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Rally riles broke students



Back in the day, he's not a kid anymore: *Rapper Ahmad who now attends Stanford started at Long Beach City College dares us to reach for the stars.*

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Hundreds show up to support community colleges

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"We know we are key. People are unemployed, need jobs, they can get that in a community college. For every dollar that is given to a community college, four is given back to the public," stated Dr. Paulette Perfumo, president of Pasadena City College.

On Feb. 28, Pasadena City College hosted a rally against the budget cuts and fee increases for colleges around the state.

Students and faculty from Rio Hondo, West L.A.,

Glendale, Santiago Canyon, Mt. SAC, Cypress, Fullerton, College of the Desert, Orange Coast and Santa Ana were there.

However, there was no sight of Cerritos College students present.

Thankfully, according to Perfumo by the end of the rally, the funding passed and schools won't have to increase prices.

Nevertheless, due to the budget cuts, many community colleges including Cerritos College were affected.

"There is a tremendous amount of cutbacks. Our libraries aren't open as late anymore and it's hard on stu-

dents who take classes at night," said Monique Smith, West L.A. College student.

According to Tina Lamb, student body president at Santiago Canyon College, the student government at her school is doing the best it can to raise money.

"My school is doing a marathon and other fundraisers to gain money to save some classes," Lamb shared.

"There is no good in raising prices. People need opportunity," said Eric Sinanyan, student senate member at Glendale College.

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SLOs on agenda

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A detailed presentation of how student learning outcomes and instructional program reviews should be presented and submitted was provided at the general faculty meeting at 11 a.m. on Thursday.

Faculty President Bryan Reece and Chair of the Instructional Program Review Committee, Mark Fronke, hosted the meeting with hopes of getting the faculty on the page and encouraging it to collaborate as a group.

Reece said, "(The faculty) is facing several learning challenges, but it knows what it needs to do to overcome them."

He added, "If Cerritos College wants to be a great learning institution, it needs to collaborate together as a group and pull in the same direction toward student success."

The accreditation team that placed Cerritos College on warning made the expansion of SLOs one of the eight required improvements for the college.

Therefore, the faculty will need to learn how to improve their SLOs and continue to produce their Instructional Program Review reports.

Reece and Fronke were responsible for explaining a 16-page description of what Student Learning Outcomes and Instructional Program Reviews are and how to improve those reports.

One of the topics explained by Reece was that although the workload would be intensive, the SLO approach would be faculty driven rather than administrative driven.

This means that teaching practices will be determined by faculty members and learning outcomes will be written by colleagues.

Though it is an area of controversy, it is recommended, Reece said.

He also stressed the "Habits of Mind" campaign, saying that it encourages the purpose and goal of improving student success.

Fronke tried to encourage the faculty by saying that although it will be a difficult process, everyone on the SLO and IPR committee are there to help.

Cal Grants funding put on hold for spring

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The budget crisis that the state of California had the last few weeks is the reason that there was a 45-day delay on the funding of the Cal Grant for the spring semester.

Veronica Castro, account technician, said, "On Feb. 20, we learned from the state that there was going to be a 45-day delay on the money for Cal Grants, only 85 percent of the advancement that we normally get, was sent to us this semester."

"There were about 200 students that did not get their Cal Grant money," Castro added. "But they will get it when by mid to end of the semester."

She continued, "Many of them

have other rewards funded by other programs like scholarships or Pell Grant, but still many students called me concerned that they were not going to get their money, but they are surprisingly understanding of the situation."

Angela Thompson, criminal justice major, said, "I was shocked when I found out that I wasn't going to get the Cal Grant money."

"I am a single mom of three. I need to support my family and go to school. I did receive money from scholarships, but I was really counting on this money."

"My son, that also attends Cerritos, has to buy tools for his automotive class. I will have to ask family members or my church to borrow money."

The Cal Grant money that was received was disburse to those students that apply the earliest, the ones that waited a little longer to apply were the ones that were affected by the delay.

There is no set date when the Cal Grant money will be disbursed. The 45-day delay is all the information that the financial aid office received from the state.

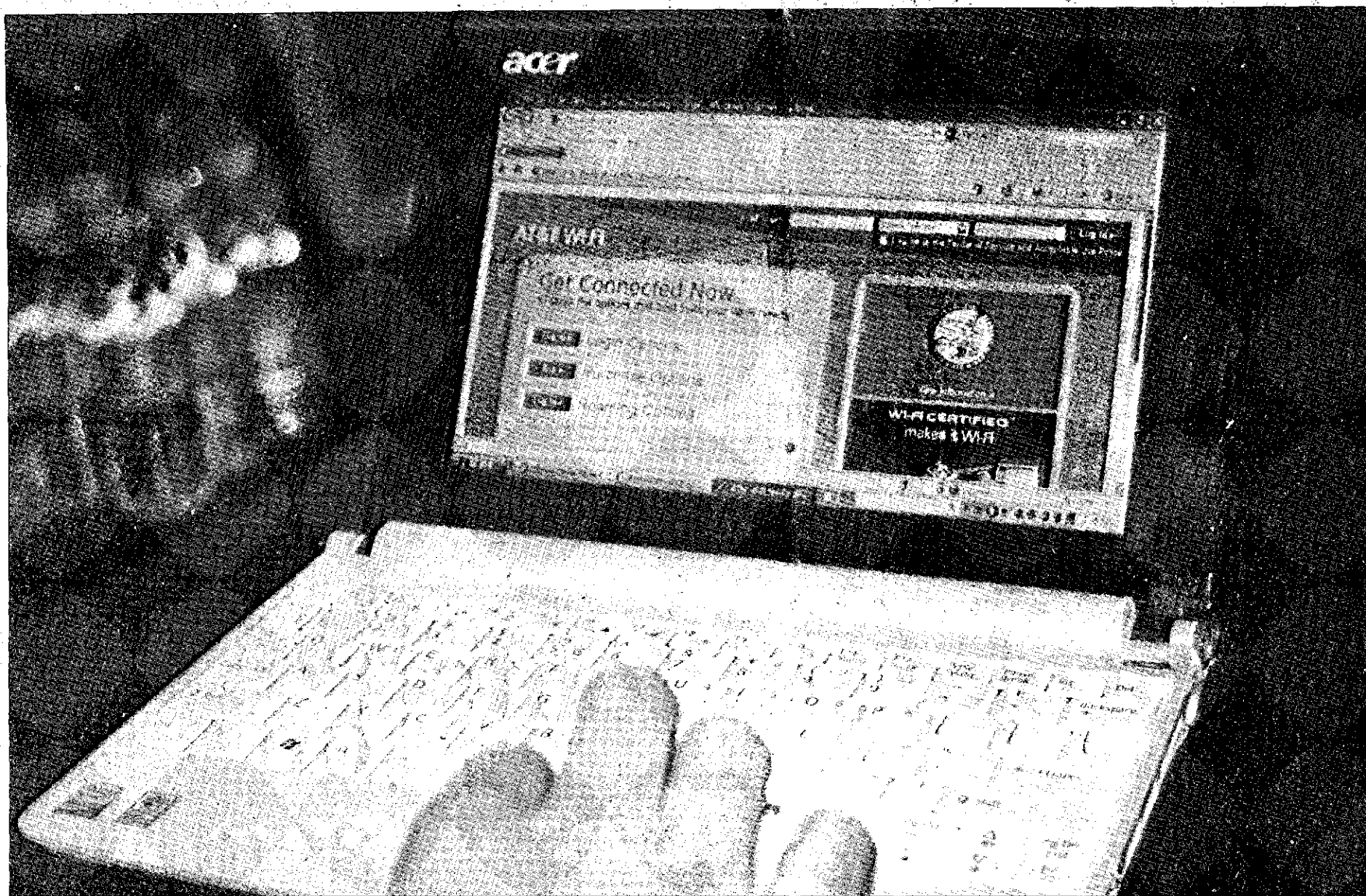
Castro has been working at Cerritos for four years and never saw anything like this.

She says that two years ago, the school had received more money than it needed and it had to send some back. That was only one time though.



Waiting is the hardest part: Bryan and Ryan Mitchell wait patiently in the financial aid line.

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Get connected now: A student's laptop displays the AT&T wifi landing page where one can purchase the wifi currently provided at Cerritos.

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Free wifi @ Cerritos in the works

Cerritos looks at other schools for ideas on free wifi for students.

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Cerritos College is looking to install a wifi network open to all students around campus free of charge.

The project is currently in phase one, which means that other colleges that currently have such a system in place are being researched.

Oscar Franco, student outreach commissioner, said "Currently, Cypress College is offering free wifi, and Rio Hondo to my understanding as well."

Franco explained the ASCC is trying to get in touch with other colleges to find out how the system is being implemented, who the provider is, how its being funded and what security measures need to be taken to install such a network.

Cerritos College currently has a wifi network in place, but it is not free. It is only available to AT&T users, explained Director of Student Activities Holly Bogdanovich.

"I doubt every student on campus would want to subscribe to AT&T just to receive free wifi at school," she said.

Although receiving WiFi on campus is convenient for most students, it creates a problem for the computer labs.

If students are provided with the usage of WiFi, the computer labs will have less demand.

Franco explained, "What the school is afraid of is that the computer labs will no longer be of use of less students will attend them for academic assistance."

"We are trying to figure out a way not only provide the service for students, but

also not create a problem or conflict with computer labs," expressed Bogdanovich.

Some students agree that they would use computer labs less if they would be capable of receiving free wifi service on their laptops.

Marlett Alvarez, administration of justice major, explained that she would rather use her laptop than the computer lab. "I think it would work good if you're willing to do the work. It can be both an aid and a distraction for students," she said.

ADDITIONAL REPORTING BY
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Disney offers jobs to Cerritos

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The Disney College Program is on campus to give presentations about their internship program.

Their first presentation was held at SL 109, on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

There will be three more presentations on Thursday at noon in SL 109.

The other presentations will be on Thursday, at 4:30pm in HS 104 and March 26 at 4 p.m. in SS 139.

"This is a great opportunity to learn and become a professional," stated campus representative for Cerritos College at Disney, Krystal Stanton.

The presentation consists of a Power Point presentation, two introduction videos, and an application process.

Katie Mock, a recruiter from Disney, explained that students would be taking collegiate courses, lecture courses, and will get to work with the park with benefits.

"Disney interns will get discounts on Disney merchandise, 16 chances to get friends in for free, and it really looks good on a resume," said Mock.

Nevertheless, Mock stated that interns have to be available five days a week, including weekends.

Also, interns must keep be able to maintain a strict dress code.

"Interns must have natural colored hair. Men must keep their hair above their ears, no visible tattoos, and no spacers," Mock described.

The reason Disney is so strict, Mock clarified, is because Disneyland wants to do their best to be presentable.

The program lasts about seven months from May to December.

There are around 18 specific roles available such as attractions, stores, custodial, food and beverage.

Stanton shares, "The jobs may seem small, but they are a big help." She started working at a Disney store where she learned how to be more responsible and manage her time better which helped her with other jobs.

