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Macias and Barrita win in ASCC presidential runoff

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The students of Cerritos College have spoken and have elected current ASCC Vice President Jason Macias, science major, and Michael Barrita, political science major, to represent the student body next semester.

After having no clear-cut winner in the first elections, Macias and Barrita easily won in the run-off elections with a total of 236 votes. Crystal Wammack, ASCC presidential candidate, and Jorge Ramires,

ASCC vice presidential candidate, lost their bid with a total of 192 votes.

President-elect Macias and Vice president-elect Barrita have a handful on their plate for the upcoming semester.

Both plan to continue current programs initiated this year by Joe Cobarrubio, current ASCC president, such as the "Show Your Pride In Your Campus" campaign, the recycling drive and improving the MyCerritos website.

"They (Macias and Barrita) have a strong platform on which to work

already," Cobarrubio explained, "many strong programs have been initiated and now it is up to them to carry them along."

Cobarrubio is sure that Macias and Barrita are more than qualified for the job.

"Both have shown a great flexibility to work with students," Cobarrubio added.

Cobarrubio had long before noticed the dedication Macias applied to school activities prior to his appointment as ASCC vice president after Alex Armendariz, former ASCC vice president, reached the maxi-

mum term in office.

"Macias has always been a hard worker since I know him," Cobarrubio said, "he always attended school events and took whatever job was given to him willingly."

Barrita as well left a good impression on Cobarrubio upon working together.

"I met Barrita through Macias," Cobarrubio explained, "he (Barrita) is a great communicator and is aware of state wide issues that affect students."

"Barrita has a good work ethic and always kept us informed on lo-

cal issues, such as local school elections."

Building on from the momentum of last week's elections, Macias and Barrita have many goals set in mind already for the upcoming semester.

Macias, who is also a science major, along with Barrita explained their proposed plan to bring free tutoring in the science department.

"We have spoken to many instructors that are willing to offer tutoring if an improvement of grades is seen in their classes," Macias said.

Offering a wider selection of

healthier food choices is on the agenda for Macias and Barrita.

Macias said that setting up a space where a business like subway could sell food for a month would be an excellent way to try out this project.

"We have to actually try out our ideas before implementing them to see whether they will work out or not," Macias explained.

Another issue on the agenda for Macias and Barrita is a book rental program for students on campus.

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Jason Macias, ASCC President Elect

What They Have In Store For CERRITOS



Michael Barrita, ASCC Vice President Elect

WHO THEY'RE REPLACING



Joe Cobarrubio
ASCC President



Alex Armendariz
Former ASCC Vice President

Macias and Barrita will be replacing ASCC president Joe Cobarrubio and former ASCC vice president Alex Armendariz. After serving maximum six semesters, Armendariz was replaced by Macias in the beginning of spring semester. Cobarrubio and Armendariz launched the Show Pride In Your Campus Campaign, which Macias and Barrita hope to continue during their term.

ON THEIR AGENDA



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Build a recycling system to help the school out with funds, while being environmentally friendly.



Book rental:

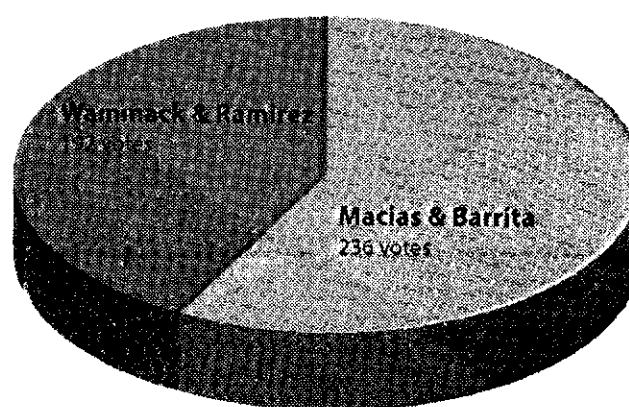
Give students the option to rent out books for a semester instead of paying full price for them.



