

Vela speaks to ASCC about allegations

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"I did not rewrite (Standard Accreditation IV)," was one of the statements made by Dr. Noelia Vela, president/superintendent, at last Wednesday's ASCC Senate meeting.

Vela went up in front of the ASCC Senate to address the allegations put forth against her that led to the vote of no confidence.

"I didn't have anything to do (with the rewrite) other than to give the overall direction for the self-study," she said.

"Nobody asked me (if I had done so or not), (the Faculty Senate) simply made an allegation. (But) the facts are not there to support the allegations."

Senate Liaison James Lee didn't comment on whether or not Vela rewrote it herself, but did say, "She had to have known somebody rewrote it. She provides the general direction."

Vela then addressed the allegation regarding the funds to replace the theater.

"Another (allegation) was that I had intentionally misinformed the Fine Arts Division about the money that would come for the replacement of the theater," she said. "I had said it would come very soon after that presentation."

Vela explained, "We were going to have to wait until the next state bond measure passes."

"November of 2008 was the soonest that (the state) expected a bond measure to be on the ballot."

She addressed the allegations against her about lack of communication between her and faculty members.

"Communication is very important," she said.

She expressed the importance of direct communication, such as phone calls and e-mail messages.

Vela said that she will go to any meeting upon invitation. She doesn't want to "barge in" on meetings uninvited.

"I've gone to as many as I can," she said. "I've also held open office hours."

Vela expressed her surprise that her office wasn't filled during her open office hour.

She said that after November, only one communication came her way and that was from Dr. Bryan Reece, faculty senate president.

"The rest of it was in minutes," Vela said. "Why the change in style and approach to communication?"

Vela said, "I've made mistakes and I would venture to say that others have as well."

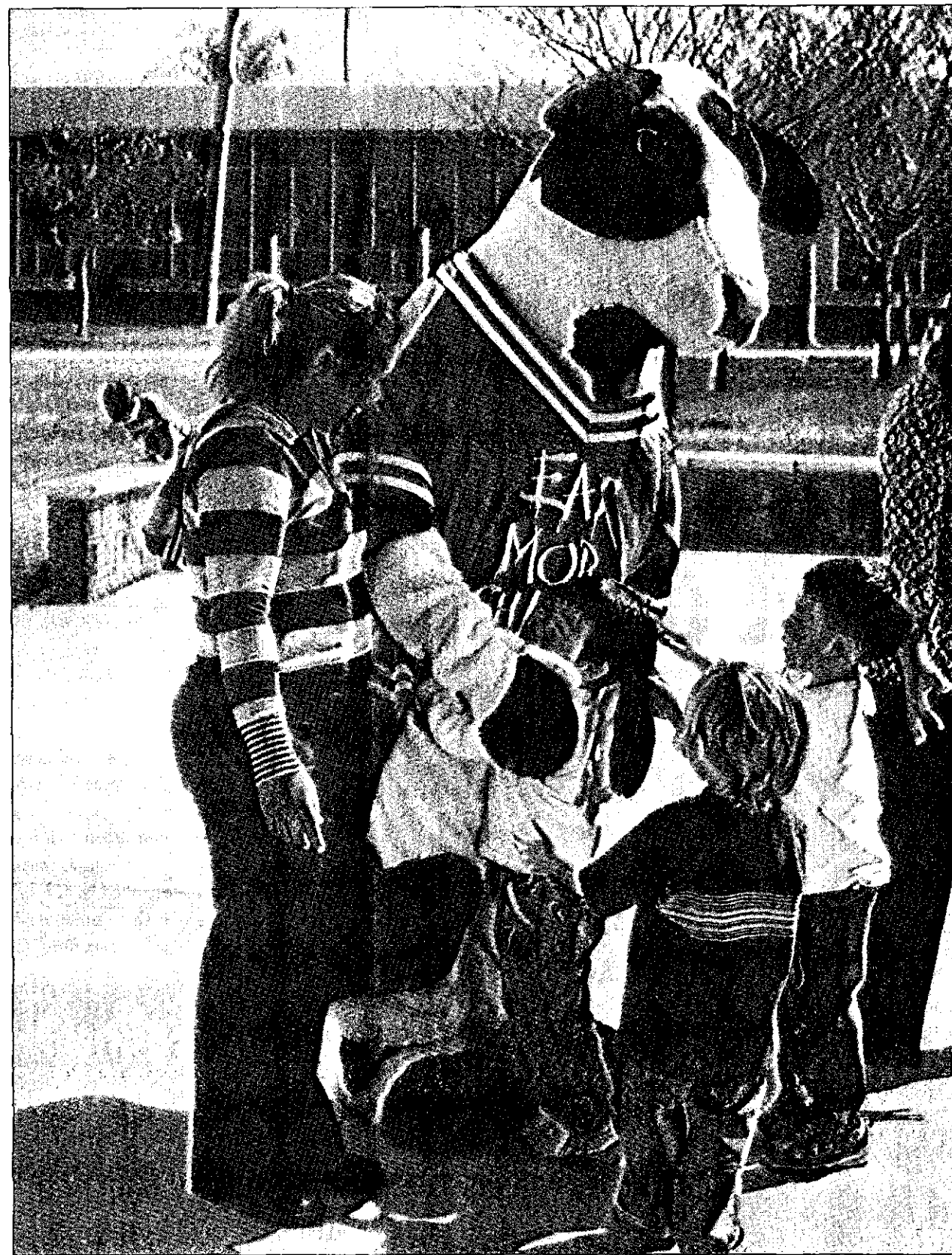
ASCC members thanked her for taking time to give her side of the debate.

ASCC President Jason Macias said, "She tried to reach out. That open office hour (helps)."

"She's entitled to her opinion," ASCC Vice President Michael Barrita said. "I'm glad she came."

Breast cancer walk informs

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Eat more chicken: Kids gather around the Chick fil-A mascot during the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk held last Thursday at Cerritos College.

Booths were in Falcon Square last Thursday helping students get information on the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

With a few minutes to spare before the walk commenced, students were running around to register at the last minute for this helpful cause.

