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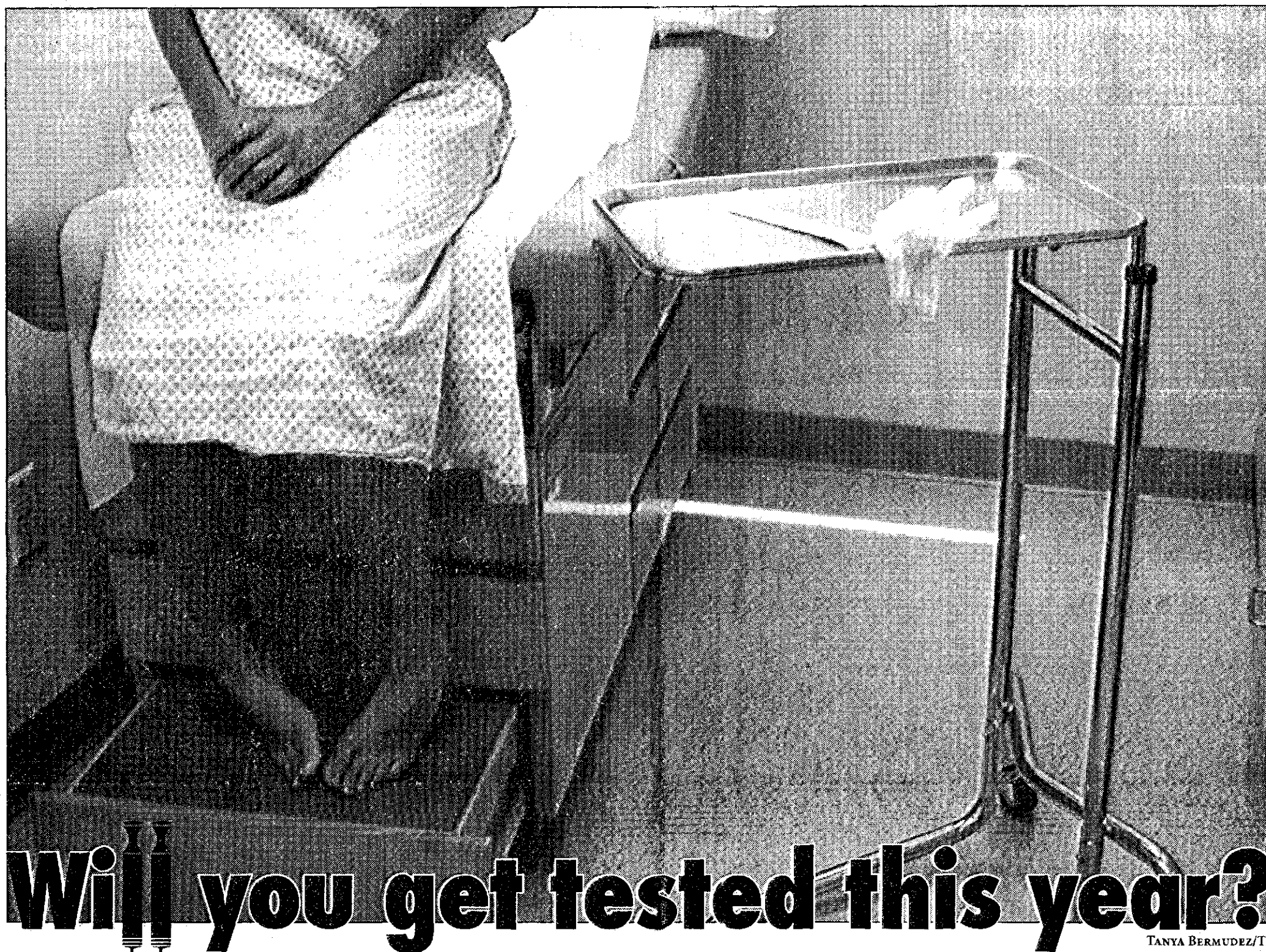
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About 11,150 cases of cervical cancer will be diagnosed in the U.S. in 2007

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Approximately 15,000 women in the U.S. develop cervical cancer each year.

Women between the ages of 30 and 40 are likely to have the cancer.

And according to American Cancer Society about 3,670 women will die from cervical cancer in the United States during 2007.

Cervical cancer begins in the lining of the cervix, which is the lower part of the uterus.

The uterus connects to the vagina, or birth canal.

Cells in the cervix can develop pre-cancerous changes that can develop into cancer.

In addition, cervical cancer can be caused from certain strains of human papilloma virus, which is transmitted through sexual contact.

HPV is associated with the development of such "common warts"

and are transmitted environmentally or by casual skin-to-skin contact.

African-American women are about twice as likely as white women to develop cervical cancer.

Latin and Native American women are also at a higher risk.

With the importance of early detection to prevent spreading, those within Cerritos such as Ni Bueno, health education instructor, say that if the cancer is not caught, it could result in death.

"If a woman goes without early detection of the cancer it will likely spread quickly."

Some of the symptoms of advanced cervical cancer may include:

- loss of appetite
- weight loss
- pelvic pain
- heavy bleeding from the vagina
- leaking of urine or feces

If a woman does have the early stages of cancer, the cancer is treated through chemotherapy and radiation.

diation, Bueno said.

According to the National Cancer Institute there are four stages of cervical cancer:

Stage I:

If your cancer is this stage, it has invaded the cervix, but it has not spread anywhere else.

Stage II:

In this stage, the cancer has spread beyond the cervix to nearby areas, but it is still inside the pelvic area.

Stage III:

The cancer has spread to the lower part of the vagina or the pelvic wall. The cancer may be blocking the ureters (tubes that carry urine from the kidneys to the bladder).

Stage IV:

This is the most advanced stage of cervical cancer. The cancer has spread to nearby organs or other parts of the body.

HPV vaccines are recommended for 11-12 year olds and can be

given to girls as young as nine years old, but are not recommended for pregnant women, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

The vaccines have not been approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, but these vaccines are now being considered by the CDC.

Nicole Bernal, English major, said that women should have a check-up.

"See a doctor because (as a woman) in general you are doing it for your health."

She added that much like breast cancer, women should take care of themselves.

And although this cancer is most common in women, it has also been shown in men.

Unlike cervical cancer though, men are more susceptible to prostate cancer.

Prostate cancer is a disease in

which cancer develops in the prostate, a gland in the male reproductive system.

Cancer occurs when cells of the prostate mutate and begin to multiply out of control.

These cells may spread (metastasize) from the prostate to other parts of the body, especially the bones and lymph nodes.

Prostate cancer may cause pain, difficulty in urinating, erectile dysfunction and other symptoms.

Carlos Mata, music major, said everyone should be concerned.

All cancers should be researched for the society as a whole to be aware.

Ashley Villagran, history major, also said that there needs to be an understanding of what these cancers could do.

While he has not been faced with having a loved one who has

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Seniors get wet preview

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Despite the rainy weather, Cerritos College hosted its annual Senior Preview Day last Friday. More than 1,000 students from local high schools attended this informational event.

Twenty-one local high schools signed up for the event, according to Shirley Arceo, school relations coordinator and organizer of the Preview Day.

The purpose of Senior Preview Day is to introduce high school seniors to Cerritos College's available programs throughout the campus.

"I had never been to Cerritos College before and now after seeing all the things that are available here for me, I might sign up for some," Jin Hwang, a senior from John Glenn High, said.

Staff and volunteers from Cerritos led high school groups, to the many presentations about the different programs offered on campus.

Some of the presentations that were going on during the day included:

- Project Hope
- Accounting
- Court Reporting
- Improv

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Cerritos addresses Darfur issues

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More than 40 students, staff and faculty came together Monday in the Teleconference Center to discuss and learn about the problems facing Darfur.

"Save Darfur," it's a simple statement and it gets directly to the point.

Yet many still don't know of the atrocities being committed to the nearly 2.5 million citizens of Darfur, located in the western region of the country of Sudan in Africa.

Attendees of the Global Consortium had the opportunity to hear insight on the conflicts in Sudan from Peter Jackson of the Department of Public Information for the United Nations.

The event was hosted by Dr. John Haas, founder

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ASCC presidential elections results in runoff

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Cerritos will have to wait to find out who will be the next ASCC President and Vice President.

None of the three teams managed to collect the minimum required 175 votes in order to win the presidency.

