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Ernest proposes new plan

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The ASCC Senate discussed a proposed idea by Roger Ernest, English instructor, for the campus transformation Master Plan and the budget proposal for next year was handed out last Wednesday.

ASCC Vice President Michael Barrita informed the Senate that some of the changes in the Master Plan are set in stone.

However, some changes are still being discussed.

Ernest drew up his own campus transformation plan and Barrita explained it to the Senate.

As the official Master Plan stands, an Administration Building and Fine Arts Building are being placed where the Hill is at right now.

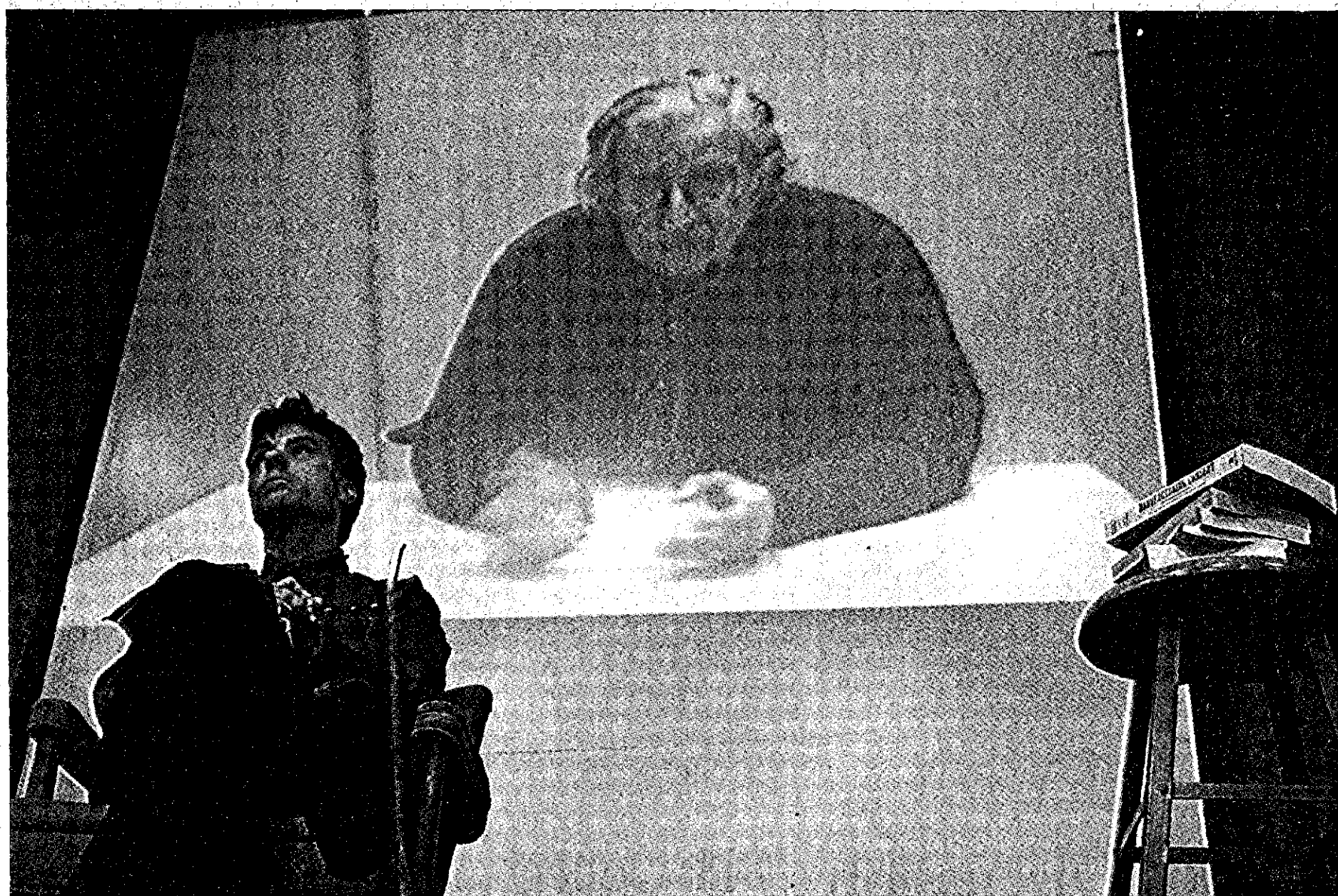
The Hill doesn't exist anywhere in the plan.

Ernest's idea places the Hill in Falcon Square next to the Student Center.

With the Amphitheater up against the Student Center, "You can't have two events going on at the same time because of the noise," said Holly Bogdanovich, director of Student Activities.

The noise from the Amphitheater and the Student Center stage would conflict with each other.

The other major change that Ernest made was placing the Burnight Theatre to the corner of Alondra Boulevard and Studebaker Road.



Profound views: More than 2,000 people showed up to listen to author, lecturer and political activist Noam Chomsky (r) talk about U.S. foreign policy and the media.

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U.S. foreign policy discussed

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The Teleconference Center was filled to its capacity as students, staff, faculty and community members came out on Tuesday to hear and see Noam Chomsky deliver some of his profound views on

U.S. foreign policy and the media.

Chomsky, who is an author, lecturer, linguist and political activist, appeared via satellite from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Due to the center being overcrowded, others gathered outside of the center to view the teleconference on a TV screen located near the bottom computer lab.

Students and teachers from countries such as Canada, Denmark and New Zealand also viewed Chomsky via satellite. According to Dr. John Haas, history instructor, more than 2,000 people viewed the teleconference.

Haas sent an e-mail to Chomsky informing him about the global programs, asked if he could answer a few questions

that Haas had sent.

Although most history, political science, philosophy and other classes gave extra credit to students to hear Chomsky, there were also some students that were fond of Chomsky and were excited to hear and see him live.

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION



MICHAEL AGUDO/TM

Showtimes: The Cosmetology Department held a hair show, last Monday. One of the contestants was Christine Keyes a butterfly model (pictured), her hair and makeup designer was Joanna Abud, cosmetology major.

