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## State-of-the-art lab opens

Students in health occupations classes will now learn in a real-life facility

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"We are at the forefront; this is the cutting-edge of a new concept in teaching healthcare in a simulated learning environment," stated Jane Kimball, lab coordinator for the new Health Occupations Skills Lab.

The \$3 million facility was opened last Thursday, and the dedication, which included tours of the facility, hands-on demonstrations and opportunities to interact with students and staff, was attended by several prominent people from surrounding communities.

Funding for the building came from the community college district and from monetary donations as well as donations of equipment.

The majority of the medical equipment came from the Whittier Presbyterian Hospital, and the entire retail setup for the pharmacy was donated by Vons drugstore.

Kimball, who was a nursing instructor at Los Angeles Harbor College was hired to run the new lab.

"No one has a lab like this. It is possibly the nicest lab in the United States right now," Kimball said.

She said that the lab is a great asset not only for students, but also for the community, because of the "tremendous nursing shortage."

The lab will be a learning facility for students in the following majors:

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## Grindel's goodbye

John Grindel, former interim president and current vice president of Academic Affairs will retire in June.

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John Grindel, vice president of Academic Affairs, will be retiring June 30, after dedicating nearly 10 years of his career to Cerritos College.

Throughout his long career, his main focus has been on the broad spectrum of student success: success in school, success in work and success in life, he said.

"I would hope that my leadership over the years has contributed to that."

Spending most of his life working in higher education, 23 of those years being in teaching, Grindel's career has led him from DePaul University in Chicago to California, and in 1995, to Cerritos College.

"Cerritos College holds a special place in my heart," said Grindel. "I like it especially because of the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit that exists here, and the willingness to think outside the box and do new things, and to keep moving things forward."

Francine De France, instructional dean of humanities/social sciences, labeled him a "renaissance man," with a background in history, theology and archaeology, who is able to transfer his knowledge to his work.

Grindel began his years with the college as the Executive Dean for Information Technology and Development. Years later, as vice president, he continues his work in the department, overseeing all technology on campus.

He spent a year as the vice president before being appointed as interim president for two years, until July 2004, when upon the arrival of Dr. Noelia Vela he resumed the position of vice president.

One of his goals over the last 3 1/2 years has been to help the college come to see itself as a learning institution rather than a teaching institution as in the past, and to focus attention on students.

"He always worked hard in support of what is best for students, and what is best for the larger college community," said Robert Chester, English instructor.

Though his retirement was set for 2006, he chose to move it up a year, so that both he and his wife could retire together.

De France said, "He's left us in a great place. He's created stability, strong pro-

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FILE ILLUSTRATION



## Blocking gets an automatic boost

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A new registration procedure called Prerequisite Blocking has had people in both Administration and the ASCC Senate buzzing for weeks.

At last week's senate meeting Dean of Counseling Carol Patrick spoke to the senators about what Prerequisite Blocking is, and how it will affect Cerritos College students.

Currently, students can enroll in a class and on the first day, the instructor can check to see whether or not the student is eligible to take the class. Students are eligible when they have taken and passed a prerequisite course.

"What we want to do is, instead of having the instructor check everything, we want the telephone registration or the web registration to check for us," Patrick said.

Basically, this will save instructors time by not having to check on the first day of class, because now prerequisites will be done technologically by phone or web.

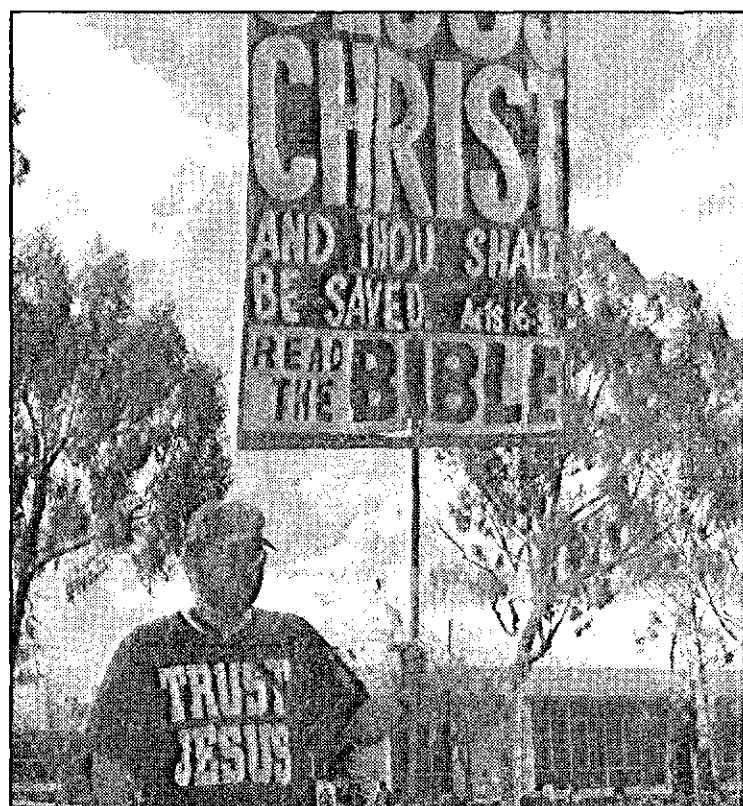
"In order to make sure your prerequisites are taken care of, you either have to take the placement test and be placed into the desired course, or complete prerequisites with a 'C' grade or higher," Patrick said.

So how did Prerequisite Blocking come about? In 1986, the Chancellor of Community Colleges told 108 Community Colleges that schools need to check prerequisites electronically to save instructors more time on the first day of class.

Patrick explained that although the procedure is going to

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## HOLY FALCON SQUARE



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Steven Keeler (above) and K.D. Ward were on campus last Wednesday promoting Christianity and handing out holistic pamphlets at Falcon Square. They petition on a different campus every week.

## ASCC elections get signature increase

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With elections less than two months away and presidential applications right around the corner, the student government changed the way candidates get nominated for office.

The ASCC also appointed three more government members and had discussions with a student journalist and a dean during meetings held on Feb. 16 and 23.

With a vote of 14 yes and four no (one abstention), the student senate voted to amend the election process by creating further barriers to entry during the Feb. 16 meeting.

Senate candidates must now obtain at least 150 signatures and

presidential candidates must obtain at least 1,000 signatures before they can be put on the ballot.

Previously, a student running for senate needed only 25 signatures to be put on a ballot, while a presidential candidate needed only 100 signatures to be on a presidential ballot.

Elections are held during the middle of April. Applications for president will be available this Monday with the deadline of March 31. They are available at the Student Activities Office.

Vice President Saul Romero moved to open the floor to those who wished to speak in its public forum. The floor was given to student Sonia Saenz, journalism major.

Saenz spoke to the Senate

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## Rapper out-places poet in talent show

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Francisco Arvizu, sociology major, went home with the second place prize of \$75 after reading three poems regarding immigration and minority oppression in the Black History Month Fashion and Talent Show Feb. 22.

Arvizu was the only participant who signed up for the talent show prior to the event and is also part of both M.E.Ch.A. and the Puente Club on campus.

The first place winner was Marques Johnson, Norwalk citizen, who rapped an original song. His son, Marques Jr., also participated in the fashion show earlier Feb. 22.

Johnson went home with a check for \$100.

This was the second year the event was hosted by the Unyque

Minority Alliance Club at the Student Center. Although those who signed up were few, volunteers from the audience participated to make a total of six contenders for the talent show.

"Nobody showed up to the auditions, but we did the fashion show regardless," Veronica Castro, club president, said.

"We still had prizes to raffle off and anybody who showed up was welcome to be in the talent show," she added.

UMAC advisor Connie Hunter said, "We put this celebration together as a fundraiser to help potential college students who are coming from local high schools in the area."

"The club is to help students get scholarships. It's not much (money) because it depends on how much money we have."

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## COMMUNITY

## Lakewood seeks to fill three seats

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Eight candidates have entered in a race for three Lakewood council seats.

City council members serve a four-year term in office, and not all council members are elected in the same year.

Lakewood has a council election every two years.

Elections are next Tuesday and two long-time council members have announced that they will not seek another term in office, leaving only one incumbent council member running in this election.

Council members not seeking reelection are Vice Mayor Wayne Piercy and council member Robert G. Wagner, who have a combined time of 45 years of service.

Those running for the council seats are listed in order of their submission of application to the city clerk's office.

