

NO CONFIDENCE!



No Confidence: Last Tuesday Bryan Reece (senate President) read off the no confidence and confidence votes of Dr. Noelia Vela (President/Superintendent).

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Senate votes 24-4-1 against president

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The Faculty Senate voted in favor of no confidence in Dr. Noelia Vela, president/superintendent, during its meeting Tuesday.

The vote was taken in a secret ballot passed to all the voting members of the Faculty Senate.

The votes were:

- 24 votes for no confidence,
- 4 votes for concern and
- 1 vote for confidence.

"We voted through secret ballot because we wanted people to feel comfortable expressing their opinions on such a sensitive issue," said Bryan Reece, Faculty Senate president.

Vela was present for the few minutes of the senate meeting and spoke to the senate.

She said, "There has been misinformation shared that is based on misperceptions."

Afterward, she asked the Senate to postpone the vote until March 11. But the Senate voted to proceed

with the vote of no confidence.

March 11 is when Vela is scheduled to meet with the Senate.

She was unavailable for further comment due to a prior engagement.

But she released an email that stated "I have served the college well and have kept the best interest of the college and students in mind since I arrived here."

The vote of no confidence comes two weeks after the Academic Leadership Outcome Survey was released.

The ALO Survey was released Feb. 13 and was broken up into five sections:

- College Community,
- Constituent Organization,
- Decision making and governance,
- Academic agenda,
- Specific initiatives and projects and
- Overall.



PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDENT DR. NOELIA VELA

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ASCC concerned over some retooling

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The ASCC Senate came to a consensus that it did not want to add on the new parking spaces, as the Master Plan includes.

The Master Plan adds "700 to 900 new parking spaces," ASCC Vice President Michael Barrita said.

Barrita said the Senate isn't against more parking, it's against departments losing instructional space for parking.

These spaces are not necessarily close parking spaces.

Parking will be added:

- at the corner of Alondra Blvd. and Studebaker St.,
- over five of the tennis courts and
- over the old soccer field.

That draws concern from coaches and PE instructors in particular because they will be losing their instructional space.

"(I) don't want anyone to lose instructional space for parking," Barrita said. "(But) not everything is final."

Holly Bogdanovich, director of Student Activities, said a parking structure would not be a wise alternative according to its members.

She said, "With the cost of cement, it (would probably cost) about \$10,000 (per space in a structure)."

"That might be a little excessive than what we need," she said.

The other main concern is that the Hill, a popular hangout spot with students by the music department, is not included in the plan.

Barrita has expressed concern for the Hill to the Campus Transformation Committee, but it "was completely disregarded."

A new Administration Office complex would be where the Hill is at right now.

"We're fighting for it," Barrita said.

He suggests that the Administration Building, which is in the shape of a U facing Alondra Blvd, can be flipped around and the Hill can be placed in the open area.

Where the Administration Building is currently, according to the Master Plan a building will be put in place to house all student services such as:

- the transfer center,
- financial aid and
- counseling.

One of the other huge changes with the Master Plan is that the new Administration Building would have its own parking lot.

Also, the design of the Burnight Center would be of a completely different shape, but cannot exceed its current area.

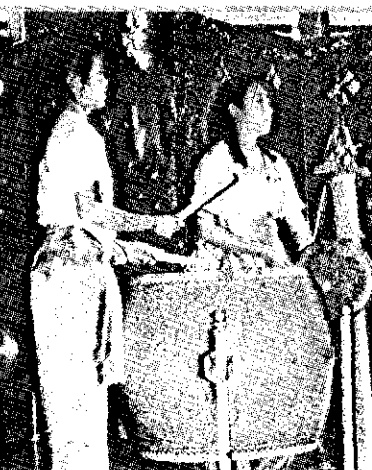
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Students get financially aware

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Booths were in Falcon Square last week to promote Financial Awareness Week.

"Many people don't know what this is, and basically we give out information to students who want to know more about the services Financial Aid provides," said Sylvia Vera, student affairs tech.

Despite the cold and wet weather, the booths were still open to answer any questions students had. Businesses such as Bank of America were present to help students.

"There there to help provide any information and help them how to open free accounts with them," said Vera.

The booths this year had raffles where students can receive information and get free goodies, such as pencils, popcorn and candy. Vera explained this is done so students can get engaged and interested. They are trying to make it fun and interesting.

"We usually do this all the time, and we send reminders through the office so people can remember the dates and come join us," said Vera.

Financial Aid offers a variety of services to students on campus such as federal and state grants, information on loans and scholarships, and programs such as Extended Opportunity Program Services.

People might think it's difficult for them to apply for financial aid, but some found it to be an easy process. There is a free online process makes it easier for students to access.

Vera explained that if the students are having trouble, there are computers in the office that they can use.

Alberto Cisneros, business management major, said, "I've already applied for financial aid. I'm only here for the entertainment."

George Alvarado, philosophy major, said, "I'm here to talk to lenders to get information about student loans."

Workshops are also offered throughout the year to help those interested in Financial Aid. There will be an upcoming one on March 8th. One can sign up online at <http://cms.cerritos.edu/financial-aid/>

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Valentine's Day gifts sold by clubs at Cerritos

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Flowers, cupcakes, candies, everything of the sort was sold on Valentine's Day, but here at Cerritos clubs were selling their best goods to students to raise money.

The Single Parents In Continuing Education Club caught attention with its red and white decorated table and excited members trying to sell some flowers.

The club it is where single parents get together and share experiences, hang out and try to raise money for special events.

"Everyone is welcomed, we encourage single fathers to join as well also, it's not only mothers," said Amanda Ramirez, paralegal major.

The S.P.I.C.E. club's Valentines Day event had every sort of treat available for those with a sweet tooth.

"Everything was either donated or we made it, like the cupcakes, cookies, and candies," Ramirez said.

Apart from the traditional goodies, the S.P.I.C.E. Club had roses with balloons.

"Students come up to us, and a buy a flower and balloon, and we deliver it anywhere on campus, free of charge," said Cecilia Morales, business administration major.

Club members said that getting people to come and buy items isn't necessarily the easiest thing to do. People are not interested, can't afford it, or simply don't care.

"You got to be aggressive, you got to get people's attention and bring them in," Morales said.

Events are held throughout the entire year by the S.P.I.C.E. Club.

"Our events are very profitable, nothing almost ever exceeds 50 cents," said Andrea Andrade, S.P.I.C.E. Club treasurer.

The profits the club made from events go to help with the end of its semester celebration.

The club members get together and take their children to an outing. It may be somewhere like Knott's Berry Farm, Chuck E. Cheese, or anywhere special.

"We can't afford to take our children out, so that's why we do this," Morales said. "So our children can have a good time, something they don't enjoy that often."

Bueno conducts relationship survey

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Sponsored by the Health Education Department, Dr. Ni Bueno, physical education instructor, and faculty members will be conducting a monthly survey to help students get to know themselves better.

The survey question for this month is "What is your biggest challenge in relationships?" The options to choose from are honesty and openness, unrealistic expectations, competitiveness or jealousy. Responses are gathered through-

out the month and the results will be tabulated at the end of the month and relayed back to students shortly thereafter in a report that will to examine the trends in student behaviors.

"The survey was designed to see how students view topics related to health," according to Bueno.

The survey can be accessed by going to www.cerritos.edu/hpea/health/.

The health department urges students to participate in the survey in order to increase awareness of student behaviors.

No confidence: Faculty Senate votes in favor

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There were 91 surveys submitted by the faculty, 19 by administrators, eight by staff, six by students and 10 submitted surveys by individuals that declined to indicate what group they represented.

Vela scored low in all five sections and for the full results of the survey visit www.talonmarks.com.

Reece said that he was happy with how the senate proceeded throughout the process.