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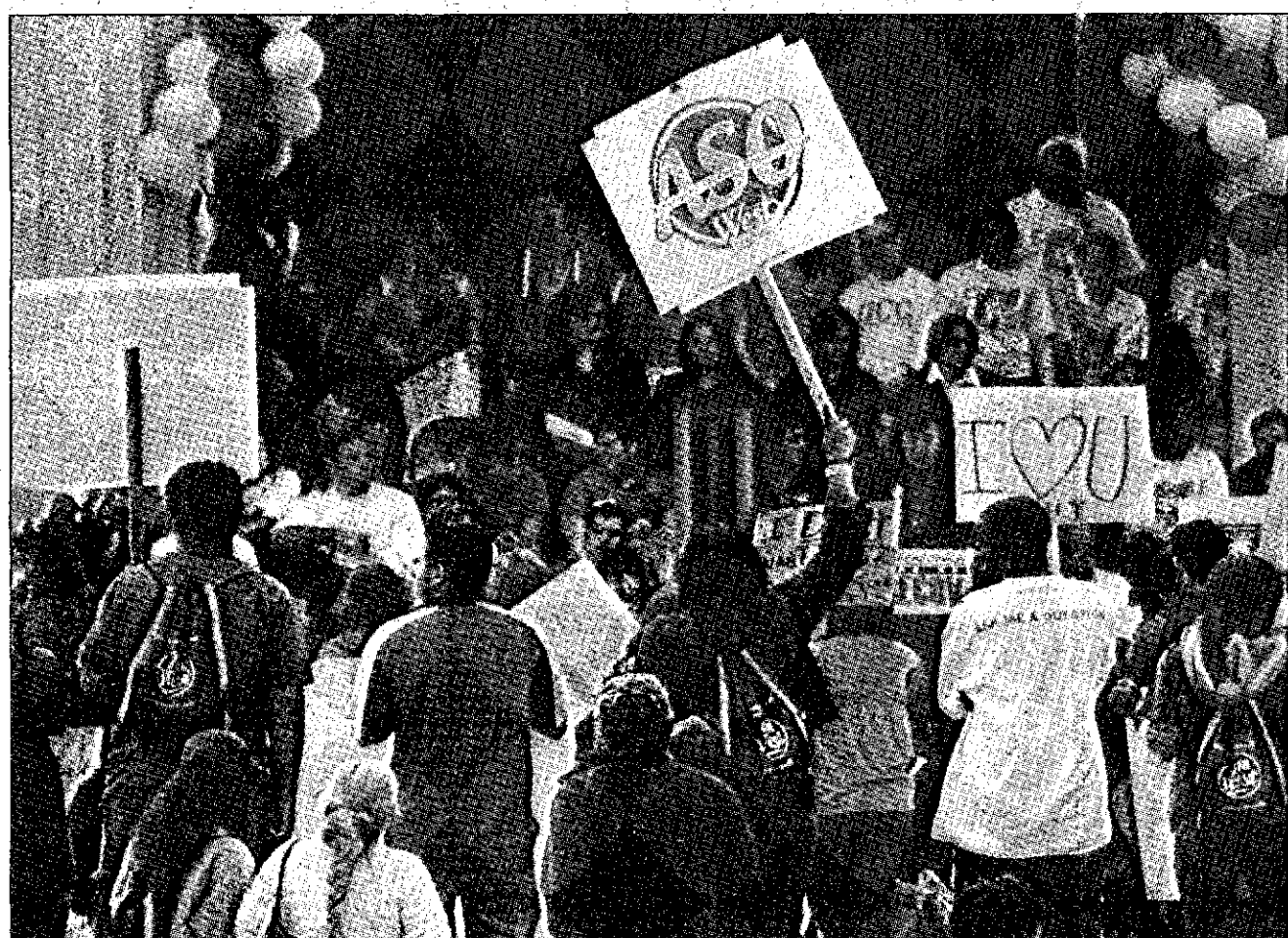
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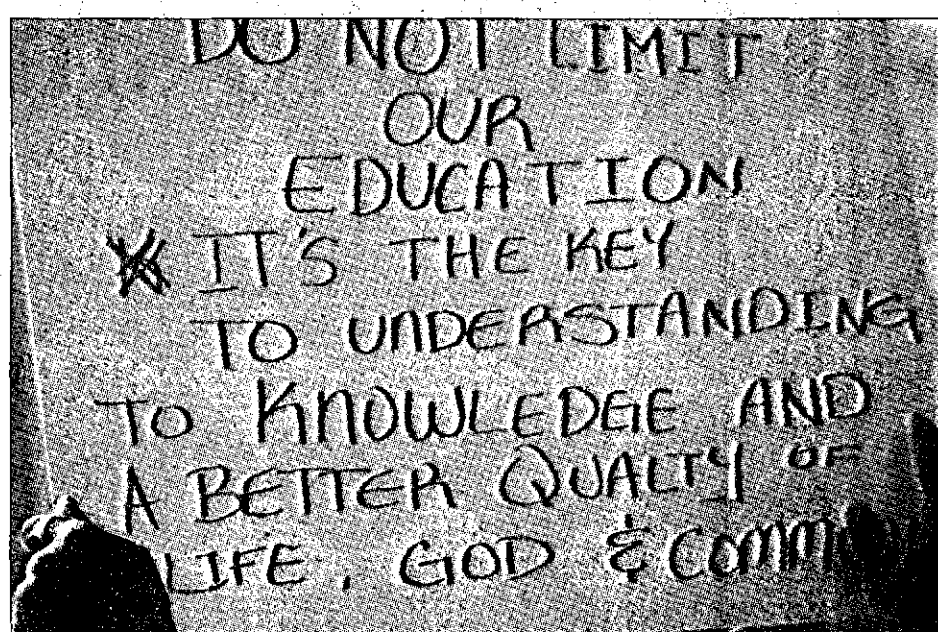
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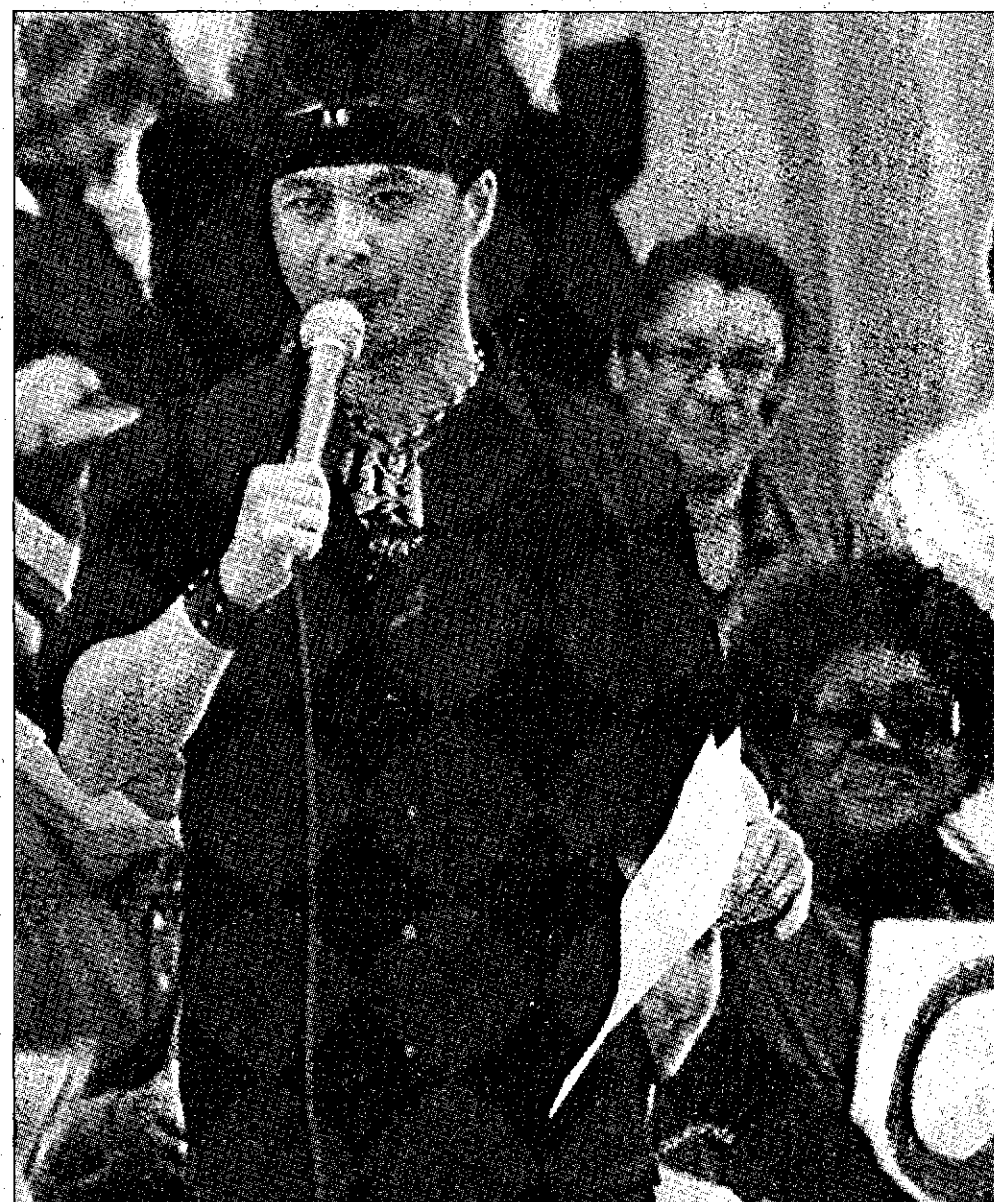
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Bringing a little humor to those in need: Comedian Dat Phan served as MC at the rally.

Rally to help colleges held at Pasedena CC

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As Cynthia Bamboise went up to the podium, a head nurse, explained to the students at the rally that 97 percent of the nurses she hires to work for her come from community college.

Perfumo, to help lighten the mood, introduced Dat Phan, the winner of NBC's "Last Comic Standing" and touring comedian, to the podium.

At the end of the rally, Dat Phan performed a 30-minute

comedy routine for the students to enjoy.

"I would not have won 'Last Comic Standing' if it weren't for community college. I was terrified of public speaking. I failed algebra. But now, I use algebraic equations in my comedy act," Dat Phan shared.

