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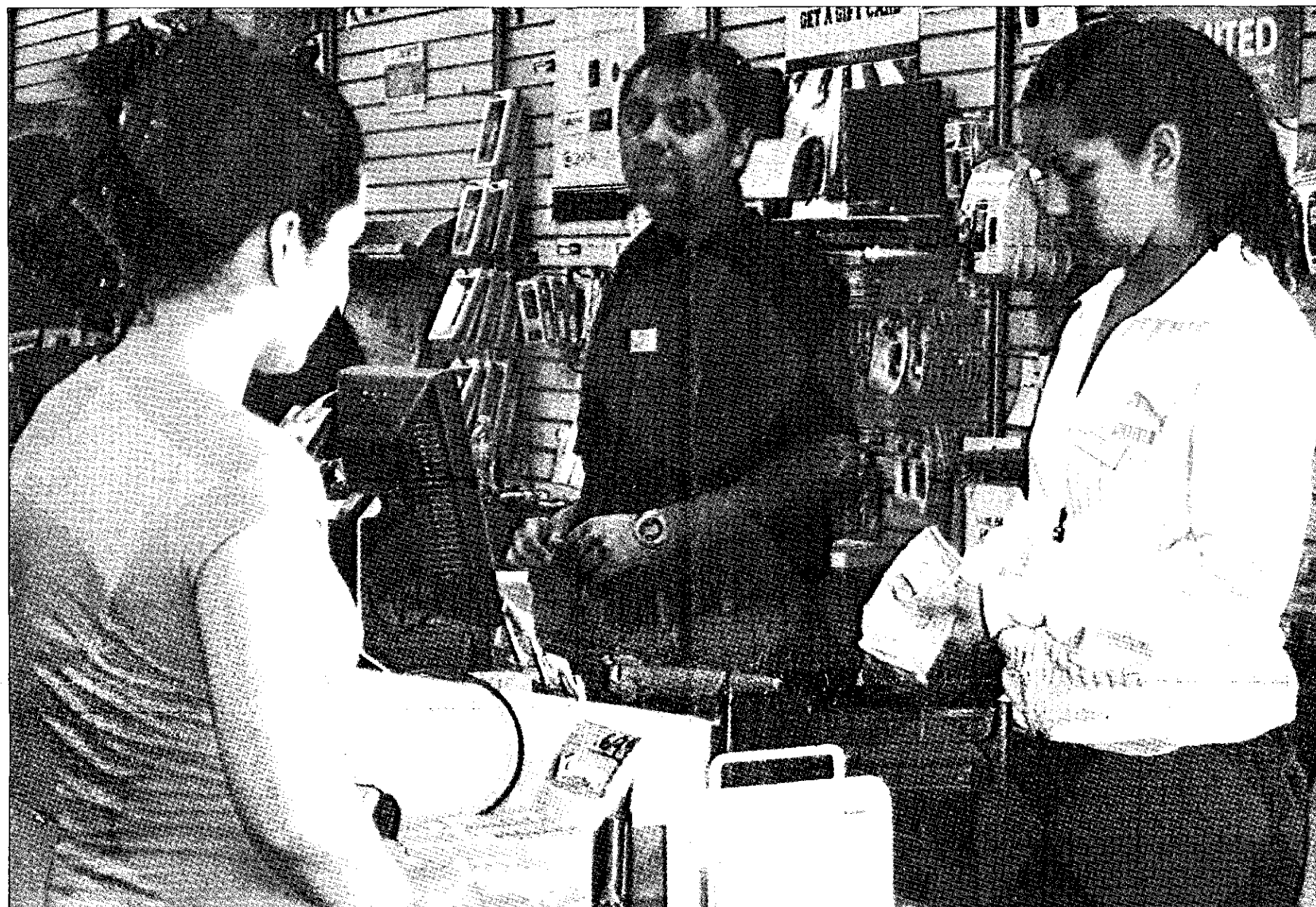
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Bookstore sales not fazed



Bookstore: Valerie Hernandez, undecided major, receives her change after purchasing a notebook from the Cerritos College bookstore.

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Bookstore sales increased this semester despite economy

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Despite the harsh economic times around the country, the bookstore on campus is thriving and sales are up.

"Sales are up in every department," bookstore manager Paul Flovich said.

The bookstore gives between 8 and 9 percent to the ASCC and this year, Flovich estimates that it will give the ASCC about \$450,000.

The focus of the bookstore is to buy as many books from students as possible.

Flovich also works with instructors around campus to keep the same book in classrooms for multiple semesters so students can buy the used books from the bookstore.

"Used books are 25 percent cheaper than new books," Flovich said. "Also, the bookstore makes a better profit margin on used books."

Buybacks were up last semester and Flovich said that the bookstore will continue to buy as many books as possible back from students.

After the spring semester, the bookstore will buy enough books back to sup-

ply the summer as well as the fall semester.

But there are still concerns with the possibility of summer sessions being cut.

"I am keeping a close eye on the possibility of a summer session being cut and we will have to adapt to it if that comes up," he said.

Students on campus have different reasons why they shop at the bookstore.

One student that bought books there this semester was photography major Jose de Jesus Gomez.

He said the reason why he shopped at the bookstore was because the places he

usually goes such as Amazon and eBay were sold out of the books he needed.

Another student had a different reason for buying books there.

"It is more convenient than going online or anywhere else," Cari Del Rio said.

The communications major said that she has cut back on buying books.

"I only bought the books that were necessary," she said. "The classes where the instructors said that books were only a reinforcement to the lecture, I did not buy."

Reichwien employee the month

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"(Cerritos is a) good place to work and be," stated Vangie Reichwien, typist clerk in the science, engineering and math division.

Reichwien was awarded Employee of the Month for the month of December.

Reichwien has been working at Cerritos College since May, 2006 and says she loves every minute of it.

"I especially love it when students come back and tell me how they graduated and how they're so successful now," she said.

Reichwien is a part of a team. She works with Nora Laredo, division secretary, and Leanna Collings, division clerk.

Both have been Employee of the Month before.

"They're like my two angels," Reichwien said.

"We're here for the students. This office is the last stop for students who need help and don't understand," Reichwien said. "We're the best division on campus."

"We have a new dean, Dr. Carolyn Chambers. She has made our job very easy and has taught us a lot," she said.

"My father always urged me to work for the college," Reichwien said. "I'm pretty much an all Cerritos (woman). My daughter has graduated from here with Teacher TRAC and my son does online courses. I just like Cerritos."

"Besides school, I like sports, especially baseball. Ken Griffey Jr. is my all time favorite and I am a big Manny Ramirez fan. Then there's basketball, not my favorite but I love Shaq," she added.

"Everyone at Cerritos is very helpful. That's why there are so many successful students and there will be many more. I haven't met an instructor who has not been great."

"Students need help from home but also need outside help and that's me and this division," she said.

Reichwien plans to continue to help and work for the school until there's no one else to help.