The Faculty Senate members had different issues with what Vela was doing, but the majority felt the lack of communication between her and the college's staff was the biggest.

"One of the critical issues is the perception that the stakeholders have her leadership ability and lack of communication," said Rodger Ernest, one of the representatives of the Liberal Arts department.

"As the president of the school she needs to be cognizant of the faculty's perception."

The Faculty Senate will now send the information gathered through the process along with its vote of no confidence to the Board of Trustees.

It has the ultimate authority in whether Vela is fired or not.

"The Board of Trustees will consider the information provided by the Senate," said Bob Arthur, president of the Board of Trustees.

This is the first time in the history of Cerritos College that the Faculty Senate voted no confidence for the president.

RESULTS OF FACULTY SENATE VOTES OF CONFIDENCE IN DR. VELA

24 VOTES OF NO CONFIDENCE		
4 VOTES OF CONCERN		
1 VOTE OF CONFIDENCE		
DIVISION	DATE	VOTE
FINE ARTS/COMMUNICATIONS	11/8/07	UNANIMOUS NO CONFIDENCE
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS	11/15/07	UNANIMOUS NO CONFIDENCE, 2 ABSENT
HPEA	11/21/07	16 NO CONFIDENCE, 4 CONCERN, 2 ABSTENTIONS
HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES	11/26/07	UNANIMOUS NO CONFIDENCE
BUSINESS EDUCATION	2/14	10 NO CONFIDENCE, 1 CONCERN, 1 ABSTENTION
LIBERAL ARTS	2/14	UNANIMOUS NO CONFIDENCE
LIBRARY	2/13	3 NO CONFIDENCE, 1 CONCERN, 2 ABSENT
COUNSELING	2/20	17 NO CONFIDENCE, 1 ABSTENTION
SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, MATH	2/14	28 NO CONFIDENCE, 10 CONCERN, 2 CONFIDENCE
TECHNOLOGY	2/14	13 NO CONFIDENCE, 1 CONCERN
STUDENT SERVICES	2/19	5 NO CONFIDENCE, 1 CONCERN

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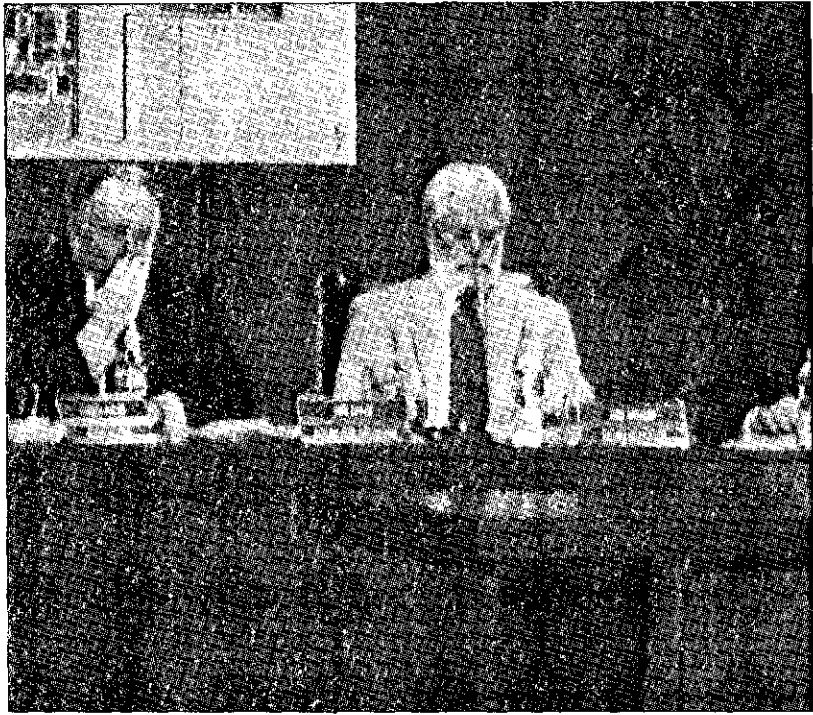
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Board of Trustees: Board of Trustees Vice President Bob Apple and President Bob Arthur discuss events on the calendar.

Employee of the month named at Board meeting

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Denise Marshall, Facilities Schedule Coordinator, was named as the employee of the month for the month of December and Olga Dukhovny, Chemistry Science Lab Technician, is employee of the month of January 2008, during the Board of Trustees meeting held on Feb. 20.

"(Marshall) performs her job with great skill, grace and humility. She schedules many, if not all of the events taking place 24/7 on campus," announced Dr. Noelia Vela, president/superintendent.

In other news the Board of Trustees considered the approval of contracts, and some other announcements.

Marshall was happy and grateful for the certification and Dukhovny felt the same.

"It's really nice to be recognized," said Dukhovny.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the contracts in the agenda quickly.

The reports involved the Battle Color Ceremony on March 6 and the Chinese Culture Association of Southern California and the Cerritos Chinese School will host a Spring Festival Celebration on Feb. 23.

The Battle Color Ceremony will feature:

- The U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps traditional marching performance,

- The Silent Drill Platoon will perform with their highly polished M-1 rifles rigorous spins and
- The Marine Corps Color Guard will carry the official Battle Colors of the Marine Corps.

For more information about the ceremony that will take place at the Cerritos College Stadium, you can go to <http://www.drumcorps.mbw.usmc.mil> and get more information.

This year we celebrate "The year of the Rat," and it was this Saturday at the student center from 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The celebration displayed "various performances, exhibitions and workshops," as explained in the Campus Calendar for All Events on Cerritos.edu.

For more information on the event, you can talk to Danita Kurtz or reach her by calling (562) 860-2451, ext. 2151.

After the open meeting ended, some of the trustees went outside to enjoy the Lunar Eclipse.

Among the gazers was Bryan Reece, political science instructor. The meeting "was mostly Consent Agenda. There was nothing to talk about, it was all administrative," he said.

The material discussed in the closed session was "private information," as Reece mention.

Free donuts, juice for early birds

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"Free donuts, free juice!" were the words yelled on Falcon Square Feb. 20 at 7:30 a.m. due to the Early Bird Special that Dean Ackland, coordinator of student activities decided to put out.

As students walked in the rain early in the morning, some were surprised to hear the words.