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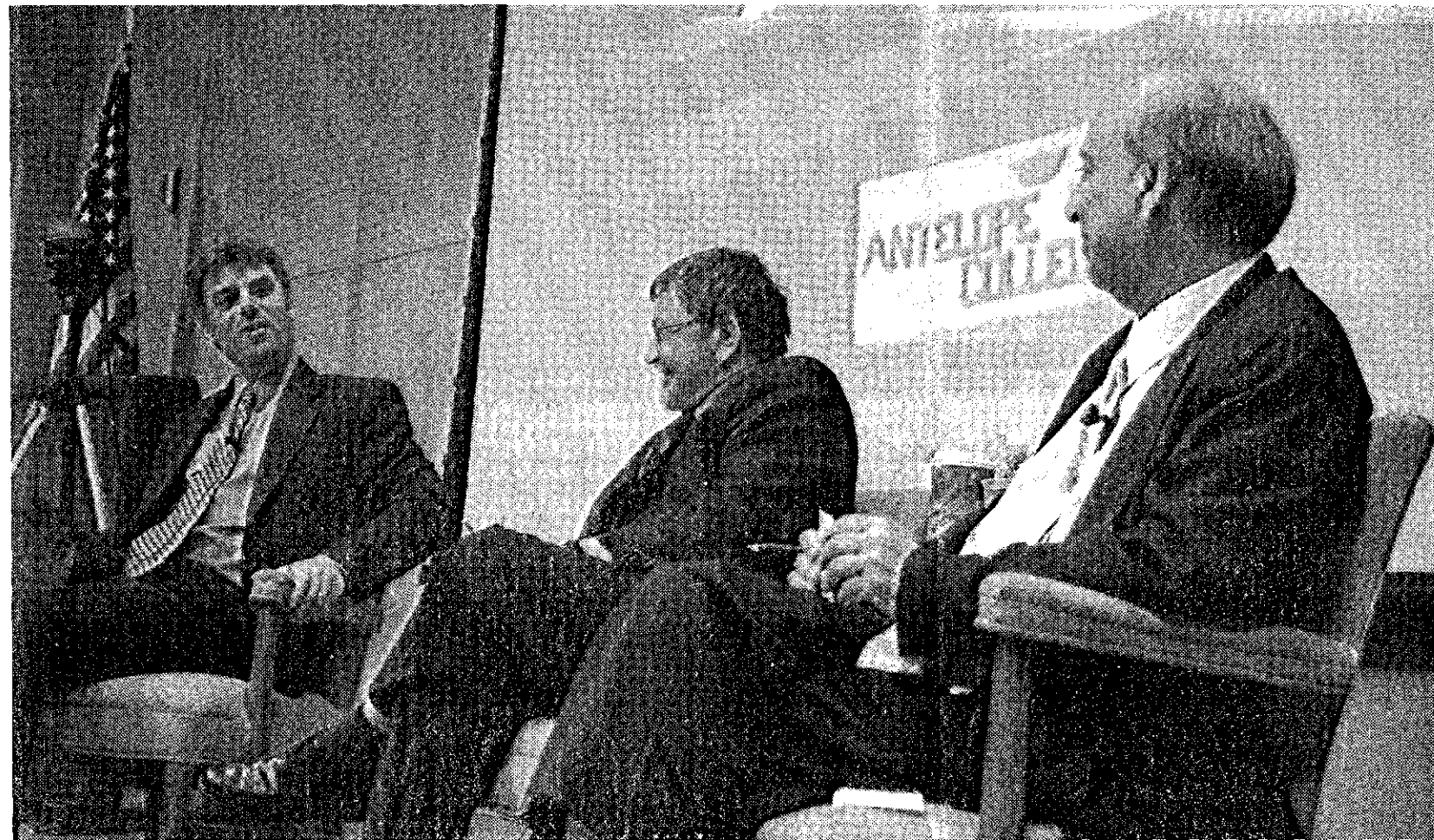
Offer students a larger variety of healthier food choices on campus.

HOW YOU VOTED



ONLINE

- Godspell dialogue turns out to be disappointing
- Corina speaks to me again



Dialogue: History instructor Dr. John Haas, UCLA Professor Dr. Judea Pearl and U.N. Representative Dr. Akbar Ahmed discuss ways of having interfaith centers around the world to end hatred and violence toward Muslims, Jews and humanity as a whole during a webcast in the Teleconference Center on Monday.

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Pearl, Ahmed support dialogue

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Despite technical difficulties, Dr. Judea Pearl spoke of the importance of interfaith dialogue, along with U.N. representative Dr. Akbar Ahmed and the message of peace during the "Global Interfaith Dialogue for Peace, Love and Understanding" hosted by the Global Consortium and webcasted in the Teleconference Center on Monday.

Last November at Cerritos of the importance of the spreading understanding among society.

Pearl's son Daniel was a journalist kidnapped and murdered in 2002 by Islamic extremists in Karachi, Pakistan as he was investigating links between Al Qaeda and Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence.

Despite the loss of his son, Pearl said that through his death there has been a rebuilding of a Jewish and Islamic understanding as well as a voice to the voiceless Muslim of the world.

"The humanity spirit was spotlight because what the life of Daniel meant was that being different meant being one."

"The second thing is that his death created was a common thread of humanity" he said, "and that was to restore it."

In addition, Pearl believes that there should be relationships that

are built and it's through dialogue, journalism and music.

That is where the Daniel Pearl Foundation, founded after the murdered journalist comes in, to fight continued hatred, as in the case with the Israelis and Palestinians in the Middle East conflict.

In that regard, Pearl stated that communication can not involve argument, and that with listening there should be no judgment.

"That is where everyone deserves the human treatment," he said, "and as of right now there has been a historical clash between Jews and Muslims."

By that, he says that within both faiths Jews and Muslims have had the wrong idea as to where they were born and what belief system they practice.

But for Pearl that would be changed with the implementation of interfaith centers.

"My hope is that interface centers will be in every college, within every curriculum," he said, "so that there would be narrative expressed and to also see who is right, as well as having to answer the hard question now and then answer the easy questions later."

As for the death of his son, Pearl said that there is a view of triumph because of the victory to have understanding within humanity and understanding of the human spirit.

Following Pearl, was Ahmed commented that the death of the younger Pearl was a trigger for progress but also a growing hatred of the Americans and Jews.

"However, the question is what can be done," he said, "about there are things that can be done."

The first is having the interfaith centers, as well as having an understanding such as picking up a book, going to a mosque.

But more than anything Ahmed said that society needs to have an understanding of what the word 'Islam' is.

The death of the young Pearl has only created a negative impact within everyone, "and that is a continuous growth of hatred," he said.

Furthermore, there has to be a notion of judgment, compassion and knowledge.

"The goal is to build human friendships," Ahmed said, "because it's not about conceiving to blow each other up."

Currently he says that society is living in the 21st century that is in a sense of crisis because of what is happening everyday.

"We are out of control everywhere," he explained, "to my appeal is, is that we make a sense of our history because we are all joint at the hip."

That's why Ahmen says that the interfaith centers are important.

Afterward, Lura Arezuma, a U.N. Representative, questioned as to the fact that there are Muslims who are living in Africa, the continent as a whole, is missing from having been represented.

Ahmen said that yes, the Islamic faith is missing in Africa is troubling but, that education is important.

"There has to be more then just open dialogue with regard to having the interfaith centers," she said.

Students also said that the discussion was informative but, for Waleed Nuriet, English and economics major, what stood out was that Ahmed said that there was globalization among the news stations such as CNN, FOX and CBS.