Senate hears proposed parking fee increase

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Proposed fee increases

Type of fee	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Int'l Student Application Fees - New Applicants	\$40	\$50
Re-admitting Int'l Students	\$25	\$35
Regular semester parking fee	\$20	\$30
Summer parking fee	\$10	\$15
Daily parking fee	\$1	\$2
Fiscal services fee	\$10	\$25
Admissions, records and services fee	\$2	\$3
3 day turn around Admissions, records and services fee	\$5	\$10

*Source: Student Activities

Richard Buckowiecki, the chief of campus police, informed the ASCC Senate about the possible increase of parking permits at the senate meeting on Wednesday.

"I understand no one wants to increase the price, but we need a way to keep the Police Department," Buckowiecki said.

The chief explained that the department does not just give tickets to students without a parking permit; it is here to protect and provide the best service for students.

However, with prices going up and police officers only getting minimum wage, it is going to be much more difficult to maintain.

Buckowiecki further clarified that he wanted the student senate

approval since he knew it would affect its members as well.

The parking permits would be raised from \$20 to \$30 during the Fall and Spring semesters and \$10 to \$20 during the summer session.

Daily permits would go from \$1 to \$2.

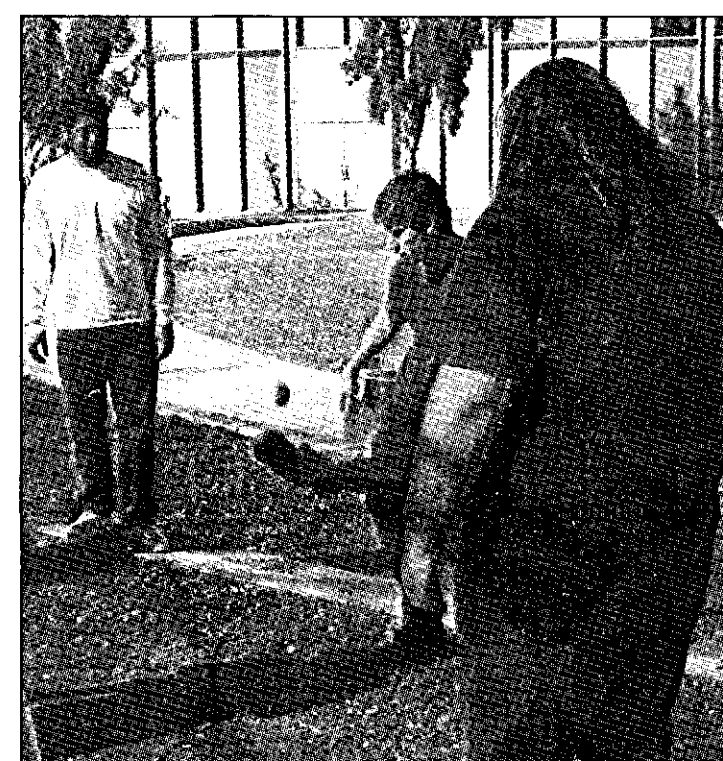
Even if the price of student parking permits were to go up, they would still be lower compared to other schools.

The average cost of parking permits in other community colleges is \$37.94.

Community colleges such as Pasadena and Glendale charge more than \$60 for their parking permits.

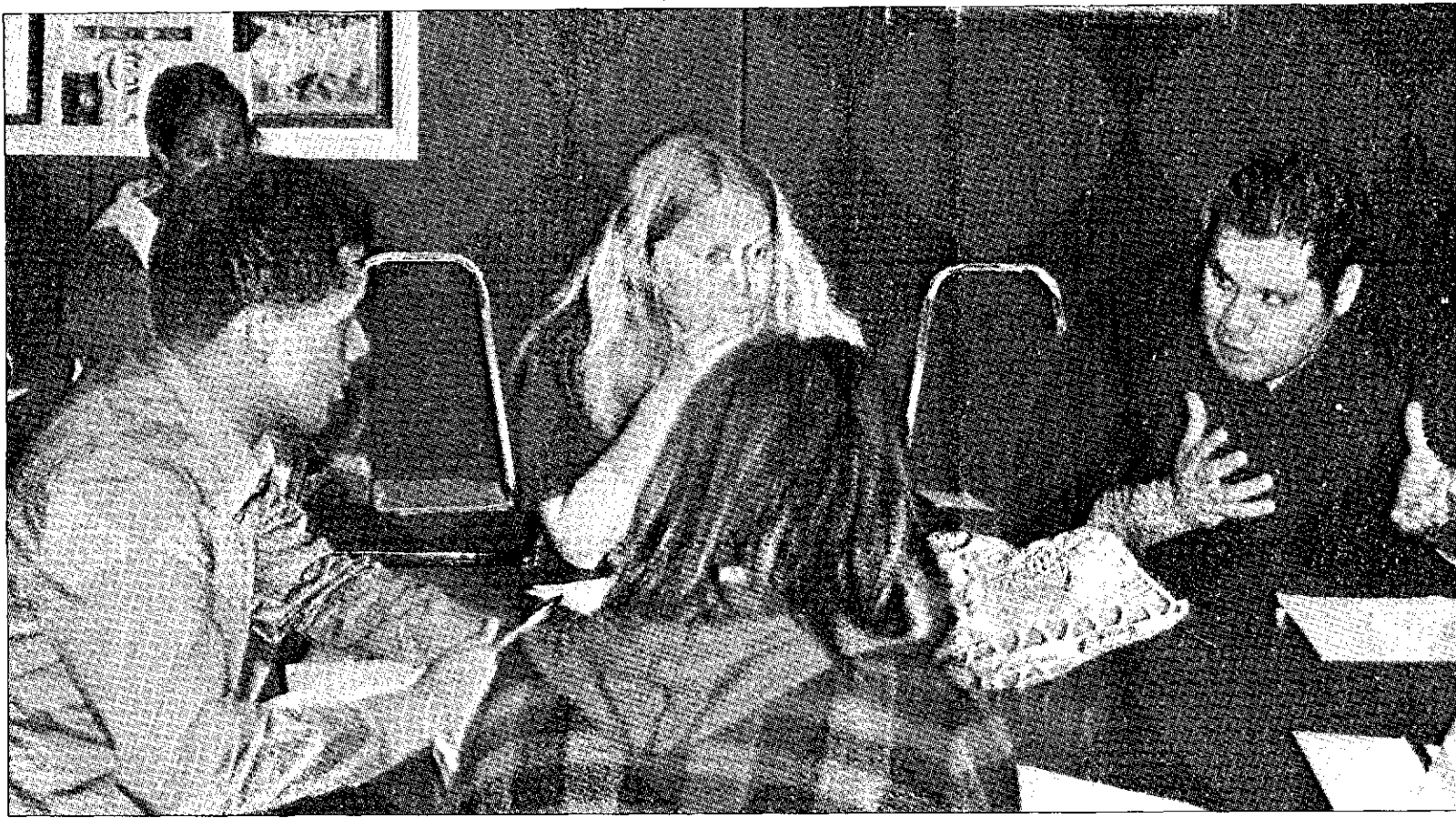
Overall, the increase in price would be to ensure that Cerritos College would maintain a sufficient police force.

FREESTYLE FOOTBAGGING



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Hacky sack: Freddie Ortega, music major, plays hacky sack on the Hill.



ASCC Cabinet: Oscar Franco, commissioner of student outreach, expresses his concern over the graduation petition deadline to ASCC president Michael Barrita.

