

Five divisions vote in favor of no confidence

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An accused lack of effective communication between faculty members and the administration has led five of eight of the school's divisions to file a vote of "no confidence" grievance against Dr. Noelia Vela, college president/superintendent.

Those divisions are:

- Fine Arts/Communications,
- Health Occupations,

- Humanities and Social Sciences,
- Health, Physical Education and Athletics.

This comes as the school prepares for its accreditation.

According to Dr. Bryan Reece, faculty senate president, a "no confidence" vote is a public statement that the Faculty Senate has no confidence in Vela's ability to lead the college.

The Faculty Senate as a whole delivered a vote of "no confidence" as well.

"I think it is clear that a vast majority-a very, very strong majority-believes we have a serious problem stemming from the President's office," Reece said.

"The management style flowing from her office is damaging our work environment, tearing relationships, affecting morale, and breaking trust. These themes repeatedly emerge as people come forward and tell their stories."

Some examples of this that the Faculty Senate note include the

HPEA Campus Transformation Planning and the changing of the Accreditation Self-Study Report.

The Board of Trustees held a special meeting last month to address these accusations. Several instructors from those departments showed up to voice concerns.

Members of the HPEA department voiced their concerns at the special board meeting Monday.

Among these members were:

- Mike McPherson,
- Debbie Jensen,

- Karen Welliver and
- Jeanine Prindle.

The HPEA division feels that some of the changes under the Master Plan have been added without contacting members of the athletic department.

Part of these changes include turning of the current soccer field and four tennis courts into parking lot.

"We were told that we were losing (the field) because we have too much space. But no one ever came

to us to figure out what was wrong," Prindle said. "We're losing instructional space."

Another concern of these departments is the accused failure of shared governance.

According to the board's Web site at www.cerritos.edu/board, shared governance is the policy that lists all stakeholders in having a decision making power.

Part of the accreditation report is the Standard IV rewrite that took place during the summer.

Cabinet has only 2 people

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With only four holdovers from last semester's make-up, the ASCC Cabinet had its first meeting last Monday.

ASCC President Jason Macias said there are some positions open for the Cabinet and the Senate after some members transferred last semester.

The minimum requirements are that a senator or cabinet member must have:

- 2.25 GPA,
- five units,
- cannot serve for more than six semesters,
- have a current student I.D.
- and hasn't received a failing grade the previous semester.

In other news, Holly Bogdanovich, director of Student Activities, announced that the school has five thousand power-saving energy efficient light bulbs.

She said that a student will only have to fill out a card and then he or she gets a light bulb.

Evelyn Young, daytime activity coordinator, said she is planning "some kind of golfing thing in Falcon Square."

She also suggested a philosophy forum to spread philosophy to students that aren't in a philosophy class.

She also suggested a dance-off for some time in the semester.

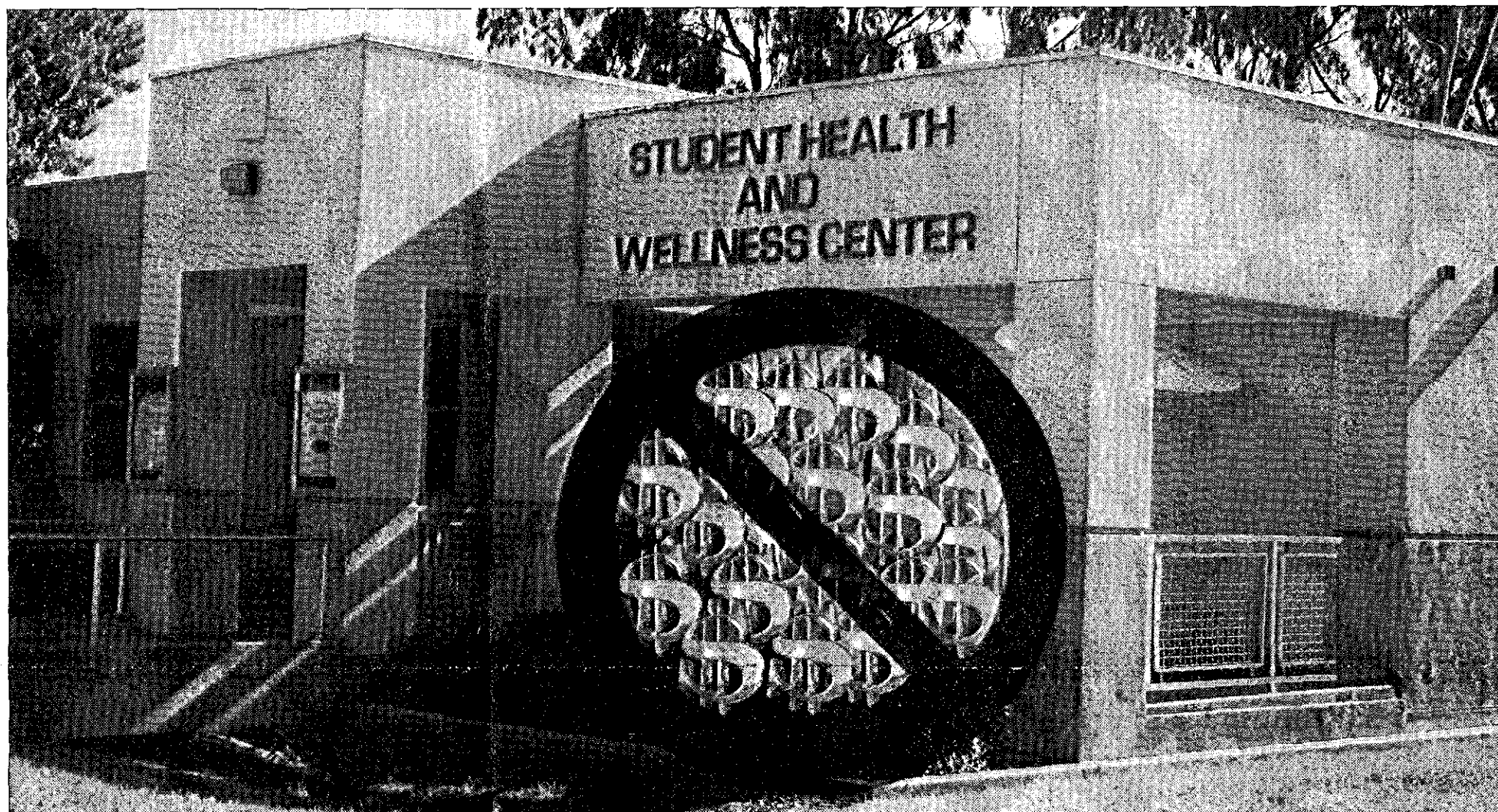


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Health Center loses funding

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The U.S. Congress passed a bill that essentially takes funding from student health centers on college campuses. The bill has been implemented throughout the country this year.

The state still has the choice to fund the health centers. In California however, the budget is already in crisis.

