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Walking raises money for breast cancer

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The Ninth Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk was held in Falcon Square.

The walk led students around the campus and ended where it began.

Carrie Edwards, department chairperson for fitness and wellness, had many words to say.

"I organized the event for all people who have been affected by cancer. We're looking to do some good and also raise money for a cure."

Edwards added, "I'm doing this for my daughter also, that's why it's important to me."

Susan Komen, representative, and guest speaker Linda Pura also had some words to add.

"We're walking to educate men and women about breast cancer and to celebrate survivors of breast cancer," Pura said. "The diagnosis for breast cancer has gone up but the fatality rate has gone down. That's something we should be proud of."

Pura stated, "(This is) the first group of people walking for awareness this fiscal year. And we thank (the group) for being so generous with donations. 75 percent of donations will go to the foundation."

Andrea Johnson, speech major, stated, "It looks like a good turnout and it's all for a good

cause."

Micheal Opene, kinesiology major, stated, "I support the Awareness Walk. It's a good thing the school has organized it."

"This is my second time walking for awareness," stated Carol Gonzalez, bookstore employee. "I love it. It's a great thing the school is doing, but it should broaden out to the community and get it more involved."

As the walk ended, everyone stood in Falcon Square.

Edwards got on stage and added a few more words.

"Hopefully everyone enjoyed the walk. I have great news, we broke two records today. First is for the number of people who registered for the event, 312, and

second is the amount of money raised, \$1,900. By the end of the day we should have \$2,000."

The event ended with a raffle. The prizes were donated by the bookstore.

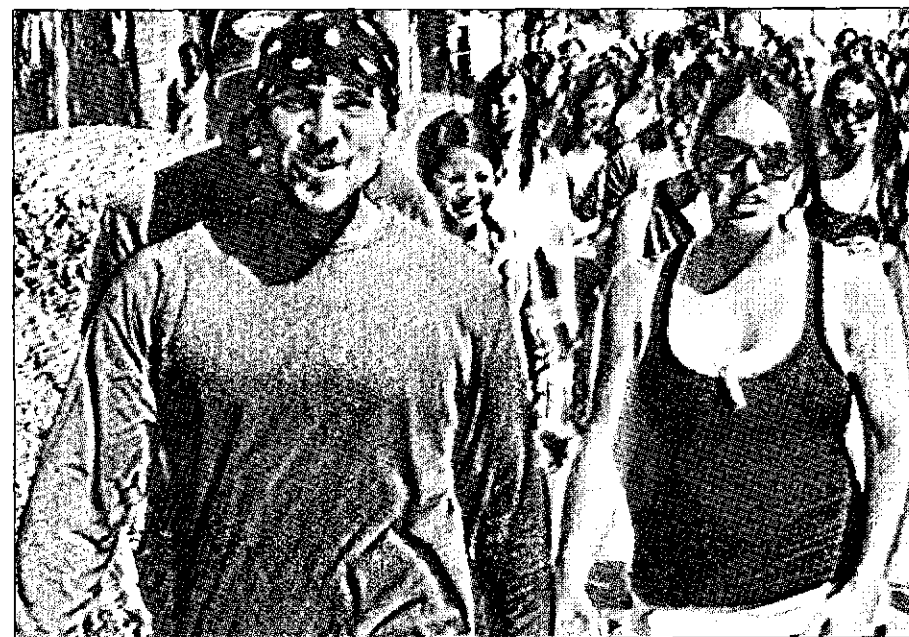
Also, there were awards handed out.

The first award was given to the Science Engineering and Math Division for the most participants with 170. The second was the bookstore with 24 participants.

Three people were recognized for the most donations.

Robert Walther, biology chairperson, donated \$320.

Everyone was thanked for coming out to support the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.



Awareness Walk: 312 people registered to walk in the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

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Dorin wins essay contest

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After multiple English professors read almost 40 essays for the Women's History Month essay contest, they were finally able to find their winner and the first place spot went to Dorin Dorin.

Dorin is a student at Cerritos.

She wrote an outstanding essay about Hilary Clinton and how she idolizes her and what she stands for.

The other two winners were Kristina Hale in second and Alnas Zia in third.

"I really liked them all. It was a nice variety of essays," Diane Keenan, economics professor, said.

Dorin's essay talked about the background behind Clinton before she ran for secretary of state and before she was in the mere spotlight.

Dorin gave a nice portrait of Clinton as a person and she also gave detail on her meet and greet she experienced when she met Clinton at a book signing.

Dorin stated, "Clinton helped her get to know America before she moved to California."

Dorin also explained in her essay that she picked up a biography book about Clinton when she lived in Indonesia and that's when her interest for Clinton began.

The top three essay winners will be honored on March 18 at the Board of Trustees meeting.

The first place winner will receive her award with \$125 to go along with it.

The second place winner will receive \$100 and third place will receive \$75.



Women in charge: Marilyn Brock, Holly Bogdanovich and Nancy Lopez are women in power at Cerritos College.



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Women still working for rights

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Because women have been struggling for equal rights in this country for more than 150 years, Cerritos College has been holding workshops and discussions in celebration of Women's History Month.

But some women on campus have overcome the stereotypes.

One of these women is Vice President of Academic Affairs Marilyn Brock.

"There is a much broader acceptance of women in a variety of fields," she said. "The general public is not shocked when women are in high positions."

Another is Director of Student Activities Holly Bogdanovich.

She said, "When I was in college, I had a male professor tell me that I would never get a master's degree, but I got it anyway."

She had many mentors that helped achieve her goals.

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Obama gives to H.O.P.E.

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Project Health Opportunities and Pipeline to Education has been granted \$238,000 to continue its mission of increasing the number of Latinos and other disadvantaged students pursuing a career in health occupations.

Project H.O.P.E. and Court Reporting and Captioning Career Department are the two programs at Cerritos College that were granted appropriation funding on March 11 when President Barack Obama signed the Omnibus Appropriation Bill into law.

This is the first time that the college receives this kind of funding.

Rosalia Arellano, Project H.O.P.E. program assistant, said, "I'm excited and hopeful that we will continue to secure additional funding, with funding you can do so much more and grow a program."

She adds, "The funding will ensure continuation of Project H.O.P.E. and to expand the much-needed program services to middle school and high school students."

The funds have not been received by the college; it is expected to be available by late summer, if not later.

Graciela Vasquez, Project H.O.P.E. director, and Steve Richardson, executive director of Cerritos College Foundations, sent out the request on Jan. 22.

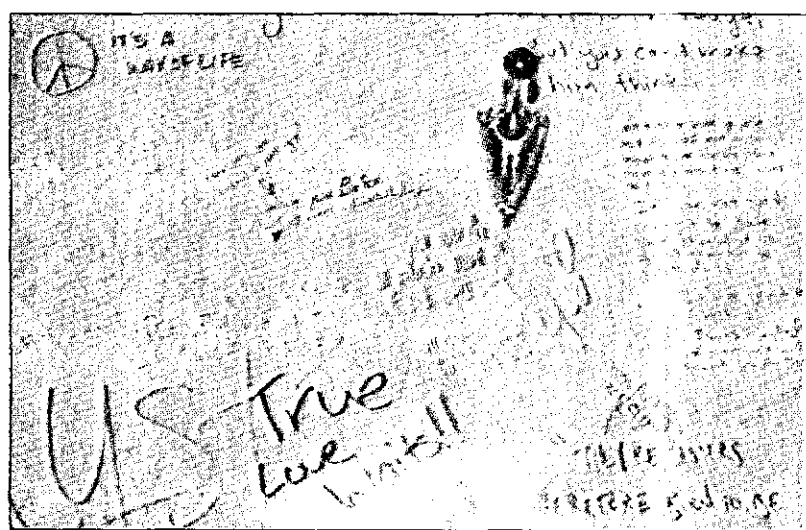
They requested a total of \$258,540.

The budget was made for the original amount but since the program was granted less than requested, it may change.

The plans for it are:

- Salaries for the director, program assistant, temporary hourly, tutors and outreach specialists,
- employee benefits,
- equipment, laptops for high school outreach,

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The writing on the wall: Graffiti that takes up the entire back of one stall door in the women's restroom.

Vandals are destroying Cerritos College

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Vandalism has become an increasing issue at Cerritos College.

Recently, various club posters and Wings Magazine publications of have been torn, thrown to the trash, and even stolen.

Director of Student Activities Holly Bogdanovich said that most students are not even aware or have an accurate definition of what van-

dalism really is.

She said, "Some students do things like trying to take the tape off of a poster or start writing on the poster. They don't realize that by even trying to destroy property that is not theirs is vandalism."

One of the victims of vandalism is Alex Aguayo, president of the Queer Straight Alliance.

Several posters promoting events and activities of the club have been torn, taken down, and some even

purposely thrown to the trash.

"It's understandable if the rain or wind would be the cause of these happenings," he said, "but most of the posters we find in the trash do not even have traces of rain on them. They don't even look wet."

Even a simple act, such as texting on a phone during a test, paves the way for a cheating misinterpretation and could therefore be considered vandalism.

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Summer session not to be cancelled

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The second summer session will not be cancelled.

There was speculation that the Budget and Planning Committee was considering second summer session would be cancelled due to financial issues.

Many students have expressed their concern about this issue.

"I am not sure of the number of classes being cut, but it is going to affect me if I decide to enroll in the summer session," Sel Mojica, communications major, said.

But Cerritos College has decided to move the majority of the classes from the first summer session to the second summer session, which runs from July 6 to Aug. 14.

M.L. Bettino, dean of Academic Affairs, said, "The number of classes offered in the first summer session have been cut, but they have been moved to the second summer session. The total number of classes offered will remain the same."

"It is very costly to run a summer session, especially in the current economic issues. Most of the other colleges have completely cancelled the summer session," he added.

He explained that it helps to move the classes to the second session because the college will have a new budget year and it will be able to pay the faculty.



Rescue dogs: Jerry the dog is going through exercises with his handler, Bruce Hale of the Orange County Fire Department.

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Dog handlers hold demonstration

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The Cerritos College Court Reporting Club welcomed Jan Garnett Lopez to help promote the Memorial for Julie Ann Brandau project that Garnett created.

Lopez is the president of the National Court Reporters Association in Los Angeles and founder of a community service program launched in May of 2005 that assists the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation.

The Brandau project was started after the 2005 murders of Atlanta Court Reporter Julie Brandau and Judge Rowland Barnes.

Brandau and Barnes were gunned down on the eighth

floor of an Atlanta courthouse while court was in session.