He said that all those stations are partially political because of the government and it speaks to the people.

But said overall the event was good.

So, there were bound to be people offended by what was discussed.

Simau Tuiali'i, cultural anthropology major, said that he too thought it was good to have open dialogue but there was something else.

"I would hope one day those bridges would include Christians and reach to the region of Israel."

With Christian involved it would be a path to peace, according to Tuiali'i.

Overseas students face fee increase

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International students will have to pay \$24 per unit more starting this summer to enroll at Cerritos College.

In the summer, international students pay \$210 up from \$186 per unit but in the fall semester they will have to pay \$230 per unit up from the current \$206 per unit.

The issue of the tuition fee increase was brought to the attention of Faculty Senate President Dr. Byron Reece during the Faculty Senate meeting on April 17.

Reece said that he'd heard of the fee increases three to four days however, said that he has not yet known why the increase has taken place.

Seeking comment from ISA adviser Danita Kurtz and Vice President of Student Services Stephen Johnson were not returned.

In addition, ASCC Senator Joon Kyu Kang brought forth a petition to members of the ASCC Senate during the meeting last Wednesday.

The petition that he presented to the Senate partially read:

- Students are collecting signatures to show concern and solidarity in petitioning for a decrease in fees to be competitive with neighboring community colleges.
- Cerritos College provides an excellent educational program and leadership opportunities; however, it may lose classmates to other colleges that cost less.

With the increase of international student fee it is the highest in comparison to surrounding community colleges.

Afterward, Kang said that there has been no explanation for the fee hikes, but said, "I guess one of the

reasons for the fee hikes is because international students are voiceless or silent to appeal to the board."

In addition, he explained that as of right now there is a target of getting at least 3,000 student signatures and also that those with the Senate were supportive and would help with the distribution of the petition.

Kang added that there is reason to defend against the increase and there was more than that he, himself, was an international student.

"The multicultural diversity benefits every student, he said, "and if the international students' enrollment is lowered then there will be less diversity influence on campus."

Future Cerritos students, Jeremiah Acosta, Alicia Black and Monica Buond said that the fee increased was unfair.

"Those international students are given equal opportunity," Acosta said, "and now that they have to face additionally money what it will do is that the students will be the ones who will suffer."

As for the increase, compared to the \$20 per unit for non-international students pay, he called it un-American.

Bound asked, "What is the difference for paying for an education?"

Black said that international students are at a disadvantage and that what they have to face with more money out of their pockets will make them not come to Cerritos.

Bound said that if she meets a international student who is facing the fee increase one thing that she'd tell him is to keep their head up.

California Community Colleges current enrollment fees

SOURCE: CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

• Cerritos	\$230	• Mt. SAC	\$217
• Chaffey	\$213	• Mt. San Jacinto	\$193
• Citrus	\$220	• Pasadena	\$201
• Orange Coast	\$202	• Rio Hondo	\$155
• Glendale	\$180	• Riverside	\$212
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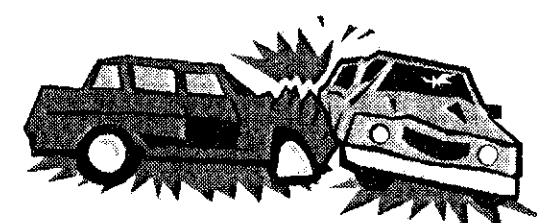


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Play time: Judith Krause, child development instructor, plays in a tub of shaving cream, along with the youngest members of Cerritos College during the ninth annual "Week of the Young Child" last Friday at the Child Development Center. The celebration during the week of April 21 through April 28 focus on the public attention of childhood programs and services.

Center celebrates children

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The Child Development Center held its ninth annual "Week of the Young Child Hands on Curriculum Fair" last Friday.

The event ran from April 21 through April 28 in the Child Development Center.

More than 200 faculty, staff, par-

ents and volunteers attended the week. "The Week of the Young Child was sponsored by the CDC and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The purpose of the celebration is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their family and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

With the help of the NAEYC

that first established the Week of the Young Children in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years between birth and eight years old lay the foundation for children's success in school and later in life.

The Week of the Young Child is the time to plan how citizen of a community, of a state and of a nation will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

During the event there were

booths that demonstration the Child Development Program to the parents and they were:

- Clay
- Goop
- Creative Painting
- Gel
- Kindergarten Gym
- Shaving Cream Area
- Bubblemania

Debra Ward, director of the Child Development Center, said that there was a hope that parents will see with the events that were held throughout the week.

"The hope is to understand that children come first," she explained, "and that with this celebration that there be recognition that these children in the program are our future."

She added that with those children in the CDC are also the ones that will become future educators as well.

Linda Roberts, child development instructor, agreed.

"As in the hands on curriculum this is a great way for parents and children to be involved in activities such as those children who have learned sensory skill."

Not only is it the opportunity to have parents see the sensory skills that are learned through the CDC says Roberts, "but it is also an opportunity for both parent and child to play together in addition to celebrate and to give children a sense of respect through their voice."

That is why the Week of the Young Child is important to recognize Vanessa San Martin, volunteer and child development major, said.

Chavez socialism debate gets heated, discussed

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A heated debate took place on Tuesday as students took part in the presentation addressing the current situation in Venezuela.

The Cerritos College Economics Club hosted a debate named "Is the New Socialism Viable? The Case of Chavez's Venezuela."

More than 100 students, faculty and staff filled the teleconference room, not including the eight students that led the debate.

Starting off with an introduction by Philosophy Professor Ted Stolze, the presentation focused on the advantages and disadvantages that have been experienced by the country of Venezuela since it's most recent president, Hugo Chavez, was elected.

Chavez is changing the way of government in Venezuela, into what he calls "Socialism of the 21st Century."

