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CCFF seeks diverse campus

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Cerritos College Faculty Federation President and Philosophy instructor Ted Stolze addressed members of the Board of Trustees last Wednesday to ask them to practice diversity and equity at Cerritos.

The letter partly read:

Board policy describes Cerritos College as "a community-orientated institution that embraces diversity."

The institution strives for "high academic and ethical standards," and affirms "the worth and dignity of our learners, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or disability."

We ask the Board to demonstrate that its commitment to diversity is genuine. The faculty wants to teach without fear of discrimination or reprisal and have asked for contractual protection. The college has refused.

We are Cerritos College students and faculty. We are also voters. We call up the Board to uphold in practice the worth and dignity of each one of us and carry out your public mission in good faith.

There was support from faculty and staff. Among those who supported the issue of diversity and equity was English and economics major Waleed Nueirat.

Afterward, Stolze and Nueirat said it was important to bring the issue up because it mattered.

"It was the first meeting I had gone to," Nueirat said, "and I wanted to say that we as students do have an opinion on important issues."

He added that with regard to not just diversity and equity but on any issue of importance those students, and not just those who are serving in the ASCC, can be invited to attend Board of Trustees meetings.

As long as he has attended Cerritos, Nueirat said that one way that Board members can invite students to meetings is by creating flyers or to publicize the meetings.

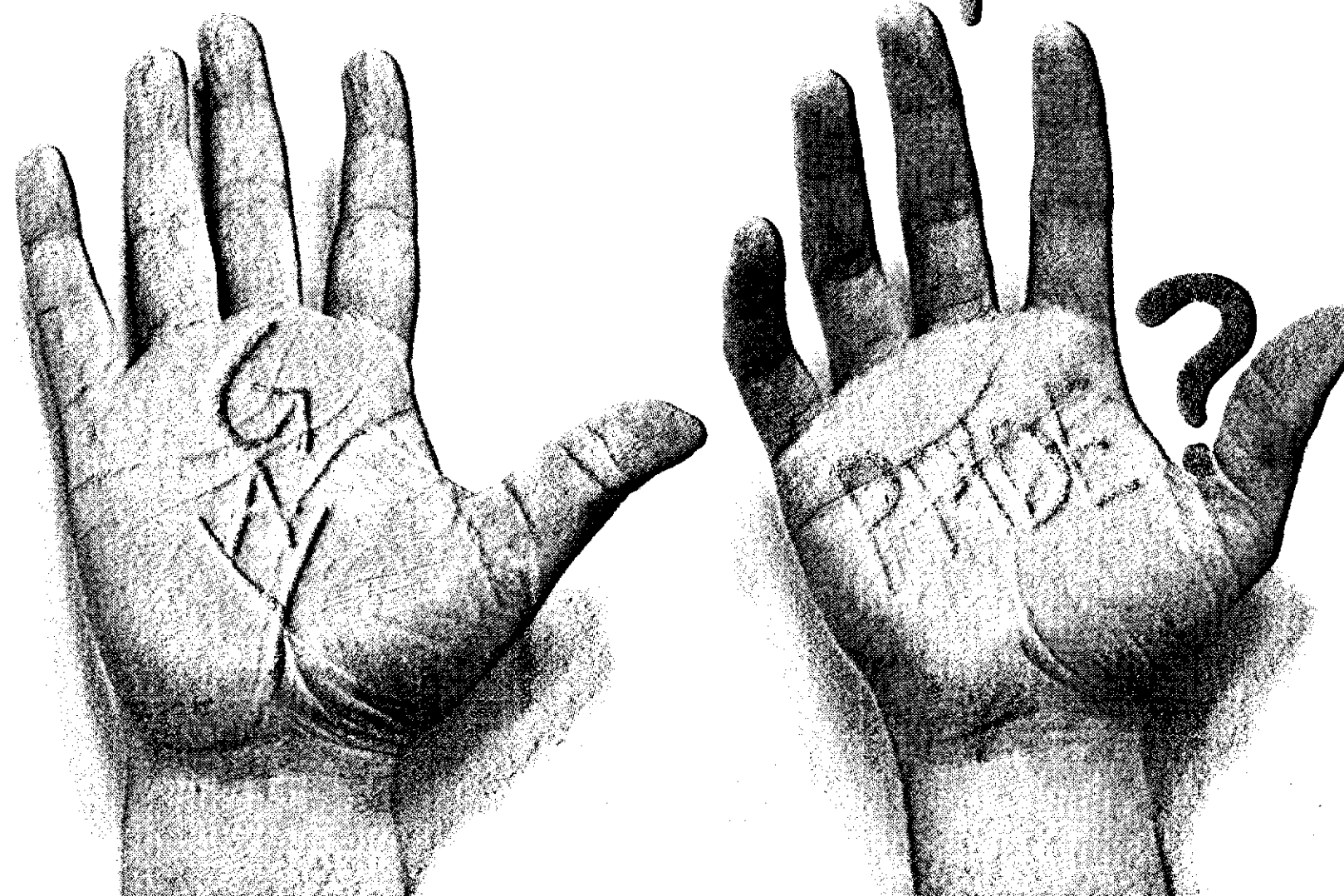
"I have never seen that."

For Stolze it was about CCFF having been concerned not only with improving wages, benefits, and working conditions for faculty, but with helping to establish a campus climate based on inclusion, fairness and respect.

"We (the CCFF) are distressed that although the Board of Trustees professes to value cultural diversity," he explained, "so far they have been unwilling to have their bargaining team agree to include a non-discrimination article in our contract that would be subject to binding arbitration."

"I am happy to see that student leaders also recognize that student success requires a campus climate and is based on inclusion, fairness and respect," Stolze added.

WHO'S GOT



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A look into the struggles and celebrations of the gay community

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"I was hit with a metal bar and knocked unconscious," Jesse Munoz, undecided major, said.

When Munoz was only a freshman in high school, he was walking to Burger King when he was approached by six guys who started calling him gay slurs and continued to beat him up.

Several people drove by and didn't help, until a guy named Doug stopped the attackers. He was taken to the hospital and the doctors

had to induce a coma in order for him to survive. As a result of his injuries, he gets neck spasms that will be a lifelong reminder of what happened to him five years ago.

He isn't the only one that has been discriminated against because he was gay.

About 14 percent of the hate crimes committed in 2005 were committed against gay, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender individuals, according to civilrights.org.

We've heard about 21-year-old Matthew Shepard who was tied to a fence, beaten and left for dead and PFC Barry Winchell, who also was beaten to death by fellow service members while he was sleeping in his cot.

Munoz hasn't experienced any sort of discrimination here on campus because he's only here for his classes.

But Lance Kayser, English instructor, has heard of stories of discrimination here on campus.

Kayser is co-adviser of the school's Gay Straight Alliance club.

"There are (hate crimes) happening but it's not something people say out loud," he added.

Melvi De La Cruz, sociology major and former president of the GSA, also mentioned that members of GSA have been verbally attacked here on campus and some students showed no sense of respect to members as well.

But in order for people to understand homosexuality, education and interacting with someone who is gay is one way of understanding, says Kayser.

He also mentioned the differences between tolerance, acceptance and understanding homosexuality.

He says tolerance is just putting up with someone who is gay, whereas acceptance and understanding is interacting with someone who is openly gay.

Kayser has noticed that acceptance of homosexuality has become more apparent.

"While teaching, I've seen it. The level of comfort when discussing these things has changed."

Even though the change is apparent, he feels lesbian couples are more widely accepted compared to gay couples.

And with the bill HR 1592, the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act being passed by the House of Representatives on May 4, means LGBT communities and people with disabilities are a step closer to gaining equality.

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Petition continues to lower ISA tuition

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With international students facing higher enrollment fees starting in the summer sessions, at least 530 signatures have been gathered to petition the hikes.

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.

That is far more than what non-international students are paying at \$20 per unit.

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

ASCC Senator Joon Kyu Kang brought forth a petition to members of the ASCC Senate during the April 25 meeting.

The petition 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.
- The increase may decrease the opportunity for cultural diversity on campus for domestic students.
- The college may lose much needed revenue that support programs on campus.

Although the process of collecting signatures has begun, Kang says that there is more work to be done during the summer.

"I would hope to present the petition to the Board in the fall," he explained, "but if the Board feels that 3,000 signatures is not enough I will gather 5,000 or 8,000 if needed."

He added that the way he's been able to gather the 530 signatures is by going into classes and making the announcement and asking for students to show support of lowering the fees for international students.

As of press time, Vice President of Student Services Stephen Johnson could not be reached for comment.

Students, in hearing about the fee hikes that international students face, said that it was unfair.