"I created a community service memorial project at the local level for Brandau, a slain court reporter," Lopez said. "I wanted to find a way to honor her memory and with her being an animal lover, the NDSDF was a perfect fit."

Cerritos was fortunate to have two dogs from the NDSDF on campus last Wednesday.

The two dogs were a Black Labrador, Jerry, handled by Bruce Hale of the Orange County Fire Department and a Golden Retriever, Wylie, handled by Doug Van Iwaarden.

According to Carla-Maria Cocca, Court Reporting Club president, Jerry and Hale are one of three teams that the Court Reporting Club sponsor.

The cost of training each dog is \$10,000 and ensures that

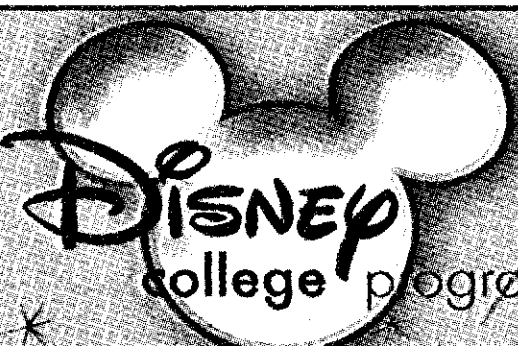
each dog is able to assist first responders at no cost to the agency.

Cocca said, "Lopez wanted to help raise \$10,000 to help sponsor a search and rescue team."

"The CRC raised the money for one team and since then we just recently raised enough for our third, and the club is \$6,000 away from being able to sponsor a fourth."

The program assists the SDF with rescuing Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers and Border Collies from animal shelters and training them to become search and rescue dogs.

"NDSDF typically looks for high energy, toy-driven dogs that have been put in a pound or shelter because the original owners couldn't handle them," Cocca explained.



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'Mommy Trudy' retires

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After 40 In-N-Out Welcome Days and Nights, 39 ASCC Awards Banquets, 21 Hoe Down Days events and 20 Homecoming events, Trudy Foster is leaving Cerritos College.

The secretary of Student Activities, who started off as an hourly employee in the Physical Education Department before moving to the position she currently attains in the Student Activities office, is retiring.

Although Foster refused to provide an interview, there were many others who were more than willing to speak on her behalf.

With much excitement, Director of Student Activities Holly Bogdanovich said Foster will be really missed.

"She's done so much for everyone here at Cerritos College," she said, "and it's a sure thing I, along with others, will miss her very much."

Toni Grijalva, coordinator of the Community Relations Office of Public Affairs, believes Foster has not only touched many lives, but has also been the outstanding, supportive, loving, and big-hearted "motherly" figure to those who surround her.

"To me, she has been like a sister, and I know to others she's been like a mother," she said.

Foster is known as "Mommy Trudy" to a lot of students and employees on campus.

Cynthia Alvarez, former student of Cerritos College, came to visit Foster last Wednesday, the day of the Mr. Cerritos contest.

"I used to be vice president of one of the clubs on campus back in 1992," she said.

"When my sister, who attends Cerritos College, told me (Foster) was retiring, I knew I had to come say goodbye to her," she added.

Foster had helped Alvarez out with some personal problems she was experiencing.

She explained, "She sat there with me for two hours just listening to me cry, sob and pour my pretty little heart out."

When many others would have turned their back on a 19 year-old desperate girl, Foster took the time to sit down, listen and provide advice.

Coordinator of Student Activities Dean Ackland said Foster is the mother of the Student Activities office, himself included.

He said, "She provides a great deal of passion to students, co-workers, athletes and visitors. She is the perfect secretary."

Both Grijalva and Ackland were overwhelmed with all the work that Foster's job requires and how all the work she does exceeds what is required.

Grijalva sighed as she began to explain all the planning, coordinating and supervising Foster has done throughout the years.

"She is a hard worker and is more than willing to roll up her sleeves and get the job done," she said. "She bleeds Cerritos blue."

According to Ackland, Foster's best strengths have been her consistency and discipline.

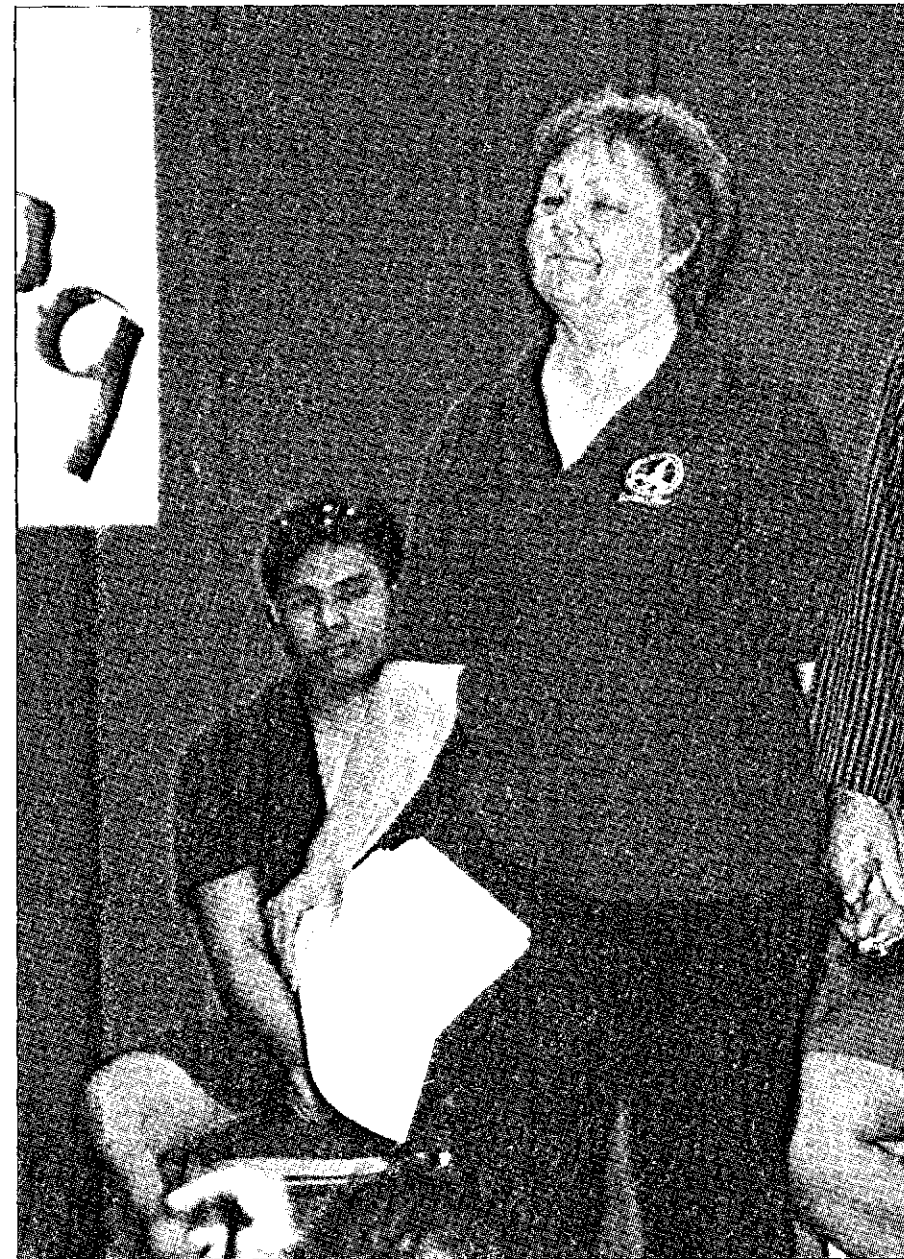
When Foster first interviewed for the secretary position, Ackland and Grijalva were on the hiring committee.

Grijalva laughs, "The day of the interview, (Foster) was sick with laryngitis so she couldn't speak. She had to whisper her answers the entire interview."

Ackland also thought it was funny that Foster was incapable of speaking during the interview.

"I thought she would be the perfect secretary because she wouldn't be able to tell me what to do," he said. "Boy, if only I knew."

Foster was here to experience changes such as transitioning from typewriters to computers, from ditto machines to copiers, and witness the renovation of the Student Center.



Foster: Trudy Foster participated in many activities including this year's Hoe Down Days.

dent Center.

Although she's been here for quite a while now and will most definitely be missed by those whose life she touched, Grijalva is happy that Foster is retiring and moving upstate to be with her daughter.

"I'm going to miss her but she's done a lot for Cerritos College and it's time for her to relax and spend time with her daughter

and grandchildren," she said.

Though she may be retiring, Ackland believes she will still be thinking of Cerritos.

"She goes home after work, still thinking of Cerritos. I'm sure she will definitely be thinking of Cerritos when she retires," he said. "That is what makes her a true Falcon."

eLumen to be installed for SLOs

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The Cerritos College Board of Trustees gathered together in the Cheryl Eppe Boardroom last Wednesday to discuss a series of important matters, and to celebrate the retirement of Trudy Foster.

The main topic that was discussed at the meeting was the plans of installing the software known as eLumen.

eLumen is a software that manages Student Learning Outcomes.

A number of community colleges from the Western Association Schools and Colleges use eLumen.

Dr. Tina Cho, Board member, had this to say about eLumen, "What we expect the students to learn from each class, has a statement of what they should have learned."

eLumen will be placed in 3500 courses, and the assessment information will show the students the required accreditation.

Dr. Bryan Reece, Faculty Senate president, exclaimed, "I am personally excited about it, it will help organize the SLOs, improve the college, and adjust courses."

The plans for the purchase and installation are as followed: purchased by April, set up by May.

Training and test runs are to be done in the summer, and will be fully installed in classes by the Fall semester.