Cabinet discusses petitions

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The deadline for graduation petitions, along with the club fundraisers, were the two subjects the members of the Cerritos College cabinet tried to stress at its meeting on Monday.

By March 2, all petitions to graduate must be submitted. If they are not turned in by the deadline, the students' name will not appear on the commencement program.

Coordinator of student activities Dean Ackland said, "It breaks my heart to see students at the graduation and not have their name on the program. They bring their families and their friends, and their name does not get called."

More than half of the members of cabinet plan to graduate this year, along with the other thousands of students on campus that plan to do so as well.

ASCC President Michael Barrita is one of the students who will need to preoccupy himself with submitting his petition to graduate.

"I would definitely like to graduate this year, but just like all the other students on campus, I have to

get all my paperwork and my petition ready," he said.

He hopes that other students understand the importance of the deadline and the importance of submitting their petitions in a timely matter.

"I can't even begin to imagine how one must feel when they don't see their name on the commencement program," he exclaimed. "It must be really devastating."

Director of student activities Holly Bogdanovich stressed for cabinet members to spread the word about the petition deadline.

She stated, "If your petition is not submitted prior to the deadline, regardless of your excuse, your name will absolutely not appear in the commencement program."

Also discussed was an update on the fundraisers hosted by the clubs on campus. The date for the car wash fundraiser is set to be next Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Club, cabinet, and senate members are already selling pre-sale tickets for \$5 each.

The money raised by the car wash will be given as scholarships in relations to iFALCON.

"What better way to implement the Habits of Mind campaign than

by providing scholarships to those students who are practicing those habits," said Barrita.

Public relations major Kristin Amberzano is more than excited to participate in the fundraiser.

"I did lots of car washes at my high school and I must admit they were pretty fun," she said. "I'm not part of any club, but I'm still going to go help out just to show some school spirit."

Her brother, history major Robert Amberzano is happy he will be getting a cheap car wash.

He said, "I usually pay \$10 to wash my hummer. I'm only saving \$5 but hey, in these harsh economic times \$5 is a lot. I could buy an entire meal with that."

Barrita informed the cabinet that the "Habits of Mind" campaign was launched last week.

"It was launched at the end of last week and will continue to be implemented in classes for four more weeks," he said.

For the next few weeks, instructors will focus on the concepts of each of the letters in iFALCON.

Biology major Andrew Munoz has yet to see the campaign taught in his classroom.

He expressed, "I have not seen a

difference in the way my professors are teaching their material. I'm still trying to teach myself to study."

Bogdanovich updated the cabinet on the reflection pool construction.

The soil that will be placed as the foundation of the fountain was just ordered.

"Improvements and construction of the reflection pool are coming along slowly, but advancement is taking place nonetheless," she said.

Although it is a small start, Barrita agreed that it is a start nonetheless.

"I'm just glad we got the fountain started already," he said.

The cabinet also mentioned that ASCC presidential applications would be available in four weeks.

Individuals interested in running for ASCC president will need to pick up and fill an application on March 2.

Alvord joins the transformation of Cerritos College

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After traveling 50 states and working on major and famous welding projects all over the country, 67-year-old Alan Alvord has joined the Cerritos College construction team.

Alvord has been welding since he was 11 years old. He used to sneak into his father's welding shop when it was closed just to teach himself how to weld.

"I remember one time I went into the shop when it was closed and I burned some of my dad's rod up," he said. "Boy did I get the whipping of a lifetime when he found out the next morning."

Alvord has worked on various important welding projects all over the country. His most memorable experiences in welding came in the winter of 1984 in Wyoming.

"There was 50 feet of snow outside and everyone that was working on the project was stuck in an office for two days," he recalled.

The snow was so bad outside that no vehicles or people were allowed to leave the area they were working on.

Alvord said he would never forget that blizzard for it marked one of the most terrifying yet thrilling moments of his life.

"It was the worst five years of my life," he said. "Everyday for those five years it was at least 74 degrees below zero."

Welding may seem boring to some people, said Alvord, but it has allowed him to experience so many exciting events.

He has worked on well-known pipelines such as the Alaskan pipeline and the Canadian pipeline.

Not many people can say they traveled the country, visited amazing sites, experienced tremendous adventures, and lived some various memorable moments because of their job, he said.

Alvord was one of the survivors of the explosion that occurred in the Detroit waterline.

Several men were 7 and a quarter miles underwater when the tunnel exploded. Apparently, methane gas was the cause of the explosion.

Alvord was cutting steel when the explosion blew him 3 feet into the water.

"Twenty two men died in that explosion. 22 courageous and hard-working men died that day," he stated.

"I was lucky to have been a survivor of that explosion. Welding has been good to me."

Just a year ago, he went under quadrupel bypass.

He laughs, "I belong to the zipper club." Six weeks after his surgery, he was back at work.

Despite how physically demanding welding may be, it is a profession that will enable you to be successful, he said.

He recommends it to all the students and all the people who are looking into finding a job that not only is fun but also obtains job stability.

Big Bear Dam, Alaskan pipeline, Canadian pipeline, UCLA, Loyola Marymount, Pepperdine, and Fullerton are just some of the many sites he has worked on.

Now, Alvord has joined Cerritos to help beautify its campus.

"I love welding. It's what I'm good at," he tells. "It's time consuming though so I definitely have a lot of ex-wives."

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SNOW FALLS ON CERRITOS



Watch out! Kids enjoy sledding on artificial snow.

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An unusual thing happened on Jan. 30 at Cerritos College; it was hit with snow, which was provided by the Child Development Center for a day of snow and fun.

Snow Day is also known as Parent Involvement Day. It's an opportunity for children and parents to play together in the snow.

Snow Day is just for children in the daycare program and their parents. It is not for children outside the program.

Director Debra Ward stated, "However, if the children in the program have other siblings at home, their siblings and families are welcomed to come and participate."

The goal of Snow Day was to bring families closer by interacting with each other. "We are trying to bring in the family and parent involvement," Ward stated.

Ward wanted children to experience what the snow felt like firsthand therefore decided to have a snow day because this allowed children to play in the snow since Southern California does not get any snowfall.

The children showed up excited and ready to play in the snow with jackets, gloves, scarves, boots and head wraps.

Some parents sat to the side of all the snow action and watched the children have snow fights while other parents like Francie Quas-Berryman got involved in the snow fight.

Clearly, all the children had fun in the event because they had parents like Quas-Berryman to help them win the snowball fight.

Staff member Judy Krause watched all the children from the top of the hill to make sure they played safely.

If a child needed help to get to the top of the hill, she assisted him to assure safety.

Debra Davidson brought her child because she thought, "It would be a good event for (my daughter) to interact outside of school with the other children and the staff."

Davidson was pleased to see her child have fun playing in the snow and thought it was funny when she began to eat it.

Parents like Davidson were pleased with the Child Development program and were happy to praise the staff.

"I thank the staff here for taking good care of our children and our relatives and hopefully they continue this extracurricular activity."

Aside from the snowball fights, there were other activities for the children to do.

If children wanted to take a break from all the playing outdoors, inside the building parents and children were able to watch movies together. With a \$5 fee they were able to get one popcorn, one nachos, two churros and all-you-can-drink hot chocolate.

