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Emergency hires jobs in jeopardy

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The debate is this; should an instructor or teacher, who has been hired on to the Cerritos College staff as an emergency hire, be refused rehiring after proving his success, for not having the proper credentials?

To be more specific, men's tennis head coach Alvin Kim pointed out that because he does not have a master's degree in physical education, he will no longer be able to teach tennis classes at Cerritos.

"The situation is that I have been teaching here for several years and my classes are being taken away because I did not finish my master's degree in physical education,"

Kim said.

Kim, like others, was hired as an emergency hire, a term that Kim explains is like being hired on as part-time, leaving him with no guarantee to be hired each semester.

But if one runs the numbers of Kim's success as the men's tennis coach, it may leave one wondering what more could someone

in his position do to prove his worth?

Entering into his fifth season as head coach at Cerritos, Kim had a 33-0 winning record in South Coast Conference play and a 71-15 overall record.

He led the Falcons to their first conference championship in 20 years.

The list of his experience goes on.

He has been a member of the United

States Professional Tennis Association since 1998 and has coached high school tennis for ten years.

With Cerritos High School, he spent seven years posting a 110-5 record and in three seasons at La Mirada High School, Kim guided his teams to a 54-6 record.

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Free gifts if you sign here: US Bank was out in front of the library promoting their bank and having students sign up.

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Students want solicitors to leave campus

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For years, Cerritos College has had solicitors on campus, trying to sell students products or have them sign up for different things.

Many students are now realizing that many of these solicitors are scamming them.

ASCC President Michael Barrita

explained that he and many other students are unhappy with their presence on campus, because of their dishonest nature.

"Some students want to get rid of creditors and solicitors altogether," Barrita explained.

Giovanni Castanon, undecided major, said, "The solicitors are kind of annoying. I mean can't they think of a better place to go than college; we're all broke."

Students are advised to call the campus police if they feel that the solicitor is being dishonest or feel that they are doing something wrong.

On the contrary, a lot of students do not mind the solicitors' presence.

Brian Wilson, undeclared major, expressed, "It doesn't bother me for them to be on campus. I like to see the different opportunities that are available for students."

Wilson said that he had even once

signed up for a Disney internship but never went through with it.

Other students just do not feel that they make any impact on the campus.

Ashley Marroquin said, "I don't mind them, but I'm really not interested in any of the stuff they offer."

There are no set plans to remove the solicitors from campus, yet many students do want them gone.

Obama's stimulus plan hits Cerritos

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The Court Reporting and Captioning Career Department was granted \$95,000 to train students to provide captioning services.

Vykki Morgan, professor of court reporting and educational technology, and Mark Wallace, director of public and governmental relations, requested the funding of \$150,000 to fund the captioning program on February 2008.

The department hasn't received the money yet, Wallace said.

"It is a long process to request this funding but we are really pleased to get it. We expect the money by late summer, maybe by September," he said.

These funds will go toward the real-time writers and captioning training for Cerritos College project, it will be use to train those students pursuing a career in captioning.

The department planned to use the money as follows, but it may change since the project got less funding than requested.

Regional marketing, advertising and recruitment, offer scholarships to beginning students to assist recruitment, teacher training, curriculum development offline and real-time captioning, and to purchase studio/lab equipment and supply lab materials (offline and real-time), software/licenses, training and resources materials.

Cerritos College wants to expand in the captioning area of the department because of the 1996 Telecommunications Act; it sees an opportunity for job placement.

Wallace confirms, "This act says that as January, 100 percent of all broadcast programming was mandated to be available in captioning; and then full coverage for all new Spanish programming by Jan. 1."

He adds, "Currently the caption broadcast programming is significantly short of mandates. With this funding, Cerritos College will begin the work to meet the needs of industry for a highly skilled workforce."

Micki England, instructional aide, said, "Cerritos College went to Capitol Hill to seek federal funding for its captioning program, there is such a shortage of broadcast captioners."

"This is the first time that Cerritos College is granted funds like this one," says Wallace, "I have worked in other colleges that had applied for earmarks and when I came to Cerritos College two and a half years ago I saw that it had never applied for them."

"The money is there so why not ask for it," he said.

ID cards might turn into pseudo-credit cards

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The ASCC Cabinet discussed the earnings for the car wash last weekend, plans for another car wash and about placing an extra magnetic strip on the back of the student ID cards on March 16.

The ATMs in the food court will have an extra line in it for the ID cards for deposits and withdrawals.

"We can use this for money billing and you can add money to your card, and buy things from the Culinary Arts," said Sam Kwon, commissioner of the Student Center.

Although it is used for the Culinary Arts Department only, there are thoughts of putting

some card swipers in the Taco Bell and other restaurants.

"Right now, we can't add a line for the restaurants because they are separate businesses," Kwon added, "But we're going to try to get them to put a machine in there so we can use them in there too."

This is currently an idea that is taking place in the ASCC Cabinet meetings, but it is strongly being advised into being put into action.

All that's needed is the approval of the Culinary Arts Department.

ASCC President Michael Barrita described the car wash outcome, and revealed that it made \$370.

The plans about the next car wash were discussed. An exact date was not given but it is set to take place in the month of April.



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Smiling down the runway: Smiling model struts shows off her Asian themed dress as spectators receive her with a round of applause.

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3rd Annual Spring Festival

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The third annual spring festival was held in the Student Center on March 7.

The festival is a cooperation between the Cerritos Chinese School Association and Cerritos College.

Stated Danita Kurtz, coordinator of international students, "it is a celebration to show the different ethnic groups that are in the Cerritos area."

Guests that attended the festival were able to watch performances from the different schools, participate in the different workshops and watch a Royal Fashion Show.

"It is a great way for people to get together for entertainment, education and to learn about each other," Vice President of Student Services Stephen Johnson said.

The event creates an atmosphere of cooperation among different cultures that surround the Cerritos College Kurtz said.

Kurtz continued, "it enriches everyone's lives to be able to experience different cultures."

Different performances were presented from different school to the guest throughout the festival.

Performances were done such as the Lion Dance, Silk Fan Dance, Girl Quartet Dance and the Red Coral Dance.

Guests were also able to participate in the workshops that were set up such as making paper lanterns to hang as decorations and Chinese brush painting.

The Royal Fashion show had a variety of costumes which were worn during 48 BC, 1122 BC, and 755 AD.

Bill Farmer, president of Cerritos College, participated in the Royal Fashion Show to show a Sung Dynasty High official costume.

The event is for everyone and was advertised throughout the cities of Cerritos, Norwalk and Bellflower as well as Cerritos College, Kurtz said.

The festival was created for the campus and community.

"It is open to everyone," Johnson said, "and intended to be an opportunity for everyone to get together from the college and the surrounding cities."

Children attending the event were also getting an introduction to Cerritos College.

"It's a chance for many of these students to come on the Cerritos College campus and maybe they will attend school here," Kurtz said, "as either children on the summer program or as regular students once they are ready to start college."

"We have a wonderful tradition that we have here in the college," Johnson stated, "and it's a great event every year."

New SLO Committee

Faculty senate wants Student Learning Outcome committee.

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The Faculty Senate requested the College Coordinating Committee to forward a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to approve the establishment of the Faculty Senate Committee on Student Learning Outcomes on March 9.

The Coordinating Committee had some minor changes it wanted to make to the SLO committee but it approved.

"It started last year as a task force," President of the Faculty Senate Bryan Reece, said. He also acted as chair of the task force.

Acting President Bill Farmer said, "SLOs and assessment are ways to improve programs."

The committee would meet the second and fourth Monday of every month.

Managers would meet the first and third of every month.

The purposes of the committee would include:

- overseeing the SLO strategy for Cerritos,
- providing support to individuals and programs on campus that need assistance with developing and assessing SLOs.
- suggesting college-level resources to support SLOs,
- coordinating with other groups doing SLO work,
- overseeing SLO assessments for the AA/GE, career and technical, transfer, developmental education programs and institution and
- monitoring trends and practices on issues within the committee's scope and communicating them to the college.