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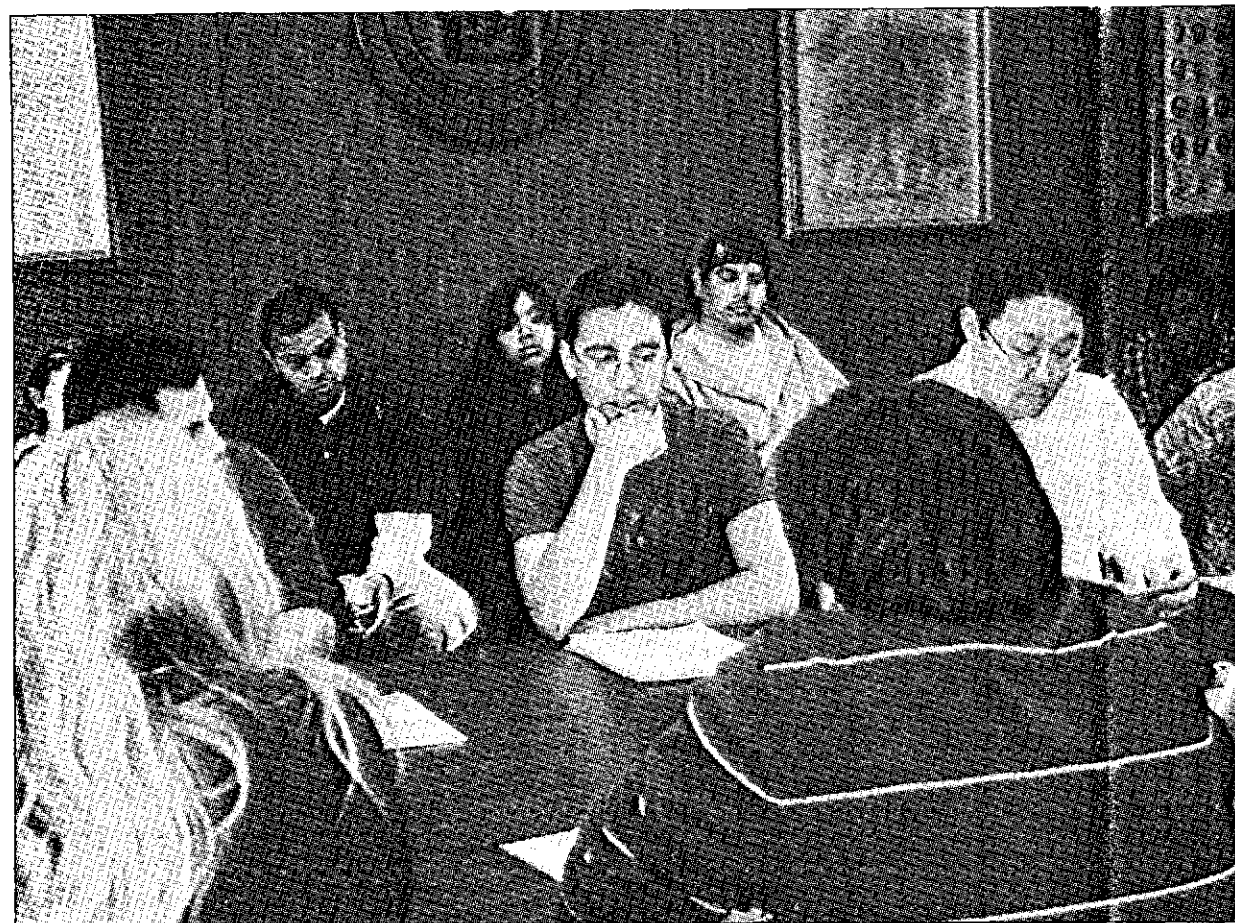
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ASCC Cabinet Board Meeting: Cabinet members discuss issues such as iFALCON and computer lab hours.

Cabinet boards iFALCON

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At the ASCC Cabinet meeting, the topics of discussion were the renewal of water fountains, iFALCON three-year marketing campaign and computer lab hours.

Michael Barrita, ASCC president, stated, "The title-five grant comes around once every five years, and I'm just proud the school recognizes iFALCON. It's a big accomplishment."

"The grant will bring about so many more resources to faculty and everyone. We're in the process of writing the grant and hopefully it's picked up. I'm not sure of how much money we would receive if grant is picked up," Barrita added.

Barrita also adds, "iFALCON is something students should be proud of. It was made by students. I

would also like to commend teachers for pushing the program as well. I encourage faculty to keep sending the message out."

Also during the meeting, Barrita spoke of a three-year marketing campaign that is being pushed by Mark Wallace.

"This program is for our generation," Barrita added.

There are also the 10 posters that will be put up in classrooms, offices and all around the school campus promoting the iFALCON Habits of Mind Program.

"We become who we envision is the purpose of the posters and each poster represents a different major," Barrita stated.

The majors include electrical engineering, pre-med, bio-chemical engineering, biology, information technology, pre-law, music, English, communication and nursing.

"This is the first generation of

the iFALCON program. There will be new posters each generation," Barrita stated.

The meeting went on and other reports were made.

Water fountain reports are finished.

The magnetic strip on back of IDs program is moving forward.

It isn't confirmed yet, but the hours in the library will stay the same, according to ASCC commissioners.

Wifi in the library was also spoken upon at the meeting.

Steve Kim, assistant commissioner of information technology, stated, "I spoke to the director of I.T. and wanted to find out the problems with the wifi program. I.T. is working for the wifi but can't really do anything because of the budget, and most of the money is going to campus reconstruction."

Cerritos College defaced

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"There are some students who have been caught texting answers to another classmate during a test and don't even know that is considered vandalism. Cheating is vandalism," Bogdanovich said.

Students need to realize that there are consequences for vandalism and that other people's belongings need to be respected, Aguayo said.

"Everyone is entitled to his own opinion and does not necessarily have to agree with someone else's view,"

he said, "but when it gets to a point where belongings are getting vandalized, consequences need to be implemented."

Although he hopes someone is not trying to purposely vandalize the QSA's posters, Aguayo highly doubts a natural cause is the reason behind all the damaged.

He added, "I would like to think it is just the rain or the wind. If that is the case, then that is one homophobic wind."

Liberal Arts resolution passed

Liberal Arts resolution passed ask for accountability.

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As of March 12, the Liberal Arts Resolution has been passed.

Wendell Hanks is heading a campaign to bring the campus of Cerritos College back to life.

Hanks said that the school is

depreciating and that our campus needs physical help.

As one walks around the campus, he may see graffiti on walls, bathrooms that are out of order, or tables that he may not find suitable to eat at.

These are the issues that Hanks is trying to help be brought to everyone's attention.

"It is of paramount importance that the Cerritos president take responsibility for the campus," Hanks added, "the campus is a reflection of

the student's and faculties worth."

Bill Farmer, acting president and superintendent of Cerritos College, took a tour of the campus to see the shape that it was in.

Farmer was very positive about the need for change around Cerritos campus, and since then changes have started to be made according to Hanks.

One change that was made to get the ball rolling was new partitions in some of the restrooms to replace the old graffiti-covered ones.

H.O.P.E.

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- supplies and materials for advertising, educational materials, project supplies, outreach materials, printing publications and miscellaneous office supplies and
- administrative overhead.

Vasquez explains, "When you have a program like this, it requires dedicated time, people to serve in counseling and tutoring, and administrative staff."

This is why a large percentage of the funding will be going toward salaries and employee benefits.

Lisette Walle, nursing/physical therapy major, said, "It's exciting that they are getting more funding, they keep me informed with what's going on. It takes us to field trips, lends us book and materials; it makes it easier for me."

Recycle your books, save Mother Earth

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Orange and green cardboard boxes adorn the entrances to the Student Center and the library at Cerritos College, urging students to donate books they no longer have a need for.

Phi Theta Kappa sponsors the program and it has done so for the past few years.

Dr. David Young, Phi Theta Kappa advisor, states that the books are recycled not for monetary purposes, but because that way they don't end up in a landfill.

The idea for the book donation drop boxes began when Phi Theta Kappa attended a conference in Se-

attle a few years ago, and the officers were first exposed to it.

"They were really excited about it," Young said, "and Nidia Barrios has continued to move forward with it as a tradition for Phi Theta Kappa."

Young states that it is a really good cause and even though they don't get any more than \$40 or \$50 a year for it, the real reward is the value that is added to people's lives.

The boxes have different slogans written on them.

The one placed next to the Student Center entrance says, "Put books here," and it has an asterisk next to it. Below, there is another asterisk, followed by "Please do not puke in this box. (Unless your stomach is full of books.)"

Women's History Month celebrated

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One was Fran Newman, who was a counselor at Cerritos College when Bogdanovich was a student.

Female students on campus feel that no goal is unachievable.

"My professors tell me anything is possible regardless of gender as long as I work hard," ASCC Assistant Commissioner of Public Affairs Nancy Lopez said.

She thinks that people are treated equally on campus.

On the ASCC Cabinet, she said there is total equality and there is good balance between the number of men and women.

However, there are times she has felt discriminated against.

"On other campuses, sometimes I felt people think I am not as capable because I am a woman," she said.

Since the Civil Rights Movement began, women have made great strides in getting equal rights but there is still a way to go.

"The pay scale is getting better but in the private industry there still is not equal pay for equal work," Brock said.

"There still are real and perceived glass ceilings. Theoretically, it is possible for women to get into high positions but it might take longer or they might have to move around more."

One trend Brock is glad to see is the number of female applicants in medical and dental schools has increased.

"There are more women than

men apply for medical school and that is a real change."

She is disappointed that there are not a lot of young women following the same path as her generation did.

"Young women are staying at home and raising their families," Brock said. "To see them not even excited about being a part of the movement is hard to take."

She said that she does understand that it is hard to raise a family and have a career, "But I did."

Commencement speaker is golden

Gold olympiad set to speak at Cerritos Commencement.

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Brenda Villa was approved as this year's commencement speaker at last Wednesday's Board of Trustees meeting.

The Olympian has received two medals, bronze and silver, as a member of the USA women's water polo team.

Villa participated in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing and the 2004 Olympics in Athens as well as 2000 Sydney Games.

She has served as the assistant women's water polo coach at Cerritos College.

Villa is familiar with being a champion.

Villa was captain of the U.S. national water polo team that won the gold medal.

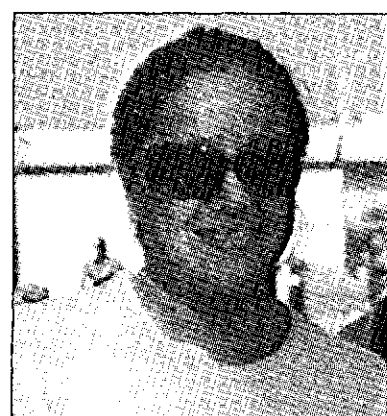
Villa was also a part of the 2008 women's water polo championship

team.

Villa's many accomplishments more than qualify her to be the one to encourage Cerritos College graduates.

Cerritos College is glad to have her speak to their students, Andrea Jones, the secretary in the president's office confirms that Villa "has been approved."

Jones also informs us that the suggestion for Villa to speak was made by Holly Bogdanovich and the Student Activities Office.



Brenda Villa
Olympic Gold Medalist set to speak at Cerritos College Commencement Ceremony.