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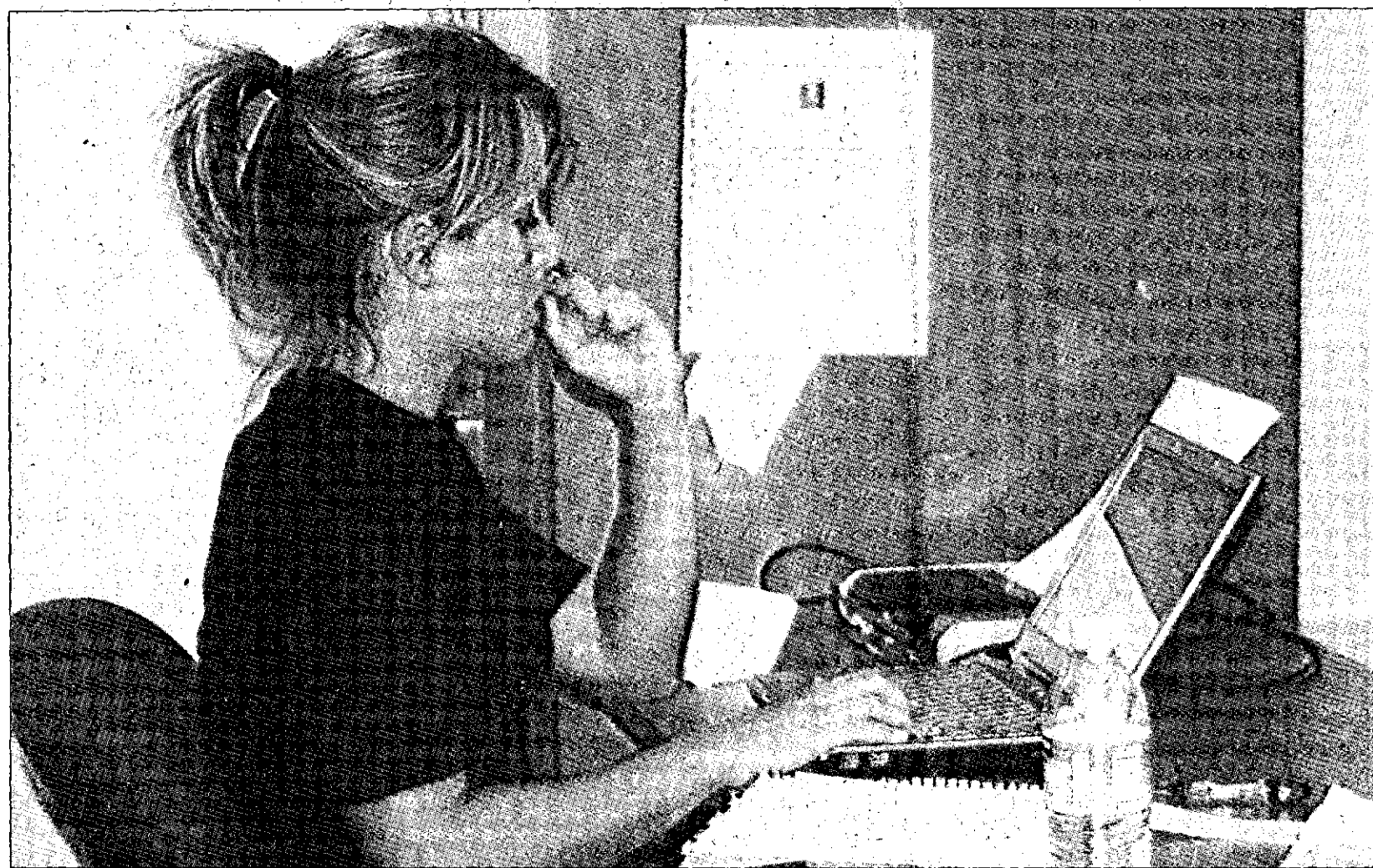
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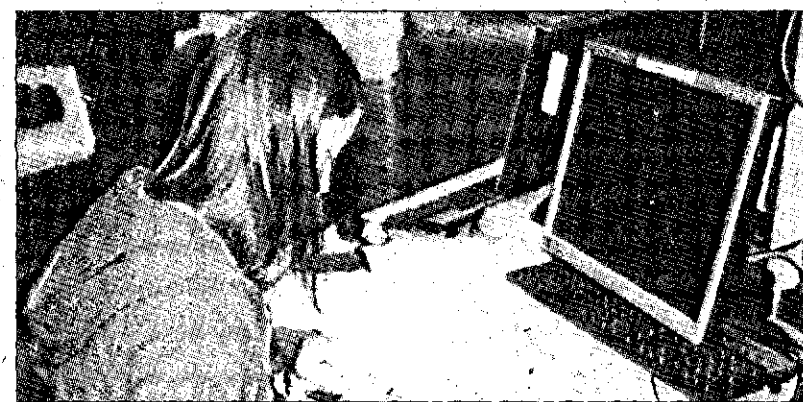
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This class is a nail biter: Jennifer Mazella, court reporting major, pays close attention in her court reporting class as she looks at her laptop screen.



Taking a gander: Loren Popay, court reporting major, looks over her homework.



Getting it done: Kimberly McCoy, court reporting major, goes over her classwork.

Court reporting gives future to students

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Court reporting has progressed over the years and the program here at Cerritos is making sure that their students get all the knowledge and preparation they need to succeed in their careers.

"Court reporting only used to be part of the court system, but nowadays it is used everywhere," said Vyki Morgan, court reporting coacher.

Court reporting is used in closed captioning in TV sitcoms such as "Jerry Springer" as well as in the entertainment industry.

"A student of ours works for the academy awards every year. She types out the actor/actresses speeches, it's pretty amazing to see the type of jobs one could get with court

reporting," Morgan mentioned.

Student's part of the program also get to work with disabled students.

"They are there to take notes for the students and type the notes into a laptop so the disabled student can then read it from there," explained Mary Balmages, court reporting coacher.

Court reporting graduates also may work at the police department doing police reports.

The program here at Cerritos is open to the public; all who want to learn this career can just sign up and pay their required class fees.

"Some private programs charge up to \$1000 a month to be part of the court reporting program, but here at Cerritos we don't do that," Morgan said.

The only student purchased item is the

shorthand machine that is required. Their price range is around \$1,400.

The court-reporting program here at Cerritos is approved by the National Court Reporting Association.

"Apart from being well-qualified, we have the largest programs in the public school district," Morgan said.

One particular subject that Morgan was excited to see happening was that now the Cerritos court reporting program can be done online.

"It's really exciting to have, because we have students from all over joining our program. We even have a student from Hawaii that belongs to our program," Morgan mentioned.

There are certain requirements that a student must take in order to achieve their certificate, just like any other program here

at Cerritos.

Requirements include:

- Machine shorthand and transcription
- english and vocabulary,
- medical,
- legal,
- transcript procedures,
- apprenticeship training,
- technology and
- resource materials.

Apart from the classes needed, the students must also take a state exam.

"There are two parts to the state exam. The first part is the machine part; students must be able to type 200 words or more per minute with four people talking in 12 minutes.

"That first part has to be at least 97.5 per cent accurate," Balmages said, along with

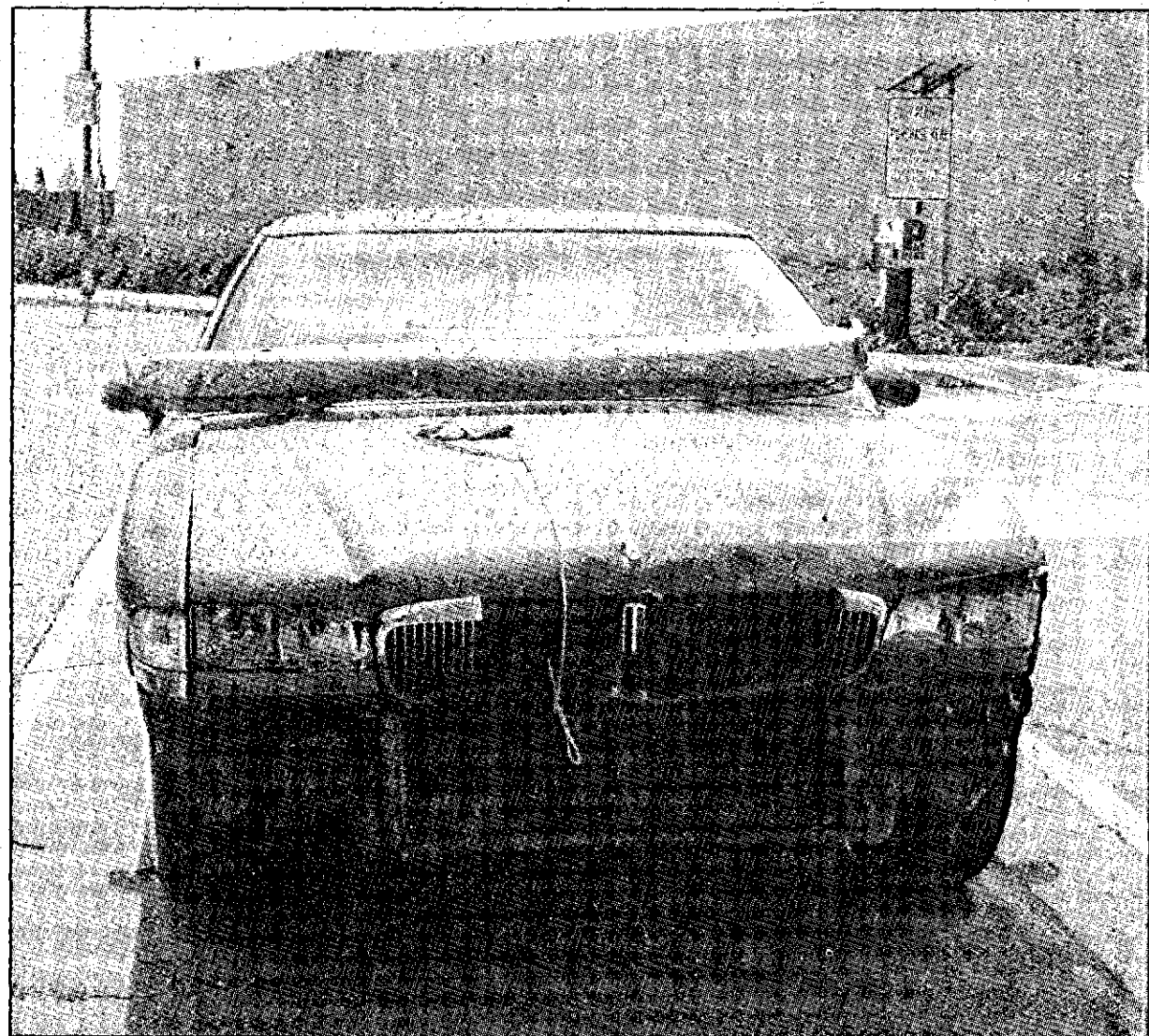
the first part, the second part of the exam is their academics. They are tested from everything from English to legal aspect of court reporting."

For those students who need help passing their state exam, classes are offered that the students can take up to three times.

Orientations are also offered for the students to part take in and come learn what the program offers and the steps needed to achieve your certification.

"We offer an orientation every once a month, we list them on our web page, www.cerritos.edu/busc, so the students can know where to meet and what time," Morgan explained.

The upcoming orientation is scheduled to be March 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the court reporting computer lab.



Another wasted parking spot: Abandoned Buick takes up a prime parking lot for the past few weeks.

Abandoned vehicle takes up valuable real estate to students

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Construction makes it hard for students to find parking spaces in parking lot C-10.

Along with construction the parking lot is full of student cars and students trying to find a place to park.

One particular crashed car located in front of the Automotive Technology department has not been moved from its parking space and is getting people to wonder why it is there in the first place.

Edgar Ibarra, Computer science major said, "it's just there. I noticed it a while back but I haven't noticed who it belongs to."

The car is getting students frustrated with the fact that the car has not been moved.

"It kind of bothers me because it is taking up a parking space," Ibarra said.

However it does not upset some students because they have not noticed the car in the first place.

Psychology major Francisco Bernardino said, "I haven't noticed the car but it doesn't bother me that it is parked there."

Students attending the Auto Collision program can bring in their own cars so it can be worked on.

Not too many people know much about the car explained Charlie Robertson, professor for auto collision.

"I just know that the student that it belonged to stopped attending class. At the end of the semester, it was pushed out because he didn't pick it up," Robertson said.

"However the student's family has come to say they were going to pick up his belongings," said Robertson, "but they never did."

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Chocolate covered flowers: Members of the International Student Association presented the 2009 Honorees Stephen Johnson and Terrell Berry, and other honorable guests with flowers made of chocolate Kiss candies.

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Black Student Union Fashion Show

The Black Student Union hosted a fashion show and talent show in honor of Black History Month.

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Imagine this: bright lights, colorful beads, warm chocolate chip cookies with snow cones, rappers, singers, poets, dancers, models, a fashion show, a talent show, inspirational speeches, and much shouting, laughter, smiling, and clapping coming from spectators.

If you can imagine that, then you can begin to imagine what it was like at the Mardi Gras Celebration hosted by the Black Student Union on Friday in the Student Center at 7 p.m.

The BSU hosted this celebration in honor of Black History Month.

This celebration included a fashion show, a

talent show, a short play, guest speakers, and it even included a performance by a gospel choir.

What most students were impressed with were the speeches given by the celebration's keynote speaker, Coordinator of Judicial Affairs Gary Cain.

"(Cain's) speech had me in tears," said English major Shanaya Matthews, "it made me realize how underestimated African-Americans have been and how they have surpassed all oppressions placed upon them."