New bill protects journalism instructors

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A new bill, SB1370 which was introduced by Senator Leland Yee, passed state Senate on a 35-2 vote last Monday.

The creation of SB1370: "Journalism Teacher Protection Act," follows a 2006 law that prohibits censorship of college press by administrators and protects students from receiving any form of discipline for using their free speech or press rights.

"This bill would protect any employee at a public school or university from being dismissed, suspended, disciplined, reassigned, transferred or otherwise retaliated against for protecting a student's speech rights," Yee said.

Sponsored by the California Newspaper Publishers Association, this bill is set out to make justice for journalism teachers who have suffered the consequences because of a certain story that went into

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-CNPA legal counsel James W. Ewert

production.

With the help of Yee who is a "strong believer in free speech, and takes the matter close to his heart" as explained by James W. Ewert, CNPA legal counsel, the bill is underway.

Some high school and college journalism teachers/advisers around the state have been given the boot because of the content of their school newspaper.

"There have been 12 documented cases in the last four years in which journalism teachers have been removed from their position," Ewert said.

In each of these cases, administrators of the schools have been

unable to discipline the students for the content they put in their stories. A certain law in California protects students from that kind of discipline.

That is when the administrators decide to take matters in their own hands and go after the teachers.

The teachers were replaced with new teachers who knew little or nothing at all.

As Ewert explained this meant that the principal can take complete control of the new teacher. This meant that the content of the newspaper would be regulated and under control of the school administrators.

"Schools that could not disci-

pline students for what they wrote, ticked off school administrators, which was not actionable under libel and privacy laws, started simply reassigning teachers who failed to censor students publications," explained Rich Cameron, journalism instructor.

"I've long been a believer that the constitution offers students free speech/press rights. The whole purpose of the first amendment is to protect unpopular speech, not popular speech."

Advisers play an important part in the school newspaper. They are there to provide them lessons that they can take with them in the future. They help their students with any problems they might encounter.

"If they feel they need help, I'm there to advise them," Cameron said.

There have been cases that are minor but some are taken beyond certain measures.

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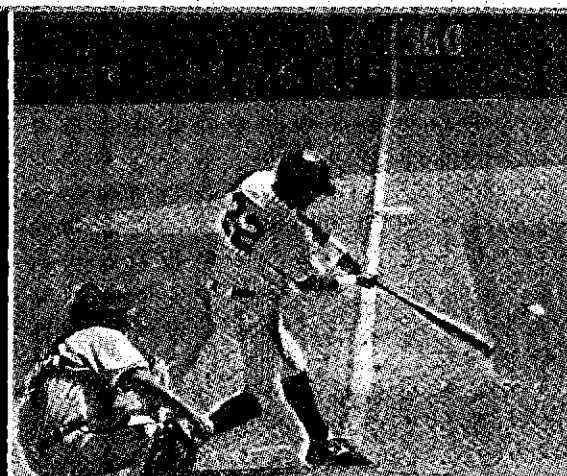
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Baseball clinches SCC title

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Salcido talks time management



Time management: Dolly Flores-Salcido gave a presentation for the Psychology Club last Friday.

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Psychology Club members were given tips on time management during a workshop on the topic given last Friday by Dolly Flores-Salcido, reading instructor.

The first thing Salcido wanted to point out during the lecture was to encourage students to think about themselves more often.

"You need to mentally and physically take care of yourself first," she said.

"Don't think about this lecture as external of how you can help someone else. I want you to think of it as internal and how it can help you."

The best way to learn about time management is to apply what you learned in the lecture and apply it to your everyday life.

One of the biggest problems in not having enough time to do anything is procrastination.

Salcido asked the students to ask themselves why do they procrastinate and what are the activities or forms procrastination usually takes form in.

Some of the activities procrastination usually takes form in are shopping, going to parties, watching television or using the Inter-

net.

"(When) emotional feelings also get in the way, you need to remember when things need to be done you need to do it, whether you like it or not. That's the way a successful person thinks," she said.

She also wants students to learn to say no. "You need to take care of yourself. Don't let other people, like friends, take away your time," she said.

There are many ways to stop procrastination and have a better way of controlling your time.

Salcido said to keep a day planner, "If you are going to have a planner you have to follow it."

Her steps to have a better hold of your time are:

1. Organize priorities.
2. Set a time schedule to do your work.
3. Control your time.
4. Stop procrastinating.
5. Take a hobby.

"You need a hobby that you can go to escape. Do something that will make your body and mind happy," she said.

Since finals are coming soon, she also had some advice for students.

She said to get a calendar and prioritize your schedule and put study time hours.

Macias named student trustee

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Though Jason Macias won't be the ASCC president next year, he'll still be one of the main representatives of the student body.

With 231 votes, he retained the Student Trustee position in the election that took place last Wednesday and Thursday.

There was a total of 422 votes and two voids. Andy Duong, who also ran for the position, received 191 votes.

The elections were held because during the first election none of the candidates were able to gain the required 50 percent, plus one, of the

vote.

The two with the highest amount of votes moved on to last week's run-off election.

Macias hopes that with another chance at the position, that he can accomplish greater things for the students.

"It's another opportunity to progress. It's all about advocating on a higher level," he said.

"Now that I know how the rules, I can be more prepared and can be a greater voice and make sure that the students' voices are heard."

The Student Trustee and ASCC president positions were split by a special election that was held in February.

Bonilla, Employee of the Month for March

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Nancy Bonilla was selected to be Employee of the Month for March 2008.

Bonilla works in the Student Activities Office, where she works as a student affairs technician.

"I was actually surprised I was named Employee of the Month, I appreciate that I'm recognized," Bonilla said.

Her duties as a student affairs technician are to she gets to help the director of Student Activities with student government and activities in school.

"There are a lot of things I do in the office, I help with meetings, do the agenda, help out with commencement, banquets, homecoming, hoe down days and elections. I order items for those events, evaluate and supervise things."

She also makes the tickets for the banquets and helps put the manual and budget on print.

Before becoming a Student Activities technician she worked in the financial aid office as a financial aid technician.

Even though Bonilla has been working for about two years in the Student Activities office she has been a hard worker.