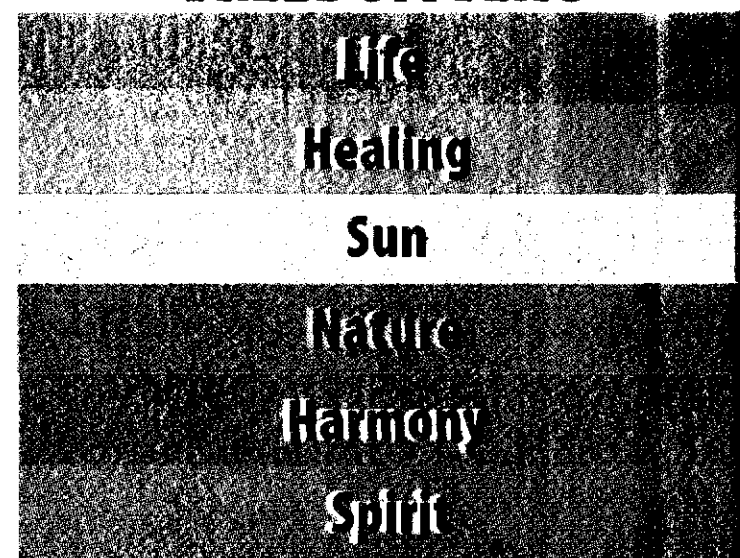
"I would want to know why it's happening," Gretheel Olveva, business major, said.

She commented that those who come from other countries are seeking the same opportunity and now to have to pay additional money for education others, should be concerned.

Suzanne Grijalva, engineering major, agreed.

"Students live in the same place we do so what's the difference?"

FREEDOM FLAG



What It Means: The gay pride flag was debuted at the 1978 San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade. It was designed by Gilbert Baker. The different colors symbolize diversity in the gay community. Each color on the gay pride flag (also known as the freedom flag) has a different meaning.

Source: about.com & answers.com

REMEMBERING HATE CRIME VICTIMS

Listed in order from left to right



Arthur Cart Warren • July 4, 2000

The 26-year-old was beaten to death by three men in West Virginia, then run over by a car to make it look like a hit-and-run.

PFC Barry Windell • July 5, 1999

The 21-year-old was beaten to death by fellow services members while sleeping in his cot.

Matthew Shepard • Oct. 6, 1998

Twenty-one year old tied to a fence in Laramie, Wyoming and pistol-whipped then left for dead. As a result, died six days later.

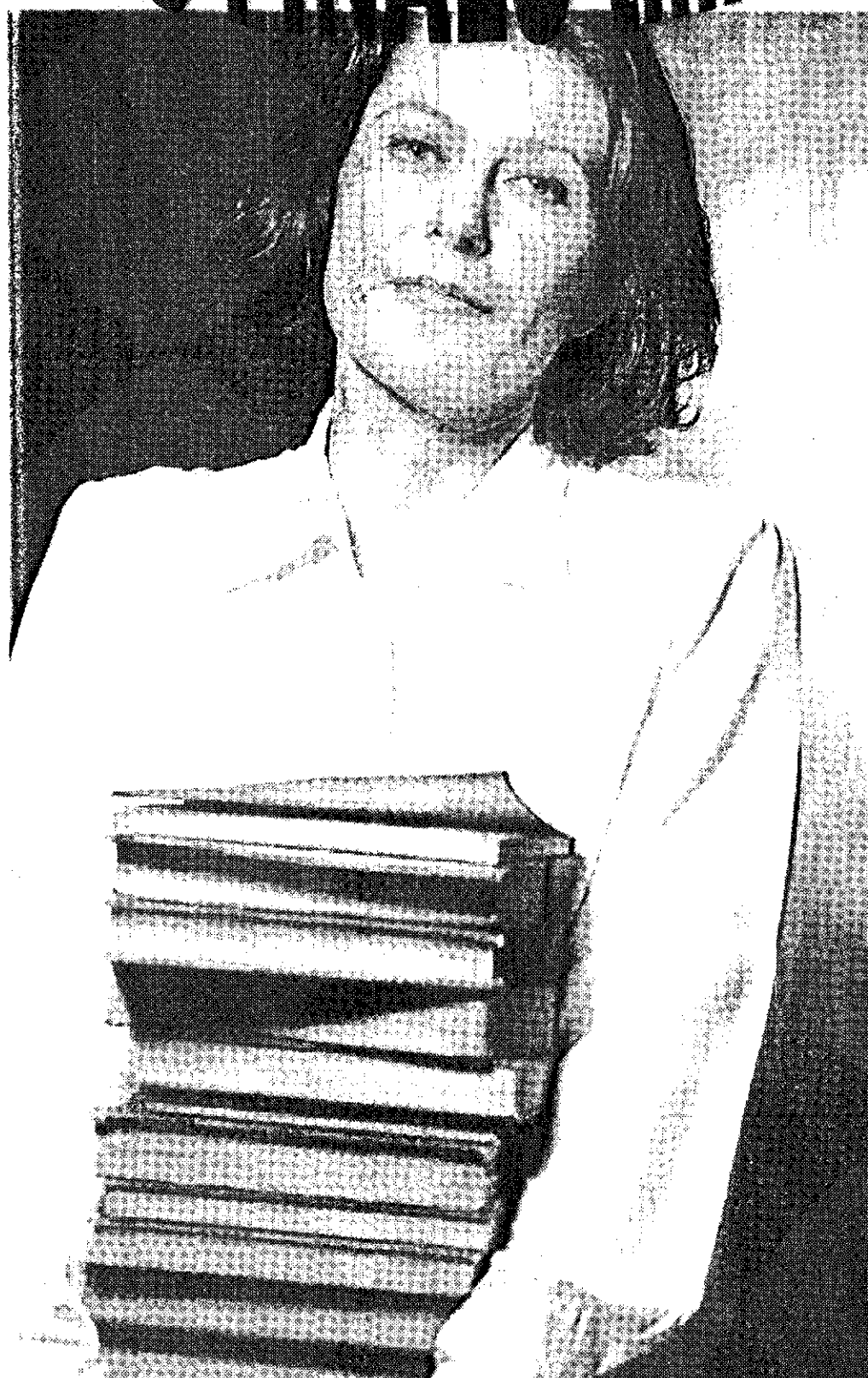
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It's FINALS time!



Two new directors hired

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This semester, two management positions were filled that are designed to help children and adults within the Cerritos College community.

Lori Switanowski is the new director of the school's Foster Kinship Care program and Debra Ward has been hired as the Child Development Center's director.

Both positions are within the Health Occupations department. The department's dean, Jenine Nolan, was part of the committee to hire the two. Nolan was unavailable to comment.

Switanowski comes to the school's Foster Kinship Care program with former experience as a trainer in the field at colleges such as Citrus and Rio Hondo.

She also served as a program manager who helped provide mental health care for low-income families in Baldwin Park.

As director of the CDC, part of her duty is to prepare foster children to live on their own. Switanowski has seen the system and wants to work to improve it.

"Latest research shows that only 1 percent of foster care children graduate from college with a BA degree," she said. "I want the program to be a support system to help them beat the odds and be successful."

Ward has 28 years of experience of working in child development and previously served as the director of the child development center at San Bernardino Valley College.

She came to Cerritos because she lives about twenty miles from the campus and wanted to be more involved with the community.

"It's important to live in the community that you teach in. You can get a deeper relationship with the citizens and the students," she said.

One of Ward's goals with the CDC is to focus more on the indoor and outdoor environment in which children are stationed in.

Old senators out, new president sworn in

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Newly elected ASCC President Jason Macias and Vice-President Michael Barrita were inaugurated to their positions during the last ASCC Senate meeting of the 2006-07 school year last Wednesday.

The meeting also included a speech by 2006-2007 ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio, a reminder of student health services available and an introduction to the "Students Helping Students" organization.

After the runoff elections on

April 25 and April 26 and hard work and campaigning, Chief Justice Kanneeka Sin swore in both Macias and Barrita.

Macias and Barrita were sworn in with joy, as those present giggled with the tongue-tying vows they found difficult to follow.

Brian Kochems, senate minority leader, said he felt confident in the newly elected president and vice-president.

"They both have a lot of experience, which will come in very handy next year, especially with all those in student government who are trans-

ferring out to four-year colleges," he said.

Kochems also added that he knew both Macias and Barrita had put a lot of work into their campaign, showing their dedication to become leaders.

Students such as Roberto Molina, accounting club treasurer, stated, "Although I voted for Crystal Wammack, I think these guys have a lot of appreciation for our school, and I think that will make them good for it."

He also said that he hoped the hard work put into programs such

as the "Show Pride Campaign" by Cobarrubio, would only grow stronger with the new leaders.

Following the inauguration, Cobarrubio also addressed the Senate, thanking them for all their hard work and dedication this past year.

"Wish you all the best of luck wherever you are next year," he added.

He also encouraged current members to recruit other students to take part in student government, assuring that it is the way the school will continue to improve.

Holly Bogdanovich, director of

student activities, also thanked the Senate, saying, "It's amazing to see all of you being here."

She also encouraged members to keep in touch, saying, "It's fun to see how you're doing and what you're doing."

Senators were also reminded to make use of the Student Health Services, and to encourage fellow students to do so as well.