The top two tickets were:

Ticket #2: Crystal Wammack, ASCC presidential candidate, and Jorge Ramirez, ASCC vice presidential candidate (153 votes).

Ticket #3: Jason Macias, ASCC presidential candidate, and Michael

Barrita, ASCC vice presidential candidate (144 votes).

These two tickets will face off Wednesday and Thursday at the ballot box in the runoff for the presidency.

"I'm happy for both groups," Macias said. "It's going to be fun and we're going to keep it really clean."

Ramirez added, "Regardless of the outcome we will still work together."

Ticket #1, which consisted of Jaime Sandoval, ASCC presidential candidate, and Mario Torres, ASCC vice presidential candidate, finished in last place with 53 votes and out of the presidential race.

Sandoval, who is also the Psychology Club president, explained that he had his hands full during the week of the elections due to the club's involvement in environmental week.

"I would like to apologize to all the students that believed in me," Sandoval said.

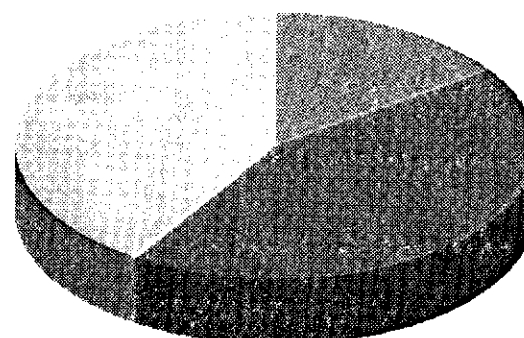
"They knew I would be available next semester for a positive change in student government."

Sandoval said that he was fine with the results, but insists that students challenge whoever wins the

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BY THE NUMBERS

ASCC Presidential Voting Results



- Sandoval 15%
- Wammack 44%
- Macias 41%

Outstanding faculty receive awards

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Twelve faculty members were honored for their commitment to education during the 2006-07 Outstanding Faculty Awards held in the Student Center last Thursday.

Those who were honored as Outstanding Faculty were:

- Kamal Deminan, math instructor
- Margaret Hohly, computer and information science instructor
- Christina Lopez de Gaines, admission and records counselor
- Debra Moore, librarian
- Kodee Murray, athletics instructor
- Hagop Najarian, art instructor
- Michael Pierini, culinary arts instructor
- Frances Soderling, dental hygiene instructor
- Mark Tait, welding instructor
- Farid Wissa, engineering design technology instructor
- Erik Mortensen, woodworking instructor

The Big Winner

In addition, the Most Outstanding Faculty Member award was given to John Haas, history instructor.

Furthermore, those who were honored for 25 years of services were:

- William McFadden, math instructor
- Phillip Salazar, Counseling
- Martha Yeager, ESL instructor

For those honored for 30 years of services:

- Bruce Johnson, welding instructor
- Marijean Piokowski, physical therapist assistant
- Jeanine Prindle, Physical Education Instructor

Lastly, Donna Miller, Speech instructor was honored for 35 years of service.

However, when Haas received his award for continuing the work of educating students about global issues and his commitment to the Global Consortium by Walter Fer-



Keep the dream alive: Walter Fernandez, history instructor, speaks about the importance of keeping the Global Consortium, founded by Dr. John Haas, history instructor (second to the right), intact, during the awards ceremony.

nandez, history instructor, there was a call for the Board of Trustees and administration to commit to have funding for its 5 percent reserves.

The reserves are the money in the college's annual fiscal budget that isn't used and is kept for extra funding.

A Step Ahead

The Global Consortium gives students the opportunity to be educated about international issues of humanity.

Among those who have come to Cerritos to discuss issues of humanity as well as understanding those of any background is Dr. Judea Pearl.

Pearl, who lost his son Daniel, a journalist kidnapped and murdered by Islamic extremists in Karachi, Pakistan as he was investigating links between Al Qaeda and Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence, is just an example Fernandez stated

that should continue.

"Within Haas' teaching the thing that happens is that there is a change of mindset about issues," Fernandez said.

With that, he urged that the Board look into keeping the reserves where they should be; that is at 5 percent because of the commitment to education.

Despite that, following the awards, those who were in attendance had mixed reactions to the ceremony.

Ted Stolze, Cerritos College Faculty Federation President and philosophy instructor, agreed that it is great to celebrate faculty but support the call for the Board and administration to realize the importance of the reserves.

Awards Are Well Deserved

Vice President of Student Services,

Stephen Johnson, said that with this event it was a capstone to those who are servicing the students.

For Board member John Moore, while it was recognizing the faculty for their hard work, there was more.

Student Lives Get Impacted

"These are faculty members who affect the students' lives."

Students like Shelby Kanyr, dental hygiene major, who came out to show support, said that it was great.

"It's exciting because it means that the faculty care about the students."

Lindsay Kandos, dental hygiene major, agreed and to have any faculty member recognized for their commitment was great.

In describing Soderling as an instructor, she said, "She is an excellent teacher as is the entire faculty."

Essay winners earn Board's recognition

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Three Women's History Month essay winners were recognized during the Board of Trustees meeting last Wednesday.

The three that were recognized were Melvi De La Cruz, psychology and sociology major, Carol King, English major and Katie Colln, English literature major.

The winners were as follows: 1st Place De La Cruz's "Broken Silence: The Somaly Mam Story," 2nd Place King "The Women and Girls of Sierra Leone" and 3rd Place Colln "A Decade of Tears."

During Women's History Month in March essays were sought to focus "state" is a key instrument in maintaining gender norms and hierarchies.

The paper could focus on an individual or on a phenomenon or trend, which affects women in a specific area.

For De La Cruz, it was a focus on a one-time orphan and a former sex slave of the Cambodian brothel industry, of which girls as young as five years old were sold by their families for as little as one U.S. dollar.

"I wanted to step out outside of the box," she commented, "and hopefully students who read it will have an understanding."

As the "Women of Juarez" as her focus, Colln said that what she'd learned was that the women in Mexico are suffering.

"There was this one woman whom I researched who was gang raped," she explained, "and other who are living in poor working conditions going missing."

King could not be reached for comment.

In addition, De La Cruz said that her boss had informed her that she had been one of the contest winners.

Mueller said that there were approximately 60 essays that were turned in and that she along with, English instructor Lydia Alvarez, Joana Mootz-Gonzales, Linda Palumbo were on a committee that chose the essays.

Finally, Mueller said that's one thing that she hopes students would walk away with if they haven't read the essays.

"I do want students to know that much of the work of feminists and women's movements throughout the world has significance, relevance, and efficacy in achieving rights for women."

Red Cross rewards CCM for turnout

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The Red Cross rewarded the Chicarios for Community Medicine with recognition and a trophy for the most blood donations for '06 and '07.

Manuel Candelario, president of CCM, is proud of the achievement.

"I feel good about it," he said. "People are starting to care and are not only doing things in school, but externally, also."

Members of CCM not only donated their blood, but they donated their time too.

"Members of (CCM) also helped staff the blood donation events on campus," Candelario said.

He said that the members are ready and willing to commit their time to this cause because as volunteers, they can provide more services.

"We want to be physicians," he said. "We have to start now."

Candelario takes pride in his team and what they do and is happy that other people are beginning to recognize them for their efforts.

Other members of CCM take pride in what they have done, also.

Sandra Mardonovich, biology major and Jessica Flores, biology major, are happy, but aren't shocked.

"I'm not surprised," Mardonovich said. "We are devoted to helping out and giving back."

Flores nodded her head in agreement.

"We do a lot for our community," Flores added, "and it's really cool that others are starting to recognize it."

Flores and Mardonovich both volunteered for the blood drive that took place from April 11-12.

Vanessa Deleon, English major as pre med student, feels the same.

Recycling drive held to educate students

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The Psychology held a recycling drive in Falcon Square during its Environmental Awareness Week last Thursday.

The purpose of the recycling drive was to educate students on the importance of helping to keep the environment clean.

For Senator Jaime Sandoval, that was a hope during the recycling drive for students who recycled bottles, can or cell phone but there was an incentive.

Students who filled out an application were going to receive a cash reward.

To qualify, students had to submit a 200 to 250 word essay that asks, "Why do you think it is important to recycle and protect the environment?"

The deadline to turn in the application to either the Student Office or to Sandoval is April 26.

The amount of the cash reward has yet to be determined.

Psychology Club member and physical fitness major, Chris Bacani said that it is important to recycle because despite it being small does something in effect.

