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Stop being cheap

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Members of the Cerritos College Faculty Federation are concerned with the way that the school's Administration and Board of Trustees are budgeting the school's monetary reserves.

Reserves are the money in the school's annual fiscal budget that isn't spent and is stored away for purposes such as extra funding.

At the end of the fiscal year, there is money left over that can be saved or can be used for next fiscal year's budget.

Members of the federation feel that the administration is saving money unnecessarily.

"The school's administration isn't spending the money the way that it is meant to be.

They're basically banking the money. The money that comes in should go back to the students."

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ISA hosts cultural festivities

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Through song, dance and fashion, the International Student Association held its Spring Festival on April 10 in the Student Center.

More than 40 students were treated to music from different cultural backgrounds including performers from the Cerritos Chinese School.

Danita Kurtz, ISA adviser, gave the objective for hosting the event.

"The hope was to expose a community to a diverse culture that makes up traditions as well as cultures."

In addition, she hoped for a standing-room-only audience attendance, but nonetheless said the event was well-received.

Among those in attendance at the event was Vice President of Student Services Stephen Johnson.

One of the performances that stood out for Kurtz was that of the Ribbon Dance and Peacock Dance from members of the Cerritos Chinese School. "It was great to see (all of the different) generations present," she said.

In another performance, the Korean Traditional Dance Group performed the Traditional Drums and Traditional Fan Dance.

There are other plans to make the Spring Festival bigger, Kurtz explained.

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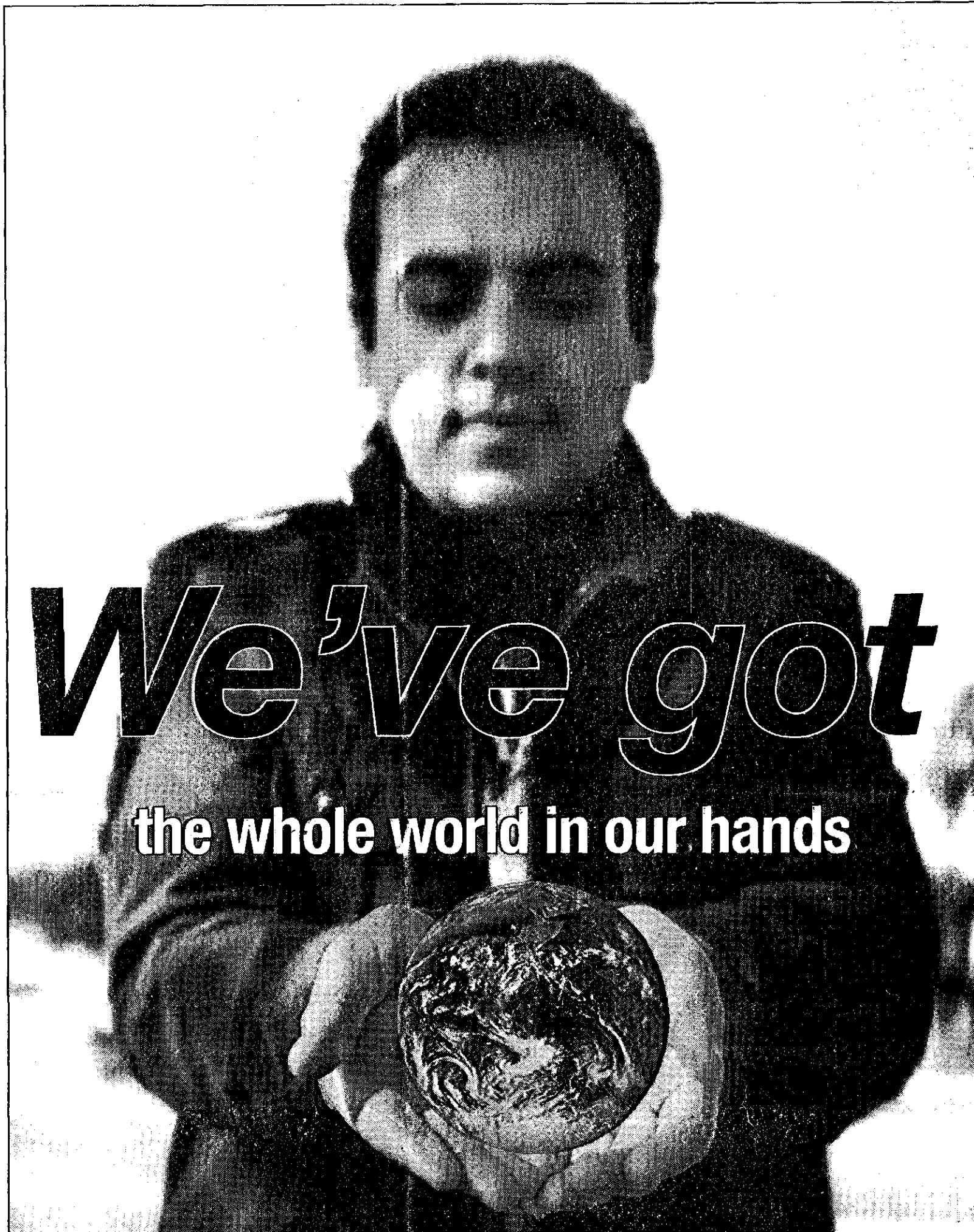


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It's the end of the world part II: an update on global warming

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Make the change today. Why wait until tomorrow? That's the question Psychology Club Vice President Mario Torres asked about the global warming crisis.

It is an undeniable fact that our planet is in danger.

And as the earth continues to be pushed the threshold will soon cave in and the consequences of the damage will be irreversible.

Jaime Sandoval, Psychology Club president, and Torres are taking what they say are the necessary steps to making a change.

"Our main goal is to invite students to be environmentally conscious," Sandoval said.

With the Environmental Week that the Psychology Club has put together, Sandoval, Torres and other members are doing just that.

In recognition of Earth Day, April 22, the Psychology Club has set up a week's events, which are listed at talonmarks.com.

The question that seems to be on the minds of students and faculty is why are we not progressing?

Would it be foolish to think that humans are the cause of the global changes happening to the environ-

ment?

Donald Hallinger, earth science instructor, thinks so.

"I'm of the opinion that we are the root cause.

"All of the evidence that I have seen points to the fact that mankind is a large contributor to this situation by putting greenhouse gases into the air."

Though the evidence is there to support the facts that mother nature is growing ill, some people and scientists believe it's all part of the natural occurrences.

Biology Professor Wayne Johnson believes that the changes in temperatures and melting of glaciers is part of nature's cleansing system.

But as former Vice President of the U.S. Al Gore explains in his film, "An Inconvenient Truth", the extreme changes that are taking place are not ordinary.

Many questions have yet to be answered. But there is only so much a film can do.

As students and faculty look toward the government for help, they realize that the health of the planet is not its priority.

"I think instructors fundamentally would want to be a role model to students," Cheryl Shimazu, chemistry professor, said.

"But how can we when we are

not given the resources to do so."

Though science has shown its research, the solutions have yet to be made. Shimazu asks whose responsibility is it?

This is a global problem. A loss of a species affects the entire ecological system.

As humans, we've placed ourselves in the No. 1 priority and the habitats of hundreds of species lies directly in our hands.

Will we wash our hands from it? Or will students and society make the necessary steps to reverse the wasteful lifestyles it has grown accustomed to?

For Hallinger, several things must be done in order to stop global warming. "We need to control the population.

"But we also need to control the way people use their resources.

"We are using (resources) faster than can be replaced."

We need to change our way of thinking.

"There's a lack of participation on campus," Sandoval says.

One of the unfortunate realizations for the Psychology Club was the responses it was getting from students, who said they weren't concerned with the state of the world.