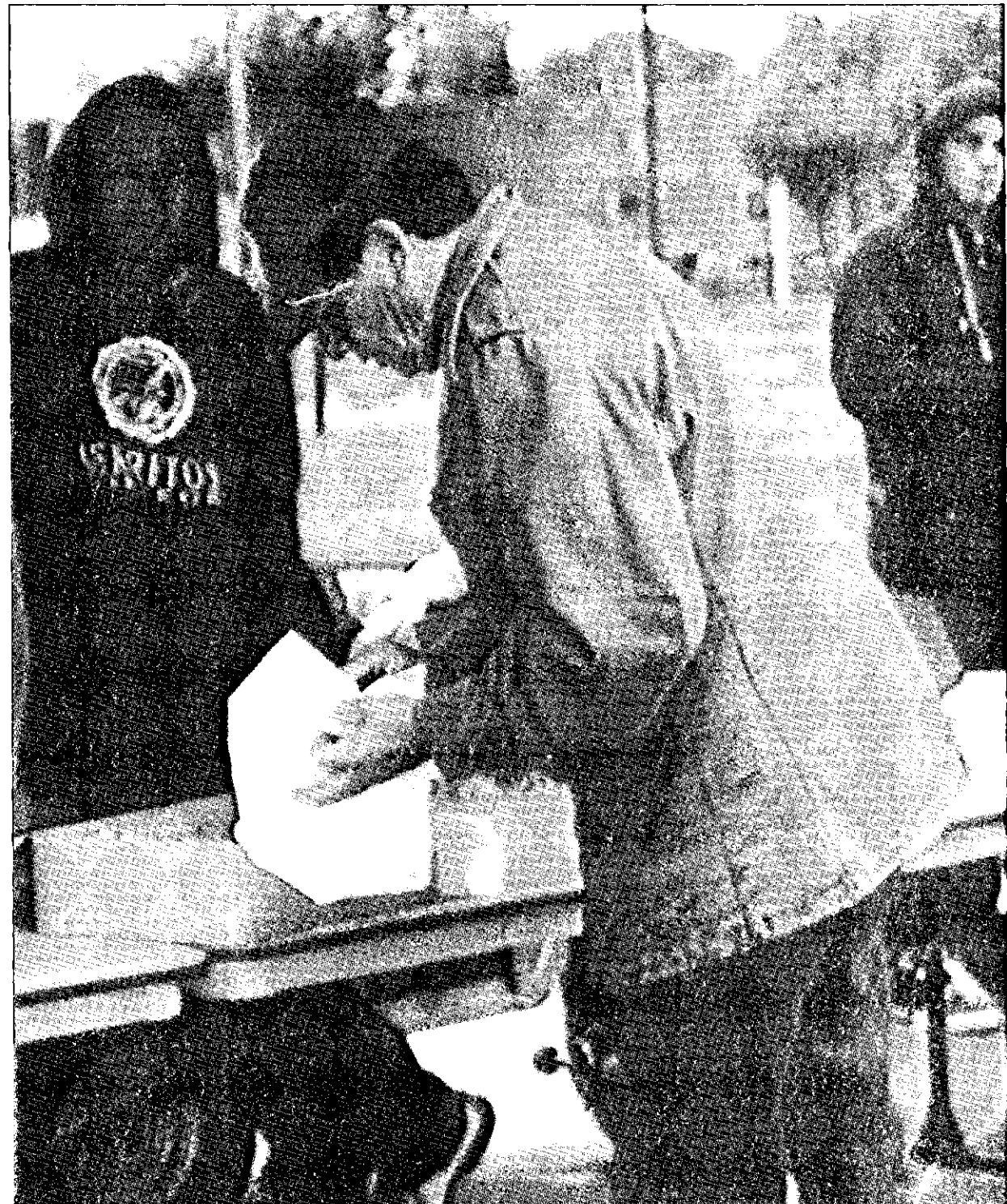
Ariana Puente, communications major, loved the idea. "I like it, it's free. I'm usually one of the first ones here when they do it."

The reason the early bird special is arranged is, "To reach out to some of our students that come early to school. They miss out on a lot of the activities we host like In-N-Out and Hoe Down Days because they are out of school at 11 a.m. and go to work," said Ackland.

"We are trying to reach out to the early students and give them something because they leave early. And some of the students did not have breakfast in the morning," Ackland said.

The Early Bird Special started at 7 a.m. and ended at 8:30 a.m. The students had a choice to pick any donut of their choice varying from glazed donuts, donuts with sprinkles or another different variety of donuts and a cup of orange juice or milk.

Ackland says, "Some of the people's eyes bright up when they see they get free donuts and free juice, it's worth waking up early in the morning and coming at 7 a.m."



Early Bird: A staff member gets his day started with free donuts and juice.

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Speech teacher holds discussion on shyness

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Wendell Hanks, speech instructor, had a discussion on Philip Zimbardo's Shyness this past February 12th.

Hanks had read a few books on shyness, but could not find an answer to what exactly caused shyness.

So he went into abroad of topics of shyness. Three of the subjects he touched upon were:

- Shyness is created by interactions of environment during maturity,
- Shyness is born from our internal voice we create and then listen to,
- And went over some tips on how to decrease ones shyness.

Shyness can be quickly defined as uncomfortable behaviors.

Todd Gaffaney, psychology instructor, was present and gave a more detailed definition, "Shyness is the inability to express oneself in a variety of situations."

"Hello is the first word we learn to use," said Hanks and concluded that talking is the first sign of shyness.

He went on to explain that many things such as our environment, for example school, college, and parties could all create shyness.

He gave an example of the "teacher hunter", "Have you ever had the sense that the teacher is always looking for the person that doesn't have the answer?"

If the "teacher hunter" had called on you and say you had no answer this can create this idea that

all teachers are fearful.

A person can begin to attribute the belief that she or he will always be incorrect or afraid to answer and this increases shyness.

Our inner monologue is very influential as Hanks explains, "We have internal conversations with ourselves."

Hanks broke down the voices in our head as the parent who nurtures us throughout life, the adult who thinks about responsibilities and the child whom is carefree.

"I question if I can think without using language," said Ali Jalali, philosophy major, after the discussion.

Gaffaney said, "the dialogue we create in our head explains he perception of the world," and a negative voice can create a negative person.

A speech can be the scariest ex-

perience when a person is shy, and Hanks gives some tips on how to better our performance.

"As the speaker, you must want to control the environment," said Hanks. "Tone of voice, stance, and speech," are important when it comes to be influence the audience.

"We carry around messages, we don't know where they come from, and we anticipate them."

If we let the audience know that we are timid, will our message be accurately be expressed?

For more information on Shyness and want to learn more on Philip Zimbardo's research about shyness you can go to www.shyness.com/encyclopedia.

2008 Cerritos College 22nd Annual Women's History Month Celebration					
Women's Art: Women's Vision					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Visionary Scientists: Women in Neuroscience 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. SS-310	4 Animating Revolt/ Revolution Animation 2-3:30 p.m. FA-43 Reflections of a Khmer Soul Book Signing 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., S-201	5 Hip Hop Panel: Round 2 6:30-8:30 p.m. LC-155 (Teleconference Center)	6	7	8
10	11 Tribute to Women Writers 6-8 p.m. CB-105 Vagina Monologues 6:00-9:00 p.m. LC-155 (Teleconference Center)	12	13 Vagina Monologues 6:00-9:00 p.m. LC-155 Teleconference Center	14	15
17 Spring Break	18 Spring Break	19 Spring Break	20 Spring Break	21 Spring Break	22 Spring Break
24 An Evening at molaa (Museum of Latin American Art) 6:00-9:00 p.m. Balboa Studio in molaa	25 Clothesline Project 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Falcon Square Remembering Frida Kahlo 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. S-202	26 "Provoked" Film Screening 5:00-7:00 p.m. LC-155 (Teleconference Center)	27 Woman in Islam 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Student Center South Stage Breast Cancer Walk 11 a.m. (check in @ 10 a.m.) Falcon Square	28	29 American Association of University Women Recognition Ceremony 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cheryl A. Apple Boardroom

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EDITORIAL

Campus reconstruction has flaws

Campus construction has its good sides and bad sides, more parking means less educational space but increased accessibility around school

The campus of Cerritos College is going through some changes and some transformations. These changes are referred to as the Master Plan.

As the Master Plan looks, as of this moment, it's a good plan for the most part.

However, it has some major flaws. The biggest flaws lie within where extra parking is being added in two areas.

Four tennis courts will be demolished to add a few more rows of parking.

Looking at the parking situation right now, there are many open spaces available.

Cerritos College is not short of parking.

Students just don't want to park by the football stadium.

But the shorter walk (in some cases) is not worth departments losing instructional space.

And with only eight tennis courts, Cerritos College will no longer be able to hold regional tournaments.

The other huge flaw is where the old

soccer field is being taken out for parking.

The old soccer field can come to great use for teams to practice and for PE classes.

With the old soccer field being used, the new field won't be worn down like the old one, which was used for classes and practice.

The only strong new parking area appears to be at the corner of Alondra Blvd and Studebaker Road.

Nothing but a large grassy area will be lost by adding new parking to that area.

