6

### Citrus

Final Score: 21-16

Frank Mazzotta earns win number 200 after 32 years as the Falcons' head coach. The historic win does not come easy as Cerritos is forced to withstand a late push by the Owls to hold on to the victory. Morales throws for 196 yards and two touchdowns to lead the offense. Tavoy Moore returns a kickoff 79 yards to complete the scoring.

## Game Leaders

Passing: Morales 196 yds, 2 TDs  
Rushing: Carter 19 car. 85 yds  
Receiving: Robbins 4 rec. 45 yds.  
Defense: Harris, D. 9 T, 1 int  
Offensive total yards: 320  
Total yards allowed: 419

## Week 7

### Riverside

Final Score: 58-17

Homecoming is celebrated in style as Cerritos destroys the visiting Tigers to improve to 3-0 in conference play. The 7-0 start to the season is the best since the 1965 team, which went on to a perfect 10-0 season. Tylik Carter rushes for 163 of the Falcons' 665 total yards on offense, with four touchdowns on the night, including a 75-yard touchdown run. Darryl Johnson makes his presence felt on defense with 2.5 sacks and two forced fumbles.



On the loose: Tavoy Moore outruns Trevor Lopez of Riverside.

## Week 8

### COD

Final Score: 27 - 17

A series of big plays on both sides of the ball late in the game ensures Cerritos another win. COD decides to go for it on fourth and one with 4:35 remaining in the game. Linebacker Harris and defensive end Jeramey Cutler combine to make the stop and the Falcons go on drive down the field for a field goal from Francisco Rodriguez. Tight end Lucas Mealy pulled in receptions to score the first two touchdowns for Cerritos.

## Game Leaders

Passing: Morales 178 yds, 3 TDs  
Rushing: Chamber 13 car. 96 yds  
Receiving: Willie 6 rec. 81 yds.  
Defense: Lopez 12 T  
Offensive total yards: 294  
Total yards allowed: 293

## Week 9

### Mt. SAC

Final Score: 26-27

Now ranked No. 1 in Southern California, Cerritos has its extra point blocked in overtime in the only loss of the season. Running back Jason Davis scores from 10 yards out to come within one point before Rodriguez's extra point attempt is blocked. Davis ends the game with 121 yards on 24 carries to go along with his one touchdown.

## Game Leaders

Passing: Morales 113 yds, 1 TDs  
Rushing: Davis 24 car. 121 yds  
Receiving: Robbins 4 rec. 56 yds.  
Defense: Harris, C. 16 T  
Offensive total yards: 252  
Total yards allowed: 341

## Week 10

### El Camino

Final Score: 42-28

With a playoff berth on the line, the Cerritos defense comes up huge to lead the Falcons in the win. Cerritos picks off five passes and returns three for touchdowns, including two by Eric Russell. The scoring is rounded out by a 72-yard punt return by Dion Curry, a 5-yard run from Demetre Chamber, and a 22-yard reception by Marqui Williams from Morales.

## Game Leaders

Passing: Morales 131 yds, 1 TD  
Rushing: Davis 7 car. 40 yds  
Receiving: Robbins 3 rec. 68 yds.  
Defense: Russell 2 int., 6 tackles  
Offensive total yards: 220  
Total yards allowed: 353



# Men's basketball rally falls short in the end

Late game heroics are not enough for the Falcons to overcome LA Trade-Tech.

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Wayne Chapman's buzzer beating attempt to win the game was well long, as the Cerritos Men's basketball team lost to LA Trade-Tech, 79-78, at home on Nov. 12.

Although trailing for nearly the whole game, the Falcons fought their way back and took their first lead with only 1:41 remaining, but it was not enough. Forward Austin Bowen scored what would become the game-winning shot for the Beavers with 21 seconds left on the clock.

The loss put Cerritos at 2-2 on the season, while LA Trade-Tech improved to 2-0 with the win.

Newly appointed head coach Russ May was less than impressed with the way his team played in its home debut.

"Terrible, we played terrible tonight, May stated. "We gave up way too many points out there."

The Falcons were able to force LAIT into committing 23 turnovers in the game, but it was the effort that May feels was lacking even more than the results.

"We didn't compete on defense. We're talented enough to score, but guys need to decide they want to stop people," he said.

Despite what May saw as a lack of defensive effort and terrible play, the Falcons found a way to get back into the game late in the contest.

They finally took the lead off a three-pointer from Greg Howell with 1:41 left in the game.

Howell, who finished the game with 10 points, felt the team dug itself too big of a hole early on and it took too long to get out.

"From the start they came out ready and we got caught back on our heels, Howell pointed

out.