"She works very hard, she's been

here two years and she's been doing well," said Holly Bogdanovich, director of Student Activities.

"We are very excited she won, we went to the board meeting and took flowers, our whole office is like a family, we all support each other when one of us gets recognized."

Nikki Jones, secretary of Judicial Affairs, had great things to say about Bonilla as well, "She's so sweet. I am so proud of her and I'm 100 percent happy she got her award. Way to go Nancy!" she said.

Bonilla concluded, "It's easy to excel, when you are working with such wonderful people. I really enjoy working with the students, is something I enjoy and look forward to everyday!"



Nancy Bonilla
Employee of the Month for March

Chomsky: Discussion about foreign policy

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These are some of the questions that Chomsky answered followed by his answers:

1. Why do other countries hate (America) when (America) is so good?

He said that President Eisenhower first asked that question to his staff in 1958 and then wrote a report answering the question.

"There is this perception in the Arab world that the United States supports harsh, tyrannical, and oppressive regimes and that block democracy and development and we do just because we want to gain control over their energy resources."

2. Many scholars and writers, on the left, have repudiated the war on Iraq calling it immoral, but they are absent about the war that is taking place in Afghanistan, many people will argue that the war in Afghanistan is a good war, Chomsky disagrees he calls it a major war crime. Why?

"Right after 9/11, the United States announced that it was going to bomb Afghanistan unless the Taliban, that were in control, handed over to the United States the people who the U.S. accused of taking part in 9/11."

"The Taliban asked for evidence, the US wouldn't provide any evidence. One of the good reasons that the US didn't provide any evidence is because we discovered later that we didn't have any."

"If you bomb a country with no pretense whatsoever, with the expectation that you may drive 250 million people over the edge of starvation, that is pretty serious."

3. At the U.N. meeting on Sept.

20, 2006, Hugo Chavez referred to Bush as "Devil," you argued that there is nothing controversial about Chavez saying that.

Chomsky said that it wasn't Chavez's comments that were controversial, but it was the views of the U.S. media and commentators.

"When you read statements like that like about that or Iran interference with Iraq that is not us, again we are back to the same thing 'we,' now we means the rich and the privileges, 'we' are the world."

"When Chavez was cheered loudly in the general assembly meeting well that wasn't the world that was just the people up there who are the worse part."

After viewing Chomsky and hearing his views, some students changed their views on him.

"This made me realize of what has been going around the world," said David Mendoza, history major.

"It seems like there is a repetition of history going on from what was going on during the Cuban missile crisis. Instead of Cuban or the Soviet Union it's now Iraq, Iran, and Venezuela its pretty much history repeating itself."

Daniel Snipes, psychology major, agreed and said, "I learned a lot, what interested me was how he talked about the U.S. has this 'we own the whole world' mentality and how we are not really the first nation or power to have this idea."

"I have to say that I am really excited that it all came off, that Mr. Chomsky was there," Haas said at the end, "I lived the phenomenon of Chomsky even in a small place you can feel all the students coming together."

Bill: College newspaper advisers now protected

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"A certain case caught my attention, Daryl Adams, journalism teacher of an award-winning newspaper that was removed from his position after students published an editorial criticizing random searches conducted on campus," Ewert said.

Adams was removed from his job as an adviser and prohibited from coaching the basketball team and public announcer at football games.

It took several phone calls and complaints to realize that it just wasn't just one teacher who was put out of a job, but several.

SB1370 is being sent out to California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, to see if he decides to pass the new bill or not.

There are organizations that do oppose of SB1370. California School Boards Association and the Association of California School Administrators say that existing law protects teachers, and it would just pile on more lawsuits by teachers who are being affected by administrators' decisions.

"There are very powerful interest groups and players who have great connections. Schwarzenegger in the end may end up listening to them," Ewert said.

SB1370 was designed to protect public advisers, though private colleges are not included, but catholic schools are if they meet certain requirements.

As long as a story/editorial doesn't violate that church's teaching, the adviser would be fully protected under the bill.

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Sarcastic 'Urinetown' is dynamic

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The Cerritos College Theater Department and the ASCC kicked off the first night of a two-week run of "Urinetown: The Musical." What if you had to pay to pee?

The Theater Department presented a dynamic adaptation of the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical.

The romantic and sarcastic comedy was based on themes "follow your heart" and "pay to pee."

The ensemble consisted of live orchestra performances, singing and dance choreography.

The play takes place during a 20-year drought period, where townspeople are charged an amenity tax to use the city's public toilet amenity.

Seem a little farfetched? Well, under the direction of Janet Miller, these students brought down the house.

The cast's lead actors were Nicole Geron, an experienced performer, cast as Hope Cladwell and Erich Schroeder, a novice to the Cerritos College stage, who was cast as Bobby Strong.

The storyline and plot were entertaining and captivating.

However, this cast could have successfully delivered the play's message with half of the number of songs and dances.

The musical was entertaining.

It is definitely a performance for people who are really into the song and dance aspects of the musical.

It was a bit much like your typical musical where the cast breaks out into a spontaneous song and dance, mid-sentence, for no apparent reason at all.

The talented and strong voices



Urinetown: The musical, held by the Theater Department, is having performances Thursday through Saturday at the Burnight Center.

COURTESY OF WERNER GOMEZ

of all of the performers in the musical were, however, very refreshing. This performance had no shortcomings in the talent department.

Try staying in character while limping on one crutch for a whole play, being pregnant, singing and dancing.

Well Shana Frank pulled it off in her role as Little Becky Two Shoes. This performer's remarkable supporting act was an integral part of the ensemble performance.

With her limited number of speaking parts, Frank made her character no less memorable than

that of leading performers.

In the musical that plays the rich and the down and out of society against one another, there was still enough room for a romance to develop.

Although quite entertaining, in Urinetown there's not always a

happy ending.

You may ask, "Where is Urinetown? I've never heard of that place."

For a limited time only, Urinetown is in the Burnight Center Theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Linwood 'just can't quit' with explosive debut CD

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The debut album from Linwood, entitled "Burn Effect," is explosive.