- The candidates are
- Garland C. Jamison Jr., merchandiser/sports official
  - Todd Rogers, Lakewood city council member
  - Geoffrey E. Vaughn, deputy of the Lakewood Station Police Force
  - Marty Schuster, Aerospace manager
  - Fredrick R. Baisley, registered nurse
  - Margherita Palumbo, Underhill attorney/business/mother
  - Diane DuBois, community volunteer
  - Steve Croft, Aerospace manager.
- Todd Rogers holds the only incumbent candidacy for the elec-

tion.

He is a captain for the Sheriff's station in Carson and was elected to council in 2001 and as city mayor in 2004.

Rogers said, "I have devoted my time and energy to strengthening public safety, maintaining our neighborhoods, improving our schools, promoting greater community pride, such as relations and cohesiveness, and protecting city revenue."

Marty Schuster is a business owner in the city and vice chairman of the Lakewood Chamber.

Schuster is married and has three boys who attend public schools in the city.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of Lakewood, president of Lakewood High Booster Club, the city's Little League Board of Directors and was given the Boy Scout Volunteer Merit Award in 2000.

Schuster fought against the development of a 3,000-unit storage facility in a residential area.

Another candidate running for Lakewood city council is Diane DuBois.

"I am passionate about Lakewood. My husband, Bruce, and I chose Lakewood in which to raise our family because it offered affordable housing in a safe, family-oriented community," said DuBois.

"With two council members retiring, Lakewood residents must take a close look at the records of accomplishments of the people running to take their place."

DuBois is a stay-at-home mom, corporate career women, community volunteer and a 28-year member for the Planning and Environment

Commission.

Another candidate, Steve Croft, has lived in Lakewood for 24 years with his wife and daughter.

He said, "Following a founding tradition of Lakewood, I have been actively working to support and enhance our wonderful community."

Croft is currently chairman of Lakewood's Planning and Environment Commission, and is working with the city prosecutor, attorney and staff, to enforce clean up of the neighborhood eyesores and develop ordinances protecting our quality of life.

"Over the past two years, we have given over \$11,000 in grants to help Lakewood teachers buy classroom equipment and materials," Croft said.

Croft stated that if elected he will be committed to protecting neighborhoods.

Maintaining Lakewood's single family character, preserving our parks and recreational programs are a part of his agenda.

Croft is dedicated to providing high quality Senior and Youth Services, improving educational opportunities for Lakewood's children, supporting the funding for libraries and promoting traffic safety around our homes, schools and parks.

Lakewood will have its elections next Tuesday in its city area.

Voting times are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information visit the following web sites for more on the candidates.

- [www.lavote.com](http://www.lavote.com)
- [www.lakewoodcity.org](http://www.lakewoodcity.org)

The Talon Marks contacted each candidate by e-mail and only those mentioned in the story responded.



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Todd Rogers  
Lakewood council member



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Diane DuBois  
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Steve Croft  
Aerospace manager



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Marty Schuster  
Lakewood business owner

Censoring:  
hot topic  
for city  
council

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Six candidates for the Cerritos City Council sat at city hall in front of a forum conducted by the American Association of University Women, La Palma-Cerritos branch, and were fed questions from the association and citizens of Cerritos last Wednesday night.

The AAUW is a national organization of more than 100,000 college graduates and has been a leader in promoting equity for women and girls for more than 123 years.

Thea Siegel, La Palma-Cerritos branch president said, "We hope that by taking the forum, the association will be making the public aware of each candidate's views on general issues and opening up the eyes to the public."

Candidates who accepted the invitation from the AAUW include Chan-Yong Kim, businessman; Sally Hivice, Cerritos College English professor; Bruce W. Barrows, businessman; John Crawley, teacher/city councilman; Jim Edwards, educator; and Joseph Cho, journalist/author/businessman.

For a more complete story check online at [www.talonmarks.com](http://www.talonmarks.com)

## Election Information

Contact the City Clerk's Office in city hall at (562) 866-9771 ext. 2200, with questions about voter registration, voter eligibility and polling locations and hours. A polling location lookup service is also available online at <http://lavote.net>.

## Election night coverage:

Ballot tabulation totals will be posted on CityTV (Comcast cable channel 31) and at the Lakewood web site: [www.lakewoodcity.org](http://www.lakewoodcity.org).



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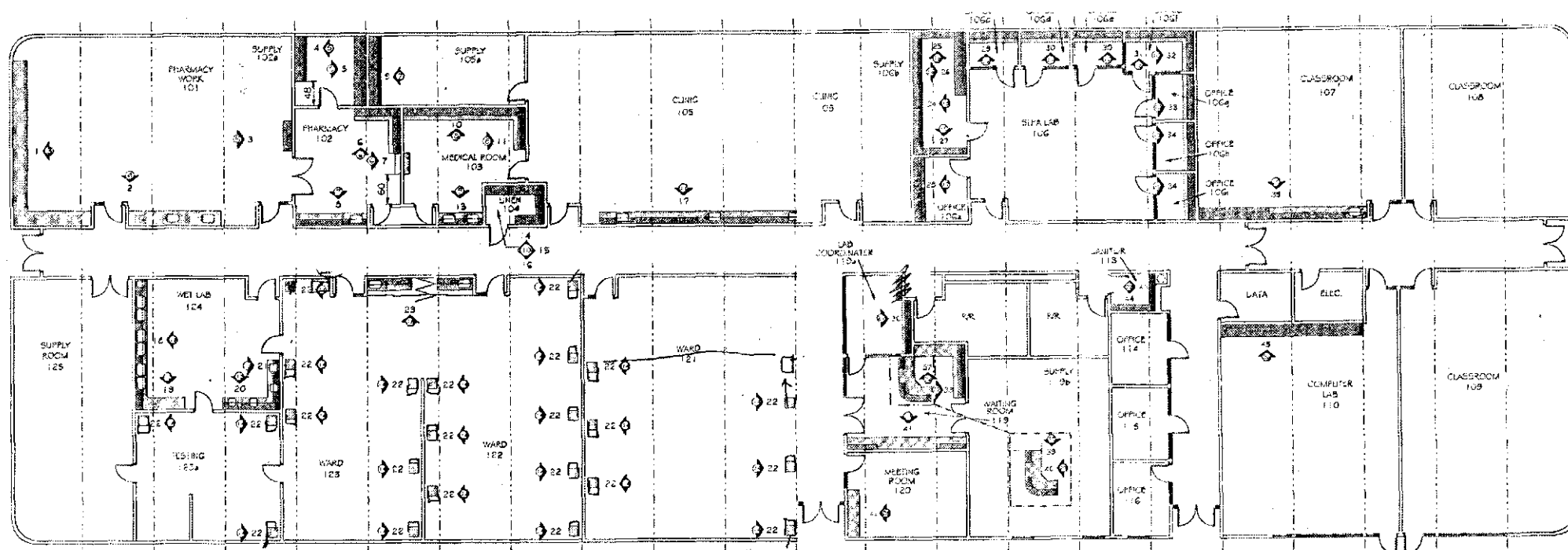
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# NEWS



Courtesy of Bob Riffle

**Inside:** A look at the floor plan of the Health Occupations Lab.

## LAB:

**One-of-a-kind lab impresses students as well as other visitors at ceremony**

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- nursing
- medical assisting
- pharmacy technician
- speech pathology
- child development

It replicates the exact environments in which students will work in the near future, such as hospital rooms, a pharmacy and isolated cubicles similar to those used in speech clinics.

Susan Gradin, Child Development instructor, stated that they now have

"smart" classrooms where they are able to make PowerPoint presentations.

The activities included showing the visitors the type of hands-on training that medical assistants do, as well as making those present aware of osteoporosis, healthy eating and cancer.

"People need to know the risk factors," Darrell Davis, nursing major, stated.

Those who were present also had the chance to have their blood pressure taken by the medical assisting students.

Terne Lopez, assistant dean of Career Services, was among those who volunteered to have their pressure taken.

"I just wanted to try it out," Lopez stated.

Jenine Nolan, dean of Health Occupations, who was honored at the event, said that she was very proud of the work of the faculty, and that with their leadership and their work, futures will be made for students.

"The goal is to help students succeed, and to allow them to transfer their skills into the community," Nolan added.

Members of the surrounding communi-

ties were also impressed with the state-of-the-art facility.

Wayne Piercy, a Rotary Club and city council member for the city of Lakewood, who is also in the Board of Governors for the Lakewood Medical Center, was present and said that the facility was greatly needed in the area.

The students in the lab were grateful for the added space, but mainly for the real-life learning environment.

Piercy also added that it is necessary for opportunities such as this one to be made available to community college students.

Cine D. Ivory, a member of the Health and Education Department, who was present for Assemblyman Allan Lowenthal, stated that the labs were very impressive.

"There's nothing that compares to this training lab, hands down. I have not seen any training facilities as advanced as this one. I hope it is the first in many," Ivory commented.