"As the game went on, we slowly started to do little things right. We have the talent, but we used it too late," he added.

The talent on the offensive end for Cerritos was apparent, with five different players scoring double digit points. Chapman and forward Ramon Williams led the team with 12 points each.

For the Beavers, Bowen was the game's high scorer with 21 points, and Center Yashin Ali added 17 points to go along with his 11 rebounds.

Bowen, listed at 6-foot-6, and Ali at 6-foot-7 were at least two inches taller than anyone guarding them throughout the night. Both players made the most of their size advantage against the Falcons early on, but faded toward the end of the game.

The Beavers' head coach, Richard Wells, acknowledged that the game plan coming in was to exploit his team's size advantage, but the speed of Cerritos forced those plans to change.

"We expected the game to be close, so the idea was to expose our size, but our post players were not ready. (Cerritos') quickness caught them by surprise, and the interior passing wasn't quite there for us," Wells said.

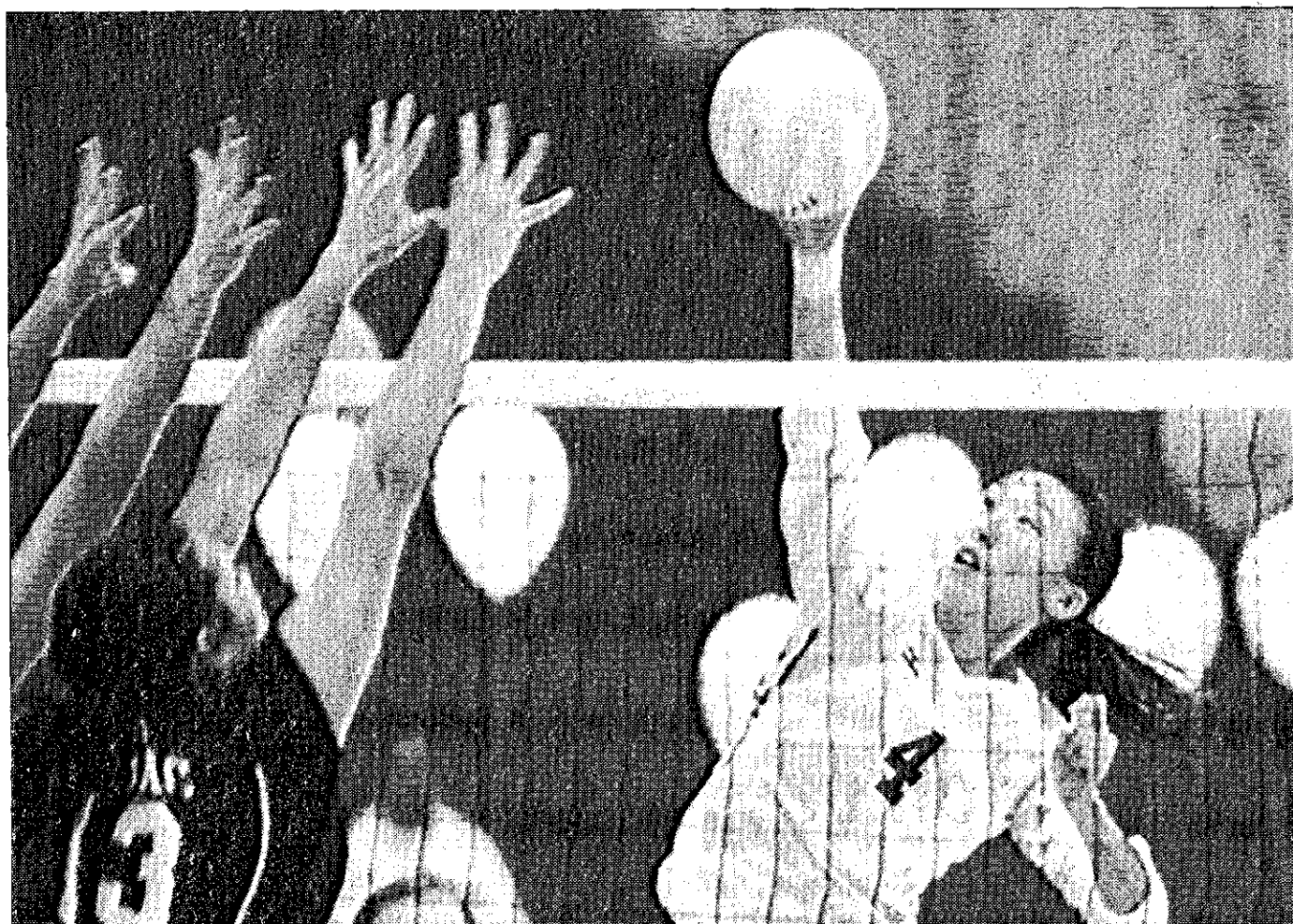
Despite the win, Wells, like May, feels his team is capable of playing at a much higher level.