The committee would consist of one faculty member from 11 instructional areas, such as business education and counseling.

Also in the committee would be one faculty representative appointed by Faculty Senate, one appointed by CCFR, the vice president of Academic Affairs/Assistant Superintendent, two management representatives appointed by ACCME and one classified/confidential representative appointed by CSEA.

"We will also have one student representative appointed by ASCC," Reece said.

Three more people would be appointed as non-voting members.

"We need some expertise in the room but not to throw off the voting balance," Reece said.

Bill Farmer

"SLOs and assessments are ways to improve programs."

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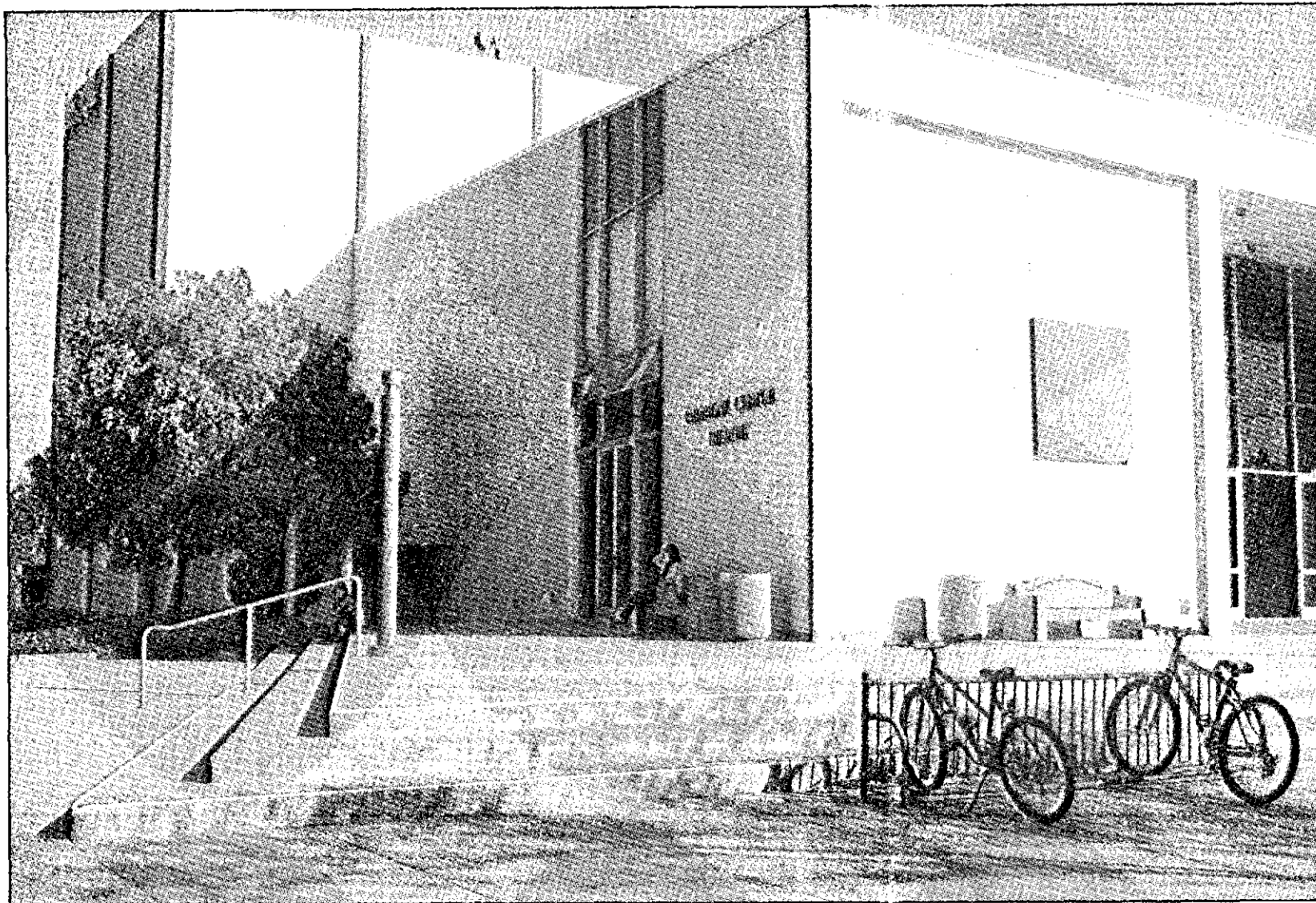
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Burnight Center Theatre: It is lonely now and will only get lonelier as necessary downsizing on classes and productions continue to occur for the Theater Department.

March activities for clubs shared at ICC meeting

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As the Inter-Club Council meeting was called to order on Thursday at 11 a.m., a list of topics were discussed, starting with Hoe Down Days.

A three-day long event, Hoe Down Days kicked off on Tuesday and will end on Thursday.

Coordinator of Student Activities Dean Ackland assured everyone at the meeting that there would be plenty of entertainment during these days.

The festivities will include carnival booths, a chili cook-off, the Mr. Cerritos Pageant, food from In-N-Out and live music.

One event that will be taking place in Falcon Square during Hoe Down Days on Thursday is the event held by the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation.

The Court Reporting Club announced at the ICC meeting that it was promoting the live search-and-rescue demonstrations that the NDSDF will be performing in Falcon Square across from the In-N-Out truck.

Court Reporting Club President

Carla-Maria Marquez said, "NDSDF is a remarkable foundation that takes rescued dogs and helps transform them into dogs that help rescue and save lives."

Nathalie Chavez, commissioner of ICC, announced that student body presidential applications and student trustee applications are now available.

She also forewarned students that the deadline to turn the applications in is on Friday, no later than 3 p.m.

Another topic announced was the ninth annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk held in order to help celebrate Women's History Month.

Sponsored by Cerritos College Fitness and Wellness Department, the walk will be on Tuesday at 11 a.m.

The last announcement made was that the Career Expo and Job Fair that Cerritos will be hosting on March 26 will be at 9:30 a.m. in Falcon Square.

Rose Vasquez of Career Services said that she is always looking for volunteers. She advised that if this sounds like something that you would be interested in, to feel free to contact her at ext. 2366 or 2367.

Theater victim of budget cuts

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Many have seen the economy decline and the way it has affected Cerritos College, the Theater Department is not immune to the cutbacks.

The Theater Department did not offer some classes this semester that are unique to Cerritos College and starting the 2009-2010 year, will have to cut back on adult hourly 10 percent and down scale productions.

TH126, wigs and hair for theater, and TH117, stand-up comedy classes, were cancelled for Spring 2009.

This last one should be back for the fall semester, according to Renee Bloch, performing arts promotion specialist. "It makes me sad because students are the ones that lose."

The reason that these classes were cut is because they are not part of the core program, but

they are unique classes to Cerritos College.

The adult hourly are those people that help to sell tickets and advertise the shows that are put up by the department.

Georgia Well, department chair, said, "You just have to do the best with what you have. It's a statewide issue and everybody feels the pain. We will just have to deal with less help."

The Theater Department produces four shows a year. It will be putting out the same number of shows but it will be careful on the expenses.

For example, it will use materials that the department has in storage.

Renee Bloch

"It just makes me sad because students are the ones who lose."

Well explains, "We will try to use the props, stages and costumes that the department already has. It is very expensive to do the shows and even though students make what they can, we still need to get the materials and buy props that may be more expensive to make. We will just put up shows with simpler costumes and sets, but still we want to produce quality shows."

Ticket sales revenue is divided among the department and the Associated Students of Cerritos College, but it is still not enough to support the program alone.

Well encourages everyone to come and see the shows that the theater department offers.

She says, "It is a different experience than going to see a movie. With theater, every night is different and anything can happen."

Fountain renewals stressed at cabinet

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The ASCC Cabinet had concerns about iFALCON and how to fix the water fountains at the school during its meeting on March 9.

