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Why don't we care?

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As we're attending our classes, rushing from them to get to work on time, we don't realize what is taking place in other parts of the world.

Do we stop and think about those brave soldiers who are out there fighting for everyone that lives in this country? Do you even care that we are in the middle of a war?

It's true that we must go on with our everyday life but to the point where we forget that there is a war going on?

So is it important that college students care about the war?

Catherine Medina, speech and language pathology major explains, "All people regardless of age, sex, or religion

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What am I doing this for?

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Every Wednesday Talon Marks puts out a new issue of the paper, and of the 4,000 copies delivered throughout campus, 1,000 are returned in perfectly untouched condition.

From my experience on staff I've come to believe that Talon Marks

has a reputation of having a love/hate relationship with the student/faculty body, that and an increasing amount of uninterested literary friendly student population.

For some reason the beginning of a semester always seems promising. Maybe it's the idea of starting new that gives that false impression, but what I've observed is that the majority of newbies that

join staff end up dropping the paper even before our first issue. I started to wonder why this was happening.

And then it hit me: why would anyone want to be a part of something that has a love/hate relationship with the campus? Realizing this made me think, what the hell are we doing this for then? Why are we sacrificing our social lives to work every free second on the paper?

And what's the point of trying to get the public to understand

live their lives in a bubble. What could be the reasons why? "It's because we're lazy and selfish," said Tiana Torp, undecided major.

Could it be the communication factor? Could it be that we are so busy doing things to get by, that we don't take time to look around and become aware of society?

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LIVING IN A BUBBLE

The stories on student apathy and the reasons you should care.

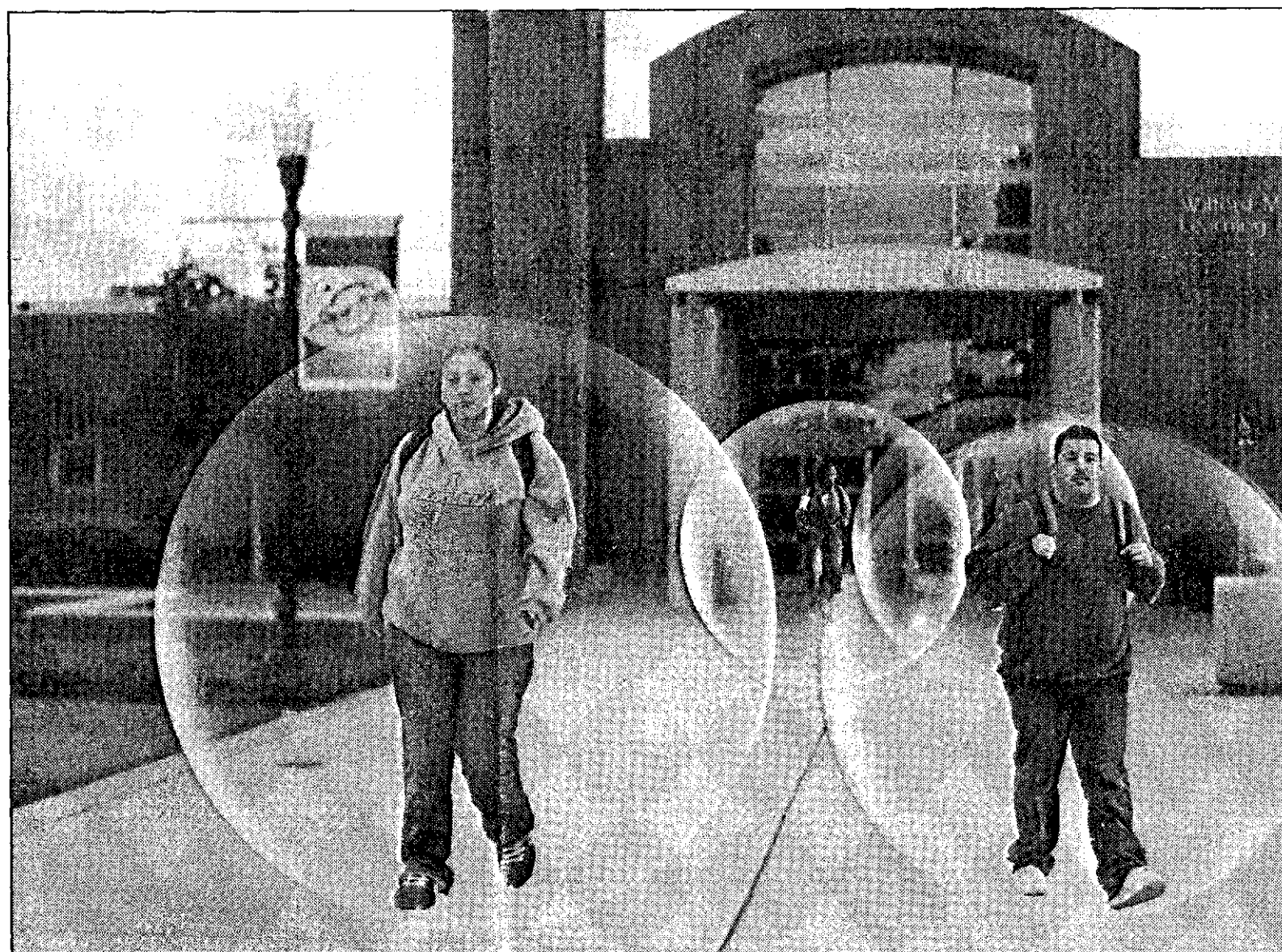


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Students open up about the trends of apathy and how it effects them

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With so many events going on culturally and socially, one would think members of this current generation would be involved in voicing their opinions about what is affecting the world around them.

But with preoccupations in other places, it seems that many may not have the time to do so.

"College students are busy working, going to school or trying to pay off debts and loans. A lot of people don't have time to really get involved with extra things," said Kevin Antonio, undecided major.

Besides time, there are other reasons why so many people of this generation, including Cerritos College students, choose to

live their lives in a bubble.

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"It seems like everywhere you go, there are less people trying to

improve and more people trying to sell lifestyles and/or products," Torp said.

In past elections, many young people have not voted.

According to www.youthvote.org, 18-25 year olds make up 14.4 percent of total eligible voters.

In the 2006 midterm election, according to www.civicyouth.org, the voter turnout was between 22 and 24 percent among 18- to 29 year olds.

Voter apathy among youth has trickled its way down to Cerritos as well.

According to a Talon Marks article in April 26, 2006, out of 21,000 students, only 549 cast ballots in last year's election for student body president.

Many people say they don't vote because they are disappointed with the way the political system.

"Some people feel that if they speak out on a certain issue, then no one would listen to them. So they say why bother?" said Jessica Enriquez, psychology major.

"A lot of people don't vote because they don't see a lot of

change happening. But the more apathetic that people become, the less that our voices are heard and the less our needs are met," Naranjo said.

Many people seem not to be involved within the campus activities. As of the fall semester there are approximately 42 student clubs on campus; approximately less than 500 students are members of at least one of them.

Some students feel that being in campus clubs can be a hassle and a waste of time.

"Nobody really has the time to be involved with things like that. People have other things to do like work, homework or they have families to take care of," Enriquez said.

Torp echoed Enriquez's sentiments. "It's not high school; I could care less about what goes on here. I'm just trying to take some classes and transfer," Torp said.

But what about those who do care? Can they be blamed for the choices others make?

"I have found that students are not apathetic.

There are lots of students that

What we are viewing

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Students who watch television are perhaps unaware of the importance of the Iraq war and President George W. Bush's call for more troops on Jan. 10.

However, Cerritos students say that when it comes to watching the news on television about what is going on not only in Iraq but also around the world, it is in fact important to them besides watching reality-based shows.

For Cythnia Carranza, political science major, there is an importance to watching the news but she doesn't criticize the media for its coverage of news happening around the world.

"What happens is that the news channels give world news only about five minutes of coverage," she explained, "but when it comes to local news it is more than a half an hour of coverage."

Martha Macias, sociology major, agreed.

According to Student Monitor, a market research firm that focuses on college student television habits, in 2004, students were watching an average of 11.2 hours of television a day.

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What we choose not to know

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Students come and go here at Cerritos College, but rarely do they stop and think about the causes of some of the problems not only on campus, but society as a whole.

Overload of work and school are the most common responses to the lack of interest of issues concerning topics such as social justice and human rights.

Yet America's consumerist society seems to play a major role in students' apathy to key issues affecting society today.

"Students seem to be to interested in their physical appearance here at school," Adriana Cervantes, journalism major, said, "rather than focusing on real issues that affect us."

Cervantes believes students should start by questioning the origin of their clothes for example.