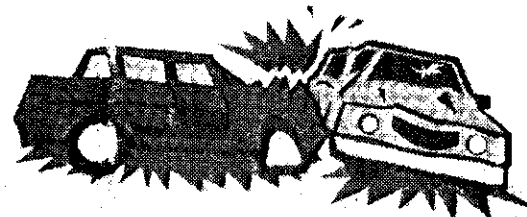
FAREWELL MESSAGE

There has been nothing more joyful than to have served the students of Cerritos College for the last 31 years. Each of you has a purpose, dare to dream. Discover a way to work and ultimately achieve that goal. And always believe in yourself!

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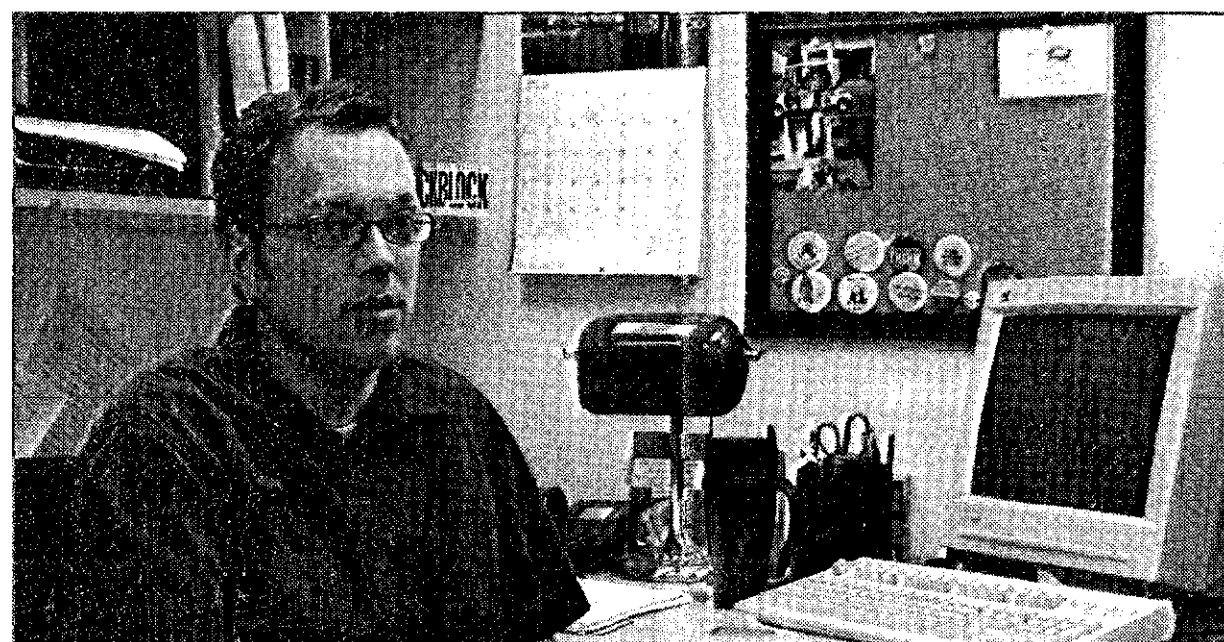
LGBT:

Understanding the gay community and how it affects Cerritos students and faculty

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But like any law or bill involving the gay community, HR 1592 has stirred up some controversy.

Some politicians are claiming that this bill is unconstitutional and that it goes against the 14th amendment which requires that citizens



The GSA here on campus had displays throughout Falcon Square. Even though events like this are being held on campus, De La Cruz feels that the campus as a whole isn't showing true support.

She says that our campus is so egotistical that it won't show support because they're afraid that they will be affected or perceived as people who promote homosexuality.

In order to promote awareness of homosexuality and hate crimes, parades like the ones held in Long Beach and in Los Angeles are put together to get the word out.

The 24th annual Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride celebration

Shelter receives \$ 1,182

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With book donations for students, faculty, staff and administrators, the Math Club was able to raise \$1,182 during the Su Casa

ONLINE

- Correspondent Blog ends
- I get an ASCC award Friday
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Funding sought for program

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In hopes of keeping its program at Cerritos, Title V Project H.O.P.E. Director Graciela Vasquez asked the Board of Trustees to look into a grant last Wednesday during the meeting.

Project H.O.P.E. is dedicated to increasing the number of latinos and other under-represented groups entering, matriculating and completing health careers.

The project aims to create an academic pipeline facilitating the success of minority students in this competitive field.

Vasquez says that students involved have benefited from the program.

"Currently, Project H.O.P.E. has had students who have gone on to careers in the health care field."

Board member Carmen Avalos agreed.

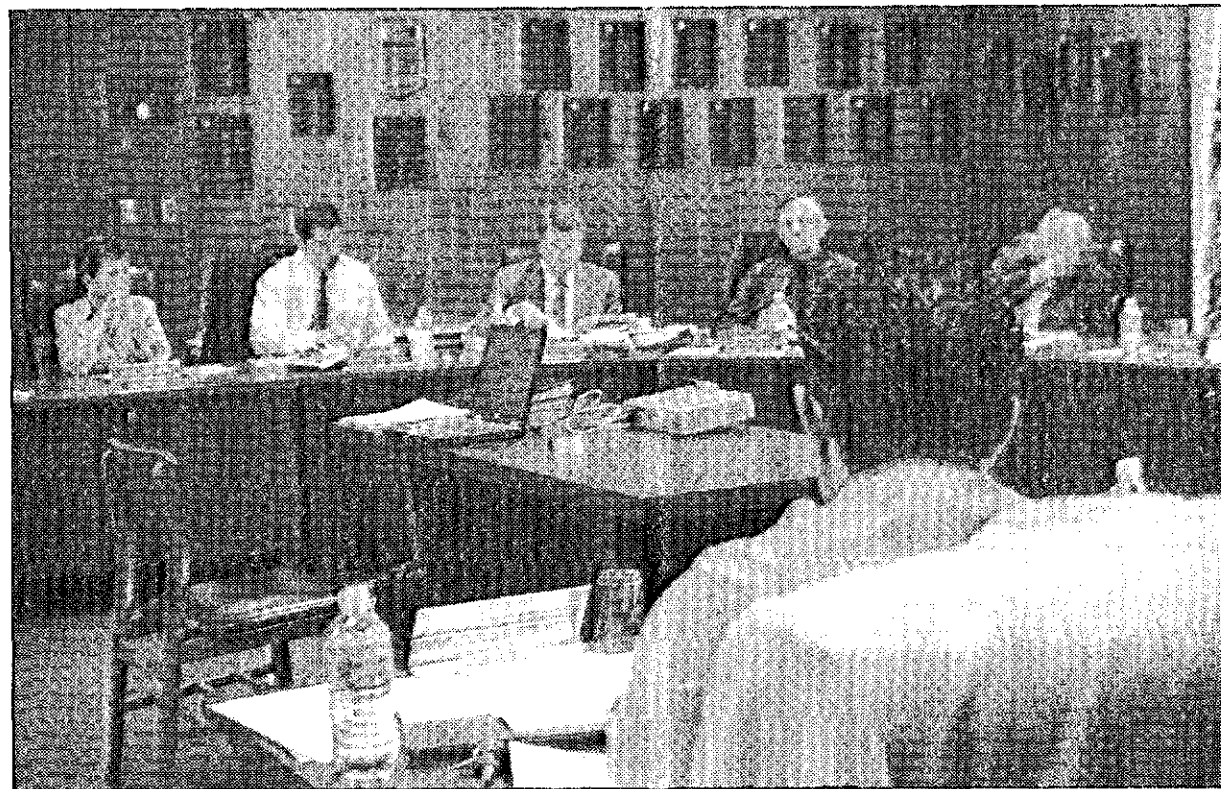
"There is value with this program," she said, "but I think what is important is that there should be someone who will be in charge."

The program provides the following:

- Preparing students for careers in the health care field
- Volunteer opportunities
- Student mentoring

Project H.O.P.E. could possibly be shut down if it doesn't have the Title V grant; the funding for the program ends in September.

Title V is a state-administered formula grant program designed to improve the quality of education for all students.



Administrative matters: ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio listens as Vice President of Student Services Stephen Johnson (third from the left) gives his report to the members of the Board of Trustees during last week's meeting.

Funding may be used for the following purposes: to support local education reform efforts; to provide funding to enable to implement promising education reform programs and school improvement programs that rely on scientifically based research.

Also, to provide a continuing source of innovation and education improvement, including support programs that provide library services and instructional and media materials; to meet the education needs of all students, including at-risk youths; and to develop and implement education programs to

improve school, student and teacher performance, including professional development activities and class-size reduction programs.

The request for the funds is in the amount of \$94,176 for the period between October 2007 to June 2008.

Although the program is on a tight rope to keep itself alive, Manuel Candelario, Project H.O.P.E. coordinator said afterward that there is the reason why the program is important not only to him but to those students who are in it.

"There is an extension of family," he commented, "and this program

is not limited to just a community; it is pursuing careers."

However, there was a question by Board member Bob Epple of whether or not Project H.O.P.E. will provide a future guarantee to students.