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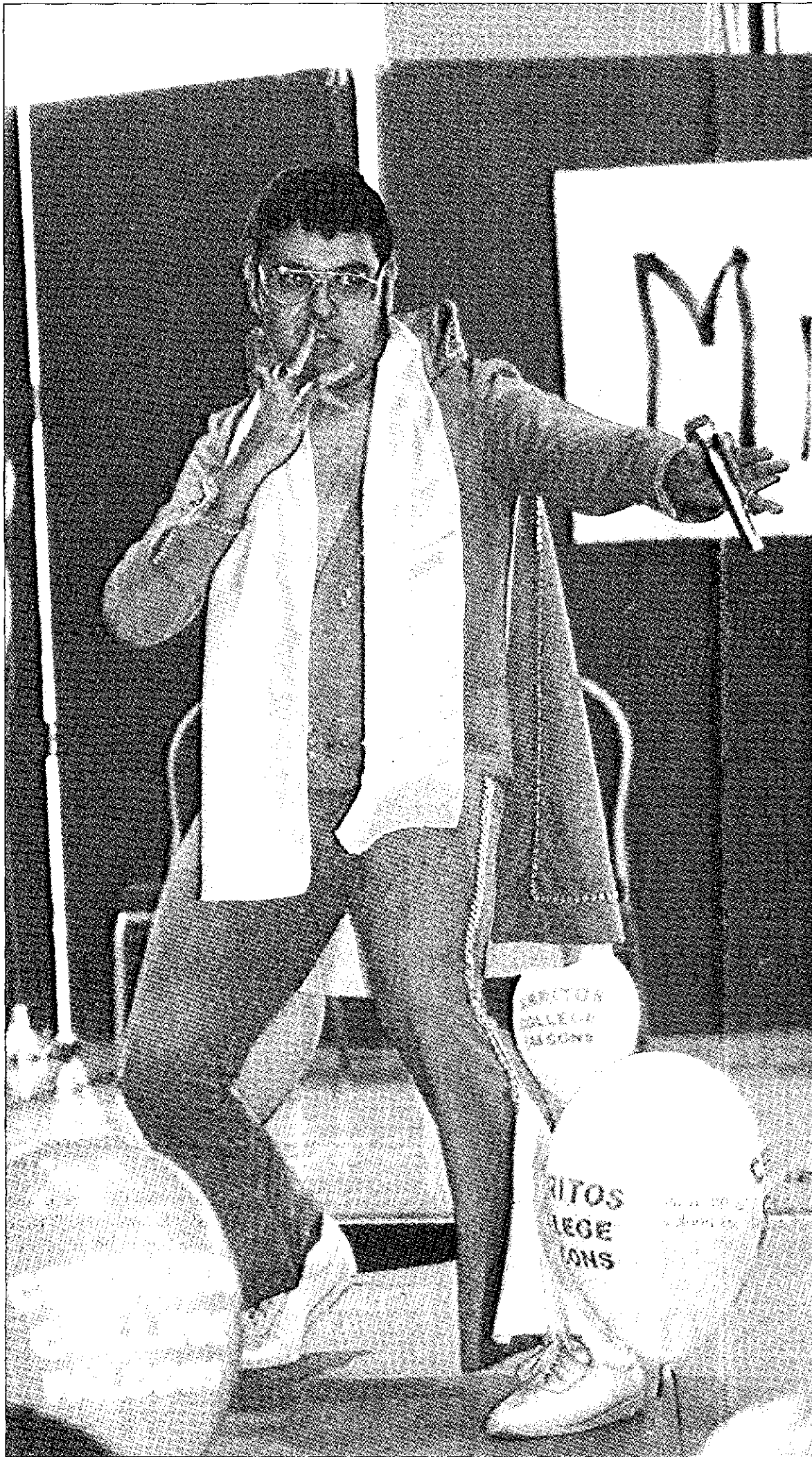
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Elvis wins Mr. Cerritos contest



Hail to the king: Math club representative Art Catano won the judges over with his Elvis impersonation, winning the Mr. Cerritos contest.

Club members show off what they got in the Mr. Cerritos contest.

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After performing his Elvis impersonation, the Math Club representative was the winner of the Mr. Cerritos contest on March 18.

Art Catano was awestruck when he was announced as the winner of the contest.

"I was really surprised I won," he said. "But I did put a lot of work and effort into my Elvis routine so I'm really happy."

The Mr. Cerritos contest is one of the events during Hoe Down Days that consists of a questionnaire, bathing suit contest, and talent showcase by a male member of

a campus club.

Although he was quite nervous about performing his Elvis impersonation in a Halloween costume his mother had made for him when he was 18 years old, he knew there was no going back on the routine.

"Elvis is the best. I was nervous but I knew that's what I wanted to do," he stated.

The hardest part, he said, was getting into the costume, but "the shake came naturally."

He had danced the Elvis routine before, back when he was 18, but not in front of a wide audience.

"I was afraid they were going to laugh at me," he joked nervously.

He had volunteered for this event in hopes to publicize the Math club.

"I figured why not," he said, "not only would it give me a chance to publicize the math club, but it would also give me a chance to perform Elvis routine."

Catano was not the only con-

stant nervous. Runner-up Bryan Barrera from the International Student Association was also self-conscious about participating.

"I was nervous because I hadn't prepared anything until this morning," he said.

He had come up with a song to dance to that morning, performed the routine on the spot without practice, borrowed some bathing suit trunks from another contestant during the competition, and had absolutely no clue as to what he would respond to the questions.

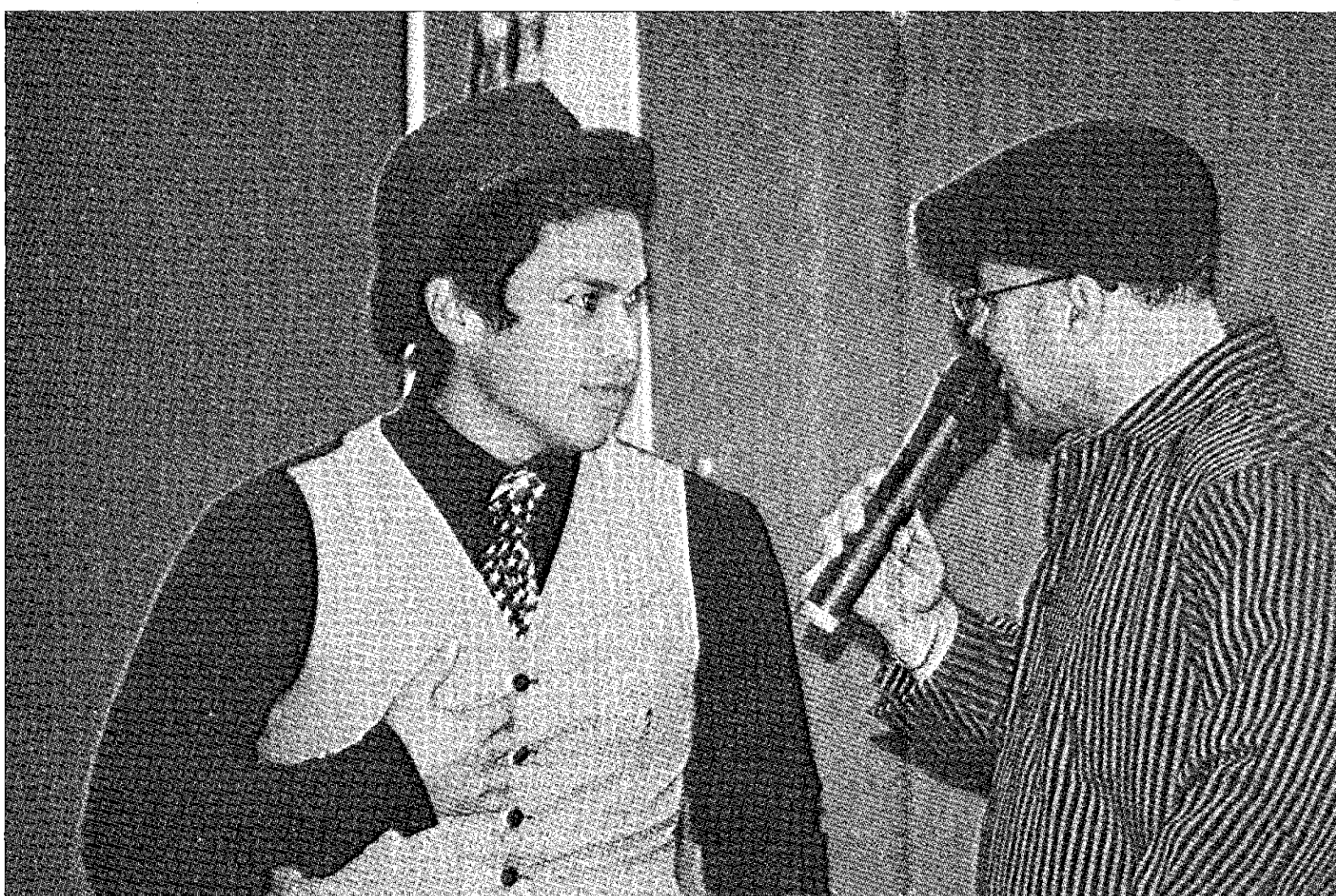
His girlfriend and psychology major Andrea Castillo thought it was funny, yet exciting to see her boyfriend Barrera on stage.

"I was excited for him and was happy that he won," she said, "but I did think he was going to do more than what he performed."