Her husband, Terrell Matthews was astonished when he learned that most of our everyday appliances were invented and created by African-American.

"In his speech he mentioned inventors of things I use everyday that I never even bothered to try to figure out who made them. It was amazing to hear all their accomplishments," he said.

Other students, such as history major Enel Miles, enjoyed the speech given by guest Arner Pitts who was a former jail inmate and was forced to drop out of school.

Because she used to ditch school, do drugs,

and has been to jail twice before reaching the age of 18, she felt she could relate to Pitts.

"He used to do the same things I did and now he is a successful, happy being," she said, "so he inspired me to pursue my goals and try to better not only myself but also my life."

Although there were some setbacks like the dj showing up half an hour late, the person in charge of singing the national anthem bailing out on the event, and a numerous amount of technical difficulties, President of the BSU Terrell Berry was very pleased with how the event turned out.

"We had to work around the mishaps and detours, but overall it was an inspiring, fun and great event," he said.

"There was a lot of student support and a lot of help, especially from our adviser Connie Hunter and the International Student Association Club," he added.

Berry's mother Brenda Berry was particularly glad and proud the celebration was held.

"I'm so proud of (Berry) and give all the glory to Hunter and God for allowing him to be able to host and participate in such events," she said.



Tell them coach cain: Coordinator of Judicial Affairs Gary Cain reiterated a speech where he shared personal experiences, provided success stories from other African Americans, and compared education to a garden that must be cultivated.

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Rock it girl: One of the participants of the talent show strut her stuff as she walked down the runway.

OPINION

• EDITORIAL •

Champions shouldn't be let go

If 14-time gold medalist Michael Phelps was to walk in Cerritos College to be head coach of the swimming team, he would not be accepted into the program because not even his gold medals mean anything if he doesn't have a master's degree in physical education.

How silly is that?

Although Phelps' coaching at Cerritos is a bit exaggerated, it is true.

Men's tennis head coach Alvin Kim, who led Cerritos, was undefeated his first four seasons in the SCC conference will not be re-hired next year.

Instead, he will get a slap in the face along with the boot out the door for not having the required master's degree.

In this day and age where many coaches get fired after one year for not producing enough wins, champions like Kim will not get the credit they deserve.

That means the teacher with a master's degree in P.E. and no knowledge of the sport of tennis is a better candidate than the 2007 coach of the year, Kim.

A team's success is measured by wins and losses and whether you like it or not, you play to win the game, or else the game would not be played at all.

Coaches at Cerritos drive results and prove why they are worthy enough to coach in the college level.

Cerritos' leaders have really displayed the lack of respect toward the Athletic Department even after Cerritos athletics won the South Coast Conference Supremacy Award for the second consecutive year last year.

It's apparent that Cerritos' leaders have forgotten that the athletic program is one of the lights that shines the brightest.



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• LETTER TO THE EDITOR •

Cerritos debate team vs. Chinese debate team

First, I'd like to thank Talon Marks for allowing me the opportunity to provide my editorial. Before I begin, I'd like to state how disappointed I am in Talon Marks for continuing to distribute articles that they call "news". We can all agree that the duty of a collegiate newspaper would be to inform the students and faculty on current issues and present unbiased views. I believe "Talon Marks" has been failing to do their job and it's about time someone spoke out.

I just transferred to this school in Fall of 2008. I was looking forward to reading the school newspaper and find issues that not only I care about, but the faculty and student body cares about as well. The first Talon Marks that I found was one where they placed on the front page the issue of Cheer-

leaders outfits being too short. I had a few inquiries but decided to remain silent.

What Talon Marks fails to acknowledge is the fact that their student body and faculty are not a bunch of children, looking for High School news. We all know cheerleaders' outfits do not equal news. However, it may lead to more students and faculty picking up the newspaper just to laugh at the quality of the reports being issued.

One would think that this would be the end of Talon Marks antics but, they decide to continue reciprocating the same, biased, dull news that Cerritos College doesn't care about. I recently read the article "China defeats Falcons." I was one of the students that participated in the China/Falcon Debate and I am absolutely upset with the biased views

presented by Sobukwe Ramsey.

Nowhere in that article was there a positive outlook on the China/Falcon Debate speaking on behalf of the Falcon Debate Team. Nor was there ever a visit by Ramsey to our squad room to get the other view of the issue on debate. I'd like for the public to know that there is a difference between a demonstrational debate and an actual debate. In the demonstrational debate, all members were instructed to maintain amiability and not actually apply the rigorous academics of debate. If the Cerritos students were to get too intense on stage, they were informed that they would have their microphones pulled and the debate would cease. The point of a demonstrational debate is to simply inform the audience of debate and the procedures

that come along with it. Has the reporter failed to recognize that this is a yearly tradition for the debate team and that the Chinese team wins?

If the public actually wants to see an academic debate, I will be more than happy to educate Ramsey in front of the entire school. Profits can go to both Talon Marks and Falcon Debate Team. I'll even let him pick the topic. If he declines the challenge, or simply ignores it, it would be clear to all of Cerritos College that he concedes that his article was biased based on partial facts and much ignorance on his part.

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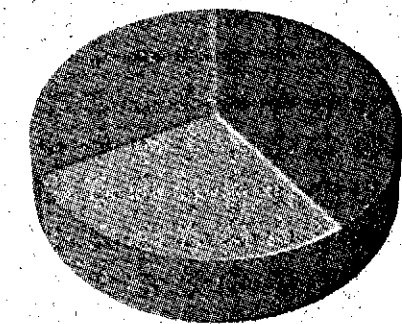
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Should obtaining a master's degree be a requirement for all coaches?

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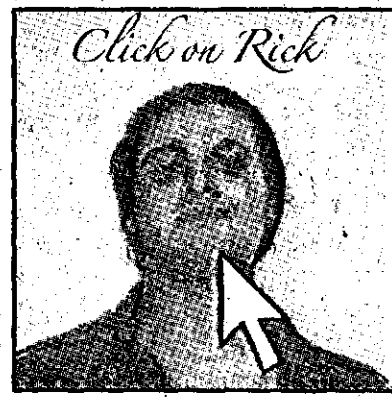
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Thursday

Baseball
@ El Camino 2 p.m.

Tennis

Men @ Cal Poly Pomona 2 p.m.

Softball

@ Mt. SAC 3 p.m.

Friday

Track & Field

vs. Saddleback/Orange Coast/El Camino 12 p.m.

Saturday

Baseball

vs. Pasadena 12 p.m.

Softball

@ Bakersfield 1 p.m./3 p.m.

Tuesday

Tennis

Men vs. Mt. SAC 2 p.m.

Baseball

vs. Chaffey 2 p.m.

Softball

vs. El Camino 3 p.m.

RESULTS

Last Wed 2/25

Basketball

Women vs. Santa Barbara City, W 72-51

Men vs. LA Valley, W 80-76

Last Thu 2/26

Baseball

@ LA Harbor, W 8-4

Tennis

Men vs. College of the Desert, L 1-8

Women vs. Mt. SAC, W 8-1

Last Fri 2/27

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Basketball

Women @ Mt. SAC, L 76-51

Men @ Saddleback, L 65-61

Baseball

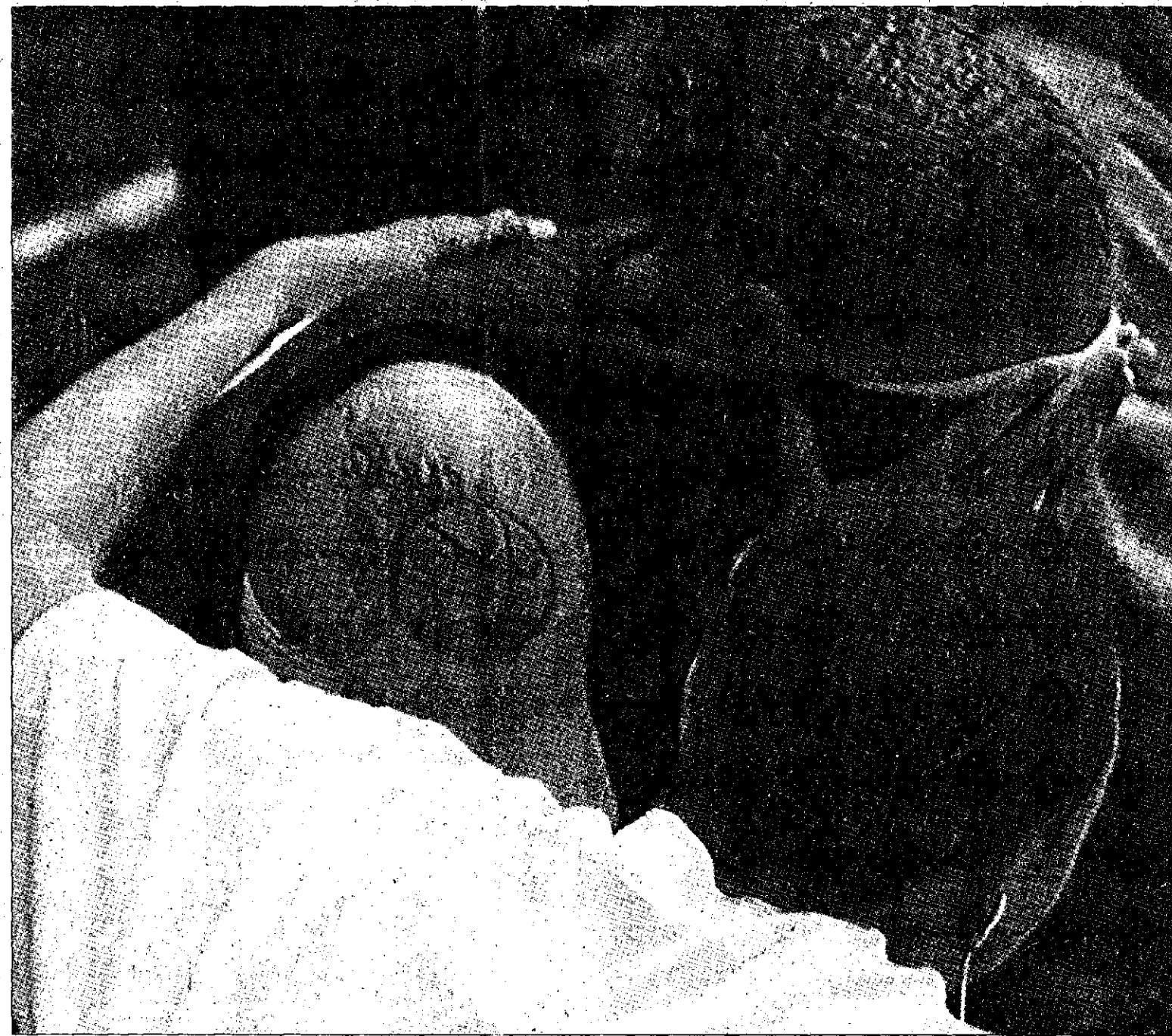
vs. East LA, W 5-4

Last Tues. 3/3

Softball

vs. East LA, W 3-1

Mt. SAC proves too much for women Men's basketball falls short of upset



Mt. SAC gets to Cerritos: Guard Maleta Daughtery sheds tears after being eliminated from the playoffs. Daughtery will be one of the many freshmen returning next season.

Basketball team eliminated from playoffs

The Cerritos College women's basketball team loses to Mt. SAC in the second round regional playoffs.

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Guard Maleta Daughtery was held to 11 points after scoring 23 just days before, the Cerritos College women's basketball team shot 25 percent and Mt. SAC proved why it is the top-seeded defending state champion after eliminating the Falcons, 76-51, last Saturday. Saturday's match-up marked the third meeting the schools had this season.

