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## Preparing for pandemic

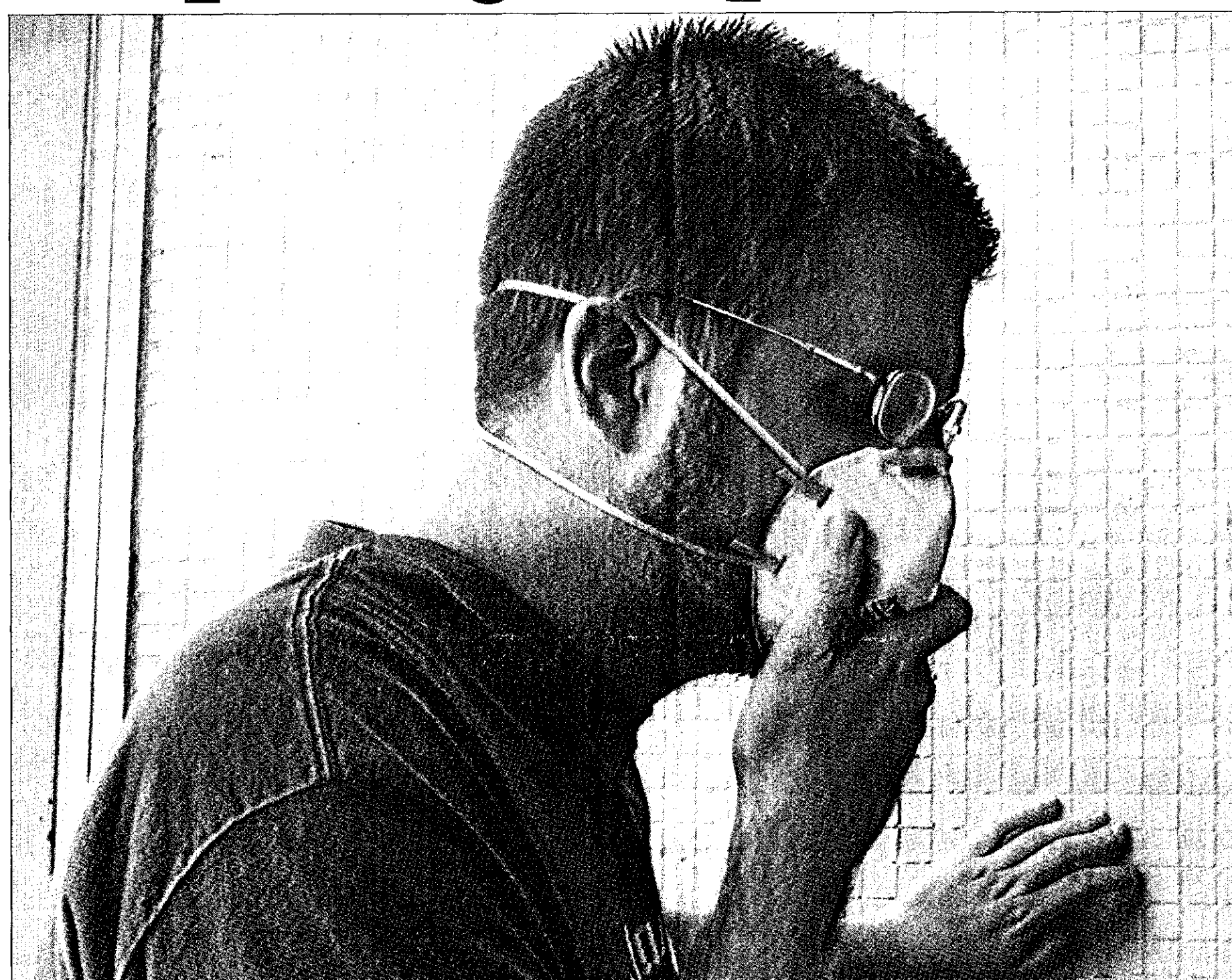


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## Cerritos is ready for a swine flu outbreak

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If a pandemic, such as the A(N1H1) virus, also known as the swine flu, was to hit Cerritos College, the campus is prepared to handle it.

"There plans in place so if something was to happen on campus, we can make decisions very quickly," Acting President Bill Farmer said. "It is part of the school's disaster preparedness plan that has been set up for a few years now."