Eight students took part in the debate, splitting each group into four members. On the pro side were: Ivan Chicas, Melissa Singh, Eric Herrera and Sanjay Ahir. The con side consisted of: Kevyn Krauser, Scott Piper, Marlon Mireles and Roberto Basualdo.

One of the main focuses for the pro side was the fact that this new socialist form of government is a social democracy, meaning that it has been chosen by the people for the people.

Ahir even included the fact that in the past two elections that took place in Venezuela, over 65 percent of citizens voted, meaning that the Chavez was elected by the people, unlike elections in the United States where an average of 35 percent of the people vote.

The pro side also argued by using facts about the improvements the country has seen since Chavez was elected, including a decrease in unemployment and inflation.

Cosmetology gives awards for creation

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- Melissa Roll cosmetology major
- Clarice Hill cosmetology major

Fantasy Doll Head Esthetician

- Anna Campbell cosmetology major
- Natalie Siculo cosmetology major
- Mary Trostle cosmetology major

Sixteen cosmetology students won awards as more than 70 people attended the event during the Cosmetology's Department 52nd annual Hair and Fashion Show on Monday in the Student Center.

But the overall winner of the Super Cuts competition was not announced as of press time.

Those 16 who won and received awards were in the following seven categories:

Celebrity

- First place, Madison Chavez, cosmetology major

Fantasy Esthetician

- First place Eva Pulido, cosmetology major
- Second place Sara Pryor, cosmetology major

Fantasy

- First place Andrea Castillo, cosmetology major
- Second place Valerie Rubio, cosmetology major

Bridal

- First place Mary Lin, cosmetology major
- Second place Ravin Chhim cosmetology major

Avant Garde

- First place Maria Ramirez cosmetology major
- Lisa Miranda cosmetology major
- Belen Alvarez cosmetology major

Doll Head Total Look

- Karen Carnevale cosmetology major

The event gave the opportunity for student of the cosmetology to showcase their creativity as well as show what they have learned throughout the program.

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

Prior to the event itself, Crystal Bernal, president of the cosmetology club, said that hopefully the event will display the creative and artistic side of the event.

For Melanie Haro, cosmetology major and Dulce Rodriguez, cosmetology major, that is exactly what the event did.

Following the duo's win for the fantasy category featuring its model Andrea Castillo dressed in a peacock outfit both agreed that the event showcase the hard work on into creating the outfit Castillo wore.

Haro said, "I am shocked that along with Rodriguez we won first place."

Rodriguez, like Haro is in her first year of cosmetology and first fashion and hair show said, "The reason I got involved in cosmetology was because I have always loved makeup."

College time capsule found at antique shop

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Richard Bukowiecki got it," Jackson mentioned.

Jackson also mentioned that he did open it to see if some of the item where in there and said that things from 25 years ago where in there.

He also added that this case is under investigation and charges have already been filed.

Bukowiecki has the time capsule in his office.

He couldn't be reached for comment.

The reason why Jackson recognized that it was the school's time capsule was because he was apart of the opening and closing of the time capsule.

No arrest have been made as of yet.

They say that time flies here at Cerritos College and it almost flew the coup.

According to board member Tom Jackson and his wife were at an antique shop in Downey he notices something familiar, it was the colleges time capsule that the school didn't even know was missing.

Jackson was looking around the store and at first he thought it was some type of floor safe but as he got closer to it he realized what it was.

"I notified the vice president and Interim Chief of Campus Police



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Modern slang confuses crowd

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With its take on the resurrection of Jesus Christ from John Michael Tebelak's "Godspell" the Cerritos College's Theatre Department's version of it was in all truth, weak with dialogue, when it opened Friday in the Burnight Theatre.

As much as it wanted to be modern, set in Venice Beach at this time the musical was not near the expectation that an audience member was hoping for.

The play directed by first-timer Theatre instructor Jim Grollman it will run of performances from May 3 through May 5 at 8 p.m. and May 6 at 2 p.m.

However, that is not to say that, that the musical didn't have its highlights; it did. Kevin Mansell, who played Jesus voice projection, was easy enough to understand and when it came time to sing "Save the People" it show that he had the making of a music star.

Alleen Haro, who was in the company chorus and Ai-Jah Johnson, who portrays Robin also had strong vocal ranges that even "American Idol's" judges could say that both could win the No. 1 rated singing competition.

What I mean by that is, when Haro sings the song, "O Bless the Lord, My Soul" and Johnson sings; "By My Side" both of them are able

to sustain their voices where the it needs to be that's, on key.

But again, what does create a sense of disconnection for the audience; much let the individual is the dialogue.

I would take in account that perhaps it was because it was opening night, as well as, the fact that there were those who were in this particular production for the first time such as Gina Maldonado, who portrays Peggy and Haro.

With the show of nervousness on stage it was reflection in the performance. The dialogue which tried to sound current with the continued growth in popularity of hip-hop music (I was still trying to figure out why, "Yo!" was in the dialogue) made it difficult to draw interest.

And the jokes that were thrown in just because and not for the sake of entertainment also, created as sense of distain and awkward moments such as Hammer Vong, who portrays Herb, as he danced to the short but, recognizable song, "Like A Virgin" by Madonna.

If it was only for a split second, I had to ask myself why that song was necessary within this play and besides Vong was trying too hard to be funny as he danced but, it failed miserably.

For ticket information visit www.cerritos.edu/theatre

Models baring bodies for art

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Paintings hung in an art gallery don't show an audience the composition and detail. However, once a student has a model to show the creativity that is there with every stroke on a canvas, that's what you, the artist, end up seeing.

Art seen as a challenge

Rousquit Rosales, graphic design major, said that what he has learned is the human form through the Life Painting class this semester.

He explained that not only is there appreciation but that there is enjoyment in the class.

"I have been able to create portraits and the other reason I took this class is because I wanted to be challenged."