Students like Joanna Valle, undecided major, were volunteering their time at the booths to help with the registration process.

"I basically check the students in, and provide them with raffle tickets," she said.

The raffle was held at the end of the walk and the prizes included shirts, water bottles and other goodies.

"The point of this walk is to inform people that (breast cancer) is really a disease and to show its consequences," said Marge Alvarez, speech therapy major.

She also said participation required no pay, but students could give donations if they liked.

It was also a great way for students to receive extra credit for teachers that were offering it.

"I think this is such a good and important cause, it gets the whole campus motivated," Alvarez said.

Walking around with her three month-old daughter in her arms, event organizer and fitness instructor Carrie Edwards was helping students with questions and getting last minute preparations done.

"I have been organizing this walk since 2001, and it's so great because it gets people involved in the community," Edwards said.

The walk was shorter this year due to the construction occurring on campus, but the route was walking along Studebaker Road and walking down Alondra Boulevard all the way to the football field and back up to Falcon Square.

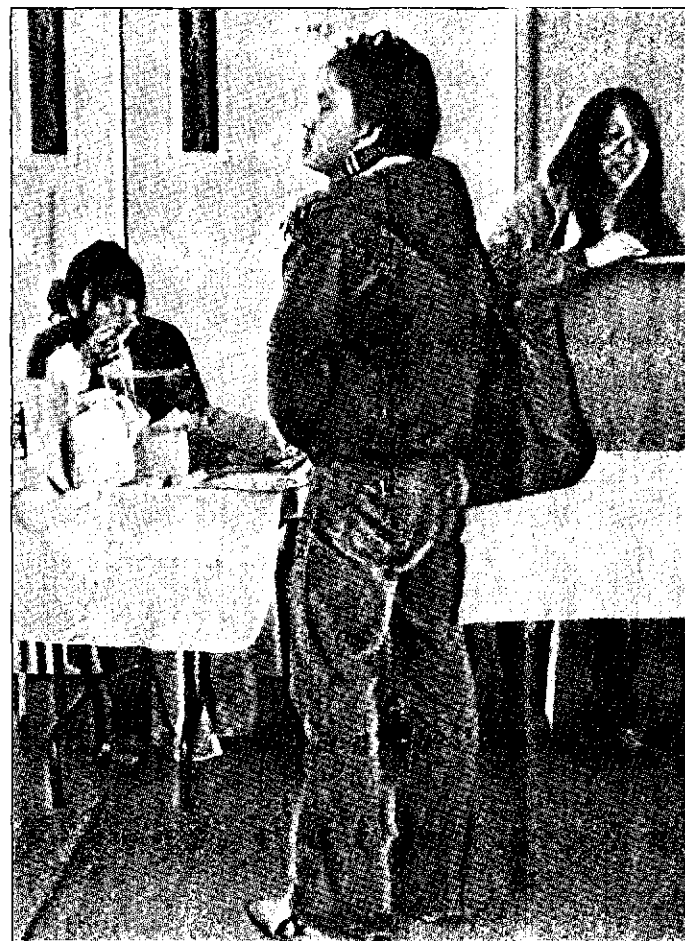
Signs were all along campus so the people participating wouldn't get lost.

Edwards explained that people in the past have come up to her to tell her the fun they had and joy they experienced knowing they were walking for a good cause.

"This walk is great, students can do this on their lunch and it gets them active," Edwards said.

Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo; Peace on Earth starts with you

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Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo: Members of the SGI Club discuss the presentation given by Dave Baldschun last Tuesday.

"Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo" are the words chanted by Soka Gakkai International members.

By chanting these words, "it stimulates our positive out-force and it strengthens what we already possess-our life condition."

"At the core of our lives there is an eternal unchanging reality that is our universal self and the truth of that self is Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo," said Dave Baldschun, guest speaker.

Cerritos College's SGI Club held a presentation called Building World Peace Tuesday.

The chant that SGI members say means, "I devote myself to the mystic law of cause and effect through the sound and vibrations of the universe," Baldschun said.

The reason for the presentation was to engage Cerritos College students to learn about Nichiren Buddhism and about SGI.

The presentation was about encouragement to the students that

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- Guest speaker Dave Baldschun

if we have the potential to change ourselves internally and change our negative attitudes then we can help change the world.

"Many people think that happiness is external and we can get it from external things, but it is actually internal. Happiness is in ourselves," Baldschun said.

Soka Gakkai International is a Buddhist association that creates value that enhances and enriches our lives.

"It is a peace movement whose theater of operation is the spiritual lives of ourselves and others around us," he said.

Members take the practice of inner empowerment and inner transformation to help develop themselves and take responsibility of their own lives.

The most important thing they possess are that no changes occur around the world until we change ourselves and then eventually we see the difference in the world around us.

Baldschun wanted students to know that their past does not determine their future.

Meli Wakefield, psychology major, enjoyed the presentation.

"It was really great, I thought the video clarified a lot of things and it was put well together," she said.

"We decided to get a guest speaker because every college has meetings and presentations and I asked them to come to my college and have a guest speaker," said Mitsuko Takeda, SGI Club president.