THE DIRTY FACTS

The damage our pollution today is causing will not become apparent till about 2030.

The global sea level has risen by between 10 and 25 cms over the last century, as glaciers melt and warming sea water expands.

What we are seeing now is the result of the greenhouse gases emitted up till 1968, because the climate takes about 30 years to catch up with extra pollution already emitted.

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ASCC collects more than cans

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The ASCC made \$107.85 after turning in the recyclables collected during the recycling drive on March 6-7. Commissioner of Student Outreach Joelle Lai made the announcement during the Cabinet meeting April 9.

Aluminum cans provided the most profit. Plastic bottles made the second most and only approximately \$7 was made from the glass.

The money will be distributed into the recycling fund. "It's not much," Lai said, "but it's a start."

President Joe Cobarrubio is happy with the amount of money made from the recycling drive.

"The account was pretty much empty," Cobarrubio said, "and now it's growing."

With help from the psychology club, the account will have a chance to grow even more.

Students, faculty and staff have been contributing money to the Psychology Club's Environmental Week projects.

They have already collected approximately \$600, and plans to spend it on activities during the week.

Senator Jaime Sandoval, president of the psychology club, said he wants to help unify ASCC and the Psychology Club.



- Joe Cobarrubio, ASCC President

Two clubs receive conference money

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The ASCC granted the Muslim Student Association and the American Dental Hygienists' Association funds for its upcoming conferences during the Senate meeting last Wednesday.

The ASCC has provided the MSA with \$2,223.00.

The MSA was expected to bring seven MSA members and one adviser to San Francisco for the Muslim Student Association of the West Zone Conference from April 13 through 15.

Prior to authorizing money for the MSA conference, senators questioned the idea of having seven students attend.

Vice President Jason Macias answered by stating the importance of representing Cerritos College.

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Giving Blood: Brittany Phillips, international relations major, looks away as a pint of blood is taken from her vein during the second Cerritos College Blood Drive last week in the Student Center.

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Students come out to donate

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The Red Cross held a blood drive and that went on between April 11 and 12.

Rob Torrez, American Cross Senior Representative, says that Cerritos College is great at donating blood based on its consistency.

Torrez says Cerritos is among the top schools to donate blood at the drives among Mt. SAC, LBCC,

Cal Poly, El Camino, Santa Ana, Cypress, and Orange Coast.

According to Torrez, Cerritos is getting better at donating blood each year.

"The blood should be used by next week," Torrez said.

About 100 students and about 125 between the two days. That didn't include walk-ins.

When the sirens went off at Cerritos College, there was one man inside with a needle in his arm.

"We couldn't pull the needle out

of him," Torrez said, "He finished and we escorted him out."

Torrez said they lost a few donors due to the alarm, but people came back and Torrez appreciates it.

The Red Cross is bringing in the new Alyx machine to use with donors that meet the requirements.

The purpose of the Alyx machine is to take the red blood cells out and return all other fluids into the body.

With the Alyx machine, a pint

of blood can help up to six people, rather than the normal three.

The requirements to use the Alyx machine for males is he has to be at least 5' 1" and 130 pounds. For women, the requirements are she has to be at least 5' 5" and 150 pounds.

"That's what the hospitals are in need of, red blood cells."

Barbara Rodriguez, psychology major, was there to donate blood, describing this as her "5000th time."

Students, faculty walk against breast cancer

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The seventh annual Cerritos College Breast Cancer Awareness Walk was held March 22 at Falcon Square. The event was sponsored by the Cerritos College Fitness and Wellness Department and raised more than \$2,000 in donations for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Linda Pura a board member of the Komen Foundation said, "The turnout was wonderful and this event has been getting better and better since 2001."

The event began with some words of encouragement from the coordinators of the awareness walk. When participants of the walk had completed their registration, they were given a pink ribbon to show support toward the event.

All the participants were also entered into a raffle that was held after everyone had completed the walk. Prizes such as hats, sweatshirts, coffee mugs, and movie tickets to name a few. Student Activities donated many of the prizes.

The walk began north of Falcon Square. Pink ribbons lined the walking course that went around the campus, and there were volunteers passing out water throughout the walk.

A few minutes after, the almost 300 participants made their way out of Falcon Square. The children from the Child Development Center had its own version of the awareness walk called the Tot Trot. All of the children had been given ribbons or wore pink shirts.

The children walked throughout the square, accompanied by their care takers. The Child Development Center also raised \$278 from bake sales and lemonade stands; for the Awareness Walk.

Falcon Square was also hosting booths with health services. Students had the ability to check their blood pressure, receive information for student health insurance, chiropractic care, and dentistry work to name a few.

As the participants returned from their walk around the school, they were each given a bottled water and congrats for their donations and support of the event.

In charge of the event was Dr. Carrie Gleckner Edwards of the Health and Wellness Department who spoke to the crowd of participants after the completion of the Awareness Walk and said "all of you made Cerritos College proud by participating in this event."

Forensics team has debate

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The Cerritos College Forensics Team hosted "Night of Forensics" on March 29. Alex Armendariz, the president of the 2006-2007 team, started off the evening by welcoming everyone to the event and the forensics team members.

He also welcomed the evening's announcers Ashley Armendariz, public relations major and Enrique Mijares, English major.

More than 40 students were there to support fellow students.

The evening was hosted in seven parts and they were:

- Poetry Interpretation, performed by Angel Castellano
- Informative Speaking, performed by Danny Torres
- Impromptu Speaking, performed by Tariq Bruno
- Extemporaneous, performed by Larry Williamson

- Introduction to Parliamentary Debate by Alex Armendariz
- Parliamentary Debate, Speaker of the House former ASCC Vice President Armendariz and the debaters: Fadi Almachraki and Bruno v. Castellanos and Larry Williamson.
- The introducing of the State and National Team.

The two sides debated: whether the U.S. should have gone into Iraq for the Iraqis as liberators or occupiers.

Between the introduction of Parliamentary Debate and the Debate itself it there was a 15 minute intermission.

Members of the Forensics Team mentioned that they went to the national championship in Houston from April 9-15.

Mijares, said, "It's pretty amazing, this is my first semester in Speech and Debate so to be asked to go to nationals is pretty exciting."

However, for the Forensics Team the bad news is that its top two members, Bruno and Almachraki, will not be at nationals.

But the good news for the team is that Riley Schnitz, who won four medals at the Forensics Team last competition will be at the nationals but, didn't attend the "Night of Forensics" because she had another engagement to attend to.

If the Forensics Team does really well and even wins some awards, this will be something big for Cerritos and the Cerritos College Forensics Department also.

Bill Sparks, director of the Forensics Department, said, "We're a nationally recognized program already and we've had a rich program for almost 50 years on campus, but for several years we haven't been one of the top 10."

Most in attendance at the event were mainly students from speech classes trying to earn extra credit.

Club instructor will host investment options seminar

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Accounting instructor Michael Farina will speak to members of the Board of Accounting Club about investment options during a seminar titled, "Investment Options 101" on April 26 in Room SS 140.

The seminar will be divided into three parts and they are:

- Introduction to investing
 - Retirement planning
 - Mutual funds
- Among the questions that will be answered by Farina are:
- What investment options are right for you
 - Do you know the difference between a CD account, 401K and mutual funds?
 - Do you have enough money set aside for future personal finances?

Much like Crystal Connelly, a USC representative, who discussed ways to enroll at the prestigious college despite the cost of tuition on March 8, members of the board of accounting club say that this presentation will benefit Cerritos students.

David Briggs, president of the accounting club, said that it will teach students the basic concept of investing and how to utilize money for one's own future.