The lack of funding has become local-

ized as funding for the school's health center is at risk.

With funding gone, once affordable services such as birth control, STD testing and immunizations are in danger of becoming more expensive.

Immunizations were low to no cost to students and now students will have to pay upwards of fifty dollars.

Some believe that this will have little or no impact on them.

"I do not think that this will have much

of an impact because I don't know anyone that uses the health center," Edward Alvarado, accounting major, said.

But those who have used the health center have an opposing view of the situation.

Maria Arcillano, administration of justice major, said, "Some people don't have the extra money to be able to go anywhere else. So this will hurt students and have a major impact on campus."

This will hurt students because most four-year universities require up-to-date

immunizations before they will accept new students.

Cerritos is hoping to help curb the cost once this bill takes effect.

The Student Health Center is working with Family Planning Access Care treatment to provide students with the same low cost health services it did previous to the bill's implementation.

According to Nancy Montgomery, stu-

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Navarro named President Pro Tempore of ASCC Senate

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Noe Navarro, engineering major, was elected as President Pro Tempore of the ASCC Senate during its first meeting of the semester last Wednesday.

Although the members were not extremely busy with new business for the very new year, the Senate did in fact appoint some new leaders, announced upcoming events and shared resolutions for the new semester in progress.

The position will allow for the newly elected official to, "upon absence or direction of the President of the Senate to assume the place of the presiding officer of the Senate, with all duties and rights thereof."

Navarro said he was motivated to run for the open position so that he could continue to stay involved with business on campus.

"I have been here for three years and I know what to look for and have a good idea of what's going on," he explained.

The Senate also discussed its contentment and hopes for Student Welcome Night and Day held last week in Falcon Square.

The ASCC was proud to have sponsored the event, which served more than 1,000 In-N-Out burgers to registered students.

Senate members also discussed plans to begin passing out to students some of the nearly 5,000 energy saving light bulbs that were donated to the school by Southern California Edison.

ASCC members were scheduled to begin handing out the light bulbs to students attending last Thursday's Student Welcome Day celebration and concert held in Falcon Square.

Students would again be welcomed to

food catered by In-N-Out and upon signing an honor pledge promising to swap out an old light bulb for the new energy efficient one, students would also receive one of the donated light bulbs.

Concluding the weekly meeting ASCC President Michael Barrita shared the organization's new year's resolutions and goals for 2008.

Among them are:

- establishment of a book exchange forum where students can buy and sell textbooks to one another at fair market value,

- offering healthier food choices by bringing the business of Subway sandwich shops to campus,
- providing free water bottle refills for all students in the Student Activities Center and
- making the school's budget more accessible to students and clubs.

Shola Shodiya, chairperson of special events, explained that "the changes are intended to make Cerritos College a place where there's no resistance and where students will feel welcomed to come to the Student Activities Center."

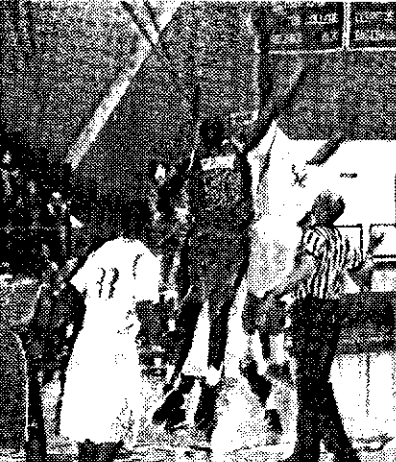
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Think Green: Last Thursday, paralegal major, Lori Griggs, received her energy conservative bulb provided by the Southern California Edison.

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Edison gives students light bulbs

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"Get your free light bulb here," Mylsha Ciyro, undecided major, yelled during a joint effort between Southern California Edison and the Facilities Department to give out free fluorescent light bulbs to students last Thursday afternoon.

"We are going out to all the colleges in the area," said Juan Rico, consultant for Southern California Edison. "Our goal is to give out 1 million light bulbs before the end of the year."

Facilities was given 5000 fluorescent light bulbs to give out to students, but with one catch; each person that received a light bulb had to make a pledge to use it in his or her home.

"We want promote conservation and in conjunction with Edison we are able to do," said Tom Richey, facilities manager.

Even though the event is over, students can still get a free light bulb by going to the Facilities office and filling out a pledge card.

Richey said that Edison contacted the school and it is part of a campaign it puts on to get the light

bulbs out to college students.

Many students walked by the booth without getting one, but for the few that did stop they seemed to be happy with their free light bulbs.

"I already use them in my house so getting a free one means I don't have to buy one," said Brayan Custaneda, nursing major.

The Facilities Department also has been working on other ways to help create a greener school.

It is working on a program to install more LED lights in the school and has taken steps to replace old light fixtures with new energy saving ones.

Richey said that the school works with energy companies to make the new building more energy efficient such as the new swimming pool that is being built is heated by return water.

With fluorescent lights, people can save 90 watts of electricity every two hours.

"These light bulbs use one-third of the energy as standard light bulbs," Rico said. "We are working on a LED program and those use .5 watts compared to a 90-watt bulb."

Soccer field still controversial

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For about three years now, Cerritos faculty and students have been voicing their opinion on the idea of turning the current soccer field into parking space for students.

They have been signing petitions, demanding construction to stop to rethink the whole idea of getting rid of the current field, and also taken the time to research information that supports their cause and logic of why it should remain.

Some of these facts are:

- there are over 1,200 parking spaces open on a daily basis,
- Cerritos has declining enrollment making more parking obsolete and
- the athletic teams are consistently rated among the best in the state, and in some cases, the nation.

Physical educational instructor, and track coach Debbie Jensen has promoted the legislative resistance of this event's occurrence by encouraging students to sign a petition that would signify that the extra parking in not a necessity and that the green space is of more interest to the general student population.

The people that desire this green space to remain argue that:

- space will be lost, this green space can never be replaced,
- that it is not more parking that students are demanding, is closer parking,
- there is much parking available on campus (1,200 spaces),

- why don't they convert the strawberry field into parking instead? And
- our Physical departments success is directly due to space available to the athletes.

Coach Jensen emphasized that every instructor under the physical education department had and has some emotions about this current issue, some emotions are stronger than others.

One of those being the very dean of this department Dr. Dan Smith.

When he was questioned about the whole situation, he agreed and supported his faculty in there decision to speak up against the course of action that has been taken to remove the field at the cost of the department.