However, it was the students in the lab who were grateful for the state of the art facility.

## GRINDEL:

**Vice president to retire to spend time at home**

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grams and a great foundation."

In response to Grindel's upcoming retirement, Cerritos College President Noelia Vela said, "I will miss John's dedication and passion for what we do here at Cerritos College for students."

Grindel considers his greatest accomplishment to be the two years he served as the interim president.

"I was able to bring some peace back into the place because we had a rough [period], where a president only lasted a year. Many people were unhappy and distressed. I think I was able to be a calming influence on the campus, and at the same time keep us moving forward."

Vela said, "Grindel's contributions are numerous but perhaps his most significant legacies will be the successful passage of the G.O. Bond as a result of his leadership and helping the college navigate a fiscally uncertain period during the last two years."

After his retirement Grindel plans to do some consulting at his own pace.

In summation of his experience at the college, he said, "They've been wonderful and exciting years. I really like Cerritos College. I'll miss the people I've had the privilege of working with. A lot of friendships have developed over the years."



WERNER GOMEZ/TM

**Patrick:** Carol Patrick, dean of counseling, speaks before ASCC about the new automatic prerequisite blocking.

## BLOCKING:

**A detailed look at prerequisites**

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be different, the Admissions staff's main priority is making sure that

students know this is going to happen.

The Senate asked Patrick many questions that also may be weighing heavily on other students' minds.

It was made clear that although there are many advantages to the system, there may be some set backs as well.

One senator asked how the blocking would work if a student

has attended another college. Patrick stated that the system would not recognize the courses taken and that it would "mess the student up."

One student asked how it would affect those who attend summer school from other Cal State Universities. "We are going to send letters to students who registered as far back as 2004," Patrick said.

Patrick said that the main fear is that of instructors. "Instructors are afraid that their classes will not be full."

The upside of the new system is that once grades are turned in, its almost instantaneous. The computer registers the grades, and if the student is enrolled in a class and that student failed the prerequisite, he will be automatically dropped.

In addition to all the information given by Patrick, Senator Jerret Henderson voiced his dislike for prerequisite blocking to Patrick. "I feel that to enforce this system right now is fiscally irresponsible. I've always said that this is the right rationale at the wrong time. But I'm worried about the direct impact on program integrity," Henderson said.

For more information on prerequisite blocking, drop by the Admissions office, or go the Cerritos College web site for more information.

## TALENT:

**Black History Month fashion show displays African dress**

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**Loss of senators worries Cabinet**

**Cabinet discusses variety of issues including the possibility of loss of funding for Perkins.**

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Now is the time to petition to graduate in May.

This was discussed at the recent ASCC cabinet meeting, which took place last Monday.

## SENATE:

**Student voices concerns about Henderson's statements**

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about Senator Jerret Henderson's recent comments about the Talon Marks.

"Last week, Henderson

During the fashion show, children lined up to show off the cultural African dresses, head wraps, shirts and hats donated by Mary Starks, club volunteer and fashion show participant.

Starks, who is Hunter's Godmother, said that she also made the costumes for the fashion show last year and will continue to volunteer in future talent shows.

She hopes that next year she'll

have more costumes to make for more participants.

The fashion show consisted mostly of children of staff members and some from the day care on campus. There were also participants from local elementary and middle schools.

The Student Center was experiencing a shortage of people, Castro said, but it did not stop her from proceeding.

The petitions for graduation are due next Monday.

Other items discussed in the meeting were the increasing traffic at gocerritos.com, the increasing traffic out of Senate and President Bush's decreasing support of loans.

Josh Franco, ASCC president, said the web site gocerritos.com has increased its number of visits.

Also, Saul Romero, vice president, spoke about the shrinking senate.

"Senate is getting smaller and

smaller every week," Romero said.

There are now 23 members, down from 33 at the beginning of this semester.

Another item was the Bush administration's plan to end the funding of the Perkins Program.

Cerritos will lose \$1 million if and when its funding is cut off.

"They want to remove all the money the community colleges get and give it to the high schools," Astrid Feist, child development major, said.

approached the senate in what I am guessing was a call to action. Henderson made it abundantly clear that he thinks the Talon Marks newspaper is a 'piece of crap,' and that 'something must be done about it' while waving the newspaper over his head."

She later added, "In my opinion, the job of a reporter here on campus is to simply do two things: get the story and get the truth."

The senators also appointed Laura Basualdo and Julie Kwon as ASCC associate justices.

Basualdo, criminal engineer

major, said, "I am the secretary for the Scholars Honors Club and I will be staying for a year here at Cerritos; I was very interested in joining student government."

Kwon, sociology major and a Cerritos College Culinary Arts graduate, said, "I am a member of the Scholars Honors Club, and I'm a full-time student who wants to take an active role in the student government."

ASCC also appointed Susana Valdez, chemistry major, as a member of the student senate.

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## OPINION

## EDITORIAL

## Night students light up campus



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It's 9 p.m., darkness falls, and most students have been home resting for many hours.

The seemingly once vivacious campus that was at times, over-crowded and alive, is now nothing more than a ghost town, reminiscent to the colony that was once populated, now deserted, Roanoke.

But not only have many students packed up their stuff for the day, ASCC, the bookstore, and the food court have also decided to pack up their bags and cruise on home before night officially presents itself.

But then, 7 p.m. approaches and all the students left on campus must fend for themselves, maintaining a strict discipline to stay awake until that 7 to 10 p.m. class has ended.

Maybe a quick pick-me-up at the food court will keep their energy flowing, but wait, it's closed.

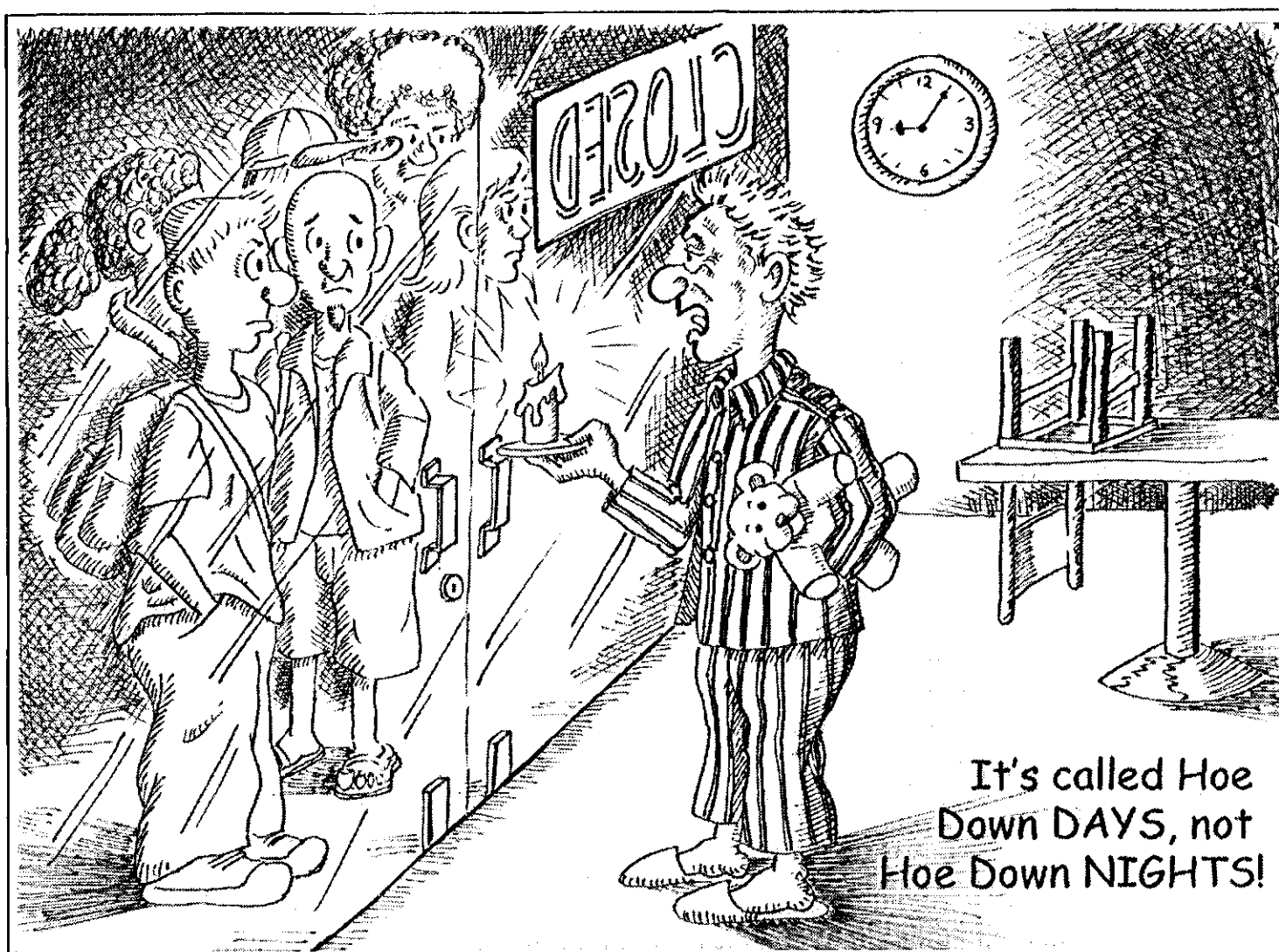
So they head on over to the bookstore to raid the snack section, but wait, that too is closed.