In an age where the rock/alternative genre has been spilling out mediocre bands and copies of those mediocre bands, Linwood is a pleasant surprise.

The first time listening to the first track, Linwood's music can get you singing along the song.

"Lie to You," the first song on the album, is definitely the most catchy and hard not to sing along with the catchy chorus, "Lie to me and lie to you. Lie to me about something new."

The same goes for the song, "Your

Kind," with the chorus, "I want to be like your kind of lover. I want to be your kind."

Linwood provides a nice variety of alternative music going from fast-paced "rock out" songs to slower-paced "easy listening" songs.

The listener isn't bombarded with the same song over and over again with this album as each song is unique from the other.

It's hard to even think of another music group to compare this band to.

This album is not available at stores or on sites such as Amazon.

However, it is available through iTunes, CD Baby, Linwoodmusic.net and Waxesawrecords.com.

This is not only Linwood's debut album but also the first album released by the Waxesaw Records label.

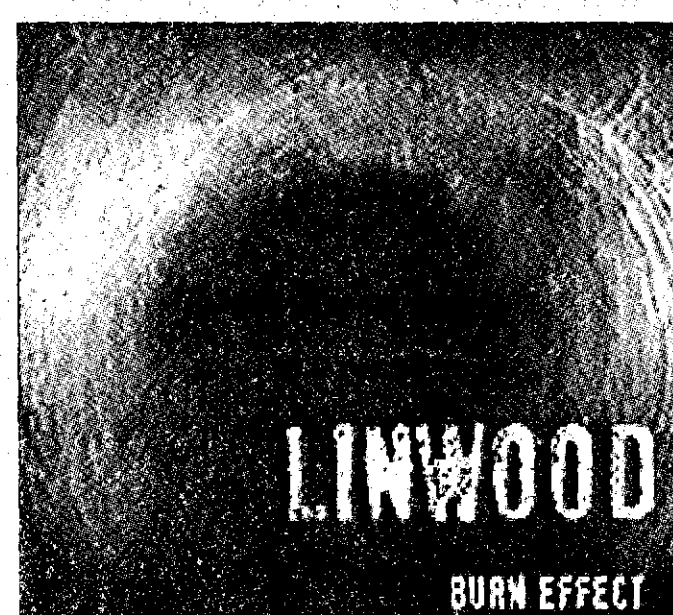
Joe Meek, director of A&R for Waxesaw Records, said, "We look for big things to come from this debut."

If this album isn't the big thing Meek is hoping for, it definitely has the potential to be the big thing.

It took Linwood almost two years to write 22 songs and 11 made it to this album.

None of these songs would have deserved to be rejected.

Linwood's song, "Fall," sums up this album best with the lyrics, "I just can't quit it."



Burn Effect: Linwood's debut album is available on its Web site.

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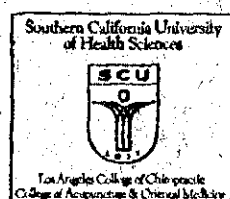
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Barkley rocks in new hit

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Gnarls Barkley, consisting of singer/rapper Cee-Lo and producer Danger Mouse, formed a better album this second time it comes around and growing from the only remembered song "Crazy" in its 2006 release of St. Elsewhere.

"The Odd Couple" brings a new mixture of funky beats, fashionable sounds, desperate gospel yet angry rap voices, mellow lyrics and a fusion of rock, hip-hop, funk and soul.

"Charity Chase" is a little smooth intro to the album with repetitive drumbeats, "Kill Bill" guitar strums, and an organ that harmonizes Cee-Lo as he sings, "Somebody's a liar who ever said freedom wasn't free: Ahhh charity..."

"Who's Gonna Save My Soul" is an emotional song that makes male listeners relate to Cee-Lo's Soul lyrics of past love with the serene sound of Danger Mouse's beats.

"Run"

the first single from the CD, may be considered the generic imitation of "Crazy" but not at all.

The producer uses a 1960s-sounding groovy beat while Cee-Lo adds his frantic voice warning all to avoid needles.

"Would Be Killer" starts with a shotgun pumped, while the music is back-masked to satirize the threats that imply the lyrics.

"Open Book" starts off in the jungle later to be mixed with techno beats and unusual beats that make this song really odd and that is not including the lyrics.

"Whatever" is literally how Cee-Lo makes people feel as he sings "It could be better. I don't care... Whatever," as Mouse puts a similar sound to complement the "bombs" that he drops.

"No Time Soon" sounds like neo-blues with swinging tone and moody lyrics, "But I'm going on, And I'm prepared to go it alone... I'm going on, to a place in the sun that's nice and warm," which make me feel warm yet cold.

"Blind Mary" is a comical song that can be confused as an Outkast song, having a mellow song that makes anyone feel as if they were in a carnival with Mary.

"My Neighbor" brings a sour taste to the mind with a bongo beat that blend with technical harmonics that reveals the Odd Couple's ability to blend irony of styles in music.

"A Little Better" describes Cee-Lo's story, "Now I can sing you the storyline. And if you like my story fine. But ain't none of the glory mine. See my life was a lonely one"

"The Odd Couple," even though I have listened to more than 50 times, does not get boring to listen to since every song has its own gist.

If I was to name some bands that sound like the "The Odd Couple," I say it is a combination of Radiohead, Outkast, Al Green, Danger Doom, Finley Quayle and a 60s TV theme.

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Global climate change is severe

Global climate change is a major problem that needs to be addressed immediately or it will have major consequences on not only the human race, but all creatures on this planet will feel its effects.

There are many little things we can do to make a difference and need to start doing before it is too late.

One way to retard the process is to make it mandatory for all new homes built to have solar panels.

As college students and the future leaders of the world, we must demand changes to be made.

This is a simple thing that can be done.

The price of the solar panels will be offset by the lowered cost of electricity and new home buyers will just have to pay a little more to pay for them.

Another way is to find viable alternative fuel sources for cars.

As of right now, there are not many viable alternative fuel sources.

But while we study which alternative fuel is the best, a feasible solution is to use a combination of fuels.

Ethanol looks at least on its surface to be the best, but if everyone switches to ethanol, there would not be enough food to eat.