During the semester students who enroll in the class also paint real life naked models.

Rosales explained that at first it was hard to see a naked person but, that after a moment or two it didn't bother him.

Also, he commented that in the class there was a opportunity to socialize with fellow students.

Class leads to career

Marcus Newson, animation and art major, agreed.

But for him there was more



Model art: Anna Javier, arts major, paints a picture of a model during a life painting class. Javier says that she hopes to teach art after transferring from Cerritos. She commented, "I take this class because I would hope to get better at it."

than just taking the class to learn how to paint.

"I love the challenge as well," he said, "but I hope to do comics."

In addition, he said that he'd been drawn to arts when he was little. In seeing Marvel comics cartoons Newson said that, that was the first time he knew he wanted to be an artist.

In seeing the first naked model when Newson walked in, admitted it freaked out. But he also said that after a while throughout the semester, "You as a student forgot and just do it."

Class a confidence builder

That is the hope that Hagop Najarian, art instructor, has but, there is more of why students have repeated the class at least five to six times.

"I want the students to have confidence," he said, "and also have trust in themselves within

this class."

Furthermore, he says that what he wants students to do is draw from their own life experiences.

Having taught at Cerritos since 1999 Najarian commented that he had known that he wanted to be an artist since he was young.

"This is my way of paying back the teachers who helped me along the way."

Yet, during the semester Najarian said that there are things that students learn.

"The students learn about the Renaissance and Baroque period," he said, "but there is also a lot of homework the students do and it begins with life experiences as well as the anatomy and structure of the body."

With a passion for art, Najarian said that he has had an opportunity to showcase his painting in the Cerritos Art Gallery as well as other art galleries such as in Oxnard College.

As a result, he said that's why this class is important because of the continued reference of having students have passion for what they see through visuals.

At the end of the semester students will have a portfolio of the work and Najarian said that with it will hopefully lead to students being accepted to a university.

There have been students who have repeated the course four or five times and the reason is because there is a historical connection through the arts.

Students who hopes to teach

One of those students who have repeated the class is, Anna Javier, graphic art major, who said that she would like to end up teaching art.

"I have set a goal in this class to become better at what I've learned, she explained, "and one of the first things I learned is what's called, 'gesture'."

What gesture is, Javier explained, is a quick sketch of the object or model that is there. She explained that with Najarian teaching there is a sense of understanding.

Javier said that right now she is not a deep artist, and perhaps one of the misconceptions about a person being an artist is that they are a starving artist.

"All I can do is get better."

A Shaper Image of the body

Ernie Flores, art major also wants to end up teaching art.

He said that the first semester he'd postponed the class, but says it is a enjoy to be in the class.

"I learned to give a human figure a sharper image," he commented, "and also I have learned to take risks during the semester."

Additionally, Flores said that there has been a sense of letting what comes out of the painting or drawing, go.

As for the nude model like Newson, said, "You learn to forget that, that person is there completely nude and just pay attention to what you, (the student) have to do."

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Ozomatli lets 'dragon' out of bag in new CD release

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When it comes to making uplifting, fun music while making political statements, Ozomatli seems to always please its fans.

It had been three years since its last album, Street Signs had been released.

And on April 3, Don't Mess With the Dragon was released.

The new album is full of fast pace dancing music which is what Ozomatli is known for.

On this album the have a song called "City of Angels" which is type of tribute song to the city in which it is from.

Another song that is also reminiscent is "After Party," this song has kind of a Chicano feel to it by intertwining English and Spanish lyrics into the songs.

However, it wouldn't be an Ozomatli album if it didn't include some political messages in its songs. It is known for speaking its minds through the music

and supporting what it believes in through the music.

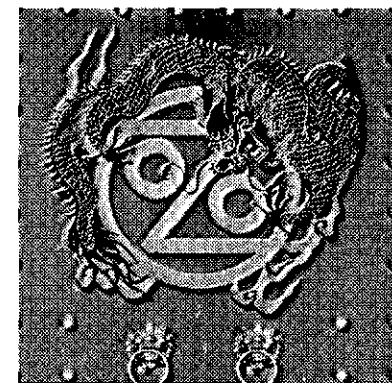
Songs like "Magnolia Soul" that talked about Hurricane Katrina and how it took President Bush a long time to help the victims in New Orleans.

One noticeable change was that its sound slightly changed, but not that it's a bad thing. Its music is very hard to explain, its music can't be under just one genre of music. It plays Spanish rock but at the same time there are rap verses in its songs as well.

This time however there are more English songs. But its Spanish songs like Violeta, which is one of the Spanish songs is one of the most powerful songs on the album, and is one of my favorites on this album.

This is an album that one can play the entire CD from start to finish without skipping songs.

For more information on the band and tour dates visit www.ozomatli.com.

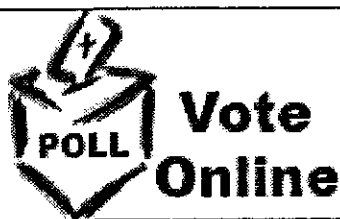


TRACK LISTING

1. CAN'T STOP
2. CITY OF ANGELS
3. AFTER PARTY
4. DON'T MESS WITH THE DRAGON
5. LA GALLINA
6. MAGNOLIA SOUL
7. HERE WE GO
8. LA TEMPERATURA
9. VIOLETA
10. CRECO
11. WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES
12. LA SEGUNDA MANO

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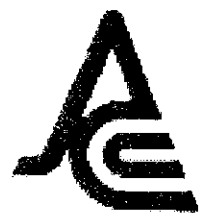
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EDITORIAL

Facelift in store for campus

You'd think that in an institution working toward making better leaders, everyone would always be on top of things.

But, apparently, some people roaming the campus can't seem to get their facts straight and are misleading us all.