For Board member Bob Hughlett asked if whether there was other component or whether there are funds will be of any cost to the college.

Avalos agreed, and said, "I will request that there be a report to see how other programs at Cerritos are funded either by general funds or otherwise."

Changes in store for Falcon Square

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With the success of the "Show Pride Campaign" this year to the hope of having club bulletins next semester, seven members of the ASCC Cabinet were thanked by ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio on April 30.

The "Show Pride Campaign" enables all students, faculty and staff to be active in keeping the campus clean and the campaign was initiated by Cobarrubio and former ASCC Vice President Alex Armendariz last summer.

In addition, earning show pride points for different events happening on campus, a student ends up with 10 points will receive a pin.

Cobarrubio has mentioned before that participating in this campaign has other advantages.

"You might meet someone who can open a door for you that otherwise you wouldn't have had," he said.

He added that the hope is that the campaign will be continued by ASCC President-elect Jason Macias and ASCC Vice President-elect Michael Barrita.

Following that, Cobarrubio mentioned this year that the members of Cabinet had done a great job and that those who are transferring hopefully have further success.

But those who will return decide to continue in student government.

For David Robarte, commis-

sioner of disabled students, one of the biggest events was the second annual wheelchair basketball game that happened on March 21.

Although he is undecided as to whether or not to continue in student government, he feels that it was fun and also had built relationships with those in Cabinet.

Macias agreed with Cobarrubio and also called the year a success. He mentioned that he will continue the "Show Pride Campaign" in the fall semester and agreed that the seven members that stayed showed commitment.

Furthermore, there was the formation of the Transformation Plan that will begin next year.

Previous meetings both Senate and Cabinet members last Oct. 23 and Oct. 25 expressed concern over a plan that would remodel Falcon Square.

The Cerritos College Transformation Committee is looking into the possibilities of reconstructing Falcon Square and tearing down the Burnight Center Theatre and relocating it toward the southeast end of the campus.

"That area of Falcon Square is where (some) students hang out," Riley Schitz, commissioner of daytime activities, said, "(It's) also where students study and have a place to read."

Cobarrubio said next year will hopefully address issues of concern with the Transformation Plan as well as the continued work that makes Cerritos one of the top community colleges continues.

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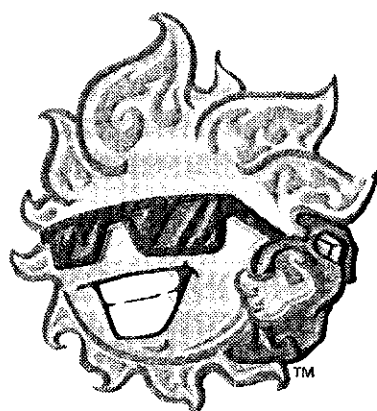
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Changing the world one film at a time

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There are some people who are considered by others to be naturally gifted in the arts.

They are viewed as if they have always been able to practice the art for their entire life with little to no effort.

But while that may be true in some cases, sometimes it takes help from others or other experiences to help strengthen their talent.

19-year old Ezekiel Phillips, political science major, said he had always loved acting and anything film related. But coming to Cerritos gave him the opportunity to help hone his skills.

The upstart actor and film producer/director has produced a short film and has been able to shoot a few documentaries and work with notable African-American scholars such as Dr. Cornel West and Tavis Smiley.

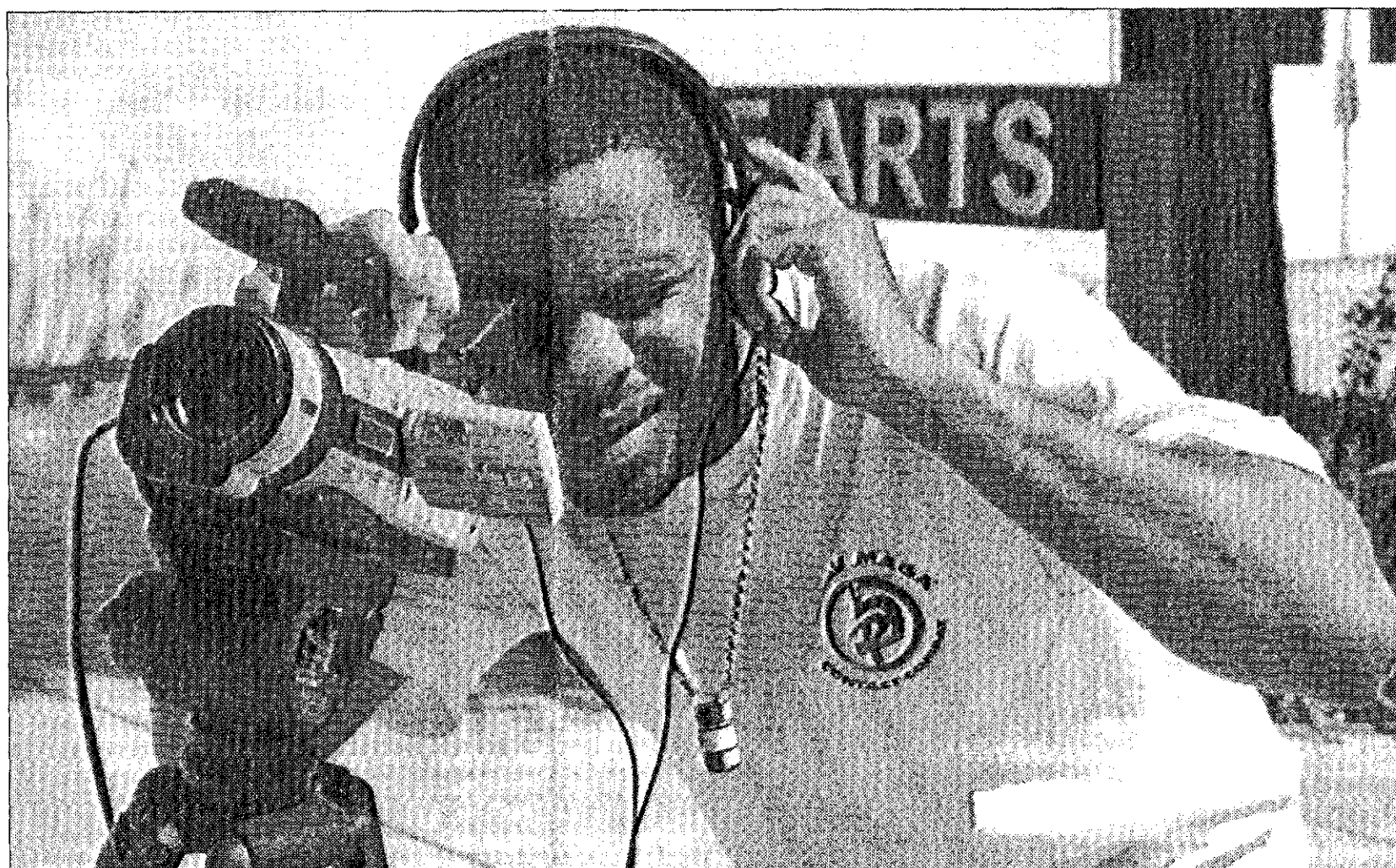
Smile For the Camera

When it came to acting, he always felt he was naturally gifted at it. As a kid, he was in commercials for companies such as Wonder Bread and Juicy Fruit.

Though being in front of the camera was his first love, every now and then he'd find himself behind it.

"I always loved picking up the camera when I was little.

"When I'd go to family gather-



Action shot: Ezekiel Phillips, political science major, takes a couple of practice shots outside of the FA Building. He is currently working on a short film entitled "Defector." In the Fall, he will be transferring to Morehouse College in Atlanta to pursue a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in film.

ings, I always brought a camera and taped the event."

Eventually, the curiosity led him to wanting to delve further into what it took to be a director.

"Acting has always been natural to me. But, I wanted to learn both sides. I always wanted to know what

was behind the scenes," he said.

Sitting In the Director's Chair

He got one of his first introductions to the behind-the-scenes life of film in the summer of 2006, when he took a film editing class with film

instructor Steven Hirohama.

About Phillips, Hirohama said, "He has a very strong determination and is goal-oriented. He knows how to manage his time."

He was able to use the skills learned in the class to help him finish his first short film entitled "Va-

cation". Phillips produced the film and helped write the screenplay.

The film, based on his real life, is about a boy's struggle to accept that his father isn't present in his life. "People have told me that the film moved them to tears," he said.

He feels that having experience

in front of the camera has helped him to become a better director.

"Being in front of the camera helped me to know the difference between good acting and bad acting," he said.

"When I'm directing, I can do more than just tell actors what I want, I can show them."

Eyes Toward the Future

His future plans include a short film tentatively titled "Defector." It's a film about the racial relations between African-Americans and Latinos.

He has already written the screenplay and plans to start shooting footage in the summer.

"I want to show that we're all in the same boat, no one is better than anyone else because of their race."