According to ASCC President Michael Barrita, the cabinet hopes to find different ways to raise money for an iFALCON scholarship for students.

"We plan to do a car wash in

Whittier and other things to raise money," Barrita said.

Barrita also explained that he planned for some of the cabinet members to go to certain classes to share their success and how that applies to iFALCON.

"We figure if the cabinet members went to visit, that it would connect more with the students," Barrita shared.

Another topic that was mentioned was that of the cleaning and renewing of the water fountains.

Afterward, David Vasquez, commissioner of athletics, shared his views about getting the water fountains in school cleaned or replaced.

"Some of them are disgusting. I actually found blood in one. Students should have access to clean water," he said.

He also shared his view on how cleaning or replacing the fountains would cost little money for the school.

"If we repair or replace them, the only difference from now would be

that the custodians will need to be more focused and willing to maintain the cleanliness of the fountains," he clarified.

Not only would the fountains be cleaner, but it would be economic for students to drink out of water fountains instead of buying water bottles from the vending machines.

"We won't need to spend any money unless we had to replace the fountain itself. Besides, it's free water. We won't have to spend a dollar fifty in the future," he said.

Automotive Training Center to be constructed

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Cerritos College has announced a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Southland Cerritos Center for Transportation Technologies (SCCTT), a signature automotive technology training center. The ceremony will be held on Friday, March 27th at 11 a.m. at the Cerritos College Automotive Technology Center.

The \$15 million expansion of the center is supported by two major donors: the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association and the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association, and local bond funds. Each association has contributed \$500,000 to the project.

The SCCTT will feature a state-of-the-art Hybrid and Alternative Fuels Training Center, three manufacturer-sponsored techni-

cian apprentice programs (General Motors, Ford and Chrysler), and Northwood University's West Coast program center that offers a bachelor's degree in automotive management for full-time students and working adults.

The proposed training center will include a \$9 million renovation of the existing three-acre auto complex and a new \$6 million automotive partners building that will focus on management education for the auto industry.

"Through the SCCTT we commit ourselves to developing and providing the necessary education—including green technology training—to address the future needs of the transportation industry," said Bill Farmer, Acting President/Superintendent. "Training tomorrow's automotive industry workforce is certainly one of the keys to our economic recovery."

Women's History Month

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Highlights of Women's History Month:

Monday, March 23: Pulitzer Prize winning Journalist: Sonia Nozario author of "Enrique's Journey."

Tuesday, March 24: "Can a Man be a Feminist." Come find out.

Wednesday, March 25: Will We Meet the United Nations Gender Goals by 2015?

Thursday, March 26: Islam: Educated women in Leadership Positions.

Tuesday, March 31: "Trailblazers: Women who Lead" Speakers include: Janet Vincent who was one of the first women in the field of accounting to rise to full partner and to mentor younger women in the field. Laura Lee is a city councilwoman. Denise Peoples, is an entrepreneur and runs her own business which is a temporary staffing firm. We also have another entrepreneur who owns her own "Frosted" cupcake store in Belmont Shores in Long Beach.

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Required degrees impede re-hiring

TEACHERS:
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So the question remains, where does the school draw the line on having enough experience?

Carlos Arce, Senate Committee on Faculty Equivalency Standards chairperson at Cerritos College said, "California mandates that in order to teach at the community college level in California, you must have a master's degree in that discipline, not just the subject."

This means, for example, if one wanted to teach U.S. History, one would need to have a master's degree in the history discipline, not just U.S. History.

The argument that some may have is that Kim has consistently been rehired as an emergency hire for over four years for his past achievements.



Wedding bells: Alex Aguayo and Josh Kaanaana, presidents of Q.S.A., helped "marry" various types of couples to show that love is blind and shouldn't be limited to anyone.

QSA back with a vengeance

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"The Queer Straight Alliance is coming back with a vengeance. I'm so happy to be part of it," expressed Tiffany La Shawn Woolfolk, child development major.

The Queer Straight Alliance hosted "Queernivale" in Falcon Square on March 10.

"I don't know how to describe it other than cute," shared Megan Swift, art major.

For the price of \$3, any two people can walk down together along with music and a candy ring pop to get "married" in front of a decorated marriage booth.

Alex Aguayo explained the club wanted to do give students awareness about gay marriages.

"It's to fight for the reservation for more than 18,000 marriages," said Daniel Schaoper, art major.

The event also included selling bake goods, snow cones, popcorn and t-shirts of the club.

The t-shirts had the club slogan on

it, "Tearing down the closet, one meeting at a time."

Josh Kaanaana, theater major, shared that the t-shirts are sold throughout the year for \$10.

"You just have to ask any of the club members for one. We meet every Tuesday at room LA22 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m," said Aguayo, film major.

Furthermore, there was constant dance music playing in the background for club members and other students to dance around in.

"We would do this again in a heartbeat, if only it didn't take so long to set



The first kiss: As the couple face each other, Daniel Schaper, art major, reads the "marriage" vows during Queernivale held by the Queer Straight Alliance last Tuesday.

Students recapture their dreams

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The re-entry program offers those with a break in their education a chance to return to school with the tools and support you will need to re-enter, and succeed in school.

It is also committed to helping students recapture their dreams by using education as an avenue to change.

ASCC President Michael Barrita explained he believes it's a program that helps students who did not attend college right after high school get sorted and back on track.

The age for those who can participate is not required, but is usually for people with an education gap of three to five years.

The program offers a support group to help re-entry students connect with other students in the program, which meets the first Monday of every month from 6-7 p.m. in BE4.

It also helps you connect with the tools you need to graduate the school.

During the sessions, it will help you clarify your goals, expectations, and purpose for returning to school to better guide you through this process.

It also offer the help of the staff, presentations, workshops, and financial aid, career ideas and child care.

Re-entry students face diversities such as, covering those from career changers, vocational students, professionals that are coming back to the school, homemakers or those who are welfare participants.

It also offers scholarships for those only in the program can apply for in workshops, they cover things such as:

- format basics,
- letters of recommendation,
- obtaining transcripts,
- financial statements and
- essay writing.

"I'll help anyone who needs help, I'm happy to sit down with him or her," said Shannon Estrada, re-entry resource specialist.

An upcoming event sponsored by the re-entry program is the Community Resource Fair, which is free and open to the public.

It will take place on April 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Library sidewalk.

Estrada is located in the Career Center and is open to anyone who wants to get back into school and start a career.