"Recycling helps minimize trash," he said, "but it also begins with you the individual."

As for the reason for the cash reward, Bacani said that there was one simple explanation, "The cash reward is a visual for doing a good deed."

Admittedly, he added that at the

beginning, he'd didn't care about recycling but learned that it helps to educate others.

"One has to ask themselves, 'Can I throw away a bottle, can or cell phone and contribute to something that effects?' and if they do that, students who know that there is a way to help the planet as a whole."

Students such as William Lot-speich, history major, echoed the sentiment that it is important to recycle.

"I recycle at home of course,"

he commented, "because we as a society have a responsibility to the planet."

However, whether he agrees that recycling contributes to fighting global warming, he stated, "Well, I would have to do further research on that because I have numerous questions about that."

As for students who might think that recycling is not important, Lot-speich said that they should begin to do so.

That's the bottom line for students, faculty, administration and society as a whole, Bacani explained.

"There are ways to contribute to the survival of the environment," he said, "so the hope with this event is to let students know not to get lazy over it."

In addition, Bacani said he emphasized that this planet is where we live so why not help out any way we can.

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Mega Mixer seeks employees at Cerritos

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The 11th annual Mega Mixer attracted more than 1,000 students and faculty on Tuesday in the Student Center for those who were looking for job opportunities.

The mixer will feature an "It's a Jungle Out There," and participating chambers included:

- Bellflower
- Cerritos
- Downey
- Lakewood
- La Mirada
- Norwalk
- Paramount
- Santa Fe Springs

Seventy businesses from in and around the cities participated and hoped to attract future employers.

Among those who were in attendance were:

- The Salvation Army
- The Presbyterian Health Physicians
- Gateway Business Bank
- StromForce Three.

Representatives Alisa Taggard, Shannon Feightner and Heather Bordner from the StromForce Three who were representing the Los Cerritos mall located in the city of Cerritos, Lakewood Center, located in the city of Lakewood and Stonewood Center located in the city of Downey, said that the response from students was great.

In addition, Feightner said that all three were there to inform about debt and Mastercard information

for those who wanted credit information.

Those from the Career Center also were in attendance like Christine The, student placement and career services specialist said the turnout for the event was great.

"This event attracts students," she explained, "and the hope is that all of the companies represented would let students know that there are services for them."

She has been in attendance for previous Mega Mixer events and the turnout has grown more and more.

Also, Feightner, said that there was a giveaway of a gift baskets and for those students who came by the table would have a chance to win one as well as a gift card to any of the local malls that she and Taggard and Bordner represented.

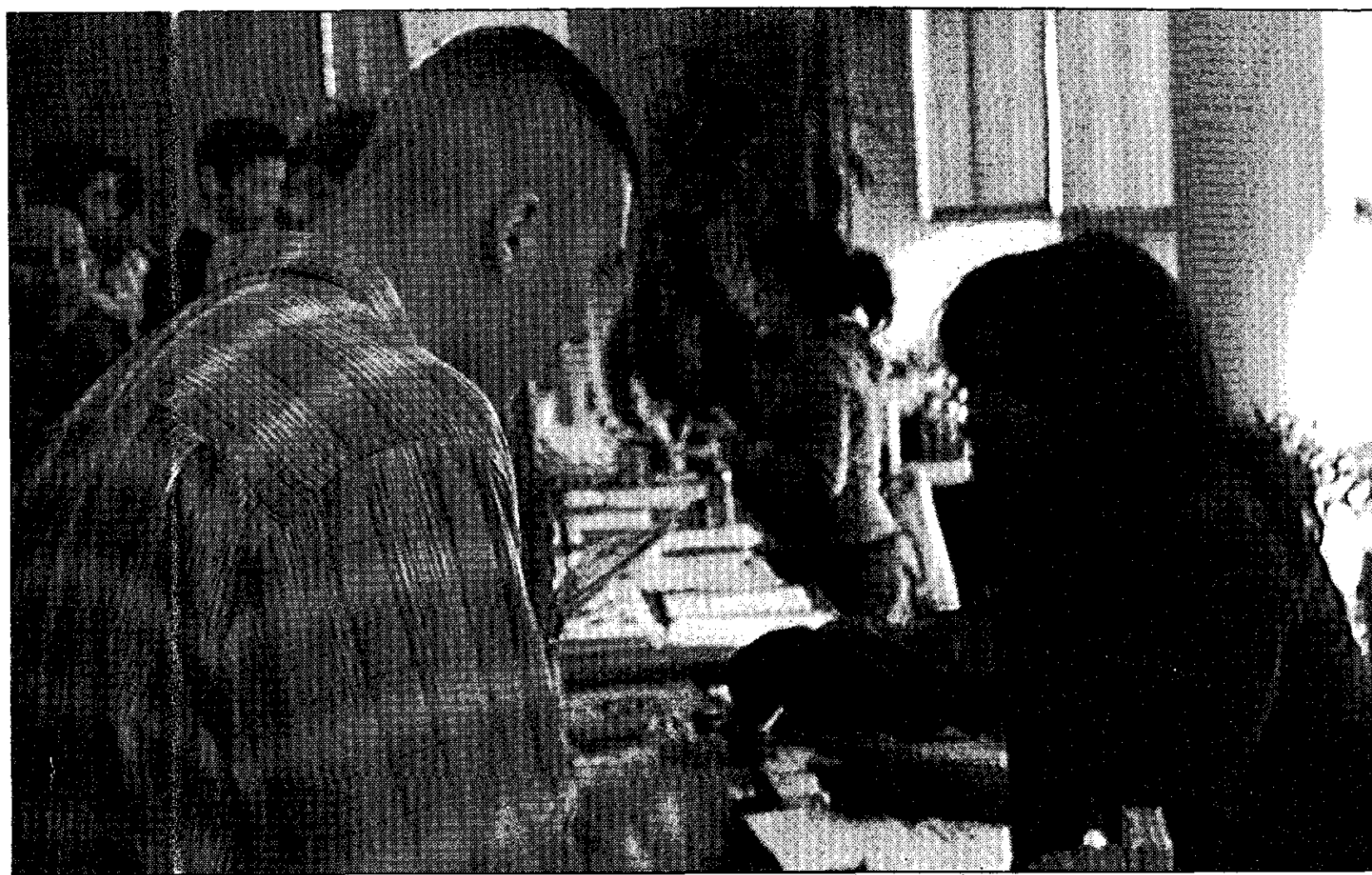
Furthermore, she said that the turnout for the event has been much more crowded than before and to have the event itself exciting because this means students are interested.

Cerritos students like Marcus Stripling, nursing major, said that he was there just to look at what the event had to offer.

He explained that his friends were also just there in attendance to see if any of the companies interested them.

There was no particular job that Stripling was looking for but hoped to find a job that interested him.

Board member John Moore agreed the event was great.



OSCAR CAZTIN/TM

High School seniors: Julio Corral, senior student from Downey High and other students from different high local high schools walked around Cerritos College's campus, despite the rain, to get information about the classes, clubs and programs that are available to them once they graduate.

Preview: Friday's rain didn't keep High School Seniors from visiting Cerritos campus

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"All of the presentations I went to were really good and very infor-

mational," Stephanie Diaz, Pioneer High senior, said.

Marko Corona, from Schurr High, was already thinking about coming to Cerritos and this event made him confirm that.

"The new rooms impressed me and the presentations helped me make up my mind about coming to school here once I graduate," Co-

rona said.

Visitors also were provided with a free lunch inside the student center after all the presentations and information booths were set up in there to answer all the high school students with their questions.

"Despite the fact that I got really wet walking around campus from presentation to presentation, I

had an awesome time and I learned a lot," Wendy Gomez, a Norwalk High School senior said.

But not all the students felt this way about the rain.

Gisele Fazendia, from Downey High, said, "I would've enjoyed the event a lot more without the rain. Now all of my clothes are wet and so is my hair."

Cancer: Physicians recommend regular check-ups in order to prevent cancer

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cervical cancer, he said that educating oneself is important if anyone is in the situation.

He explains how researching cervical cancer is available.

"The internet is there and the information is there," he added.

But not everyone cares about their health.

Lauren Flores, undecided major, said, "The reason I don't know about it is because I had never talked about it with anyone before, or discussed it in high school."

Moreover, she stated that it didn't cross her mind what she would do if she had cervical cancer.