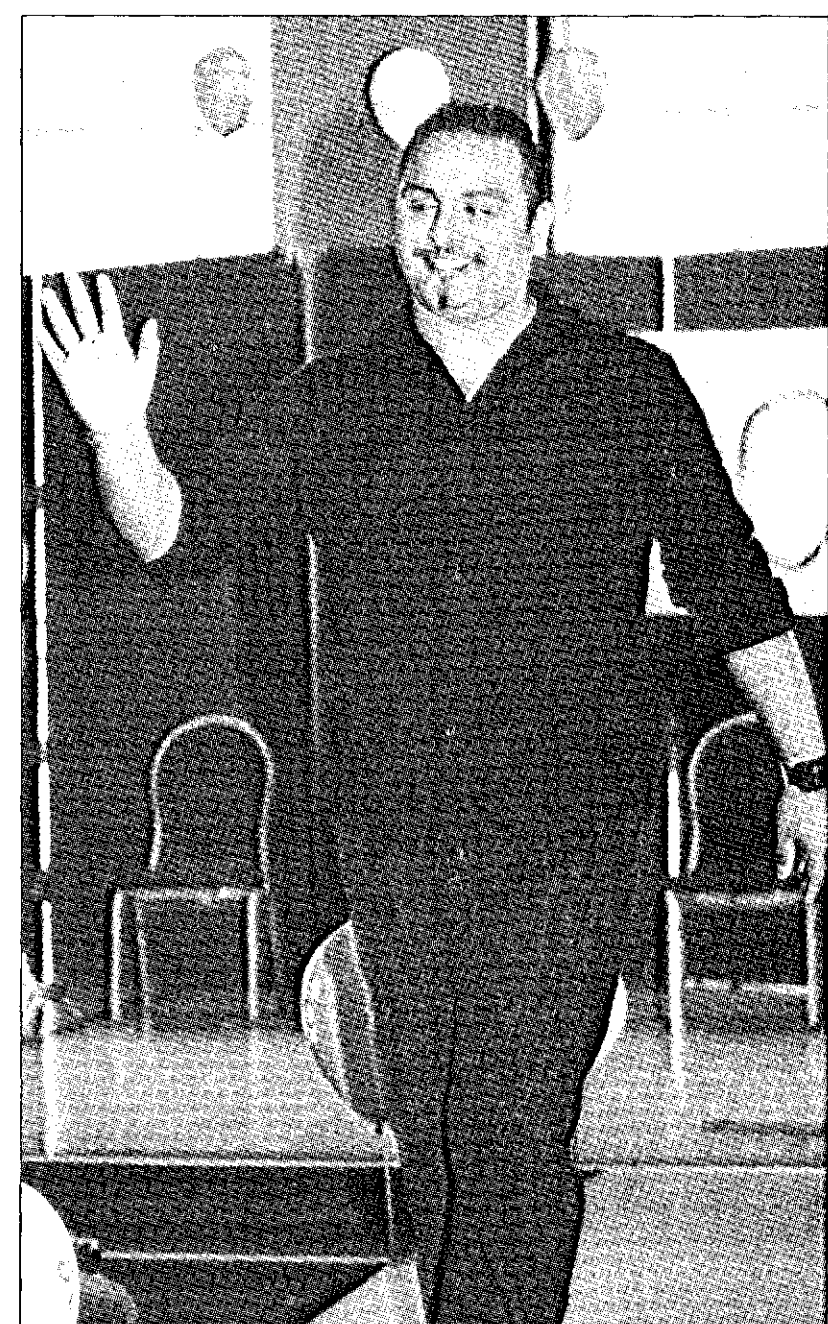
Although he was not prepared this year, Barrera said he would prepare better so that he may participate in next year's contest.



"El Baile del Beeper": Ernesto Gomez, a representative from the Journalism club, shows off his moves to the judges as he dances to a merengue song.



And the runner up is: Bryan Barrera from the International Student Association responded "dinner and a movie" when the host of the Mr. Cerritos contest asked him what his perfect date would be like.



Say hello to Rick Angel: Cosmetology club representative and Homecoming mock rally winner Rick Angel also participated in this semester's Mr. Cerritos contest.

OPINION

• EDITORIAL •

Keep the good days rolling

In the midst of midterms and the economic crisis, Hoe Down Days came to the rescue.

What better way to ease some stress then to have the opportunity to sink the president of the school, watch an Elvis impersonation in the Mr. Cerritos contest, and taste chili cooked by peers that had the potential to burn your mouth off?

If that's not enough, the free In-n-Out burgers on the last day of Hoe Down Days could not have been a better way to top off the week.

For one week, students remembered what it was to have fun. Students were actually laughing and playing for once in a long time.

The carnival-like presence, filled with booths down the walkway by the hill, brought a different kind of vibe that has not been seen in a long time at Cerritos: a good vibe.

Hoe Down Days was a stress relief to the students after doing midterms.

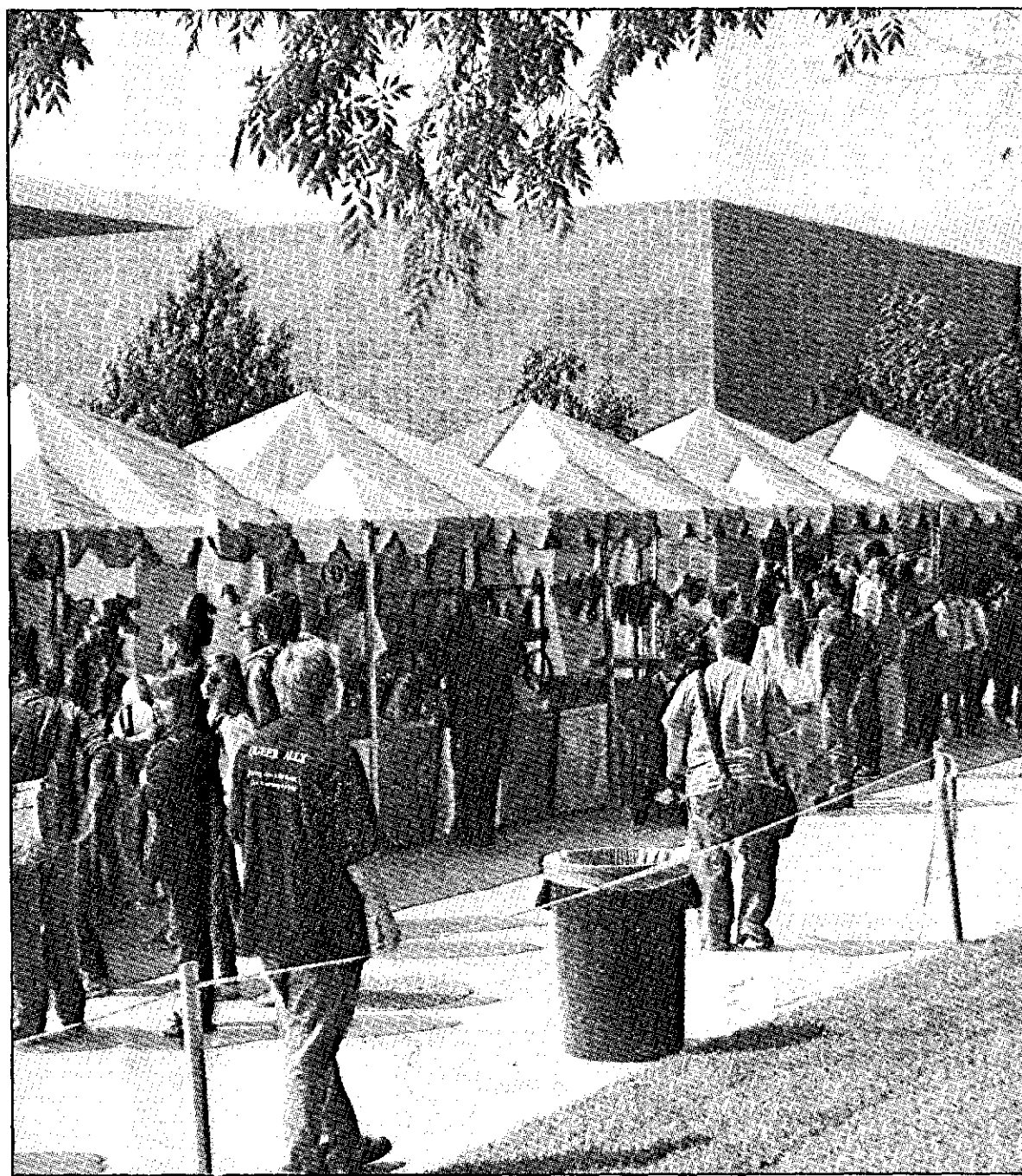
The prices for the booth games were reasonable and for the average student, five dollars were spent in total.

Five dollars for a week of fun sounds too good to be true in the economic times we face right now.

Hoe Down Days came in a timely manner for students and faculty alike.

These type of activities should be consistent throughout the semester. Students like to have a bit of fun once in a while after being stuck in their classes.

It's not that fun when one walks around a campus without any type of activity, or entertaining ambience. Life at college tends to get rather dull at that point.



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Comic books are today's mythology

Comics have more to teach us through myths and fables than people think.



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Back in ancient times, people worshipped gods and heroes such as Zeus and Artemis.

As time went on, these beings became nothing more than mythology taught in our schools that most high school students don't take seriously.

Thanks to comic book characters such as Superman, Batman, Spider-Man and more, it seems that we are creating our own modern mythology and our own gods.

It sounds strange but it makes sense. When we see someone who runs extremely fast, we don't usually hear, "Man, that guy is as fast as Hermes." It is more like, "Man, that guy is as fast as Superman or the Flash." Even though these comic book heroes do not exist, they still influence us, not only in creating great films, but in our daily lives. Batman and his nemesis, the Joker, show us that you can do extraordinary things with

endurance and wit alone.

He shows us that one does not need super powers to get themselves out of a sticky situation. One just needs a crafty mind and imagination.

Then there's Spider-Man who teaches us, "With great power, comes great responsibility."

Now, power doesn't always have to be things like moving objects with your mind.

It could be running a club or organization, such as the student government.

With a position like that, one cannot be just lying around doing nothing or using the title to get good parking.

Being part of student government means doing one's best to be a good leader by sacrificing time and effort to improve the school.

These characters are our heroes; they represent hope when the times get tough.

The X-Men show us how people get through prejudice and cruelty of human-kind, that being different is a good thing as well as a curse.

It makes me sad to see some adults laugh at comic books or child's play.

Hopefully, one day comic books would be taken more seriously and taught more in schools since they will be our mythology one day.

For Pete's sake, adults should be happy that their kids are bothering to read something.

Comic books are just as effective teaching kids how to spell properly and using proper grammar.

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What was your part of Hoe Down Days?

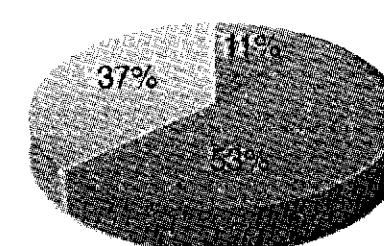
- Game Booths
- Mr. Cerritos
- Chili cook-off
- I don't participate in stuff like that

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- It doesn't bother me either way. 37%



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Would you like Cerritos College to offer more activities like Hoe Down Days?

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"The school should try to provide as many activities as possible in order to get its students more involved."



NAOMI RAMIREZ

biology major

"I'm not that into school activities but I think more carnival-like activities would be fun."