In addition, Briggs commented "With the information that will be given during the presentation the students will have a better sense of understanding what the word 'investment' stands for."

Carol Jones, club secretary, explained that there was more to it than what it's in the title.

"I'm excited because it will give

me (as well as other students who attend) the opportunity to have a better understanding."

In addition, she hopes to include the information learned at the seminar in a portfolio.

Roberto Molina, club treasurer, agreed but there was more to the presentation than just information about investments. He also wants to learn about clarifications in regard to saving money.

For those who don't know what it is to save he commented that with what Farina talks about with clarify when investing saved money.

Farina said he looks forward to helping students understand what it is to investing because that is why the presentation is titled, "Investment Options 101."

The Board of Accounting club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month is Room SS 313.

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CCFF: Reserves to be kept the same in case of fund loss

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said CCFF Communications Chair Phil Hu.

"(The Administration) is routinely taking money and putting it into reserves. But they have far more money, millions of dollars, that they could be spending on teaching funds."

The Chancellor's of Community College has a minimum of three percent of the year's fiscal funds that are stored away for spending for budget reserves.

The Cerritos College district maintains a minimum of 5 percent budget reserve.

In the CCFF's reserve resolution, a written statement that explains the union's position in detail, it states:

"The faculty at Cerritos College express deep concern regarding the District's current and past practice of maintaining excessive reserves of up to 13.55%, because such practices have, and continue, to unreasonably deny students of the District public funds intended for their educational benefit."

According to stats provided by the CCFF, the unrestricted reserve budget for 2006-07 is at 7.2 percent.

"That translates to a couple of million dollars that could be better spent to truly serve the needs of students and the educational mission of the school," Peter Nguyen, regional field representative for the CCFF, said.

The CCFF plans to take their initiative to the Board within the spring semester.

"The district is under budgeting for money that they should be spending on students, staff and faculty. Then they under spend the amount that is under budgeted," Nguyen said.

"What we're asking for is fairly modest. If they believe that the five percent minimum is prudent, then we're not disputing that," Stolze said.

"Spend the amount between the actual reserve and the five percent minimum. Spend the money in a way that it can be publicly scrutinized."

"The Board is accountable to the members and taxpayers of the district. The Board isn't doing a good job of being a watchdog over the budgeting."

However, Stolze says that the CCFF is not accusing the Administration of malfeasance.

Board Member John Moore says that he has not read the CCFF's resolution, but nonetheless disagrees with the notion that the Board of Trustees isn't budgeting money correctly.

"I'm very confident in the executive team and business services department that work hard to bring a balanced budget to the school. We have to be responsible on how we handle our money so we have something to use in case of an emergency."

ISA: Lunar year and Spring festival to be one celebration

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"The Lunar New Year celebration and the Spring Festival would be combined because there are other cultures that the ISA hopes to bring out. Those cultures include the Colombian, European and African cultures."

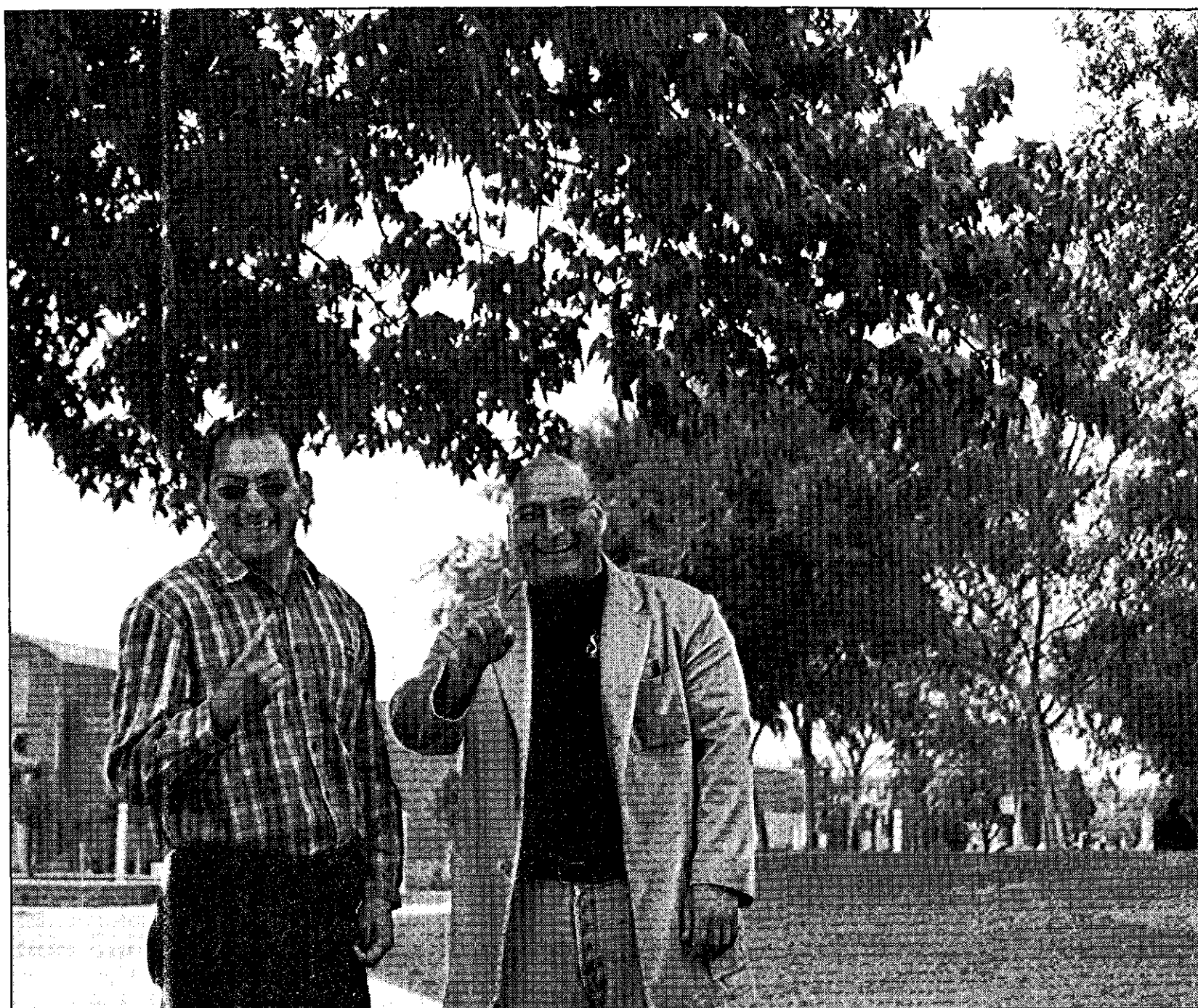
The Lunar New Year held on March 10 helped bring out more than 300 people, among those in attendance besides Kurtz was Vice President of Academic Affairs, William Farmer.

Farmer mentioned at the celebration that there is a possibility

of networking with people from the Chinese Cerritos School and there are future plans to offer a Chinese language class at Cerritos.

With that type of networking that is what Kurtz said is the benefit that Cerritos students would get if events such as the Lunar New Year and Spring Festival were held more often.

Students will have the opportunity to know about what makes Cerritos as diverse as it is and that is what Kurtz happened at the Spring Festival.



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NO.1: Mario Torres (left) and Jaime Sandoval (right), Psychology club members and ASCC president and vice president candidates, helped set up the events for Environmental Week. The two plan to continue events that will promote global warming awareness and build a more environmental conscious campus.

Global: With the global warming growing, people refuse to do their part

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It's this apathy that drives both Sandoval and Torres to make people aware of the changes that have to be made.

As candidates for ASCC president and vice president, they each look forward to getting the message out there.