"Everyone is so concerned about having the best clothes

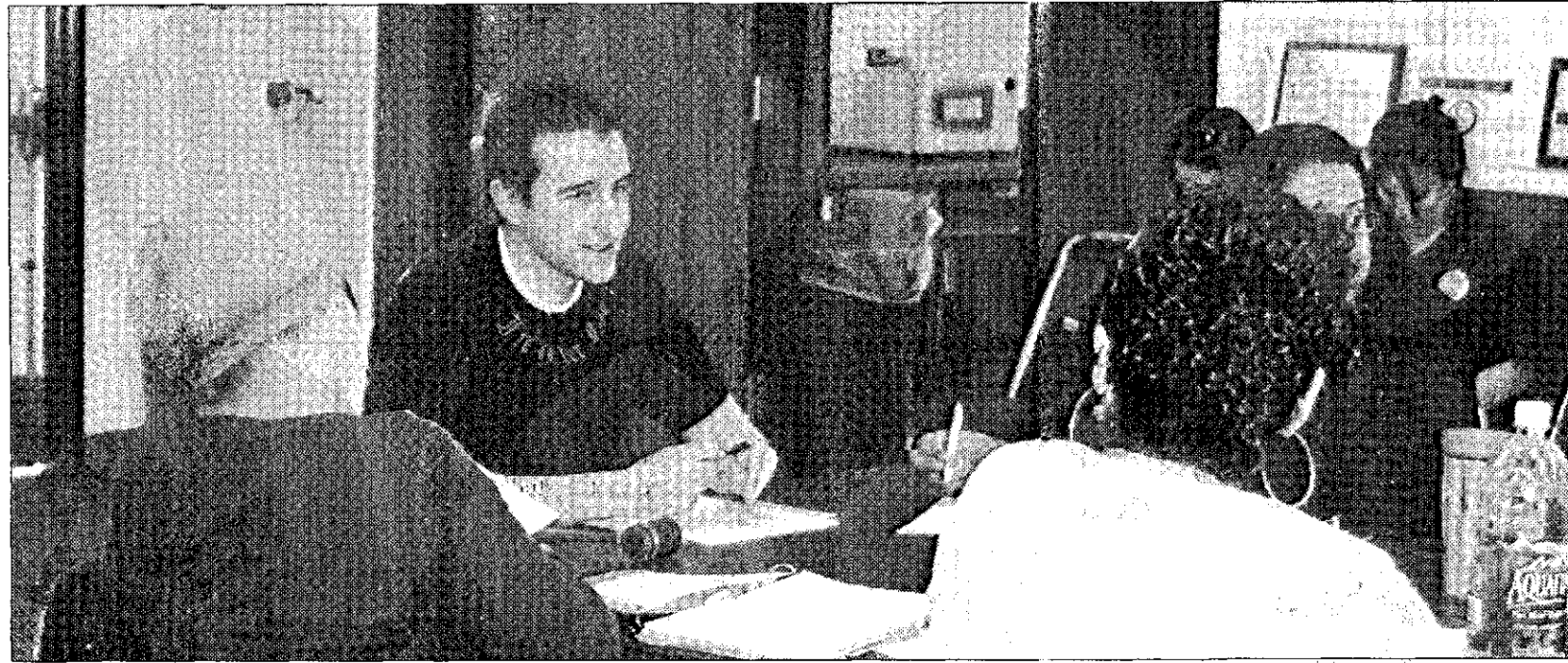
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Macias begins term as vice president



New term: Jason Macias, newly elected ASCC vice president, begins his duties by leading a weekly Senate meeting after his election on Jan. 17, in front of his peers.

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Taking on the task left behind, Jason Macias, biology major, took on the position of vice president after Alex Amendariz had to step down.

Macias was appointed ASCC vice president at the Senate meeting, Jan. 17.

ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio believes that Macias has everything that it takes to be vice president of the ASCC.

According to Cobarrubio, Macias' work ethic, knowledge of current events and enthusiasm are what make him perfect for the position.

As vice president, some of Macias' duties will include:

- Running the Senate meet-

ings every Wednesday at 2 p.m.

- Acting as a mediator
- Acting as president in the president's absence.

"Jason was our number one choice," Cobarrubio said, "and so far, he's doing an awesome job."

Cobarrubio is not the only one who thinks that Macias was the best candidate.

Manuel Candelario, community education specialist, is one of Macias' co-workers at Project HOPE.

Candelario said that Macias will be a great vice president because he will utilize the skills that he has learned from Project HOPE in order to benefit the students.

"He can work in a fast-paced environment, can meet any deadline, get the job done right and exceeds expectations," Candelario said.

Macias is also aware of the skills that he has acquired over the years and is confident in his ability to fulfill his duty as vice president.

Macias believes that in order to be a good leader you must have strong leadership, social, communication and motivational skills.

He also stresses the importance of student involvement and is promoting student activity in clubs, committees and volunteer work.

"We want to provide students with a better understanding of what is available to them," he stated.

Macias is also actively participating in the development of a recycling committee for Cerritos College.

"(The school) already recycles, but only big things like steel, not cans and bottles," Cobarrubio said.

Holly Bogdanovich, director of student activities, is enthusiastic about Macias and his term as the vice president.

"It'll be great," she said. "He seems dedicated and is very active in clubs; he's a well-rounded guy."

Alex Alvarez, commissioner of information technology, agrees.

"He's a great worker," he says, "and he is always actively trying to do something for the school."

Senator Jaime Sandoval expects good things from Macias.

"I think that the most important qualities that a vice president should have is punctuality and responsibility," Sandoval says, "and he should be able to give his all."

"I hope that he becomes a good role model for the rest of the students," he says.

New members appointed to ASCC for spring semester

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Three new senators, a new commissioner of information technology and a new associate court justice were appointed at the ASCC Senate meeting last Wednesday.

Those appointed to the Senate and other positions were:

- Senator Rosa Lopez
- Senator Yovany Moreno
- Senator Perla Medina
- Senator Maruska Beltran

Commissioner of Information Technology was given to Alexander A. Alvarez and Associate Court Justice to Krisleen Nolasco.

Leo Zambrano, international business major, was denied a position in the Senate.

Zambrano was a former member of the Senate until he left abruptly last semester to pursue his educational goals.

He stated that he was expecting that this would happen and does not feel good or bad about it.

"I guess that my actions have spoken louder than my words," he says, "but I've tried to make my comeback and I'll stick around."

Zambrano is not discouraged or disappointed and has now decided to pursue his academic career at a university.

Senator Ray Gonzalez had a solid reason for voting against Zambrano.

"I looked at his resume and he is taking 12 units and his GPA is kind of low," Gonzalez said, "I want him to concentrate on school."

Senator Jaime Sandoval was not sure how he should vote.

"It was a very difficult decision," Sandoval said.

Zambrano left a bad impression, especially when he did not attend the Senate Meeting on Jan. 17 for his initial judging due to financial reasons.

Senator Mario Torres disagrees.

He said that he does not have prior experience with Zambrano, but thinks that Zambrano may be able to improve himself and be a better Senator.

"I voted for Zambrano because I wanted him to know that someone was on his side," he said, "and everyone deserves a second chance."

Vice president Jason Macias feels that Zambrano felt that he did not present himself the right way and the fact that he suddenly pardoned himself from the Senate last semester did not help.

"Some grudges may have been held against him," he said.

In regard to the three newly appointed senators, Macias believes that they can make a difference.

"I think that they can do it," Macias said, "even by making small changes."

Medina states that she wanted to get into the student government because she did not want to leave Cerritos College without helping her peers.

"I want to be part of the school," she said, "I want to help."



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Cerritos gets ready for Hoe Down Days

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It's that time of the year to unite and celebrate a new beginning. Spring is near and school is officially in session.

Hoe Down Days are right around the corner and clubs can begin to sign up for those days of festivities. Applications will be available in the Student Activities Center beginning Feb. 5.

Hoe Down Days will be held Mar. 13-15. The deadline to turn in the applications is Feb. 22.

All official clubs who want to participate are welcome to sign up.

List of events for students and faculty include:

- Carnival Booths on Mar. 13
- Chili Cook-off and Mr. Cerritos contest on Feb. 14

Mario San Juan, English major, attended the event last year and said, "It's a very convenient event (because) students can attend before, in between and after classes. It's not time consuming."

"I played fun silly games last year but the best activity was the dunk tank. A member of the staff will sit over the tank and eventually a student hits the target and in goes the staff in to the water. It's classic."

ASCC president Joe Cobarrubio attended last year and said, "There are plenty of fun booths to play games. I remember there were basketball courts, water games for about 50 cents, and you win little

prizes. My favorite activity was the dunk tank, I participated in the event about two years ago and it was a lot of fun."

In-N-Out will also be on campus passing out free meals to all students who show current semester IDs and valid sticker.

All money that is raised will contribute to the clubs participating in the events.

Director of student activities Holly Bogdanovich said, "It's a great time to relax from every day routine. Students and staff members come together to have fun. I enjoyed last year's Hoe Down Days. My favorite was the chili cook-off. I got to taste all types of chilis from students and staff."

Students urged to 'show pride' on campus

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During the summer of 2006, Joe Cobarrubio, student body president and Alex Amendariz, former student body vice-president, felt they needed to come up with a plan that would keep Cerritos College going strong for another 50 years.

What they came up with was the "Show Pride In Your Campus" campaign and since its beginning in the fall of 2006, they said the campaign has been a success.

The "Show Pride Campaign" enables all students, faculty and staff to be active in the improvement of this campus.

To participate, you just need to go to the Student Activities center and sign up by giving them your name, student number, and e-mail.

Once you've signed up, it's all about earning those points. Points are earned in different events on campus. For example, participating in the up-coming blood drive running Feb. 13 and 14, will earn you points.

One of the best parts about this



campaign is the rewards you receive by participating. As you continue earning points, you will receive different prizes. Currently, if you have ten points accumulated, you will receive a pin for your effort. Eventually, you can even earn a t-shirt, and even free movie tickets.

But the best part is that participation in this campaign will have its advantages in the long run, in that it will show the type of person you are: respectful, proactive and caring.

Cobarrubio also mentioned that participating in this campaign has other advantages. "You might meet someone who can open doors for you that otherwise wouldn't have," he said.