The Mounties finished 3-0 versus the Falcons.

The Mounties took the life out of the Falcons early allowing 16 points in the first half going into halftime leading, 31-16.

Mt. SAC set the pace from the beginning and shut down guards Daughtery and Cecily Garcia.

"When you have players like (Garcia) and (Daughtery), you need a game plan.

"Players like that, you can't stop, you can only slow down," Mt. SAC head coach Laura Beeman said.

The lead by the Mounties progressed as the game went on and led by many as 31 points.

Falcons were able to pull to a 16 point deficit late in the game but wasn't enough to overcome the lead Mt. SAC set.

Cerritos head coach Karen Welliver said,

"We feel good about how we competed."

Forward Vanessa Faagata led Cerritos with 12 points and eight rebounds and Daughtery was right behind her with 11 points and four rebounds.

Welliver finished the season racking up her sixth SCC coach of the year award and was also named the all-time winningest coach earlier this season.

"I don't care about the awards. I coach for the players," Welliver said.

"Mt. SAC is a heck of a team and our players didn't stop," Welliver added.

With three sophomores parting ways, there will be 10 potential returners for the Falcons including Daughtery and Faagata.

"I'm just disappointed that I'm going to have to face (Daughtery) next season," Beeman said.



SCOTT GARITE/TM
Fade away: Forward Vanessa Faagata made the second team All-SCC.

Women's Basketball Post-season Awards

South Coast Conference Coach of the Year
Karen Welliver

South Coast Conference Player of the Year
Mercedes Taylor

1st Team All-South Coast Conference
Mercedes Taylor
Maleta Daughtery
Rachel Butler

2nd Team All-South Coast Conference
Cecily Garcia
Adria Jackson
Vanessa Faagata

Men's Basketball Post-season Awards

South Coast Conference Coach of the Year
Jesse Teplitzky

1st Team All-South Coast Conference
Marcellus Jackson
Van Girard
Gregory Preer

2nd Team All-South Coast Conference
Brian Barner
Jeremy Pope

Source: www.cerritos.edu/bpc



DANIELA GUZMAN/TM
Rookie: Jesse Teplitzky led his team to the playoffs his first year as head coach of the Falcons.

Sports Briefs

Men lose another SCC game

The men's tennis team dropped its second in the last three games to College of the Desert, 8-1. The Falcons now hold a record of 2-2 in conference play and 5-3 overall.

Women

The women have won six in a row after starting 0-2. The Falcons traveled to San Diego Mesa and posted a 7-2 non-conference victory last Friday.

The No. 1 doubles team of Samantha Nades and Michelle Yi is sporting a 6-0 record.

It shut out San Diego Mesa's No. 1 doubles team, 8-0.

Baseball

The Baseball team holds a record of 9-6 after a victory over Mt. SAC on Tuesday. It now carries a SCC conference record of 3-1. Pitcher George Sanchez is leading the team with 30 innings pitched and an ERA of 1.76. He is averaging six innings an outing and carrying a record of 3-1 in five appearances.

Basketball

Men

The men's basketball team lost in the second round regional playoffs at top-seed Saddleback, 65-61. The Falcons finished their season with an overall record of 14-13 and SCC champions under first-year head

coach Jesse Teplitzky.

Women

The women's basketball team traveled to Mt. SAC and lost last Saturday, 76-51, in the second round of the regional playoffs. The women also finished SCC champions of the south division. The Falcons will have 10 potential returners for next season.

Track & Field

The men won first place awards in the 400-meter relay race and the javelin at the USC Invitational on Saturday. The women had freshman thrower Stephanie Aljimatatifi finished second in the hammer throw recording a distance of 149' 8". He also came in second in the shot put throwing a distance of 44' 8".

The next meet will be held on Saturday as the Falcons host Saddleback, El Camino and Orange Coast.

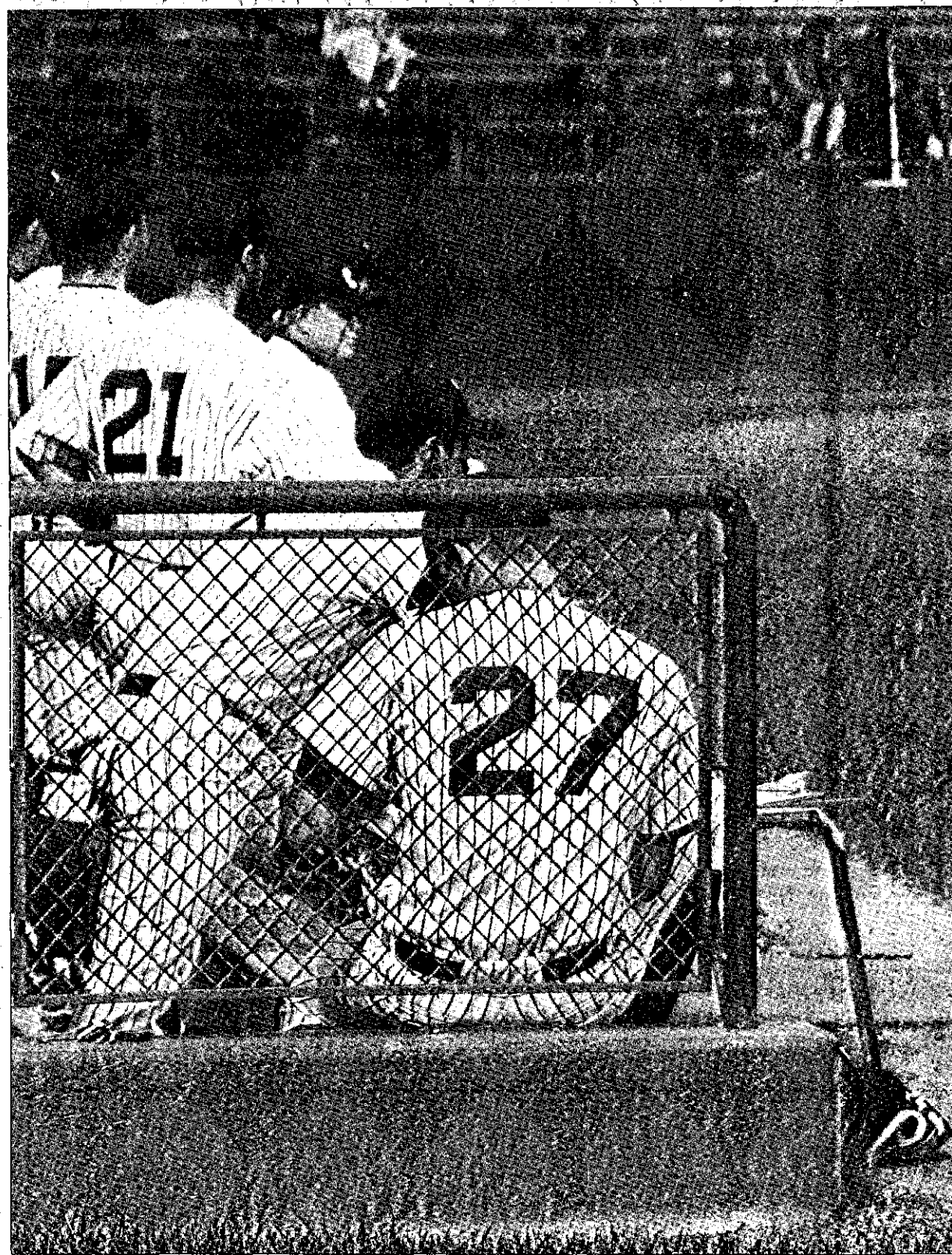
Softball

The softball holds an undefeated record of 3-0 in SCC play after defeating East LA on Tuesday. The softball team has won seven of its last eight and is sporting a four-game winning streak. The Falcons will look to extend their streak to five when they travel to Mt. SAC on Thursday.

Football

Former Cerritos wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh signed a five-year deal for \$40 million to play for the Seattle Seahawks. Houshmandzadeh played for the Falcons in 1997 and 1998.

Budget crisis hits athletic department



Baseball: The baseball team will be get its regular season games cut by 20 percent, the most along with softball by any team.

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The California state budget has been determined.

One way of cutting costs is to drop the amount of money that every community college in the state will spend on athletic programs.

With the economy today, sacrifices are going to have to be made.

"Cost cutting was intended to cut costs, not to punish the sports teams," Dr. Daniel Smith, the Academic Dean of HPEA, explained.

In order for the state to do this, the Commission of Athletics created a plan to reduce the amount of games each sport will play for the oncoming season.

"The state is going to cut the same percentage of games for each sport for all community colleges, making it a level playing field across the board," Smith explained.

The COA determined how many games to cut by viewing how many games each sport plays in a regular season.

Sports such as football and cross country, who only have ten games, will have one game cut out of their seasons.

The equivalent of games to be cut is 10 percent of their season.

The COA, who originally planned to cut the first football game of the season, opted to cut out the scrimmage game during pre-season instead.

Smith said that many of the administrators expressed their dissatisfaction for cutting the first game of the football season because the budget was going to be bad anyway.

"Football is the one sport where colleges will actually make money from a sporting event," Smith adds, "especially your first game. Every-

one's team is undefeated and the anticipation is high for the season to get underway."

Sports like basketball, that have 28 games in a season, will be reduced by 15 percent, leaving them with 24 games.

Baseball and softball have the most games in a season and will be cut by 20 percent.

By reducing the amount of games played for each sport the state will be saving money more than one way.

Smith said, "By cutting down on the percentage of games, it will cut down on costly expense like officials

and travel."

Tennis is one sport that doesn't require an official, therefore the state sees no reason to provide one now.

"There isn't a huge controversy as far as disputing points in tennis. If opponents don't agree on a call the point is replayed," explains women's tennis head coach.

While tennis is a sport that requires less maintenance than others, they are still being affected by the budget cuts.

Chatman said, "I know next year we are going to be limited on equipment."

Proposed Game Reductions

Sport	Current	Proposed
Football	10+ scrimmage	10
Cross Country (W/M)	9	8
Basketball (W/M)	28	24
Soccer (W/M)	24	21
Volleyball (W/M)	24	21
Water Polo (W/M)	21	18
Wrestling	16	14
Badminton	22	19
Golf (W/M)	22	19
Swimming (W/M)	12	11
Tennis (W/M)	30	26
Track & Field (W/M)	14	12
Baseball	44	36
Softball	50	40

Source: COA board

Ex-Falcon becomes Seahawk

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Former Cerritos College All-American wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh, who spent the last eight seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals, as signed a five-year free agent contract with the Seattle Seahawks. Houshmandzadeh, who was an All-Pro in 2007 after leading the NFL in receptions with 112, selected the Seahawks over the Bengals and Minnesota Vikings.

According to ESPN.com, Houshmandzadeh said, "I just felt it was the best destination, it was the best team, it was the best choice for me."

The five-year deal is reportedly to be worth more than \$40 million with more than \$15 million guaranteed.

Houshmandzadeh visited the Seahawks headquarters in Renton on Friday, flying in from Sea-Tac airport on owner Paul Allen's seaplane. After visiting with the owner and staff, he decided that Seattle was the place for him to continue his career.

Considered the wide receiver prize in this year's free agency, Houshmandzadeh has caught at

least 90 passes over the last three years, including 92 in 2008 for 904 yards and four touchdowns.