A new parking lot in that area will also provide another connection between the front and back parking lots.

This way, students can drive completely around campus through the parking lots.

Other than the parking lots, the ASCC is also concerned about the Hill and how it is not included in the Master Plan.

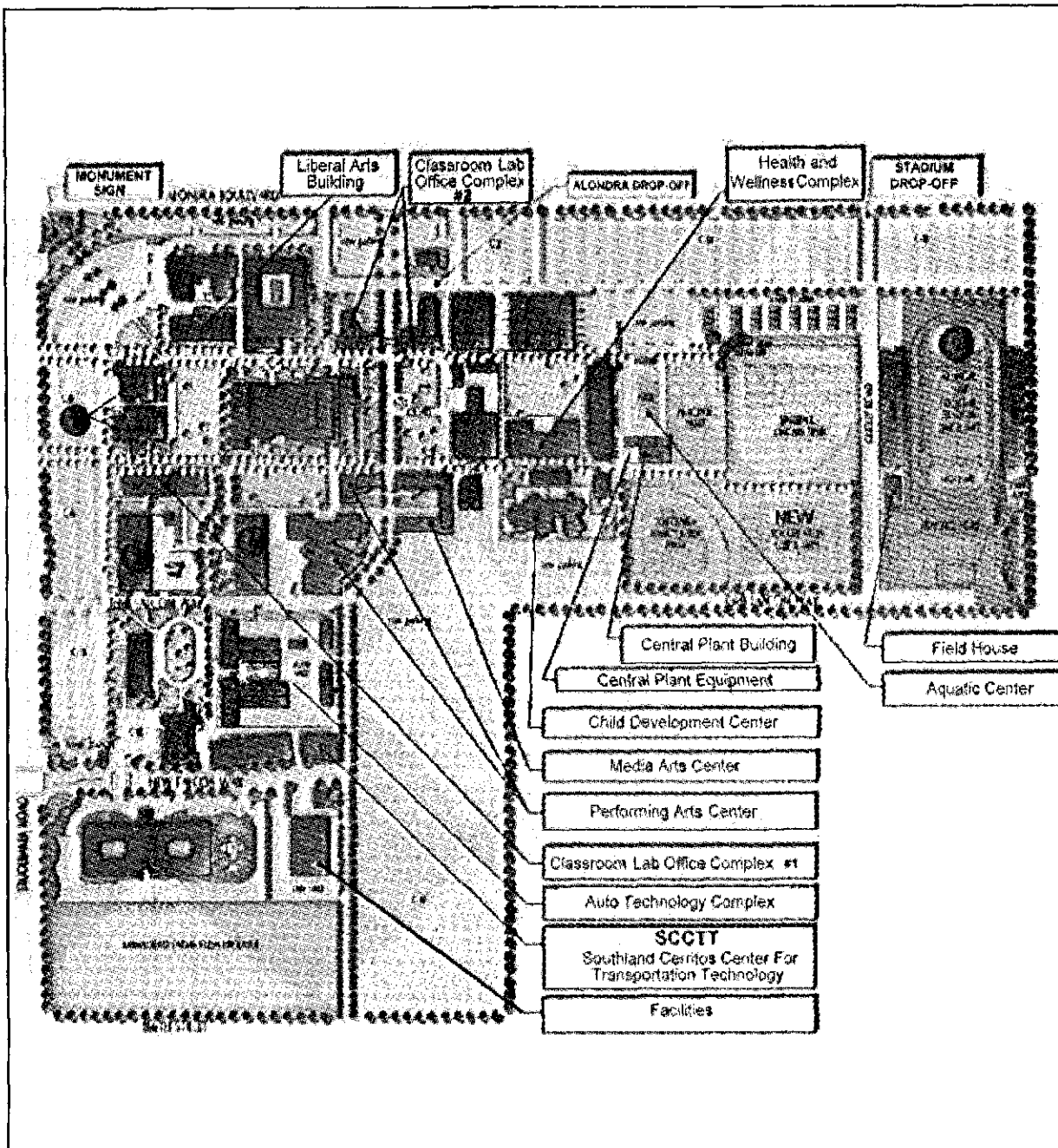
The sole importance of the Hill is that it serves as a nice little amphitheater.

That is as far as it goes.

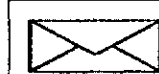
The Hill is just a hill. It's a nice hang-out spot for students but if it has to go, let it go.

Students will find other places to hang out. It's a big campus. There are still open grassy areas in the Master Plan.

The Master Plan has some good ideas in it but it is not finalized and still needs some work done on it.



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Meat is not murder, it's life

Humans are the top of the food chain. We eat whatever is under us. Its survival of the fittest

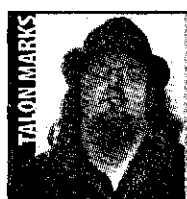
Humans are animals and are at the top of the food chain, we must kill others to survive.

Most of the animals we kill to eat are bred for just that reason and therefore their existence is based on the fact that we need to survive.

If it was not for humans, do you think there would be million of cows and chickens running around the earth?

Has anyone ever seen a wild cow or chicken? If so, there are not very many of them around because they are near the bottom of the food chain.

If we were not killing them, then another animal would be.



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Even if you eat a plant, you are eating a living organism and don't they deserve the same love that animals get?

A plant might not have brain function but killing a plant is still the same.

If you think a plant is less worthy because it does not have brain function, can't you say the same for animals?

Animals have far less consciousness than humans and since they live for us to kill, because we are at the top of the food chain, then killing an animal for food is what nature wanted to happen.

Therefore, we must kill animals to eat and survive.

Do you think a lion in the plains of Africa is worried about what a zebra is thinking before it pounces on it?

Hell no, the zebra has one thing in mind, it needs to eat to survive and the zebra just happens to be the most convenient at the time.

Humans being at the top of the food chain must kill the cow, chicken or pig.

If we don't then we will not survive.

If you say that we should not because it is cruel, then think of this; if a cow had the need to eat a human for survival, it would because that is the nature of the beast.

Humans are hunters and gatherers. Without both plants and animals, we would not survive.

We must, to survive, kill and eat animals.

Survival is the most primal instinct any animal possesses.

All animals kill to survive and humans, even though we are more intelligent than most, are no different.

Do you think a lion in the plains of Africa is worried about what a zebra is thinking before it pounces on the zebra?

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CHANGES BEING MADE TO CERRITOS COLLEGE?

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RIGOBERTO ARENAS
undecided major

"In general, I like it but I don't like the replacements. They are taking the place were students hang out away."



NICOLE CAMPOS
Spanish major

"I have not really decided. I just hope that a spot for clubs and different organizations is built because the only place to meet now is in the Student Activities Center."



ANGEL CRISTALES
sociology major

"We probably need the parking. But we also need to consider the Athletics Department and the grass on the corner is kind of a signature of the college."



CHRISTINA HERMENDAZ
undecided major

"I don't drive, so the parking is not a big issues with me and taking out the grass would not be good because there already is not enough green on campus."



PAUL ZURITA
automotive major

"The college is using its resources. It needs to keep up with the demands of the amount of incoming students."



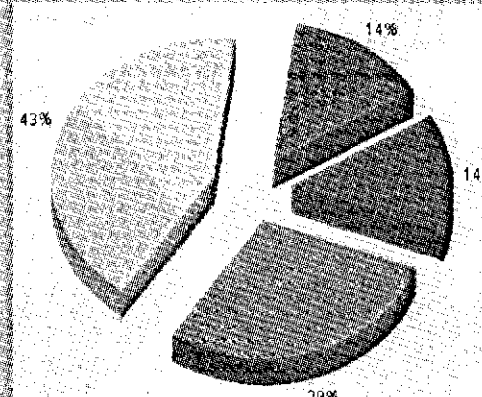
CHRISTINE PANGANIBAN
nursing major

"I think it will be better with more parking. The concern I have is moving the Child Development Center closer to the main road."