For those who are working toward transferring to a four-year university, participating in this campaign can make you a more attractive candidate.

Cerritos alumni, Ana Jimenez, said, "This is really great. I wish we had something like this when I was there (in 1992). I think it reflects well on students to respect one of the most important places they'll ever be in... school."

The "Show Pride Campaign" is all about the little things like throwing trash in strategically placed trash cans. It's also about cheering on our athletes, the mighty Falcons.

It even involves voting every once in a while, for student elections for example. For those who really love to get involved, it's about joining a club.

The most important thing is that it's all about taking action.

Chris Feyder, accounting major, also thought it was a good campaign and stated, "It's the little things we do that really make a difference (in our community)."

Holly Bogdanovich, director of Student Activities says that "we are open for suggestions," but that mostly, it's about students being "aware" and "responsible" for their actions and how they affect the campus.

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What you should be thinking about

Apathy:

Lifestyles may need to be changed to become less apathetic

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I have had in my sociology classes that care deeply about the world and work hard to help to make it better," said Dr. Amy Holzgang, sociology professor.

"The students in the sociology club are incredibly concerned about the world and understand their role in it. Many of these students volunteer outside of school, are active in school and in their classes."

What can our generation do to become less apathetic? Is there an answer?

"It's hard to say, because of how our lifestyle is. It does start with one person, but it's hard to get backup (for that person). It's hard to get other people involved," Ickes said.

War:

Not enough time to remember the war that is costing us millions

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should be made aware of the harsh realities brought by war."

However, Kimberly Butler, nursing major, thinks that college students are aware that there is a war going on and that they do care as well, "especially the ones that have family members in the military."

Then there are the people that don't take the time to read the newspaper or watch the news to keep themselves informed on the war.

There are other people that only know a few things here and there but they don't know the exact fact or every single detail of what is going on. But what can we do to start caring about the war?

Guadalupe Rodriguez, undecided major thinks college students "should talk to people and educate themselves."

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Without us how would you get your news

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the importance of issues such as AIDS, global warming and poverty, if they're not even going to take the time to read the articles?

A good majority doesn't even read the paper, heck they probably don't even read. But everyday we gather around in the newsroom, to discuss news stories that we believe are important for the public to know.

It's just funny to think that the reason why journalism majors go into the news industry is because they want to be the source of information to the masses.

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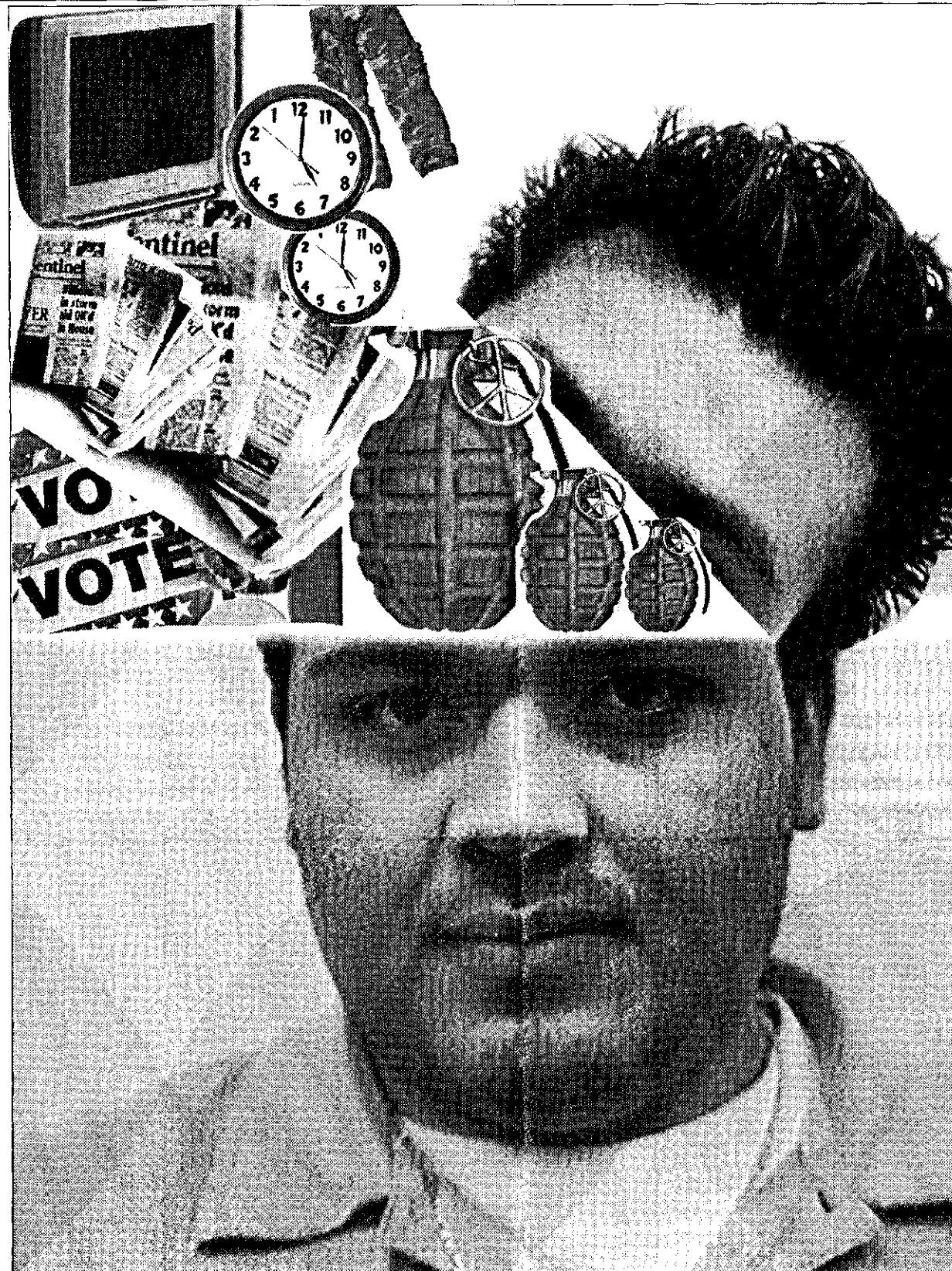


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Media:

Smart TV over those reality shows and the music videos

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But the shows they watched were television series like "The Simpsons."

Although Macias doesn't have cable or rarely watches television she added that in the beginning of the Iraq war, the news coverage would only show what the audience see and there were things about the war that we weren't allow to see.

"When I do watch the regular television like PBS there are good documentaries that are aired," she said.

"There is more to news than just

the Iraq war," she continued, "but what about genocide that occurs everyday in Darfur?"

In addition, she also questioned the recent news coverage of British soccer star David Beckham, who will be coming to play for the Los Angeles Galaxy soccer team. To her, she said that the news media is obsessed with celebrities.

George Paz, undecided major, said that the only reason that the channel is always covering the lives of celebrities is because it is all about television ratings.

In the Student Center the only channel that is shown is MTVU. According to Holly Bogdanovich, director of student activities, she says that Cerritos has a corporate contract with MTVU.

To have MTVU as the only channel shown in the Student Center, Carranza said that it doesn't bother her because she said that the channel doesn't only play music videos but does reports on news happen-

ing around the world.

Rosa Vega, business major, and Ariana Esquivel, undecided major, said that the channel is only there for students to listen to what is happening and enjoy music, but they both don't see what the big deal is.

That is not the way that Keatrin Harris, undecided major, sees the reason why the MTVU channel is always on.

"Whether it is MTV or MTVU, the channel is used as a platform for a political stance," he explained, "and also it is all about the money that is received for having television ads."

Vega, Esquivel, Carranza and Harris do say that there are students who don't care about what is happening in the world and only focus on their studies.

They said it is those students who should care because who knows if there could be a draft implemented one day.

Ignorance:

Money, expensive clothes and MTV don't go on top of a priority list

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money can buy, but have they asked themselves who is putting these high end clothing together?"

Rio Medina, English major, agrees with Cervantes.

"The mass media, like MTV, tell people what to wear and what to be concerned with," Medina said, "which in return makes those corporations big profits."

The challenge at hand is to find ways to reverse this trend of apathy and sense of powerlessness that dominates this campus.

Ted Stolze, philosophy instructor, emphasizes the need for students to be aware of their rights here on campus and think outside the box.

"Freedom of speech and the right to assemble are very important rights students have," Stolze said, "students should inquire school

policies regarding these rights."

Key issues such as global warming and oppression have taken a back seat far too long in Stolze's view.

"Engage in a rigorous structural analysis and critique of what you think is oppressive in society," Stolze said.

"Develop, and continually adjust, a strategy for social change that would enable the oppressed themselves to lead to their own emancipation."

"Don't depend on the government to solve our social issues, Erik Herrera, law major, said.

"We have to take it upon ourselves and make that change happen."

"Students need to bring consciousness to themselves," Medina said, "they have to look at issues

Empty seats still plague ASCC

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The ASCC is still looking for students to fill the vacancies within its student government.

There are 10 vacancies within the Senate, two within the Cabinet and one within the Court. In addition, the Court is looking toward a new appointment of a chief justice.

Along with promoting the Show Pride Campaign, members of the ASCC were passing out applications during Club Information Day, Jan. 23, to students wanting to become involved in the student government.

According to Senator Brian Kochems, in order to be eligible for Senate, students must:

- Be enrolled in a minimum of five units.
- Have a minimum 2.25 grade point average at the time of application.
- Not have gotten any F's within the previous semester.
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average while active in Senate.