Recently, students on campus received news that a few major changes were in the athletic department's near future and not all were ecstatic about it.

But change isn't always a bad thing.

When talks started up about moving the pool, soccer field and tennis courts to other locations, a few students jumped to conclusions and thought that the fields, courts and pool were going to be removed permanently.

They started handing out misleading flyers stating that the school administration wanted to do away with all of these sites and replace them with parking, further angering the already displeased student body.

These students also started passing out a petition to try to stop the new plans, with good intentions of course, but these students have been misinforming their peers.

One of the most important lessons everyone needs to learn is to question everything.

If you come across a petition, always ask questions to those who are asking you for your signature.

The petition to end the construction proposals sounded appealing but lacked any factual substance.

By asking questions you can see how informed the petitioners are about the subject matter.

Doing some research for yourself to see if the reason for petitioning is legit isn't all that bad either.

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In this case, after doing research, the truth is that the soccer field, tennis courts and pool will be relocated to other areas of the athletic fields and the coaches of all the teams that will be affected have approved of the moves of the field, courts and pool.

However, out of the 12 tennis courts, four of them will be turning into parking lots because those courts are in really bad condition but the remaining courts will be refurbished and new lighting will be installed as well.

Sure, the upset students felt very passionately about destroying school landmarks, but there must've been interior motives for reacting so quickly on something that went around on "word of mouth."

It's like some people are just sitting around waiting for something to set them off. Maybe it's just a personal issue with always wanting to control their environments - either way, it's getting a little annoying.

As far as their parking situation argument, it seems that's the only thing that rings true.

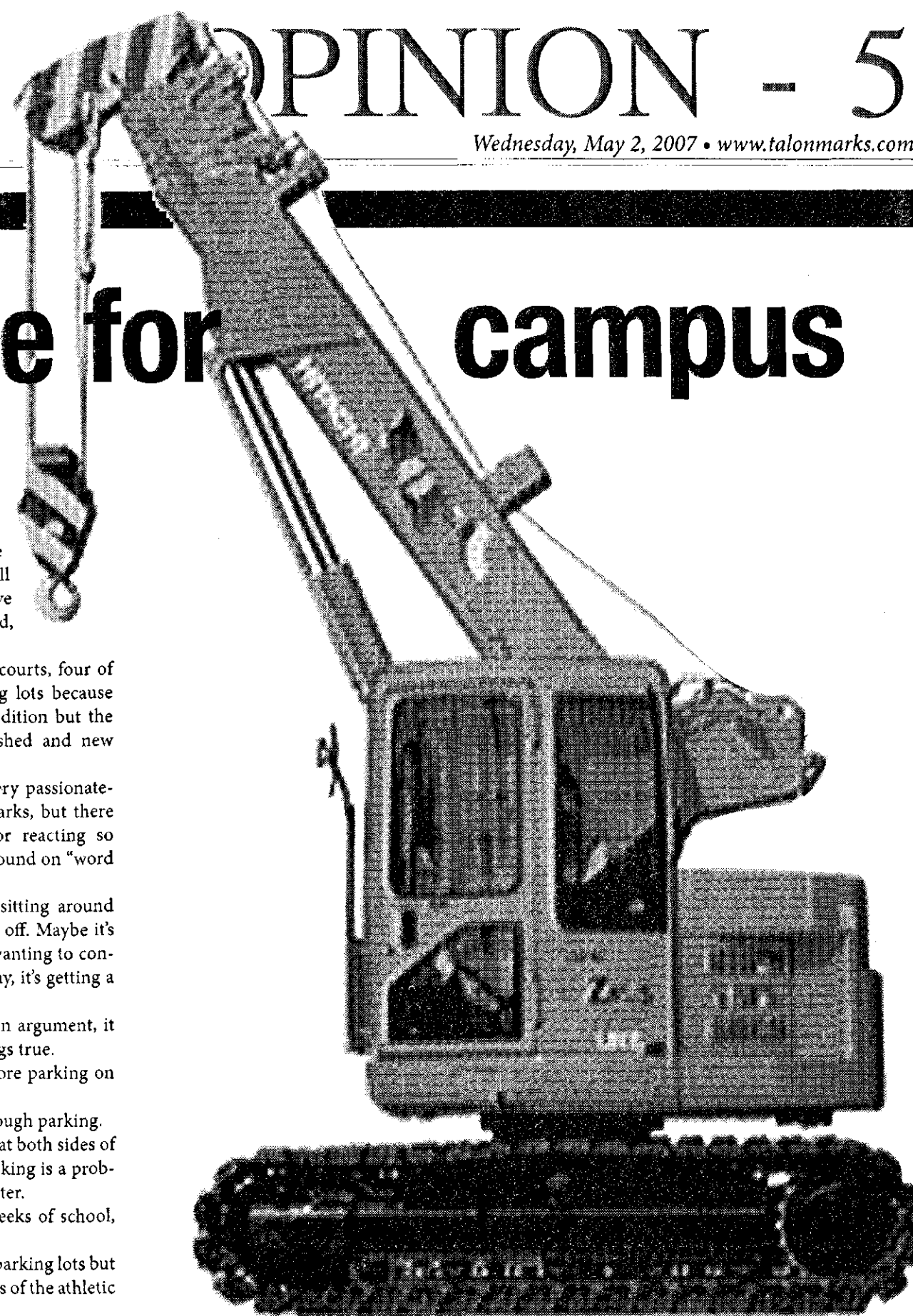
Is it really necessary to add more parking on this campus?

This campus has more than enough parking.

We have two huge parking lots at both sides of the campus and the only times parking is a problem is the beginning of each semester.

But other than the first two weeks of school, parking isn't a problem.

Not only do we have two huge parking lots but we also have parking along the sides of the athletic fields that are rarely used.