Last year was the first year the center did the Snow Day and it was very successful, despite not having enough snow.

Ward said, "We did not have enough snow last year for the 400 people that showed up. So this year, to avoid that, we bought double the snow from what we had last year."

"We are happy to provide this particular event and we will do it again next year," concluded Ward.



Peek-a-boo! Little girl looks out from playhouse.

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Pump your breaks, kid! Kids look on as sledder tries to stop in time.

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Bucket o' snow: Boy enjoys building in the snow.

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SPORTS

AT A GLANCE

Wednesday

Softball
vs. Saddleback 3 p.m.

Basketball

Women @ LA City 5:30 p.m.
Men @ LA City 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Baseball

vs. Oxnard 2 p.m.

Tennis

Men vs. San Diego Mesa 2 p.m.

Friday

Swimming

Waterman Pentathlon (@ Palomar) 9 a.m.

Basketball

Women vs. LA Southwest 5:30 p.m.
Men vs. LA Southwest 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Swimming

Waterman Pentathlon (@ Palomar) 9 a.m.

Track & Field

All-Comers Meet 9 a.m.

Baseball

@ Oxnard 1 p.m.

Softball

Green & Gold Tournament All Day

Sunday

Softball

vs. Citrus 11 a.m.
vs. Santiago Canyon 4 p.m.

Tuesday

Tennis

Women vs. Orange Coast 2 p.m.
Men vs. Riverside 2 p.m.

RESULTS

Last Wed 1/28

Basketball

Women @ Compton W 62-53
Men @ Compton L 71-60

Last Thu 1/29

Tennis

Men vs. Glendale W 7-2
Women @ Rio Hondo (scrimmage)

Last Fri 1/30

Softball

vs. Ventura (@ Glendale) W 10-7
vs. Santa Ana (@ Glendale) T 2-2

Baseball

vs. Glendale L 6-12

Basketball

Women @ East LA W 86-50
Men @ LA Harbor W 71-50

Last Sat 1/31

Softball

vs. Imperial Valley W 15-1

Baseball

vs. Rio Hondo W 15-7

Last Sun 2/1

Baseball

vs. College of the Canyons W 7-3

Falcons ready for flight Baseball wins 2 of 3

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The last weekend for the month of January has been a very busy one as the Cerritos College baseball team went 2-1 over the stretch.

The Falcons began on Friday hosting Glendale College and that game definitely didn't go the Falcons way.

After a promising start through the first three innings, the Falcons allowed Glendale to slowly climb back in to the ball game and eventually win it, 12-6.

Cerritos got a hot streak going with some good hitting from designated hitter George Sanchez and catcher David Neff.

Sanchez hit the ball deep in to center field followed by a few RBI hits from Neff and shortstop Max McElenev.

Pitching became the main concern for the Falcons after pitcher Tony Peraza left the game and Glendale began to capitalize on Cerritos defensive mistakes.

As a result, the Falcons made a few pitching substitutions throughout the game looking for answers but none were found and assistant coach Jack Brooks said that although the pitching did struggle for the team, a few of the pitchers are returners from last season and do know better.

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Ready for intent

Many Falcons will be landing into a new nest for the 2009 football season.

A number of players from the Cerritos college football team will be committing to universities on the National Letter of Intent day, which will be held on Wednesday.

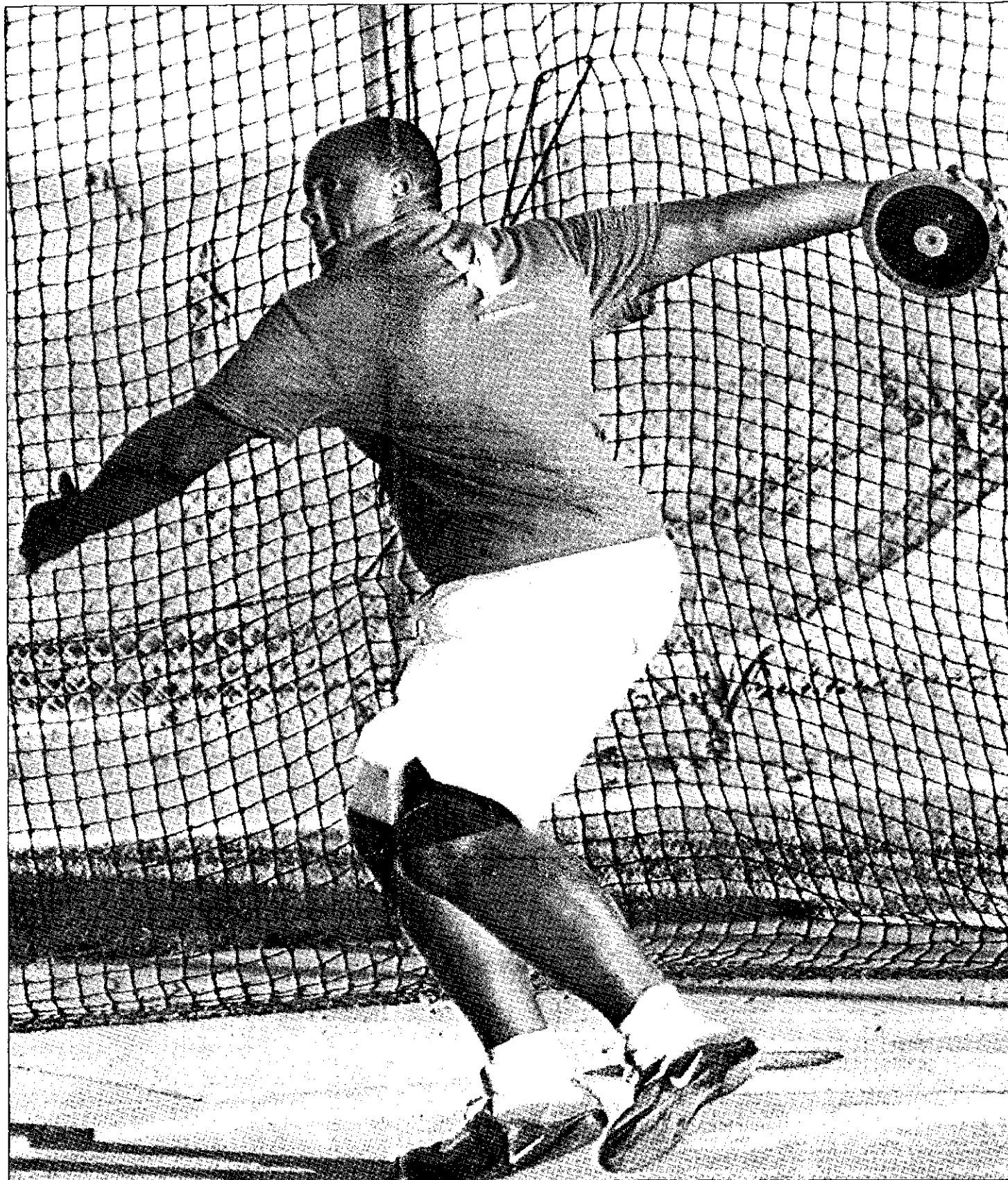
Defensive tackle Johnny Tivao and defensive end Ryan Davis gave an oral commitment to play for Washington University after speculations of them transferring to Cal.