Now that Flores knows about the cancer itself, she commented that she will begin to do research to have a better understanding about what cervical cancer is.

With doing research she hopes that she can help others understand and inform as many friends about the significance of getting checked and ways to prevent cervical cancer.

Like Bernal, Flores agreed women need to begin take care of themselves if not for everyone but at least for oneself.

Bueno said that there are keys to prevent cervical cancer, "Abstinence, reduce smoking, limit the number of sexual partners and of course talk to your doctor or health care professional to learn more about HPV, Pap test and pelvic examinations."

For more information about cervical cancer, visit www.cancer.org or www.cancer.gov.

Results: It's down to two candidates; who will be the next ASCC President?

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presidency.

"Students should save a flyer from the campaign and see whether the winner of the run-off finishes promises made during all the campaigning."

A runoff is not unusual when

there are three tickets on the ballot according to ASCC Chief Justice Kanneaka Sin.

"With three tickets it's kind of hard to say who's going to get the most votes," Sin explained, "especially when you have pretty good

candidates.

"People seem to love all of them, so I just knew there was going to be a runoff and now we're kind of ready for next week."

Out of roughly 19,000 students attending Cerritos College, only 352

voted, 2 of them were void.

Director of student activities, Holly Bogdanovich mentioned that this years election had a lowest student voter turnout for an election.

Runoff results will be posted Thursday night at 10 p.m.

Darfur: Students discuss the crisis in Africa

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and director of The Global Consortium, which works to bring people together through education.

Dr. Haas began the event with

a power-point presentation that displayed the major issues and conflicts in Darfur:

- Sudan is the largest country in Africa, and has a population of more than 39 million.
- Civil war between Northern and Southern forces have caused destabilization
- Thousands of towns have been destroyed
- Mass starvation and drought in Darfur and Eastern Chad
- The rape and murder of people

in IDP (Internally Displaced Peoples) camps

- Kidnapping of children
- The government of Sudan not allowing any humanitarian aid to be provided to the citizens of IDP camps.

These acts and many others have resulted in the death of 400,000 people.

Haas called Darfur, "The century's first genocide."

Many of these crimes against the people of Darfur are being commit-

ted by a group called the Janjaweed (Devils on Horseback) militia.

These Islamic militias also combat rebels, ethnically cleanse, destroy crops, steal cattle and scorch the land.

The floor was then given to Peter Jackson, who was video conferencing from his UN office in New York City.

Jackson said "We have to first understand Africa, because Darfur is one of many conflicts the UN is dealing with in Africa."

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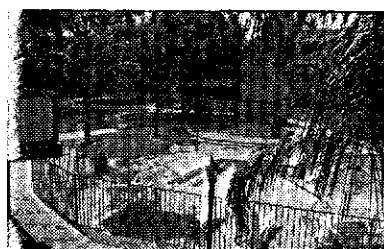
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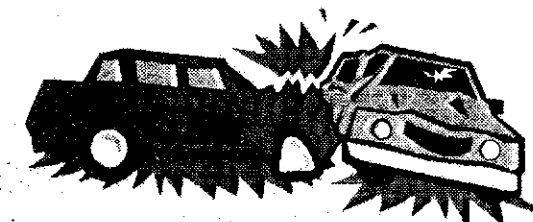
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PA system talk: ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio (second from right) discusses a possible PA system in light of Virginia Tech tragedy last week, during Monday's meeting.

Cabinet looks into having a PA system

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Members of the board are re-thinking last year's decision of denying funding for the construction of a clock tower that may potentially save lives.

President Joe Cobarrubio made the announcement at the cabinet meeting, on Monday.

When the idea first made its appearance in March of 2006, the main objective was decoration and preparation.

However, the ASCC Senate voted last year in a close 7-9 vote members of the ASCC Senate denied the passing of a bill that would have funded a proposal to add a clock tower to the Cerritos College Library Resource.

In addition, those who were on the ASCC Senate such as Senator

Minicrystal Venezuela was quick to express concern about the clock tower and former ASCC Vice President Alex Armendariz was not so sure about whether he supported it.

"I'm in the middle of the issue," Armendariz said, "because I think that the money that will be used for this tower could be used for other things."

Venezuela's reason for expressing concern was that she thought the clock tower would affect students who are studying in the library.

Venezuela also suggested that the money that was being used for the clock be used for improving the campus.

"The Burnight Theatre is falling apart," she added, "and the facilities on campus could use that money as well, so that money could be used for much better things."

Now members of the board are

focused on preparation and diverting flight.

A public announcement system will be installed within the clock tower in order to deter chaos, just in case Cerritos College bears a 'Virginia Tech incident.'

Cobarrubio believes that installing a PA system is a good idea, but wants to find an alternative way to implement it.

"If there is only a PA system in the clock tower," he said, "then places like the football field and some of the parking lots aren't going to hear any announcements."

Students have differing opinions about the construction of a clock tower on campus.

Dulce Solis, criminal justice major, feels that it is a good idea.

"If Virginia Tech would have had something like this," she said, "a lot of lives could have been saved."

She believes that installing a clock tower may keep many students from Cerritos College from being injured and that this should have been done a long time ago.

Other students, like Shantal Brasher, nursing major, feel that there are other ways to inform students of disaster.

"The college doesn't need to build a clock tower to install a PA system."

She feels that it isn't necessary and even if the school did put money into building the clock tower, it wouldn't do much good.

"So, while that part of the campus is safe," she adds, "the other part is still going to be (in danger)."

Brasher thinks that a PA system should be installed in the hall ways and class rooms, so that an emergency announcement can reach all of the students.

Cosmetology will showcase creativity

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The Cosmetology Department will have its 52nd annual Hair and Fashion Show on April 30 at 11 a.m. in the Student Center.

The event will give cosmetology students the opportunity to showcase their creativity in addition to put what they have learned in the program.

Last semester the department held the same event and prior to years before, open houses were held for those who were interested in cosmetology.

Jeanne Johnson, cosmetology instructor, said that an open house draw a crowd and the fashion and hair show draws interest.

Crystal Bernal, President of the Cosmetology Club, commented that hopefully with this event it will show those who are in the field of cosmetology that there is a creative and artistic side to the profession.

"Also, what this show does is put in practice what each one has learned."

In describing what the hair and fashion show entails, Bernal explained that there will be four parts to it as far as the models who will display different hairstyles and makeup.

The cosmetology curriculum consists of a minimum of 1600 clocked hours of cosmetology class work.

The four categories of hair and makeup are:

- Bridal
- Celebrity
- Avant Garde
- Fantasy

Furthermore, following the show, awards, will be handed out and the overall winner with the highest score will qualify to com-

petition in Super Cuts haircut competition to be announced at a later date.

What the students learn, she continued, is anatomy, chemistry, hygiene and disease. "So, there is more to cosmetology than just playing with hair."

Bernal says that after she leaves the cosmetology program says that she wants to.

Cosmetology students agreed. Marisol Flores, cosmetology major, said that the profession will prepare her for a future.

Additionally, she said that with what she has learned it is a step toward achievement.

But for Nicole Jenkins, cosmetology major, not only do students learn about the anatomy and chemistry but also about diseases and safety measures that may come with those diseases.

So, if there is anything that these students and Lauren Araral, cosmetology major, would like for those students who don't know about what cosmetology is all agree that it is a profession that should be taken seriously if that students is considering a career in it.

Araral added that not only do those students who are serious about cosmetology as a career considers it as such but, stated, "Those students should also have a passion for what they're doing."

She too says that students have a misconception about what the word 'cosmetology' is and that included asking question about homework.

"That what my friends would ask me such as, 'What do you do? practice your skills on your grandma?' or something like that."

For Araral, having a passion of cosmetology and being ready to work and learn is has been there since she was a kid and as she put it, "It's fun and I love what I do."

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Why buy, when you can make it?

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Wood furniture can easily be displayed in furniture stores however, what if you can create that furniture and be proud to know that you did it?

Rene Sutton, woodworking major, said having satisfaction in knowing that one can create a simple jewelry box out of wood is fun but, he also looks at it in another way.

Taking up a hobby

"I am taking this class because I look at it as a hobby."