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You can't always say what you think

We're all free to express how we feel but apparently not when it comes to radio



Is it free speech, censorship or stupidity?

These are some of the words surrounding the firing of radio personality Don Imus from his CBS radio show "Imus in the Morning," and the simulcast of the show on MSNBC.

On April 4, Mr. Imus was having a conversation with his executive producer Bernard McGuirk, when Imus referred to the Rutgers' Women's Basketball team as "nappy-headed hos."

Imus also called the girls "rough" because of the tattoos some of the players had.

He then appeared on Al Sharpton's radio show to try and explain his statements.

In the interview, the talk show host stated, "Our agenda is to be funny and sometimes we go to far."

Imus was fired from CBS radio on April 12. We all should remember the context of Mr. Imus' show.

Imus and the members of his show knew what they were talking about and the fact that the statements would be offensive to many people.

However, I think people should realize that statements like these and worse are expressed throughout popular rap music.

I'm not saying that I'm against this type of music or any artist in particular.

But, ask yourself if these statements are worse than what you might see in a music video.

Like I said, I am not supporting Don Imus' statement in any form.

In fact, the only reason I even know about

Imus is due to the feud he had with Howard Stern a few years ago.

I do feel the proper punishment was given to Mr. Imus.

People do need to realize that just because you have the freedom of speech doesn't mean you have the power to go around abusing it.

The point I am trying to make is that people shouldn't make an uproar when someone talks about racial issues.

Racism and hate are issues in today's world.

People need to realize the fact that some people will never change.

Imus should not have said those statements toward the Rutgers' Women's Basketball team.

Not only because it was wrong, but because the incident overshadowed the successful season of the team making to the Final Four and the National Championship game.

Imus did apologize for the statements he made.

It wasn't enough to save his job, but the incident has brought up issues of race and hate that some still plague our world.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



HARRY WILL DEPLOY TO FIGHT IN IRAQ

It was decided on Thursday that Prince Harry, the younger son of the late Princess Diana, will ship out for combat in Iraq sometime between May and the end of June.

"There's no way I'm going to put myself through Sandhurst and then sit on my arse back home, while my boys are out fighting for their country."

Prince Harry is a 22 year-old second lieutenant leading a tank unit in the Blues and Royals regiment. He would be the first British royal to see combat since his uncle, Prince Andrew, flew as a Royal pilot in the Falkland War against Argentina in 1982.

What would you like the new ASCC president to do for the students?

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BILLY SMITH
undecided major
"I don't know what his responsibilities are, so I don't know what to really expect from him."



LUCIANA DIAMANTE
computer science major
"It would be good to do events that give more information to the students on how to transfer."



MELISSA STAYERMAN
art major
"To reduce the price of books and to do something about the parking situation because there's not enough."



MICHAEL LARAN
undecided major
"Have more activities for students and try to get everybody involved."



MADIHA SHUJA
psychology/philosophy major
"More events that are related to international students, like awareness of other beliefs and cultures."



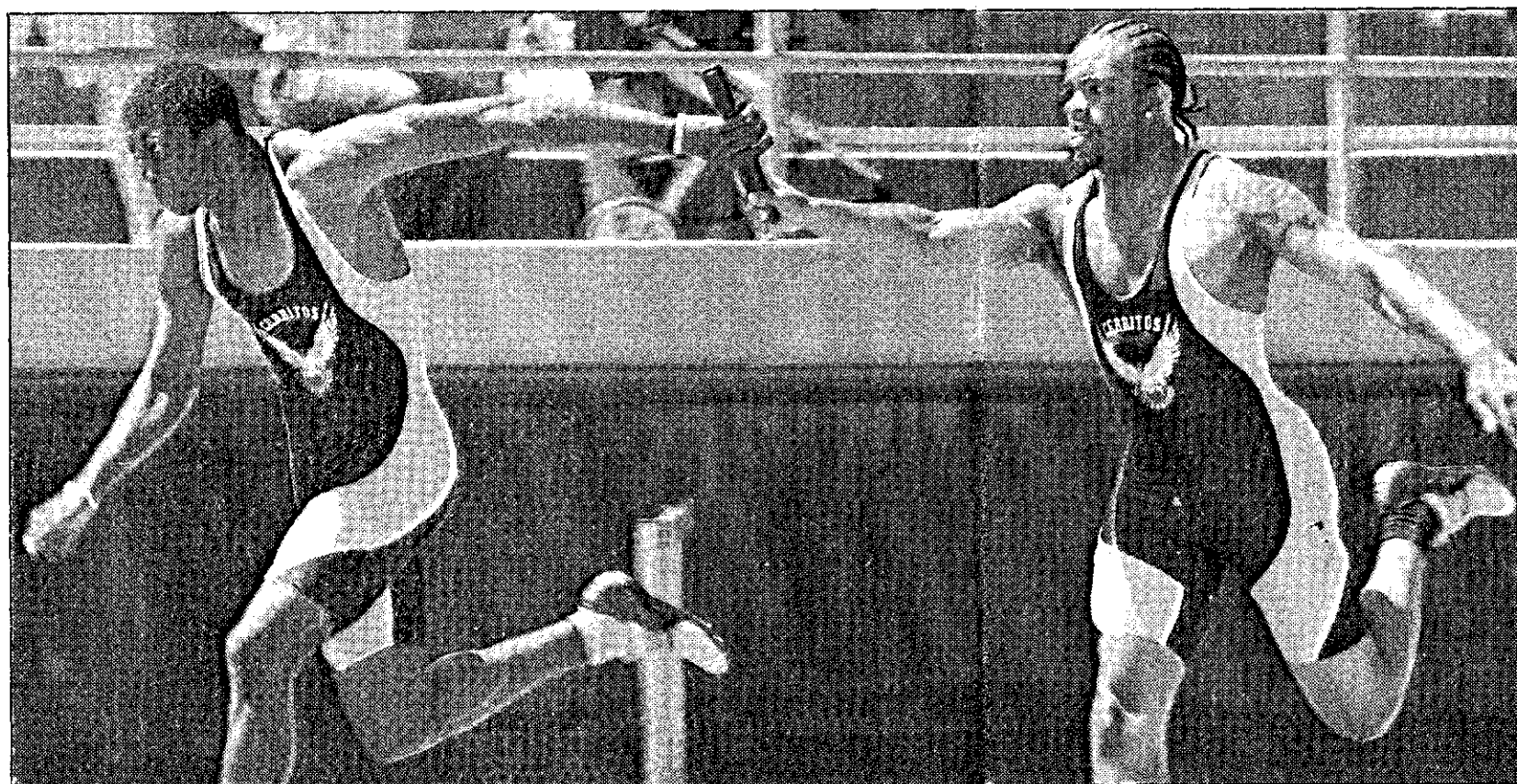
MIKE SY
mechanical engineering major
"To continue to work with the instructors and create a better sense of unity."