Tivao was named to the All-State team and finished the season with 47 tackles, 10 of which were for loss which was second on the team.

Davis was first team All-Conference and led the team with six sacks and 11 tackles for loss.

Other notable players are linebacker Matthew Moody and Center Adam Cox.

- Rick Gomez
Sports Editor



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Ready for take-off: Jeremy Cutler launches the discus during practice as he prepares for this Saturday's meet.

Track team gets ready for new season

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With women winning the state title last year and new additions to the men's team, there are high expectations for the team overall this season.

Track and field season has started and will have their next meeting on Saturday.

Director of track and field Doug Wells is expecting this year's season to be one of the best yet for Cerritos College.

Wells says with new additions like incoming freshmen Jeremy Cutler and Stephanie Alimatafta, both who hope to help their team out in throwing events can only make the team stronger.

"My No. 1 goal is to help win state this year. Women won last year, but this year both men and women have got to win," Cutler said. "We have too much talent to not

win."

With returning athletes such as returning state champion long jumper, Kristen Joseph, and Cerritos top high jumper, Bruce McCall, Wells believes athletes like these will be key role players this year.

Joseph, who won the California Community College Athletic Association Men's Track and Field State Championship in the long jump, delivering the second longest jump in school history at 24' 9.75", hopes to only get better this year.

While the men's team will be chasing the state title, the women's team will be responsible for defending it.

Coch Michael Allen and assistant coach Lloyd Higgins will be given the task of leading the women's team back to the promise land.

"We have about 60 percent of our women's team returning this year. With athlete's

like Whitney Ashley, one of our top throwers and Jessica Barfield being one of our top jumpers," Allen said, "Our No. 1 goal will be to repeat as regional champions and No. 2 would be to go on to win state."

Other teams are going to be gunning for the state champs and will be looking for the chink in their armor, but Allen has already thought of that.

"We definitely are going to be looking to improve in our sprints. The 100-meters and 200-meters and I think Cynthia Pierce will help us with that," Allen stated.

This week's meet will be held at Cerritos College at 9 a.m.

Freshmen ready for big responsibility

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Sprinter Jenel Lopez is an incoming freshman that hopes to lead the Cerritos women's swim team to the state championships this season.

With a total of eight years in swimming, four in a high school varsity team, Lopez is especially excited to be swimming for Cerritos.

"It is definitely different swimming at a college level," she said. "I'm excited though and hope to be one of the outstanding individuals to lead this team to state championships."

The returners of this season obtain excellent work ethic and will set the example for the incoming freshman, said assistant coach Eddie Kim.

He believes the strength of the returners, along with the fast swimming of three of the new members of the team (one of them being his sister), will pave the way for a competitive and successful season.

"Jenel Lopez, Nataly Peng, and Gina Kim are the three incoming freshman that I believe will set the standard for the rest of the girls," he stated.

"Not only that but the returners of this season are already experienced and provide an example as to how the team's work ethic should be."

Returner Stephanie Rosero is confident the team will excel all expectations and will have an incredible season.

"(The team) has a lot more swimmers this season, and faster swimmers at that," she said.

Due to the talented breaststrokes and the fast long distance swimmers, she feels the team will surpass all other teams in the relay race.

"I am 100 percent sure that our team will be outstanding in the relay," she exclaimed. "The team has all the potential to have more people at state this season."

Head coach Sergio Macias is also confident in the team's potential.

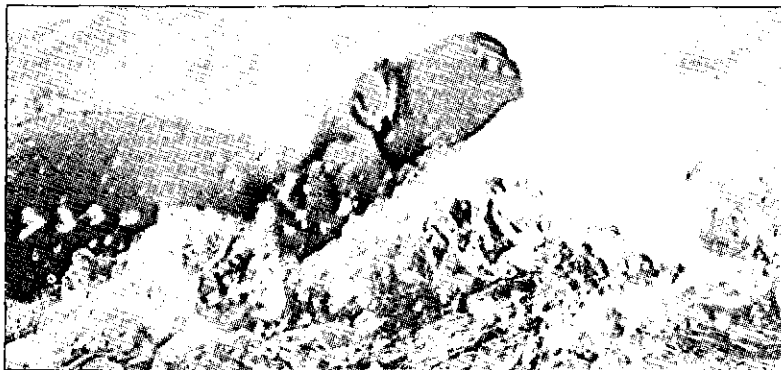
He states, "The team is deeper in terms of the quantity

of swimmers and their quality of swimming."

The swimmers just need to have a positive attitude in and out of the pool, he said.

Lopez, although a new member of the team, thinks the team has the unity and the right attitude that will help it succeed.

"Everyone is like a family here," she said. "Not only are the swimmers really cool outside of the pool, but during practice everyone tends to be committed in helping everyone else out, whether it is a difficult swimming technique or even freestyle."



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Woman vs. Water: Andy Garcia swims across the pool during practice.

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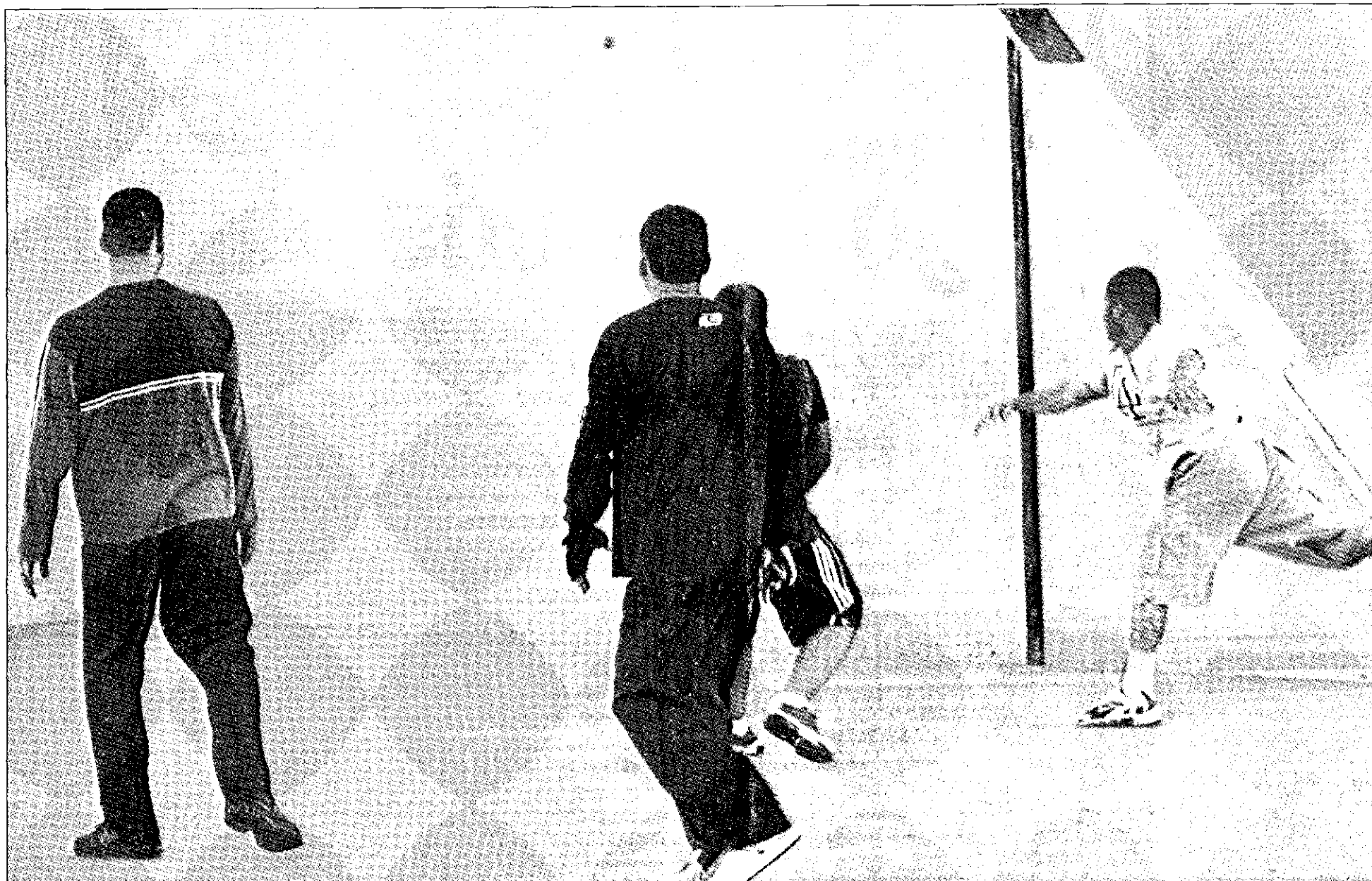
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Off the wall: Daniel Ruiz and a group of friends meet up after work to play a pick up game of handball. Ruiz says Cerritos College is a convenient location for the group to meet up and play.