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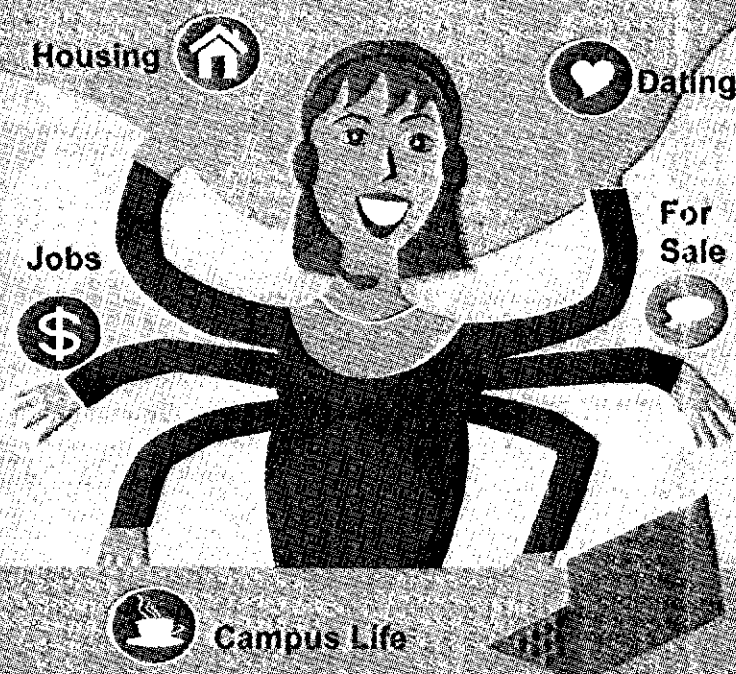
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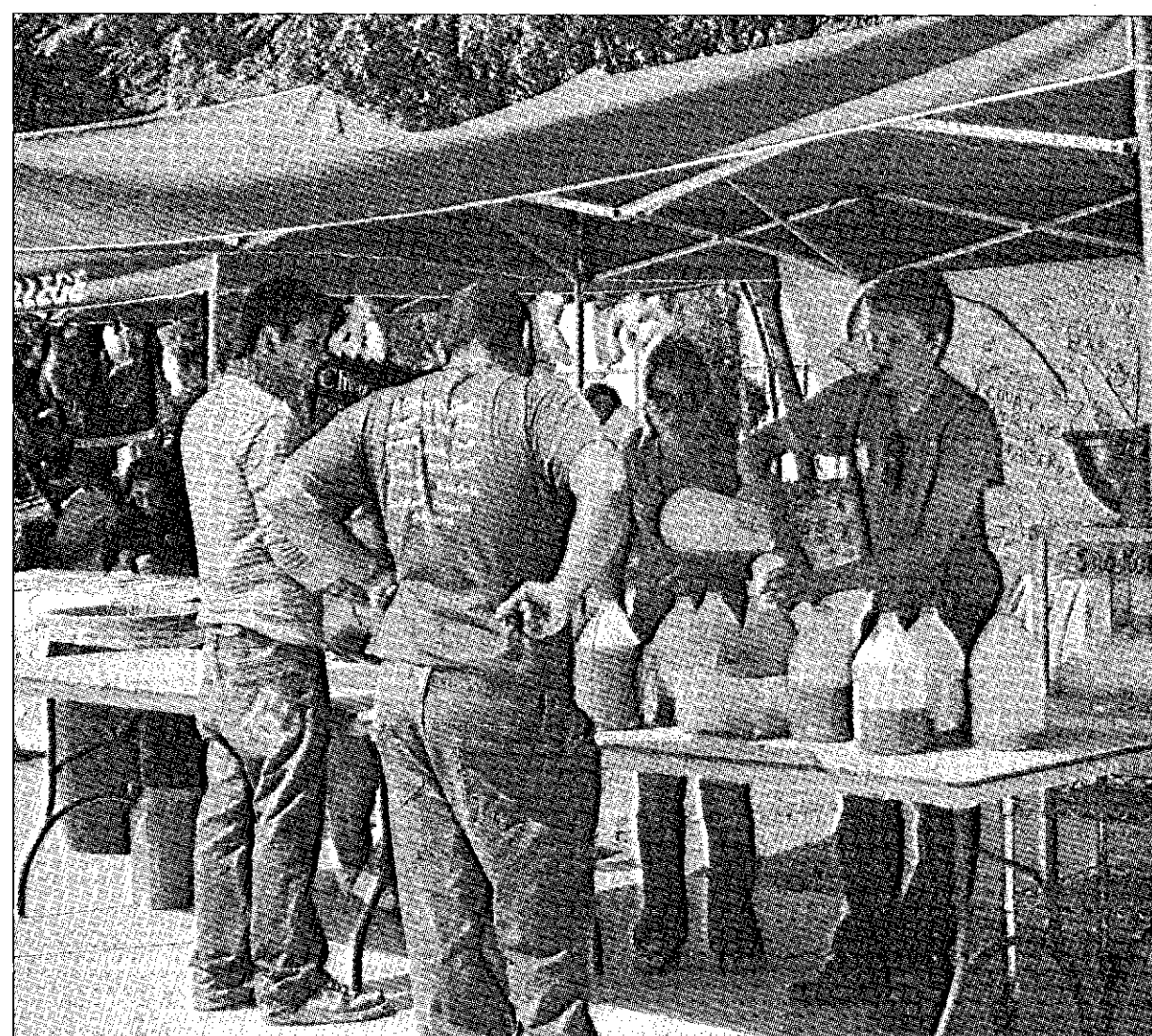
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The days of Hoe Down



Muppet puppet: Mobile puppet booth walks around campus greeting students and giving away free kisses. DANIELA GUZMAN/TM



Snow cones for \$1: Aaron Alvarez, court reporting major, prepares delicious snow cones at the Court Reporting booth. DANIELA GUZMAN/TM



Game Show: Joey Llamas, undecided major, wins the bonus prize (whoopi cushion) after answering a trivia question. DANIELA GUZMAN/TM

The annual Hoe Down Days began with its first event this Tuesday. The clubs here at Ceritos set up booths with carnival games, food, and special events for the student body to enjoy.

With bright red and yellow booths located in Falcon Square, students had endless options on how they wanted to have fun.

Clubs like the Black Student Union had a booth set up where students can try to make shot in the basketball hoop for a prize.

Another club that was getting quite some business was the Court Reporting Club, which was selling snow cones for \$1. Aaron Alvarez, court reporting major was the one that serving all the delicious snow cones.

Another popular booth was the one hosted by the ASCC. They had the water booth, which one could play a game for only \$1.



Dunk the President, \$1: Students rushed at the opportunity to dunk Acting President Bill Farmer into the dunk tank. The booth was set up by the ASCC allowing other club members to take a dive. ELIETH KOULZONS/TM

OPINION

•EDITORIAL•

Not a customer, NO SOLICITORS!!

Beginning freshman come into campus lost and overwhelmed.

That can make them easy targets to solicitors.

They get easily talked into something by solicitors, such as newspaper subscriptions and gym memberships.

Students will sign these with thoughts of it being free, but months later will receive a call on it asking for money.

Afterward, these people will not stop calling until you either cancel your subscription or pay the money.

Canceling year-long contracts is very hard to do.

As if students doesn't have any other things to worry about, now he has consistent calls from the LA Times asking for money.

It is all about a paper students unwarily signed.

Banks are also around the campus, luring unsuspecting students in with their free items of doom.

They will convince you into opening an account with talks of them putting in the first dollar, and free credit cards with no interest the first year or so.

Before signing any papers and giving away any personal information for random people claiming they're from another campus, first ask what it is and ask for a paper explaining what you're signing up for.

There is already a rule that requires solicitors to have a permit before coming on to the campus and setting up a booth, but it's blindly ignored.

If not that, Cerritos College needs to at least ban these people from coming on to campus.



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•LETTER TO THE EDITOR•

Legislators or citizens, who has the power?

They say timing is everything. I didn't send this letter as planned and now I am adding this preamble.

In a letter to the editor in the March 4 issue, Shantel Voorwinden challenged Sobukwe Ramsey to a debate and, if he declines to debate, Ramsey concedes bias, lack of facts, and ignorance.

Accept your challenge or concede? What logic class did you fail? There could be several reasons why no debate ever takes place and none would prove anything other than no debate ever took place.

Also, accepting a debater's challenge to debate is like accepting a gun slingers challenge to draw. Since Ramsey is a journalist, maybe a paper listing points and giving evi-

dence would be a more level playing field.

Now, on to the original purpose of my letter. On Feb. 18, I read a short article in the Whittier Daily News. I waited for some kind of cry of outrage from anywhere but I heard nothing.

No investigative reporters asking questions on the capital steps, no news anchors pontificating on camera, nothing.

Apparently I am the only one in the state who is upset. A legislative committee wants the legislature to go on record opposing a measure passed by the voters.

Sure, that's fine. The larger issue they are concerned with is not what upsets me but the rational used by the committee to justify its position horrifies me.

The article stated, "... the Assembly Judiciary Committee voted, 7-3, in favor of a resolution stating that citizens lacked the authority to put the gay marriage ban directly to voters."

The government derives its power from the citizens so how could we not have the authority?

Regardless of how you feel about Prop. 8, how do you feel about legislators in Sacramento who believe they are the authority, not you?

Make no mistake, they are saying that they are the authority. The courts are not supposed to make law and they say citizens don't have the authority.

So, who's left? Them. Does that frighten

anyone besides me? It should!