Shimazu explains that a possible problem with individuals may be consumption. "When we talk about use of fossil fuels we're not just talking about gasoline. Just take a look around your room; how much stuff do we have?"

The overconsumption of clothes

and electronics is an increasing contributor to global warming.

The Union of Concerned Scientists have estimated that the average household spends about \$2,400 on clothes each year, followed by \$1,100 on entertainment.

For the most part, people leave their clothes in the closet to accumulate, but whether it withers away or gets thrown away, surprisingly it's a renewable resource.

Patagonia is a company that recycles garments to produce new ones. Its Common Threads Garment Recycling Program was launched to

take environmental responsibility for everything they make.

The solutions are out there. If people continue to wait for the U.S. government to come up with a call to action then we'll probably see the end of the world a lot sooner than we thought.

Hallinger suggests using canvas bags for groceries to replace plastic and paper.

Sandoval and Torres suggest planting trees and recycling.

Shimazu says we should take the initiative to be as energy efficient as possible. Invest in solar panels, con-

vert farm grains to fossil fuels.

UCS states that resources in North Dakota and several nearby states are so great that they could produce all the electricity they need using wind turbines.

It seems we have the capability, the knowledge and the technology to make a difference. Except for the will to act. We never really know what we have until we lose it, but for the sake of humanity and its existence, that's not an option we should be willing to take.

Senate: Clubs get to attend conferences within its own clubs statewide

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"I've been to conferences with at

least 20 students," he said, "and we really made noise."

Macias believes that it is important to take as many students as possible in order to gain recognition from other schools.

Senator Syntia Hadingtias, MSA member, agreed with Macias. "Bringing one student isn't going to represent us!"

She feels that having as many

people as possible attend the conference is important because it is fun and a great learning experience.

"I went to the conference last fall in Los Angeles," she said.

"And I met people from schools in California and Canada."

She stated that at the MSA conference last fall, some of the schools had about 20 people there to represent its college and that she is disap-

pointed that she could not represent Cerritos College this semester.

The ASCC has also provided the ADHA with \$1,923.88.

It is expected that six members and one adviser from the ADHA will attend the ADHA National Conference, which will be held in June 2007 in New Orleans.

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Who will be Cerritos' next Student Body President

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Vice President Jason Macias feels that he and his running mate, Michael Barrita, commissioner of external affairs, have what it takes to be the next student body president.

Macias is currently the student body vice president, works in Project HOPE and once served as commissioner of information technology before being appointed in his current position.

Macias, replaced former Vice President Alex Armendariz in January after having served maximum of six semesters.

"I'm on campus 24/7, I see everything, the good and the bad," he said.

He wants to be president because he wants to, more thoroughly, recognize the people who love the campus and wants to hear their stories.

He also feels that he has leadership skills and great dedication.

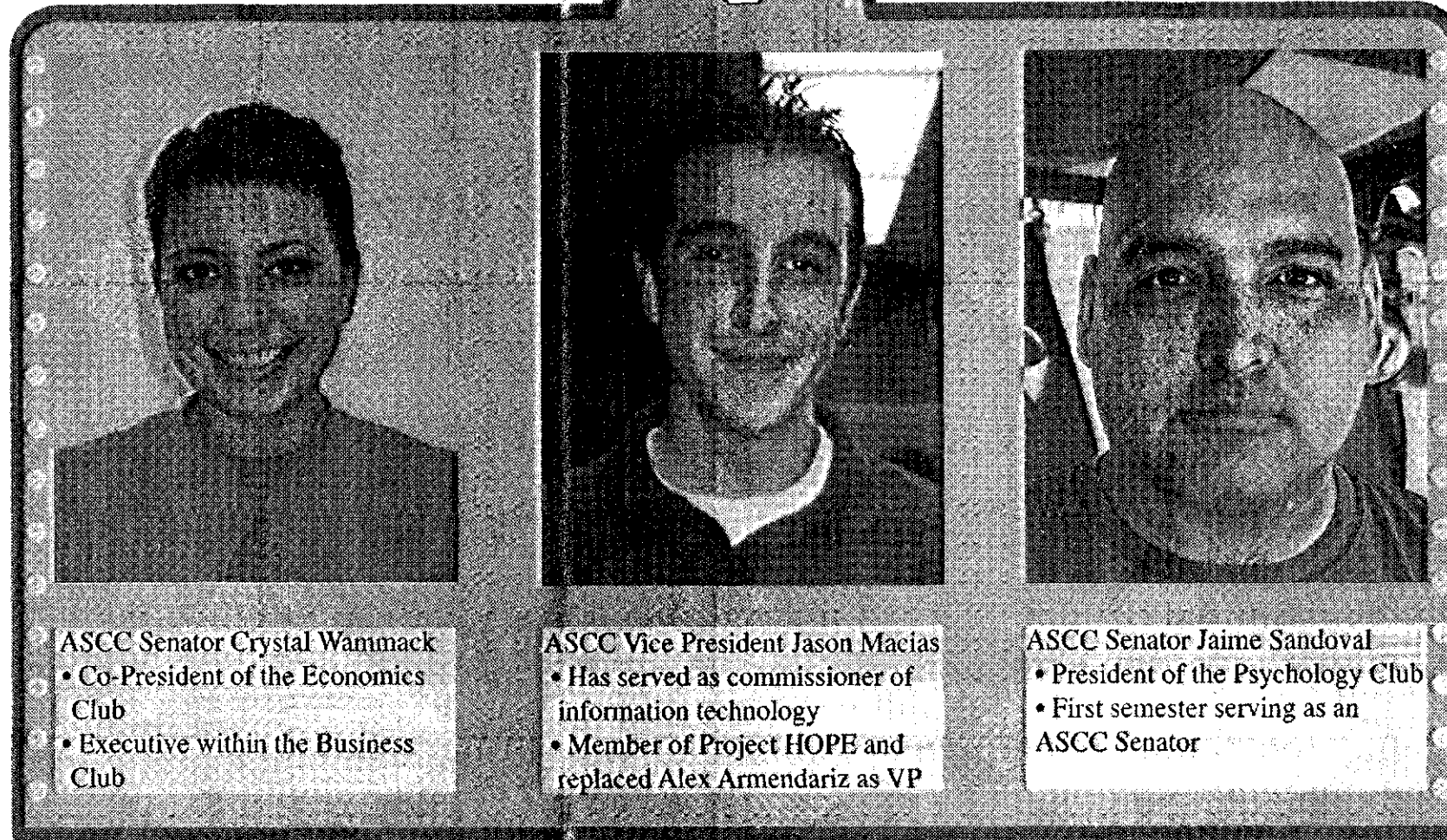
"I've learned a lot from my classes, Project HOPE and from being the vice president.

"I've communicated with numerous teachers, met individuals from faculty unions and created a network with lots of students," he said.

Macias also stressed the importance of appreciation and respect between the students and the student government.

Macias also believes that Barrita will be an asset to Cerritos College.

"Three other people asked to be my running mate," Macias said, "but



ASCC Senator Crystal Wammack
• Co-President of the Economics Club
• Executive within the Business Club

ASCC Vice President Jason Macias
• Has served as commissioner of information technology
• Member of Project HOPE and replaced Alex Armendariz as VP

ASCC Senator Jaime Sandoval
• President of the Psychology Club
• First semester serving as an ASCC Senator

I chose Barrita because I know that he is a hard worker."

Macias feels that Barrita's communication skills will come in handy, and that he is an all around good guy.

"He has leadership, speech and organizational skills," Macias said.

"He's also a humanitarian," he said, "just like me."

Sandoval and Torres

Senator Jaime Sandoval wants to be the next ASCC president and Mario Torres is his running mate.