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Handball, the unsung sport

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On any given weeknight after 5 p.m., you can walk past the Cerritos College gymnasium and see a large group of people gathering to play a game known as handball.

Everybody out there has their own story about how they ended up at Cerritos College to play handball. Daniel Ruiz, employee at a local cookie plant, was actually a previous student at Cerritos.

"Since 2004, I've been coming here to

Cerritos and playing handball on my days off from school and work," Ruiz said.

Ruiz, who took Auto-CAD courses back in 2004, saw the handball courts on campus and has been playing at Cerritos College ever since.

Ruiz even recruited others to join him.

"It's great," Ruiz said, "We get spectators out here. Friends and family come out to watch."

He didn't only bring spectators; he actually started out by bringing only one friend from work, and as of now he meets up with a group of six to seven co-workers.

"It's funny," Ruiz said. "I invited one friend, he invited one friend and it just grew from there."

Among Ruiz's group there were a couple of others who had many great things to say about playing handball at Cerritos College.

Alfredo Guzman and Vladimir Lopez are co-workers of Ruiz and enjoy the weekly gathering of friends and family.

"I've only been playing handball for five months but I like being able to come each week to play," Lopez said.

Cerritos College worked out well for this group of men, being right in the middle of

everyone's home and work.

"This is a central location for everybody at work. It's close to everybody's home, that way everyone can play. Basically it's a great gathering point," Guzman stated.

While from the outside, people might think that a big tournament is going on, in fact it is something quite the opposite.

"Others play a different way, so we usually play with the people we come with," Guzman explained.

"By playing a different way, some use wooden palm paddles, it's just a faster game."

Falcons start year strong

BASEBALL: Continued From PAGE 4

Brooks also stated that with more practice and game experience as the season progresses, the Falcons will show much improvement down the line.

Against Rio Hondo, plate discipline was the definite key to victory as Cerritos made a slow comeback thanks to give away pitches from the Roadrunners.

It looked as if Cerritos would lose its second game in a row being down 7-2 but it managed to tie the score up in the seventh inning with an RBI hit by freshman C/1B Jacob Eaton and Lemuel Jackson with the bases loaded to take the lead.

The Roadrunners managed to tie the game back up at 8-8 but the Falcons took the game over with four consecutive hits and a few game winning RBI hits from McEleney and Paul Hayes.

Cerritos finished the game and won 15-7.

Hosting College of Canyons, the Falcons won this game convincingly, 7-2.

Sanchez clearly stated that if the team play stays consistent the way it did against the Cougars, it can make a run at a conference title and state as well.

Clutch hitting was also a key factor in the Falcons win, with an RBI triple from Hayes in the fourth inning to give them a 5-1 margin.

When Sanchez exited the ball game, the defense of Cerritos stayed disciplined and focused to insure that no comeback would be made by the Cougars.

However, there was a slight scare in the fifth inning when the second base umpire was hit in his left ankle by a line drive and the Cougars batter was still thrown out at first base.

College of Canyons never made any significant runs in the game and handed the Falcons a win.

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OPINION

•EDITORIAL•

Funds need to go to needs

With the economy in flux and future economic earnings in question, is it really the right time to be spending money on the beautification of the campus?

The ASCC has some really good ideas for the campus such as the book exchange program and replacing drinking fountains around campus.

But this is not the time to spend student money on things like a new ASCC sign and a reflection pool.

For the time being, the school and the ASCC are not in any economic crisis, there might be a day in the near future where the money that is being spent now might be needed for important educational programs.

Even if that time never comes, the money should be used in a way that helps students here and now.

The idea is to be frugal in our spending. Budget cuts are looming over Cerritos, so all economical aspects of the school need to be carefully thought out.

The funds that are going to a reflection pool and a new sign on campus should be going into the scholarship program that has already been set up.

Those same funds can help the water fountain program move along.

Spending money on campus beautification is something to be addressed in a few years, when the economy is healthy and budget cuts aren't coming from every direction.

Something needs to be done about the parking situation at the beginning of school. New parking lots aren't necessarily the answer because the back rows of the parking lots do open up after a couple weeks into the semester.

But something less permanent could be available. Not being able to find a parking spot isn't acceptable. Students need to come to class.