There are many steps the college will go through if

an outbreak is to occur.

"The college would clean the rooms that are infected in accordance with the county health department standards," Nancy Montgomery, coordinator of the Student Health Services, said.

In fact, the school has already begun cleaning classrooms as a precautionary tactic.

"We are cleaning the surface areas of the high traffic classrooms and classrooms that a high number of students in them," Montgomery said. "If nothing else, we will have a cleaner campus because of this."

However, if there was a student that became infected with the swine flu, there is little chance that by being

in the same classroom as said student would lead to another student becoming infected.

"The swine flu virus can only survive for two hours on surfaces," Montgomery said. "The only real way to get it is by direct contact with someone that is infected."

There is one more advantage Cerritos College has if there was an outbreak of swine flu.

"On this campus we have medical providers," Montgomery said. "A lot of other schools only have first aid."

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## Leyva sisters provide for troops

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Treats for Troops is a fund-raiser that was put together by the Student Veteran's Club to provide amenities to the troops over seas that might not be readily available to them.

The club was started by a veteran of the Army, Karla Leyva, during the fall semester at Cerritos College to help other veterans with a smooth transition into a student civilian life-style.

Treats for Troops was an idea that Leyva and her younger sister Crystina Leyva came up with after Karla received care packages from her sister while she was over seas.

Crystina said, "I was always thinking of my sister and wanted to send her a little piece of home while being so far away while fighting for our country."

"So my sister and I decided that since it meant so much to her, that other enlisted would benefit from these packages as well."

Since the idea came to fruition there have been garbage cans marked with "Treats for Troops" designating drop off for non-perishable items so that students of Cerritos could contribute.

Other sources have helped to contribute to this specific charity, one of them being the Norwalk chapter of the Moose Lodge.

"I have no idea what it would be like over there, but I know that I would appreciate receiving care packages from back home," Ben Pendleton, adviser of the SVC, added, "The Moose Lodge of Norwalk has taken donations and the Downey chapter plans to do the same."

The SVC continues to take donations. The marked drop box in the admissions office if there is anything that you would like to donate.

On the drop box there is a list of items that are accepted posted over the box, and for those that want to make monetary donations you can drop them off to Pendleton who is also located in the admissions office.

## Construction continues face lift of Cerritos College

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Construction continues as the school goes over a mass over haul.

After the General Obligation Bond passed as of March 2, 2004, there looks to be plenty of construction for years to come.

According to Program Director Jerry Jones of Bovis Lend Lease, if all funds are in place, the project finish date could be as 2015.

Measure CC was a local facilities bond measure to provide \$210 million for necessary

upgrades for Cerritos College.

According to www.cerritos.edu, these funds will help to renovate old buildings and build new facilities to relieve overcrowding and meet demands of projected growth in student enrollment.

Bovis said, "For us to help stretch the dollar of the G.O. Bond we are getting government funding to help pay for parts of construction."

"As funds become available through state funding we will be taking down the Fine Arts and Child Development Center buildings."

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Bull dozing: Construction continues to improve the campus at Cerritos College.

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**Burritos Burritos:** In honor of the hispanic holiday Cinco de Mayo, history professor Walter Fernandez and a few students sold burritos to onlookers at the Hill.

## Goodies sold for holiday

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Clubs and organizations came out to Falcon Square to help Cerritos students celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

There were two lines of booths set up along the walk way in Falcon Square.

The different clubs sold all sorts of Hispanic traditional foods, deserts and drinks.

Some offered burritos with a side of chips and salsa while others sold the well known Hispanic

drink Orchata and sweet churros.

The Anthropology club Americanized their booth and sold brownies that were decorated with different Hispanic symbols and the Mexican flag on them.

The Puente Club brought out one of their mentors that came out to speak.

"Most people don't know the background behind Cinco de Mayo," stated Professor Walter Fernandez as he educated the audience of students.

Both Daniel Tinajero and Devin Vasquez won a free meal from the

collaborated clubs because of their knowledge of Cinco de Mayo when asked multiple questions from Professor Fernandez.

"We come out and sell food not only to celebrate Cinco de Mayo but also to raise money for our club for field trips," said Gaby Tovar, member of the Puente club.