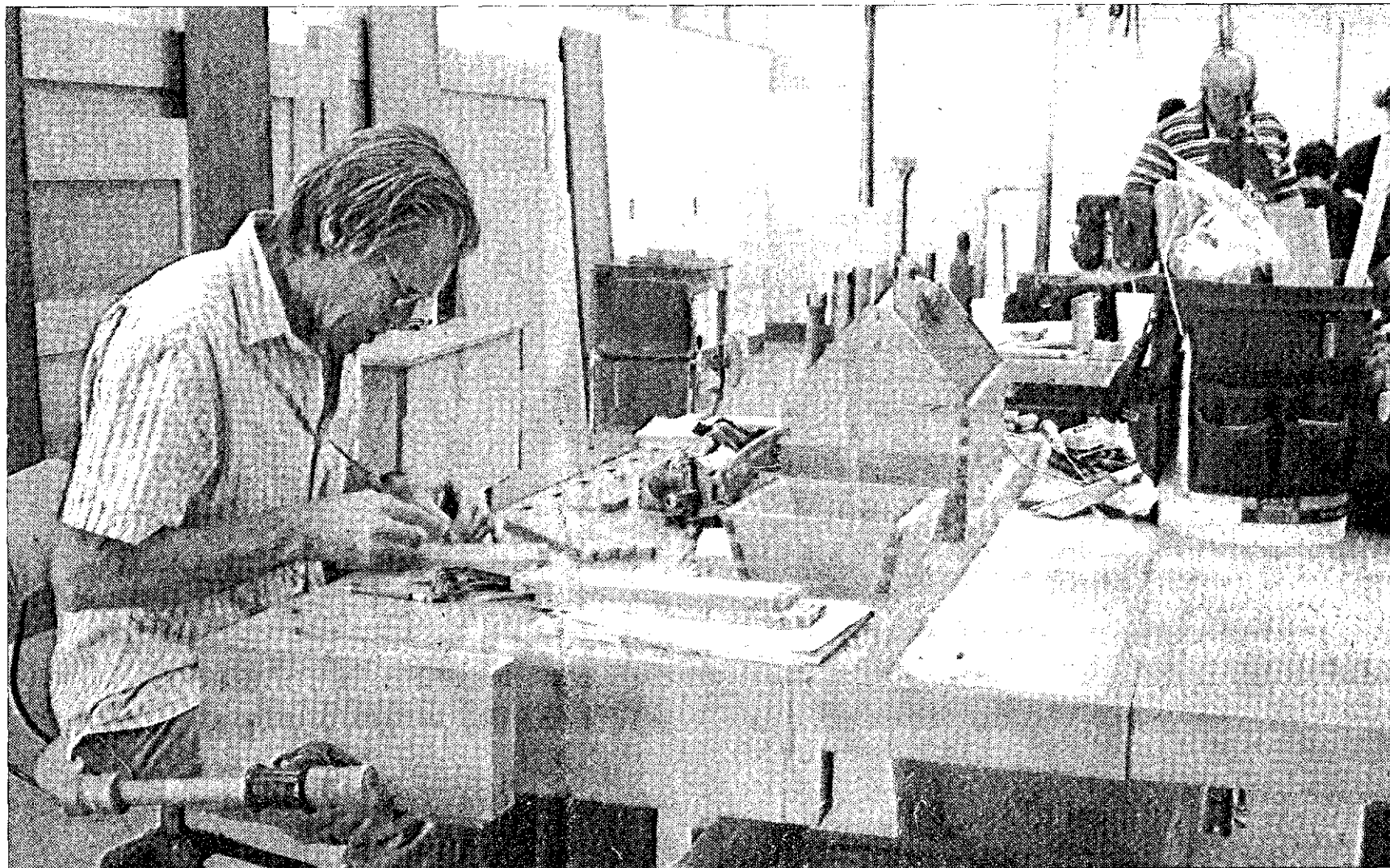
Sutton commented that he has taken woodworking at Cerritos for three years and that he has enjoyed the class because of the basic things he has learned.

Rich Higuerra, woodworking major, also agreed that there are things that students can learn, such as using power tools and hand tools.

"Within furniture making, whether cabinet making or tool box making there is a sense of perfection."

Having worked in carpentry before taking a class in woodworking, Higuerra explained that having a skill in photography is the same way as woodworking.

"As a photographer one has to know the f-stop and film speed, he added, "and that is the same with se-



Wood Work: Steve Lansing, woodworking major, and Rene Sutton, woodworking major, work on wood during class. Lansing who enrolled in his first woodworking class a year ago says that he enjoys what he has learned from it.

lecting the wood to make a cabinet and its fabric."

Sharing knowledge

Originally, having a career in mechanical engineering, Carl Jam-

merjohn, woodworking instructor, said that the reason he switched to teaching woodworking at Cerritos in 2000 was because he hoped to pass on his skills to students who were interested in the field.

Although the class is 85 percent

male-dominated, Jammerjohn says that within the program there are at least 15 percent women.

One woman among men

One of those women is Pam

Goldman, woodworking major.

She explained that the reason why she decided to enroll in the class itself is because she along with her husband Ron have had an interest in woodworking but also have their own magazine, called, "Wood-

worker West."

Furthermore, Goldman said that she is also a graphic design major, "but in five years of in Cerritos' woodworking program the No. 1 thing that I've learned is technique."

One of the projects that she has been able to complete is a wooden toolbox.

She explained even though it took three semesters to complete, it gave her pride in her own work.

"Also, students have to know that it takes extra hours," she said, "as well as efforts to do the projects."

Moreover, for Goldman to know that she'd had furnished her own furniture it is better than that of IKEA furniture displayed.

First lessons learned

Steven Lansing, woodworking major, said that he had no interest in woodworking until he enrolled in his first class last summer.

"I would say the first and most important thing I learned, was about safety."

Neil Smith, woodworking major, said that the reason he took the class at the beginning was because he needed a cart to use at home.

"We have a TV area, an office and this class will give us the opportunity to fix that furniture in the space that is left ourselves."

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EDITORIAL

Bearing arms is taking lives

This country is touted as "home of the brave and land of the free."

Brave apparently due to the fact of all the wars, conquests and conflicts this country has been involved in. Free because of the many rights Americans enjoy.

While it is true that we in this country enjoy more rights than others, there is one right that some have run amok with.

The U.S. has experienced yet another violent school shooting, actually the worst one in U.S. history.

Another distraught individual, probably pushed aside by American mainstream culture, has run on a rampage and exercised one of the country's most cherished rights; the right to bear arms.

Many gun-nuts and special interest groups, like gun manufacturers, shriek that it is the person who commits the murder, not the gun.

It's true that individuals are responsible for their actions, but making something so dangerous so easily accessible is also wrong.

Gun advocates cry out that any gun control is an infringement upon their constitutional rights. But wasn't the constitution written with the idea of it as a breathable, legal document?

The second amendment, which grants the right to bear arms, was written in a time when militias were still needed in order to fight the British.

Well it is absurd now to think that we are under such threat. This "right" has long expired and it is time to take a serious look into gun control.

Most gun advocates are individuals that never get to see the horrors committed with their beloved right.

Charlton Heston, National Rifle Association president, is one of the staunchest advocates against gun control.

We find it hard to believe Heston has seen the tragedies caused by his precious guns in our neighborhoods.

More than 600 people are murdered by gangs with guns every year in L.A. alone. That's more than the total amount of homicides in most European countries.

In a country where guns and violence are glamorized everywhere, it is not surprising that such horrors like the one in Virginia Tech occur.

In a recent MSN-Zogby poll, 59 percent of Americans believe that stricter gun control policies will not help, while 36 percent said stricter gun policies would prevent further tragedies. It seems like many American don't seem to understand the issue or can't learn from its mistakes.

How many more people must die by the gun until we can come to our senses and realize that an abundance of guns and outdated laws will only lead to more innocent blood being shed?

While we wait for our leaders to come up with something, our friends, neighbors and family members are being gunned down.

We must rally around the recent shootings in Virginia to prove that current gun policies are nothing more than a joke.

This will not only be a way to honor the victims and their families of Virginia, but also all the people who suffer a loss everyday in this country due to guns.

While it is utopian to imagine wiping out guns for now, we can take many measures to prevent such an easy access to firearms.

If we cannot achieve stricter gun control policies, we may need as Chris Rock said, "Bullet Control."



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Giving credit where its deserved

So much for supporting the very place in which you were once a part of



responsibilities are being placed on the editors.

That disadvantage goes unnoticed and as former editors, they should be capable of recognizing that problem.

But they much rather enjoy the hypocrisy and hate within their clique.