My concern is not whether Prop. 8 is or is not overturned by the Supreme Court or whether the legislator approves of it or not. My point is what kind of government do we want?

Those committee members are in Sacramento sitting on their thrones of authority right now telling the source of their power we don't count.

I don't like that vision. I see a movie called 1984 and Big Brother living in Sacramento.

Hopefully, we'll all be more vigilant in future elections, vote out the elitists and vote in citizen politicians.

-Carl Miller, liberal arts and science major

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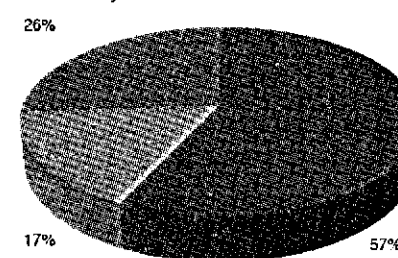
- Yes, it's their freedom of speech
- No, I'm a student, not a customer
- It doesn't bother me

Last Week's Poll

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Should Cerritos attend rallies at other schools?

- Yes, it needs to show support 57%
- No, Cerritos has enough troubles 17%
- No, who cares 26%



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"They need to be kicked off. They are dishonest. To students and reel them in with misleading ideas."



OSCAR FRANCO

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"As long as they follow the school's regulations for solicitors, I don't see why they shouldn't have the right to be here."



AMANDA CHAVEZ

medic. assist. major

"Unless it's about school then they shouldn't be on campus. They should be at a mall or somewhere else."



LATAVIA SMITH

phys. therapy major

"If what they are soliciting for is for a good cause then it's okay as long as they are not overbearing."



JOHN FRANCIS

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"I have nothing against them. Anyone trying to make a dollar is fine by me."



ANGIE BOJORQUEZ

undecided major

"This is a school so they should be soliciting for tutors or school-related things. Everything else is unnecessary."



SPORTS

AT A GLANCE

Wednesday

Tennis
Women vs. Lewis and Clark State 2 p.m.
Men vs. Lewis and Clark State 2 p.m.

Thursday

Tennis
Women vs. El Camino 12 p.m.
Men vs. Mt. San Jacinto 2 p.m.

Baseball
@ ECC Compton 2:30 p.m.

Softball
@ East LA 3 p.m.

Friday

Track & Field
California Relays @ Cerritos 9 a.m.

Swimming
vs. Rio Hondo @ El Camino

Saturday

Track & Field
California Relays @ Cerritos 9 a.m.

Baseball
vs. LA Harbor noon

Softball
@ Cypress 3 p.m.
vs. Grossmont @ Cypress 3 p.m.

Tuesday

Track & Field
So/Cal Heptathlon/Decathlon All Day

Softball
vs. Mt. Sac 3 p.m.

Baseball
@ LA Harbor 2:30 p.m.

Tennis
Men vs. El Camino 2 p.m.
Women @ Mt. SAC 2 p.m.

RESULTS

Last Thu 3/12

Softball
vs. LBCC, W 6-1

Tennis
Women vs. El Camino, W 8-1

Last Fri 3/13

Swimming
Men vs. LBCC, L 66-64
Men vs. LA Trade Tech, W 118-10
Women vs. LBCC, W 84-83
Women vs. Mt. SAC, W 110-12

Last Sat 2/14

Softball
vs. Fullerton, W 5-4
vs. Cuesta, W 6-1

Track & Field
Men vs. Moorpark, W 177-176.5
Men vs. West LA, W 177-136.5
Men vs. El Camino, W 177-130
Women vs. Moorpark, W 145.5-27.5
Women vs. West LA, W 145.5-115
Women vs. El Camino, W 145.5-74

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"We have a lot of talent. When you add the great coach-ability of this team to the equation, it creates a big outcome."

-Kodee Murray, head coach of the Cerritos College softball team



Freshmen: The softball team, consisting of 12 freshmen, gathers around head coach Kodee Murray after winning due to the mercy rule.

MARIA MORALES/TM

Falcons sit on top of rankings

Freshmen lead the flock to the No. 1 spot

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With only three returnees and a squad full of freshmen, the Cerritos College softball team seems to be not be fazed as they top the rankings on the latest CAL JC top 20 poll.

Head coach Kodee Murray, on the other hand, is not fazed by the early poll ranking.

"It's nice, but it doesn't accomplish anything," Murray said.

The young Falcon team continues the success left by last year's state championship team.

"We have a lot of talent. When you add the great coach-ability of this team to the equation, it creates a big outcome," Murray said.

The Falcons are sporting a record of 21-4-1 and 7-0 in conference play. They are currently in first place in the SCC.

"(The team) has played well in tough situations," Murray said about its team mid-way through the season.

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Softball makes it six in a row

The softball team beats Pasadena City, 8-0, to win its sixth straight and remains undefeated in conference play.

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The Cerritos College softball team played Tuesday against Pasadena City College, winning 8-0.

The mercy rule was called and the game was done after the top of the fifth inning.

With the win, the Falcons have won seven in a row within the South Coast Conference.

The game started out slow as both teams came out with no hits up until the third inning, when Cerritos lighted up the scoreboard.

"I lost composure. I let the first play get to me and it cost us," said pitcher Melissa O'Connor about the meltdown in the third inning.

The Falcons scored six runs in the third inning

starting out with three consecutive batters getting on base.

"Hitting is our best quality, we have a lot of power," said shortstop Cassandra Godoy.

After a couple hits, a wild pitch and a tag from third to home, the Falcons went up 6-0.

The big hit in the inning came from Brandi Rummel who hit a two-run single and finished the game with two singles, two RBIs and a run.

"The key was keeping the rally going when we were scoring," Rummel said about the scoring in the third.

Once again, Cerritos got great pitching from their ace pitcher Hillary Perez-Ashley.

The Falcons allowed only two hits and holding the Lancers to no runs through five innings.

"We took care of business and our defense was really great," Perez-Ashley said about the game.

Cerritos will go on the road to East LA looking to keep its winning streak alive and keep its undefeated SCC record on Friday.

Sports Briefs

Track teams win four-way meet

The men squeezed out a victory in the last event to defeat Moorpark, 177-176.5, in the four-way meet. Cerritos also defeated West Los Angeles and El Camino. Kelsey Caesar won two events, the 100 meters and the 200 meters.

Jessica Barfield led the women's track and field team to finish, 3-0, in the four-way meet on Saturday. Barfield won the 100 meters and the triple jump and finished second in three others. Cerritos also placed first in the shot put, hammer and discus.

Cerritos will host the California Relays, which will begin on Friday at 9 a.m. and end on Saturday.

Tennis

Nik Bote is leading the men's tennis team with a record of 7-2 in the No. 4 position. The men's team will host Lewis & Clark on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

The women are sporting a record of 9-3 and a conference record of 4-1. It has also won nine out of the last ten after dropping its first two of the season. Alana Johnson remains undefeated in the No. 4 and No. 5 position with a record of 9-0.

Baseball

The baseball team had its three-game winning streak snapped after losing to Compton, 8-3. The loss gives

the falcons a record of 12-9 overall and 5-4 in the SCC.

Softball

Catcher Samantha Vaalu and the Cerritos College softball team have won six in a row and are now 21-4-1 with a conference record of 7-0. Vaalu leads the league with 10 home runs. Cerritos will travel to East Los Angeles and will look to keep its undefeated SCC record.