He has served on the senate and feels that he can give more the school if given the opportunity to be the student body president.

He is also the president of the Psychology Club and has participated in events to help the environment, by educating students about global warming and passing out reusable bags in honor of Environmental Week.

"I will be receiving my Associate's degree this semester but I'm not leaving," Sandoval said.

He says that he wants to do more than receive the degree. He wants

to give back to the school.

"Cerritos College is the best experience I've ever had," Sandoval said.

He said that this school has made him a different person.

Sandoval stated that before attending Cerritos College, he was only interested in making money.

"With time, I realized that money wasn't important," he said, "serving your community is more important."

Sandoval believes that he possesses the qualities needed in order to serve as student body president.

"I am a hard worker," he said, "if things need to be done, they're going to get done."

He also feels that he is social and very responsible.

Sandoval is also confident in his choice of Torres as his running mate.

"Torres shows commitment as vice president of the Psychology Club," said Sandoval.

Torres is very sociable and has very many friends, Sandoval stated.

He is confident in his campaign and in himself and is also eager to let the students know that they do

not have to be an American citizen to vote in this election, just a student, with a spring '07 sticker on their ID.

Wammack and Ramirez

Senator Crystal Wammack believes that she and her running mate, Senator Jorge Ramirez, are ready to take on the position of student body president and vice president.

Wammack feels that being active is important and confesses that it changed her.

"I wasn't involved in school at first," she said.

She added that once she became active in clubs and the student government, her grades got better and that her whole outlook on school changed.

"I want to be president because I want to encourage students to become more involved."

Wammack is the co-president of the Economics Club, has an executive position in the Business Club, has been a senator for two semesters and has served on court.

She feels that she will be an effective president because she is organized and reliable.

"I have also come from the same background as the some of the students and have been through some of the same things.

"I can really relate to them," she said.

Wammack believes that she and Ramirez will make a great team.

"We work very well together," she said, "and I think that's very important."

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The show must go on



Gitchi Gitchi Ya Ya Da Da: Members of the Pop/Rock Ensemble sing and play a version of Labelle's "Lady Marmalade" at the Pop/Rock Exchange concert last Thursday Night.

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Despite playing in front of mostly empty seats, the show went on for the Cerritos College Pop/Rock Ensemble last Thursday night.

The concert was originally scheduled to be an "exchange concert" in which Cerritos' music department invites high schools and other musical groups to share the stage.

For this show, the Santa Fe High

School Jazz Band and Funk Band were scheduled to be on the program.

"Every group that is invited brings its own audience," David Betancourt, director of bands, said.

"When one or two other groups come, they bring their friends and family and (the Pop/Rock ensemble) does the same.

However, two hours before the concert began, the director of Santa Fe's band told Betancourt that he couldn't make it.

With no other bands to share

the stage with, the Pop/Rock ensemble had to come up with a song list that was long enough to last at least an hour.

"We ended up being the entire concert," Betancourt said.

The total crowd consisted of less than 25 people.

"Having a big crowd always gives you an extra motivation to play," Arturo Gallardo, music major and saxophonist in the ensemble, said.

"But when it's just your family and friends, there's not as much pressure. I don't feel like I have to

play to impress anyone."

Veronica

, 28, attended one of the Pop/Rock Ensemble's concerts for the first time and said that she enjoyed herself and added that the band sounded great.

She attended because to support her husband Miguel Alaniz, who plays guitar in the ensemble.

Group members say that they didn't feel any pressure having to rearrange its set list right before the show started.

"Whenever we rehearse, we go over as many songs as we can. So we're used to playing long sets," Brian Patton, music major and percussionist in the ensemble, said.

He added that the band played very energetically throughout its performance.

Some of the songs the ensemble performed included:

"Lady Marmalade" by Labelle

"I Wanna Dance With Somebody" by Whitney Houston

"Watermelon Man" by Herbie Hancock

"(Whitney Houston's) song is my favorite. That song has good energy," Patton said.

"We always have a good time when we play that song, it's fun to jam out to."

Gallardo's favorite song to play was "Watermelon Man."

"I've heard so many versions of that song and I've grown to love it," he said. "You can play the song in so many different styles and it helps you understand different genres of

Different forms of art bring students together

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The Cerritos College Art Gallery is currently holding an art, design and photography exhibition with works from Cerritos College students.

The exhibition began on April 10 and it will continue until May 8.

Jennifer Rivera, undecided major, was one of the many visitors on the opening reception April 11.

Rivera said this was her first time attending an exhibition in which all the artwork was done by Cerritos College students.

"You can really see some great work from my fellow students, I wouldn't be surprised if some of them became famous," she said.

Crystal Wammack, ASCC senator, said one of her favorite artworks was "A New Direction" by student

Lisa Packman.

"It really stands out from the other pieces," she said, adding, "It's really cool to see how her imagination made such a simple thing (wood) look so intriguing."

One painting that stood out as well was "Two of a Kind" by student Brian Huezo. The painting showed Bush and Bin Laden side by side.

Manuel Ramirez, music major, said this was his favorite one in the exhibition.

"I think it's cool someone had the guts to do something like this, especially with all the talk about the war lately," Ramirez said.

Mariela Iglesias, business major, said, "I was never aware of what a variety of talent we have here on our campus. Hopefully, events like this will encourage people to keep working hard and see that they can achieve so much."

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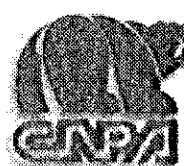
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EDITORIAL

Children shouldn't be our future

With the constant warnings about global warming, we continue to destroy the only place we can inhabit.

It isn't just all of the natural gases that we are using or the pollution that our cars emit, but also the amount of people living on earth that are contributing to global warming.

So is there a solution to the Earth's population problem?

We can't start killing off people, that would be inhumane. But there can be a solution to slow down the population growth and that's to limit how many children a family can have.

Sounds unrealistic? It might for some, but if we want to continue living here on earth we've got to start somewhere.

And by setting limitations on how big families can be might just be the slow start we need to control the population growth.

The cost of living in the United States is rising every year and the cost of a higher education is getting ridiculously expensive. It's hard enough already for families to put more than two children through college.

China is one of the most populated countries in the world, along with India. However, China has a family planning law which sets limits to how many children a married couple can have. Married couples are only allowed to have one child.

Think about it, if we were to slow down the population growth, we may be able to help those living in poverty in African countries or India.

The reason why many people are living in such horrible conditions is because there aren't enough resources to go around and feed everyone.

Many people in third world countries are the ones that suffer from poverty the

most but are also the ones who tend to have many children. For them, having children helps them get what their families need to survive.

But what these people need is to get educated.

There is an AIDS epidemic in Africa and these people not only need medicine but they need to be educated about AIDS. There are programs that go to third world countries to educate them about Planned Parenthood.

They not only need to be educated about parenthood but what exactly is happening to mother Earth.

Every single person contributes to global warming and its effects. Everyone must be willing to partake in saving our home.

A third world country's way of contributing could be to limit the amount of children they have. Some of the third world countries have the highest populations.

But to blame third world countries is wrong, because they aren't the only ones contributing to the population.

The U.S. needs to start taking responsibility in what we have done to the environment as well.

So by setting up some type of bill imposing a limit on how big a family can be would be a start.

But the U.S. needs to do more than that, we need to wake up and start acting now because when the Earth finally dies out on us, we will try everything and anything possible to keep it going, but by that time it will be too late.

So get educated about the population growth and how it's contributing to global warming and start doing your part.



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Being 'happy' means being equal

The gay community shouldn't have to face animosity and unequal rights



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We have come a long way when it comes to treating everyone equally - or have we?