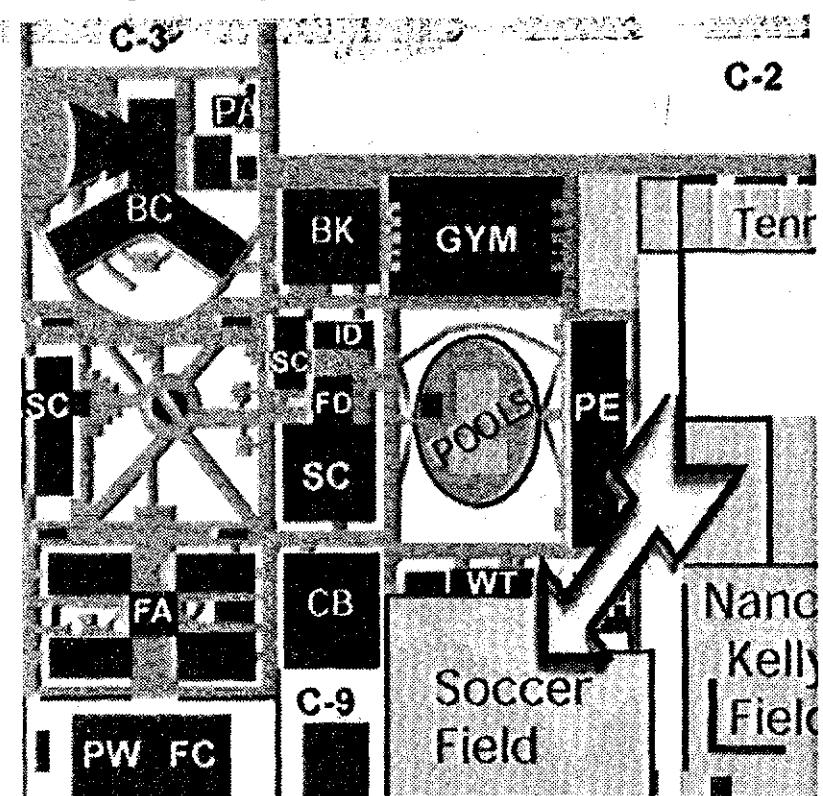
He spoke about how there was a master plan to make a new soccer field and make more parking but that the goal was not to lose green space, that was the ideology behind the whole plan.

Also that creating parking had a higher cost and seems unnecessary at the time being.

However, his tone and emphasis on the whole situation was not as flamboyant as those of others.

His position seemed passive and established this when he said, "it (the master plan) is out of our hands."

What should be kept in mind is that students desire closer parking and this is a solution to those demands, but apparently, due to the undeniable facts, it is a black eye to the Physical Education Department.



Health Center: Family P.A.C.T. will help

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dent health services coordinator, Family P.A.C.T. will provide students with free pregnancy testing, STD testing and examinations to students.

Students will however, have to meet certain criteria to be eligible for the program.

"The qualifications are simple such as (the students) will have to be currently enrolled at the college and not make over a certain amount of money," Montgomery said, "And all the testing is completely anonymous."

The health center will be offering the services to students starting sometime in February and

Family P.A.C.T. will be in the health center twice a week.

Montgomery said, "Family P.A.C.T. will be stationed in the clinic on campus and it will have all its own equipment and own personnel here."

Students that have used the health center believe that this is not necessarily a good thing for the campus.

"When you go to the health center you have the same person handling your records you know them and they know you. But with an outside clinic coming in you might not be able to build the trust that you once had with the health center's employees."

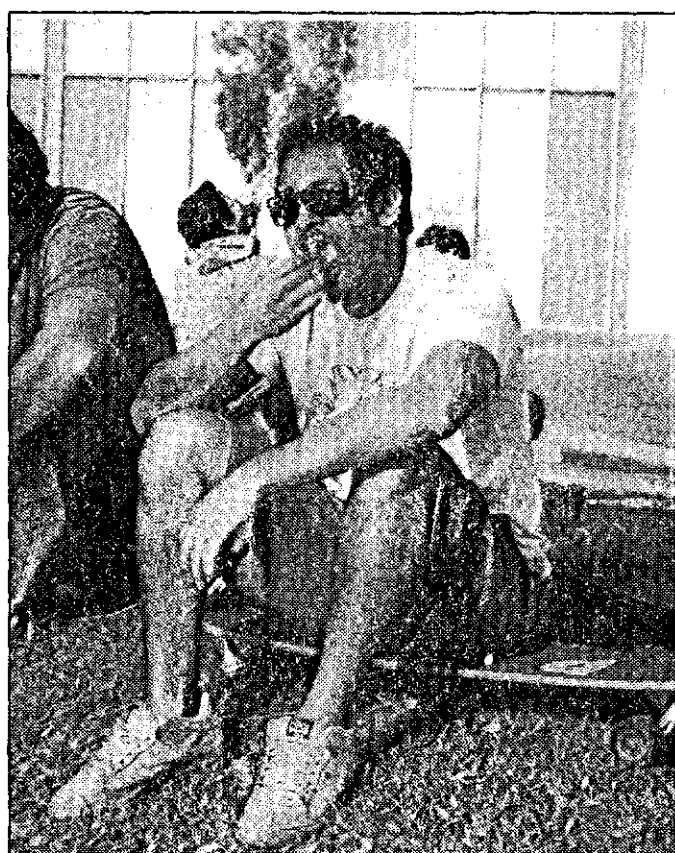
There are ways students can get involved and get the funding restored to college health centers.

"One way students can make a difference is by writing their federal representatives," Montgomery said.

The local U.S. Congressperson is Linda Sanchez, and California's Senators are Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein.

She said another way is to start a petition around the campus that way the students' voices could be heard.

WELCOME BACK DAY



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Eating In-N-Out: The sun was out and In-N-Out was in town last Thursday. Luis Flores sat down in the shade while enjoying his In-N-Out burger provided by the ASCC.



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DJ in the house: During last Tuesday's and Thursday's Welcome Back Day celebration, DJ Ray Reed entertained students in the Amphitheater.

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DJ helps welcome students

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As students gathered around the Cerritos College amphitheater, DJ Ray Reed spun some of the latest music last Tuesday.

The music that was played was mainly rap, hip-hop, R&B and some classic rock.

While some enjoyed the selections, not everyone shared the same musical taste as the DJ.

"The whole idea of this little concert is wonderful, but I just wished that the music that was played had more meaning and more of a wide variety of song, and genres," said Andres Pulido, arts and design major.

Amadi Williams, education major, said, "This is a nice event for students to relax, and listen to some good music while waiting for their next class to start."

He added that he would like Cerritos to host more events like this, because it makes school a more fun environment for students.

Although many did not have

time to sit and enjoy the music, many could be seen walking and bobbing their heads and singing along to the tunes.

Reed said that he comes to Cerritos frequently and enjoys it.

"(I) do a lot of events such as this one at many schools, but Cerritos is one of my favorites," he said.

Smith's movie is legendary

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The movie "I Am Legend," starring Oscar-nominated actor Will Smith, was quite an interesting way to spend \$7.50 and two hours during the Christmas holiday break.

The science fiction thriller contained a well-balanced mixture of plot, special effects and actual acting. However, fans of Smith should not expect to see any Academy Award nominations for this film.

I will say that the 39-year-old former rapper spent time in preparation for this movie very well; in the gym that is.