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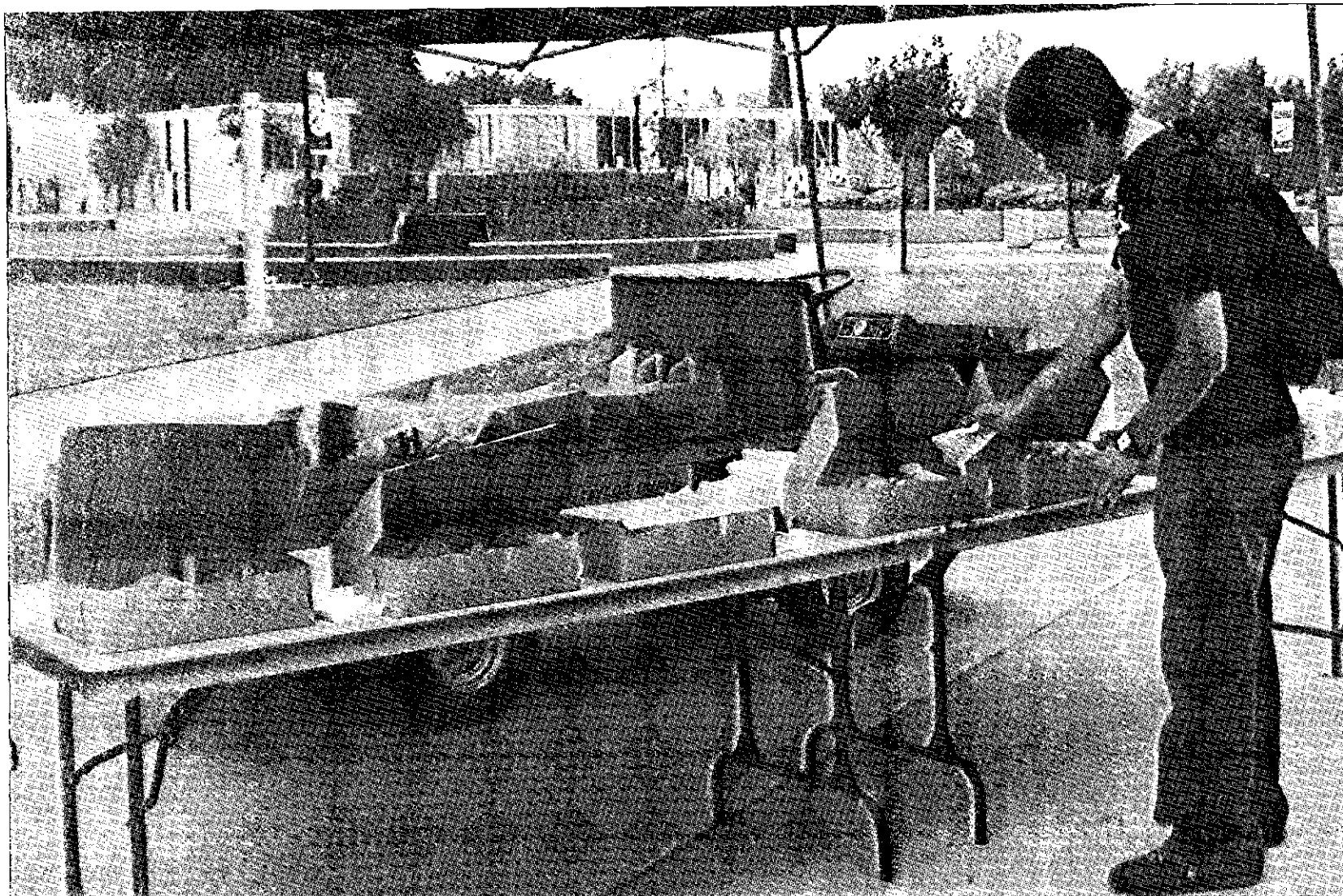
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Donut: Ruben Roman, architecture major, grabs an early morning snack.

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Early birds get donuts, OJ

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Dean Ackland, coordinator of Student Activities, held the ASCC's second Early Bird Special this semester on March 26 at 7:30 a.m. in Falcon Square.

"We try to do it every month, because there are a lot of students that do not eat in the morning and wake up early, have two classes each day and leave to work," Ackland said.

"It's good to give students the chance to eat something, but it's also great because staff and faculty come and eat some donuts too."

Ackland gave out free donuts varying from glazed, sprinkled and powdered donuts. Students also got the chance to choose either orange juice or milk.

Students who were there, appreciated the gesture from Ackland and the ASCC.

Edgar Gonzalez, undecided major, said, "(The Early Bird Special)

is good because I missed breakfast. Plus I get free milk. Yeah!"

Bryan Cummings, woodwork-ing major, agrees with Gonzalez. "It's nice to have it in the morning. It's really good because I was really, really hungry today."

Many students were glad to see the Early Bird Special stand.

Genesis Jimenez, history major, said, "I am so thankful they had breakfast today. I was running late and didn't have breakfast. I was lucky and I hope they have it more

often."

As for Cecily Garcia, nursing major, who has been in a search for the Early Bird Special every day was rewarded that day.

"I love it! I look for it every day because I don't know when it happens, so when I saw it today I came running and got all my friends to come and get some breakfast," she concluded.

Workshop held to help students with financial aid

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The Financial Aid Office held a workshop for student financial aid on last Saturday in BA12.

Saturday's workshop was conducted by Yajayra Vejar, financial aid technician.

She helped students file their FAFSAs and answered the facts and myths about financial aid.

"(The financial aid office hosted) these workshops because many students need help filling out their FAFSAs and have a lot of questions regarding financial aid," she said.

The myths discussed were:

- "My parents or I earn too much money so I won't qualify,"
- "The form is too hard to fill out,"
- "I have to be enrolled full-time to receive financial aid,"
- "I have to pay it back," and
- "I missed the deadline to apply."

But the myths were cleared on Saturday.

Vejar said that your eligibility is determined by a mathematical formula, not just by your or your parents' income alone.

"For financial aid, you have to be enrolled in at least one class which is three units. And for a Cal Grant, at least six units," she said.

Vejar wanted to assure students that they do not need to pay any of the financial aid money back unless the student drops all of the classes, fails all of them, or fails to attend the first meeting of class.

Students are required to complete at least 75 percent of the total number of units you enrolled in each semester.

For those who missed the March 2 deadline, there is a second deadline on Sept. 2.

Vejar says, "It is important to file your FAFSA early, at least before May because the process can be very lengthy."

"And if you file before May, your grants are going to be ready for fall. I can't say it's 100 percent guaranteed, but we do our best to get them in time."

She also talked about loans and scholarships.

For loans, Vejar wanted students to be aware that they must pay them back.

There are subsidized loans which a student must pay back at least six months after he or she graduates and the government will pay the interest while he or she is enrolled in school.