DAMONE BELL

comm. major

"I definitely think they should offer more activities. A luau would be pretty fun."



NATALIE CHAVEZ

CC commissioner

"We should not do any more activities. It's too much money and it needs to be spent on something else."



JASON WARREN

business major

"More activities would be fun. They allow students to feel part of the school and have fun at the same time."



KAREN COCA

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"I liked the carnival booths from Hoe Down Days. Any other activities like that would be fun."



SPORTS

AT A GLANCE

Wednesday

Baseball
vs. East LA (@ CSULA) 7 p.m.

Track & Field
SoCal Hep/Dec @ Cerritos All Day

Thursday

Tennis
Women vs. LBCC 2 p.m.
Men vs. College of the Desert 2 p.m.

Softball
@ El Camino 3 p.m.

Friday

Track & Field
SCC Preview Meet @ Compton noon

Swimming
@ Chaffey 2:30 p.m.

Softball
@ Riverside 3 p.m.

Saturday

Baseball
vs. East LA noon

Tuesday

Softball
vs. LBCC 3 p.m.

Baseball
@ MT. SAC 2:30 p.m.

Tennis
Men vs. @LBCC 2 p.m.

RESULTS

Last Tue. 3/18

Baseball
vs. Compton L 8-3

Softball
vs. Pasadena City L 4-1

Tennis
Men vs. Victor Valley W 7-0
Women @ LBCC W 9-0

Last Wed. 3/18

Tennis
Men vs. Mt. San Jacinto W 6-3

Last Thu. 3/19

Baseball
@ Compton L 7-4

Softball
@ East LA W 4-0

Tennis
Women @ El Camino L 8-1

Last Sat. 2/21

Softball
vs. Grossmont (@ Grossmont) L 4-1
@ Cypress L 15-13

Baseball
vs. LA Harbor W 6-0

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Softball loses to Mt. SAC, drops three straight

Softball lost its third straight to Mt. SAC 9-4.

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The Cerritos College softball team lost to Mt. San Antonio College 9-4, increasing its losing streak to three in a row. A predominately freshmen team, the loss to Mt. SAC on Tuesday gives Cerritos its first loss in conference play.

With the loss, the Falcons are two games ahead of Mt. SAC.

"The way we react to these losses is going to define us as a team," said head coach Kodee Murray.

Tuesday's game started off at a fast pace for both teams.

Mt. SAC had a three-run home-run early in the first inning and Cerritos replied right back with two runs in the first as well.

Head coach of Mt. SAC, Kelly Ford said, "Our first pitcher went through Cerritos' line-up and then I pulled her."

"Our second pitcher

stepped up huge, and adding that to how well we were hitting, put the momentum in our favor."

Cerritos gave up one run three innings in a row, and three more runs in the sixth inning.

The Falcons had a short-lived comeback when catcher Samantha Vaaulu hit a two-run home with only one out.

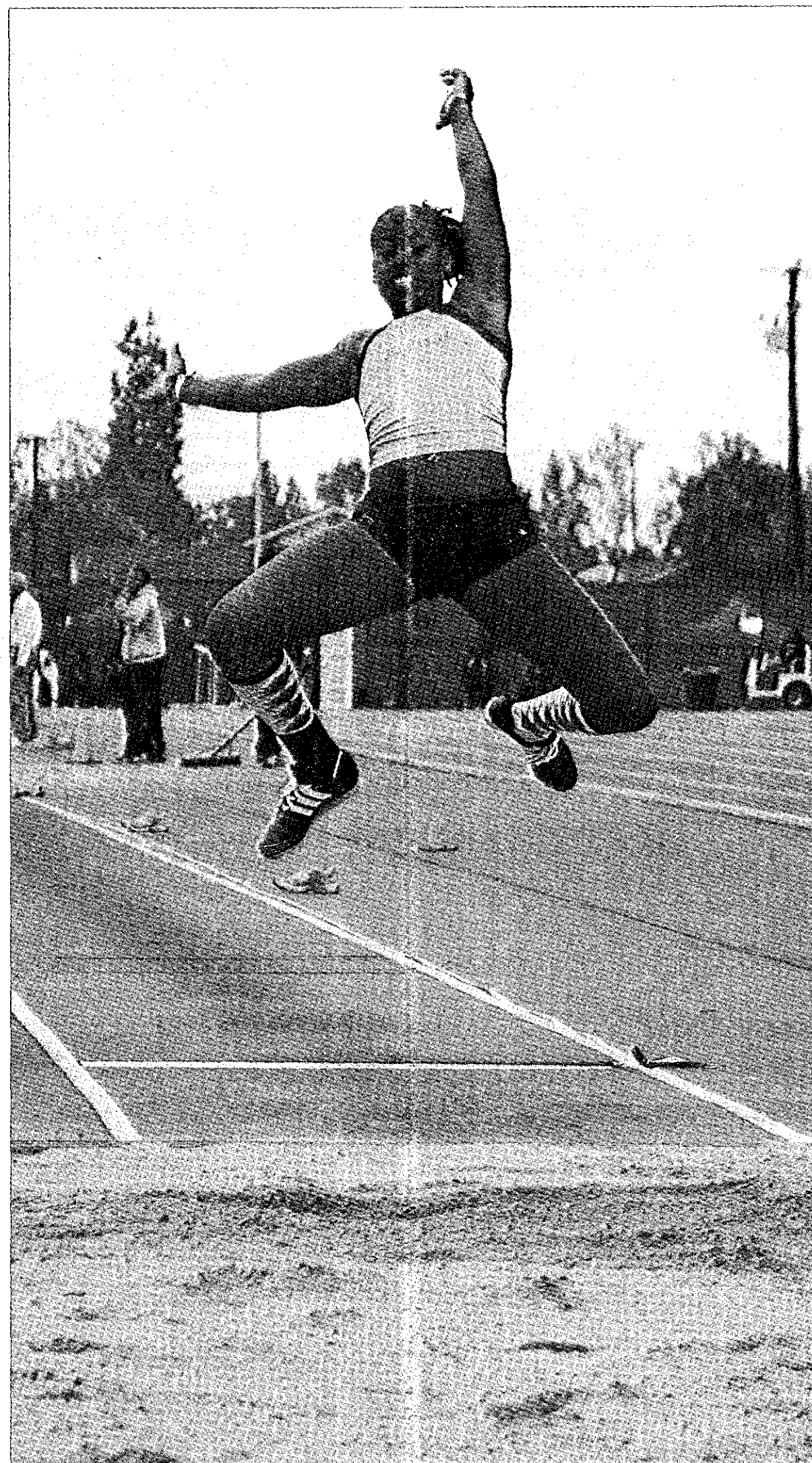
Next at bat, outfielder Jennifer Salas, hit a double, only to ground out and flied out with the following at-bats.

Cerritos will travel to El Camino on Thursday looking to snap its three-game skid.

SSC Softball Standings

Team Name	Conference	Overall
Cerritos	8-1	22-7-1
Long Beach	5-2	18-7
Mt. San Antonio	6-3	22-7
East LA	3-2	18-8
Pasadena	3-5	13-10
LA Harbor	0-7	13-10
El Camino	0-5	4-16

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Soaring above: Long jumping is one of the many events Andrea Stovall competes in.

SCOTT GARITE/ TM

Falcons pounce on the top spot

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As the Cerritos College track and field team crosses the midway point, the men's and women's team are both ranked first among community colleges in California.

The men's track and field team has been climbing its way up from its 10th place pre-season ranking, proving its strength.

Sprinter Kelsey Caesar, who is continuing to shine through out this season, has undoubtedly been a huge part of the men's track and field team.

Coming in first at the California Relays for both 200-meter and 400-meter, Caesar, who ran 47.6 seconds in the 400-meters, says he hopes to beat the Cerritos College record of 47 seconds flat.

His personal best is 46.6 seconds, but has yet to match it as a Falcon.

Caesar has placed first in every individual event that he has ran as a Falcon.

By doing so, he has helped his team go undefeated in the Southern California Conference so far this season.

The Falcons hosted the California Relays on Friday, continuing throughout Saturday.

The talent on the community college level was displayed along with other levels of competition.

Sophomore Nick Armstrong said, "There are way more teams at this event, ranging from freshman and sophomore teams in high school up to elite or open entries that are seeded according to event times."

The men's team has had to constantly prove its worth to be where it is now; it doesn't share that in common with the women's team.

The women's team is the California Community College Athletic Association state champions, and women's team is consistently proving why they deserve that title.

The meet started with thrower Arianna Lugo, undecided major, breaking the school record for throwing.

The old record of 162'5" was surpassed by her throw that ended up at a distance of 165'10."

The women's team may be depending on the depth that they have in throwing events.

See Track and Field Page 8

Sports Briefs

Women's track does it again

Women

The Cerritos College women's track and field team shadowed the rest of the competition in the throwing events last weekend in the California Relays at Cerritos. Arianna Lugo led the way placing first in two events, second in three events and third in two more. Lugo threw 165' 10" in the hammer throw, breaking the old school record of 162' 5" set 12 years ago.

Men

Kelsey Caesar continues to lead the Cerritos College men's track and field team as he placed first in the the 200-meters and the 400-meters in the Califor-

nia Relays. The second day of the next event, SoCal Heptathlon/Decathlon, will be held on Wednesday at Cerritos.

Men

After losing to San Jacinto, who snapped the Cerritos College men's tennis team 34-game winning streak, the Falcons got their revenge beating the Eagles, 6-3, last Thursday. The No. 1 doubles team, Doug Edwards and Jason Wall, share a record of 5-4 with four conference matches remaining before the conference tournament.

Women

The women's tennis team is on a four-match win-

ning streak and has won 10 of the last 11 matches. It has two more matches before the conference tournament on April 14, 16-17.

Baseball

The baseball team was swept by Compton as it went winless in its three meetings this season. The baseball team bounced back after Thursday's loss to Compton and shut-out LA Harbor, 6-0, on Saturday.

Softball

After winning its seventh straight on Thursday, the Cerritos College softball team dropped two-in a row on the weekend in non-conference games against Grossmont and Cypress. The Falcons remain in first place in the SCC.

Swimming

Men

The men's swimming team is sporting a record of 4-2 after beating El Camino, 70.5-60.5, and Rio Hondo, 108-21. The Falcons will travel to Chaffey for the last SCC meet before preparations to the SCC diving championships.

Women

The women's swimming team will travel to Chaffey looking to conclude its SCC competition with an unprecedented record of 7-0 on Friday. The Falcons defeated El Camino, 97-25, and Rio Hondo, 110-10. They have broken 10 of the 20 school records so far this season.