STATISTIC OF THE WEEK

If you were part of the Faculty Senate, what vote would you give college President/Superintendent Dr. Noelia Vela?

No confidence	43%
Cerritos College has a president?!!	29%
Vote of confidence	14%
Vote of concern	14%



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COMING UP IN SPORTS

MEN'S

Basketball:

2/27 @ 7 p.m. vs. Santa Monica
SoCal Regionals Round 1
2/29-3/1 @ TBA - SoCal Regionals Round 2

Baseball:

2/28 @ 2 p.m. at Long Beach City
3/1 @ 12 p.m. at Pasadena City
3/4 @ 2 p.m. vs. Los Angeles City

Tennis:

2/28 @ 2 p.m. vs. El Camino
3/4 @ 2 p.m. vs. Long Beach City

Track & Field:

3/1 @ 10 a.m. - USC Invitational

Swimming:

2/29-3/1 - Mt. San Antonio Invitational

WOMEN'S

Basketball:

2/27 @ TBA - SoCal Regionals Round 1
2/29-3/1 @ 7 p.m. vs. Chaffey
SoCal Regionals Round 2

Softball:

2/28 @ 3 p.m. vs. Long Beach City
3/1 @ 10 a.m. vs. Fullerton
3/1 @ 2 p.m. vs. College of the Canyons
3/4 @ 3 p.m. vs. Mt. San Antonio

Tennis:

2/28 @ 2 p.m. vs. El Camino
3/4 @ 2 p.m. vs. Long Beach City

Track & Field:

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Falcons seeded eight for playoffs

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En route to clinching the South Coast Conference South Division title, the Cerritos College women's basketball team defeated:

- L.A. Southwest College, 82-56, last Friday.
- L.A. Harbor, 66-47, last Wednesday and
- Long Beach City, 86-41, Feb. 13.

The Falcons finished conference play undefeated and currently have a record of 24-8, 6-0.

The wins gave the Falcons a No. 8 seed in the Southern California Regional Playoffs. They currently have a first round bye and will begin post-season play against No. 9 Chaffey College Friday at the Aviary at 7:30 p.m.

"We were very consistent in those games," forward Maltres Neely said. "We had good rebounding, good defense and good passing. We made sure everyone on the court got to touch the ball before we shot it."

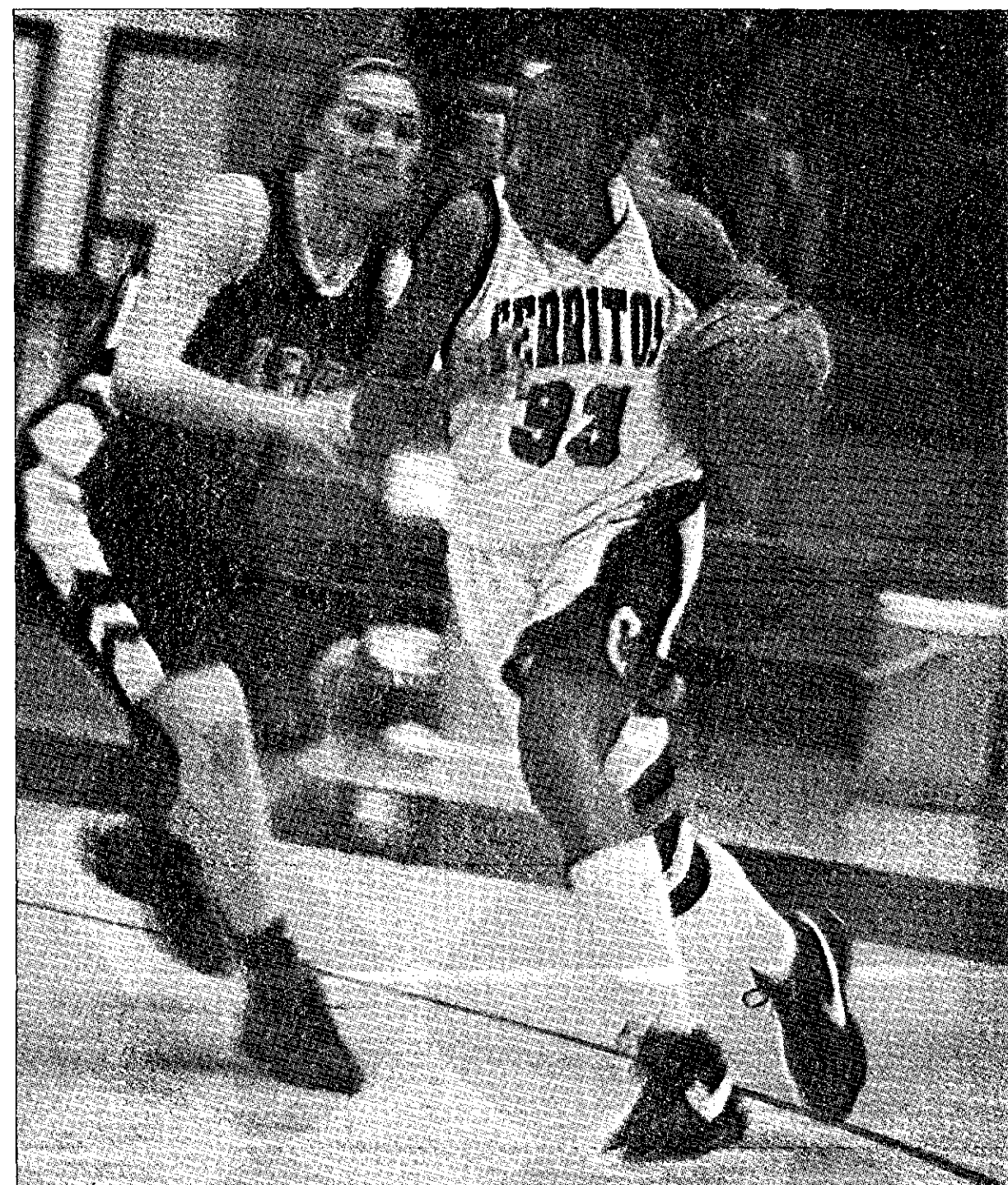
Against Southwest, Neely led the team with 16 points and 10 rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Forward Genesis Lewis led the Falcons with 16 points and 10 rebounds against L.A. Harbor, which only had a five-player rotation.

Guard/forward Rachel Butler and guard Anna Seltis each contributed six points in reserve roles.

The game against Long Beach was Sophomore Night. Lewis led the team against Long Beach with 13 points. In that game, four others scored in double digits for the Falcons.

Neely contributed 12 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Head coach Karen Welliver said,



Women's basketball: Forward Maltres Neely (No. 33), slipped past LBCC's defense to help score for the Falcons on Feb. 13.

"We've been cutting down on turnovers and we're seeing open players better. We've also been working on our rebounding and that leads to more fast breaks."

The margins of victory can be

attributed to the team's defensive strategy of "Five against the ball." The strategy means that no matter whom the person is guarding, each team member must know who has the ball.

"Our goal is to take teams out of their comfort zone. We played (these teams) earlier this season so we know what offenses they like to run," said Steve Johnson, assistant coach.

Tennis undefeated against OCC Pirates

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Going away with three doubles' wins and six singles' wins, the Cerritos College tennis team defeated the Orange Coast Pirates in non-conference play Feb. 21.

Doug Edwards and Jason Wall, No. 1 seeded team, had an 8-4 victory against Landon Draper and Kevin Tran.

"(Edwards) and I have good chemistry," Wall said. "We have a good understanding of each other's games."