She wants students to be careful when applying for loans. She said to look at the rules carefully to see how the loan will work.

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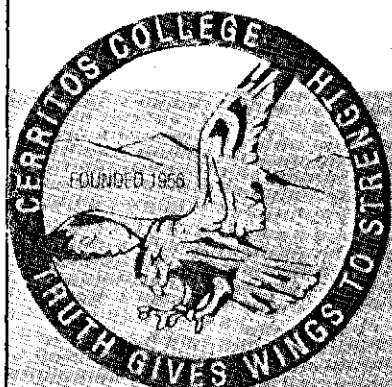
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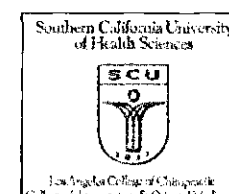
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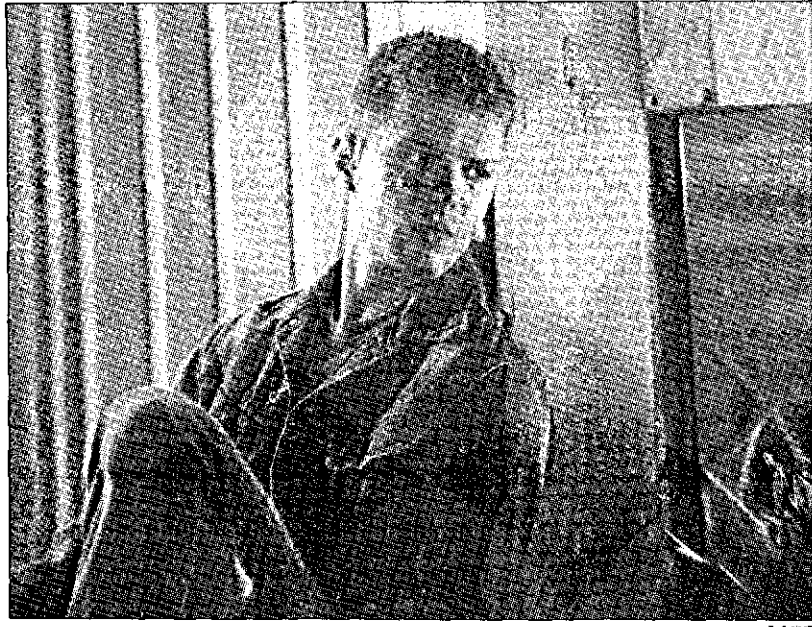
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Stop-Loss: Ryan Phillippe stars in the Kimberly Peirce directed drama from MTV Films.

'Stop-Loss' brings out tears in eyes

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"Stop-Loss" opened in theaters last Friday. The director of the film is Kimberly Peirce who also directed the film "Boys Don't Cry."

It was a very emotional movie and an incredible film. I had very high expectations and I was certainly rewarded by the movie.

The movie was about a group of soldiers who came back from fighting in Iraq. The movie portrays the aftermath and the mentality the soldiers have after coming home from war.

The rising point is when Sgt. Brandon King, played by Ryan Phillippe, has been stop-loss.

King is in the end of his enlistment with the army and decides to get out of the army instead of going back. On his last day in the army, President George W. Bush ordered the stop-loss policy on him and he will return to Iraq to fight in the war again.

King gets furious and decides to escape before they send him to Iraq.

The movie goes on in a chase with King to find a way for him to get out of the army and to get out of

the duty of going back to Iraq.

This was not another war film, this film focused on the aftermath of what a soldier goes through after war and it also focused on the betrayal of the government.

To make the movie better, the cast was incredible; all of the members had outstanding performances. The actors in the movie captured every feeling in the movie and made you cry even more.

I cried throughout the whole movie. I suggest for people that do not like people seeing them cry do not take anyone with you in this movie. Everyone in the theater was tearing up, including myself.

I definitely loved this movie and I would want to see it again.

Beware this movie will make you hate President Bush, or more if you do already. It made me want to protest against this war even more and made me want to help all of the soldiers get out of Iraq.

I definitely recommend this movie for everyone to see. This movie focuses on the psychological problems the soldiers go through and what the war is really about and what really goes on in Iraq.

Unfortunately the ending was a disappointment and left me angry.

Krieger lectures at Cerritos

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The Cerritos College Music Department and the ASCC entertained and informed students with a piano lecture featuring guest artist Norman Krieger, on Sunday at 3 p.m. in BC51.

The associate professor of keyboard studies at USC lectured on "concerti performance practice from baroque to the present."

Krieger spoke of today's challenges with playing music that was written centuries ago.

"Studying concerti is a great tool for pianists because it forces them to deal with challenges they may face when playing with colleagues as well as an entire orchestra," the

professor informed.

Krieger addressed challenges such as tempo, how to end notes on the piano, listening to the orchestra and simultaneously playing with them and playing to larger audiences.

Other modern day challenges also addressed were those of the modern day stage. He discussed how during the times that classical music pieces originated, stages were smaller, denser, more narrow and were closer to the audience.

Today's stage is larger, up higher, wider, deeper and the performers are forced to project their sounds over larger auditoriums of audiences.

The teacher and performer emphasized the correlation between languages and music, by showing

on his piano how pianists from different countries accent their musical notes depending on the emphasis placed on speaking, with different dialects.

In illustrating his explanation, Krieger played scores in the way that someone from Germany, Russia or France would speak and thus interpret the music.

Krieger lectured on and compared the likenesses of Mozart, Beethoven, Bach, Liszt and Brahm.

"Franz Liszt is one of the greatest orchestrators in the history of music," explained the professor. "He is responsible for most of the ground being broken [in music] in his day."

Krieger also referred to Liszt as the father of great modern piano. The well-prepared speaker was

able to cover only a portion of the of performers he intended to speak about during the hour and a half lecture.

The lecture, which was structured for music students studying concerti, was concluded with a questions and answers forum where students were able to get feedback on specific interests of their own, from the professor.