Whether it's women being able to vote, or African-Americans becoming just as successful as Caucasians, things are pretty much equal right? Wrong!

One thing hasn't seemed to change, and it's the way society treats gay people.

They still don't have equal rights like the rest of the people living in America.

And in some parts of America, it's still taboo. But why should their sexual preference matter to anyone? It's each individual's own business.

I have people in my life who are gay and in my eyes they are no different than the next person. They are the same as you and me.

But what I can't seem to understand is why do people hate them?

Why is there so much animosity toward the gay community?

Hate crimes are still being committed and people are still getting killed or beat up because of their sexual preference.

Yes, it still happens, and you would think that after the killing of Matthew Shepard, among others, things would've changed a little.

The discrimination against the gay community is absurd.

Why should anyone else care about who so-and-so is dating?

They are just people, people trying to live a happy and successful life.

And for many people, true happiness is marrying the person they are in love with.

But for the gay community that is one right that is being withheld from them, which is unfair.

Religious organizations say that it's morally wrong for gay people to get married. But who are they to judge their peers? Don't they follow a perfect superior who is the only judge of this world and tells them to embrace all with exhortation?

The legal system is completely contradicting as well. They discriminate against gay marriage, but not against other ethical issues.

How can it be legal to kill an unborn child but illegal for two men or two women to get married?

Don't get me wrong, I'm not against abortions, I believe that the women have the right to choose, but what I don't understand is why people can't get married with whomever they want, regardless of their biological gender.

However, things are changing and gay couples can adopt although it's not as easy, it's possible.

And there are a few states where gay couples can get married but are only considered legal unions; states like Massachusetts and Hawaii are two who "allow" gay couples to get married.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

BUSH GIVES ALL A FEW WORDS OF COMFORT

George W. Bush

Prior to his visit to the tragedy-stricken students, faculty and families of Virginia Tech University, President Bush ordered flags flown at half staff and issued a written proclamation in honor of those killed and wounded.

"To all of you who are OK, I'm happy for that. To those of you who are in pain or who have lost someone close to you,"

Bush then shows his soft side by proving that he, and unnamed others, are willing to help.

"I'm sure you can call on any one of us and have help anytime you need it."

How do you feel about the recent shootings at Virginia Tech?

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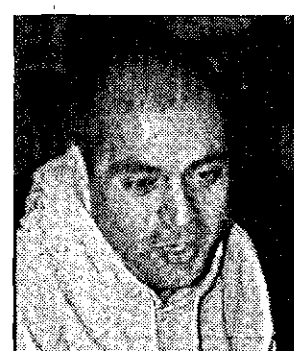
LEONARDO SANCHEZ
undecided major
"It was a bad incident. I feel sorry for the families involved. The kids were just going to school and weren't doing anything wrong."



DIANA DOMINGUEZ
teaching major
"It's sad. I don't understand why people can do that kind of stuff."



MICHAEL BOUSYNAT
journalism major
"I think it's a tragedy. It could've been prevented if they would've put the whole school on lock down between the two hour gap."



ROBERT ALVARADO
mechanical engineering major
"I really didn't hear too much about it. I thought there was going to be more security on campus now because of what happened."



CRYSTAL WILBUR
teaching major
"It's a shock. I would've expected (for something like that to happen) at a high school but not at a college."



ADAM MARTINEZ
nursing major
"I feel really horrible about it and I just hope that doesn't happen here or anywhere else."

Journalism is a tough job

People are just not appreciating the hard work it takes to inform your peers



ry?' comes up.

Trust me, if you have to ask, then it's because you don't know. You have it easy because all you have to worry about is coming to school, attending your classes and leaving when you have to.

And for those who are on a newspaper staff, it is worry about what needs to be covered such as student government meetings, events and so forth. There is a worry of how many pages to go for the issue, where stories are going on what page, etc.

You see, you don't have to worry about things like this; a newspaper staff does. You don't have to spend hours on end thinking about it. If you were in the position, I'm sure you wouldn't be able to handle it, much less with other classes on your schedule.

Do you want to trade places? Do you want to see what it's like? Do you want to face deadlines once a week?

If the answer to any of these questions is no, then stop complaining that there was something written that was untrue. Stop complaining that you were misquoted. At least someone had the decency to care and write about what happened.

pressure, the blood, sweat and tears that it takes to be a journalist and the hard work that is put out to be informative and unbiased.

The first thing that you should know is that it takes commitment from everyone who decides to be a journalist.

Next, it's those commitments for a student-run college newspaper, it is for that entire semester that you, the journalist, decided to write news items that your opinion is left out.

Our job is to be observational, not intrusive.

Another job of a journalist is to provide information to students who should know what is happening. If we don't, then why bother having a student newspaper at all. I mean just look at what happened to Cal State Dominguez Hills.

It was because of the lack of funding.

However, that is not the point. The point is that people think that writing a story is easy, that all it takes are key strokes to get the job done. In addition, the thought of 'How hard can it be to write a sto-

Isn't it funny that when someone writes something that is deemed untrue how the work that was put into writing the story can be taken for granted?

People can take things too serious sometimes. But the real problem is that some people have no idea what it is like to face a deadline. That's the truth.

As an individual word, "journalist" gets thrown around like a beach ball. And to be honest, if you haven't been in the shoes of a journalist then you don't know what it is like to face that deadline.

On a newspaper staff, there are codes of ethics that one follows in order to be as accurate as possible. One of those codes is to get the information out to the public as quickly as possible.

But within a staff, an individual or in this case an entire staff could face the wrath of one's own Student Body Vice President who is seeking to be elected as Student Body President.

Yes, it's true.

Yet, people don't understand the

Saving the world isn't crazy

Changing climate is on it's way and you should worry



If the world's most powerful leaders smoked marijuana at least twice a week then the global warming problem would be well on its way to a solution.

It may sound like a joke or even asinine, but it's not nearly as ridiculous as uptight, old white men continually putting money over the future of this planet.

How much money do you need in an ice age? What are the woolly mammoths going to do?

Maybe you are tired of hearing about global warming. Maybe you think it's idealistic to try and stop something that won't even immediately affect you.

Maybe you're an idiot.

Or maybe we just need to stop thinking in terms of maybes and start acting.

The reports are out and it's clear the governments of the world are clearly lagging to save mother earth.

According to a report released by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, on global warming released last month, cities like Los Angeles will likely face increasing heat waves, other cities such as New York and Boston will face huge storms and cities that rely on melting snow for water will run into drastic shortages.

Unless we do something now, there will be no piggy bank to put all your saved money in.

You can start small. Everyone can make a difference by driving less, using less electricity, buying environmentally friendly light bulbs and recycling.

Those are simple steps. The other thing you should do is join the millions of people on petitions to stop global warming.

Visit www.stopglobalwarming.com and join the virtual protestors. Keep complaining or start if you haven't already. Weed or no weed,

eventually the world's leaders are going to have to answer to millions of humans that still want the world to be around as beautiful as it always has been.

There are plenty of people who will tell you that you're just being self-righteous or will tell you to shut up, but don't shut up.

No one can expect us to shut up until the world has changed and maybe they're right to say we are self-righteous, but more than likely maybe they're just idiots.

There is hope. There is always hope. Don't let the skeptics and the greedy and unintelligent make you feel hopeless.

Even the Supreme Court just struck a blow for our future by ruling that CO2 emissions are pollutants and forcing the EPA to start protecting us for once.

John Lennon had it right when he sang that "we all want to change the world," but sometimes we want to change it to suit our own selfish needs.

Luckily changing the world for global warming will not only benefit humanity, but it will help our selfish need to breath fresh air.