Is it really fair that the food court and the bookstore close at 7 p.m.?

Is it really fair that ASCC calls it a night at 4 p.m.?

What about all the students who have work in the day, the ones who can only make night classes, don't they deserve student body representation?

Questions night students



It's called Hoe Down DAYS, not Hoe Down NIGHTS!

ILLUSTRATION BY ROBERTO ESTARANETTA

may have about the campus or programs offered by ASCC may never be able to be heard and answered unless night students figure out how to be in two places at once, work and school.

Night students have simply

become the minority that has been forgotten.

Are night students to be compared to that of the son that your neighbor doesn't really like to talk about...the one who's sort of the "black sheep" in the family?

It's not right that the college offers night courses, some ending as late as 10 p.m., yet provides no forum for food, fellowship or safety for that matter.

The lights, dimly lit across campus, gloomy at times,

though plentiful, do not seem to be a reassuring enough fact that burglars, crooks, thieves and hoodlums will sleep unsoundly at night.

It's only right that the school cater to the night students as well as the day stu-

dents.

Day students get live music, food, and other fun goodies; night students get...um? What do night students get?

They get to pay just as much as day and evening students, but the attention of no one, not Taco Bell, not the President's office, not even the student government.

They deserve to be catered to just like everyone else.

Whether it is chicken soup for the soul from Chicago Harv's, safety for the innocent, or just a darn friendly handshake from Josh Franco himself, the night students definitely deserve more than they are getting.

Some of the most exciting and memorable experiences of college are because of activities, clubs and friends that are made on campus.

When lacking these experiences college can seem like a never ending uneventful routine.

A silent dim lonely campus can easily effect attending night students and their motivation for college may diminish.

Stop the inconsiderate brush off of the night students; remember they pay for your services too!



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## Letters to the Editor

## Light shined on plight of night students

I wonder why, after all these years, student services does not cater free events to the evening and weekend students.

After each semester is into the third week, the registration office and bookstore are not accessible to the Friday, night and weekend students, much less the Student Activity Center, which closes by 5 p.m.

There are plenty of night students who would love to attend and receive the same freebie benefits as the day students.

Why isn't the student body addressing this issue?

The activities seem to be geared toward the day student population.

You would think the student body, which the students of Cerritos elect would address this issue.

I can only attend classes at night because I work during the day, which is the reason why the majority of night students attend class at night.

I have voiced my suggestion to the elected student body in the past, and judging from having nothing going on at night, it is not even considered.

By the way, the snack bar by the Liberal Arts Building is closed also on Friday nights. I'm guessing the college and student body does not really care about the night and weekend attendees.

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## Double trouble with double standards

Al Chahine recently wrote: "The case is very simple, our government picks a fight with a nation that has what it wants [but] as a democracy, it needs our approval. That is when the media comes into play. A fearful threat is introduced and as humans with natural instincts for survival, we respond by giving our full support to our government which protects us."

He then follows with, "Yes, let us trade our freedoms for security." And further, "If our national government continues to purposely inject these fears, we will soon find that we have no freedoms left."

If double standards were on the menu I'd be drooling about now. The case being argued against is that the government uses fear in the media to sway public opinion. Yet this is the very method Al has used to influence people against that government.

First he picks a fight (the American Government), then he uses the media (this web site and newspaper) to broadcast a fear (that if our government continues unhindered, we will have no freedom). The only difference from the media is he didn't use some catchy slogan like "the war on propaganda."

Do not get me wrong Al, I am not trying to

pick fun at your expense. I am trying to show just how easy it is for people to convince themselves of an idea, and how symptomatic it is to use these methods to promote a cause. I happen to agree with you that the media does spread fear. I do not agree with your use of fear as a motivation to do something about it.

No doubt, your method of promoting an idea is a sign that, indeed, fear is a means of influence! But the mind that can perceive the promotion of fear in the media should also be able to prevent doing likewise.

I am certain your use of fear (that we will lose all of our freedoms if something is not done to stop the government) was completely unconscious.

Do you think it's possible the news does so unconsciously also? And further, are the "natural instincts for survival" (which you pointed out) not only those which cause people to react with fear, but also those which cause us to promote it?

Do dangerous things actually exist? And if they do exist, can you tell people without causing them to fear such dangers? How did the great individuals of history move the people to change?

## Ray of disappointment hits reader right

I really have to congratulate Jon Garcia on his article dealing with The Grammy's and why Ray Charles really shouldn't get anymore. I mean, why can't they just give the Grammy to any other artist or band that is alive and give them a chance to see what it feels like having

one. I really thought Green Day should have won Album of the Year. Or maybe Usher should have won the award, even though I don't like him. Just give someone else a chance, other than someone who has been dead for a long

time and is considered a legend.

Don't get me wrong, Ray Charles for me, was a genius in his music, but I think people should really let him go. Literally.

Grisel Aguirre

## FREE SPEECH ZONE?!

How do you feel about Bush trying to privatize social security?

COMPILED BY: AL CHAHINE  
PHOTOS BY: DIONA CARRILLO



"I think he's an idiot."

ARLENE BARBOZA  
business management major



"I think Bush is trying to monopolize the nations wealth."

ALEX CABRERA  
theatre arts major



"The majority of society isn't responsible enough."

SARA CISNEROS  
political science major



"I think it's a covert way of eliminating the program all together."

PROFESSOR STAPPE  
Philosophy



"I think he should keep it as is with minor changes."

JERRY ARAIS  
nutrition major



## Letters to the Editor Very deep about 'screen deep'

I recently picked up a copy of the Talon Marks and read your article on "Beauty gets screen deep."

I loved it! I totally agree with you. As a matter of fact, I even called the Journalism Department, and spoke with a gentleman and told him I loved it.

It's about time someone indirectly tells these girls to cover up while on campus.

This story affects me personally, because as an exotic dancer by night I feel that when I am on campus during the day I cover up as much as possible, from head to toe; and the funny thing is I still get the attention I am trying to avoid from our male students.

Girls at school aren't very nice to me, because here I am stealing all the attention without even hav-

ing to stand there half-naked. (I love it!) I don't think the problem with these girls "showing as much skin as legally possible" would be a problem if they weren't so ugly, and God forbid fat!

If they were eye candy/hot chicks strutting around campus, then you, myself and the rest of the boys wouldn't have such a problem looking at them; the problem is they're either too fat to wear half the stuff, or too skinny that it reminds us of our kindergarten sisters.

I think that if a woman has to get a man's attention by prancing around half-naked (especially on a college campus), then that just goes to show how far that relationship will go!

One thing I do disagree with is that I don't think we should blame celebrities for setting sexy exam-

ples for our youth, because they are artists expressing themselves. I believe it's the parents' responsibility to explain and differentiate to these young girls between what is acceptable attire and at what appropriate age it should be tolerated.

Reading your article gave me a lot of creative ideas for the paper. I've always wanted to be a writer, but never really found time between work and school to actually do it.

If ever in the future you write another article related to women, clothes, sexuality, sex-sells-stuff and you need a woman's opinion, send me an e-mail, and I'll be sure to give you a quick reply from a "real woman's perspective," or even do an interview with you.

Malyn Hak



CARTOON BY ROBERTO ESTARANETTA

## Mistakes get horrid review

Every Wednesday I pick up the latest issue of Talon Marks and read through the articles.

Lately, I've had some concerns about the overall quality of the newspaper.

I find it very common for there to be grammatical, mechanical and spelling errors in the paper and I think it detracts from the appearance.

I understand the Talon Marks is a weekly paper and that corrections are not issued in following editions, but I do have a question to ask: "Does anybody actually review the articles and edit them?"

I know how much work it is to be part of a college newspaper and I applaud the staff's efforts, but sometimes I'm ashamed when I pick up our school's paper and find myself wishing that just a little more care and effort was put into the operation.