As you purchased goodies from their booth you would get a fact about the fifth day of May.

"It's an American Holiday, it's not even celebrated in all of Mexico," Tim Carvin said.

Victoria Martinez, advisor of

both the Puente club and program organized the event.

Not only were you able to have fun and take a break from your studies, but you also got information about the different clubs and what they had to offer.

"This was a nice way to celebrate Cinco de Mayo for any race, it was just leisure and I was able to get something different for lunch," student Jasmine Minor said as she sat in Falcon Square to enjoy the history lesson Professor Walter Fernandez gave.

## Cerritos College prepares for swine flu possibility

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There have been a few campus closures in Southern California, again the campus hierarchy is prepared to make quick decisions.

"It would depend on when the closure would happen it what we do but," Farmer said. "Our first priority is to ensure the safety of the students and our second to make sure student education continues."

The decision for a campus-wide closure would come from the County Health Department.

So far there have not been any confirmed cases of swine flu on cam-

pus.

"There has not been case in the immediate area of Cerritos College," Montgomery said. "There hasn't even been anyone in contact with someone that has swine flu."

There are few ways students can protect themselves from getting swine flu.

"Students should wash their hands before eating or putting or hands anywhere near their mouths, eyes or nose," Montgomery said.

The biggest thing to remember, she said, is that students don't panic.

## Campus construction continues to progress

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The cleared out space where these

just to name a few."

buildings are now will be replaced by the new Burnight Center and a new Media Arts Complex.

As for what is in construction now, said Robert Riffle, Director of Physical Plant for Cerritos College, "e have plenty going on right now."

"There is the Aquatics Complex, SS building upgrades and the Classroom/Lab/Office Building on the side of campus that faces Studebaker Road

The Aquatics Complex will house two new pools; a competitive pool and an adaptive pool that will be less than four feet deep and have a built in ramp for handicap accessibility.

SS building upgrades include new carpet, fresh coats of paint, and sound-proofing.

And as for the CLO building; this will house Technology and Science Engineering and Math Division classes, as well as offices for deans and instructors for each course.

Robert Riffle

"The new Aquatics Complex will house two new pools..."

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# iFALCON scholarships for 3

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The ASCC Cabinet discussed about how iFALCON has received another \$500 for the iFALCON scholarship foundation, the future plans for the campus involves more beautification and the plans for the reflection pool will be postponed at the cabinet meeting on May 4.

The total amount of money for the iFALCON scholarships is \$1,500 and is enough for three people.

The money has been raised through fund-raisers such as the car wash.

The paperwork to file for the scholarships is in the Financial Aid Office.

The requirements for the scholarships are a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, 12 units, and must write an essay explaining what Cerritos College has done for you.

There are no specific majors to be qualified to sign up for these scholarships.