Phillips, who will be transferring to Morehouse College, a Historically African-American university located in Atlanta, is transferring as a political science major, because he wants to change the political atmosphere by both being involved within the system and through his films.

He wants to make films that target urban, specifically African-American youth.

"I feel that I can touch a lot of people with my films. I want to open their eyes to what's going on in the world," he said.

"Vacation," among other projects can be seen at www.youtube.com/ezekielphillips.

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EDITORIAL

Socialist revolution inevitable

The situation for the citizens of this country does not seem to be improving anytime soon.

Gas prices seem to go up every hour. Rent, mortgages and tuition seem to follow right along with gas prices.

Meanwhile the cost of living has gone up dramatically while real wages have stayed down since the 1980's.

This means that while it has become more expensive to survive in this North American jungle, wages for the working class has not kept up with the rise in prices.

Hence, the large corporate entities and the petty bourgeoisie are now making bigger profits like never before.

To make matters worse, racism and all types of discrimination are still found in this country. The model country, where democracy is king our government says.

The fact is that racism and discrimination are institutionalized in this system and they will never truly be done away with.

The system that rules this country and most of the world is capitalism not democracy.

Most people in this country are under the false impression that we live in a "democratic" country.

We would be witness to a social upheaval tomorrow morning if people in this country would take the time, which really doesn't take long, to look into the real truth of this capitalist system that exploits anywhere it can.

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that we have been hoodwinked!

The reality is that we live in a spectator democracy.

The majority of us are pushed to the sidelines and forced to watch as the corporate moguls enjoy the real fruits of democracy.

Government institutions only serve as a tool for the corporate monsters to use in their pursuit

of happiness.

Every few years we are given the chance to choose who is going to represent and exploit us.

Hooray for freedom and democracy!

The winners of the Democratic or Republican parties, these are the only two who are allowed to actually win, then go out and do the bidding of who they really represent; corporate America, which is also known as the fourth branch.

The only reasonable solution to the great problems capitalism imposes is the socialist transformation of our society.

A real socialist revolution which makes the necessary changes needed so desperately in this country.

The fundamental problems in the world stem from the fact that natural resources and the productive wealth are privately owned and controlled by a tiny minority.

The decisions of this tiny minority are based on making profits rather than meeting human needs. The sole existence of corporations is to make profits, nothing else matters.

We students have a choice to make.

Fall into the rhetoric of capitalism or fight for a new and better world; a socialist world.

We are the young and we are the future. Our role in society will shape the future.

Technology is advancing and it is up to us to use it against our oppressors.

It is stated in Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto that the working class should use any advancement in capitalist society for the overthrow of the capitalist system.

While these capitalist pigs are further looking into ways to enhance their profits, little do they know that they are creating their very own grave diggers.

Bourgeois intellectuals and right-wing pundits will have us believe that socialism is impossible or mere utopia.



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But existing realities reaffirms us the validity of Marx's fundamental analysis and prognosis.

What would really be utopian would be the belief that capitalism can be reformed or overthrown without a fight.

The corporate conglomerates have invested too much money and lies to just roll over and die.

We people of every sector of society have to

understand and analyze the situation we are under in order to be ready for the fight ahead.

We cannot fight for something we don't understand. That is why education is the biggest tool we have at our disposal against these capitalists.

To achieve real democracy we have to adhere to socialist principles and be willing to die for them. The future of this country and the world as a whole depends on it.



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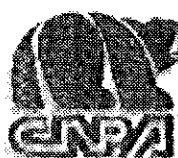
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Hey Jesus, the joke's on you

I find myself laughing whenever I speak to Christian conservative zealots.

The world that these individuals conceive is quite scary, but at the same time comical.

The hypocrisy these people live by is quite astronomical.

Take Senator John McCain for example.

"I think it's one of the fundamental principles of a conservative to have respect and commitment to the dignity of human life, both the born and unborn," McCain said earlier this week.

Wow! What an honorable thing to say. It would be nice if your rhetoric matched your actions though McCain.

What kind of "respect" to the dignity of human life is shown to all the people who die every day due to the U.S. war machine?

It is funny how people like this talk about the love and respect for humanity, yet they go off into foreign lands killing millions in the name of freedom and God.

Jesus Christ must be turning over where ever



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he might be at.

Christians always throw God, Satan, evil and good around as the rule of the land.

I don't know how to break it to these people, but God, Satan, Jesus and whoever else may not even exist. Therefore it would be absurd to base laws according to the Bible.

The time when Christians were able to fool every one with their fairy tales is over. Education for the masses has spread and the truth to a lot of the Church's motives are out in the open.

During the times of the Crusades, poor peasants were fooled to go fight for the enrichment and conquest of the Catholic Church hierarchy. These poor peasants were made believe that their

death will grant them salvation.

The Methodists invented new laws during the industrial revolution in order to control the religious working class.

The leaders of the Methodist Church prohibited the use of alcohol, staying up late and anything that was considered as an extracurricular activity.

Why would they come up with such ludicrous rules for their followers? The answer is simple: many of these Methodist leaders were also factory owners. It is bad business to have tired workers show up in the morning and work 12 or 14 hours.

Christians also appreciate the use of fear. They understand how it works that is why they have used it all throughout time and will continue to do so.

People dread of the fact of living in eternal hell, what ever that is also. In my view, hell is what you go through and heaven is what you make of it.

Wasn't the Bible written by a group of men many centuries ago anyways? These men should get a lot more credit for what they have achieved with their novel.

If the Bible were to come out today, it most likely would outsell any Harry Potter book, since it makes a much more mythical and interesting read.

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How do you feel about the gay community on campus?

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DANIELA MARINO
biology major

"Love them, they're just people gay straight or whatever, they're like anyone else."



EDMUND CORDOVA
English major

"They should be respected equally. Gay people are people."



DANIEL CORTEZ
sociology major

"I support GSA. It's a good idea that they have that club and they should be more out there because you don't hear much about them."



MARY LOVE
anthropology major

"I think we're all incorporated into the same community whether we are gay or straight, there shouldn't be that division. We're all community college students."



BRITTANY GARDNER
theater arts major

"I believe gay or straight it's your choice and people shouldn't be prejudice."



EDWARD BENAVIDEZ
psychology major

"I got no problem with them. I wouldn't go against it."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



HILTON IS GIVEN A 45-DAY JAIL SENTENCE

Paris Hilton was sentenced this Friday to 45 days in county jail for violating her probation. Fans of Hilton have already started a petition asking for her pardon.

"I'm very sorry, and from now on I'm going to pay attention to everything."

The judge called all of the testimony on Hilton's behalf worthless and expressed disbelief for Hilton's disregard for the law.

"I feel that I was treated unfairly. The sentence is both cruel and unwarranted and I don't deserve this."

We're not out to judge you

Too many people think that we're all against the world



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It seems that an old opinion piece run in the Talon Marks newspaper entitled "Vote God for President" was not the intention of the writer since the title was thought up by an editor not it's writer, so let's get the record straight on that.

However, a piece of hate e-mail was sent to my computer. The hate-filled individual didn't agree with the righteous wisdom the opinion piece was trying to offer.

Here are the responses to his accusations:

Feminism Isn't Bad

Feminism was only called an evil doctrine simply because the feminism from the mid-1960's until today supports abortion.

Abortion is the sin of sorcery that commits murder.

The only cases that the Church would deem it acceptable is in the most extreme cases of incest or incestuous rape, other cases of birth defects or deformities and if, and only if, the birth of the child would really endanger the life of the mother, then it would be deemed acceptable but those cases are not that common these days.

America Is Not God

Yes, we do indeed have a representative democracy but realize one thing, and one thing only, America is not God, Jesus Christ is God.

He saved humanity and the world from Satan by his life-giving death from the cross and by His

Holy Resurrection.

Senator Clinton was referred to as Jezebel because she is pro-abortion and abortion as was mentioned earlier is a sin.

Candidate's Reputation

Actually, Barack Obama did use crack cocaine, as stated in his recent autobiography "Audacity of Hope" by Barack Obama, where he makes this startling omission.

The only reason why Mr. Obama was discredited because of his middle name is due to the fact that in the political world of Washington D.C a lot of politicians say that his middle name will be a liability for his chances of winning in 2008, now to something new.

Addressing the Liberals

To the Liberals now (FMLA, GSA, and SDS listen up) this message is important for you.

Do you think that the Conservatives hate liberals?

They don't, they indeed love you but they reflect the same sorrow that God feels because of your choices.

To Pro-Abortion Feminists: it's the fact that you support and fund abortion which is one of the most evil practices that exist today.

To the homosexuals, the Conservatives also feel great sorrow for you for the decision of the life path that you choose.

Don't think that you're born that way, since that is another deception of Satan that he tells you so that you

don't repent.

If God created people to be homosexual he would not have made homosexuality a sin.

Sinful Lifestyles

Liberals listen - God loves you all and he proved that by sending His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ to die for your sins and my sins and for the sins of the whole world both believer and non-believer alike.

Our Lord Jesus Christ went to the Cross well aware that you were going to make the choices that you were going to make.