Villalobos shuts out Seahawks

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"We had no answer for Villalobos," were the disappointed words of LA Harbor baseball coach Marco Alvarado after Falcons pitcher Chris Villalobos pitched a phenomenal game against the Seahawks, pitching a complete game shutout as Cerritos won, 6-0.

Although Villalobos pitched well for the Falcons, the victory on Saturday was a total team effort on the offensive end as well, which is exactly what Cerritos coach Ken Gaylord and DH Joe Terry stressed in their previous losses.

Falcons catcher David Neff contributed with three hits and two RBIs on the day, as well as key hits from Terry, first baseman Jacob Eaton, shortstop Max McEneaney, second baseman Brandon Pesante, and a nice bunt in particular from third baseman Brian Gaylord, which started out as a single and got him advanced to second base, thanks to an LA Harbor error.

The Seahawks only got four hits on that day and Villalobos made sure those hits did not turn into runs, playing sharp defense in addition to his pitching performance.

LA Harbor struck out four times and were only walked once the entire game, getting very little to no production from their offense.

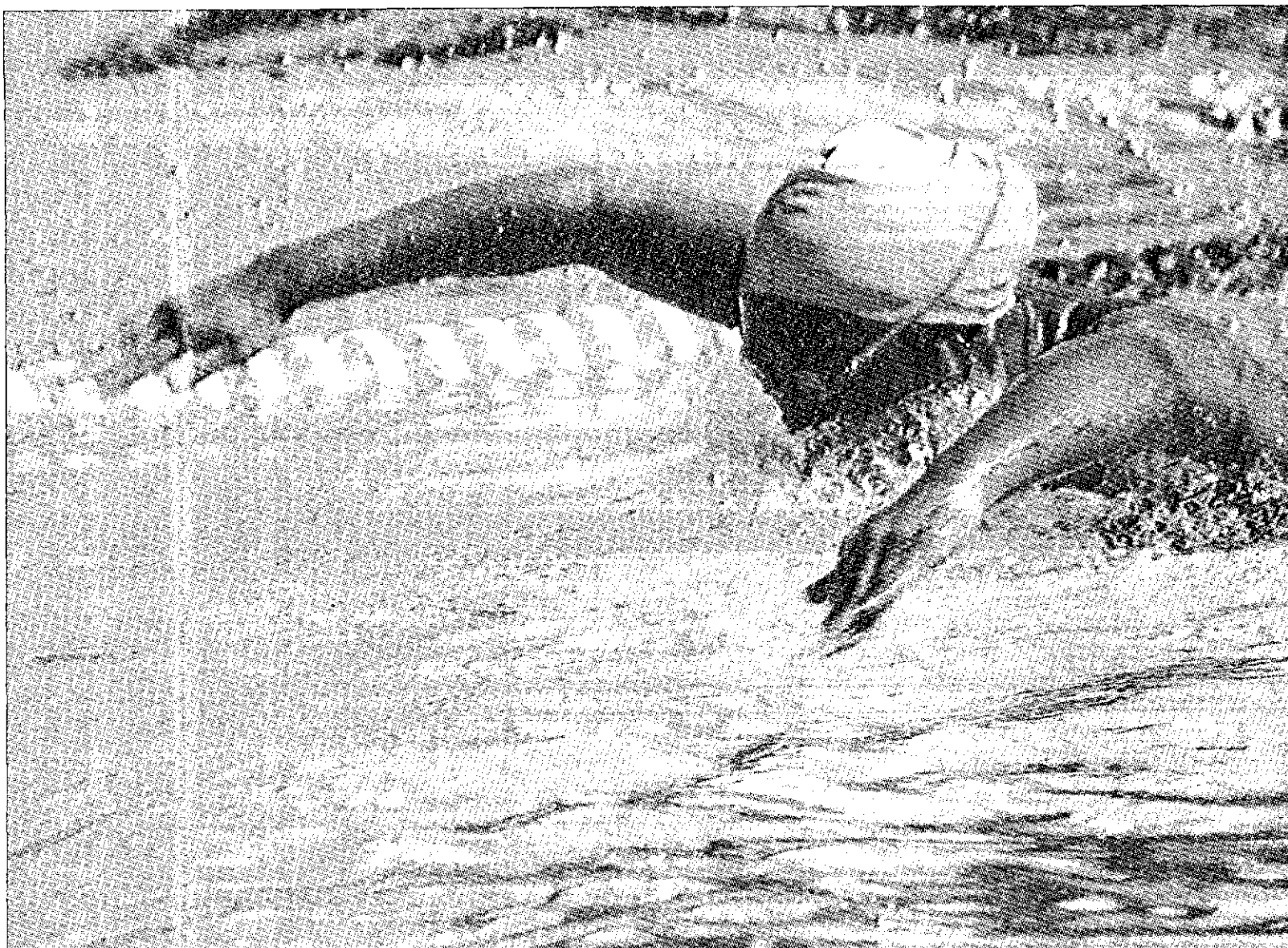
This win for the Falcons ends their two-game losing streak, making them 6-5 in conference play.

The Falcons never let up their lead the entire game, staying aware defensively and, as Terry put it, "playing as one unit."

The majority of the Falcon hits came with two outs left, allowing them to score more runs and secure the victory.

The final run of the game was scored by a base hit from Pesante, which allowed catcher Paul Hayes to score right after he got a double with two outs in the inning.

The Seahawks' luck showed early in the game when Falcons outfielder Jake Mayoral was hit by a pitch from Phil Hons, whom had a struggling ball game.



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Taking the plunge for success: February's Athlete of the Month, Natalie Peng, shows her speed in practice.

Women dominate the SCC

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Undefeated in conference play and old records being broken by talented swimmers describes the women's swimming team and its successful season.

The Cerritos College women's swimming team has been used to winning this whole year.

Falling short of a championship after being in third place last year would be disappointing.

The Falcons are 6-0 in conference play, easily defeating their opponents by at least 50 points or more.

Coach Sergio Macias, who is now in his fourth year at Cerritos, thinks his team has a great chance of winning the state championship

this year.

"I've been pleased with the team's performances at practice and competition. It is a reflection of the hard work it has put in and the best part is it's having fun," said Macias.

Freshmen Natalie Peng and Jenel Lopez have been standout swimmers this season and continue to carry the Falcons to state.

Peng is one reason why women's swimming has been successful this season.

"We expect to win conference this year. We have a lot of fast women and everyone puts in points which makes us reliable toward each other," Peng said about the team.

In addition, Peng was named the state's Athlete of the Month for February due to her first three successful meets leading to breaking six swimming records.

Lopez has also been another positive swimmer this year for Cerritos and has yet to lose in a meet this year.

"What's really important is that we continue to go for the best times in our meets and going hard in every workout leading to the championship," Lopez said about the effort of the entire team.

Lopez also owns six school records in the 50, 100 and 200-yard freestyle.

With the second half of the season under way, Macias thinks the team can be even more impressive.

"Trying to break as many records as we can and two or three women having a chance to win state championships in personal events is still a possibility," Macias said about the rest of the season.

Cerritos track routs its competition

Track and Field: Continued From Page 7

"We have amazing talent in throwing this year," Whitney Ashley, communications major, said.


"Stephanie Aliimataitafi is consistently staying at the top in shotput, while I'm doing pretty well. I came in second for shotput and discuss this weekend and hope to improve with my team as the season continues."

Records continued to be broken as Sarah Muniz broke the school record of 11:48.63 in the 3000-meter

steeple chase by running 11:35.14 coming in second, while Marlene Elizalde will have the second fastest time of 11:41.49 came in third for the same event.

Karen Guravska broke her own record in pole vault with a height of 12' giving her the win for that event.

Guravska led Cerritos women in the javelin as well as throwing, placing first, D'Auria Barker placed third and Rachel Butler placed fourth.



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The Fray returns with excellence

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"You Found Me" is one of many excellent tracks that materialized from the Fray's latest album self-titled, "The Fray."

The full track list includes:

- Syndicate
- Absolute
- You Found Me
- Say When
- Never Say Never
- Where The Story Ends
- Enough For Now
- Ungodly Hour

- We Build Then We Break
 - Happiness
- Profoundly written, all of the songs on the album are highly insightful and can soften even the most inattentive heart.

The Fray has truly created a masterpiece album.

Whether or not the listener can relate to the lyrics is irrelevant once the music starts to play.

The guitar riffs on "Say When" coincide perfectly with the powerful but steady beat of the drums and bass.

"Never Say Never" begins with the eerie melody of a single piano

and is fused with the help of the affectionate lyrics, creating a feeling of nostalgia for something that is not had.

Lyrics such as "Picture, you're

CD Review

The Fray
"The Fray"

Rating: ★★★★★

the queen of everything. Far as the eye can see under your command. I will be your guardian when all is crumbling. I'll steady your hand," pulls "Never Say Never" together, making it one of the best songs on the album.

As opposed to "Never Say Never," "Where The Story Ends" begins with an equally excellent yet still dissimilar up-beat sound of the piano and drums.

However, it is perfected by evocative lyrics such as "Trying not to lose your own. Boxing up everything you've got. All you ever knew of home. You're scared, scared to see

your mother there in the door. You wonder where did the years go."

Unlike most other modern bands, the Fray does not annoyingly change their genre of music between or in the middle of a song, making its album very enjoyable to listen to.

The exquisite music along with the outstanding lyrics makes this an exceptional purchase.

The Fray's self-titled album will continue to amaze its audience regardless of the number of times a person listens to it.

Author of 'Enrique's Journey' visits Cerritos College

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"It goes to show how Americans take life for granted. There are so many kids struggling to get here from poor homes. We don't realize how lucky we have it," expressed Daniel Luquin, architect major, about Sonia Nazario's story.

Sonia Nazario came to the Teleconference Center on March 23.

"I read her series in the LA Times. I figured since she is a leader in journalism, it would be a good idea to bring her here for Women's History Month," said Diane Keenan, head of the Woman's Study Program.

She wrote "Enrique's Journey," a tale about a boy's rigorous journey from Honduras to the United States to be reunited with his mother who left him to come to the United States to get a better life for the both of them.

"I was inspired to do this story from my house cleaner who left four kids behind. I wondered how it's possible for a mother to leave her children. But after seeing the area some of these woman had to go through, I finally understood," Nazario said.

Even though Nazario did not join Enrique in his journey, she managed to travel from Honduras to the United States border in a similar manner Enrique did.