Norman Krieger

'Bachelor Party 2' draws laughs but nothing else

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In 1984, Tom Hanks starred in the overrated film "Bachelor Party."

Now, 24 years later, "Bachelor Party 2: The Last Temptation" comes out, which isn't anything special, but is supplied with some good laughs.

After many straight-to-DVD sequels that have nothing to do with their respected original films, such as "The Butterfly Effect 2," "Bachelor Party 2" was a pleasant surprise.

The main source of good comedy came, not surprisingly, from Harland Williams ("Sorority

Boys," "Rocket Man").

He plays Derek, a bitter man with several ex-wives that are bleeding him dry with alimony.

Ron (Josh Cooke) is getting married and his future brother-in-law, Todd (Warren Christie), is throwing him the ultimate bachelor party in Florida.

However, Todd has an ulterior motive. He wants to tempt Ron into cheating on his fiancée by supplying the party with many naked women. That was one downside to this film. There was lots of unnecessary nudity.

Something like that would be enjoyable for teenagers, but not for those that just want a funny

comedy.

The plot itself isn't very realistic but it serves as a good film to laugh at.

None of the characters are believable. There was the "good guy" hero character, the bitter man who hates his life, the sex-hungry idiot, the neat-freak geek and the villain.

However, these stereotypical unrealistic characters did lead to some funny situations, like going to a Sexaholics Anonymous convention, thinking it's for sales associates, to pick up chicks.

Overall, it was a bad movie with senseless nudity but good comedy.

'On Chesil Beach' is a boring waste of readers' time

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The self-acclaimed short novel "On Chesil Beach" by Ian McEwan was one that did not meet my standards for a good read.

The novel takes place in 1962, where sex is banned. One could not talk about it, see it, let alone do it. Even in marriage, it tended to be an awkward subject.

Edward and Florence are a young newlywed couple who are soon to discover the meaning of the word "sex."

Society tears their relationship apart. Edward is eager for rapture, while Florence is struggling with remorse and is fighting back the disgust she feels toward sleeping with her husband.

The whole book basically deals

with Edward and Florence's sex scene, if you can really call it that.

While reading how Edward can't hold his excitement any longer, the book suddenly turns into a time machine. They keep reminiscing about the past, their lifestyles and childhood.

No one wants to read a book where the author goes back to talk about the characters entire life. It gets rather dull after you read for the billionth time that Florence loved music and that Edward was a historian.

The book doesn't progress past the sex scene until the third chapter when the book is only five chapters long.

Finally the awkward not-even-sex-scene is over and Florence decides to run to Chesil Beach to get away from Edward.

That's finally where all truth comes out about how he dared to use her body and somehow it ends up with Edward asking if she accepts him sleeping with other women.

What?

Yeah, it was interesting how the plot got to that question. Maybe it was the fact that I was skipping paragraphs to get to the main point of the story, because there were some insignificant things in there.

Then the dramatic scene comes along, Edward watches the love of his life run away from him. Then he stops and thinks if he should actually go after her or let her go.

I assumed that a man would run after the woman he loved and try to work things out. I don't expect that from 21st century men, but I thought men back in that time thought things through, but I guess

not.

McEwan goes on talking about how Edward never heard from Florence again and how he thought how different his life would have been if he would have run down the beach after her.

The countless nights where he slept with women, his short-lived marriage in Paris and wondering where the meaning of his life had gone.

McEwan never mentions what happens to Florence, which drags the story even more.

Did she disappear off the face of the earth? It could have helped that we had some tiny little fact of Florence's life.

Smart move, what a way to keep the readers intrigued.

It was just a waste of a day to read this book.



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EDITORIAL

Book exchange program needs work

ASCC book exchange program is too simple. Other methods need to be used for program to flourish.

Instead of using the book exchange program that was modeled after the UC Davis program, the ASCC will try to implement a simplified program.

While it is being done with the best intentions, this is a half-cocked idea that is rushed and needs much more cultivation before it is implemented.

Last semester, the ASCC brought in people from UC Davis who established a book exchange there.

With UC Davis's model, people take textbooks from students with a price made by the students. The books are then redistributed to other students.

Both money and books are being handled by the program itself.

In theory, this was a great idea.

According to ASCC Vice President and presidential candidate Michael Barrita, this plan is simplified for Cerritos College.

Under the proposed version, a table will still be set up in Falcon Square. People will still be sitting at the table for students to bring their books to.

However, the ASCC will not be receiving or redistributing books or money.

The people sitting at the table will write down students' names, phone numbers (or any other means of contact) and book titles.

The phone numbers will be given to students whom are asking for specific books.

Simply put, this new book exchange proposal is a glorified bulletin board.

Students already post ads selling their books, on bulletin boards in the Social Science building and all throughout the campus.

What more will the ASCC's proposed book exchange do? The simplified program is an attempt to get something

done quickly and the ASCC should be commended for the effort to help students.

However, getting something done just to get it done is never the best course of action.

Understandably, the ASCC president and vice president want to get this done before their term is up at the end of the semester.

But if they took more time and waited on the implementation of the original book exchange program, it could be a lot more beneficial to students in the long run.

Maybe they can get suggestions from students outside of the ASCC.

The more input they can get, the better.

There are many other alternatives for the book exchange program that the ASCC can explore.

One of them is to create a program that is based on the Internet.

Something similar to Craigslist is a possibility.

Creating a Web site and maintaining it may take more time and effort, but it would be more worth it.

After the kinks are worked out, it becomes much easier to maintain and would be more beneficial to students.

There are also other useful tools online that could make this more effective.

MySpace, for example, would seem like the perfect place to get this done.

On MySpace, the ASCC could set up a page where students could post books that they want to sell and other students could visit and contact the sellers through the site.

There are also similar capabilities on other Web sites such as Yahoo and Facebook.

With these ideas, there's also the opportunity to involve other community colleges in the area such as Cypress, Fullerton, Long Beach and Rio Hondo, among others.

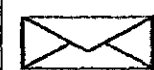
Chances are that students who attend those colleges use the same textbooks that Cerritos students do.