"We need to learn how to close the door. We go up and we fall asleep, and let the other team back in it," he remarked.

Howell and his teammates realize that in order to not only come back, but take over in games they cannot rely on the competition relapsing; they know it will have to be their defense.

"It all comes down to defense. We have to make one stop at a time, because that's what it comes down to, getting stops," explained Howell.

Cerritos will have a chance to prove that it is able to get the stops it needs when the Falcons play Cuyamaca College in the Irvine Valley Tournament on Nov. 19. The tournament will continue through Nov. 21.



Killing it: Yawen Zahn (No. 4) spikes it past Mt. SAC's Cassandra Mahina in Cerritos' three-game sweep of the Mounties on Nov. 13.

## Ready for the playoffs

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The Cerritos volleyball team is ranked 18th in the state and will enter the playoff race for the first time since the 2006 season.

Cerritos will share third place in conference and will play Nov. 24 against a yet-to-be-determined opponent.

In the past few weeks, the Falcons have lost to Pasadena City College (25-23, 25-12, 25-22), a team that has been on an 18-match winning streak.

The Falcons recently beat Mt. San Antonio College (25-20, 25-17, 25-15) on Friday and finished the regular season 13-7 overall and 10-5 in SCC play.

After the loss to Pasadena, Cerritos played the Mounties "with a chip on its shoulder," as Coach Teresa Ortega put it.

"That loss to Pasadena inspired us to finish out the season on a strong note, and I encouraged the team to play with a little more enthusiasm and energy."

Against the Lancers, the Falcons knew they had their work cut out for them. Especially with the winning streak Pasadena had going in, and the toughness in the backcourt that PCC possesses, it would prove to be a tough game.

Cerritos was never able to get over the hump that Pasadena created but the Falcons played strong and with the enthusiasm needed to beat Mt. SAC.

Sophomore Sarah Naranjo who, has been a key player for Cerritos all season

long, had 21 kills against the Mounties.

Sophomore Angelica Sievers tallied 17 digs and Sophomore Monique Gayton had 31 assists versus Mt. SAC.

With the playoffs just around the corner, Cerritos volleyball has a positive outlook on what's ahead and will look to finish strong in the last conference match at LA City College.

Coach Ortega feels confident about her team's near future, and feels the Falcons have a great chance to go far in the playoffs.

Just a few improvements remain for Cerritos, most notably, its passing and serving.

Although Cerritos players tally big numbers in kills, kill errors are a concern as well, but that is why practice exists.

## Water polo teams fall to familiar foes, eliminated from postseason

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The Cerritos College women's water polo team saw its post-season end abruptly on Nov. 13 when it was eliminated from the Southern California Regional Playoffs by Long Beach City College.

The Falcons, who entered the playoffs as the No. 2-seeded team, were also the defending state champions and were riding a 22-match winning streak.

The Vikings, who escaped their first round match against Ventura College with a one-goal win, posted a 5-3 score against Cerritos, who ended its season at 29-2.

With the score tied at 1-1 after the first quarter, freshman Georgina Bray gave the Falcons their only lead of the game on a goal with 7:18

left in the second quarter.

The Vikings scored the next four goals until Cerritos closed their deficit to 5-3 when freshman Sharon Pedregon scored with 3:43 remaining in the game. But the Falcons were not able to get any closer and were eliminated.

Pedregon scored twice, while the trio of Yvonne Ruvalcaba, Raquel Gabayeron and Bray all added a pair of steals.

Sophomore goalkeeper Miranda Bakke finished the game with six saves.

The men's team suffered the same fate of an early exit from the playoffs as well.

Seeded No. 8 in the Southern California Regional Playoffs, the Cerritos College men's water polo team saw its season come to an end when it was defeated by conference

foe Mt. San Antonio, 10-5, on Nov. 12 at Pasadena City College.

The loss ends the Falcons' record at 17-11 on the year.

It was the fourth game of the season against the Mounties, who lost a pair of one-goal games to Cerritos this season.

The Falcons fell behind, 2-1, after the first quarter and trailed, 6-2, at intermission.

They were not able to get back in the game and suffered the five-goal loss.

In the game, sophomore Cory Baccus led the team with four goals and added three steals, while freshman PJ Gabayeron assisted on three goals and made two steals.

Sophomore Pat Muniz turned in a season-high seven steals in the loss, while the Falcons registered 20 steals in the game.

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