How you can judge the work that's being done here without actually being here to see it still shocks me.

Despite what former editors have to say, I've been privileged to work under our current Editor-in-Chief, who is an extremely dedicated and inspiring leader.

We've both been privileged to be guided by an ambitious and supportive adviser, who has continually pushed us to our potential.

What is so baffling is that there is so much animosity and disrespect when all we've been doing is our best.

Apparently winning awards does not justify that we are talented and that we are leading the way.

I'm not sure whether to be upset or feel sorry

for these former editors. Like snakes they attack on weak prey and yet have no courage to confront us face to face.

We've stayed silent too long and we refuse to bite our tongues for the sake of courtesy.

We work hard and we deserve the credit for it.

It's not our fault we are surpassing your legacies here.

Don't for a second think that our work and experience is not valued.

Maybe you should take into consideration that the rocks who were the core of your staff was us and it was us that got you through your semester as Editor.

As for the others, maybe you should accept that you are not leadership material. Granted you work hard, you do your job well, but the potential to make an impact in peoples lives is just not there.

And we shouldn't be hated just because we have that ability.

Journalism is a hard job and it's never appreciated the way it should be.

But the least we'd expect is respect and support from our members of our own journalism community.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

TILLMAN SLAMS MILITARY FOR DECEPTION

Kevin Tillman, brother of fallen soldier Pat Tillman, testifies before a committee on Tuesday in Capitol Hill regarding the cover-up of his brother's death.

"We believe this narrative was intended to deceive the family, but more importantly the American public."

Tillman believes the cover-up was a political ploy by the government.

"Revealing that Pat's death was a fratricide would have been yet another political disaster in a month of political disasters... so the truth had to be suppressed."

FREE SPEECH ZONE!?

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LINDSEY ROUSE
English major

"As early as possible if it is for preventive purposes and not for sexual purposes."



FRANCISCO TERRAZAS
nursing major

"During their teen years because that's when they start experimenting with sexual things."



CLAUDIA MORA
social work major

"Twelve-13, because that's when they start having sex unfortunately."



CASEY MCCOOMBS
undecided major

"Eighteen, because by that age you're a legal adult and you can make your own decisions."



EBONEE ADENUSI
nursing major

"Fifteen-16, because that's the time most girls start getting social and active, and by this age they're a little older to understand better what's going on."



LEO MORENO
nursing major

"The earlier you start fighting it the better chance you have to prevent it."



Honoring Virginia Tech

When tragedies strike, going online is a way of informing families



sort of thing could happen anywhere.

And then I thought about what would we do? What would I do if something like that would happen?

As being part of the school newspaper, our adviser asked us the same thing. He explained how the Virginia Tech school online newspaper kept on posting updates as the news came in.

Another thing that I heard was that a student that was in his dorm room at VA Tech was blogging about the events that were taking place on campus.

And his reason for blogging about it the first time was to inform his friends that he was okay.

But he continued to blog to help get the news out there, he even started video recording what was going on from outside of his window and posted his videos as well.

Our adviser asked us if we would do the same thing. He asked us if something like this happened how many of us would come to the newsroom and get something up as soon as possible.

Honestly, knowing my staff, I know the majority, if not all, of us

would come to the newsroom and pick up equipment and go back out there and try to get as much information as possible.

Hopefully nothing like this ever happens to our school because no one should have to experience something so tragic like what happened at VA Tech.

When things like this happen in our country, the country comes together to support the families affected by the event and to show our respect to the people that lost their lives.

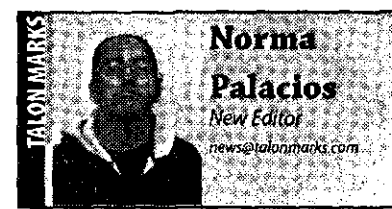
Los Angeles Angels pitcher Joe Saunders wore his VA Tech baseball cap and engraved the VA Tech logo on the pitcher mound before he started Friday's game. It was his way of showing his support and winning the game that night was so much more meaningful, he said.

The Washington Nationals also wore VA Tech baseball caps at Tuesday's game. And the Boston Red Sox wore a black VA Tech logo on themselves as well to honor the victims.

Tragedies like the one that happened at VA Tech aren't something a person should want to try at their school and for those who did threaten their schools, they should be ashamed of themselves for thinking that they should make people not want to go to school in fear of their safety.

Turning away students

ASC not going out of its way for the students who want a better education



lege student, I feel that is unacceptable.

You should be ashamed not to think that there should be responsibility toward those students who are among more than 20,000 other Cerritos students who attend this college.

Remember when the ASC was crowded enough that there wasn't a seat available for those who wanted help?

Have you asked yourself why the area in which you have the ASC now looks like a ghost town?

Because for the simple fact that the title you hold is deceiving. Plain and simple.

You say that you support everyone who is there so my question is why it is that disabled students are being turned away from help.

I don't understand this at all. To solve the problem of finding tutors, there is something that you

can do about that.

How about sending postcards asking continuing students if they are interested in helping those who are struggling in a particular class?

Is that easy enough or do I have to treat you like a five-year-old?

Hence, that leads me to again ask you, what do you plan to do about helping the disabled?

There was a former director of the ASC who would go out of their way to help those disabled students regardless of the situation.

That in turn included finding a tutor who was there to help anyone, and I mean anyone, who was looking to succeed.

I suggest going back to that method because if you don't, what is the use of having that title and I'm being honest when I ask that.

The ASC used to be full of students and now it's not and I'm sure you ask why. The simple truth is because of what you don't do.

Therefore, do something as simple as lending out a hand to help or you might as well be given your pink slip.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I cannot begin to express my utter disappointment and blinding rage after reading your editorial alleging a link between childbirth rates and global warming.

To be quite frank, I would have to curse at the top of my lungs in agony to do justice to how horrible I feel after reading this.

To even suggest that there should be limits on the sizes of families is fascist and callous, but I'm so glad you think, "We can't start killing off people, that would be inhumane."

Your argument is both asinine and scientifically unsound. Half way through I'm not sure you are even really arguing about global warming. It sounds like you are trying to link population growth to just about every problem and suggesting that poor countries be limited to not rearing children because that's the only way they can help in the global warming cause.

By the way, to suggest that third world countries are poor because the world is overpopulated and there isn't enough money to go around is just so wrong it's sad. The U.S. has spent trillions of dollars on the war in Iraq and the riches man in the world has a trillion dollars for himself and you're telling me there

isn't enough to go around?

Frankly, it seems like you have an agenda against population growth and are incorrectly using global warming to gain some credibility.

It's wrong, irresponsible, ignorant and you should probably re-examine what you think you know about the root causes of global warming and how the human body works.

In fact, we do breathe in much of the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, so while we do breathe it out we balance out the equation just a little.

In the numerous studies done on climate change and the root causes — by Harvard, Cal Tech, StopGlobalWarming.org, etc — none have suggested that we should start to battle the cancer of the earth by making its inhabitants legally infertile.

You mentioned communist China as a role model in this fight. Well why is China one of the greatest polluters in the world? Is the one baby-per-family rule too lenient? Should we make it no babies and remove a lung from every other citizen?

Any links between population and global warming are in relation to consumption. Ergo that's where

we should start and end this battle.

Controlling how much waste we make, what cars we drive and who we allow to govern the people, are the real ways to battle global warming.

If our government is going to legislate to battle this problem I hope to God it starts by setting limits for miles per gallon on new cars. If every car in this country had a set minimum of 25 mpg, then we would not only make great strides against global warming, but we would totally eliminate our dependence on all foreign oil.

The real solutions lie in our government's efforts to find/force alternative energy and in the human population's efforts to be less decadent, not less family oriented.

It's become so much of a trend to just say you are against global warming that everyone tries to link it to just about anything and sadly uninformed arguments can be made and no real progress.