Nazario explained she had to travel on top of the roof of trains and interviewed some of the migrants that came along her journey.

Some of these migrants were as young as 12, if not younger, doing their best survive.

Nazario shared the many dangers she had to witness.

She described how if jumping on the train doesn't kill the migrants, gangs such as the MSK or corrupt police will.

"The trail is harder than crossing the border. Police in Central America will sometimes line the migrants, take whatever clothes and little money they have, and deport them," said Nazario.

Nazario also detailed how if not were the guards and their AK47s, she probably would have been raped or murdered.

Nazario clarified that it did not stop gangs members from stabbing other migrants in front her and throwing off of the train.

"What I went through is only a small percent what Enrique and others have to go through," Nazario said.

Nevertheless, Nazario explained that there were some kind people along the journey.

After traveling the state of Chiapas, the train reached Veracruz where the migrants can catch a glimpse of hope.

Nazario said she witnessed people handing the migrants food, water and a prayer for a safer journey.

"The people of Veracruz helped these migrants because it the was Christian thing to do," she said.

Nazario was touched by the kindness of these people since they barely had enough food for themselves.

"I did my best to humanize people like Enrique and other migrants. Many immigrants didn't even want to leave their homes. But, sometimes people need to take drastic measures to feed themselves and their children even if it is illegal. If society wants to end illegal immigration, the best way to do it is at its source," Nazario shared.

Guitar festival disappointing for guitar enthusiasts

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Guitars are more than just for heavy shredding.

Well at least now I know that after watching the Cerritos College First Annual Guitar Festival Concert on March 20 in the Burnight Theatre.

The Music Department announced the concert, and the idea of this was to give guitarists around

Southern California a chance to spend time and perform for their peers in a manner which they feel comfortable.

From classical to jazz to soft rock, it was all the same... very boring.

It was very hard to stay awake during the concert.

Classic guitar is supposed to make you think wondrous thoughts and expand your mind to the beauty of the world.

All it made me think was, "When is this concert going to be over?"

Musicians were covering some music legends such as Bach, the

Tango, and to my surprise Ozzy Osbourne.

The first ensemble from Cerritos is the only act I liked, mostly because of the awesome chorus and the head guitarists' cool bridges.

I'll admit some of the riffs in the second acts were pretty cool too.

Other than that, I must say that let classical orchestra music stay as a classic orchestra, and leave the guitars to the rock music.

The electric guitar ensembles were okay at best, nothing can compare to the real thing though.

No matter how talented you are, no one can match up to Randy Rhoads.

None of these people seemed to have any talent at all. It's like they picked any two-bit hack to play.

Also, did they really need a composer to guide them through the song?

I was disappointed.

If this was the highlight of the First Annual Guitar Festival, then please let this be the first and last.

Concert Review

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Good gags in 'Monsters vs. Aliens'

Movie Review

Monsters vs. Aliens

Starring: Reese Witherspoon
Director: Rob Letterman,
Conrad Vernon

Rating: G

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It's all about growth. Susan Murphy is just a regular California gal on her wedding day when a meteor strikes, making her a redwood-sized bridezilla.

Fiance Derek, a vapid TV weatherman, never promised to love her for bigger and for smaller, and dumps her on the spot.

In short order, Susan is shipped to a secret facility where the military houses mutants, including B.O.B. (more formally Bicarbonate Ostylenzene Benzoate), a one-eyed haystack of indestructible blue gelatin, and Dr. Cockroach, a preening man-insect scientist.

When they're dispatched as mankind's last hope against nasty ETs, the likeable misfits must table their differences and work together in ways that some selfish humans (ahem, Derek) have never learned. So really, it's all about growth.

"Monsters vs. Aliens" doesn't press much of a claim on your heart, your funnybone or your memory, but it's a pleasant enough gag reel.

The new DreamWorks animated feature adheres to the studio's time-tested formula of packing in pop culture references until the screen stretches at the seams.

It adds a second layer of self-referential humor, peppering the action with fanboy meta-gags (odd choice for a movie that is so girl-

centric).

When astronomers spot an incoming spaceship they declare a "Code Nimoy."

The president of the United States tries to communicate with the aliens through a keyboard solo that opens with the five-note "Close Encounters" theme. "The Fly," "The Blob," "The Creature from the Black Lagoon" and "The Amazing 50-Foot Woman" all get their moment in the spotlight.

It's elbow-in-the-ribs yuk mongering, a big step down after DreamWorks' delightful, emotion-tugging "Kung Fu Panda."

I don't think there are any characters here that a child would love.

To be fair, they won't be bored, either.

The movie, 3D in many theaters, is a lot of fun to look at.

It opens with the old paddleball-in-the-face gag from "House of Wax" and every scene has a funky visual playfulness and warmth.

The intergalactic invaders arrive in a spaceship that resembles a giant Michael Graves egg timer.

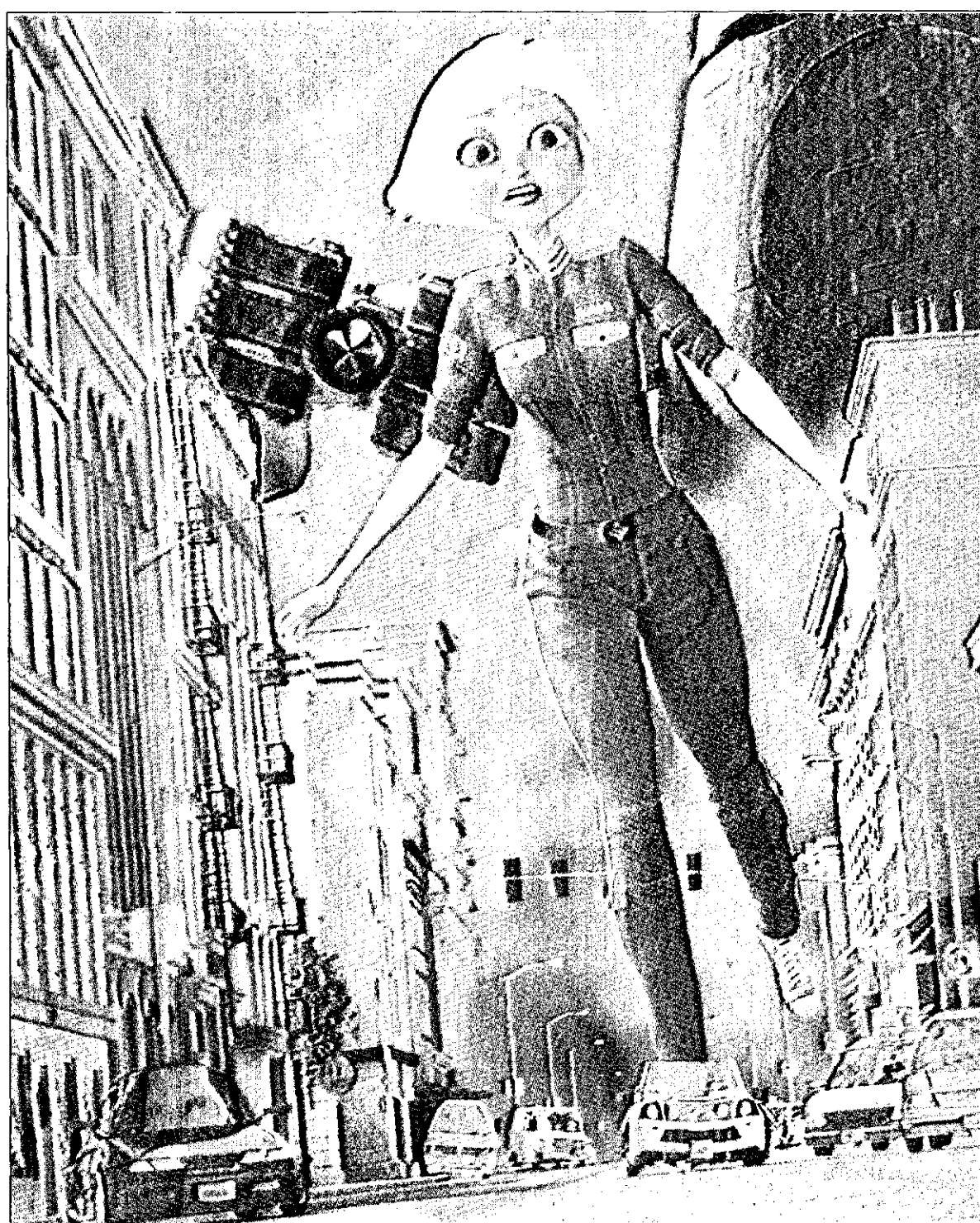
There's an exhilarating excitement to the action scenes, Susan jams her feet in a couple of convertibles and roller skates to the rescue when the space creeps attack San Francisco.

The destruction is of the kiddie-safe reverse neutron bomb variety.

A lot of property is trashed, including, thrillingly, the Golden Gate Bridge, but nobody gets hurt.

Except Susan, by that louse Derek. And she moves on, supported by her new, emotionally committed friends, as the bylaws of girl-power fables require.

The script tosses grownups a bone fairly often: When a White House official summons the nation's top minds, somebody phones India.



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The vocal cast is deep, but unevenly effective.

Reese Witherspoon brings good cheer or chin-up determination to Susan as needed, and Seth Rogen's chortling B.O.B. sounds as warm

and rough as corduroy, while Hugh Laurie, Keifer Sutherland and Paul Rudd are merely serviceable.

The biggest casting coup is the chief disappointment. Stephen Colbert plays the president (per-

fect!) but he's far funnier in live action than a cartoon figure could hope to be.

Computer animation is great and all, but there's nothing sillier than a real arched eyebrow.

WPMD twists with 'Fusion Fury'

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The Cerritos College radio station was hit with a new twist of "Fusion Fury" on March 12.

WPMD on the net streamed this talk/music show through www.wpmd.org hosted by Cerritos College students Ariel Baar, Will Ryder and DJ Math from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

After playing some techno, trance and indie hits, the trio had Monica Barrios, host of "Below the Radar," come in for the "Monica Barrios Minute of Appreciation."

This segment being one of two topics for each show, Barrios brought in some handy tips for the day.

Baar said Barrios gave the audience advice on dating, all the way from first dates to dating as professionals.

The cast of "Fusion Fury" always brings useful tips for its audience on a daily basis.

"If you've missed our show or want more information on dating," Baar said, "check out our MySpace page at www.myspace.com/ffshowbiz."

The show runs live through WPMD Studios, "Where People Make a Difference."

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