The scenes in the movie where his character, Dr. Robert Neville, is shown doing pull-ups from a hanging bar in his apartment were some of my most favorite parts of the movie.

Another favorite scene was the one where he was on the treadmill with his shirt off.

You can definitely tell that no special effects were used or needed for these parts.

The actor's tall and lean physique displayed a solid and well-toned series of cuts and sculpted muscles that began at his arms and saw no signs of neglect all the way down to the his rock hard chiseled abs.

"I Am Legend," was also a very good showcase of the abilities of Smith as a comic, serious and heroic character.

When you have a movie where 90 percent of the film displays only one character, it is really important

for that character to be able to hold the attention of the audience.

And according to the box office numbers, Smith was able to bring them in and hold them.

In the movie, the heroic character, Neville, who was presumably the only existing untainted human life-form left in New York City, had the daunting task of building relationships with other non-human characters.

The ensemble included a dog and mannequins that the doctor had set up around town over his years of alienation in order to maintain a sense of normalcy at a far less than normal time.


To see this educated doctor walk into an abandoned video store and have a conversation with a mannequin that he had placed as a store clerk about a female mannequin that he believed was interested in him was quite amusing.

Finally, the relationship that the actor had established with his co-star, a German shepherd named Sam, was touching, even for non-pet lovers.


What was special was that you could see the trust that the two actors had built between each other, and you could actually see how the chemistry between the two expanded beyond the goal of completing scenes for a movie.

For fans of the actor and science fiction movie lovers, I would definitely recommend the movie.

However, if you're looking for something exceptionally artistic, then you may want to see if Sam has anything coming out soon.



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EDITORIAL

Three big projects crash and burn

With half of ASCC President and Vice President Jason Macias and Michael Barrita's term over, it seems that the key issues that the duo used when running for election have not been acted upon yet.

Among the things that were on their platform were:

- Establishing a recycling program,
- providing free water for students,
- healthier food choices on campus, and
- a book exchange program.

If they took one issue at a time, they could have possibly been closer to getting one of their many goals finished and in place before the semester even started.

Instead, they took on too many projects all at once and got nothing accomplished so far in their term.

It appears that they got in over their heads and didn't realize just how exactly they were going to get these programs implemented.

Of course it is known that these things will not happen overnight and these things take planning.

But there are talks that these problems won't even be discussed until halfway through the semester. Others may have to wait until next year when they may not even be in office.

Since the actions that were campaigned for were not taken to a further level for these programs to become a reality, the question

becomes, "What did the duo spend most of its time doing last semester and what did they really accomplish?"

The duo's biggest highlights of last semester are endorsing the "21st Century Four" to fill the Board of Trustees seats and asking the Board to make Project H.O.P.E. part of its funding curriculum.

But had Macias and Barrita not been members of Project H.O.P.E., it is highly doubtful that they would have been so adamant about getting funding for the program.

It is easy to be sympathetic to the ASCC's current situation of virtually having to start from scratch due to several members leaving last semester.

But unless the duo plans on running and retaining their positions for the next election to come, it is in their best interest to take action on implementing these things that sounded so promising.

Macias and Barrita should not want to be typical politicians that constantly make empty promises that they have no intention of fulfilling.

They owe it to the student body to do more than just talk about these programs, the students need to see some action.

If they have no plan or no way to actually get these grandiose plans in action, then they need to let the students know as soon as possible.

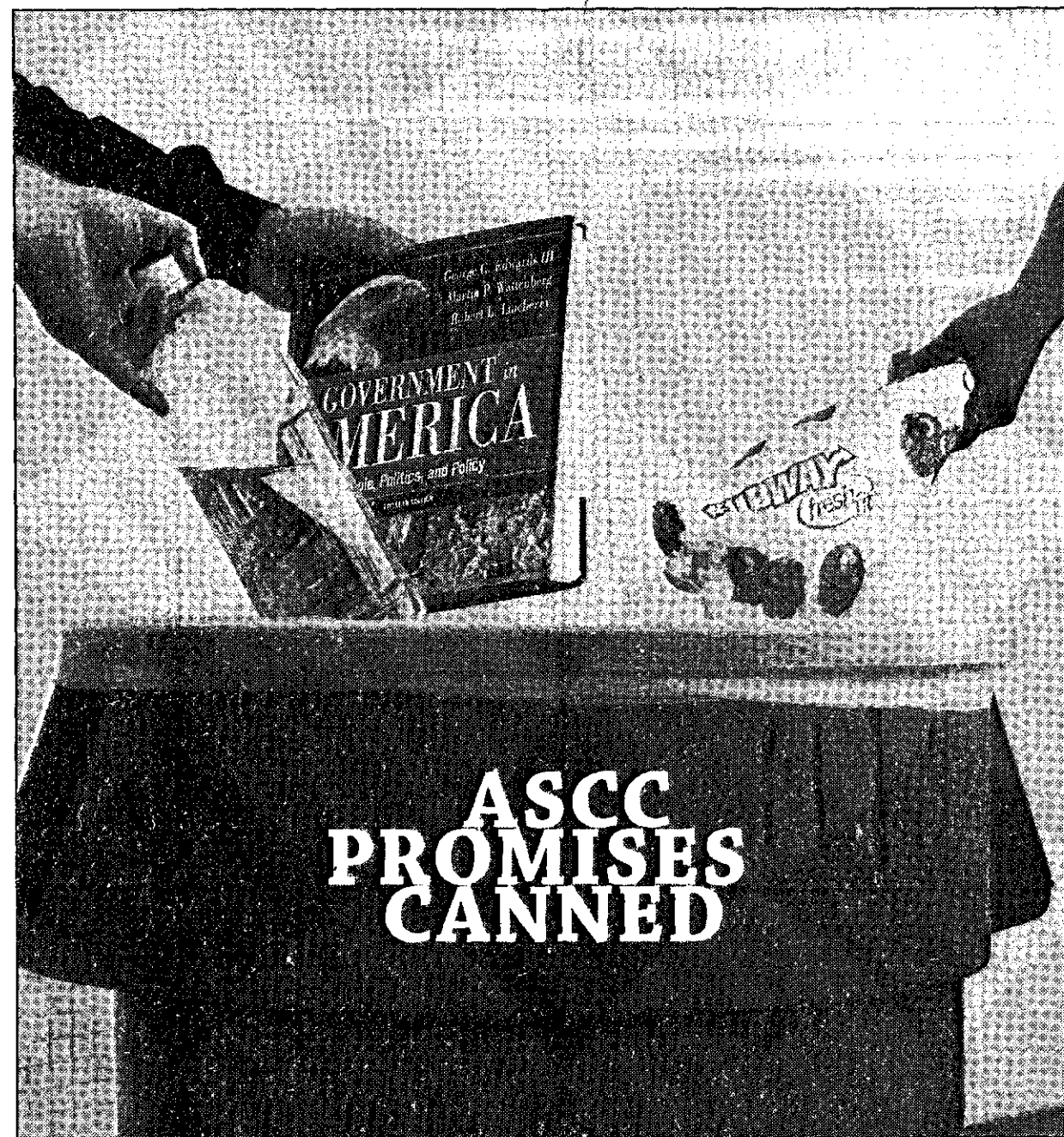


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Internet provides alternatives

Some students are unaware of the alternatives to buying textbooks



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Many students, including myself, have bickered to some extent about the high price of books and how their cost can become an excuse of why not to attend college.