"We're looking for anyone willing to volunteer their time and efforts," Kochems said.

Holly Bogdanovich, director of Student Activities, also encourages students to become more involved.

"Universities are not only looking at GPA for admission, they are also looking at campus involvement," Bogdanovich said. "It (campus involvement) will make you stand out from the other applicants who also have a 3.5 GPA."

She also stated that joining the ASCC provides a great chance to meet new people and build strong relationships with people and build references.

"We live in a world full of people from different backgrounds, cultures and sexual orientations. Joining the ASCC will give students a chance to interact with them all," Bogdanovich said.

"Just do it," she said, "we're looking for new people, new ideas and new points of view."

Students reacted differently to the ASCC recruitments.

Joon Kyukang, engineering major, said that he likes to be involved in organizations on campus and is looking forward to applying for a position in the student government.

"I don't know much about the student government yet, but everyone has a chance to learn and improve," he said.

Another student, Hadey Perez, registered nurse major, said that she does not know whether or not she would join the student government because this is only her first semester.

Send an email to Bush

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Students will have an opportunity to send e-mails to President Bush this Thursday via wireless Internet.

Michael Barrita, commissioner of external affairs, is looking toward giving the students the opportunity to express concern over Bush's recent call for 21,000 additional troops to be deployed to Iraq.

The "Voice Your Opinion" campaign will be held every Thursday this semester from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in Falcon Square and will be sponsored by the Political Science and MEChA club. Barrita said that the e-mails written by students will then be sent to the office of President Bush.

However students like Elizabeth Calancha, math major said that she wasn't so sure that sending the e-mail to the president would work. "He is going to do whatever he feels like anyway," she said.

Nevertheless, she did say that Bush's recent strategy for Iraq is meaningless and that having more troops going overseas will not accomplish much.

Afterward, Barrita said that he agreed that sending additionally troops to Iraq is a mistake.

"All of the money that is used for the funding of this war could be used for funding education," he explained, "and helping the welfare system."

Furthermore, he said he hopes the campaign will help put pressure on politicians to put a stop to the war itself. With the help of both the Political Science Club and MEChA, Barrita said that the event will be held possibly three or four times a week.

Barrita said that he sees this as a benefit to those who have or who don't have a loved one fighting in Iraq.

He thinks this gives people a chance to be heard because in one way or another we are all affected.

Clubs protest war

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Clubs members held an anti-war protest at Falcon Square on Jan. 18 in response to President George W. Bush's calling for more troops to be sent to fight the war on terrorism.

The clubs involved in the protest were:

- Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
- Puente Club
- MEChA Club
- Sociology Club

Those who were involved said that President Bush was mistaken after he spoke on Jan. 10 saying that more troops were needed.

Waleed Nueirat, English and economics major, said about the protest, "This was a chance for those who care about the war and what's happening overseas to have a voice as well as an opinion."

He added that the clubs are hoping to create a change within government and to let others know that people care about what's happening with the troops and the war.

Nueirat continued saying that the clubs will continue to hold anti-war protest against Bush's latest recommendation every Thursday this semester.

However, Eric Gonzalez, communications major, had a different point of view about whether or not there is going to be change within the government and the war.

"It's reality about what is happening in Iraq," he said. He also said that no matter who would be the next president of the United States that there will be no end to the war anytime soon.

As for the clubs who were demonstrating, he said, "All of the members are just wasting their time."

Ivette Ruiz, FMLA member, said the students should be protesting everyday against the war.

"Young people do care about what is going on and also what is happening around the world."

Overseas students welcomed

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Returning and new members of the International Student Association gathered on Jan. 23 in the Student Center to talk about the student services available and also be active within campus clubs or student government.

Out of the more than 25 students that showed up were from countries like Cambodia, Japan, and Korea.

Danita Kurtz, coordinator of international student services, said that the event, which is held every spring and fall semester, gives students the opportunity to meet new people.

"It is also about making students feel welcome," she said, "and having success in their education while attending Cerritos."

One of the services that help international students is the Student Insurance Agency.

It provides medical coverage to students who are newcomers to the U.S.

In addition, Campus Police Chief Richard Bukowiecki and Vice President of Student Services Stephen Johnson addressed the service that its department provides while attending Cerritos.

Afterward, students who were in the ISA said that it was good to hear about what the program as well as the ISA club provides for students.

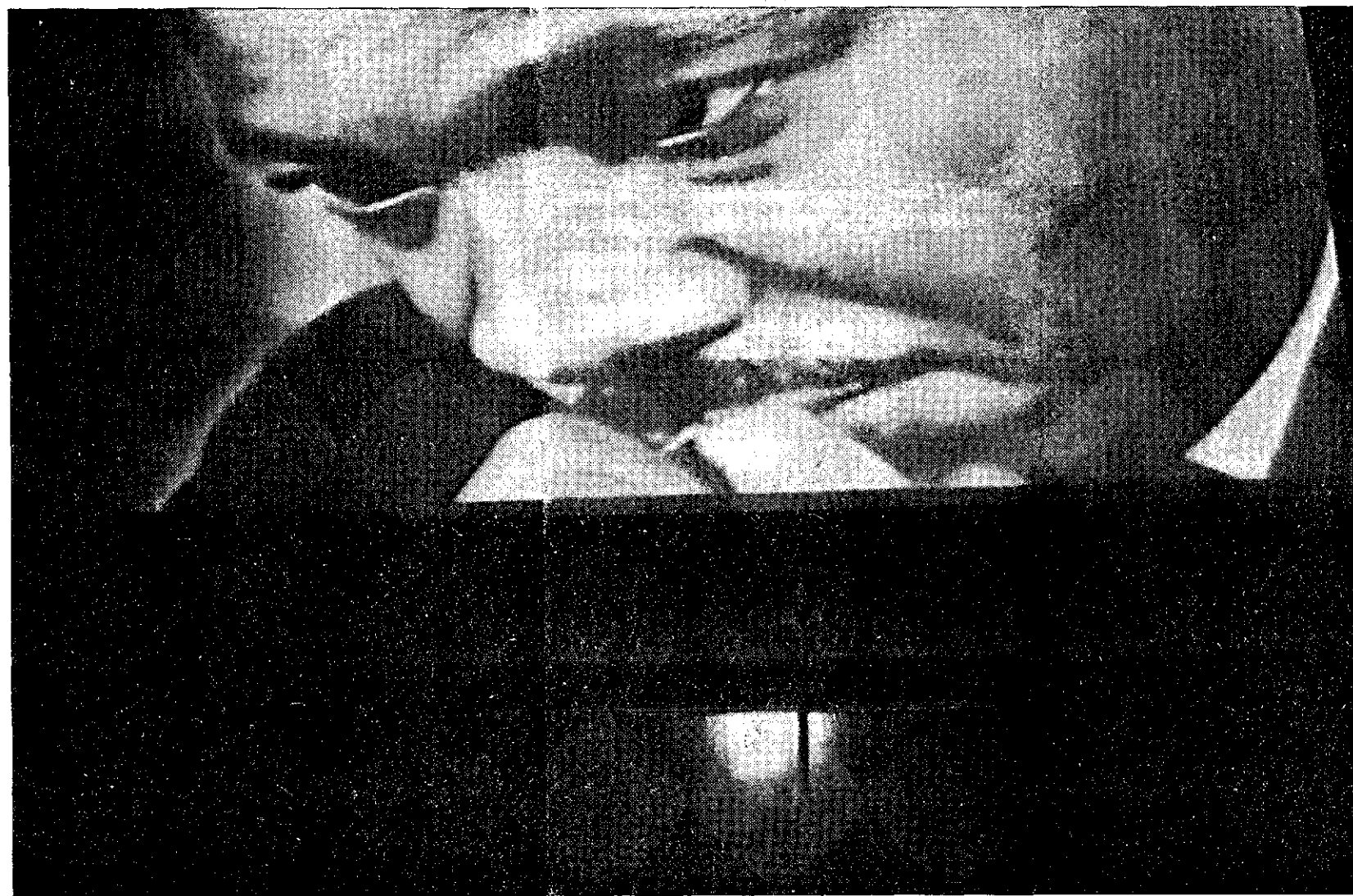
Ray Gonzales, business administration major, said that it is a good event to have because of the opportunity to get to know peoples' different background.

"The ISA also provides guidance to new students," he said.

"And the club itself will give students the opportunity to be open-minded about diversity at Cerritos."

Yannick Nga, biology major, said that is what the ISA has done for him especially last semester during Homecoming Week.

Dr. King's dream is still living



TANYA BERMUDEZ/TM

He had a dream: Philosophy teacher Ted Stolze spoke about King and his work with the civil rights movements and compared it to the work the people like Arturo Alvarez, student organizer of Local 11 a union activist group. Alvarez explained that the work he is doing right now was inspired by Dr. King's "dream."

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Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream lives on as students and faculty gathered Tuesday at the New Science Building to continue the fight for workers struggle.

Guest speaker Arturo Alvarez, student organizer from the Local 11, spoke of his experiences as a young child in a poor neighborhood in Santa Ana.

Alvarez's childhood experience transformed him from local street kid to union activist.

"My parents were working two jobs each, but we still lived in a garage because wages were really low," Alvarez said.

"What astonishes me is the big gap between the rich and the poor."

Alvarez emphasized on the need for organization and support for union movements such as the current LAX hotel workers struggle for better wages and benefits.