Electric cars seemed to be another solution, but where will the electricity come from?

There is already an energy crisis and the best sources we have right now to make electricity would not help the problem, it probably would just make the problem we have today worse.

As of now, the best solution can be found in hybrid cars that use less than half the gasoline than the cars that roam the roads today.

But let's take this a step further.

We must demand the biggest problem with automobiles to be addressed, and that is there must be an immediate stop to the production of gas-guzzling SUVs.

Even the most fuel-efficient SUVs get horrible

gas mileage and the hybrid versions barely get the same gas mileage as a passenger car.

We also must demand a change in the way the world makes electricity.

Though this is more complicated, it must be done.

There are many alternatives to the most used ways we now make electricity, but much more research must go into better alternatives.

One way that electricity is made today is by burning carbon based fuels.

This adds to the global warming and must be stopped immediately.

So what are the alternatives?

One is hydro-electricity but there must be dams built and the effects of dams also hurt the environment.

Nuclear power is another source but the by-product of it also has devastating effects on the environment.

With the technology we have today, the most effective solution we have is to use wind power.

By placing windmills in key spots throughout the world we can count down, if not eliminate, the use of fossil fuels to make electricity.

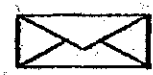
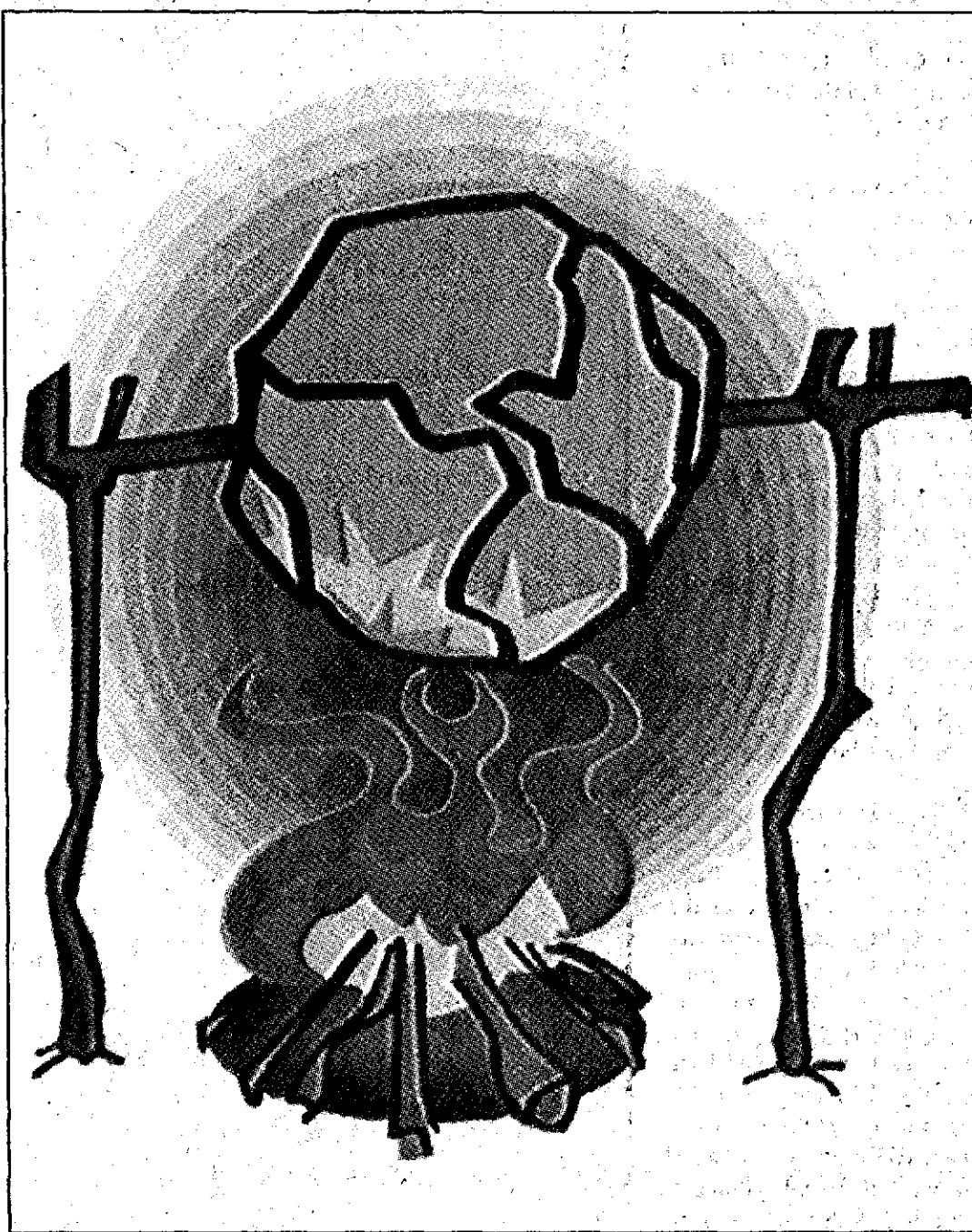
Most of these solutions need to be implemented, not just by the governments of the world, but the people of the world must demand it.

Granted, a case can be made for global warming being a just a natural cycle of the planet and we cannot do anything about it.

However, what is the worst that can happen if we make the changes necessary to help the environment?

In the worst case scenario, even if the current global temperature still increases, we decrease the use of oil.

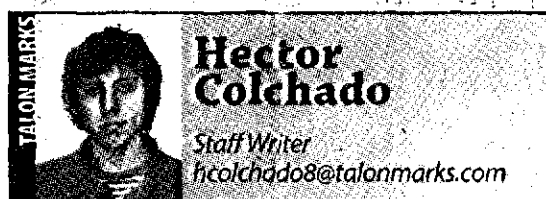
This can possibly lead to a global stabilization because we won't fight wars to help countries with oil.



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Alcoholism needs to be dealt with

Alcoholism is a psychological addiction, not a medical disease



Alcoholism is not a disease. Alcoholism is an infatuation and a want, either psychologically or physically. But it is not an illness.