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Pass it on: Anthony Harbor (left) receives the baton from Genoa Dill (right) during the 400-meter relay at the South Coast Conference Championship at last Friday.

Track teams prepare for state meet

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Thirteen women and eight men from the Cerritos College track & field teams placed in the top six in their events at the South Coast Conference championships last Friday at Falcon Stadium.

The athletes who placed within the top six in each event will compete in the Southern California Preliminaries held on UC San Diego's campus next Saturday.

The men's team accumulated 121.5 total points to put it in second place overall behind Mt. SAC.

The women's team also placed second overall with 147 points. It

also trailed Mt. SAC, which accumulated 297 points.

For the women, Maria Rodriguez finished first in the hammer throw with a distance of 42.36 m. She also finished first in the shot-put competition with a distance of 38.07.75.

The 1600-meter relay team reached first place with a time of 3:56.45. Team members consisted of Amanda Rosencrantz, Angela Negrete, Marie Leroux and Khandie Brooks.

About the win, Brooks said, "There was a lot of competition. We knew no one was going to hand it to us, we had to earn the win."

"We're going to be working hard and practicing very hard before we

go to San Diego."

Rosencrantz also placed third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:28.62. She was also part of the 400-meter relay team that placed fourth with a time of 49.61. Other team members were Brooks, Leroux and Portia Ford.

"(Rosencrantz) is our strongest leg for both the 800-meter and 1600-meter teams," Brooks said. "When she runs, she leaves everything on the track."

For the men's team, Anthony Harbor reached the regional finals with first placement in the 110-meter hurdle in a time of 14.92 and second place in the 400-meter hurdle with a time of 54.22.

Despite his placement marks,

Harbor felt that he could have done better.

"I didn't reach my fastest time today. In some of the races I felt a little nervous," he said.

"Sometimes I end up jumping early, so I was trying to stay in the blocks for as long as I could. But I ended up having to play catch up to some of the other runners."

Distance runner Daniel Clifford-Sorenson placed first in two events; the 3000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:15.38 and the 10,000-meter run in 32:51.73.

He placed third in the 5000-meter run with a time of 15:34.37.

Devin Farrow reached first in the discus throw with a distance of 139' 3".

Singles champ injured in Ojai Tournament

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Sports Information Director

The Cerritos College women's tennis team entered the prestigious Ojai Tournament boasting South Coast Conference singles champion, freshman Sonia Gutierrez.

Before she could make any kind of an impact, she was forced to retire due to an injury in her first round match.

Leading, 6-2, 3-0 at the time, Gutierrez could not go on any more and was eliminated from the tournament.

Gutierrez will have a chance to rest during the week before she and the rest of her teammates that qualified, will enter the Southern California Regional Playoffs, which will be held Thursday through Saturday at Victor Valley College.

Along with Gutierrez, who was on the way to defeating Evelyn Wallace of Orange Coast College, sophomore Jelaine DeGuzman was also eliminated in the Round of 64 at Ojai.

She dropped a 3-6, 1-6 decision to Ashley Ottman of Santa Barbara City College.

Those were the only two Falcon entries in singles play.

In doubles action, Gutierrez and sophomore Asha Badal were defeated in straight sets in their first match against Kaitlyn LeRoy and Meghan Scott of Fresno City College.

The bright spot in the doubles action was the success of DeGuzman and freshman Jessica Zaldivar.

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In their first match against Jordan Monster and Masami Hashimoto of Santa Monica College, they posted a 6-2, 6-4 win.

Then they recorded a 6-1, 6-1 win in their Round of 32 match against Viriadiana Martino and Lani Morris of Southwestern College.

In the Round of 16, they were defeated by San Diego City College's Diana Merrick and Katy Netheny, 0-6, 2-6.

Along with Gutierrez, Badal and freshman Esther Lee have advanced to the regional playoffs, as have the doubles teams of Gutierrez-Badal and DeGuzman-Zaldivar.

Prior to going to the Ojai Tournament, the Falcons faced Ventura College in the Southern California Team Playoffs, and dropped a close 5-4 decision.

The loss ends their season mark at 10-6.

Cerritos split the six singles matches, but dropped two of the three doubles matches, which resulted in their loss.

DeGuzman (6-4, 6-4) won in the No.3 position, while sophomore Mary Jane Bernardo played at No.4 and registered a 6-1, 6-2 win.

Also winning in singles was Zaldivar, who came away with a 6-4, 6-1 win in the No.6 spot.

As for doubles play, the duo of Zaldivar and freshman Alyssa Rojas played to a 7-5, 6-0 win.

One of the key losses came in the No.2 singles match, as Gutierrez lost a 4-6, 6-2, 6-0 decision.

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