This editorial doesn't claim to have all the answers, but if the book exchange program is implemented the right way, it will help students immensely. More so than a program done just so the ASCC can say it did something.

ASCC's new book exchange program

Name	Phone number	Book title
Jose Gonzales	(562)555-7362	Intro Chemistry
Mark Sanchez	(714)555-8246	Math 100
Bob Johnson	(562)555-6382	Math 60
Mary Marquez	(951)555-3738	English 100
Lisette Dodge	(562)555-9947	Auto Mechanics
Alex Lopez	(714)555-0273	Landscaping
Erin French	(562)555-0459	Intro Baking
Jessica Grace	(715)555-7403	Adv Journalism
Sara Timberland	(714)555-4783	History of music
Erick Gordon	(562)555-5893	Pottery Basics
Mary Wallece	(714)555-4079	Poetry 100

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Parking on campus comes at a cost

Students need to find a parking space wherever they can, not block traffic waiting for a closer spot.



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It's 7:35 a.m., a few cars are present with a few cars in the parking lot, but compared to 8 and 9 a.m. students hunt for any open parking space near the campus.

Why can't people just park in the nearest open space instead of circling the first rows of cars next to faculty parking?

I see students waiting on the side of the lot for students that are leaving the campus.

This congests the flow of cars and brings problems with other students that are barely arriving.

While some faculty and mostly all students believe an increase of parking space is a problem in our campus, it seems that laziness and fear can be the problem of the parking issue.

For the cost of our laziness, the grassland in front of Studebaker Road and Alondra Boulevard will all be turned into parking space.

Coming to class late, searching for the nearest parking space and students with no parking permits are the problems that faculty and students should consider.

As students arrive tardy to class they try to find a close space, instead they should park as fast as possible and worry about how much of the lecture they lost instead of how far they need to walk.

Instead of waiting on the side of the lanes to wait for the nearest parking spot they should just go park, why wait and burn more gas?

At night it makes sense to look for parking near the campus, so park far early then move

closer at night, if a student is staying on campus all night.

As for those students with no parking pass they should know better than to risk \$25 on a ticket than be lazy and get a pass for just \$20.

There are also those student drivers that try to scare off others by yelling insults at one another.

I agree with Nidia Notario, biochemical major, when she said that profanities and threatening is not the way college students should behave.

"We definitely can do without it," Notario said.

There seems to be that the growth of cars in our campus will probably never end since every year there are more students.

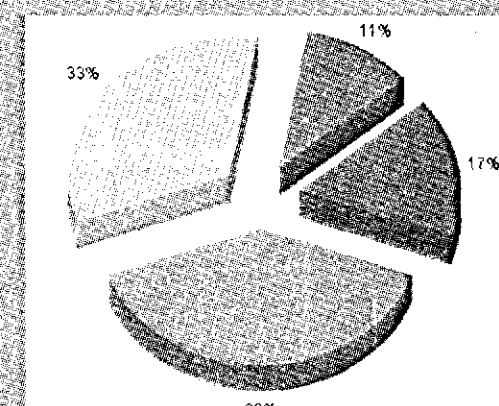
But do students really want a campus surrounded by parking space?

Once the campus is surrounded by parking lots the college will lose some of its natural and nice scenery.

STATISTIC OF THE WEEK

What did you do for spring break?

Yo Mamma	39%
Got drunk and partied like a rockstar	33%
Slept like a baby	17%
Studied and did homework like a good student	11%



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WHAT COULD BE DONE TO LOWER BOOK PRICES ON CAMPUS?

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JAMIE LOPEZ
education major

"Lower them because they are ridiculous. If not students should be able to pay in payments."



HANNAH NEVAREZ
psychology major

"If they are going to charge so much for when we should get at least a fair price when we sell them back."



NILES NARIO
automotive major

"They better lower them. They could sell the workbooks separate, that would help a lot."



NAYELY MARTIN
biology major

"Once you buy the book you should get the same amount back for it."



JESSE GREEN
music major

"Nothing. It is too complicated to think anyone can do anything about it. The publishers want to make money and who can blame them."



DANIEL AMADOR
Undecided major

"I feel books are too expensive and it is just unnecessary. Maybe there can be more programs similar to EOPS."

Can friends be lovers?

Finding a 'friend with benefit' is just like applying for a new job.

"Yeah, he's my friend."

I believe many of us have said that about another person, when we were more than friends to each other.

Obviously, we're friends with benefits.

Having friends with benefits definitely has its advantages, but what's bigger and more important, the friend or the benefits?

It's just like a job.

When you're employed, you want to make sure that the benefits are good, but first and foremost, you want to make sure that you like what you do, or in this case, who you do.

Let's say you like the job. Everything is great, you've done an amazing job. Likely and reasonably, you want a promotion. So what happens next?

Of course, you don't want to



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stay in the same position for years to come.

Likewise, you wouldn't want to be called a friend when you're more than that, but I don't think anyone wants to introduce or be introduced for that matter, as a "friend with benefits."

Can you imagine meeting some of his or her friends at a club and being introduced like, "Hey, Jenny! This is my friend with benefits, Bob."

I don't think so, right?

Accordingly, you wouldn't like to be introduced to the main boss as the secretary when you're doing more than just filing papers and picking up phones. You're possibly even doing your boss's job.

After the first kiss, the first benefit, how long 'til you scream to go to the next one, or next level?

I guess saying "next" would be

a lot easier than asking for the next level. Who wants to sound desperate for a boyfriend, right?

If a man or woman has everything without the label, why would he or she want to make this a relationship?

Why would your boss want to pay you more if he can get you to do the same amount of work?