The ASE section of the Feb. 16 issue included a full-page tribute to the Theatre Department's upcoming production of Bleacher Bums.

I know for a fact that the reporters were at rehearsal for the show the night before the paper was printed.

If they had arrived a week

before, a little more time could have been spent on the quality of the photos and the article. The photos were blurry and cropped with little to no care and the play "The Little Shop of Horrors" was referred to as "The Little Shop of Whores."

I know that a little more time spent on editing will give the paper the facelift it deserves. I know Cerritos College is capable of quality work and I'm sorry to see it go to waste.

Justin Murphy

## Cracking the base of evolution

This is a response to the editorial of Feb. 2, 2005 titled "Creation is for the birds, not our schools."

There are those who call themselves creationists. These people have a particular religious orientation that informs and affects their scientific point of view. Among these people are genuine scientists whose perspective on science is not merely based upon "pure belief" as the writer of the article declared.

These scientists refer to scientific research and discovery no less than do their evolutionary counterparts.

The difference is primarily one of philosophical position, differing interpretations of much of the data and often reference to data that the evolutionist does not address.

The main support for the evolutionary perspective of science is not scientific evidence, but the philosophy of naturalism.

This philosophical position excludes the possibility of God and the supernatural from the outset and, therefore, nothing,

including scientific data, can be considered to indicate or validate a creationist perspective.

It is not that there is no evidence that can be shown to suggest supernatural creation; it is that such a possibility is excluded before the evidence is considered.

As to differing interpretations of the data, here is one example: The similarities between gorillas, chimpanzees and man are assumed by evolutionists to be proof of evolving from a common ancestor (which has not been found).

The creation scientist assumes that these similarities are evidence of a common creator of them all. The key here is that these are both assumptions made on the basis of differing philosophical belief.

An example of data not discussed by evolutionary scientists (at least to my knowledge) is the discovery of human and dinosaur footprints in the same strata of sandstone in Texas.

The human footprints cross back and forth over the dinosaur's as though the human were stalking or following it. The video of

the second stage of these footprints being discovered was aired in a CBS TV special a few years ago.

This discovery shows that humans and dinosaurs appear to have been on the earth at the same time, whereas according to evolutionists, the dinosaurs disappeared 40 million years before humans evolved. Somewhat of a discrepancy between scientific discovery and the theory of evolution!

My last point is that, though there are religious implications of the evidence for creation, teaching creation does not have to include teaching religion. The instructors must keep the discussions based upon the scientific information being presented.

This is what the evolutionists do not want - an open discussion and debate on the evidence itself. The evolutionary scientists are determined that no alternative to evolution be presented because students and the public might discover how weak the evidence for their theory is.

Gerald Tilley

## LAS HURRACAS BY ESTARANETTA



## Girls and Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



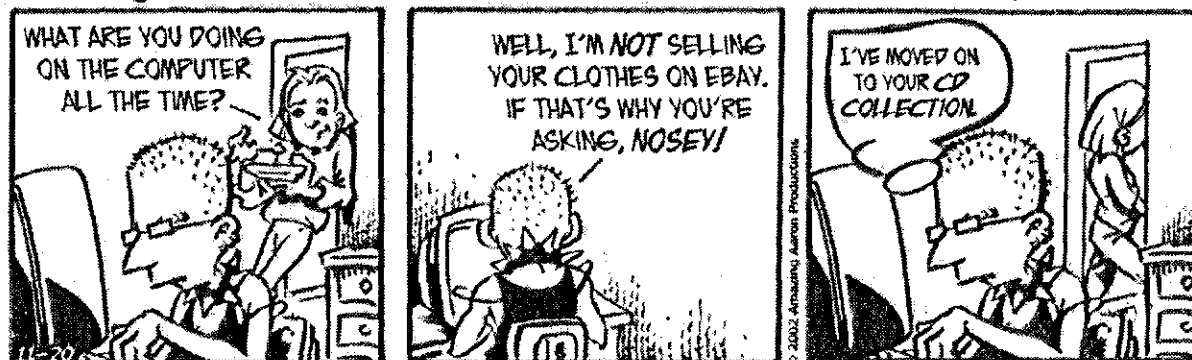
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By Aaron Warner



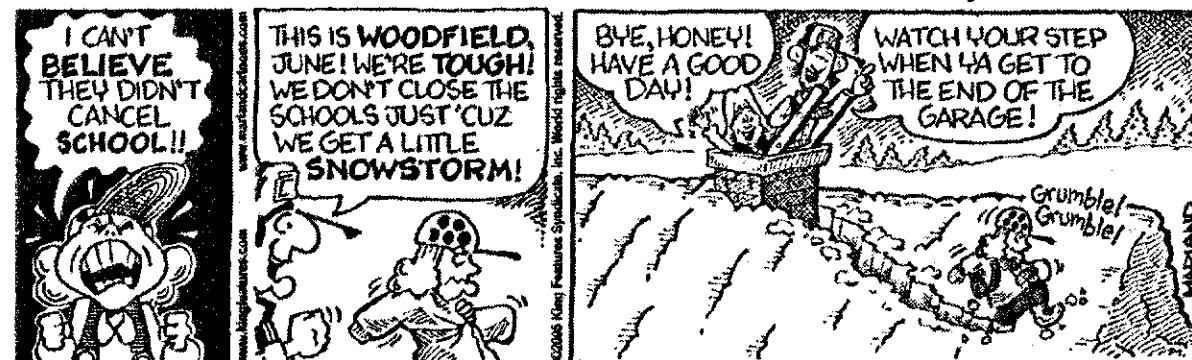
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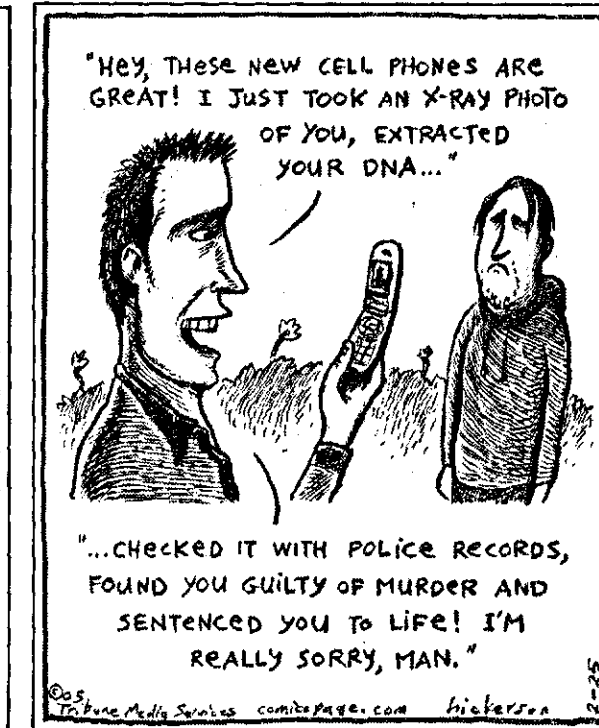
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## TRIVIA TEST

Answers online at [www.talonmarks.com](http://www.talonmarks.com)

By Fili Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: About how old was King Tut when he became leader of Egypt?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What type of alcoholic beverage is used in a mint julep?
3. PSYCHOLOGY: What kind of fear is represented by androphobia?
4. MOVIES: When was Alfred Hitchcock's classic movie "The Birds" released?
5. RELIGION: In the Bible, what was the name of Noah's father?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: London's Savile Row is best known for what?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the literal translation of the word "aloha"?
8. HIGHER EDUCATION: Where is the famous college called the Sorbonne located?
9. MUSIC: In what English city did The Beatles form in 1960?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of the Falkland Islands?

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave P. Phipps





## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Blues provides second wind

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On the ode for sanity filled my brain Sunday afternoon, as I sat bewildered, baffled and in quite amazement at the performances that the faculty gave in the annual Faculty Gala.

From Chopin to Mozart, List to Bach, the repertoire consisted of a great variety, to say the least.

Now, classical music is amazing, and I do have a healthy appreciation for it, but upon searching the program I searched for something more, but what?

There it was from the corner of my eye; four words that never rang so true to any musician's ears, "Riding with the King".

Oh the joy that came over me upon hearing that "Riding With the King" would be played after

the intermission.

Finally, some blues I could relate to; given, I'm sure, that Chopin, Mozart, List and Bach had their own feeling as to what was blues was. In fact, I am sure they had their fair share of blues stories to tell.

Nevertheless, I needed some ease of mind after all the mind boggling classical performances to be performed.

I needed some real blues!