He also stressed that the current hotel workers struggle should be a broad movement, not just include "hotel workers, plumbers, etc...but workers of every skill."

Alvarez said that the current issue is not a racial thing, although racism is still around, but an economic issue.

"When I was on the streets, yes, I seen white men doing bad things to Mexicans," Alvarez said, "but I also seen Mexicans doing bad things to Mexicans."

Ted Stolze, philosophy instructor, started off the event with ethical point of view speech on the current workers struggle and King's own ideas.

"King increasingly drew attention to the inter-connection of racism, poverty and war," Stolze said, "that guided both Soviet-style communism and U.S.-style capitalism."

"With King's remembrance there comes an obligation for each of us to decide and act," Stolze said, "but each of us has to question, what cause am I going to commit my life?"

"The goal to this event was to let students know about what's going on around their community," Stolze said.

The event also included a short

film by author Michael Honey.

The film was of a speech by King with footage of the civil rights movement in the 1960s.

The posters and flyers promoting this event, which were seen throughout campus in previous weeks, were designed by Gredma Casasola, philosophy major.

"I'm glad a lot of people showed up," Casasola said.

"Although some people trickled out toward the end," Casasola said, "there was a pretty good turnout."

The event was sponsored by the Cerritos College Philosophy Department and the Philosophy Club. For further information on club activities or personal participation, go to www.cerritos.edu/philosophy

Coach gets noticed for spectacular season

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Coming off its first-ever state championship season, the Cerritos College men's soccer team received praise for its effort and hard work on Jan. 17 during the first Board of Trustees meeting of the spring semester.

The team defeated Taft College, 1-0, on Dec. 10 to clinch the state title. It also finished with an overall record of 20-3-5 and was placed at No. 2 in the country in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/adidas poll.

Now, players say they are looking forward to the new semester and have set a high expectation to win another championship.

Following the meeting, head coach Benny Artiaga said that what paid off the most for the players was the hard work each one put to get to where they are now.

"It's said that defense wins games," he said, "but it's not just defense because all of the players on this team were dedicated."

In regard to being named National Coach of the Year, he commented that he was humbled by the honor and opportunity and to have the support of the members of the Board is great.

Team members also said that Artiaga deserved the honor of being named National Coach of the Year.

"He expected us to win this season," team captain Joshua Myers said, "and like he stated it was the fact that the rest of the team practiced everyday."

Myers also said that Artiaga deserved the honor of being named National Coach of the Year because he commented that within his teaching there was a system that was followed and it lead to the team's success.

Students join protest against war

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More than 3,000 people marched the streets of Downtown LA on Saturday to protest the war in Iraq.

Among those who were protesting were Cerritos students, Erik Herrera, law major, Roberto Morn, criminal justice and Chicano studies major, Audrey Silvestre, women's studies major, and Adriana Cervantes, journalism major.

The protest wasn't only in response to the war itself but also it was denounced Bush's call for 21,000 more troops to be deployed to Iraq on Jan. 10.

Similar protests happened in other cities such as Washington DC and San Francisco.

However, the protest was also met with opposition when protestor Paul Mitchell, who last Nov. 16 came to Cerritos and caused a commotion about urging students to read the bible and in addition to saying that homosexuals, Muslim and "mouthy women" would go to hell, said that the anti-war protest was un-American.

Mitchell who was carrying a sign that read, "Troubled Ones, Malcontents Lend Me Your Ear: The Fear of God is What We Need Here." Hebrews 9:27, Proverbs 15:33 and Exodus 18:21 said that it was that fact that people had to worry about God himself and not the current war.

Herrera said that it was good to see that people did care and wanted



Impeach Bush: Cerritos students Roberto Morn, criminal justice and Chicano studies major, Audrey Silvestre, women's studies major, and Adriana Cervantes, journalism major march with 3,000 others against the war in Iraq on Saturday in Downtown LA.

the troops to come home.

Furthermore he called the war illegal and he said it shouldn't have happened in the first place.

Morn agreed with Herrera and added that he is against the war for personal reasons.

"My brother was shot when he was deployed to Iraq," he said, "so this war is meaningless."

Also in attendance was Dr. Jim Lafferty, director of the National

Lawyer Guild, who spoke to the crowd.

Last December, he came to Cerritos during "Are You an Enemy Combatant?" a discussion about the Bush administration's decision to invade Iraq.

In addition, he discussed the Military Commissions Act and said that there is no need for more troops to be deployed and that too many soldiers are dying.

He continued saying, "We don't want the troops home in six months or a year. We want them home now!"

Morn said that he expected there would be turnout but he didn't think the turnout was going to be more than 3,000 people. He was very pleased with the amount out people that supported the protest.

There is also another anti-war protest scheduled for Mar. 17.

Students go night and day clubbing

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Thirty-five clubs got out to the Falcon Square on Jan. 23 for Club Information Day as early as 9 a.m. At 6 p.m., 11 of those clubs showed up to the Social Science patio for Club Information Night.

The clubs had different ways of approach toward the students and trying to recruit as much as possible.

While some gave candies and cookies, others gave pens and agendas and others even offered services such as haircuts and manicures.

Crystal Bernal, president of the cosmetology club said, "We've been setting up since 9 a.m. and we started cutting hair at 11 a.m."

"We're offering our services out here at a cheaper rate to give the students information about our club and also to let them know that these services are available to them in the cosmetology department."

Brooke Sholberg, vice-president of the cosmetology club agreed.

"We'll also have a fashion show this semester in the student center to show the students the things we learn."

Another club that was recruiting students was the Muslim Student Association.

Syntia Hadiningtias, president of the club, said, "Our club is not only for Muslims, it's for everyone. We want to let people know what Muslims really believe, what we think

of other religions, what we think of terrorism and other things. Our first meeting will be Feb. 1."

There were other religious clubs such as the Christian Student Club, Campus Crusade for Christ and the Korean Campus Crusade for Christ.

Moung Sook Han, general secretary of the KCCC said that they have prayer every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 a.m. in the Student Center.

The Black Student Union was also present and Debbie Dennis, vice-president of the BSU said that they'll be having a talent show Feb. 23rd to celebrate Black History Month.

According to Ayisha Gibson, childhood development major, the Child Development club was supposed to have a booth as well.

However, no one else showed up and she was the only member taking care of the booth, which had no signs other than the ones Gibson made on white paper with the name of the club.

The ASCC gave free pizza and drinks to all the students that showed up to the Club Information Night, but due to the cold weather, not as many people wanted to stop and ask the clubs questions as during the day.



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WPMD produces star 'Power' DJ

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In any career, when a person starts from the bottom up, it can sometimes be a tough road to travel on. But sometimes hard work and persistence can get a person to a place where they never thought they'd be.

21-year-old Armando Ponce, communications major, is an example of how humble beginnings can turn a person into a city-wide phenomenon.

He hosts his own radio show on Power 106, from 12 a.m.-5 a.m. on weekdays. He is one of the youngest people in the station's history to have his own show.

Ponce also attends Cerritos College as a part-time student. He is currently taking courses to finish his Associate's Degree in radio and television broadcasting. He hopes to transfer to UCLA in the fall '07 semester to pursue a bachelor's degree in communication.

During his tenure at Power 106, he has interviewed hip-hop artists such as Nelly, Pharrell, Pitbull and The Game.

But before his voice filled millions of radio stations across L.A., his voice was exclusively found on www.wpmd.org, working on Cerritos' radio station, WPMD.

One of his first classes at Cerritos was radio production. "I never thought about it as a full-time career. I just came in and started messing around with some equipment," he said.

Before he knew it, he was hosting his own show, called "The Mando Show" where he played music from genres such as hip-hop, R&B and Reggaeton.

"I remember him being very funny and very creative. He was also a hard working person," said Craig Breit, theatre arts instructor. "He'd stay at the radio station until 10:00 pm when it closed. I'd have to kick him out!"

"I had a feeling that (working at WPMD) would launch his career."

After spending time working at WPMD, he



PHOTO COURTESY OF ARMANDO PONCE
Graveyard Shift: Armando Ponce, communications major hosts a show on Power 106 from 12 a.m. to 5 a.m. He previously worked at the campus' radio station, WPMD.

built his confidence high enough to apply for internship at different radio stations.

He saw an advertisement on the Internet that said Power 106 was looking for interns. He sent his resume and letters of recommendation with hopes of getting the job. He was hired at Power 106 as an intern in June of 2005.

Ponce has now been working at Power 106 for a total of a year. He has gone from being an intern to working on different time slots.

In the future, Ponce has plans to become a video jockey and host a television show on a network similar to MTV. He feels that his work ethic will get him to the places he wants to be.

Students audition for FMLA's version of the 'Monologues'

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Six students auditioned for roles in the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance's version of Eve Ensler's play *The Vagina Monologues* on Tuesday in the Liberal Arts building.

The monologues deal with gaining acceptance of one's own body and becoming aware of one's own female empowerment.

Jonathan Mota, English major and Adela Momya, sociology major, will direct the monologues.

The *Vagina Monologues* will be performed on Feb. 28 and Mar. 1 in the Teleconference Center from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Those who auditioned, like Yuri Martinez, sociology major, said that she was excited and nervous but also glad that she came to audition.

She said that during her performance she thought she did okay. She had heard about the auditions when she saw a sign against the wall of the Social Science Building.

Vivian Sepulveda, sociology major, and Perla Madita, social welfare major, also said they heard about the auditions the same way.