Even the student government body has attempted to attack and address this continuous issue by only pitching ideas out there like the book exchange program.

To my knowledge, this has been attempted about two times before but has never been able to be executed, or at least not yet.

What some students are unaware of is that there are other alternatives besides the local book stores both here on and off campus.

But I think some of the bookstores have formed a cartel to oppress students and to drain their money by cutting holes in their pockets.

However, students have to think outside the

box.

Nowadays, the Internet has revolutionized the way we perform daily tasks and shop as a consumer.

The point being that books are expensive and that the internet, our most valued resource, provides the service of being able to purchase books at a cheaper price.

One of these sites is chegg.com.

The whole concept behind this Web site is actually unheard of, at least to me.

It is a revolutionary Web site where students select the book they need and they rent them out at a low price, ideally.

With its revenue from the rentals, chegg.com plant trees in African countries and other deforested parts of the world.

After the semester, the textbook is returned

and a tree is planted for the money that was brought in.

However, the credibility is another role that affects me sometimes from taking this path.

Some other Web sites, bidding sites, such as Ebay and Amazon provide another alternative with the security of receiving the product.

The idea behind these is that the buyer buys the book at the price they can afford and are willing to pay for the textbook.

It's basically where the students decide the price the book sells for.

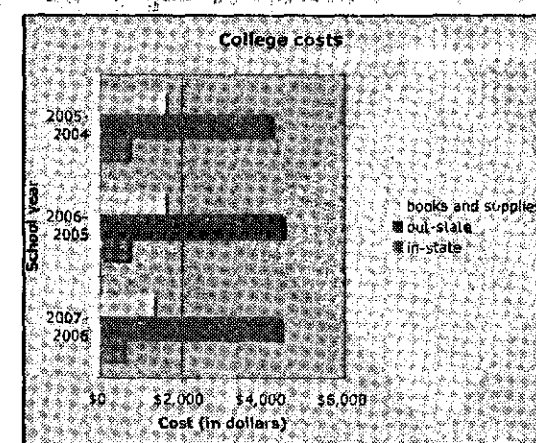
One idea that has yet to be attempted is for a company, such as Borders, to branch out and provide low prices and alternatives for college students, which are not many.

Some action has been initiated to make the bookstore lower prices.

When compared to other local colleges, the prices here are lower due to the protest there has been over this.

To the students, keep on voicing your opinions about the book prices, it's actually accomplishing something.

STATISTIC OF THE WEEK



Source: www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

Wouldn't it be nice to have cheaper books here at Cerritos College through a book exchange program funded by the ASCC?

"I think some of the bookstores have formed a cartel to oppress students and to drain their money by cutting holes in their pockets."

How would the Book Exchange program have affected you this semester?

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DAVID OCHOA
pharmaceutical major
"It (book exchange program) would leave me more money for gas and more money in my pockets for school supplies."



EDWARD ALVARADO
accounting major
"It would leave more money for my bus fare and for food so I do not have to hassle with bringing food."



JOELLA BRIZUELA
music performance major
"Having cheaper books would allow me to buy all of my books, more money for gas, makes going to school easier and more affordable, and extra money for me."



ALISHA MCPLOY
physical science major
"The lower price would affect my work. It would mean less hours and no graveyard shift."



VIC RAJA
business major
"The program would be of great help, save me lots of money and especially time, and make school virtually hassle free."



CATHRINE PINEDA
education major
"The most common thing it would do is make books cheaper for me, so I would be saving money."

Long wait in line for counselors

Are the good things always worth the wait? Something needs to change.



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Waiting in line for hours at any place is not the most exciting thing in the world to do, especially when you have places to go and people to meet.

If you want to go see a counselor here at Cerritos, be prepared and make sure you bring your lunch with you.

The day I went to go see a counselor, the waiting was extremely long. I went to the Admissions Building and almost walked away from what I saw.

All the chairs were taken, people were standing up and the counseling was full.

I walked up to a student and asked him how long he had been waiting for and his response was unbelievable.

"(I have been waiting) since 9

a.m."

I looked at my watch and it was noon. Three hours waiting to see a counselor and talking for only 10 minutes is insane.

I almost didn't stay but my question was important and it was mandatory to go see one for my simple question.

I don't think it's fair that people who have a simple question have to wait for two or more hours and more.

Another thing that made my experience harder was the fact that there were only a couple of counselors available to attend to the students.

I saw them walking in and out and sometimes there were only two counselors for a room full of anxious students.

I understand that they need to take breaks and lunches, but on the day I went, there were no replacements for those who left.

I hope that the school does have other counselors to cover their breaks and if it doesn't, it's another thing it has to work on.

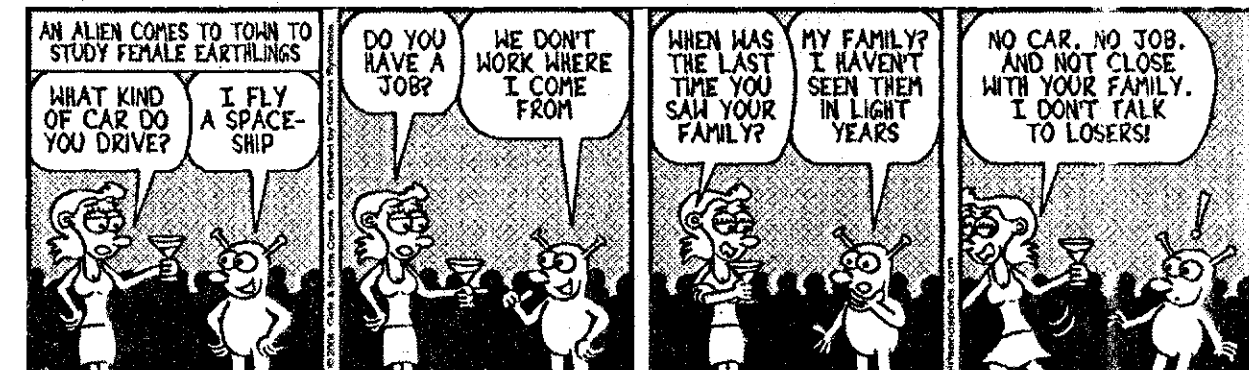
In order to make the process run smoother and faster, the school needs to change its routine. A counselor's job is to attend to the students and the counselors do a great job at that.

The problem is that there are a lot of students that need attention and having a pair of counselors is not going to get the job done.