Divine Intervention

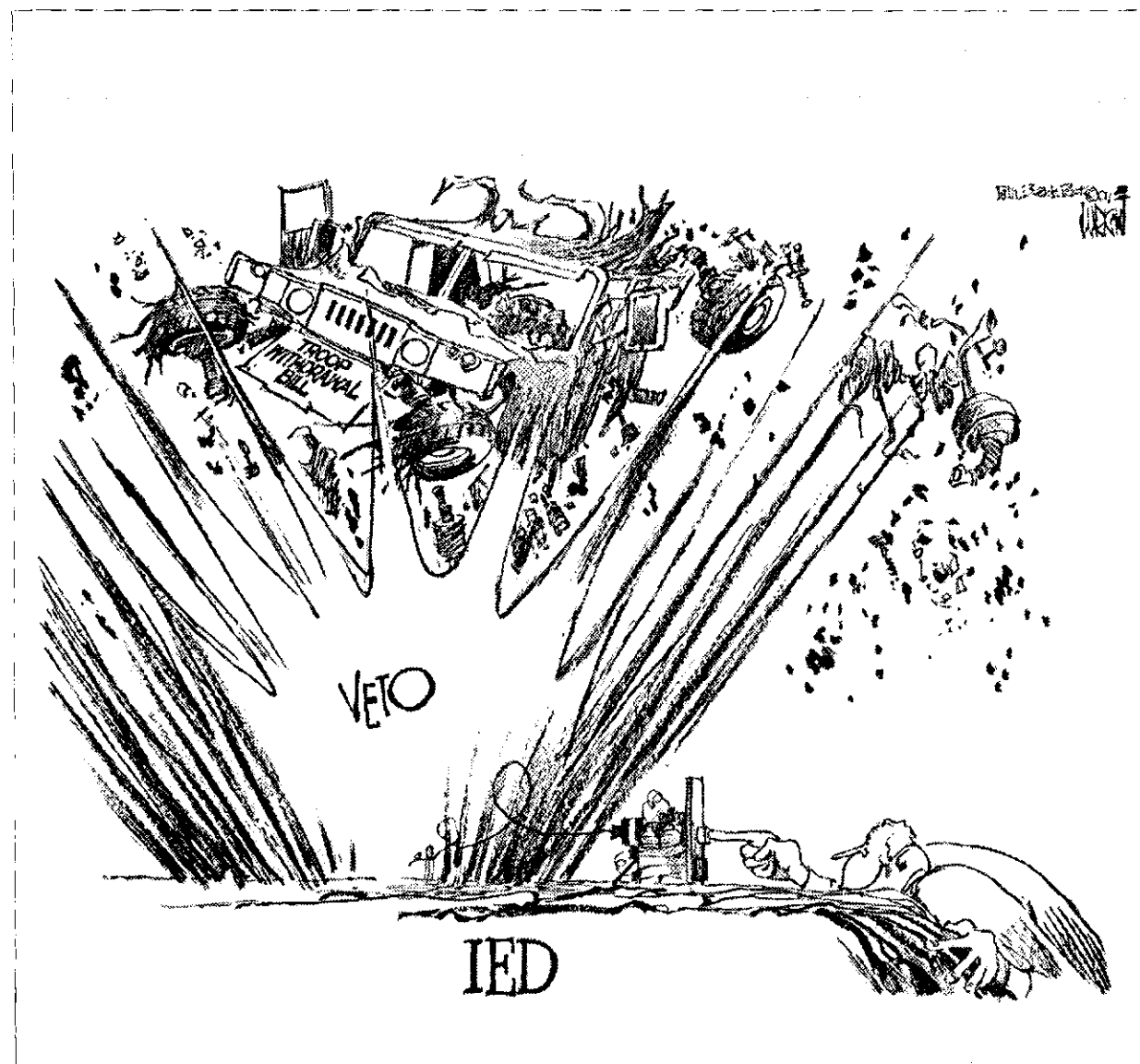
But that's how much he loved you that he went to the Cross on your behalf.

I challenge any liberal to read the story of the Prodigal Son and other references on repentance and for them to try to repent and turn away from their ways.

Needed Guidance

Here are some verses to the liberals to help them repent: (Revelation 3: 19) "As many as I love I rebuke and chasten, therefore be zealous and Repent."

Also (Revelation 22:12 and 14) "And behold I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work. Blessed are those who do His Commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city."



• LETTER TO THE EDITOR •

A helping hand still goes unnoticed

As students with disabilities ourselves, we feel that your editorial piece on the Academic Support Center's unwillingness to help students with disabilities was unfounded.

We have never been turned away or denied services.

If anything, students with disabilities are encouraged by the ASC staff to use the ASC even more.

Through Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS), tours of the ASC are offered to students with disabilities on a weekly basis.

The ASC takes special care to ensure that specialized software for students with disabilities is available.

With the guidance of the dean, ML Bettino, and Michelle Rodriguez, the Innovation and Academic

Support Centers have taken a special interest in Universal Design.

The ASC works very closely with DSPS to ensure all of its services are accessible to students with disabilities.

Perhaps you are not aware of all the services available to students with disabilities on campus.

We would encourage all students with disabilities who feel they have needs that are not being met to consult with the DSPS program.

In addition to the services they provide, they can help you access the services that are available to everyone on campus.

Sometimes students have difficulty making their needs known, and DSPS is there to help you learn to do that effectively.

If you had a negative experi-

ence in the ASC, it could be that you didn't make your needs clear, some type of miscommunication occurred, or that you had unreasonable expectations about what they could provide.

We, on the other hand, have had wonderful experiences in the ASC and want to be sure that another view is expressed.

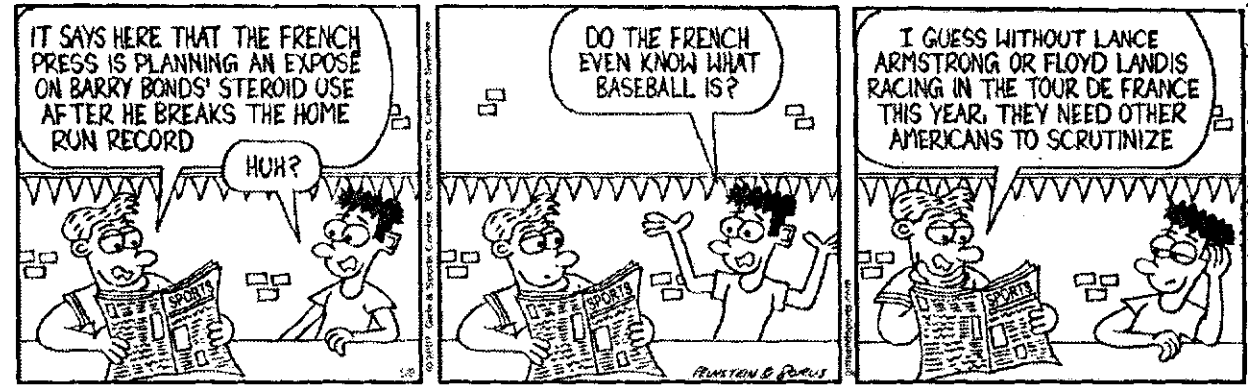
We encourage you to survey others rather than base your entire article on one person's experience or opinion.

If you speak with other students with disabilities, you will likely encounter many who, like us, had great experiences there.

Submitted by Yolanda Gonzalez and David Rodarte.