Sepulveda said that the dialogue, despite the explicit content of the monologue, was very empowering because it gave women the chance to talk about a part of the body that hasn't been talked about before.

Martinez agreed.

"Having a feminist club is something that wouldn't be allowed in my high school before," she said, "and it's different when you are in college. What the FMLA is doing is great because (the club) is making women aware of important issues."

Sepulveda said that now that she is aware of a club like the FMLA she will come back and will be more involved and help out in any way she can.

Afterward, Tracy Garcia, undecided major and FMLA member said that those who performed did a good job and that all of them got through it.

Garcia said that the reason why it is important to have the performance of the monologues is so that women can be secure about their bodies.

"The *Vagina Monologues* will hopefully give women the opportunity to accept themselves," she said, "and be proud to have a vagina."

FMLA adviser Barbara Mueller said that a topic like talking about vaginas was comfortable for those who auditioned.

However, Sepulveda said that Momya's performance was the one that was eye opening. "She was really, really into it," she commented, "and it was also inspiration because she was in character."

Reggie West, history major, said that he had no problem with the explicit content.



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EDITORIAL

Take the lead, take a stand!

Imagine if people started living for today. Imagine a country where people unite to make a change in the world, to bring peace, to fight for our rights to live freely.

That was after all the dream of our forefathers, as they united to create a system in which we could have freedom.

But that dream is lost. What have we done to the dreams of our recent revolutionists? What has become of our will to stand together and make our voice heard?

Where have all our leaders gone?

You see "Imagine" was not just a John Lennon song, it was an anthem for all of those who wanted to make a change, who wanted to bring troops home, who wanted the war to end.

Today our anthem is silence. Our voice is dead.

Apparently people like Malcolm X, Che Guevara, Angela Davis and Martin Luther King Jr. were the only ones who believed in making a difference.

Because history shows, these were true leaders of past times. These were people who sacrificed their lives fighting for a cause much greater for them to take on.

And when people questioned the difference they could make they went on to make history in their generation.

Margaret Meade once said that a small group of thoughtful people could change the world. That it's the only thing that ever has.

Don't think for a second that just because you're an ordinary student you can't organize an event to unite a mass group of students to protest the war.

Our attempts to get attention from the government are pathetic. Have you learned nothing from the '60s? It's going to take more than just a small gathering of two clubs on campus to speak out against the war.

Get out there and contact other schools. Get other students to rally the same day, organize walkouts in your community.

It's not like it can't be done. Just take a look at what we did May 1st 2006. It was a national protest! Over a million people filled the street of Los Angeles, Chicago, Oregon and Washington hosted thousands everywhere else.

That got the attention of the government. That gave you a voice and gave you the opportunity to make a change.

Too many people make too many excuses about not having enough time or not being able to be committed.

But the least you could do is sign up for clubs here on campus, clubs that are active and send out e-mails about their events. Assist them in any way you can.

Stop using poor excuses, because honestly you can manage a 20-minute meeting in your day once every other week.

If you have kids, that's even better, because then you could educate them about what's happening. Don't be afraid to take them to peaceful protests or talk to them about what's happening in the news.

Kids are a lot smarter than you think, and they deserve more credit, more importantly they deserve to know the truth.

If you're a full time student and a part-time worker, talk to your coworkers! Get the message across.

If students and faculty want to protest against the Iraq war, then do it right! Do it big! Don't just gather around in Falcon Square and discuss the reasons on why we shouldn't be there.

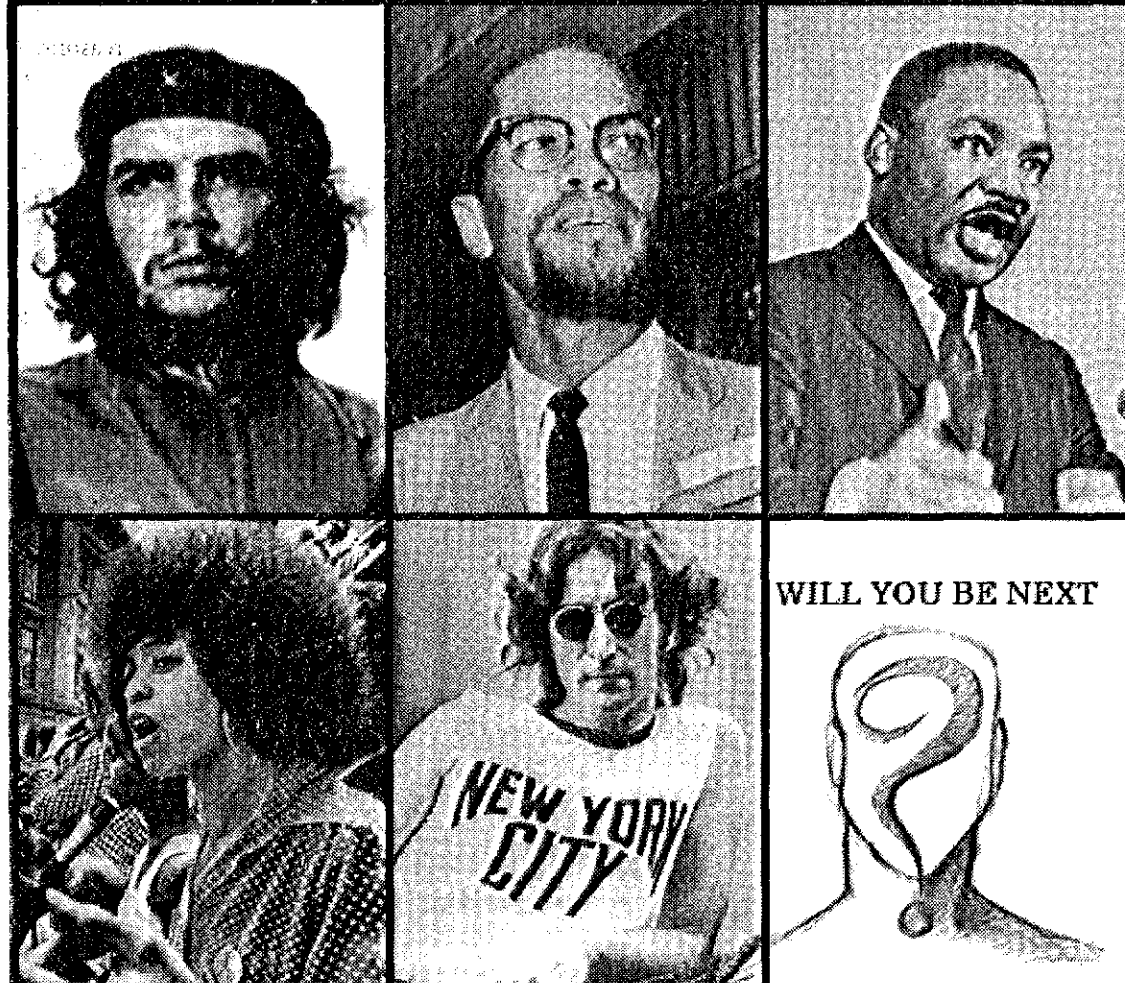
Come up with solutions!

Rally around campus.

Flood the streets of Norwalk, stop traffic!

But don't just sit there.

LEADERS OF OUR TIME



The FUTURE belongs to those who prepare for it TODAY.
-MALCOLM X

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Its time for a lady like change

The time has come to break barriers and open more doors of opportunity



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To our generation, the idea of women having equal rights as men is pretty much a given.

As women, we are given equal treatment most of the time and although there are still many double standards that exist, as a society, we have come a long way in recent decades.

But what would happen if our society were confronted with a major decision regarding this?

For example, what if a woman decided to run for president? How would we react? Would we discard the idea without even thinking about it? Or, would we embrace it, and see it as an opportunity for growth?

Well, we are lucky enough to have a chance to show as a society how it is that we would react when confronted with such a choice.

As many of you may already know, last Sunday, Hillary Clinton announced that she would be running for president in the next elections.

Although there has been much talk about this before, it occurred now, and it is now that we have a chance to show which way we will react.

Today, many women in America hold high-ranking positions. It is no longer unusual to see women as head of big corporations, and it is even socially acceptable to have women be the head of the simplest units in our society, households.

Not only have women incorporated themselves into worlds that were previously only for men, but also, they have done it well and gracefully. So, does this mean that a woman can hold one of the most, if not the most, important office in the world?

After all, America is a world power. It is not only about what would happen to this country and its citizens, but also, we must stop and think about how this will affect the rest of the world.

The idea of having a female president is absurd for many people.

And I truly wonder, why?

Is it because a woman's tendency to be a nurturer would prevent her from fulfilling her duties? How so? Wouldn't this very nature provoke a desire to protect those that depend on her?

As I gave thought to this history-changing event, I realized that this could change not only the roles and the lives of women, but of all minorities.

Shouldn't we then take into consideration how this can encourage more growth among such minorities?

In the past, we have opened our minds to new things, weren't most of these thought of as absurd at first, yet in the end they became part of our culture? If we want to continue thriving as a world power, and a society, we must be open to new things.

When slavery was abolished, this country experienced the privilege of freedom. When we opened our borders, we saw growth. Now, what if we opened up our minds? What if we gave a woman a chance to lead us?

As with any election you participate in, you should always pay close attention to what it is that you are voting for.

But for this election, think about all the barriers we are breaking.

Look at all the positive things that can come from electing a woman as president, not because she's a woman, but because of what she represents...change, progress, and opportunity.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



PRESIDENT BUSH DEFENDS HIS WAR PLAN

President George W. Bush responds to Anti-War lawmakers in Congress this past Friday.