• LETTER TO THE EDITOR •

A greener ASCC attacks paper

Worry about what is going on around campus

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

I was saddened to read the recent editorial written about the ASCC recycling program. It's hard to believe that a story in today's society that attacks a program that helps protect our environment. The recycling program is an attempt by the ASCC to help keep Cerritos College clean and beautiful. Secondly to help protect the ecosystem in the process.

Everyone should do his or her part to make the areas where they live cleaner, beautiful and ecologically safe.

We all live on this planet together so let's do our part to make it better.

The Editorial questions the reasons why the ASCC was dealing with this issue in place of dealing with real issues, but doesn't clearly tell anyone what those issues are.

If the paper feels we should be dealing with more important issues

why don't they cover them.

As many of your know, on March 13, the university tuition was raised.

This is one the big issues that the Talon Marks did not cover or maybe they think the ASCC should address this issue as well but does not inform anyone about these issues.

The question of were the recycling money goes was raised, but it is clear that any money made from the program goes to support ASCC activities like the printing of the Talon Marks.

The sole purpose of the ASCC is to support student needs at Cerritos College.

The editorial also makes it sound as if the ASCC is taking money away from the poor people that collect cans and bottles to help support itself, but sometimes these same poor people become a new problem when going through the trash they can leave trash all over the floors and then make the campus look like a mess.

Sometimes this people have mental problems and can be violent in order to prevent this kind of problem the ASCC is locking the bins.

Many public buildings do this, so this idea is not something new to people seeing around the community.

I am very sad to think that the Talon Marks is against recycling, being proud on our campus, helping to protect the planet and cleaning up after ourselves.

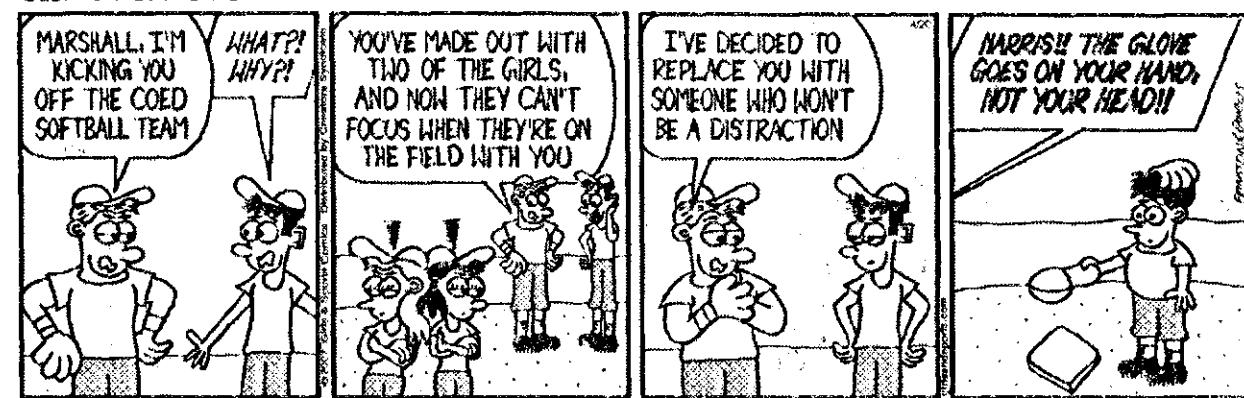
One would think the editors like living in an unclean and dirty area (work, school, and home) filled with trash.

If so, more power to them, but I for one would want to have Cerritos College looking clean and beautiful and if recycling will help I am all for it.

The Talon Marks may think that recycling is like being a tree hugging freak, but it is not. And to those that feel that the ASCC should use its time and money on better things, I invite you to join the ASCC and make your voices heard to make that difference.

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A College Girl Named Joe



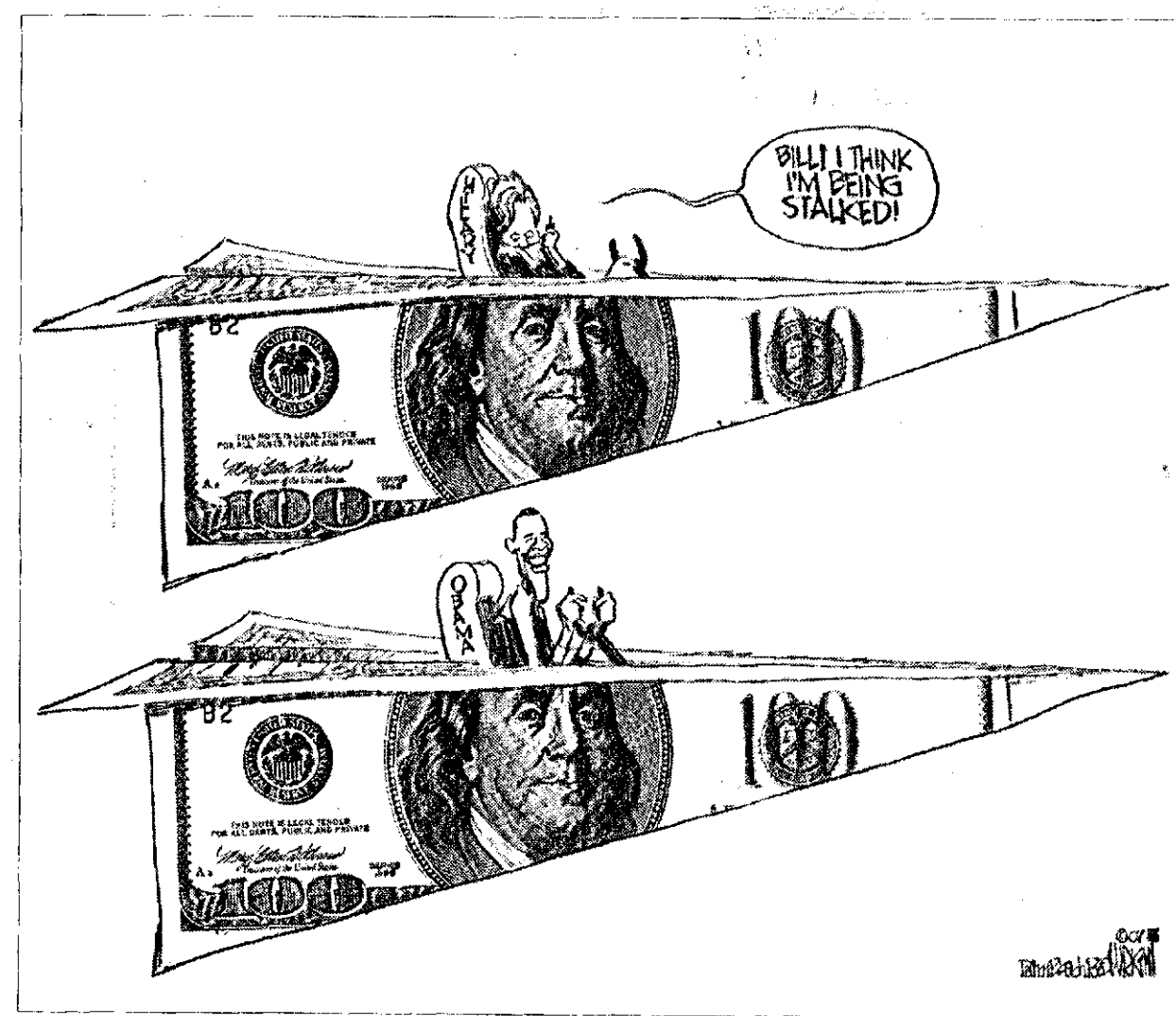
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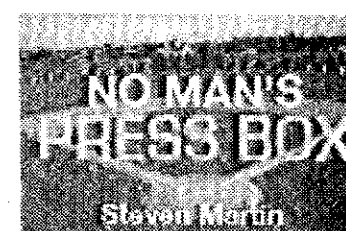


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Falcons, wind blow Pasadena away Baseball team

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Facing windy weather, the Cerritos College softball team rode the wind en route to an 8-0 win over Pasadena City College last Thursday at Nancy Kelly Field.