Responses can be sent to: editor@talonmarks.com

GIRLS AND SPORTS



A College Girl Named Joe

by Aaron Warner

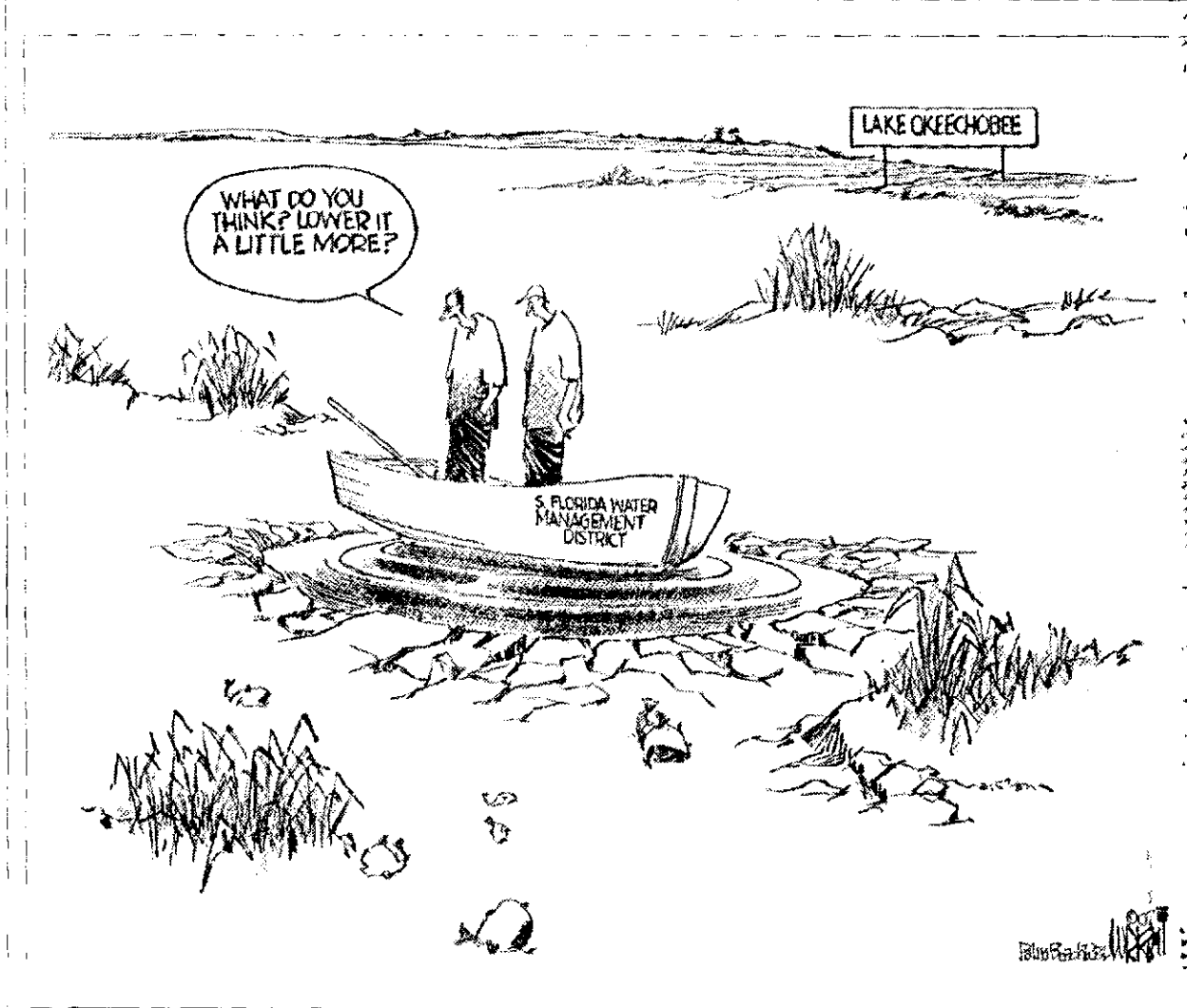
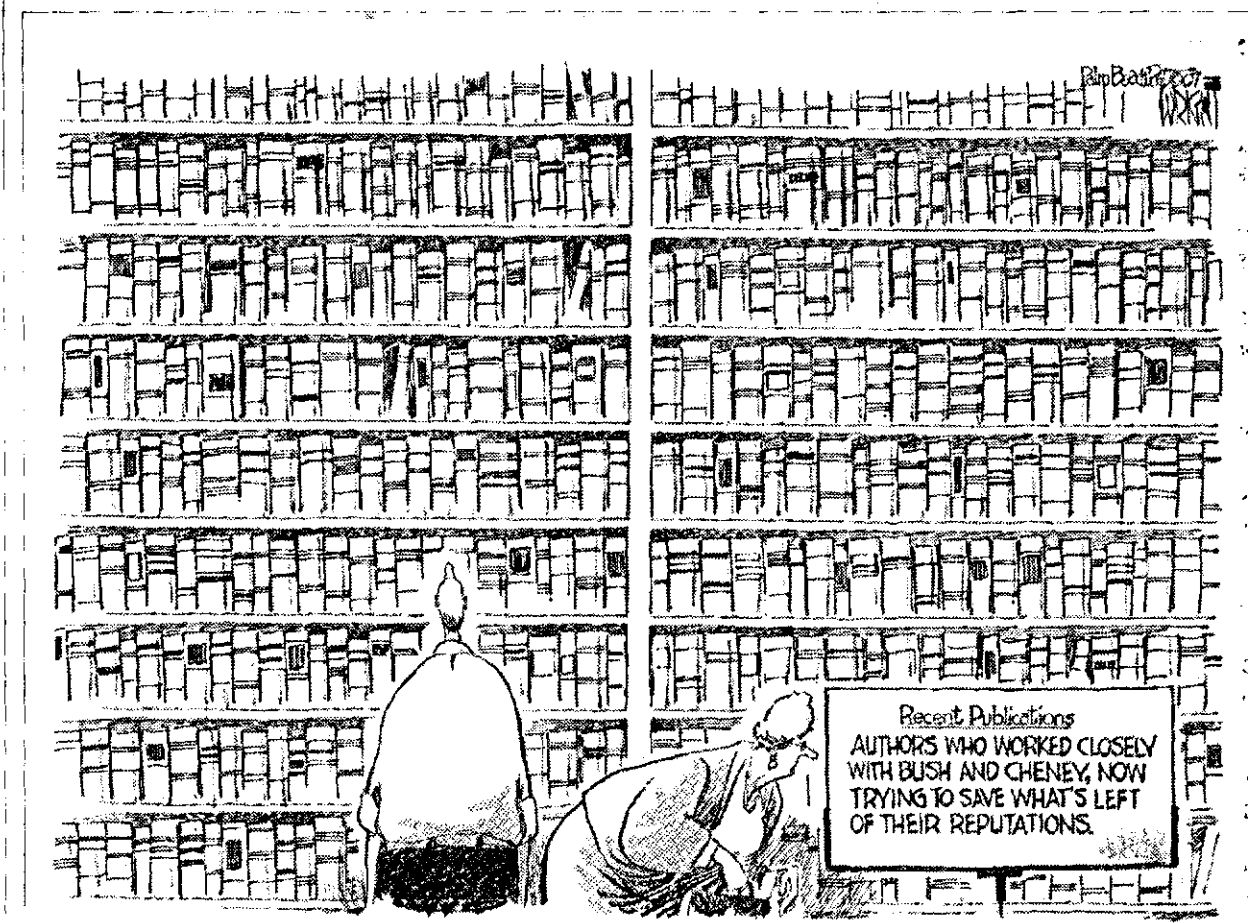


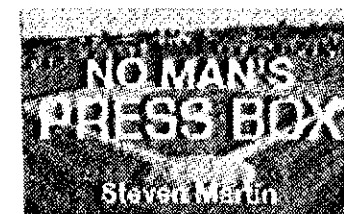
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Swimming teams shatter records

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Though teams are told to compete hard throughout the season, sometimes members save their best efforts for the final matches.

This past weekend, members of the men's and women's swimming teams were able to conclude their season with their personal best marks at the State Championships at Ohlone College.

In the process, many set school records in their respective events.

The men's team placed 12th at the state championships with 108 team points.

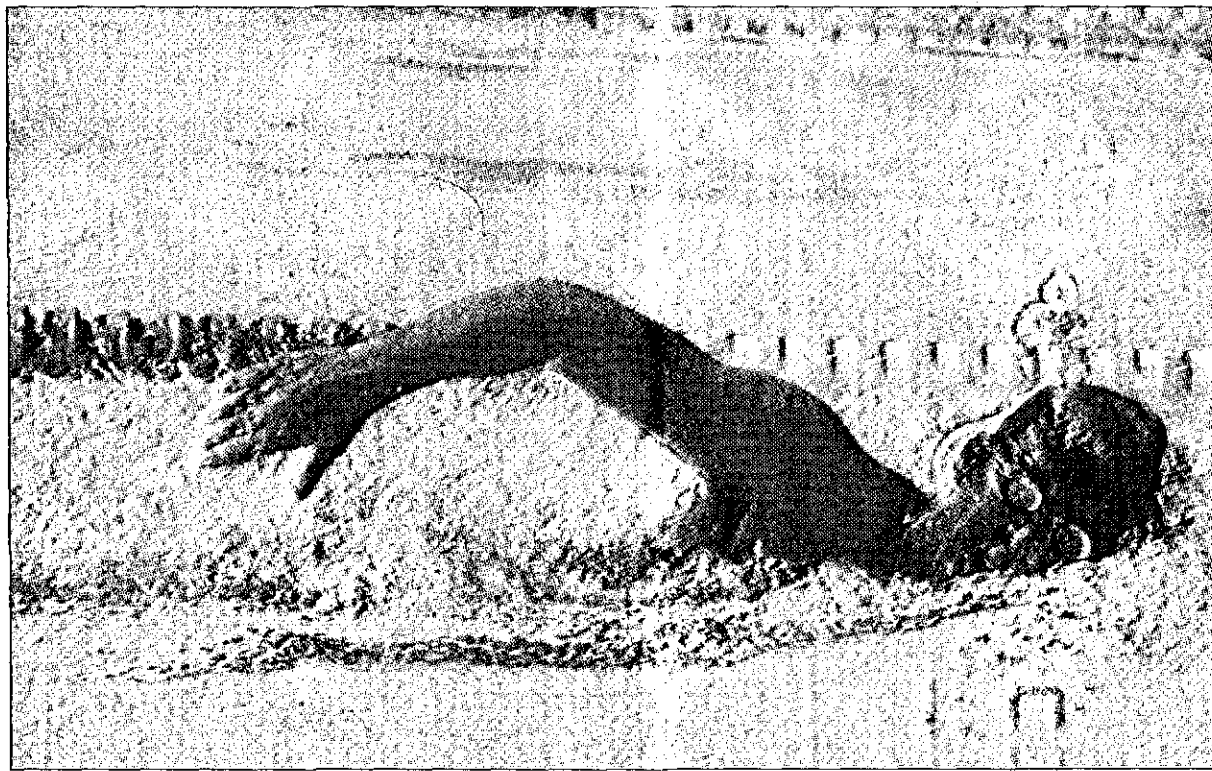
For the women, Ashley Badali and Salina Mesa combined for 52 team points, which put the team in 20th place overall.