"I'm the decision-maker on Iraq"

President Bush goes on to defend his plan and challenges Congress.

"They have an obligation and a serious responsibility therefore to put up their own plan as to what would work."

What did you think about President Bush's State of the Union address?

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ANDRE PEREZ
auto mechanics major
"I didn't listen to it. I was at school all day doing homework."



JOSH MACHADO
film major
"I didn't watch it. I was at work, but I'll read about it as soon as I get a chance."



JEN ARELLANO
cosmetology major
"I don't really care for George W. Bush because he seems too arrogant and I'm a democrat any way."



PEDRO MORENO
communications major
"I didn't watch it because I was working; otherwise I think I would've been forced to watch it since it's pretty much on every channel."



ELIZABETH MARTINEZ
nursing major
"I didn't watch it because I was too busy doing homework."



MELISSA PAWNESSING
anthropology major
"He was appealing. He seemed more humble this time. Although he said pretty much the same things, he didn't mention social security, Katrina, or immigration."

Vote God for President

Bad tempers, drugs and boasting God rules out running for office



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In the news on politics we have seen many contenders throwing in their bids in for the 08' election.

We see some very interesting choices for that coming election.

They are: (Democrats) Sen. Hillary R. Clinton, Sen. Barack H. Obama, Sen. John Edwards, (Republicans) Sen. John McCain, former NY city mayor Rudolph Giuliani, former Mass. Governor Mitt Romney, and Sen. Samuel Brownback.

One important question to ask is who is the perfect choice for president after Bush.

There is but one choice that would be incredible.

It is the Kansas Senator Brownback.

He would be the perfect choice because he has America's best interest in mind.

For America to truly be the best, its culture must be a culture of goodness and with very strong morality.

He made it known in a recent interview that (besides the War on Terrorism) he'll make it his top priority to restore the American culture and have it set back in the right direction again.

In that same interview he said that he is "a full scale Ronald Reagan conservative."

Senator Brownback believes that life is precious and that all children are to be loved.

Here are some facts about the good senator.

Brownback was born on September 12, 1956 to a farming family of German descent who settled in Kansas after leaving Pennsylvania following the American Civil War.

Senator Brownback was raised as a Methodist then later became a part of the Evangelical church.

However in 2002 he converted and was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church.

He has five kids (two of which are adopted.)

He is a big time humanitarian.

One of top social issues he'll work on if elected is he'll help to end the genocide of the Darfur region in Sudan.

He'll work hard to try to fight poverty in the US and to help America on education and environmental

issues. Brownback is the one choice that will be just excellent.

Senator Clinton is not a good choice because of two reasons; one she has a terrible temper, two if she is president she'll make America turn to an evil doctrine called Feminism.

Feminism is the new Baa of this age.

Clinton will be in all reality the new Queen Jezebel.

Senator Obama would also not be good for two reasons: One his middle name is "Hussein," he also did marijuana and crack cocaine in high school and two, his wickedness is that he boasts against God.

His sin is the same as the wicked king of Assyria, Sennacherib that the Prophet Isaiah fought against.

Personally if a man can govern his own soul and be upright in heart (that means has good integrity and is godly) then he can govern a nation. That is why Senator Brownback would be better than Senator Clinton and Senator Obama.

In the book of Proverbs Ch.14:34 it's summed up best: 'Righteousness exalts a Nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.'



The FIRST SNOW JOB of the YEAR

Momma always told me

Doing good deeds aren't always viewed as something good



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I guess being a nice person doesn't account for anything anymore.

The reason I say that is because when I try to be nice to those who look like they need help, those students think I'm doing it just because.

What a lame excuse that is.

Excuse me, that is not true and the reason why I'm nice is because I have been taught to be respectful of everyone, including anyone in a wheelchair.

I have run into a situation with someone in a wheelchair twice, once this semester and once last semester, and the attitude that this person had was that those who are "able-bodied" should have gone first.

However, when I tried to hold the door for that person, the act wasn't taken as a courtesy but offensively.

That is something that I don't understand and not everyone is rude in that sense.

I am not just blaming those who don't see the courtesy of those who

try to help; there is also the other side of the situation where people need to be more helpful and take away the assumption that you are not being courteous.

If you have ever needed help with something that needed to be carried and when you asked for help how many people actually stopped to do so?

What about when you needed help just picking something up from the floor when you weren't able to?

How many people actually came to your aid when you needed them the most?

It brings back that saying, "Nice guys finish last."

I have been in that situation when I was young.

I had two operations to learn to be able to walk and that included being in a wheelchair at one point. I was at a vulnerable point and was looking for someone who would be concerned.

The only person that cared enough to be there wasn't a stranger

but it was my mother.

I thought about how it would be facing the same situation at school. Questions arose from "What if?" to "What happens next?"

The fact of the matter is we need to look at ourselves more often and learn to appreciate, if not respect, those who are around us.

In addition, we have to stop being egotistical and realize that despite the differences that everyone one of us have, we are equal.

Look at it this way, wouldn't it upset you if your mother or father would face the same treatment of disrespect from anyone?

Everyone faces a need from someone's help everyday whether you admit it or not.

Just imagine if the shoe was on the other foot and you were in need of help, or were someone who was either blind or in a wheelchair, would you seriously consider helping that person out or just leaving them hanging?

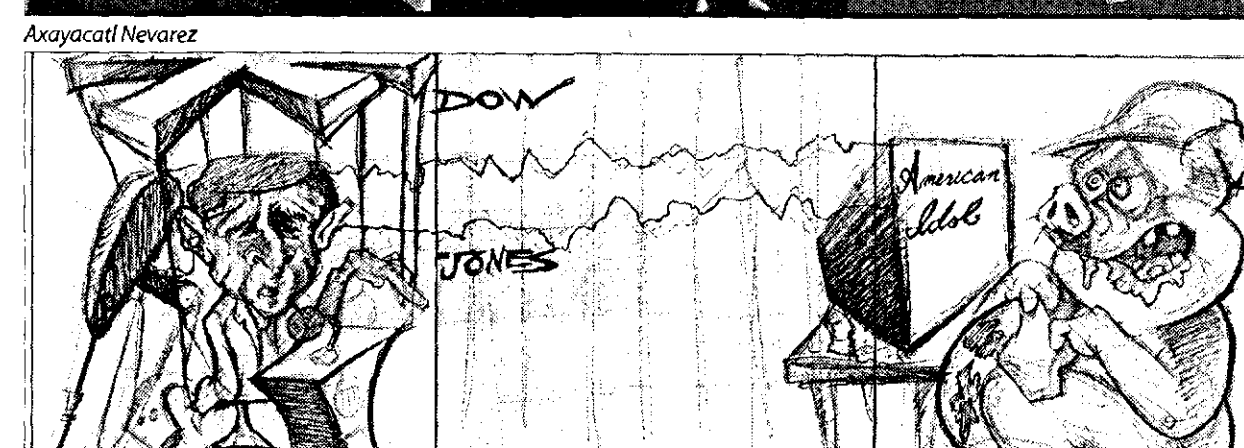
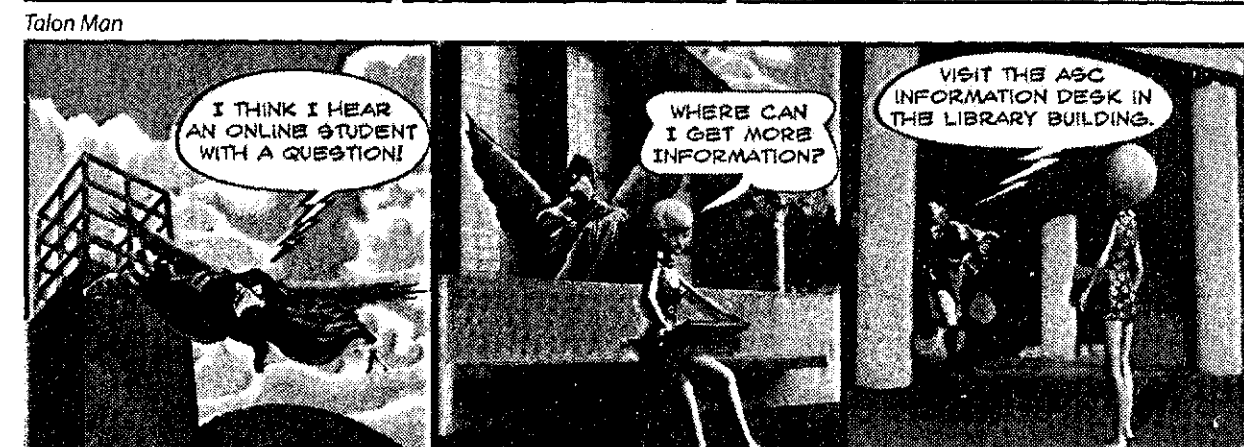
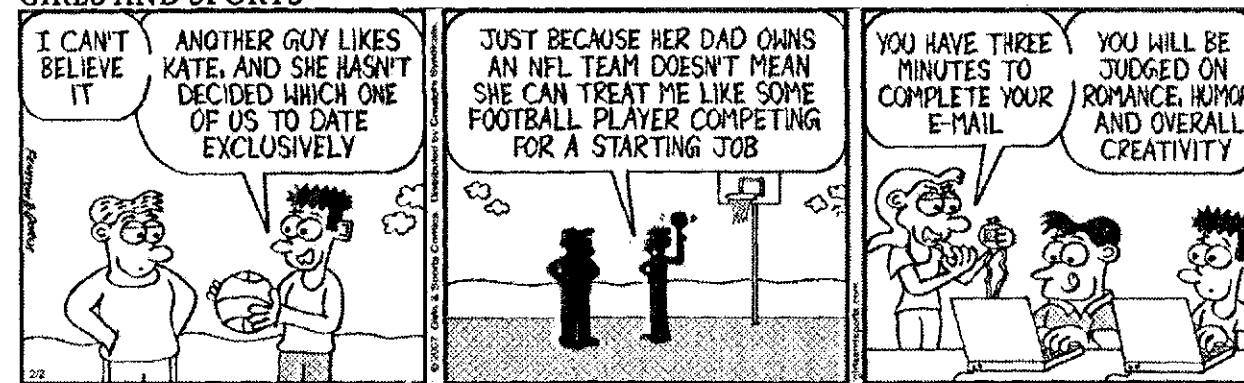
So the next time someone holds the door for you, it is not just because; there may be one day when you'll need them.