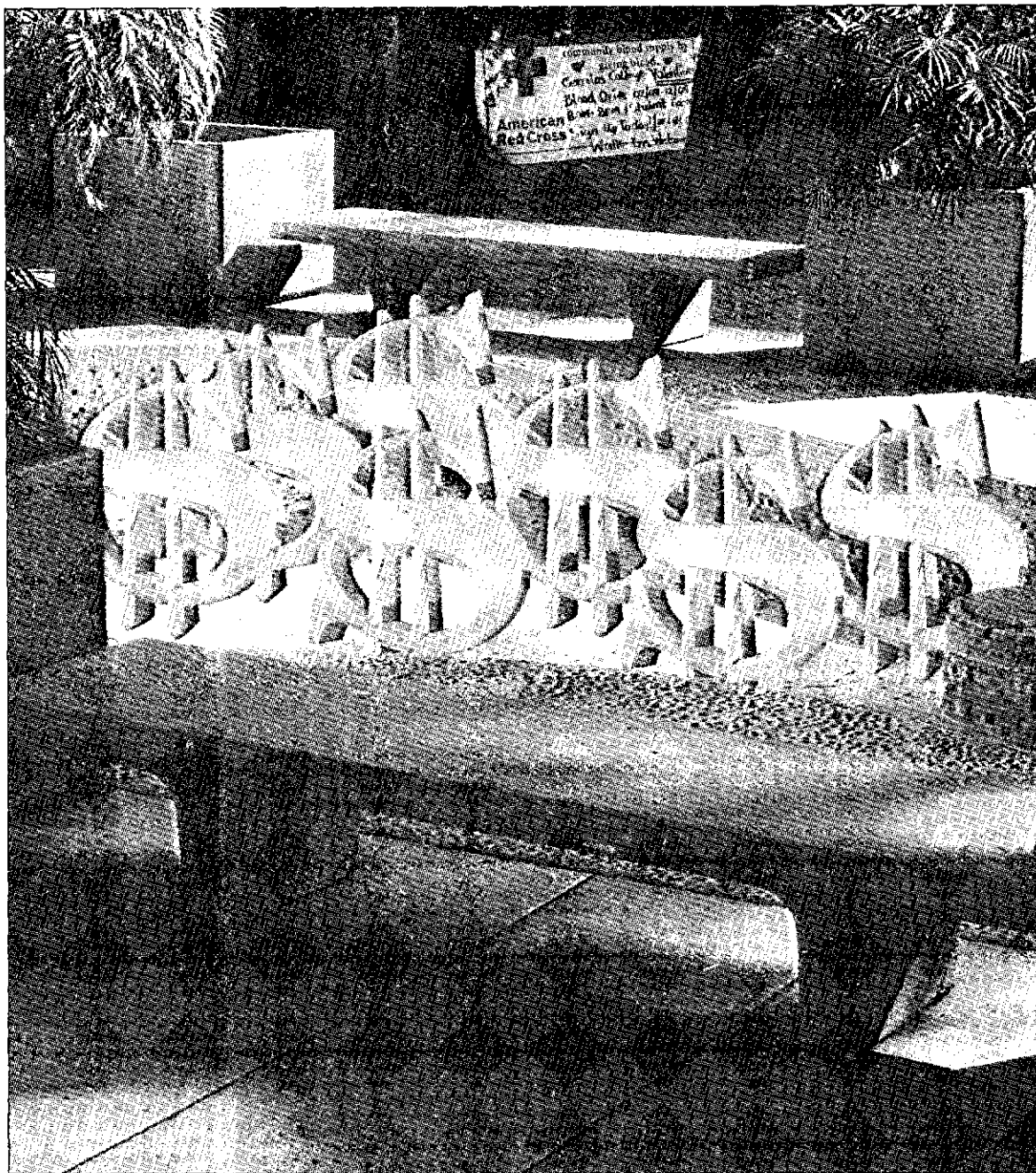


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Today's video games have lost their way

Video games need to revert back to the classics.



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As a gamer, I have to say video games nowadays have really lost their touch.

I remember when I would be parked in front of the TV for hours playing "Mario Party" or "Super Mario Bros," now I play "Halo" for about 20 minutes and get bored and shut off my system and won't play for a week.

What happened?

Games just aren't what they used to be.

What was the key necessity that gave the old games the pizzazz that would keep people hooked on it for days and days without end.

Old games that were good were on the SNES, N64, and even Playstation like "Donkey Kong," "GoldenEye," and "Crash Bandi-

coot," games with levels and bosses, not the meaningless killing rampage games.

These put me to sleep.

The old games also had built-in memory so you can save on the cartridge, not have to go out and buy a memory card, and other unnecessary things.

Without them, you would have to start over from the beginning unless you play throughout the whole game in one sitting, which is what I used to do.

The new systems are fixing that with "built-in flash drives."

Just because the graphics are better does not mean that the game play will be better.

Graphics should be the least of the issues of a game.

Old graphics were so lousy but those were what made the game entertaining because it was what drew the attention to the cartoon that you could control.

They even had parts that went through walls because they were so lousy.

But why not come up with an interesting storyline, how about that?

The Playstation 3 and X-Box 360 have too much expectations to play it, like a high definition TV and so much junk that it makes it too complicated.

But I, myself, own an X-Box 360, but have yet to find a game to occupy my time. I have found a couple for the regular X-Box.

Popular games nowadays are "Halo," "Rock Band," "Gears of War," and "Grand Theft Auto."

What is the point of these games? I've played a majority of them and wasn't

really entertained.

Popular games in the old days were "Sonic the Hedgehog," "Super Mario Bros," "Pac-Man," and "Tetris."

I still play all of these games to this day, and honestly I can play for hours on end, hunched over the computer.

Some of the old games have been converted into playable versions for the new systems, which is a big "no."

The new systems change too much and make it much less fun.

Games were meant to be something that could not possibly happen but you could do it anyways because that's what they're for.

They are not to play in a war and kill people. If you want to do that go join the army.

I want these excessively violent games to end, and want the old games with jumping on mushrooms and evil man-eating flowers to come back, before games are dead forever to the classical gamer like me.

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What should the school spend its money on?

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REBECCA MARTINEZ
undecided major
"I think the school needs more beautification. It should look nice and welcoming."



MICHAEL OTAMENDI
poli. science major
"It needs to stop cutting classes. It needs to find a way to provide more classes for students."



JOSE CARRILLO
biology major
"It should stop trying to beautify the campus and concentrate on providing more classes."



ABNER BENITEZ
busi. admin. major
"It needs to provide more physical education classes. Most of the ones that weren't cut are now too full."



ALEXIS MONTERO
psychology major
"I think the place where you learn is important. Having said that, I think it should get better desks for students."



AMANDA GARCIA
liberal arts major
"It should try to provide sets of books to be utilized in classrooms instead of forcing students to buy them."



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Streaming Cerritos with music

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9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
"Keeping It Real"
11-1 p.m.
"Wild Card Show"
1-2 p.m.
"The Underground Sounds"
2-3 p.m.
"Hour of Neil/Country Rock"
3-5 p.m.
"The Juk3box"
5-7 p.m.
"Below the Radar"
7-10 p.m.
"WPMD Nighttime Show"
10-11 p.m.
"Enfoque Académico: Humanidades, Artes y Ciencias"

Tuesday

11 a.m. - noon
"Oldies Show"
2-1 p.m.
"Community Awareness"
1-2 p.m.
"Tapes and Wax"
2-4 p.m.
"That's Good Stuff"
4-5 p.m.
"Mo' Power Radio Show"
5-6 p.m.
"Billy Mo' Show"
8-9 p.m.
"The Beatles Show"

Wednesday

10 a.m. - noon
"Alegria en La Radio"
Noon - 2 p.m.
"Photo-Op with DJ Wingard"
2-3 p.m.
"The Real Alternative"
3-4 p.m.
"You and Your Career"
4-4:30 p.m.
"Where's the Fun?"
5-7 p.m.
"Rock en Español"
7-9 p.m.
"Old Skool"

Thursday

10-11 a.m.
"Break Lab"
11 a.m. - noon
"The Bottom Line Sports Talk"
11 a.m. - noon
"B's Mix"
3-4 p.m.
"My POV"
4-5 p.m.
"Angel's Music Culture"
6-7 p.m.
"Dance Radio"
7-9 p.m.
"In the Club"

Friday

9-10 a.m.
"Raising the Bar"
10-11 a.m.
"Writers Anonymous"
Noon - 1 p.m.
"80s Flashback Hour"
2-4 p.m.
"Transgression Overthrown"



On a Cerritos radio: Sheila Olaiz, broadcast journalism major, is the host of one of the many shows on WPMD.