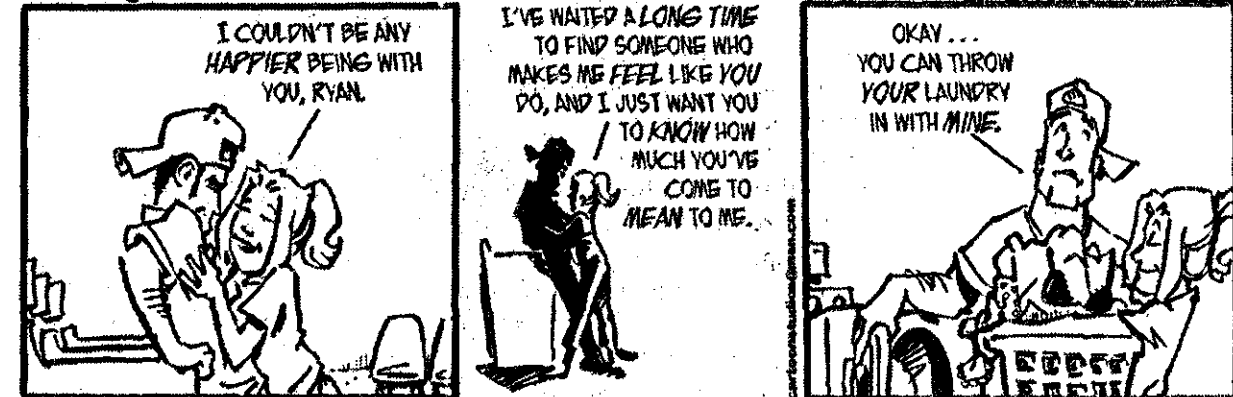
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Anonymous writers get 'Untitled' Classical sounds bring large audiences

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The Writer's Anonymous Club will be releasing its first "Untitled" magazine sometime next week.

However, students and faculty will have the opportunity to get a first listen to what's in the magazine with a "Poetry Reading" to be held in the Teleconference Center this Thursday.

The English department is helping with the publication and distribution of the magazine.

Among the written material that will be read at the event will be:

- Poetry
- Short stories
- Novels
- Lyrics
- Screenplays

Jeanine Rodriguez, Co-President of the Writer's Anonymous said that she is extremely excited about the magazine coming out and nervous as well.

"It will be the first time that the club will be given the opportunity to read its own work."

Rodriguez, along with Mario San Juan, Eng-



Poet Performer: English major Mario San Juan performs at a Spoken Word last November. Poetry will be read this Thursday from the club's "Untitled 1" magazine.

lish major and President of the Writer's Anonymous said that both have gone to as many classes as possible, letting students know about the "Poetry Reading" event.

As for the magazine itself, San Juan said that, "75% of the magazine is poetry, but there are also articles and short stories. Also, the magazine is bilingual. This means that there are some pieces in Spanish."

"We tried to get other languages included, but nobody turned in anything in another language that wasn't Spanish."

In addition, he explained, "I want more students to feel free to share what they've written without the fear of being criticized, so I hope this magazine motivates students to venture into doing something they didn't think they'd ever do."

"We never thought we'd actually get this magazine through, but it happened!"

When the club was accepting submission, Rodriguez said that there was going to be a benefit to those students who published their work.

"It would be a great opportunity to get some exposure, and that would be published could eventually lead to a career as a writer."

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Cerritos College Symphonic Winds and three other orchestra groups from local schools provided an evening of music last Tuesday.

The Cerritos College Music Department and the Associated Students presented the "band exchange" concert that took place at the Student Center.

The concert began with a performance by Cerritos' Symphonic Winds group. Under the direction of David Betancourt, the group was able to showcase its ability to mix instrumentals and classical sounds.

Betancourt also provided the hosting duties for the band exchange.

The band exchange provided all the groups a chance to perform live and in front of an audience. Also, it provided orchestra bands an opportunity to be involved and interact with other school bands while giving fans of classical music a great free show.

"It's a win-win situation," said Cerritos music director David Betancourt. "Schools come to visit and get to perform in front of an audience."

The Paramount High School Wind Ensemble was the next to perform at the concert.

The band had some flaws in their performance, mostly instrumental miscues while the band was changing from high to low tones.

However, the ensemble gave a near perfect performance of "Pali-

sades Overture," by Jay Brower.

"The kids did well," said Angel Carmona, director of the Paramount High band.

"We go for the effect, start slow then end big, the crescendo effect."

The John Glenn High School band, directed by Frank Hinojosa, performed after a short break. This was the first time that John Glenn had performed at Cerritos College in many years.

The break was due to the amount of time it took for the band to assemble and prepare for the performance; the ensemble had more than 50 members.

The group opened their set with "I Am" by Andrew Boysen. After the performance of that song, Director Frank Hinojosa read a poem of encouragement to the crowd and his group of kids.

The band sounded great, a solo performance by Daniel Solis complemented the ensemble well.

East Los Angeles College's band concluded the evening with a quick performance with a two song set.

After their set, Jesus Martinez, director of the ELAC concert band, thanked Cerritos' music department for the opportunity to perform.

"This was a successful event, there was a large crowd, all the groups played well and the audience enjoyed the music," Betancourt said.

Almost as funny as 'Shaun of the Dead'

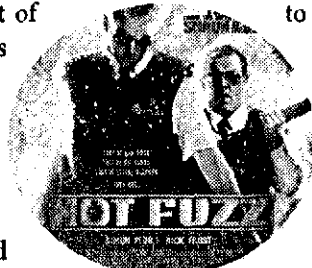
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From the guys that brought us "Shaun of the Dead," comes a similar comedy of a different nature that is almost as good.

Nicholas Angel (Simon Pegg) is the best police officer in London, with an arrest record 400 percent

higher than anyone else and that has made the rest of the service nervous. As a result, Angel's superiors transfer him to the small town of Sandford.

In this crime-free town, he is partnered with an action movie fan Danny Butterman (Nick Frost),



who has always been eager to get some real action. What Angel believes to be murders start occurring but the rest of the police shrug them off as accidents.

"Hot Fuzz" pays the same tribute to movies like "Bad Boys 2" and "Point

Break" in a way that anyone could understand, with the use of the Danny character.

It's funny throughout the film until the end, when it kicks it up a gear and becomes hilarious, fun and exciting.

Regardless, "Hot Fuzz" keeps up with their already high standards they set for themselves after "Shaun of the Dead."

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Only 3 games left, where will the Falcons end?



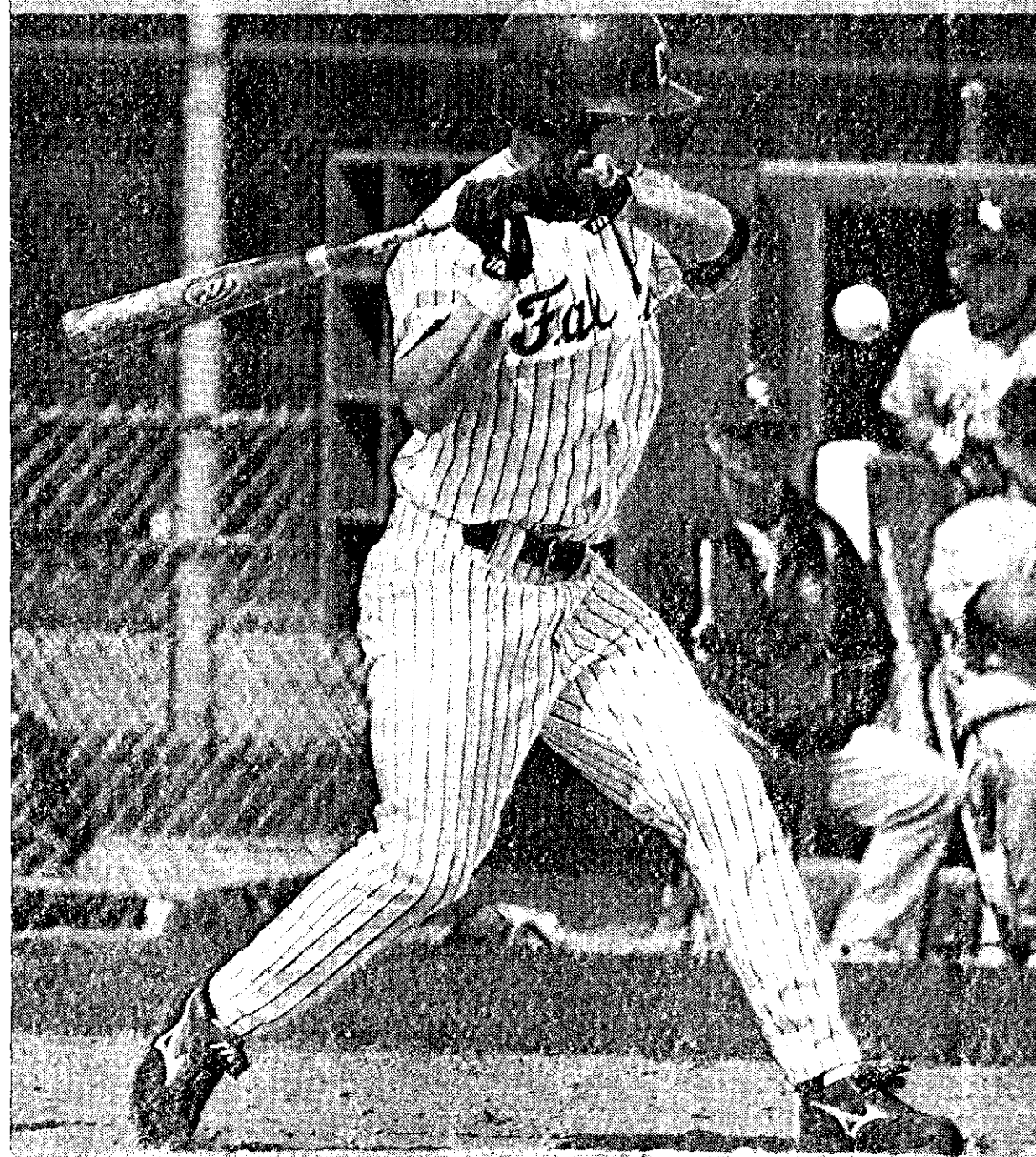
Showing love: Kevin Camacho getting props from fellow pitchers after being relieved in the seventh.