That is not to knock or disregard classical, for it is classical that is the quite essential music that keeps this world sane or so the classical people said to me over a café late at Starbucks.

The concert started with a great roar.

The ferocious terrorizing of the ivory's was beyond the tickling point; this was just pure madness as all the faculty let their anger out

on stage, being sure to maintain their quite manner all while still getting their point across.

But, alas, intermission was upon us, and with ease I breathed slowly.

Could this be? Had I really survived a whole hour of constant in your face classical music?

Could it be that I had survived the very music that some people live, breath and die by?

It was only after the blues was played that I had fully realized what had happened.

Encore, encore, he yelled!

The delusional, high octave, overreacting fan yelled, to the dismay of the crowd, (might I add) who laughed, seemingly pleased by the sight of the disgruntled individual who's self worth was nothing more than that of a young boy yearning to hear

more great music.

That is to say, that young boy was me.

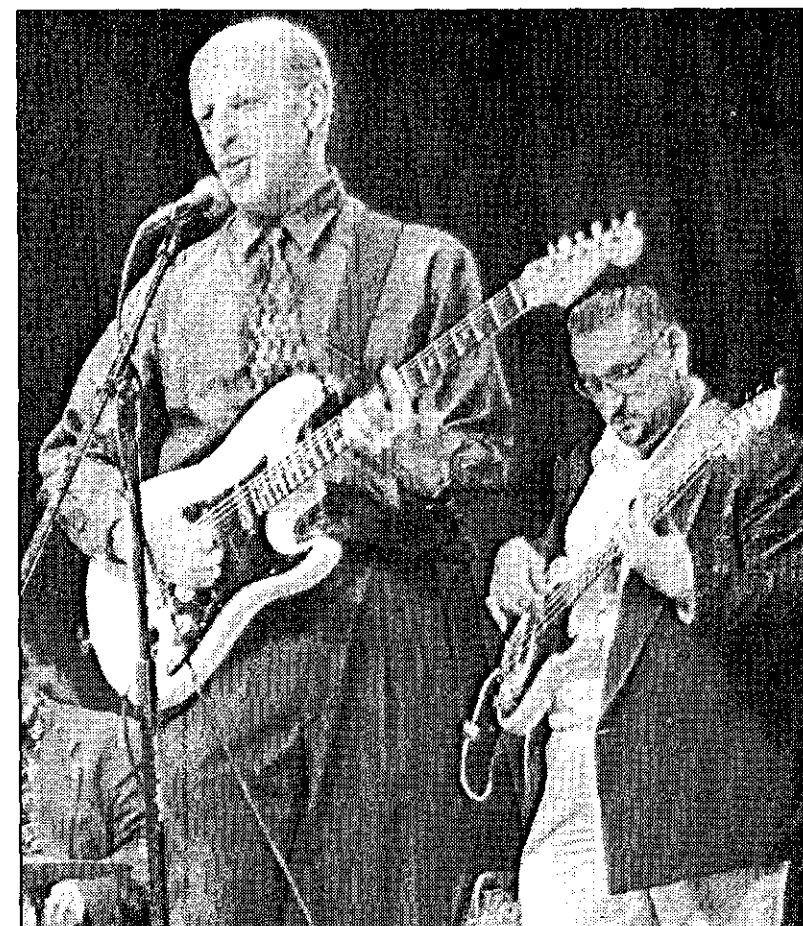
Yes, the wonderful feeling of being able to finally let your emotions out, for everyone knows that it is not proper to yell, scream or do anything of the "rock'n'roll" nature at a classical concert.

But yet, this little bit of blues; the tiniest hint that there was something more, gave him the opportunity I was waiting for.

It gave me the opportunity to breathe.

Furthermore, the concert ended on a rather high note, which to some, was previously unattainable.

For the un-classical minded fool, who knows nothing more than rock'n'roll and perverted music, never knew that "Hungarian Rhapsody" could be so much fun.



Blues: Dr. David Nelson sings the blues at the Annual Faculty Gala.

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## Oscars Review

\*BEST PICTURE  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY  
Clint Eastwood, Albert S. Ruddy and Tom Rosenberg



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Hilary Swank  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY

\*ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE  
Morgan Freeman  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY

\*ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE  
Cate Blanchett  
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MILLION DOLLAR BABY  
Clint Eastwood

## Constantine confuses audience

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Jon Constantine, played by Keanu Reeves, is a well-known exorcist who casts out demons and sends them straight to hell.

No one on earth seems to know who he really is, but Constantine is renowned in heaven and hell.

"He who possess the spear of destiny possesses the fate of the world," is the intro to the film about the supernatural Constantine.

In terms of Hollywood, this was a well brought-out movie.

Although, to someone who has a knack for theology, or a deep spirituality, this movie isn't what you would expect.

I was surprised by some scenes, but most of the time I was confused on what was going on.

The movie suggests that Earth, heaven and hell exist on three parallel planes and one cannot cross over to another world without the help of someone else from another world.

The angels and demons that



Keanu Reeves stars as an exorcist in his newest thriller, "Constantine."

reside on earth are what Constantine calls 'half breeds' because they are neither completely human nor divine.

A lowly Mexican laborer finds a spear-end while digging.

This spear is called the spear of destiny and he who possesses it holds great power.

This spear is supposedly the weapon that ensured the death of

Jesus Christ.

Christians believe Jesus was already dead when the spear struck him, which has the movies start off on a tangent as is.

Aside from that, the real action comes when Constantine sends demons straight to hell with his own form of exorcism and flipping off the demons on their way down.

The special effects are awesome and detailed; what really made me ponder was the depiction of Los Angeles as being hell.

I thought that the idea was clever in its own way.

The movie could make a lot of religious leaders angry, but many non-believer ponder their faith in a higher power.

The movie takes place in an urban area just like Los Angeles, which would make one question his surroundings and the people in them.

It's easy to label this film a sci-fi thriller, but unlike the Star Wars mini-series, Constantine is not worth the value of a movie these days. On the other hand, it's a good movie to buy and add to your Matrix collection.

## New CD brings raw emotion to the scene

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Ani Di Franco has once again released an upbeat, uniquely put together album, with powerful vocals and passionately played guitar riffs, called "Knuckle Down."

Born and raised in Buffalo, NY, DiFranco began her musical career in the early 90's.

This talented singer, songwriter and poet also started her independent record label called Righteous Babe Records.

DiFranco infuses her music with her surroundings, her education in politics and poetry and illuminates audiences with the rawness of her music.

Known for her folk-inspired alternative sound, she has also experimented with different styles of music and has collaborated with numerous artists.

"I like the unique sound of the violin."

"It's mellow. It makes me feel like I'm floating on the ocean surrounded by seahorses," Patrick

Carpenter, anthropology major, said.

Track two, "Studying Stones," reflects the struggles and heartaches she experienced over her family and incorporates melodic violin strings that go hand-in-hand with her meaningful lyrics.

DiFranco's earlier albums reflect her views on the ever-changing relationships in her personal life, the truth of the human experience and condition and her spirituality.

Her raw and emotional awareness about reality has shown how music can be healing in one's life.

This album will trigger emotions and hit audiences with vehemence.

"Knuckle Down" is a remarkable and memorable album. DiFranco's soulful lyrics are an inspiration to write music, and will motivate and encourage the values of strength, freedom and individually.

For more information about this artist, check out Ani's web site: <http://www.righteousbabe.com>

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## SPORTS

## Falcons first in track

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Women's track member, Kimiah Hudson, placed first overall in the 400 meter-dash with a time of 58.77 this past weekend.

Athletes from more than 20 different schools were invited to compete in the Cerritos College Track and Field Invitational on Saturday.

This all-day meet was host to events such as the male and female 400 meter-dash and the hammer throw.

The women did well, placing first overall with the only time under 4 minutes, 3:57.46.

This invitational also gave many of Cerritos' athletes the opportunity to check out the competition.

Jamario McClain believes that this year's track team is better than last year's and has a chance to contend for the state title.