You wouldn't want them to turn away from you.

GIRLS AND SPORTS



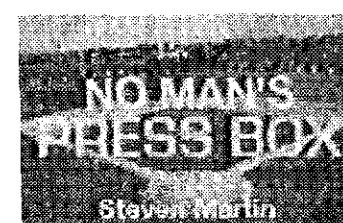
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Softball doubles it up but falls short in the end

Game one: A sixth inning homerun wasn't enough to win

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Saturday's women's softball game against Fullerton College ended abruptly due to a technicality.

While the Falcons were up at the seventh inning, Stephanie Lomeli was batting while she wasn't in the lineup.

"[Coach Murray] was supposed to re-enter me," Lomeli said.

After Lomeli's double, the umpire called a timeout which caused confusion in the stands. He announced that Lomeli was out and that ended the game at 3-2, Fullerton's win.

After the first two innings of neither team scoring any runs, Fullerton took the lead by scoring one run per inning. This lasted the next three innings.

However, Cerritos started to bounce back at the fifth and sixth. When they scored their first run, Fullerton called a timeout.

Kelly Lopez of the Hornets

said, "We had good energy. We were pretty confident [about winning]."

During the sixth inning, the Falcons concentrated on getting the Hornets out when they reached first base, meanwhile Hornet Jacqueline Cervantes, managed to get to third base.

It wasn't a mistake on the Falcons' part as they managed to get Cervantes out before she reached home.

When the Falcons were up, Jessica Navarro swung for two strikes. She followed up with a nice hit, but a Hornet caught it.

It was in the sixth inning that Venezia Martin Del Campo of the Falcons scored the game's only home run. Unfortunately for Cerritos, no one was on base at the time. It brought the Falcons to one point behind the Hornets.

By the seventh inning, Cerritos had reached its peak. The Falcons performed some clean plays, taking out all the Hornets that went up to plate.

When the Falcons were up, other players got out while Amber Cardona inched her way from base to base. She could have made it home, but she remained at third, looking for where the ball was at the time.

Game two: Errors caused the Falcons to lose a second time

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Despite the hard work of pitcher Jessica Navarro, the Falcons were unable to defeat Bakersfield College as it settled for a 3-0 loss which made the Falcons 0-2 Saturday.

The Falcons struggled to get hits and runners for that matter. Some attempts like bunting to get on base worked but without the hitting power the Falcons remained scoreless throughout the game. It wasn't a lack of trying to get some runs.

Catcher Charlee Cox who singled in the third and stole second and Jenel Guadagno who singled in the sixth inning were the few that were able to make contact with the ball and get on base.

Nadine Garcia, who played left field in the second game and caught in the first struggled to get a hit. She would make contact but with a defense like the Renegades' had, Garcia was



Face first: Cerritos catcher Charlee Cox (on the ground) reaches second base, though she suffered a minor injury in the process.

robbed of a base hit in the seventh.

Garcia mentioned a possible reason for the loss was that the Falcons weren't playing as a team. "We were playing individually," she explained.

Right fielder, Stephanie Lomeli agreed with Garcia.

"We didn't play as a team and we just weren't hitting," Lomeli which was one her other reason on why the Falcons lost.

However, the Renegades knew how to play together and it was known because it would get the hits and runners needed to get into scoring position.

With the batting power mixed with the errors that the Falcons made was enough to get three runs in sixth inning and maintain its lead to win the game.

The Falcons' next home game will be Wednesday at 2:30 against Ventura College.

Falcons start season with three home wins in a row

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The numbers three and four proved to be lucky for the Cerritos College baseball team last weekend.

It kicked off its season with three straight wins all at Joe Kincaid Field; defeating College of the Canyons, 6-2 last Friday, Rio Hondo College, 3-2, last Saturday and Glendale College, 3-1 last Sunday.

In all three games, Cerritos fell behind within the first three innings.

But the fourth innings would provide resurgences for the Falcons as it went on to win each game with steady pitching and hitting from the team.

"We did all of the small things right, such as sacrificed fly-balls, bunts and drags," said Junior Garcia, 2nd basemen

"We started getting big hits and moving guys over (to different bases). Defensively, we did alright. As the season continues, we have to build upon our defense and then we'll be a more solid team."

The Falcons will travel to San Diego this Thursday to play Mesa College and try to extend the winning streak.

Against Canyons, the Cougars struck first, taking advantage of Falcon pitcher John Ortega and getting two unearned runs in the second inning.

But from that point on, the Falcons possessed the game with Ortega struck out five batters and limited Canyons to only two hits afterward.

"Our starting pitcher took control of the game. We went the other way with the left-handed pitcher and hit to the right side," said head coach Ken Gaylord.

Leftfielder Andrew Baslow went 2 for 4 at bat and also added three RBI. The tie at two was broken at the bottom of the fourth with a two run single from Baslow.

For the Cougars, a blown lead and having batters not being able to capitalize on the score, is what lost the game for the team.

"Being up 2-0, we had chances to take the game. (Cerritos)

pitcher saved the game for (the team)," said Canyons head coach Chris Cota. "We knew (the Falcons) would eventually score, but we were hoping to get some more points."

Though the Falcons were down in these games, the team was optimistic for the comeback.

"We were down two, but being down two points in college baseball isn't much," Garcia said.

Pitcher John Ortega struck out five Canyons players in six innings.

"I was a little nervous and over-excited first. But as the game went on, I calmed down and started throwing more strikes," he said.

Though Cerritos won against Rio Hondo, the game didn't quite go as well according to Gaylord.

With wild pitches from Camacho and defensive lapses from others, the game became unpredictable.

"We played a poor defensive game," Gaylord said. "The third through sixth inning, we didn't get a lot out of those. We had chances to blow the game open, but we didn't capitalize."

In the bottom of the 10th inning Rio Hondo pitcher Sal Ramirez threw a wild pitch. While catcher Michael Moretti struggled to pick up the ball, Cerritos infielder Trever Blood ran for home plate to

win the game for the Falcons.

"It was just instincts. I was pumped after I got the first hit. He threw an outside pitch and I just ran with it," Blood said.

He also adds that the game against the Roadrunners wasn't pretty.

"We had the right people in the right spots, but it didn't happen they way we wanted it to. Nevertheless, a win is a win," he said.

Against Glendale, Andrew Baslow scored in the bottom of the fourth inning on a double from Blood. Baslow was followed by Blood, who was able to score on a single RBI from catcher Phil Rodriguez.

Pitcher Robbie Dominguez struck out four batters in a row during the threw a career high 13 strikeouts.

Though the wins may not have been perfect according to team members, the Falcons hope that the momentum from these wins will carry the team throughout the season.

"We could have come out a little stronger, but (these are) good games to build on for the rest of the season," Blood said.

Women's basketball tries to start another winning streak

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The Cerritos College women's basketball team added another win last Friday with a 54-37 victory over El Camino College.

During its fifth home game of the season, Cerritos knew it needed this victory, after a devastating loss of 57-63 to Los Angeles Southwest last Wednesday.

The Falcons will be facing El Camino once again Feb. 16. Before that, it will have another home game against Pasadena this Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Cerritos had a rough start with the Warriors scoring the first point of the game in the first minute. Yet they were quick to answer by taking the lead short after.

The first half was filled with defensive plays, making it a very low scoring game with Cerritos having a four point-lead, 24-20.

Fouls also played an important part. By the end of the first half,

Cerritos had four team fouls, while El Camino had 10.

Steve, an El Camino supporter, said "I feel the refereeing is a little biased," while Randy, another El Camino fan, added "It's usually part of the home court advantage. We usually expect it."

They still believed their team would be able to overcome this and come out with a victory.

During the second half Cerritos was able to take the lead, ending the game with 54-37 on the score board.

The Cerritos defense was able to bring to a halt the El Camino offense, with six blocks and ten steals, compared to El Camino with four blocks and two steals.

Forward Shontay Delpit also made a significant contribution

to the Cerritos team, with six offensive and six defensive rebounds.

Cerritos guard LaTrina Payne was also very impressive, scoring 18 points during the game. Chelsea Womack, another guard for the Cerritos was also key, as she brought much needed intensity to the game.

Toward the end, El Camino tried to end the game aggressively, adding three team fouls to its total of eight. Cerritos finished with five.

About the team's victory, Cerritos guard Cecily Garcia said "After winning so many games, now we're confident. We know we can win the games. We just need to do that little extra to get there."

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