I am pretty sure a lot of students agree that going to see a counselor is not fun to do and hope that Cerritos will make the process a whole lot faster.



GIRLS & SPORTS



Whites are discriminated

We don't need to recognize race because we're equal.



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Recently, a flier for a photo contest was brought to my attention and what it said on it infuriated me.

It said that the contest was only open to women.

I thought to myself "What is up with that?"

Then I thought what if it said only men could enter the contest what would people say then?

Some people would probably be upset to say the least. There would be protests and people would scream discrimination.

Haven't we gotten past this, we need to embrace the people throughout history that have made this county great.

That is why it is called a history month and not a present month.

This issue has been bugging me for a long time and seems that nobody else has a problem with it.

Things like this must stop and even though the contest is for

women's history it does not make it right.

As a white male in this country, you are pressured into feeling bad about being a white male.

The thing is, I have never repressed anyone and yet I am the one who is made to feel guilty about what someone who had the same color skin as me and was the same gender did decades ago.

I am tired of having to defend the way I look and it does seem to matter who I am as a person.

Sure, I am not perfect; I have prejudices against some people, mainly the people who choose to live in ignorance of their surroundings.

However, that is a rational reason. I have never and probably will never discriminate against someone solely based on his or her gender or race.

I like the fact that different na-

tionalities have their own history and I think that it is great that women have a history month.

Instead of making the month about being separate why not make the history months about being together.

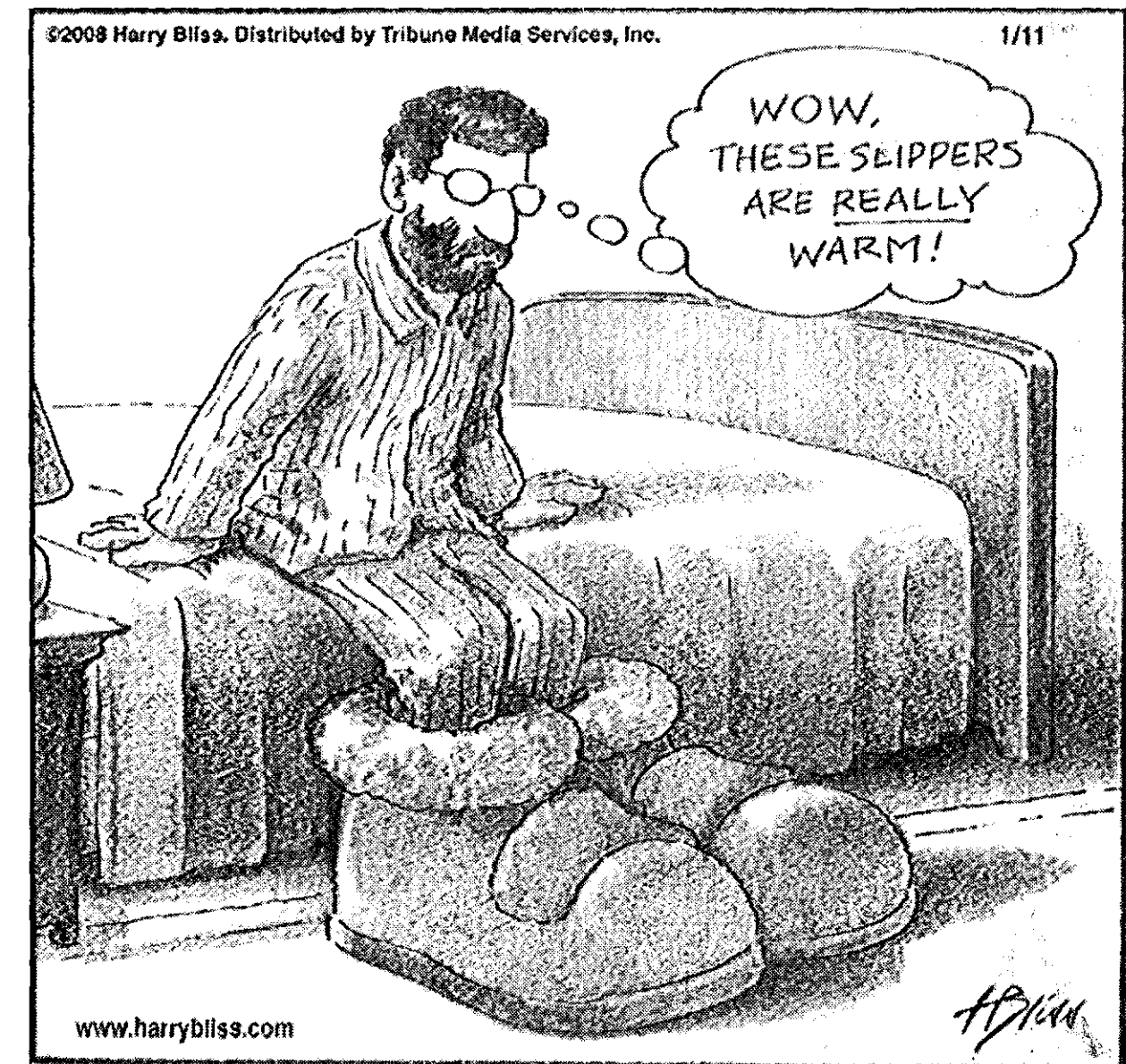
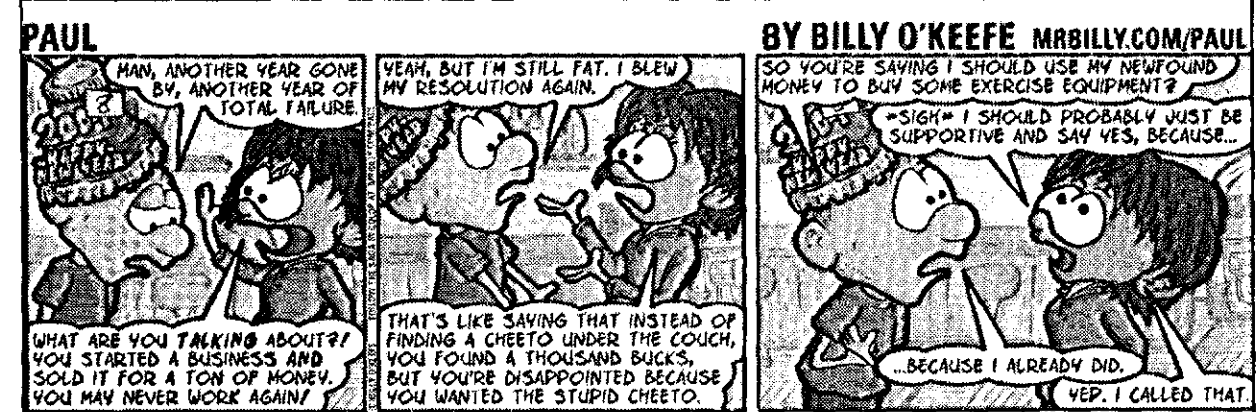
Why can't we celebrate the contribution of women such as Susan B. Anthony who helped lead the women's suffrage movement or Bessie Coleman, who was the first African-American woman to get a pilot's license?