Nik Bote and Matt Jun, No. 1 seeded team, defeated Andy Ong and Kevin Kordestani, 8-5.

Bote said he and Jun were doing "a lot better than we've been doing." "We improved on our formalities," Bote said. "We practiced (formalities such as) two on one side."

Also, Carlos Gomez and David Sim, No. 3 seeded team, defeated Gio Villicana and Kevin Saenz, 8-4.

Despite the three doubles victories, coach Alvin Kim said, "I don't think they did very well."

Kim said the problem was, "We have a lot of singles players doing doubles."

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3000-Meter SC

4th Place: Casey McCombs

200 Meters

21st Place: Matt Oliver

400 Meters

37th Place: Matt Oliver

800 Meters

21st Place: Jonathan Dillard
43rd Place: Qualaun Reed
52nd Place: Armando Pina

1500 Meters

26th Place: Qualaun Reed
29th Place: Casey McCombs
31st Place: Jonathan Dillard
54th Place: Armando Pina

5000 Meters

19th Place: Geovani Popoca

400-Meter 1H

20th Place: Bruce McCall

110-Meter HH

Tied 4th Place: Bruce McCall
15th Place: Cody Lewis

1600-Meter Sprint Medley

6th Place: Casey McCombs

4000-Meter Distance Medley

10th Place: Casey McCombs

400-Meter Relay

3rd Place: Casey McCombs

High Jump

Tied 4th Place: Nicholas Armstrong

Other Cerritos Competing Athletes

High Jump

Tied 11th Place: Cody Lewis

Long Jump

11th Place: Kristen Joseph
24th Place: Cameron Cochrell
26th Place: Vicente Tovar

Triple Jump

8th Place: Nicholas Armstrong
13th Place: Dajuan Henry
19th Place: Kristen Joseph
27th Place: Cameron Cochrell

Pole Vault

9th Place: Cody Lewis

Discus

11th Place: Louis Rodriguez
37th Place: Christopher Rodriguez

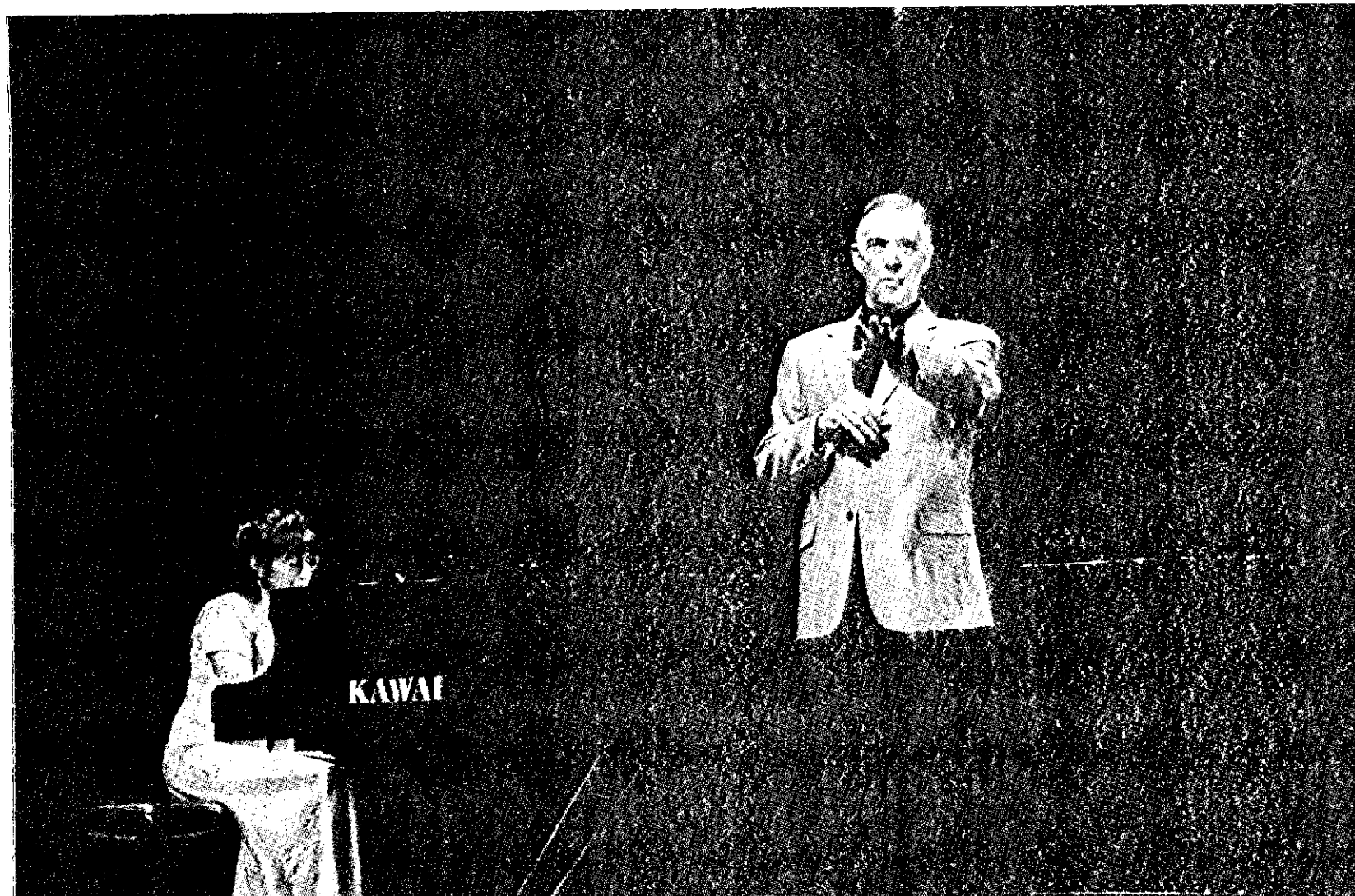
Hammer

19th Place: Louis Rodriguez
39th Place: Christopher Rodriguez

Javelin

15th Place: Louis Rodriguez
16th Place: Cody Lewis
24th Place: David Thomas

Source: Cerritos College Sports Information Office



Medley: Dr. Christine Lopez (left) on piano and Conrad Immel (right) performing at Faculty Gala a song from "My Fair Lady."

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Music Department Presents Faculty Gala

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Under the direction of Dr. Christine Lopez, music department chairperson, the Cerritos College Music Department presented its 24th annual Faculty Gala, Sunday night at the Burnight Center Theater.

The theatre was more than half-way full for the entertainment in spite of the chilly and damp weather passing through at the end of a week-long storm.

Lopez has been participating in the event throughout her 17 year

history with the school.

"It is an opportunity for us to have our faculty perform and also serves as a fundraiser for scholarships for music students," according to Lopez.

She played the piano during most of the two hour event while other faculty members sang. Lopez also starred in a duet with her son David Lopez, a clarinet performance graduate of Cal State Fullerton.

In addition to the talents of the Lopez Family, the Faculty Gala also featured the talents of:

- Anna De Michele, soprano singer.
- Rhonda Dillon, soprano singer,

- Ann Gresham, soprano singer,
- Conrad Immel, baritone singer,
- Fang-Fang Shi Inouye, pianist,
- Chris Mello, guitarist,
- Manon Robertshaw, cellist and
- Bruce Russell, pianist.

While Dillon performed her interpretation of "Endless Pleasure," she explained how the song is a story of Semele, after being visited by a god, telling how wonderful the visit was.

Accompanying the story were Lopez on the piano and Robertshaw playing the cello.

Immel, singing his rendition of Medley (from "My Fair Lady") was a crowd favorite among Cerritos

College students.

"I like Conrad because he was in character with the song. I liked his performance," said Yessenia Robles, liberal arts major.