Dictionaries define a disease as a medical condition, a specific disorder and a considered problem in society, which is based on the general view from a political and medical consensus.

Alcoholism fits in the category of medical condition and even a problem in society if it were termed a disease.

The medical condition mainly involves hospitalization, but then that would be better termed as intoxication, addiction, or dependence of alcohol instead of alcoholism.

If alcoholism is a problem in societies, it only makes sense to say that it is a metaphorical term for the problem, if it is a "disease."

If it's true universities, colleges, and high schools have several people with the "disease." Students overindulge themselves with alcohol on weekends, and sometimes on weekdays. That does not seem to be a type of disease.

The problem begins with the term known to college students, binge drinking, as a drinking form that has no limits of decreasing the gulps

of alcohol in a certain time.

Students do not know their own limits sometimes ending the night with "brown-outs," "black-outs," and a nice hangover the next day.

Then a hangover still is nothing compared to an actual medical disease, it is more like the aftermath.

A cure for this problem would be a nutrition fact in the back of every alcohol beverage, specially a serving size to at least have some order.

A person can be addicted to alcohol, can be physically dependant and can affect responsibilities, but it is not as harmful as AIDS, an actual disease.

A person with AIDS is nothing similar to a person who has the option to pick up an alcohol beverage and gulp it down.

AIDS does not have a cure and compared to alcoholism, a person cannot just stop having AIDS while an "alcoholic" can just avoid alcohol.

AIDS, cancer, flu and a fever will not nurse itself after a person runs out of money; he or she will get worse and die if not cured properly. Once an alcoholic runs out of money the

dependence will go away slowly since there will not be anymore alcohol purchases, unless the dependence has gone so far that hospitalization was a requirement.

If alcoholism were a problem in society and a problem with a specific group of people, then homosexuality would be rightfully a disease.

There is no such thing as a cure for homosexuality or alcoholism. It is just a state of mind, a decision, an option and a habit.

Unlike alcohol though, homosexuality is not a problem to people who do not accept the way of life.

Alcoholism is a problem. Since there is a high death toll related with drinking and driving, abusive attitude, and unwanted pregnancies.

Drunks that drive tend to commit suicidal actions, since some fall asleep on the wheel or swerve out of control, but that is not a form of disease, it is more like gambling. (Gambling is not a disease either it is a compulsive attitude).

Every person that claims to be alcoholic is right. I agree with them, and that includes all 3.1 billion people that are on Earth and most of the animals.

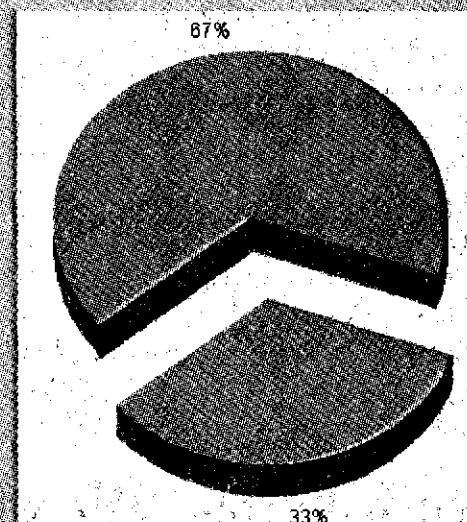
A regular animal makes its own alcohol for example, cholesterol. So does this mean that every person is an alcoholic?

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STATISTIC OF THE WEEK

Who will get your vote for Student Trustee?

Andy Duong 67%
Jason Macias 33%



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FREE SPEED ZONE!?

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HENRY SHUMAKER
journalism major

"Because of the gas prices I can't do what I normally do. I have been carpooling more often to try to cut my expenses."



DIANA CABRERA
philosophy major

"It's stupid, outrageous and ridiculous. Who would try to do something like this? I don't even drive and I think the gas prices are ridiculous."



FERNANDO CERVANTES
architecture major

"The gas prices are making it difficult to get to school and work. The money I spend on gas makes it so I can't afford tuition and books."



DIANA DOMINGUEZ
teaching major

"It's crazy. I have to drive less and find shortcuts to get where I am going."



ARTURO FLORIAN
English major

"We use too much gas and we are being punished for using so much and suppressing other countries. It sucks."



ASHLEY JUAREZ
business marketing major

"It's horrible. I hate it and as a college student it sucks even more."

Starbucks is not alone

Starbucks has competition with small-town businesses.

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do two things right: the coffee and the food, the latter a disaster from the start.

Cases are stocked with stale sweets and pale sandwiches, enticing as paste. Know how little the cafés care about comestibles?

When Starbucks arrived here a dozen years ago, an executive phoned a colleague for suggestions on pastry purveyors. That's research.

As fine coffee became more bountiful, consumers noted that Starbucks over roasted the beans, then stopped grinding them altogether. The people behind the counter aren't baristas. They're button pushers.

The brew is served scalding which no decent café would ever do, possibly because the big bucks are in the gussied-up beverages loaded with milk, flavoring and whipped cream, the caffeine equivalent of a froufrou drink. You know, coffee for people who don't like coffee.

Consumers don't crave big anymore. They want an intimate connection with the community.

As good coffee took over the country, home-brewed cafés increased, owned and operated by area residents, each with a distinct identity, less particleboard, more

bulletin boards supporting local endeavors.

The money stays in the neighborhood, not Seattle. That's why naming the new roast after Pike Place, the first of Starbucks's 16,000 global locations, with a mere 1,175 to open this year, seems a flat note.

Or playing the same music everywhere, Sir Paulie, or a "top spin" at this very moment, Kenny G's Rhythm & Romance, which has many painful associations with the dentist.

I tried the coffee, a medium roast and it's an improvement, but still not as good as what we have here. Philadelphia is home to the exquisite La Colombe, worth every penny of the \$14 pound bag that we've learned to stretch for a couple of weeks or more.

Our neighborhood café, possibly like yours, is a caffeinated "Cheers." The coffee, from a small Seattle roaster, is ground fresh and always the right temperature.

Tables are shared, as well as politics, social issues and recipes. It's the heart of our neighborhood.