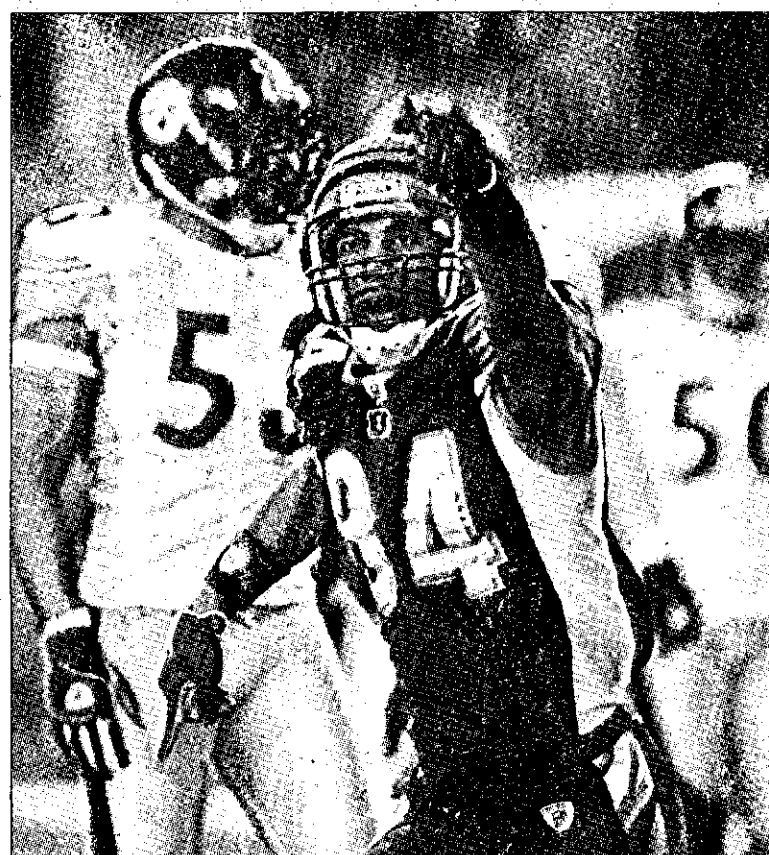
The two previous years saw him post over 1,000 receiving yards, while he has caught 507 passes in his career for 5,782 yards and 37 touchdowns. In addition to his receiving duties Houshmandzadeh also returned punts and brought back eight for 79 yards last season.

While with the Falcons from 1997-98, Houshmandzadeh was a two-time 1st Team Mission Conference selection as a wide receiver and kickoff returner, while he earned 1st Team honors as a punt returner his freshman year. He was also a 1st team All-J.C. Grid-Wire All-American as a kick returner and wide receiver as a sophomore.

he holds the school record for two 100-yard kickoff returns for touchdowns, while he also brought back an 87-yard punt for a touchdown as a freshman.

Houshmandzadeh still ranks second for most career receiving yards (1,152), while his 65 career receptions are fourth in school history.

Houshmandzadeh played two seasons at Oregon State University, while as a senior he helped spark the Beavers to a No. 4 national rank-



Lands on a new nest; Houshmandzadeh played for the Falcons in 1997-1998.

ing and a Fiesta Bowl victory over Notre Dame. Including the Fiesta Bowl, Houshmandzadeh caught 48 passes for 730 yards and seven TDs that season.

Women's tennis on a roll

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The women's tennis team played a singles and doubles match Thursday against Mt. San Antonio College winning 8-1. Cerritos also faced San Diego Mesa on Friday winning 7-2.

It was a South Coast Conference win for Cerritos beating the Mounties, 8-1, in matches including both singles and doubles.

"We (Cerritos) did pretty good, we just have to continue to get ready for state," said Coach Rosanna Chatman after the win.

Cerritos won five out of six matches in the singles matchup and also sweeping the doubles matches, winning all three.

Sophomore Shamariah Derojas was dominant in her singles match winning 6-1, 6-0 over Elle Hall of Mt. San Antonio.

Second year player Gabriele Diaz was the lone player with the loss for Cerritos losing 6-3, 6-0.

"I made a lot of mistakes in the

match," Diaz said about her performance in the game.

Diaz did bounce back in the doubles match winning along with teammate Christina Nguyen.

The doubles matches were a breeze for the Falcons as they flew by Mt. SAC, winning 6-1, 6-2 in one match, 6-2, 6-4 in another match and 6-1, 6-2 in the last match.

Following up on the Cerritos win, the Falcons played a match on Friday against San Diego Mesa College winning 7-2.

With the win Cerritos has now won its sixth game in a row and are now 6-2 on the season.

The Falcons won 4-2, in the single matches and swept all three double matches with the overall total being 7-2.

Two matches went for default one in the singles match and the other in the doubles match.

Samantha Nades was the top performer for Cerritos winning 6-4, 7-6, and winning in the doubles match along with teammate Michelle Yi.

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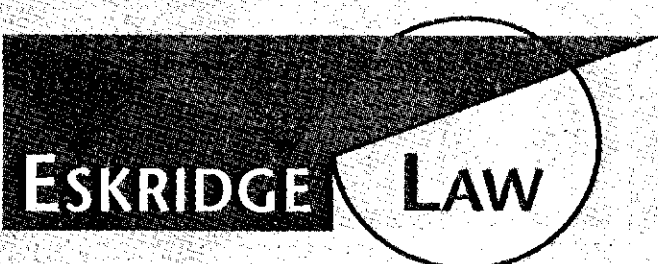
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Baseball: The Cerritos College baseball team defeated East LA, 5-4, last Saturday.

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Baseball defeats East LA

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Third baseman Brian Gaylord drove in the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning to lead the Cerritos College baseball team to a 5-4 victory over visiting East Los Angeles College last Saturday.

Shortstop Max McEleney scored twice and drove in the tying run in the bottom of the eighth.

The win brings the Falcons' record to 8-6 overall and 2-1 in South Coast Conference play.

Earlier in the week, the Falcons lost, 17-3, to Compton College last Tuesday and followed the loss up with a win, 8-4, over Los Angeles Har-

bor.

"It started with the game against Harbor as a team we started playing better and to finish of the week with a win against East Los Angeles was great for us," assistant coach Jack Brooks said.

The Falcons will play to more conference games this week against El Camino on Thursday at 2 p.m. and then on Saturday against Pasadena at noon.

The scoring was started by Cerritos in the bottom of the first inning of last Saturday's game against East Los Angeles when they had a player on third, McEleney, when Huskies pitcher Fernando Garcia threw a wild pitch that let McEleney score.

In the top of the next inning, the Huskies

came back to tie the game when the Falcons' starting pitcher Skye Severns threw a wild pitch of his own.

Severns was wild all game, walking three batters and throwing two wild pitches in 3 1/3 innings.

"He has a great arm," head coach Ken Gaylord said. "He is putting to much pressure on himself right now."

Every time the Falcons would tie or go ahead, the Huskies would answer right back until the bottom of the eighth when the Falcons scored two runs and were able to go ahead for good.

"We haven't been able to come from behind this season so it's a good sign that we are headed in the right direction," coach Gaylord said.

Father, son hit home run

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Many players have come and gone during Ken Gaylord's tenure as head coach of the Cerritos College baseball team but none have been closer to his heart than his son Brian Gaylord who currently plays third base for the Falcons.

Gaylord is entering his second season playing for Cerritos.

"I went to La Mirada with many of my teammates so coming here wasn't that big of a deal to me because I was able to play with many of my friends from high school," the younger Gaylord said.

Gaylord is in his 17th season as the head coach of the Falcons and besides his son Adam Gaylord who plays for Stanford.

Coach Gaylord said that he worries more about his son at Stanford then his son that plays at Cerritos because his farther away and cant see him everyday.

The Gaylord's try to keep what happens on the field separate from



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Father: Coach Gaylord thinks he might be harder on his son than the rest of the team.

their home life.

"One of our rules is that we don't talk about the game at home but I must admit I have broken that a few time," coach Gaylord said.

However they do not get a lot of time to talk after games.

"He has night classes and is not home a lot after games," coach Gaylord said. Maybe that the way he plans it."

The younger Gaylord's teammates don't see any favoritism given to him by his dad.

Shortstop Max McEleney said, "He is just one the guys on the field coach Gaylord is pretty fair if you mess up you mess and he will get into Brian is no exception."

One of the coaches had the same view.

"Its not like little league if Brain is messing up coach will no problem benching him," assistant coach Jack Brooks said.

Coach Gaylord admits that he might be harder on his son than the rest of the team.

But his son does not agree. I don't think he is any harder on me than anyone else," he said.

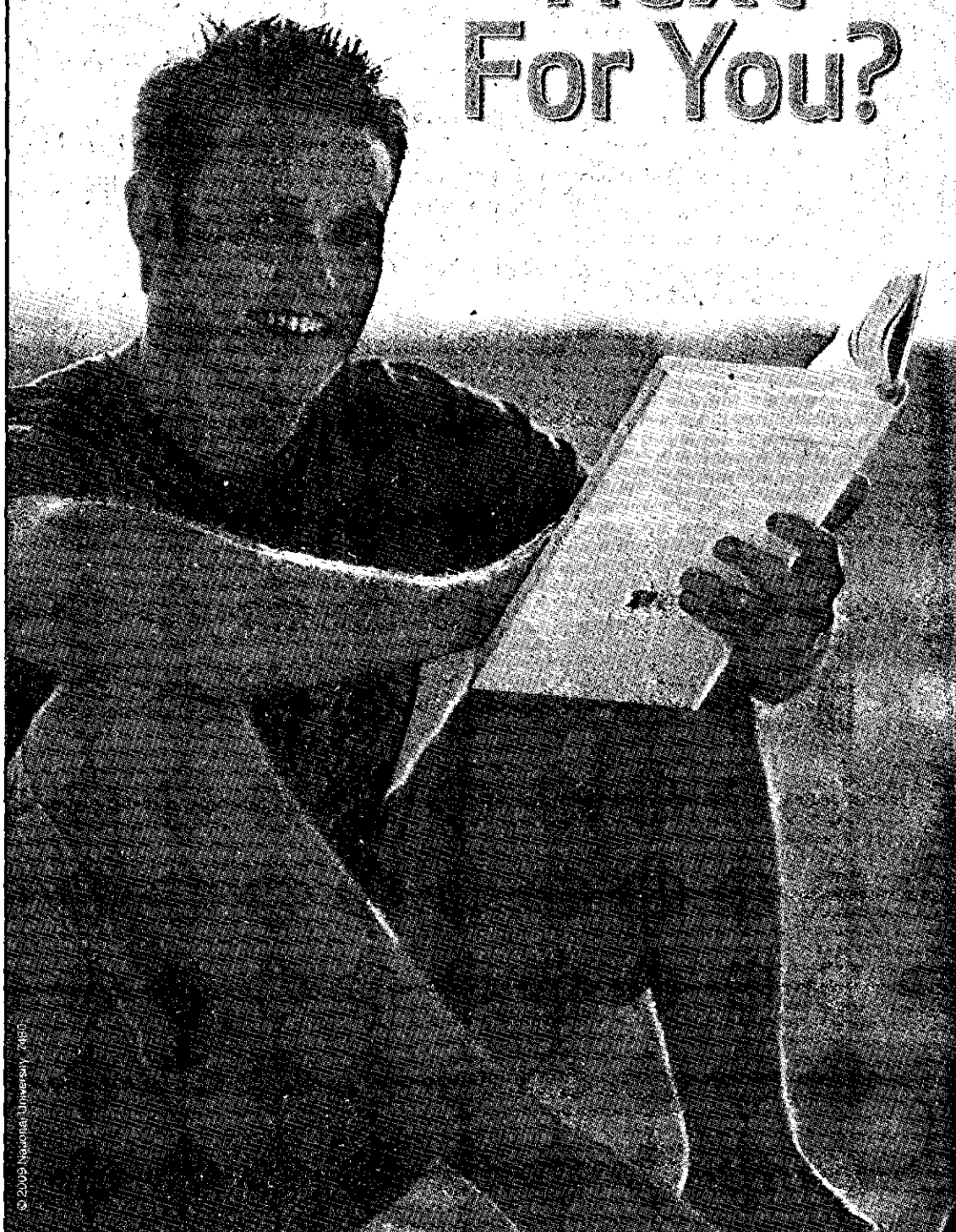


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Son: Gaylord doesn't think his father treats him any different than the rest of the team.