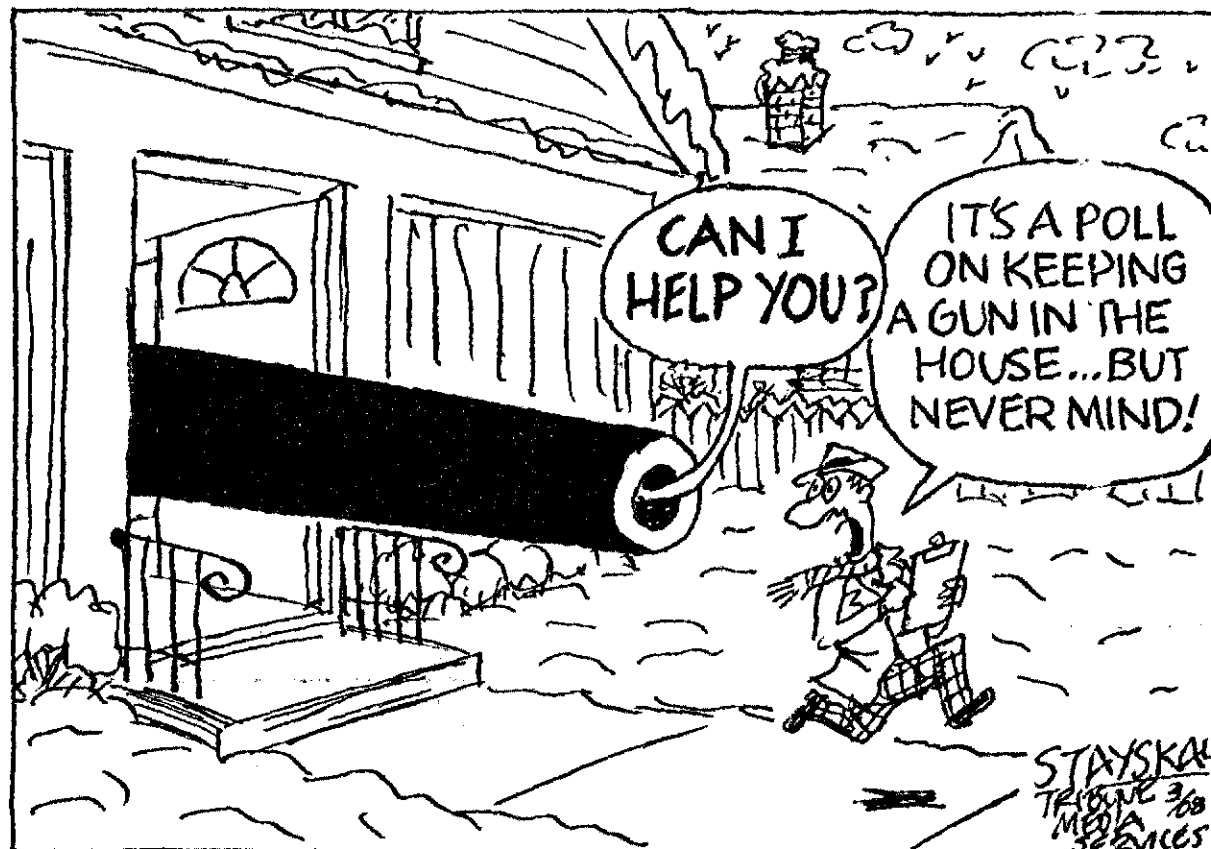
Well maybe you work for a really good company. The company appreciates you and wants you to fill that position.

If not, then I guess we all have to work our way up the ladder and if the promotion doesn't come to us, then we must request it if that's really what we want.

I'm just left to wonder, in the society we're living, is it possible to jump right in?

Can we just go for that manager position, or is it that now we always have to test out the waters every single time?

I mean, can two people be a couple before being friends with benefits?



Getting the perfect tan

With the weather hot, now's the time to experiment and get bronze skin.

Spring is here and the sun is shining!

It is time to go to the beach and get that almost-perfect tan before summer actually starts.

But how do you really know what the perfect tan looks like?

And how far can you really take tanning?

There are women out there that look orange or they look so dark that they look like poop.

There are many ways that you can get a tan.



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There's the spray, lotion, tanning booths and even good old sunshine.

But how do you really know if your tan is just good enough?

There are women walking the streets and they look hideous because they went to the tanning booth a few more times than usual.

Then there are those women who wear the lotion and you can literally see where they rubbed on a lot of lotion.

You can see the streaks.

Or some women forget to rub it

on their faces so you see their face and they look pale.

But when you look down at their arms and legs, they're a bronze color.

And the spray doesn't help either. You can spray it all over your body and it gets all over.

And for the good old sunshine, women just don't know when to put on sunblock and when to get the nice tan.

Women put on the tanning lotion that reads SPF 15 and they say "It has sunblock in here."

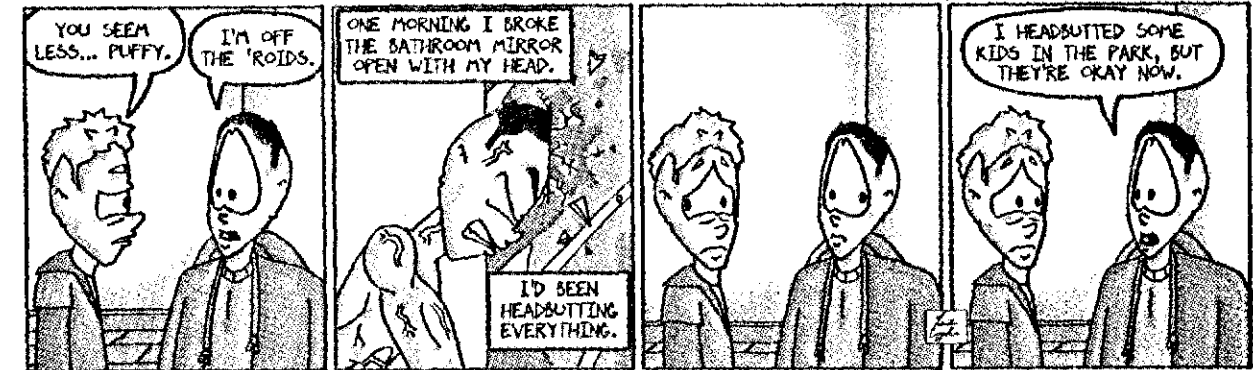
Later, they say, "Oh, I got a really bad sunburn." I wonder why.