Football

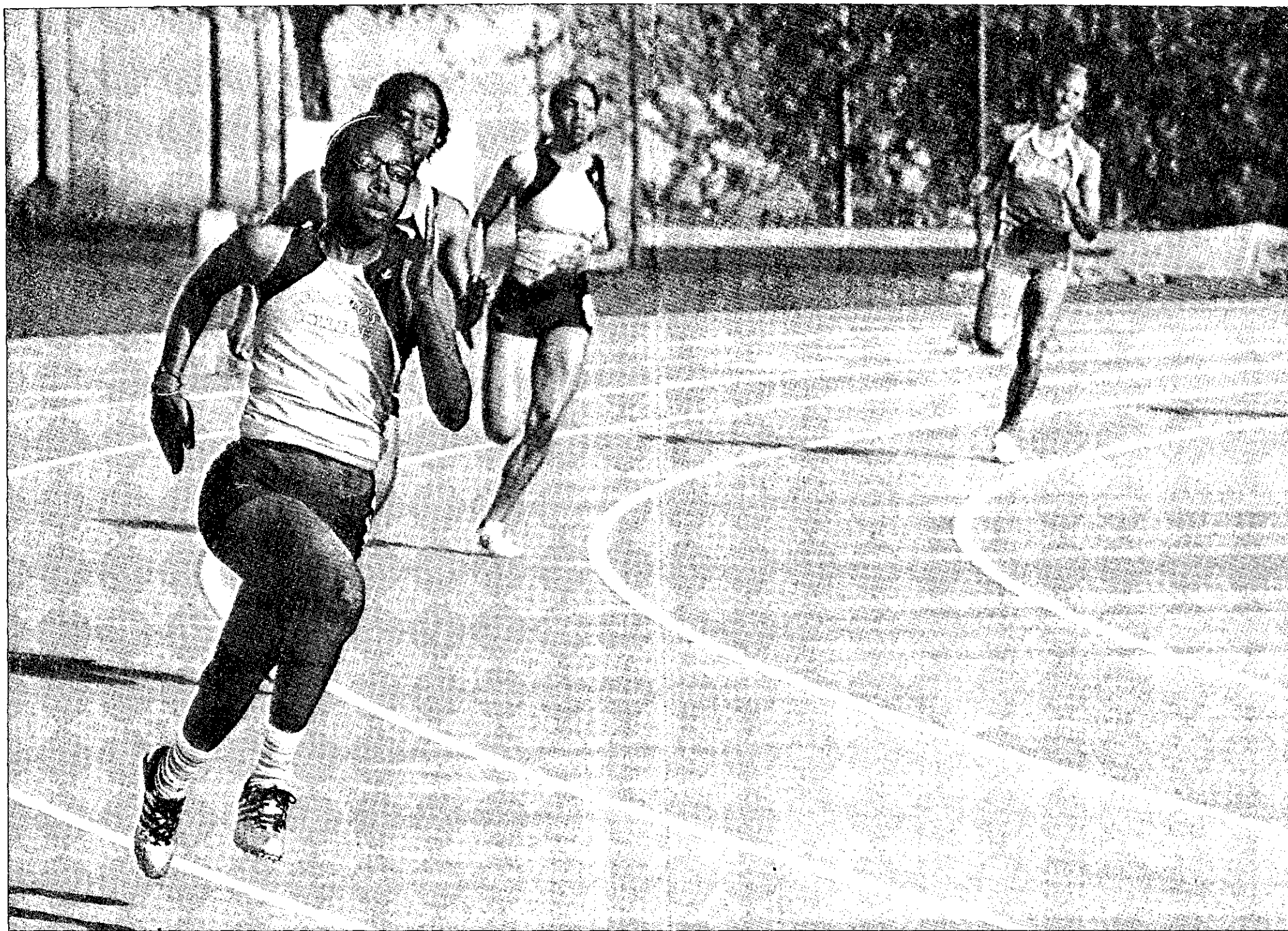
Wide receiver Sheldon Smith will be playing for head coach Bill Snyder and the Kansas State Wildcats next season. Smith was second on the team with 398 yards receiving and six touchdowns.

Swimming

The men competed in a three-way meet and went 1-1 for the day as they fell short to LBCC 66-64. The Falcons' day was highlighted by freshman Matt Mendoza, who won the 500-yard freestyle and the 200-yard backstroke. Even though he fell second, Mendoza broke 1000-yard freestyle school record set by Jack Robinson in the 1968 state championships.

Women

The success of the Cerritos College women's swimming team continues as it swept competition in a three way meet. The women are now 4-0. Much of that success has come from Natalie Peng, who was awarded state Athlete of the Month for February.



Flying by: Tamika Randolph leads the way during the race. The women's track team beat West Los Angeles, El Camino and Moorpark last Saturday. It is currently 4-0 in the SCC.

SCOTT GARITE/TM

Swimmer wins state Athlete of the Month

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Cerritos College multi-talented water sports athlete Natalie Peng has been named the state's athlete of the month.

The Falcons' athletic program has produced six athletes whom have been awarded with the California Community College Athletic Association athlete of the month accolade.

Although Peng has been successful at both swimming and water polo, she says she would prefer to pursue water polo as her primary sport when transferring to a university.

A humble Peng made it clear that she is actually interested in just about any division I college that will accept her.

With her experience, accolades, work ethic and athletic ability, her first choice should be her next destination.

Peng has destroyed old Falcon records in swimming events of the 50 and 100-yard butterfly stroke relays.

In addition to her individual achievements, she has also a part of broken records in team events such as the 200 and 400-yard freestyle and medley races.

Peng's primary influence on her swimming career has been her father, who pushed her and her siblings to not only swim at early ages but, to be the best possible.

Peng's brother and sister were both members of the Falcon water polo team as well.

At the beginning of the season, Peng won the Waterman Pentathlon, beating 127 swimmers showing her competitive spirit and her father's steady influence on her character in the water.

Being only a freshman, Peng has time to progress and should have her choice of division I schools to attend next year.

Barfield, Falcons dominate meet

COURTESY OF THE SPORTS INFORMATION DESK

Sophomore Jessica Barfield had a phenomenal meet on Saturday, as the Cerritos College women's track and field team defeated three other schools in a non-conference four-way meet.

Barfield won two events and placed second in three others to help lead the Falcons to wins over West Los Angeles College (145.5-115), El Camino College (145.5-74)

and host Moorpark College, 145.5-27.5.

Cerritos will now host the California Relays this weekend, starting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday and concluding on Saturday.

Barfield won the 100 meters with a time of 12.34, while her time of 25.45 put her in second place in the 200 meters.

Additionally, Barfield also won the triple jump and placed second in the long jump.

In other running events, fresh-

man Marlene Elizalde won the 1500 meters in a time of 4:47.71, with freshman Alison Bartsoch in second place at 5:04.39.

It was Bartsoch who led the way in the 800 meters with a time of 2:27.09, good for second place, while Elizalde was right behind in third place at 2:27.37.

Cerritos pulled away with their depth in the throwing events, as they won the shot put, hammer and discus.

The Falcons finished in the top

four spots in the javelin, with freshman D'Auria Barker coming in first place, followed by Barfield, sophomore Rachel Butler and freshman Aundrea Stovall.

It was the same in the hammer throw, with freshman Arianna Lugo winning the event, with freshman Stephanie Aliimatafifi in second place, followed by Butler and sophomore Whitney Ashley.

Aliimatafifi won the shot put, while Ashley finished in second place.

Ashley, Butler and Aliimatafifi finished in second, third and fourth place, respectively, in the discus.

Stovall won the pole vault and 10'0, while freshman Elizabeth Sims was second at 9'0, while Stovall also finished in third place in the high jump.

Sophomore Sarah Muniz captured the 5000 meters with a quick time of 18:51.46, with sophomore Lucy Beuster placed third in 19:27.65.

Men's tennis gets by Mounties

The Men's tennis team beat Mt. SAC, 5-4, on Mar. 10

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The Cerritos College men's tennis team defeated Mt. San Antonio College, 5-4, in a South Coast Conference match on Feb. 10.

Cerritos won four of six matches in the singles play and dropped two of three in the doubles matches.