Daisy Carrillo also qualified for the state championships, but was disqualified from the 200-yard individual medley due to two false starts.

About the teams' placements, men's head coach Joe Abing said, "Sometimes swimming is thought of as an individual sport, but it's nice to see a team be able to be successful."

For the men, Nikos Kostianis won the state title in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:55.48.

The time also marks his best personal mark of the season. He



Water world: Torrence Lee swims a few laps during the men's team's practice before the State Championship last Saturday. Lee was part of the 800-yard freestyle team that placed ninth with a time of 7:15.87, which broke the school record.

ended up breaking the school records for each race he swam in.

"This is just icing on the cake to an already great season," he said. "I've swam for seven years and this has been the most fun I've had."

He placed second in the 100-yard backstroke and third in the 100-yard butterfly.

He missed earning the first place by .10 of a second. In the 100-yard butterfly, he finished with a time of

50.36.

Eddie Kim placed 12th in the 200-yard backstroke and also 14th in the 400-yard individual medley. In the

"The competition was really tough. I barely squeaked in, but I ended up placing higher than I expected."

For the women, Badali finished sixth in the 100-yard individual medley with a time of 1:03.36.

She also finished in 12th place in the 100-yard breaststroke in a time of 1:11.61.

"I felt that I could have had some faster times, but I thought I did pretty well," she said. "It was cool to represent my team. My coach helped me out a lot, helping me to shave the times."

She set a new school record in the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 32.26.

Softball team goes to second round

JOHN VAN GASTON
Sports Information Director

The powerful bats continued to come through for the Cerritos College softball team on the second day of the Southern California Regional Playoffs.

The Falcons (32-9-1), winners over Grossmont College (24-9), 9-0 in six innings on Saturday, needed only five innings on Sunday to post a 10-1 win.

The series victory advances the No.4-seeded Cerritos team into the Super Regional next weekend against Riverside Community College, who needed three games to defeat San Diego City College.

The 6th-seeded Tigers (35-16) and the Falcons played three times this season, with Riverside winning twice.

The next round of the playoffs will also be a best two-out-of-three series and will take place at Nancy Kelly Field Saturday and Sunday.

After a quick first inning, the Falcons put five runs on the board in both the second and third innings to jump out to a 10-0 lead and finished off the Griffins in five innings.

In the first game of the se-

ries, Cerritos hit four home runs and added two more in the series clincher.

Freshman second baseman Vanezza Martin Del Campo led off the top of the second inning with a solo home run, her ninth of the season and second in as many days.

With one out, freshman first baseman Kim Price drew a walk before the next four batters singled, with the big hit being a bases loaded two-run base hit by freshman outfielder Amber Cardona.

Freshman catcher Nadine Garcia picked up an RBI on a sacrifice fly, while the fifth run came on a base hit by Martin Del Campo, with freshman shortstop Jenel Guadagno getting thrown out at the plate for the third out of the inning.

It was more of the same in the third inning, as freshman designated hitter Charlee Cox led off with a double, with pinch-runner Korrin Soldan moving to third base on a base hit by Price.

Freshman third baseman Katie Colln drove in the first run of the inning with a base hit the opposite way, while Cardona picked up her third RBI of the game with a run-scoring single.

Falcons begin playoffs

JOHN VAN GASTON
Sports Information Director

Despite earning a share of the South Coast Conference championship and having the second most wins in Southern California (33), the Cerritos College baseball team is being sent on the road for the first round of the Southern California Regional Baseball Playoffs.

The Falcons, 33-11 on the year, were seeded No.9 and will travel to No.8-seeded Los Angeles Pierce College for a best two-out-of-three series starting Friday.

The first game is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Friday, while the first of possibly two games on Saturday will start at 11:00 a.m.

The Brahmas were champions of the Western State South Conference and are 28-15 on the year.

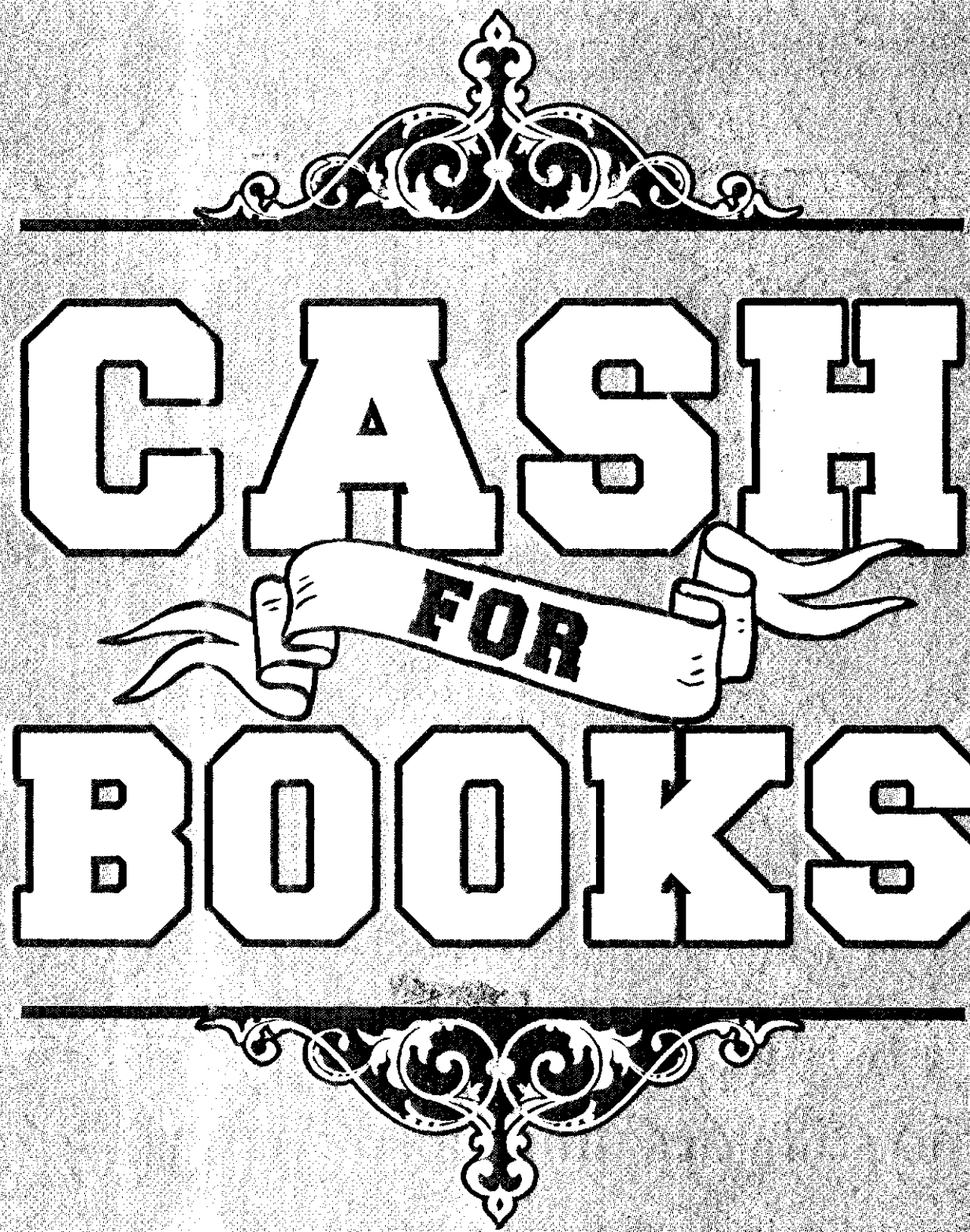
They finished the regular season with a No.20 power rating in Southern California, but because they won their conference, they are automatically seeded in the top eight spots for the playoffs.

All six conference championships are seeded in the top eight for the first round, which ensures them home field advantage.

As for the Falcons, they are 33-11 on the year and finished the regular season No.3 in the Southern California power rating.

Although it won a share of the conference championship, El Camino College was seeded ahead of Cerritos because it won the season series.

The winner of the series will travel to the highest remaining seeded team for a four-team double elimination tournament the following weekend, with the winner advancing to the state championships, which will be held on May 26-28 at Fresno City College.



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