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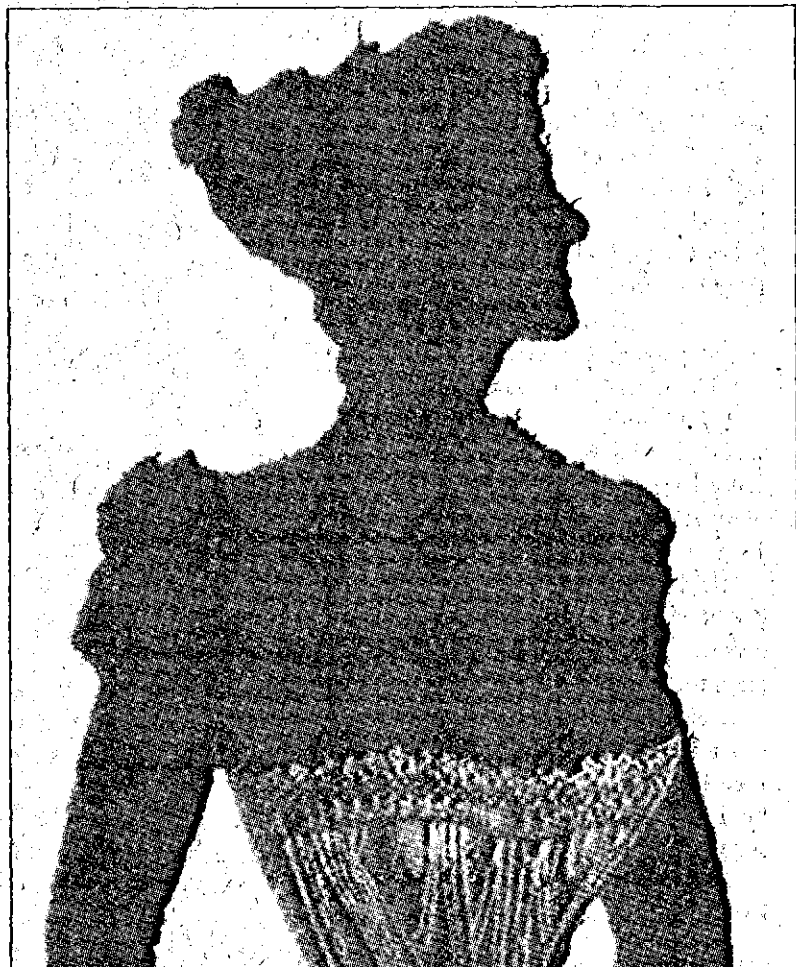


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The Cerritos College Theatre Department will present "Intimate Apparel" by Lynn Nottage with its first performance being this Friday at 8 p.m.

It is directed by Kevin Hoggard and will play at the Burnight Center in BC-31.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission; \$10 for Cerritos College students and \$8 for children ages 5 to 12.

Other performance dates include: March 7, 12, 13, and 14 at 8 p.m.; as well as March 15 at 2 p.m.

The play takes place in Manhat-

tan, 1905 where Esther, an African-American seamstress, makes an uncommon living creating exquisite lingerie for women of wealth and prostitutes alike.

"Esther is in her mid-thirties and isn't married which was not exactly normal at the time," said Carmen Prince, a sign language interpreter and the actress playing Mayme.

As Tyler Tingley, stage manager, indicates, Esther keeps in contact with a laborer from Panama.

Since Esther is illiterate, she must rely on the help from her friends Ms. Van Buren, a high class lady, and Mayme, a prostitute, to write love letters to her distant lover.

Intimate Apparel

Cast List

Esther.....Alana Ogio
Mrs. Dickson.....Debbie Hawkins-Montero
George.....Donte Wince
Mrs. Van Buren.....Celeste Jimenez
Mr. Marks.....Hugo Martinez
Mayme.....Carmen Prince

Understudies
Esther.....Shenika Travis
Mrs. Dickson.....Essence Brown
George.....Kevin Alexander
Mrs. Van Buren.....Mary Usborne
Mr. Marks.....TBA
Mayme.....Jaszmon Green

Esther soon finds that she is turning away from her old life for a man she barely knows, who will eventually reveal his true colors.

"The play is very intense due to all the drama, and very well written, with a few comedic elements," expressed Prince.

"The show is very relatable. It's about intimacy. Esther tries so hard to get what she wants but she has to give up her dreams to get it," said Tingley.

"We all know that to love is to feel pain. I think most of us would agree with Esther when she says, 'I'd give up this quilt and everything in it to be with someone I care for, I would.' But as the play illustrates, it is never as simple as that," reveals

Hoggard.

Tingley further shared that the design of the set is set in three different angles which gives an audience a more intimate view of the play.

Also, he and Prince said that the actors had to study their scripts since winter break and practice the first week of the semester.

"We had to jump in right away and we quickly had to get into character," said Prince.

"The acting is very well done. Most of them have done shows before and the two newest actors have improved greatly overtime. This is going to be a really good show," Tingley said.

Spring dancers return

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Rally up your dancers as the Dance Department prepares themselves for another dance show, the Spring Dance Concert.

This semester's dance show will consist of many different styles of dancing from ballet all the way to the sexy style of salsa.

Many dance instructors are having a hard time with their choreography due to the students' lack of attendance to rehearsals.

Instructor Liz Casebolt said she prepares her students by "preparing them on what to expect from the audience and also by weekly rehearsals."

She said, "My students will be well prepared for anything."

Many of the participating dancers also performed in last semester's show.

Diana Gonzales, one of the returning dancers, stated, "Every concert is a new experience and I'm excited to see the audience's reaction to the different dance pieces."

Many say it's hard work balancing rehearsal times and also making adjustments to their scheduling to fit rehearsals in.

Students like ballet student Cherner Hunter on the other hand, some students have no worries and just want to enjoy another experience of the dance life. Hunter said, "I'm not nervous as I was last semester I'm very excited."

The Dance Department has just a few more weeks until showtime. Cerritos dancers will be able to continue the legacy of an outstanding dance show.

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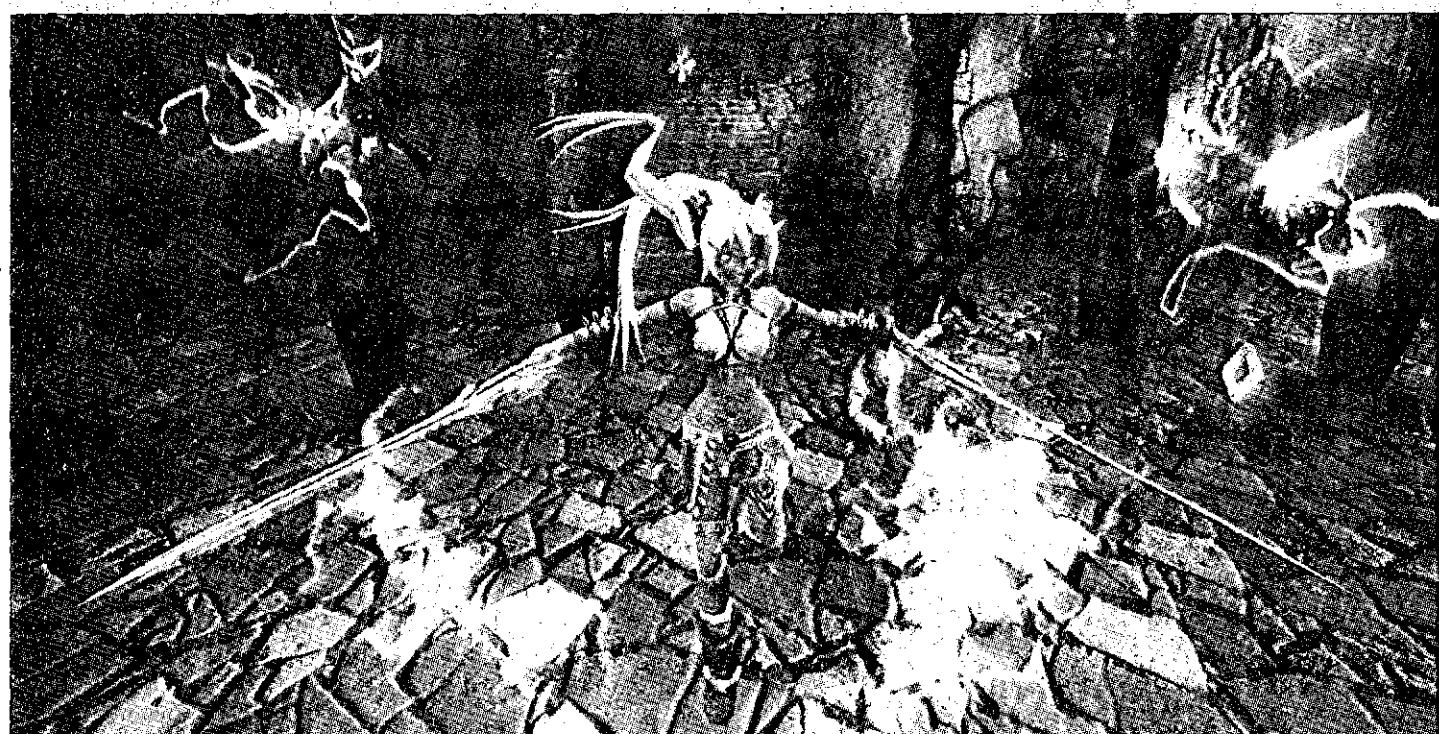


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Game Review

X-Blades

Rating: 3.5

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"X Blades" is an adventure game that is similar to a cheap imitation of "Fable."

The game is only single player.

"X-Blades," for the X-Box 360 and Playstation 3, is an action/adventure game where you kill monsters with a combination of guns, blades and spells.

The game has 44 levels of

simple gameplay.

It takes place in an "Indiana Jones" kind of world.

The main character is some kind of weird demonic half-cat, half-human hybrid named Ayumi.

You must search through a temple, collecting the artifact and killing monsters, to try to find a way to lift the curse or make it stronger.

Throughout the game, you must find monster generators and destroy them.

If you don't, the monsters will spawn infinitely.

As you advance through the game, you collect experience points known as "souls."

The more souls you collect,

the stronger spells you can buy (like every other adventure game).

At the end of every four levels, you must battle a boss which is an attribute creature of either Light or Darkness.

Melee, ranged, attacks, and magic attacks are powered up by finding the pieces to the three artifacts: ruby, silver, and gold.

I very much enjoyed this game, but still thought "Fable" was much better.

Like "Fable," you can choose your faith of alliance to either the side of good or bad, which in the end shows you one of two endings.

This is an excellent game for anyone who enjoys anime.

The graphics in this game were poor for one of this genre, the gameplay was poor as well, but it did serve well as a time killer.

I give this game a 1 of 5 for graphics and a 3 of 5 for game-



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Dance program inspires students

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As pop music was playing in the theatre, students practiced their foot work.

The Dance Department has a wide variety of dance types beginning with classical, modern, tap, jazz, ballet, dance notation and a few others.

Some classes are for beginners and others for the intermediate students.

Gergia Well, tap dance and theatre instructor, says, "I enjoy teaching."

Jesy Myles, education major, said, "This is my fifth or sixth semester with Well. The environment makes this fun and exciting."