Is it not about time that we celebrate the great men and women of this county regardless of their nationalities?

I know that there will always be discrimination, but everyone is discriminated against for all types of reasons.

But most people, most of the time do not discriminate based on race or gender and that is all we can hope for.

GIRLS & SPORTS



Villegas wins national award

The California Community Colleges Athletic Association, in partnership with the California Community College Sports Information Association has named Cerritos College women's soccer player Corina Villegas, midfielder/forward, the CCCAA Women's Student-Athlete of the Month for November 2007.

Villegas was instrumental in leading the Falcons to their first state championship in school history earlier this month.

Along the way to the title, she tied the school records for most goals in a season, 32, and most assists in a season, 17, while her 81 points is easily a new school record.

During the month of November, Villegas scored a penalty kick in the 90th minute against Ventura College in the first round of the Southern California Regional Play-offs to send the game into overtime and went on to score the first of two overtime goals to lead the Falcons to victory.

She then added three more goals in the next two regional playoff

games.

Once the team reached the state Final Four, she scored a goal and assisted on another in the team's 3-0 win over Fresno City College to send the team to the state championship game.

In that contest against Santiago Canyon College, the nation's top-rated team, Villegas moved from her forward position to midfield due to the injury to midfielder Rebecca Juarez and helped the Falcons control the tempo of the game, which resulted in a 2-1 victory.

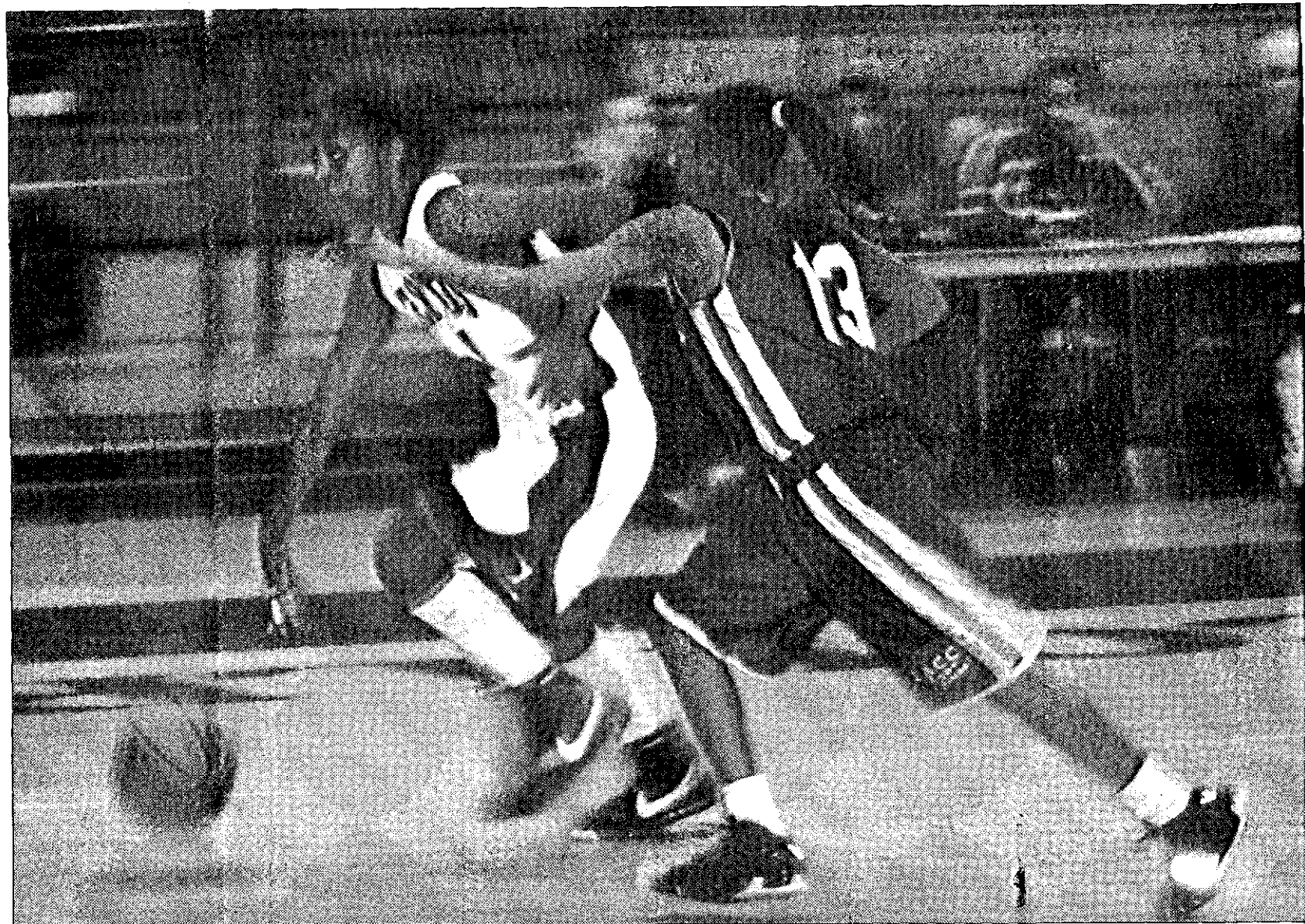
For her efforts, Villegas was named the Most Valuable Player of the state championships.

The Falcons finished the season with a 24-2-3 record, with the 24 wins being a new school record, as the team ended the year being ranked No. 2 in the country. Villegas was also named 1st Team All-South Coast Conference, 2nd Team All-American, as well as to the Division III All-West Region Team.

Courtesy of the Sports Information Office



Practice: Forward Corina Villegas and the women's soccer team practice long and hard on a blazing hot Thursday.



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Lightning fast: Guard Tiffany Wilson flies past the Los Angeles City College defender during the women's basketball team victory on Jan. 4.

Women's basketball wins, 77-51

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Forward Maltresa Neely scored 16 points to lead the Cerritos College women's basketball team to a 77-51 victory against Los Angeles City College on Jan. 4.

The Cubs only brought eight players to the game and the Falcons took advantage of this by making multiple substitutions and pressing the action.

"We were successful running the ball so we stuck with it and were able to wear them down a little," Neely said.

This was the team's first game of the new year.

The Falcons will now go on the

road for five games and will return to play at home on Jan. 30 against Los Angeles Harbor College at 5 p.m.

The Falcons played seven games during the break and went 4-3 in that span, highlighted by a 71-47 victory against San Mateo in the consolation game of the Fullerton Tournament.

During that tournament, guard Arielle McClellan was named to the All-Tournament team.