Sliding by: Robbie Estrada of El Camino slides past Falcons catcher Phil Rodriguez and adds another point to the Warriors' lead during last Saturday's game.



Inside pitch: Nick Armstrong makes an attempt that prevents him from making a full swing and makes a foul.



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When a team practices the fundamentals of the game and does all of the little things, sometimes it can bring forth big and unexpected results.

This season, the Cerritos College baseball team's "scrappy" play has brought it one of its finest seasons in recent history.

As of press time, the team is in first place in the South Coast Conference South Division with a record of 30-9 overall and 16-4 in their respective division.

It is the only team in Southern California to have more than 30 wins.

Throughout the season, the team has been among the top two in Southern California. According to www.spincostats.com, the team is currently ranked No. 1.

However, the team lost two consecutive games to El Camino last week.

The Falcons lost 7-3, at the Warriors' home field and last Saturday, 4-1, at Joe Kincaid Field.

The losses may potentially set the Falcons back down to No. 2.

But players say that the seesaw battle of going from ranked No. 1 then No. 2 and back again has not put a damper on the season.

"It's nice to know that we're ranked so high (in the state). But we want to wrap up the confer-

ence games first. We're just taking things as they come," said Miguel Flores, third baseman/closer.

Catcher Phil Rodriguez added, "We did think about the ranking at first. But then we figured 'who cares about the ranking now?' We just want to finish out the season."

Players say that they are taking the ranking in stride, but they also don't want to let the title get to their heads.

"All that the ranking means is that we have a big target on our back," Pitcher Kevin Camacho said. "Teams are hungrier to beat us now. Everyone's shooting to beat Cerritos."

For the rest of the season, the team's goal is to try and finish out the season with four straight wins

heart. Pitching wise and hitting wise, we're better. Most of the players are buying into the coaches' system," Rodriguez said.

The team can attribute its season to its philosophy of "scrapping" and going back to the basics. Doing things such as bunting, solid pitching and timely hitting have been the solid rock for the Falcons all season long.

"We have a lot of guys taking care of the small details instead of trying to be heroes all of the time," Camacho said.

"We don't have any big hitters that try to look for homeruns all of the time. We're just going back to the basics and keeping it simple. When you keep it simple, that makes it fun for everyone."

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so it can secure first place in the region and conference.

"(The losses) lit a fire in us. We've never wanted to win any four games as much as we want to right now," Camacho said. "We will win the SCC."

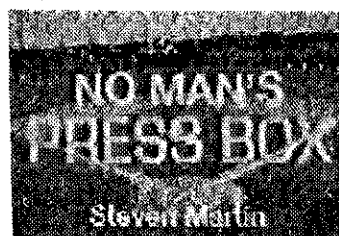
Last year's team finished 27-17 and did not make the playoffs. Returning players from that year's squad, note the difference between the two squads.

"(My teammates) have more

Despite last week's losses, which have been the team's first consecutive ones of the season, the players still feel that it is one of, if not the, best in Southern California.

"We have a lot of talented players on this team," Pinch hitter/rightfielder Andrew Baslow said.

"Every team goes through their little funk, but we'll work through it. At the end, we'll establish ourselves as one of the top teams in the region."



Seventh inning is no stretch for Falcons

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In its last home game of the season, the Cerritos College soft-

ball team defeated East Los Angeles College, 6-1, Monday at Nancy Kelly Field.

In the seven inning game, the Falcons totaled 11 hits and scored three runs in the first inning, one in

the second and two in the fourth. The win, which is its sixth consecutive, puts Cerritos (29-9-1, 11-3) at second place in the South Coast Conference Southern Division.

The Falcons are ranked 11th

in the state and No. 6 in Southern California.

The team will now have a five-day break before the regional playoffs, which are scheduled to start May 5.

"The team's been getting better throughout the entire season," Head Coach Kodee Murray said.

"We're hoping to get home-field advantage in the playoffs and fight to get ourselves into the state championship."

Cerritos got its first point when catcher Nadine Garcia scored first on an unearned run from a single from designated hitter Charlie Cox.

In the same inning, first baseman Stephanie Lomeli and pitcher Jessica Navarro would add to the score tally with unearned runs.

"It was good that we scored quickly. But we're used to playing games that we score quickly in," Korrin Soldan, rightfielder, said.

Navarro threw nine strikeouts and limited the Huskies (11-30, 3-11) to just three hits.

"I mixed it up and threw different types of pitches," she said.

"If I would've kept throwing the same pitches, then (the Huskies) would have picked it up by the fourth inning."

On the season, she has improved her record to 24-5, while pitching at a 0.86 ERA.

She had three hits to lead the Falcons, with shortstop Jenel Guadango and outfielder Cecily Garcia each contributing two.

Guadango would score in both the second and fourth inning.

"I was glad that they kept scoring runs. We didn't just score and then stop. We kept going at them," Murray said.



Bat woman: Shortstop Jenel Guadango gets ready to hit during the Falcons' 4-1 win over East L.A. College on Monday.

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New track brings joy for coach, team

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their performances and enhance their times.

"The track was designed so that when you push down, it pushes back," Michael Allen, head coach of the women's track and field team, said.

"The Cerritos College track is the fastest college track in California. It [Mondo] allows you to propel down the track at a faster rate."

And it seems to be working.

Not only is Harbor a top five hurdler in the country, but he is being recruited by several Division I schools.

He also maintains the fastest time for intermediate hurdles, at 53.69 seconds, in the state of California and the time places him sixth in the nation.

"It's a faster track," Harbor said. "But it's also very inspiring. Our other track was rough and no-one ever wanted to run it, but now everyone wants to run fast, and we all want to break records."

Coaches can see the change as well.

"Some of the kids come here and they aren't super talented," Allen said. "But they have been able to compete because of this track. For them to train here and get good marks - that's encouraging."

With clouds overhead, and Mondo underneath, the athletes continue to prepare for their race.

They have disregarded the dark drone of the potential storm and instead have chosen to focus on the track below them and finish line in front of them.

The clouds creep in, setting over the newly renovated track at Cerritos College. Their ominous presence lingers, but fails to distract the athletes from preparing for last Saturday's race.

One of the athletes, Anthony Harbor, stands just outside the rail of the track, watching and waiting as the other runners from his team cross the "clerk of the course."

His shadow extends out across the new Mondo track, and he exudes a quiet confidence that radiates into the stands.

He is content on the track and his anticipation is evident.

"Everybody likes new stuff. I grew up running on dirt and when I came here, everyone was talking about a new track," he said.

"It didn't really matter to me, but the first day the track was open everyone on the team was laced up and ready to practice and they were early."

That's probably because the newly renovated track at Cerritos boasts a track surface constructed on Mondo, the fastest track surface in the world.

"People want an opportunity to run on this track," John Van Gaston, Sports Information Director, said.

"They want to run on the track, to see it and to be a part of it."

With nine lanes and a stadium that encompasses 12,000 spectators for big meets, the athletes have no problem finding ways to improve

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