The owner treats regulars to a free latte on their birthdays, complete with a song.

She sings far better than Kenny G plays.

And the pastries, quiche and crepes, I'm happy to report, are fresh and delicious.

How in the world can Starbucks compete with that?

GIRLS AND SPORTS



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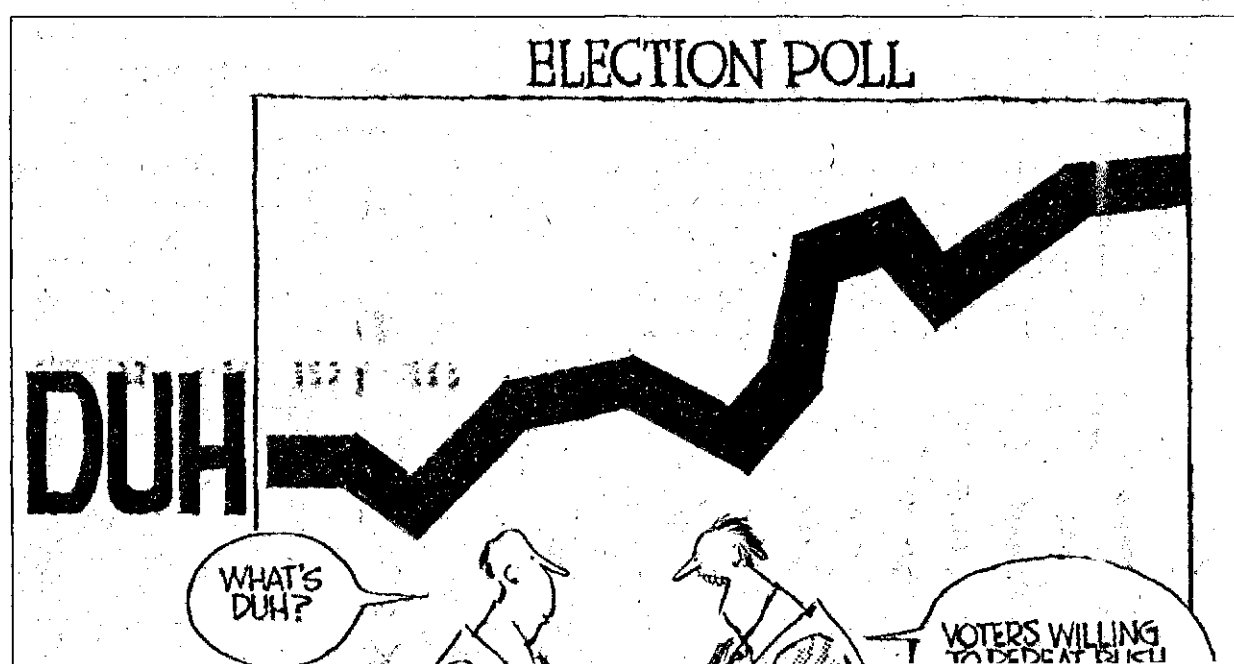
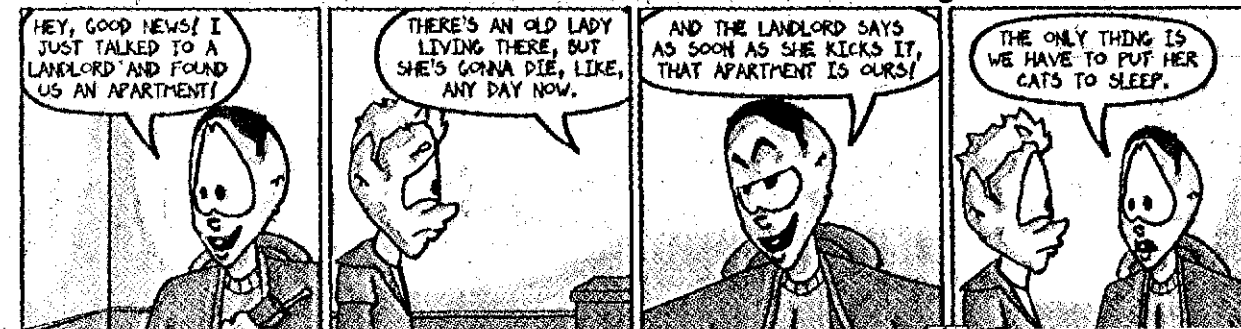


Welcome to Falling Rock National Park by Kid Shey



DREAM NATION

by LOUIS COPPOLA



COMING UP IN SPORTS

MEN'S

Baseball:
5/1 @ 2:30 p.m. at Mt. San Antonio
5/2 @ 2:30 p.m. vs. Mt. San Antonio
5/6

Tennis:
5/1-3 - All Day - Southern California Regionals at Riverside

Track & Field:
5/3 @ TBA - Southern California Prelims at Bakersfield

Swimming:
5/1-3 - All Day - State Championships at Saddleback

WOMEN'S

Softball:
5/3-4 Southern California Regionals at TBA

Tennis:
5/1-3 - All Day - Southern California Regionals at Santa Barbara

Track & Field:
5/3 @ TBA - Southern California Prelims at Bakersfield

Swimming:
5/1-3 - All Day - State Championships at Saddleback

Track and field wins at SCC

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Led by eight individual event winners, the Cerritos College women's track and field team captured the South Coast Conference title during last week's conference championship meet.

The women finished first in both the 100-meter relay and 400-meter relay and qualified for 30 individual events for the Southern California preliminary that will be held Saturday in Bakersfield.

The team is currently ranked No. 1 in the state and the men are currently ranked No. 12.

The men's team finished third and it qualified in 25 events for the Southern California preliminary.

The top six places in each event qualified for the Southern California meet.

The second place women's team was Mt. San Antonio, which finished with 215 team points while the Falcons finished with 296 team points.

"Mt. SAC is always one of our biggest rivals, competitively speaking," head coach Michael Allen said. "It has dominated the men's rankings and it always seems to come down to us or Mt. SAC in the conference."

One of the athletes that won her event was Rachel Butler.