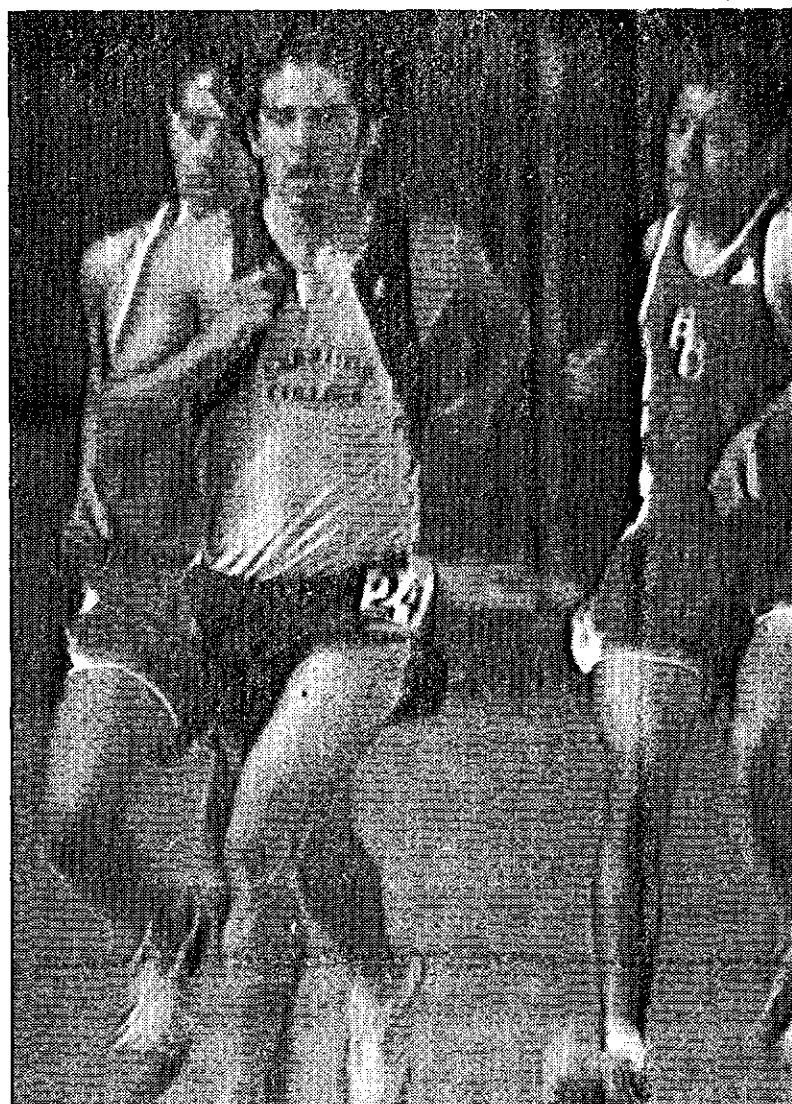
McClain runs in the 400 meter-dash, the 4X2 relay and the mile relay.

He placed twenty-third overall with a time of 51.50 in the 400 meter-dash.

Parents were on hand to watch their children compete.

Isaiah Jones, father of a runner from Glendale Community College, was there to watch and motivate his son, as well as remember his past.

"It's like reliving my past life. I enjoy (the meets) because I used to



MARIA GUTIERREZ/TM

**Ahead of the pack:** A Cerritos athlete leads the way in a race, during the Cerritos College Track and Field Invitational.

run," Jones said.

Jones described track and field as an event that does not pin athletes up against other competitors, but themselves and the clock.

Kendra Lilly, undecided major, placed in the top five of the three

events she competed in.

Lilly placed first in the javelin throw, 117' 9"; second in the discus throw, 142' 5"; and fifth in the hammer throw, 117' 9".

The next meet is Thursday at Mt. San Antonio starting at noon.

## Mt. SAC demolishes the Falcons

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Despite its best laid plans, the Cerritos women's basketball team left Mt. San Antonio College last Friday with nothing to show for its second-round seeding other than a 75-48 defeat.

Although the Falcons had won an earlier contest against the Mounties (23-7) on Feb. 2, 56-53, a poor-shooting night limited the team's effectiveness against the Mounties' deep bench this time around.

The loss ended the Falcons' sea-

son and dropped their record to 18-13 overall.

The No. 4 Mounties deployed a balanced scoring attack, concluding the game with 12 of their players having scored.

SCC Co-MVP Nikl Sims posted a team high 26 points for the Falcons, while First-Team All-SCC selection Daisy Benjamin added 12 points and 12 rebounds.

The duo accounted for most of the team's scoring, combining for 38 of the Falcons' 48 points.

The Falcons simply missed too many open looks at the basket and finished the game shooting a dismal 27 percent from the field.

The future figures to be bright, however, for the young group that took the court for the Falcons this past season.

While the team will struggle to replace Benjamin and Sims, 11 players are slated to return next year. Among them, Second-Team All-SCC selections Keiyana Carter and Eboni Echols will spearhead the Falcons' attack.

The Mounties will continue their defense of last season's state championship against No. 5 Cypress College Saturday in the third round of the Southern California Regionals.

## Men's season ends in final seconds

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One point was all the Cerritos College men's basketball team needed to keep them in the playoffs, but the much needed point never came and they were defeated 86-85 in overtime.

The Falcons (15-14), had two opportunities to advance to the second round of the Southern California Regional Playoffs last Wednesday. In the final seconds of the game, Moorpark was able to score and tie the game (76-76). Matt Reid, had a chance to put the game away, but he was unable to capitalize on the opportunity and sent the game into overtime.

Although the Falcons were the first to score in overtime, they were unable to maintain their lead, and with less than thirty seconds in the game, Moorpark's Kevin Thrower was fouled, and went two for two on his free throws putting them up by one

point (86-85).

Cerritos then called a time out, and came back with only 16 seconds left in the game. Reid, who came out of the game with 24 points, 11 rebounds, six assists and three steals, was handed the ball, and with only seven seconds left on the board attempted a three-point shot, which bounced out and finally ended up in the hands of Moorpark ending the game.

Although the falcons had a steady lead throughout the first half, the Moorpark Raiders never fell too far behind, and in the second half were more aggressive, spending a greater amount of time taking more shots than the Falcons.

However in overtime, Terrence Henderson created some defensive pressure on Moorpark's leading scorer, but that was too late.

Guard Leo Thomas, who fouled out, stated that they didn't rebound, and didn't box out.

"We let them come back in the first half, we lost our intensity,"

Thomas said.

He also stated that the referees dictated a lot. He wasn't the only one who felt this way.

Dean Outland, father of Falcons' guard Marcus Outland, who was sitting in the stands, also thought that the referees were terrible. But he felt that it wasn't them who were responsible for the Falcons' defeat.

"They (the Falcons) didn't play like they wanted it. They didn't play aggressive defense," Outland noted.

The Falcons also found themselves in foul trouble later in the game, and lost three players due to the fouling.

With their defeat, the Falcons, who were ranked No. 13 in the division ended their season, while Moorpark, No. 20, moved on to the second round to face Mt. San Antonio College.



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## Falcons earn their wings

The 2004-2005 season earned the men's and women's basketball teams a trip to the playoffs.

As a result, many Falcons players received numerous regular-season accolades, continuing the legacy of those who have played before them.

### Niki Sims

Sophomore

17.8 PTS, 6.7 REB, 2.1 STL  
SCC South Division Co-MVP  
2nd-Team All-State  
1st-Team All-SCC  
South Division



### Daisy Benjamin

Sophomore

17 PTS, 9.4 REB, 2.1 AST  
All-Region  
1st-Team All-SCC  
South Division

### Stanley Gill

Sophomore

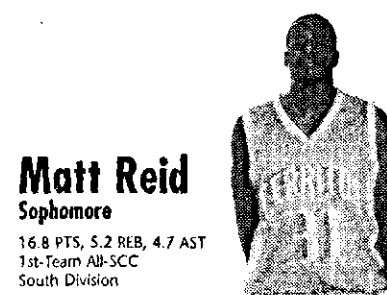
14.2 PTS, 5.9 REB, 1.4 BLK  
1st-Team All-SCC  
South Division



### Marques Hamilton

Sophomore

9.3 PTS, 5 REB, 1.3 STL  
1st-Team All-SCC  
South Division



### Matt Reid

Sophomore

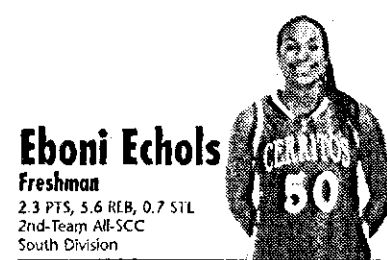
16.8 PTS, 5.2 REB, 4.7 AST  
1st-Team All-SCC  
South Division



### Keiyana Carter

Freshman

3.2 PTS, 2 AST, 1.6 STL  
2nd-Team All-SCC South Division



### Eboni Echols

Freshman

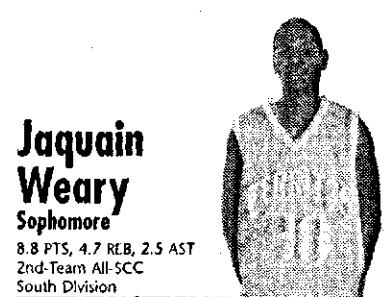
2.3 PTS, 3.6 REB, 0.7 STL  
2nd-Team All-SCC  
South Division