The baritone singer said the gala was an opportunity for him to show that the faculty members are also performers, as well as teachers. "I love to perform," exclaimed Immel.

The grand finale was a jazzy band performance led by Mello, entitled "Mambo Influenciado," featuring the sounds of bass, drums and percussion.

Becker does not inspire women to be empowered

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"Empowering College Women: Strategies for Campus Relationships," is a rather short self-help book that is written by Rick Becker who intends to inform college women on how to meet and keep Mr. Right.

Nice try, Mr. Becker.

I might as well seek advice from one of the "Flavor of Love" contestants.

The book lacked any formal, story-telling sequence that you would expect to find in a professionally published book.

Every few pages was taken up by a poem entitled "Harmony" that was written by the author and displayed early on in the text and then one time too many throughout the short book.

I was able to complete the entire book in three separate readings, consisting of no more than two hours of reading in each sitting.

The corny book was filled with corny sayings quoted from the likes of people such as Shirley MacLain, Eleanor Roosevelt and Mary Kay Ash of Mary Kay Cosmetics.

And yes I did say Eleanor Roosevelt.

Although I did not expect to learn much about dating from a 60 year-old retired bartender and restaurateur, I did expect to find a more entertaining and edgy aspect

to address the subject.

Becker often referred to the maintenance of a relationship with a college man as a coaching job with such advice as, "Coaches hold tryouts. So should you. If this guy doesn't fit your criteria, you need to know before you put him in uniform.... A solid relationship can be then be coached into a great journey."

This is absolutely ridiculous advice for a young woman who could have been reading this book for help, instead of entertainment, such as myself.

It was not just the out-dated quotes and references to coaching an athlete that ruined the author's credibility on the subject of "empowering college women," it was also the author's view of identifying the needs of the college woman.

As an author, early on in your book, you want to create the need for the average college woman to read your book. You want to explain to that student why she needs this information.

Unfortunately, the author does not do that.

He avoided to make a strong connection between himself and college males and females.

The next time I decide to turn to an old bag of wind for dating advice, I think I'd rather turn on an episode of Dr. Phil. At least I only have to put up with him for an hour at a time.

'Spiderwick' brings out the child in all of us

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When I first walked into the movie theater to see "Spiderwick Chronicles," I was a bit skeptical.

Sure it was exciting to go to the screening of Spiderwick Chronicles, but seeing all those little kids running around the theater got me thinking, "Great, what did I get myself in to seeing?"

I am not a fan of all those fantasy movies, like "Lord of the Rings" or "Harry Potter."

But I decided to give it a shot. After fifteen minutes of this movie, I was hooked.

Since the beginning, the movie caught my attention.

Jared and his family which consists of his twin brother Simon, older sister Mallory and mom moved into their new house which used to belong to their great, great uncle.

The kids start noticing weird, unexplainable things occurring at the house. Not until Jared finds a fantasy secret book which his uncle made does he understand that there are magical creatures in his surroundings.

The story becomes a chase between the good and the bad guy when all the evil goblins want a hold of the fantasy book and Jared and his family have to protect it.

Maybe it was just all the cute little fairies dancing around the screen that caught my attention, but the movie had a good plot to it. It kept the kids and adults entertained throughout the whole movie.

There was not one single scene where I was bored. I also have to admit

to that there were a few times that I jumped out of my seat, those goblins were a bit scary.

Not only did the movie have great graphics, but it had some moral values behind it. It showed the love of family, courage, teamwork, and unity.

It portrayed the message that when times get tough you can always depend on your family to pull you through.

The one thing I did notice was the movie lost the sense of the fantasy world.

The movie was all about the chase of protecting the book, that I feel it forgot to show what the real fantasy world was like.

It lost it's awe, wonder and beauty that one expects from this certain type of world.

I have to admit the ending to this movie was surprising to me. It was completely different then what I

had already pictured in my mind. It ended the movie perfectly.

There was no confusion at the end because you didn't understand the whole movie, or getting angry because the ending just sucked. It provided the ending one expects from children's movies; a happy one.

So, if you're a fan of scary goblins, or the fantasy world I recommend this movie. This fantasy adventure will bring out the kid in all of you.