The game was called at the top of the fifth inning due to a mercy-rule.

Five of the Falcons' (26-9-1, 8-3) runs were scored in the third inning and were caused by Pasadena's (5-26, 2-10) errors.

"We didn't want to take Pasadena lightly," first baseman Stephanie Louneli said.

"We didn't let up this time around. We didn't want to let them have a chance of catching up."

Pitcher Jessica Navarro threw mainly curveballs, keeping the Lancers at only one hit during the game.

"I felt confident about the way I pitched, but I was a little worried about the wind," she said.

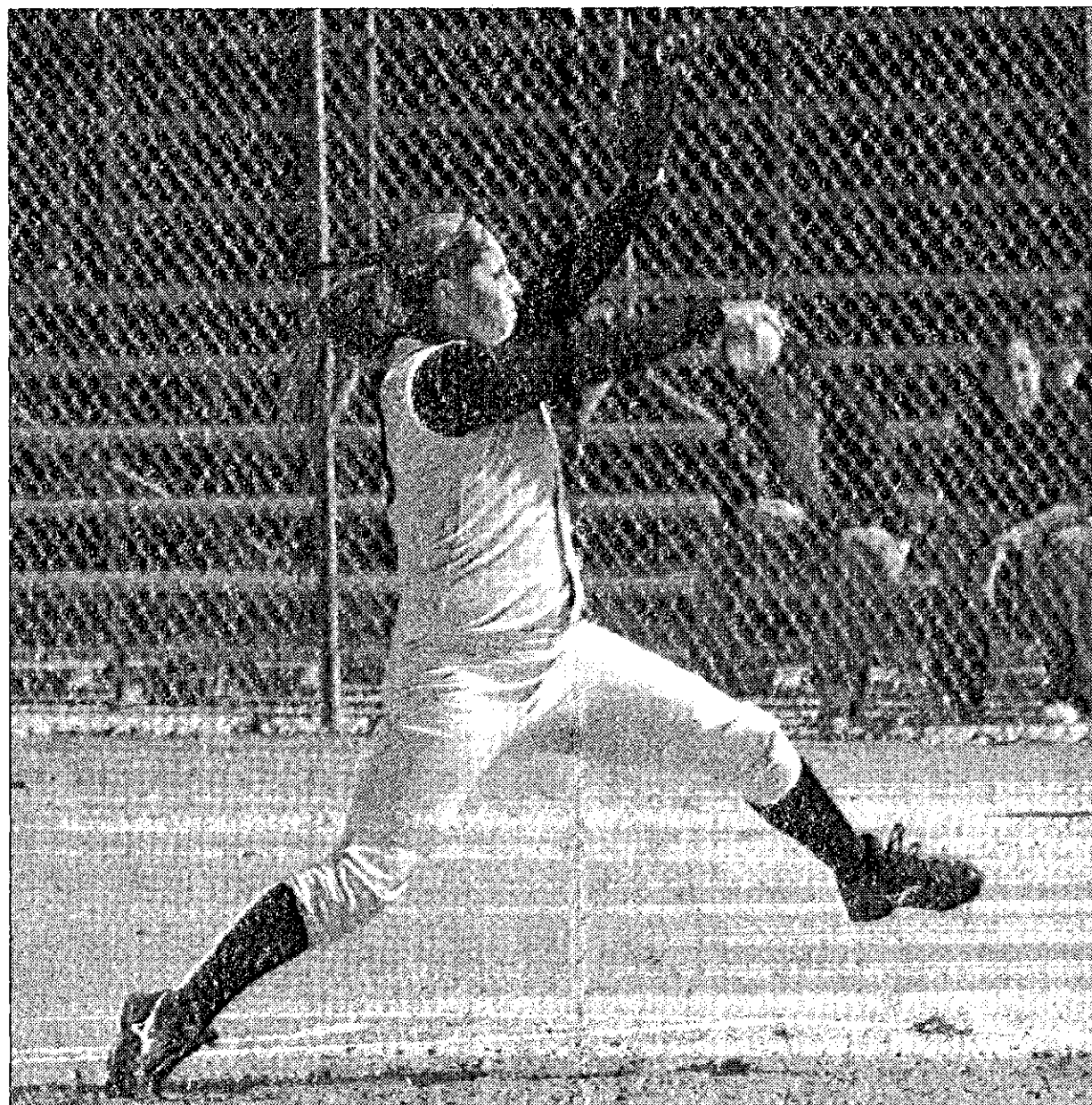
"I thought it would have messed with my curveballs by moving them to the side or pushing them closer to the ground."

Cerritos got its first score at the top of the second inning when Lomeli scored while second baseman Vanezza Martin Del Campo reached third base on outfielder Cecily Garcia's base hit.

The third inning's scoring binge started when catcher Nadine Garcia scored on an error from Lancers second baseman Kimberly Aviles.

Five different players would go on to score runs for the Falcons.

Martin Del Campo hit a home-run in the top of the third inning and added two RBI.



Wind it up: Pitcher Jessica Navarro gets ready to throw at last Thursday's 8-0 win over Pasadena, in which she limited the Lancers to just one hit. Her current season pitching record is 21-5. The Falcons are 26-9-1 overall and 8-3 in conference games.

According to head coach Kodee Murray, Martin Del Campo has hit three home-runs and nine RBI on her last eight at-bats.

"Every time she's been up to bat, she hits one or two players into base," Murray said.

About Martin Del Campo's stats she said, "It's probably a school record. If not, it's still pretty impressive."

Players say that the windy weather played a factor in the game, though it was not the sole reason for

the win.

Martin Del Campo said, "It was hard to get ground balls because the wind was blowing the ball everywhere."

"It felt like we were playing in 40 or 50 miles per hour winds!"

torments Tartars

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It was a landslide victory for the Cerritos College baseball team when it defeated the Compton College Tartars, 10-4, last Saturday.

This raised the Falcons' season record to 29-7 and 15-2 in the South Coast Conference.

It dropped the Tartars' season record to 2-33 and 1-14 in conference play.

In the Falcons' next home game it will face El Camino College at Kincaid Field this Saturday.

"We have to come in prepared and play them just like we play any other team," outfielder David Gurbach said.

In the first inning, while Comp-

ton scored no runs, Nick Armstrong and Jerry Pena both went home in a single play. Trever Blood followed soon after.

The Falcons left no time for the Tartars to catch up when in the fourth inning, the team scored another six runs.

"That set the tone for the game," Gurbach said.

Guillermo Garcia hit the ball, which didn't go far. However, Compton's pitcher had trouble picking the ball up.

That allowed Miguel Flores to make a double, sliding to third base. He was tagged in the back a second too late.

The next play with Gurbach at bat sent Flores and Garcia home.

Basketball on wheels

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Members of the Disabled Students Program and Service held its second annual Wheelchair Basketball game March 21 in The Aviary.

More than 30 people attended the event that gave students the opportunity to participate and fund-raise for the DSPS club.

The amount that was raised for the DSPS program and club was more than \$600.

David Rodarte, commissioner of disabled students, commented that the turnout was a success. He

added that seeing numerous people show support was reflection within all who were there.

Players from the Cerritos College men's basketball team also participated.

"There was this one student who was so happy because in the audience were his parents, aunt and uncle and for him to see that it was great," Rodarte said.

Among others who were also in attendance was ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio.

He also said that it was a great turnout.



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