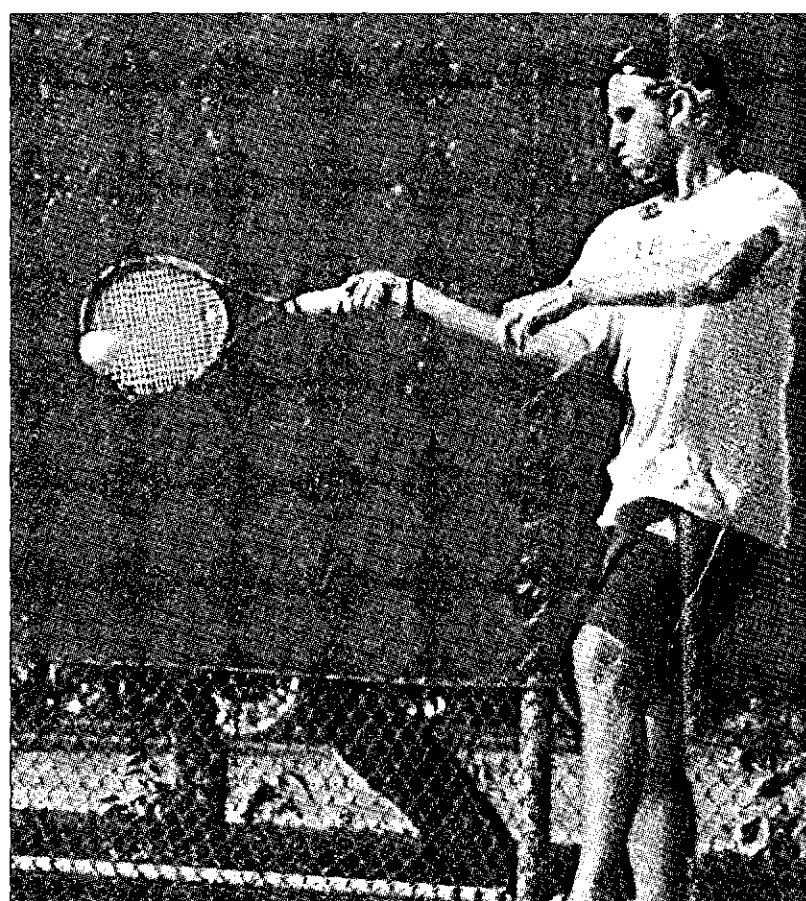
With the win, Cerritos is now 7-2 overall and 4-2 in the conference. Sophomore Jason Wall had the best performance in singles play, winning in two sets, 6-0, 6-1.

"I played really well, hit the ball well and my movement on the court was good," Wall said.

Nick Bote and David Sim were the only losers in the singles matches.

In the doubles matches, the only win for Cerritos came from the duo of Jason Wall and Doug Edwards, winning 6-0, 6-1.

They beat the combination of Jose Quiros and Mark Peralta of Mt.



SCOTT GARITE/TM

Men's tennis: Jason Wall struggles this season with a record of 3-6.

SAC.

Quiros said, "The opponent was serving hard and put a lot of pressure on the serve."

The win was important because if Cerritos did not get a win in the doubles match the teams would have finished in a tied.

"We made sure we stayed focused even after winning the first set, because it is really easy to get distracted and lose focus," Wall said.

The Falcons did come close to winning a second doubles match, but came up short losing 6-4, 4-6, 10-7.

Sophomores Nik Bote and Carlos Gomez played the match against

Ryan Daza and Ian Ramirez of Mt. SAC.

"It was a long match, played well during pressure points, but it was not enough," Gomez said about the match.

Cerritos will host Lewis and Clark State on Wednesday in a non-conference match.

The Falcons will resume conference play on Friday when they travel to Mt. San Jacinto to avenge a loss earlier this season.

Mt. San Jacinto handed the Falcons their first SCC loss before winning 34 conference games in a row.

Mt. San Jacinto escaped from Cerritos on Feb. 19 with a 5-4 victory.

Softball tops the chart in latest poll ranking

SOFTBALL: Continued from Page 7

With a state title to defend, freshman catcher Samantha Vaalu admits the effects it has taken on the first-year players like her this year.

"We do have some pressure defending a state title," Vaalu said.

Since losing two in a row back in early February, the Falcons have won 15 of 17 and are currently riding a six-game winning streak.

The Falcons are averaging al-

most nine points a game when they win and also outscoring opponents by seven points a game when they come out victorious.

Much of that offensive success has come from the efforts of freshmen catcher Samantha Vaalu and second baseman Lindsey Marquez.


Vaalu and Marquez are both hitting .476 while pitcher Lauren Castellon is not far behind batting

.473 for the season.

Vaalu leads the conference with nine home-runs and Castellon is tied for second with five.

The Falcons pitching has been led by freshman pitcher Hillary Perez-Ashley.

Perez-Ashley dons the best record in the SCC of 12-2 and is second in the conference with an ERA of 1.68.



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ARTS



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Thin is in: Esther (Alana Ogio) works on the corset for Mrs. Van Buren (Celeste Jimenez).



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Conversation on fabric: Mr. Marks (Hugo Martinez) speaks to Esther (Alana Ogio) about an exquisite Chinese silk fabric.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THEATER DEPARTMENT
Broken-hearted: Esther (Alana Ogio) suffering a broken heart at the betrayal of her husband George (Donte Winice).

'Intimate Apparel' sews greatness

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Love is pain and pain is love.

In the world of Esther (Alana Ogio) this is the path that she faces every waking moment; this is the path that has led her to the despair in her life.

In a play full of forbidden love, sexual pleasures and endless tears, this is hands-down the best play the Theater Department has done to date.

"Intimate Apparel" by Lyon Nottage and directed by Kevin Hoggard showcased on March 7 in the Cerritos College studio theater.

The stage itself provided a sense of inti-

macy with the different scenes that took us through Esther's life.

With the dim lights and the light music playing in the background everything became realistic and gave the viewer the feeling of him being part of the play himself.

"Intimate Apparel" takes place in Manhattan, 1905, where Esther an African American seamstress makes a living sewing intimate clothing for women of all different backgrounds.

Being a single woman, Esther is desperate to find the love of her life. So when an unexpected letter comes in the mail she is ecstatic.

Being illiterate, she relies on her close friends to read and write the letters to her male correspondent.

Soon after, she is walking down the aisle

with her male correspondent, George Armstrong (Celeste Jimenez).

But soon after, she realizes the life of being a married woman isn't was she longed for and dreamed of.

It's then when the man she thought that loved her shatters her heart into pieces.

He breaks down her self esteem, bringing her down, destroys her dreams and leaves her penniless.

Every actor in this play gave it his all, delivering perfect lines and stayed in character.

My heart went to Esther when she realized that George was a two-face and was playing her behind her back.

I wanted her to hurt him as much as he hurt her. I wanted him to feel the pain and deceit he was causing her.

If I wanted to jump out of my seat and punch George in the face, then this play is definitely worth watching.

The different scenes were something different than what I have seen done here at plays at Cerritos.

I was impressed at the great detail the scenes had and the detail the costumes had.

Play Review

Intimate Apparel

Rating:

★★★★★

'Vagina Monologues' impresses

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I have never loved my vagina more than I love it now.

The jaw-opening, thrilling, utterly indecent yet fun play, "The Vagina Monologues" helped me realize how truly beautiful and amazing my "coochi snorcher" really is.

Right off the bat it caught my attention. With an opening line like "Welcome penises, vaginas, and everything else in between," how could it not?

The indecent, yet funny welcome set the mood for the rest of the night.

I definitely have to say that out of all the plays I have had the pleasure of witnessing at Cerritos College, this was the most enjoyable.

It was based on the book, "The Vagina Monologues," which is a compilation of various monologues, stories, comments, and protests made by women.

My absolute favorite was the monologue titled "My Angry Vagina."

The word "wow" cannot even begin to describe how awesome that monologue was.

Most of it was told through shouting and yelling and cussing, but I think it was portrayed perfectly by the actress. I can't think of any other way that monologue should have been performed.

It completely surpassed all levels of amazing performances.

It consisted of complains, protests, demands, observations and desires pro-

claimed by "an angry vagina."

It talked about how disgusting and uncomfortable tampons are and how a period can only be explained as an "inexplicable phenomenon."