CELIA LIRA/TM

Cerritos students can go live on air

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Cerritos College offers a certificate and an AA degree in mass communications that will prepare students on radio and TV jobs.

Classes for this program are offered only during the spring and fall semester.

Students are trained to go into radio with verbal as well as written skills; they are also able to build an audio portfolio.

Dennis Clare, operations manager, said, "We try to give our students as much of a real world experience as possible."

"Some students work on-air or behind the scenes when they get out of the program," Clare added. "Promotion spots and/or scholarships are also offered to some students at the

end of the semester."

Cerritos College has an Internet radio station, www.wmpd.org.

It is run by Cerritos staff as well as students.

Claire said, "We want to be the alternative to mainstream music radio stations."

The WPMD AM is talk radio, news, weather, directions to Cerritos College and more.

Whether you need to fill in an elective course or you have a passion for broadcasting, the Internet radio program will train you with hands-on experience.

Anthony Sandoval, mechanical engineering major, "I took the radio production class, and I enjoyed it, it was fun, got to talk to people and be on the radio live on air."

Clare said, "Students can audition to participate on the air two hours a week and they can choose their own show."

There are studios available for students to get prepared and rehearse for their shows.

Sheila Olaiz, broadcast journalism major, said some studios charge you around \$200 for studio time, but here she is able to come in and use the studio as long as she needs it, if available.

She has a radio show every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. called the Sassy Spitfire Show.

"I got into the program in 2006 and this is my second semester doing the show," Olaiz said. "I haven't gotten into the journalism part of it because I love it here, sometimes (the studio) has to almost kick me out."

She said, "To get my radio show, all I had to do was take the R1V 155 radio production class, pass the midterm exam and audition."

"It's self expression, (the teachers) guide you and it's very hands on."

Olaiz hopes to get an internship at a radio station by the summer; she would like to one day work for a radio station, maybe Jack FM or KROQ.



MARIA MORALES/TM

B's Mix: Ivonne Burciaga and Tito Benadides host their show together on Thursdays.

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'Dragonball' should burst into flames

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"Dragonball Z: Burst Limit" for the X-Box 360 and PS3 is based on the popular TV series, "Dragonball Z."

The game goes from single player to online multiple players.

Long story short, if you're a "Dragonball Z" fan, you will not like this game.

This is probably one of the worst games ever made about this series, much worse than "Ultimate Battle 22."

The playable characters are:

- Goku,
- Gohan (young and teen),
- Krillin,
- Piccolo,
- Tien,
- Yamcha,
- Raditz,
- Nappa,
- Saibamen,
- Vegeta,
- Ginyu,
- Recoome,
- Freiza,
- Bardock,
- Android(s) 16-18,
- Cell,
- Future Trunks and
- Broly.

It starts off with the basic Sayian Saga, which led me to believe it would be good, but then I saw the "Drama Mode," which would stop randomly in the middle of the game for a five-minute speech for the opponent or the player.

That got old really fast.

In Freiza Saga, it was missing a lot of the Ginyu Force.

It only goes up to Cell Games, but does not feature Cell Jr. or Dr. Gero.

It didn't even cover the Hyperbolic Training parts or Goku's heart disease. That had me really angry.

Two movies were covered, the "Bardock" movie and "Broly," so that gives this game some points.

Bardock becomes a playable

character after beating the Frieza saga and the Bardock level, as well as Broly.

I really loved the Broly level. Honestly, this is the only reason why I continued to play this game.

They really screwed up the storyline in this game.

I had more fun playing the "Legacy of Goku" series (which is a great series by the way), but that's saying a lot since it was a game for the GameBoy Advance.

The game was too easy. I had this game finished the same day I rented it.

This game wouldn't be a time killer, since it doesn't kill that much time.

The fighting part was a bit complicated at first, same with the specials, but after about maybe three or four attempts, people should get the hang of it.

The graphics were awesome.

The ki blast collision was epic, but what was better was the special move collision like the Kamehameha collided with the Galick Gun.

Actually, any special effect was just a beautiful sight for any gamer.

Other than the graphics, this is just an okay game.

The other additions to the game is the campaign mode, which is 100 battles until the gamer loses.

It's the same characters over just randomized after every 20.

The game also has an online ability where you can host campaign modes with other people.

This is just a remake of "Budo-kai."

The company could have at least put in Cell Jr., or Great Saiyaman, or at least the rest of the Ginyu force. Hercule would have been good too.

I give this game a four out of five for graphics, and a one out of five for the actual game play.

Bad cop? No, good cop!

Movie Review

Paul Blart: Mall Cop

Starring: Kevin James and Keir O'Donnell

Director: Steve Carr

Rating: 👍👍👍

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They say shoot for the moon; even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.

This works perfectly with "Paul Blart: Mall Cop," the latest movie starring Kevin James.

I went in expecting a horrible movie. Fortunately, my expectations were not met.

It was a good movie, with witty jokes and without the foul language. It's quite good for being a PG-rated film.

The premise of the film is about a mall security guard, played by Kevin James (TV's "King of Queens"), who dreams of becoming a state police officer.

His hypoglycemia, however, prevents him from reaching his dream, so he settles for patrolling mall



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grounds.

While on patrol, the mall is overrun by a rogue security guard and his team of professional thieves.

They take over the mall using high tech gadgets, skateboards, and BMX bikes. James' dream girl and daughter are kidnapped by the thieves, which makes James turn

into the hero of the movie.

It was these kind of corny characters that might hurt any other movie, but they actually complemented this one.

James is a big guy, so seeing him as the action hero character was a great change of pace.

He did all of his own stunts.

It comes as no surprise that

James also trains professionally in Mixed Martial Arts.

The movie does a great job parodying action movies, with James adding his own bit of self-deprecating humor.

Throughout all his blunders though, he reigns victorious in this kind-hearted film.

Filth rocks the Cradle on the 'devil's thunder'

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Cradle of Filth's latest album "Godspeed on the Devil's Thunder" brings back the true meaning of gothic history with the demonic scriptures of the life of Gilles de Rais who was a brother in arms to Joan of Arc, but probably most famous for his reign of terror as a serial killer.

The album title came from a valediction the

vocalist Dani Filth used to end a letter.

The album contains 13 songs. Three of them are instrumentals.

Cradle brings back its old style from its earlier work like "Midian," and "Vempire or Dark Faerytales."

This album has the most melodic guitar riffs than any other this band has done.

The lyrics make the band what it once was and defined what it is with the dark sinister lyrics

that made it the second loved band from England after Iron Maiden.

It makes learning about the ancient times of Europe a headbanging good time.

The lyrics are just so amazing and as descriptive as in a Bible text.

The songs are kind of like a dark, eerie version of Jim Morrison.

This album is just an epic dream of black metal.

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