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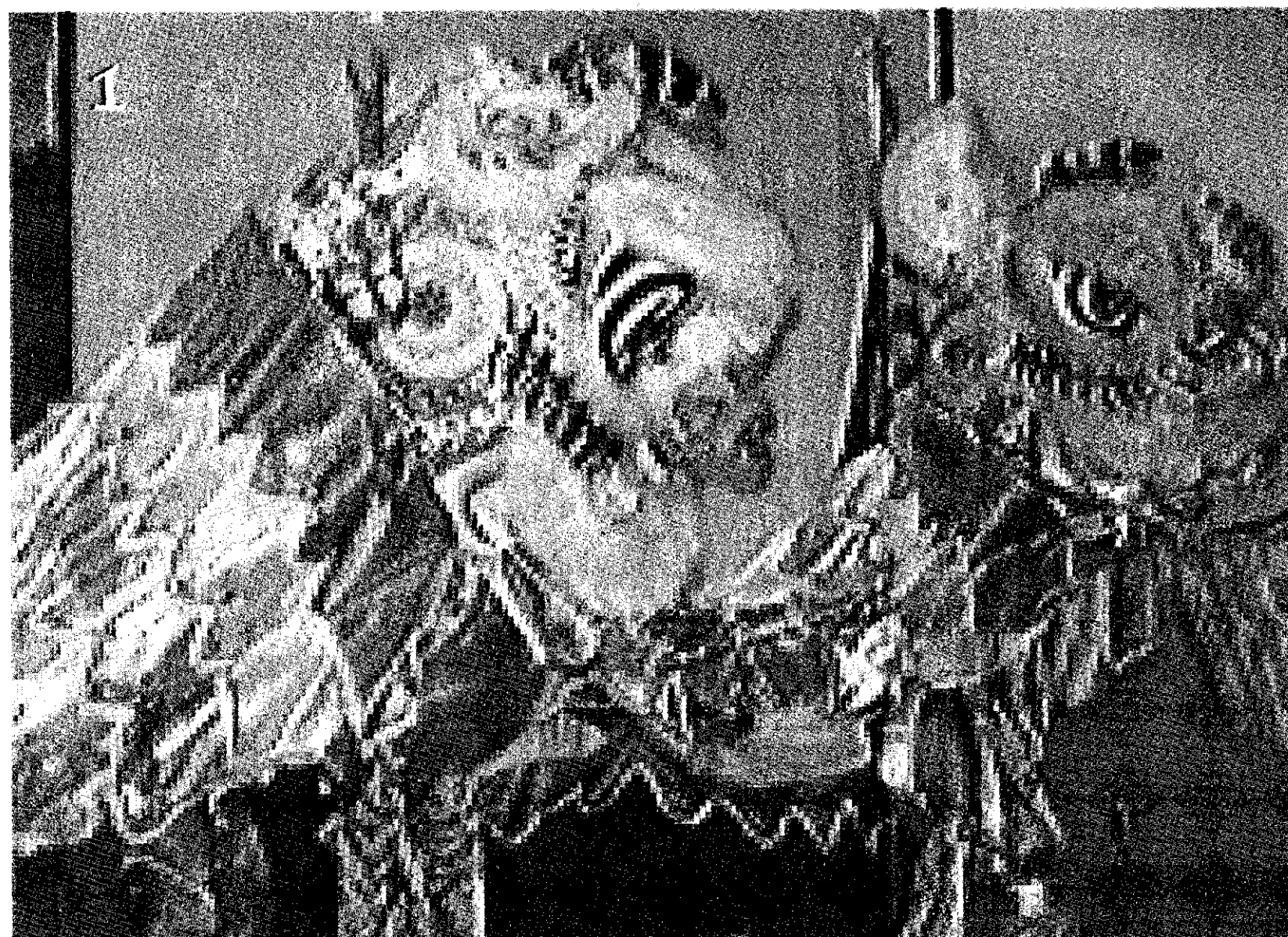
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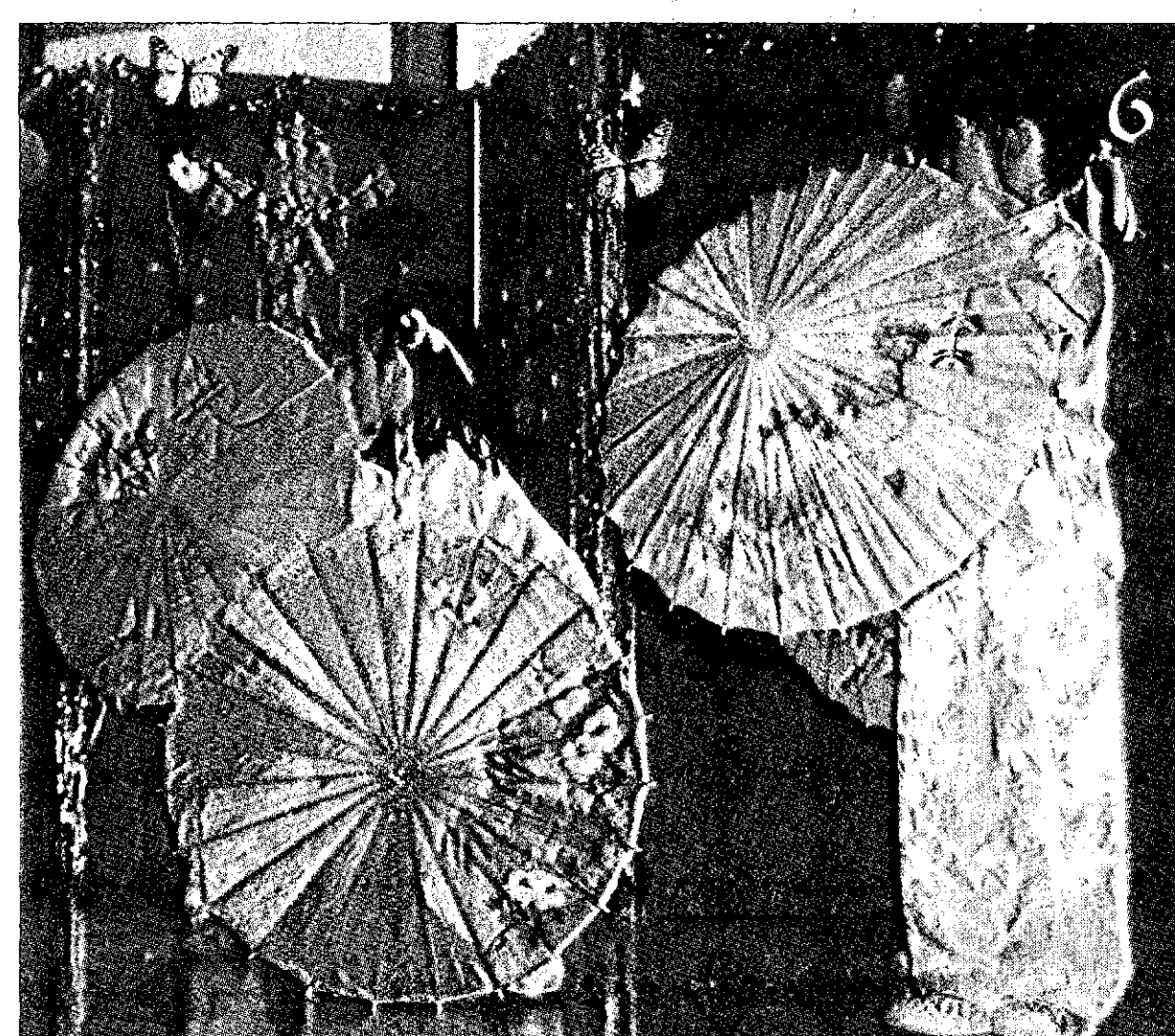
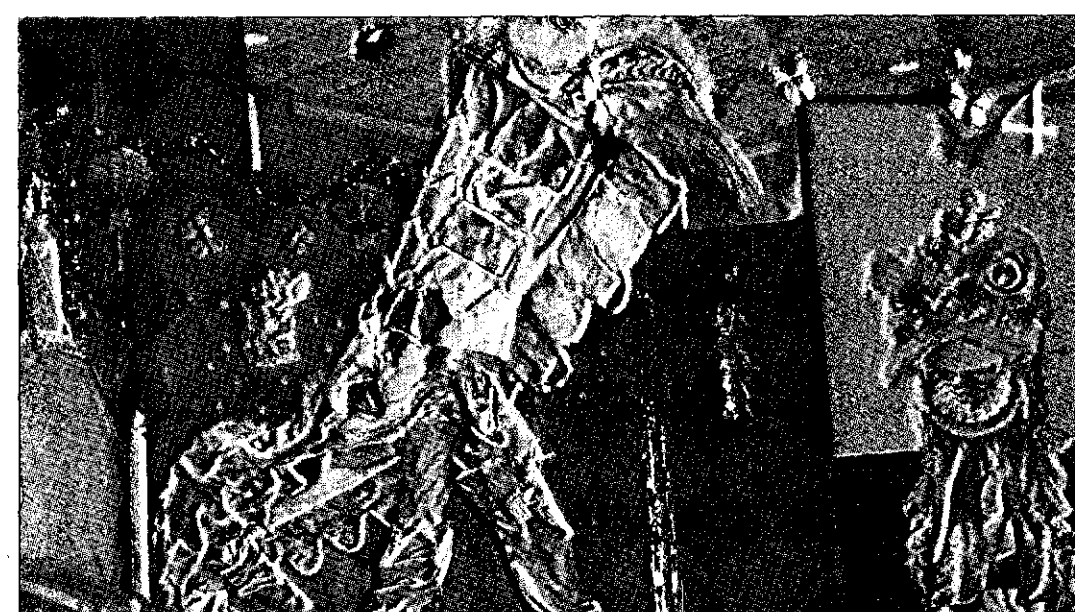
The Cerritos College community came out to celebrate the Spring Festival held in honor of the Chinese New Year in the Student Center last Saturday.

The event was sponsored by Cerritos College, the Chinese Culture Association of Southern California and the Cerritos Chinese School.

Those who attended the event were able to eat traditional Chinese dishes and were also treated to various performances.

Among the entertainers were martial artists, a traditional Lion Dance, dancers and a royal oriental fashion show, among others.

Attendees were also treated to workshops about Chinese culture. Among the topics were lantern making, knotting, calligraphy, brush painting.



1. Lion Dance Awakened Blessing: The two lions dance to awaken the audience. The lions danced all over the student center bumping into the crowds.

2. Korean Dance: Students of the Ye Eun Dance Academy dance while playing on their Sam-buk drum. The four students were quick to strategically keep to the beat.

3. Zither: One of the four members of the Rayshine choir. The performers brought the instruments to life bringing the crowd to attention.

4. Lion Dance Troupe: Here a lion jerks his head up high while one roars to the drums. The lions moved to every drumbeat that was struck.

5. Lion Dance Drummers: Accompanying the lions was a traditional red drum and gong. They both stayed attentive to the lion's motions while they danced all over the stage.

6. Mulan Dance: The Cerritos Chinese School Zhu Yin Class was dancing to a song to the Chinese Disney Favorite, Mulan. Here they opened and closed their umbrellas in patterns during the song called "Honour to us all."

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