I think the vulgarity and descriptive images this monologue provided truly showed everyone a taste of what a period and having to deal with tampons and what not, really is like.

It had me cracking up at all the absurdities and somewhat uncomfortable details that were told.

Tears came out of my eyes because of how hard I was laughing when the actress began to explain the smell of a vagina.

She said, "Don't believe a guy when he tells you your vagina smells like roses.

It's not suppose to smell like roses. If it doesn't smell like fish, then you're not smelling a vagina."

I thought I was going to fall out of my seat when she said that. I had to keep catching my breath.

But then the monologue went on to saying what a vagina tastes like. I think I will never forget the description and slogan given to vaginas.

According to this monologue, vaginas taste like wet dog food, and their slogan

should be "quality you can taste."

There was one thing that caught me off guard though.

When asking the audience what vaginas want the most, I was dumbfounded. I actually was not sure of what my vagina and other vaginas wanted.

But of course, all my confusion ended when the monologue clarified for me that "the one thing vaginas want is sex!"

Although many of the monologues were delightful to watch, some were heartbreaking to listen to.

There was one monologue called "My Vagina was my Village" that shared the horrors one woman experienced while being raped during war.

That, along with other facts, shared during the play made me realize the atrocities and painful experiences that many women face.

Overall, I was delighted by this play and give all the kudos possible to the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance and the students of CSUIB for allowing me experience the best play I have ever watched.

Although it was a very fun play to watch, it also provided awareness of the realities that are happening in this world today.

It proves that more support and respect needs to be given to women.

Play Review

The Vagina Monologues

Rating: ★★★★★

'Wrath' unleashed from Lamb of God

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"Wrath," the newest album from Lamb of God, was released on Feb. 24.

This album is a sequel to the previous release, "Sacrament."

If you're a fan of Lamb of God and expect a change in its music due the change of record companies, you're wrong!

The instrumentals in this album are one to worship. It brings back the true meaning of metal. It's a reminder of the earlier Metallica.

In the album are 11 tracks and three bonus tracks. They are:

- "The Passing"
- "In your Words,"
- "Set to Fail,"
- "Contractor,"
- "Fake Messiah,"
- "Grace,"
- "Broken Hands,"
- "Dead Seeds,"
- "Everything to Nothing,"
- "Choke Sermon,"
- "Reclamation,"
- "We Die Alone" (USB Bonus Track),
- "Shoulder of your God" (USB Bonus Track)
- "Condemn the Hive" (Japanese Bonus Track).

The vocals are just epic from the original voice that pulled this small band from Virginia to the big league.

Lyrics to these songs make you ask, "What is this guy on?" and "What was running through his mind when he wrote these songs?"

This CD was just an epic dream, an orgasmic tune for anyone who enjoys the true sound of metal.

It's just a toe-tapping, head-banging, person-hitting album that you will be grateful to the rock gods for this.

CD Review

Lamb of God "Wrath"

Rating:

★★★★★

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Watch the 'Watchmen'



Movie Review

Watchmen

Starring: Jackie Earle Haley

Director: Zack Snyder

Rating: ♂♂♂♂

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"Watchmen" is another great superhero comic that translated perfectly into film.

However, this isn't your typical superhero movie.

It isn't about the superhero defeating the villain and everyone lives happily ever after.

It's a great story that defies the standard comic book form of storytelling.

The characters aren't the coolest heroes ever, but the story is among the best in the genre.

Director Zack Snyder ("300") took the comic miniseries by Alan Moore ("V for Vendetta") and accurately told the story, not straying far from the story line at all.

Running at approximately three hours in length, it covers just about everything the comic book did.

The only changes included the costumes of Ozymandias (Matthew Goode) and the Silk Spectre (Malin Akerman).

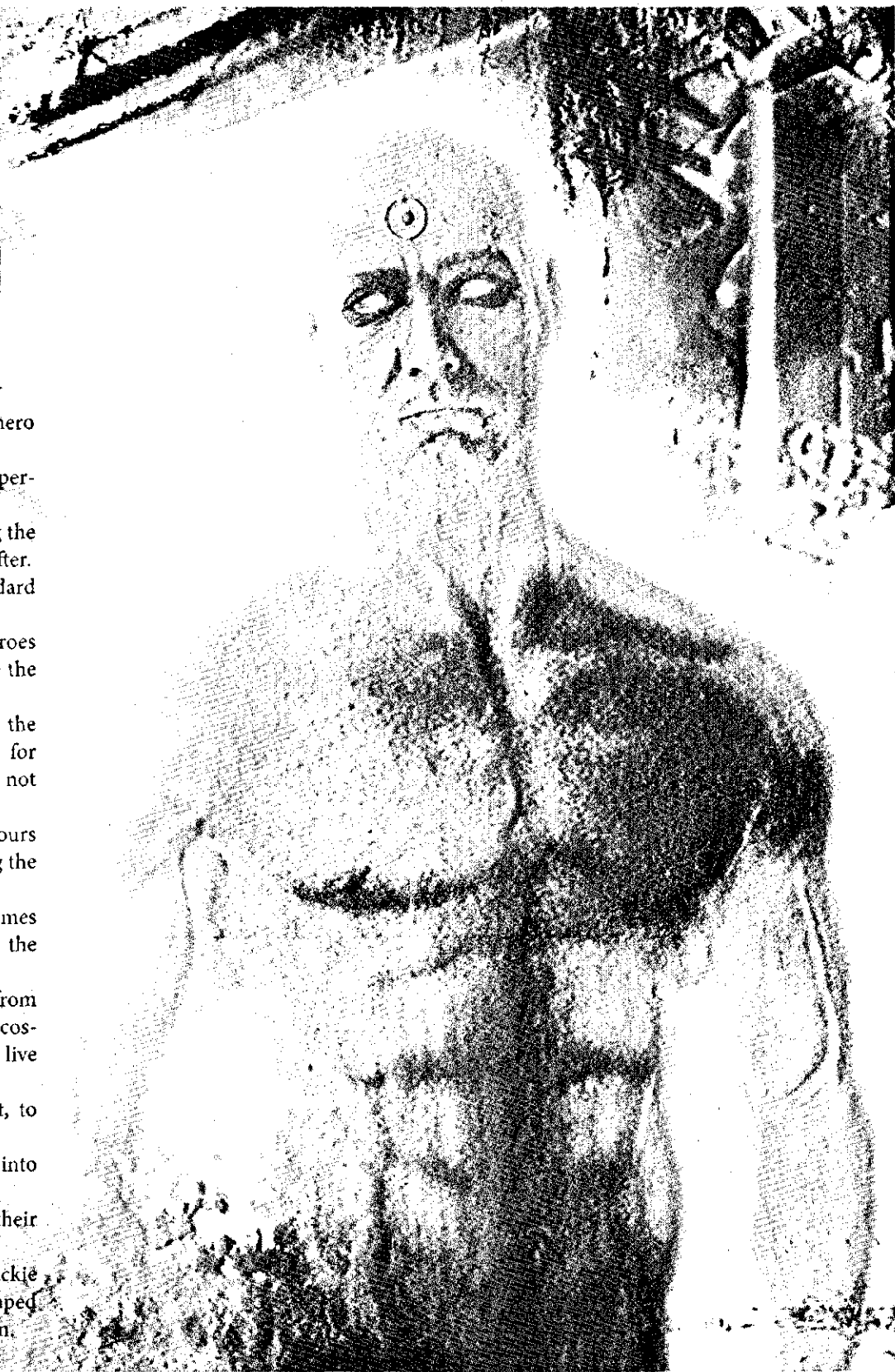
Their costumes were just updated from the original comic book. The original costumes wouldn't have looked good in a live action film.

Also the ending was changed a bit, to Moore fans' disapproval.

Despite that, the movie's ending tied into the story much better than the comic's.

The actors were all perfect for their roles.

Billy Crudup's Doc Manhattan and Jackie Earle Haley's Rorschach felt like they jumped out of the page and onto the silver screen.



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