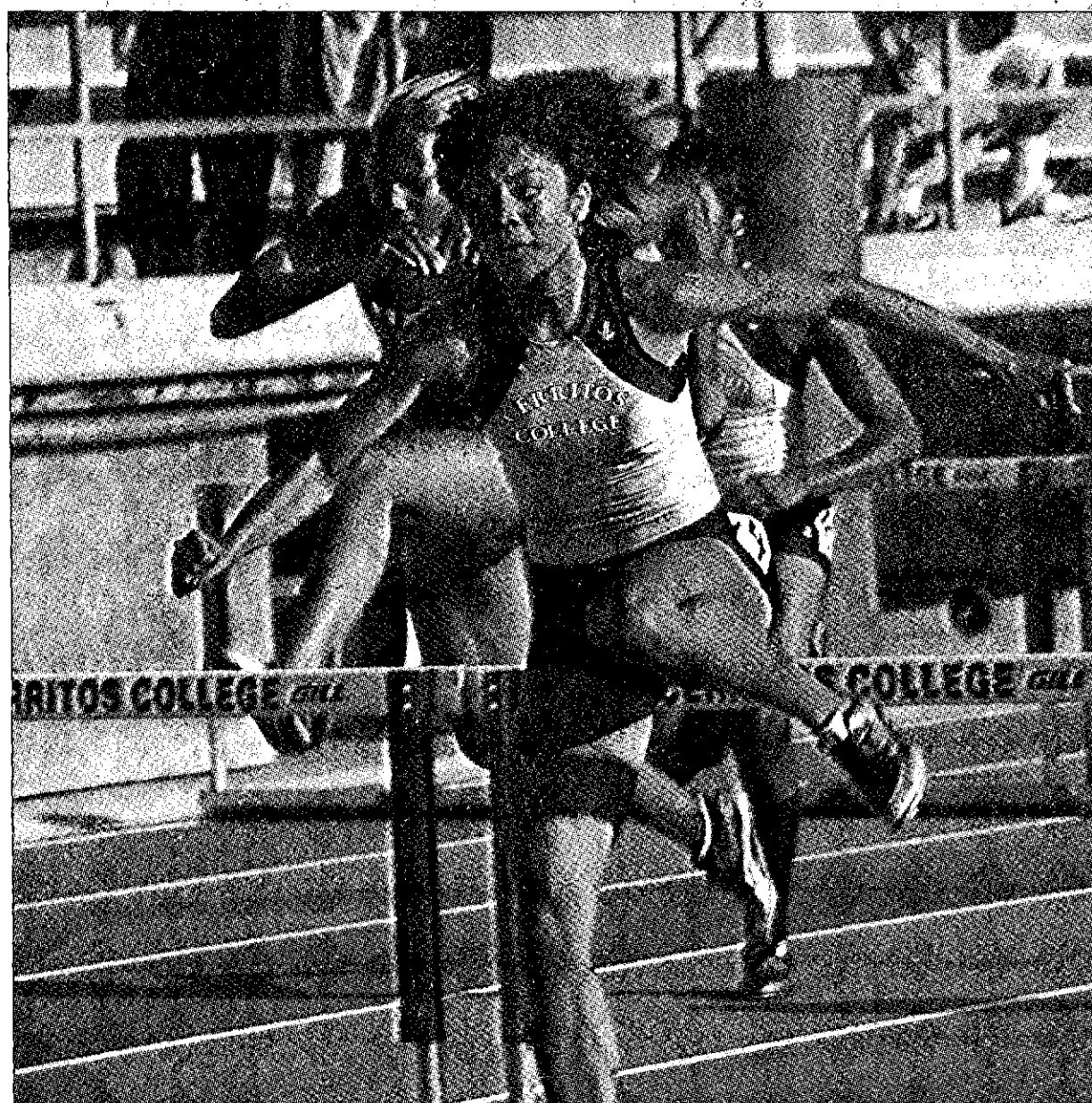
She won the javelin competition and was also a member of the women's basketball team this season.

"She has been a huge plus for the team this year and I am just glad we have her," Allen said.

Another woman that competed was Patrice Fernandes.

The runner competed in the 100-meter, the 400-meter hurdles and the 400-meter relay.

She finished third in the 100-meters, second in the 400-meter



Track and field: Runner Jessica Barfield clears the hurdle on her way to a first place finish in the 100-meter hurdles.

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Baseball wins, 6-5, against El Camino

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Rightfielder Trever Blood hit two home runs to help the Cerritos College baseball team defeat El Camino College, 6-5, at Kincaid Field last Saturday afternoon.

With the win, the Falcons clinched at least a share of the South Coast Conference title.

"We clinched the championship today, so it's been pretty good," head coach Ken Gaylord said.

At the bottom of the ninth inning, Blood stepped to the plate and drove a single into left field scoring shortstop Jerry Pena for the game winning run.

"It was a tough game. We could have put our heads down, but instead we caught up," Gaylord said.

Blood finished the game with three hits and four RBI.

Blood commented, "I got some pretty good pitches today," about his two home runs for the game.

Starting pitcher Miguel Flores went five and two-thirds innings, and gave up one run on six hits and struck out six.

Flores said, "Basically this win set a tone, hopefully we will make it to the playoffs."

Pitcher Steven Blanchette said, "I'm very excited we won."

Blood concluded, "It was a good team win."

hurdles behind teammate Apryll White and was a part of the conference champion 400-relay team.

Fernandes said that the 400-meter hurdles is her main event.

She ran for Santa Ana College last season.

"This year I have had a lot of fun," she said. "The coaching is better and the athletes at Cerritos are more talented so I am forced to

push myself every day."

For the men, Kristen Joseph finished in second to Long Beach's Bryan Braman in the long jump.

Braman had not competed during the regular season.

Joseph said, "I look forward to competing against him again at the next meet."

Joseph is from Las Vegas and decided to move to Southern Cali-

fornia to go to school at Cerritos.

He said that he is not worried about the second place finish and feels that he will bounce back at the Southern California meet.

After the Southern California meet, the competitors, if they finish in the top six, will move on to the state championships that will be held May 16 and 17 at Cerritos College.

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