Sarah Morris, dance major in her second semester, stated, "I love the class, but it's hard because there are so many students, some beginners and others intermediate."

"Well is a good teacher. She starts with tapping but it gets harder and harder."

Jasmine Ingram, undecided major, said, "It's very exciting."

She continued, "The dance program is very helpful. You come in not knowing how to dance then you are literally taught. The teacher teaches the basics but you're challenged at the same time. It's like a little community of dancers."

Rebekah Davidson, beginning modern dance teacher, said, "This is my second semester teaching and I love it and love Cerritos. There are good people here. Rogelio Lopez, the other modern dance teacher, is amazing."

Davidson also said, "I teach fresh movement. It's different from the classical style, it's a blend of styles," Davidson added. "The students are very strong and are open to diverse styles of music."

"Everyone should come out and support the school and students at the Spring Dance Concert on April 2-4. You'll love the dancing."

"We have a real good quality of dance teachers. They're good at what they do, that's why it's fun. The teachers enjoy teaching."

AUDIO BRAINTRUST

Cerritos Spotlight

MC Pierre does everything

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Do it Yourself! Records, an independent record label created by Jean-Pierre Giagnoli, describes this entertainer in a nut shell.

Taking the do-it-yourself approach, Giagnoli has instilled this idea in every facet of his life.

This Cerritos College student seems to be the whole package.

His talents include producing music, acting, comedy, poetry and rapping.

He has even served as the A&E editor for Talon Marks for a semester.

"I remember one day when my Uncle Ray brought home the Michael Jackson album, 'Bad,' and I fell in love with it. I realized how much an entertainer could affect people," Giagnoli said.

From then on, Giagnoli knew what he wanted to do, and that was to be an entertainer.

Originally finding a knack for writing poetry for his high school English class, Giagnoli's teacher found that he had a natural talent.

Giagnoli said, "My teacher and I realized that I had a great ability for rhyming words. The transition into hip hop just felt natural."

While Giagnoli says that he was raised around gangster rap, he feels that it didn't reflect his life so he began writing about his own life experiences, struggles and issues going on in the world today.

While attending Cerritos, Giagnoli



COURTESY OF JEAN-PIERRE GIAGNOLI
MC Pierre: Giagnoli's talents include producing music, acting, comedy, poetry and rapping.

made friends with a fellow rapper who introduced him to a new style of rap.

"A friend of mine introduced me to music like rapper Immortal Technique. I instantly gravitated to it," Giagnoli said. "It was hip hop with a message, it had meaning, not like the rap glamorized on TV, where it's all about cars, money and sex."

Not just focusing on music, Giagnoli dove into classes at Cerritos, continuing

to further his other talents.

"I attended Cerritos College because they offered a stand-up class and other classes in music recording, radio, TV, film, improv and acting. I want to master it all."

Since then, he has continued to push the envelope, battling other MCs to gain respect among his peers in music, getting an agent to help further his acting career, and even producing his own album.



'Incredibad'

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Chances are, you've already heard a good portion of the material on the Lonely Island's debut album "Incredibad."

This trio of native Californians are the creative force behind the digital shorts on Saturday Night Live.

Andy Samberg is a cast member. Akiva Schaffer and Jorma Taccone are writers.

For the last two years, they have been debuting their songs one by one in the form of music videos, often times enlisting help from their famous friends or whoever happened to be hosting that week.

Their shorts, tailor-made for the web, garnered millions of hits spreading like wildfire across the Internet.

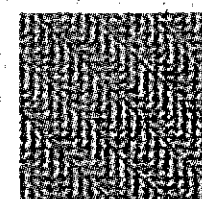
Each song finds this merry band of pranksters parodying different genres in extremely irreverent, and often times very disgusting, ways.

Justin Timberlake guests on a hilarious parody of early '90s R&B love songs.

Other guests include T-Pain, Julian Casablancas, Natalie Portman, and Norah Jones among others.

Record Report Card

Animal Collective



Grade: A+

The band managed to channel the warmth and melody of bands like the Shins as well as

the freaky psych sounds of groups like MGMT on their latest release. Merriweather Post Pavilion effectively encompasses the band's earlier material while remaining delightfully accessible.

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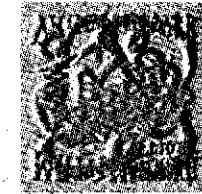


Grade: A

This band is a force to be reckoned with. A side project of guitarist Frank Lero, of My

Chemical Romance, recently released "XO". This band is nothing like MCR nor does it even resemble a hint of influence. This hate-infested sound claws at your very being. Loud and in your face.

William E. Whitmore



Grade: B+

It would be a forgivable mistake to think that he recorded his latest record a century ago. His

voice isn't just soulful and weathered; it's a blunt object that he uses to rage against greedy politicians, crooked cops, and cheatin' lovers.

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Childhood memories recreated by de Anda

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Created using his memories as a child and the ones he has come to cherish, Ismael de Anda III has dedicated his exhibit at Cerritos solely to the memories he has of his life.

"Viento" represents some of de Anda's latest creations, ranging from sculptures, paintings, and framed artwork.

"They're early works. The earliest one here is from 2004. A lot of my work is from personal memory, so depending what the memory is that's going to decide what the object will be," de Anda explained.

In the art gallery was a little room dedicated entirely to one memory in de Anda's life.

The room came to life with colors of green and yellow.

In the walls of the room were framed passages, which took the reader the path of de Anda's memory.

As de Anda explained, he chose to build a model of a swing set that was in front of his grandparents' home in El Paso, Texas.

He also mentioned that this was one of the earliest experiences with sculpture he had as a kid.

"One time I came to visit my grandparents' home, and I noticed the swings were falling apart, so I decided I wanted to rescue it and create a new one," de Anda said.

Students from Cerritos mostly admired the swing set, because it was something different and represented more thoughts than one.

"My favorite piece would be the model of the swing set because it looks delicate and it gives you a feeling of a time in his youth. There are two seats, so it may be him sharing that time with somebody else," said Sonya Hernandez, art major.

English major Ratho Lai also agreed that the swing set was his favorite piece.

His interpretation of the piece represents the people

that were sitting there together, their connections and conversations. Even though de Anda always had a passion for art, he admits that when he first started out he wasn't the best.

"When I first started drawing, I was really bad, so my first semester of college, I decided to take some art classes to motivate myself, but it's always been a part of me."

One of the biggest pieces in the exhibit was the drawing in the back of the wall.

Dominating with its bright colors, this piece was called the "two headed ceramic beast."

Painted on the actual wall itself, it covered it completely from top to bottom and side to side.

"I found this image in an old book in a library, so it's based on ceramic figurines that come from Mexico. For me personally, the two heads provides a possibility for more than one personality or more than one identity," de Anda said.

Something different that was in the exhibit was the fact that people could participate and leave a little of themselves in the exhibit.

In one of the walls of the art gallery was a drawing and a passage written on the wall. All along the painting screws followed its path.

These were screws that the audience had drilled into the wall, placing them along the lines of the drawing.

"Usually, people don't get to participate in art exhibitions, so I thought

this would be a great opportunity for your school, in this environment where people are learning techniques, so this is a form of artwork.

"You practice the technique or maybe first learn it," de Anda explained.

Along his side, de Anda's girlfriend came to give him support and to check out the exhibition.

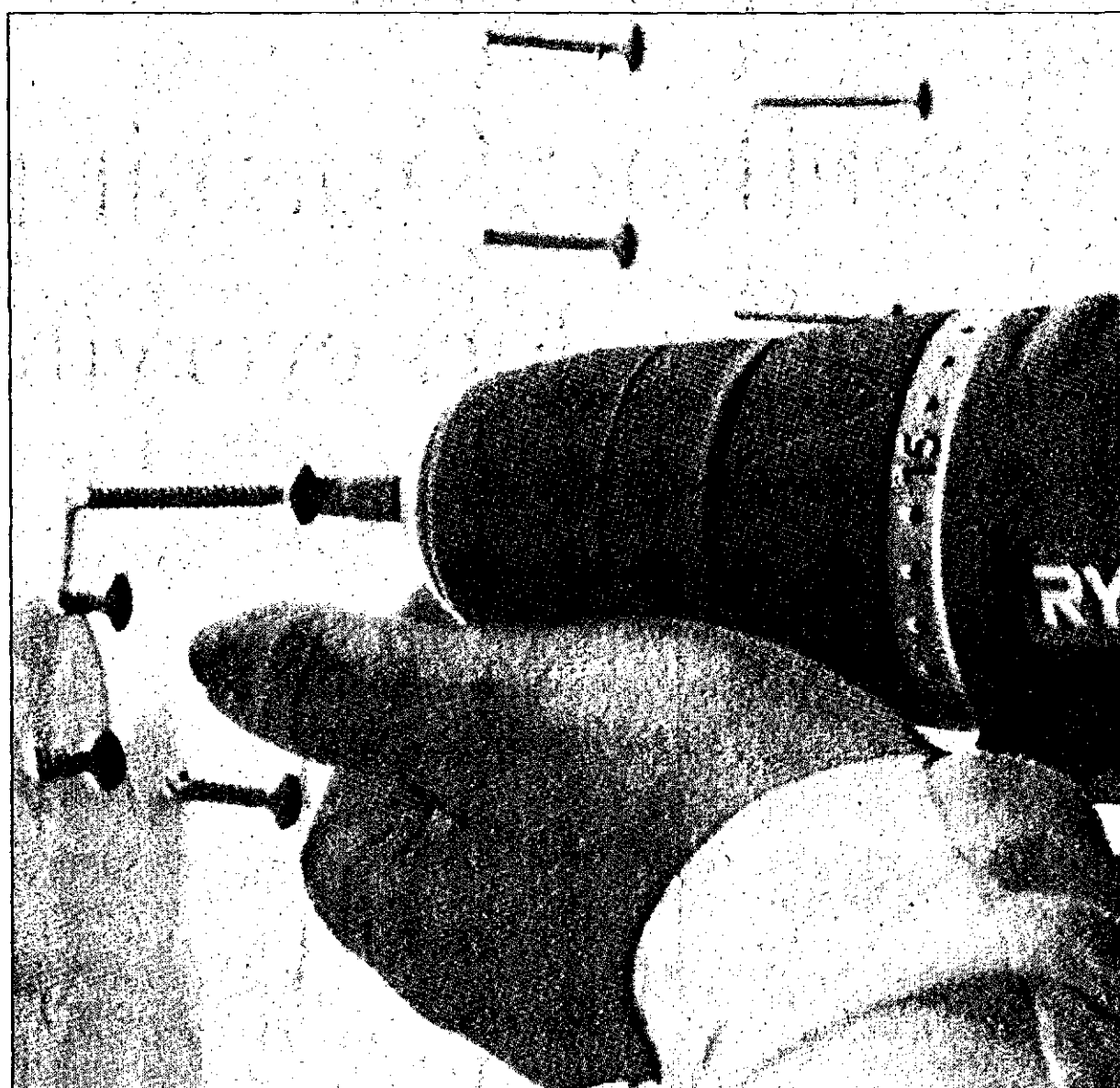
"I think it's great, since I know him I know that a lot of his pieces are from his childhood memories and experiences," Letty Banyelos said.

Her favorite pieces were the shirts (guayaberas) that were stretched out to look like paintings.

De Anda does art workshops for many art museums and also works for the educational department for museums here in Los Angeles.



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Taken aback: Art gallery visitor stops to admire one of many of de Anda's works.



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Screw it: Onlooker participates in de Anda's art exhibition, where he invited visitors to drill along his painting.



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Chiclets: De Anda's "Aqui y Alla" makes use of traditional Mexican gum to illustrate the places he's lived in.

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