Besides leading the team in scoring, she also had six assists, two blocks, five steals, nine rebounds and played 27 minutes, all team highs.

For the Cubs, guard Latrice Klyce led the team with 15 points

followed closely by guard Roxanna Rodriguez who had 14 points.

The Falcons combined for 49 percent from the field and the Cubs finished shooting 31 percent for the game.

"We were able to execute on defense and create turnovers and that led to some easy baskets for us," head coach Karen Welliver said.

The Falcons went into halftime with a 34-25 lead and even with the lead, the team thought it could have played better.

Neely said, "We were a little lackadaisical in the first half and knew we had to play better in the second half to win the game."

In the second half, the Falcons were able to extend their lead and

take firm control of the game.

"Our goal is to come out in the first five minutes of each half with a lot of energy," Neely said, "because we believe that is where the game is won."

The Falcons were also able to take advantage of the size advantage they had by out rebounding the Cubs 54-30.

"We never really have the size advantage against any team," Neely said. "But tonight we were able to get mismatches in the post and take advantage of that."

Men's basketball grounded by LACC

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Despite falling behind by 10 early in the game the Cerritos College men's basketball team rallied to get within a point of a victory but were unable to gain the lead and lost to Los Angeles City College, 75-72, on Jan. 4.

"We showed a lot of heart tonight," guard Jeremiah Barnes said. "I am proud of my teammates for that."

The Falcons leading scorers were forward Travele Jones and guard Aaron King, both with 14 points.

Jones also led the team in rebounding with 10.

The Falcons were mismatched in the post because of the size of the Cubs center, who is listed at 6'9" and the tallest player on the Falcons is 6'7".

"We just didn't see the size they

had in practice and that hurt us in the post," head coach Gary Cain said.

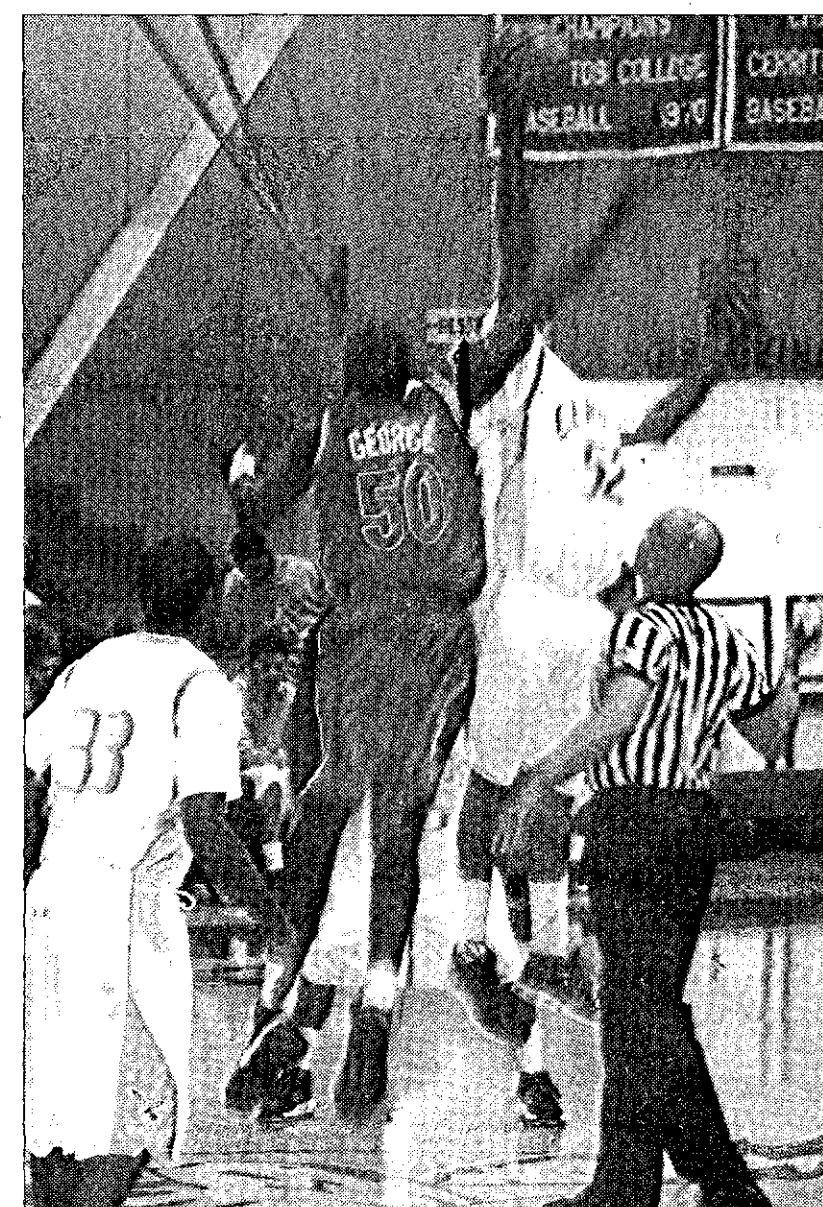
The Falcons fell behind early in first half of the game but were able to fight back and take the lead eight minutes into the game.

Barnes said, "We just came out flat, but our captains rallied the team and we were able to fight back in the first half."

In the second half, the Falcons fell behind early again but were again able to fight back behind guard Van Girard's tough defense.

He had two steals, which led to four fast break points and pulled the Falcons within one with a lay-up with just minutes remaining in the game.

"He has been a spark plug of the bench for us all season," Cain said.



SCOTT WATKINS/TM

Men's basketball: Forward Travele Jones (No. 52) out leaps the Los Angeles City College player to win the opening tip.

COMING UP IN SPORTS

MEN'S

Basketball:

1/16 @ 7:30 p.m. at East Los Angeles
1/18 @ 7:30 p.m. at El Camino
1/23 @ 7:30 p.m. at Long Beach City
1/30 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Los Angeles Harbor

Baseball:

1/19 TBA Scrimmage at Santa Ana
1/25 @ 2 p.m. vs. Los Angeles Valley
1/26 @ 12 p.m. vs. Rio Hondo
1/27 @ 1 p.m. vs. Glendale
1/29 @ 2 p.m. vs. Chaffey

Tennis:

1/29 @ 2 p.m. at Cypress

Track & Field:

1/19 @ 9 a.m. Weight Pentathlon
1/26 @ 9 a.m. All Comers Meet

WOMEN'S

Basketball:

1/16 @ 5:30 p.m. at East Los Angeles
1/18 @ 5:30 p.m. at El Camino
1/23 @ 5:30 p.m. at Long Beach City
1/30 @ 5:30 p.m. vs. Los Angeles Harbor

Softball:

1/23 @ 2 p.m. vs. Santa Ana
1/29 @ 1 p.m. vs. Palomar

Tennis:

1/29 @ 2 p.m. Scrimmage at Fullerton

Track & Field:

1/19 @ 9 a.m. Weight Pentathlon
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