When you want to go out and get that nice tan, make sure you ask someone how you look.

GIRLS AND SPORTS



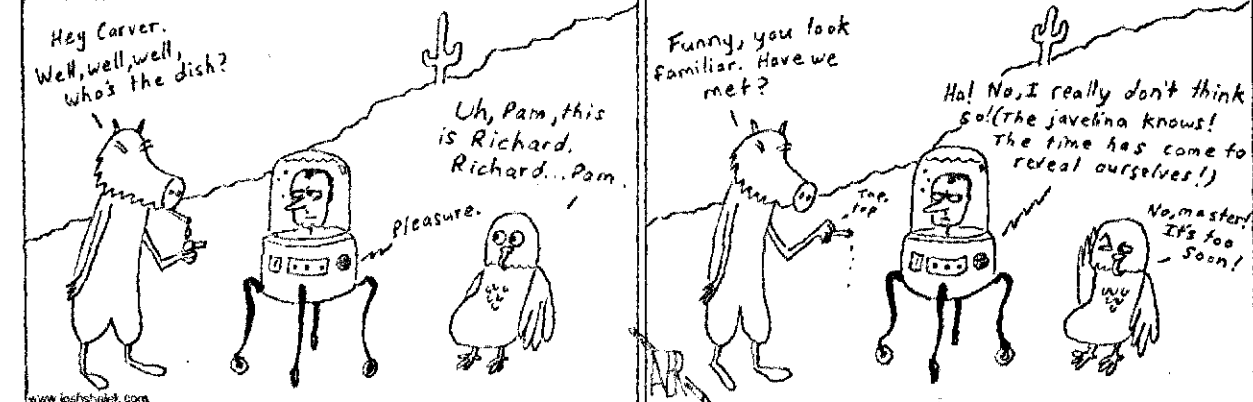
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COMING UP IN SPORTS

MEN'S

Baseball:

4/3 @ 2:30 p.m. vs. Long Beach City

4/5 @ 12 p.m. at Long Beach City

4/8 @ 2:30 p.m. vs. Pasadena City

4/10 @ 2:30 p.m. at Pasadena City

4/12 @ 12 p.m. vs. Los Angeles City

4/15 @ 2:30 p.m. at Los Angeles City

Tennis:

4/3 @ 2 p.m. at Long Beach City

4/15, 17-19 - All Day - Conference Tournament at Long Beach City

Track & Field:

4/4 @ 12 p.m. at Long Beach City

4/12 @ 10 a.m. - Mt. San Antonio Relays

Swimming:

4/4 @ 3 p.m. vs. Pasadena City & LATT at Pasadena City

4/11-12 - All Day - Pasadena Invitational

WOMEN'S

Softball:

4/3 @ 3 p.m. at El Camino

4/10 @ 3 p.m. at East Los Angeles

4/12 @ 11 a.m. at Citrus

4/12 @ 1 p.m. at Chaffey

4/15 @ 3 p.m. at Antelope Valley

Soccer:

4/3 @ 5:15 p.m. vs. Mexican Under-20 National Team - International Friendly Match

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Women's soccer to face Mexico

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When you win a state championship and finish the season ranked No. 2 in the country, you get requests from a variety of teams interested in a game.

For the Cerritos College women's soccer team, its request came from outside the country, as the Mexican Under-20 National Team came calling, looking for a match.

The Falcons have obliged, and will face the team on campus on Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in what is being called an International Friendly Match.

"This is a great opportunity for our program and it is an honor to play a National Team," said Falcon head coach Ruben Gonzalez, who led Cerritos to the state championship this past season with a come-from-behind 2-1 win over Santiago Canyon College.

"It will be a great experience for the players, as well as myself," he said.

The Mexican Under-20 National Team features the best young players the country has to offer, while it has also produced several Falcon players.

Rebecca Juarez, midfielder, who just completed her sophomore season with Cerritos, and was an All-American selection this past year, played in the World Cup for Mexico in Russia last year, as did Monique Cisneros, forward, who completed her first year with the Falcons last season.

In addition, second-year players Susanna Mendoza, midfielder, and Desiree Cardenas, forward, have both gone to train with the team.



Soccer: Midfielder Rebecca Juarez was an All-American selection last season and played in the World Cup for Mexico in Russia last year.

Baseball win brings team to 9-2 in South Coast Conference

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After dropping into a first place tie in the South Coast Conference, the Cerritos College baseball team utilized a 5-RBI day from George Sanchez, pitcher, to post a 7-2 road win over Los Angeles Harbor College on Saturday.

With the win, the Falcons are now 9-2

in SCC play and 18-12 overall, while the Seahawks dropped to 10-19 and 5-6.

The two teams will finish off their series on Tuesday, with the Falcons hosting at 2:30 p.m. Cerritos has won both games of the series this season.

With John Ortega, pitcher, on the mound, the Falcons knew they would be in the hunt for a win, and Ortega did not disappoint.

He limited the Seahawks to just one hit through 7 1/3 innings and went on to pick up his eighth win of the year, as he struck out seven.

Although John Garcia, pitcher, struggled in his abbreviated time on the mound, Jay Heirigs, pitcher, came on to pitch the final 1 2/3 innings to earn his first save of the year.

As for Sanchez, who is batting .528 with 16 RBI in conference play, he broke open a

close 1-0 game in the top of the sixth inning with a three-run home run.

Then, in the ninth inning, he put the game out of reach with a bases loaded single, providing him with his biggest offensive output of the year.

In the sixth, shortstop Jerry Pena led off with a double and moved to third base on a single by Trevor Blood, infielder.

That set the table for Sanchez, who

drilled the 1-0 offering from Carlos Pinedo, Seahawks pitcher, for his second home run of the year.

The innings were kept alive after a two-out error and a single by third baseman Jared Olsen allowed outfielder Anthony Topete to drive in a run with a base hit.

Sanchez, Olsen and second baseman Brandon Pesante led the Falcons with two hits apiece.

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