### Sam Hill

Sophomore

8.8 PTS, 3.4 REB, 3.5 AST  
2nd-Team All-SCC  
South Division



### Jaquain Weary

Sophomore

8.8 PTS, 4.7 REB, 2.5 AST  
2nd-Team All-SCC  
South Division



### Karen Welliver

Head Coach

Career Record: 492-232, 680  
SCC South Division  
Co-Coach of the Year

# SPORTS WONDER WOMEN

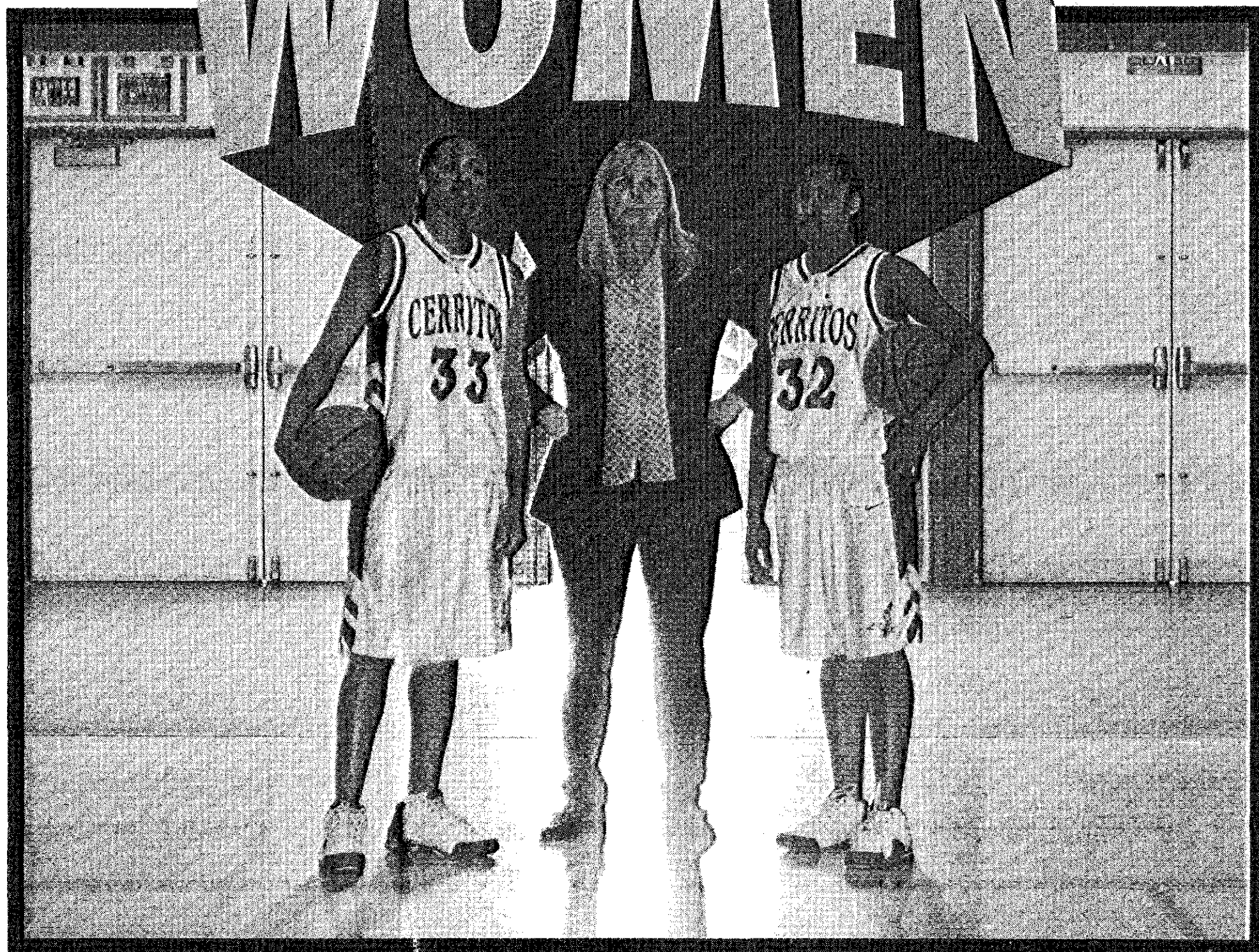


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**Trio of terror:** Niki Sims, Karen Welliver and Daisy Benjamin were key components in this year's women's basketball SCC South Division Co-Championship.

## Coach sculpts foundation for life beyond basketball

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The leader of the Cerritos College women's basketball program has become a certifiable mainstay in an otherwise unstable profession.

Twenty-two seasons have come and gone for Falcons' head coach Karen Welliver, and with each new year comes an even stronger passion for teaching the game she loves.

As early as her junior year at Magnolia High School, her desire to coach was evident. Welliver still remembers the day she realized coaching had its share of rewards.

"I would help the lower levels in volleyball and I helped this one young girl hit the ball over the net," Welliver said. "I showed her how to do something she didn't know, and she was so happy that she finally got the ball in, it made me feel so good to help somebody else that I was hooked from there."

Four-hundred-ninety-two collegiate-victories later, Welliver believes that coaching is more exhilarating now than ever before.

"Coaching is probably a little addicting," she admitted. "I wake up at three in the morning with my notepad writing down stuff. You get hooked on the adrenaline because it's just excit-

ing. "When I was younger, as a coach, I would get nervous. But now that I am older, I feed off of it," she added.

Welliver's accolades continue to amass.

With eight more wins, Welliver will become only the sixth female basketball coach in state history to reach the 500-victory milestone. For the second-straight year and the fifth

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time overall, she has been named the South Coast Conference Coach of the Year.

However, Welliver suggests that her individual achievements pale in comparison to the successes her players experience after basketball.

"To see them when they start. Then when they transfer and come back after a few years," Welliver said. "Then they have their degrees, or they go and have families. To see how they've grown, it's a real joy."

Despite all of the time and effort a coach must put into schemes and fundamentals, coaching entails a great deal more than teaching a particular sport.

The few special coaches who

have the ability to separate themselves from the game and instill life lessons are the ones who are remembered.

Welliver, through many seasons of hard work and dedication, has been able to connect with her players on a level integral to the program's consistent play and production of quality individuals.

"When I look at the things holding people back," Welliver said. "It is because they either lack self-esteem or self-confidence, and to know that if you put it out there you can always feel pride."

"I tell them, 'Don't sell yourself short, and go for your goal if you have one. If you have to change your goal, it doesn't mean that it is a failure,'" she added.

With no sign of retirement in the foreseeable future, Welliver figures to have already solidified herself as one of the college's most influential people.

Integrity, class, honor and persistence have allowed Welliver to succeed in life and in coaching. She hopes that her program conveys that same characterization for many years to come.

Welliver said she wishes to be remembered for running a good, quality program that people knew was consistent, and that we did it the right way by following the rules.

## Duo cherishes time together

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The season has ended for the Cerritos women's basketball team, and that means it is time for Niki Sims and Daisy Benjamin to bid their farewells.

The tandem that carried Cerritos (18-13, 7-1) to a share of the South Coast Conference South Division title was also named to the First-Team All-SCC.

"It's like Shaq and Kobe," Sims said. "No one has been able to stop Daisy and I put together."

Benjamin agreed, "She does her thing outside, I do my thing inside."

Sims, along with El Camino College's Chloe Grimm, was named Co-MVP of the SCC South Division, an award only seven other players in school history have received.

"First time experience; I've never (received) an honor like this before," she said.

Both Sims and Benjamin were also named to the All-Regional team.

Neither player has decided what school they will attend in the fall, but both are very certain of what careers they want to pursue.

Sims is planning to become a preschool teacher, while Benjamin is pursuing a career as a social worker.

As their career choices indicate, both players like being around others and that reflects on their feelings about leaving Cerritos.

Sims said that the things she will miss most are her teammates and playing away games. She enjoyed riding the bus to play at other schools.

She also said that she will miss the fans and the ability to go out and compete.

Benjamin also has some memories she will cherish.

"The team is your family," she said. "Just playing inside."

for Karen (Welliver, head coach), playing with the younger girls, being a leader."

She is also very appreciative of having the opportunity to play, because as she said, "There are many who don't have the talent."

The end of their careers at Cerritos came on a bitter note as the team lost its first playoff game; it was not the way Sims wanted it to end.

Yet Benjamin is happy to have had the experience.

"It's been fun," she said. "I don't think I would have it any other way."

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