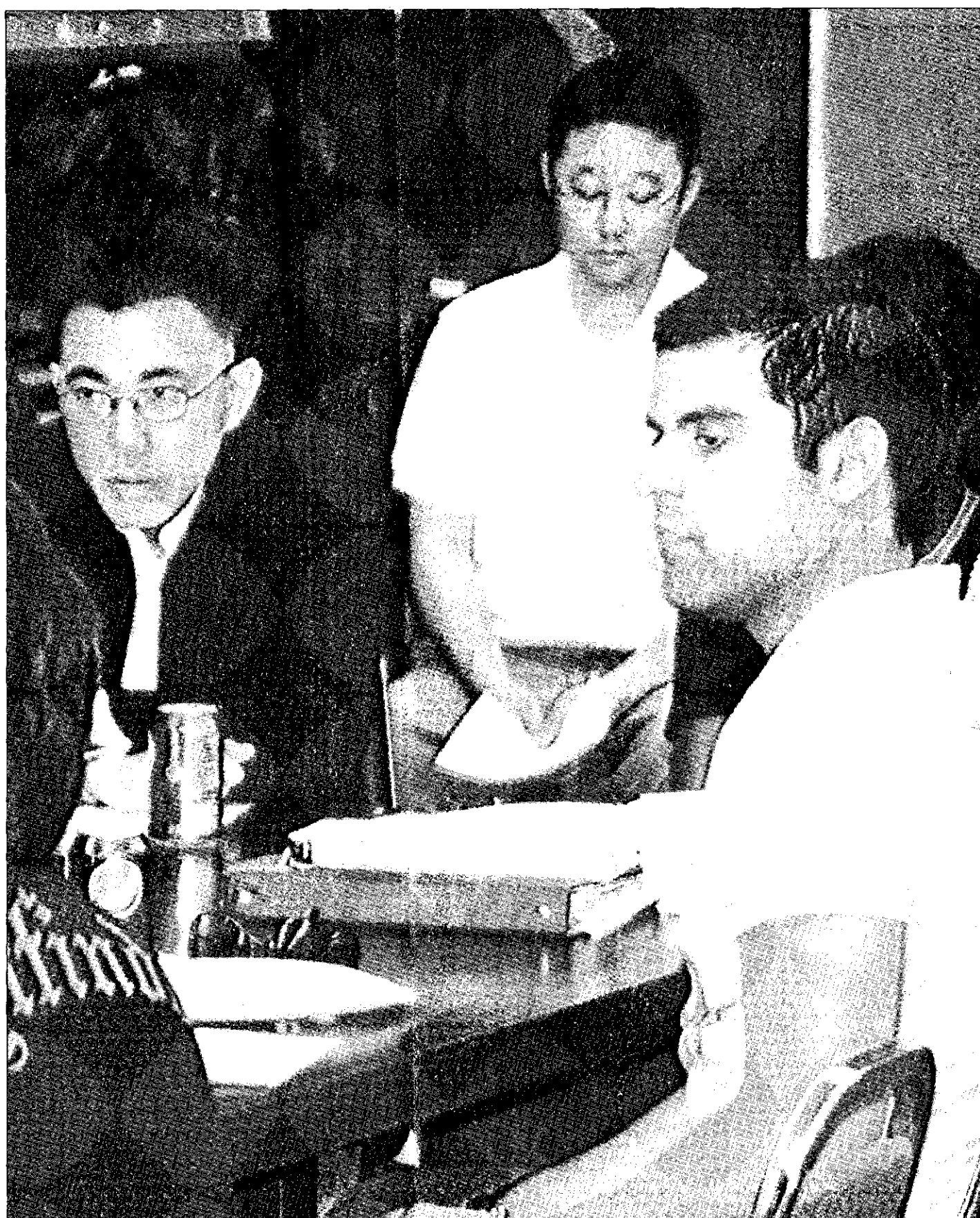
"It's inclusive, and doesn't require a specific major. It's for students who work hard and take pride in their work," ASCC President Michael Barrita said.

In the plans for the original construction, the square was planned to be replaced with another building. But thanks to the ASCC, it wasn't.

Also, the ASCC plans to add trees and beautify the area by the soon-to-be reflection pool.

The fountain will not be there as planned due to reasons unknown.

But Barrita gives his best wishes to Oscar Franco as the next ASCC President, as this surely was a tearful meeting as it was the last of the semester.



**Cabinet:** Commissioner of Student Center Sam Kwon and Commissioner of Athletics David Vasquez sit in at the meeting where iFALCON scholarships were discussed.

## Senate gets right 'Mindset'

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"If your mindset is not strong, you're not going to make it," announced Sam Chauhan, a mindset coach at last Wednesday's ASCC Senate meeting.

Chauhan explained he was going to give away 100 or so Mindset Summit meeting tickets to Cerritos College students.

The Mindset Summit meeting will be at the Cerritos Center for Performing Arts on May 20.

After all the tickets are given away, if students still want to go, they will have pay around \$50 to \$60 depending on when the tickets are purchased on MindsetSummit.com.

"There are many different roads to success, you got to believe in your passion," Chauhan said.

Chauhan further shared that there will be a variety of guest speakers attending the summit.

From Dr. Robert Young, the biologist who discovered the biological transformation of red blood cells into bacteria and bacteria to red blood cells, to Gurbaksh Chahal, the founder of Blue-Lithium, an Internet advertising Web site, will be there.

"It's not going to be boring. It's a structured like a rock concert," Chauhan said.

"I think it's very educational. It'll inspire us to do better. People are second-guessing what they want to do. These people are here to inspire us to reach that goal," shared Francesca Gacaltos, communications major.

Also, in the senate meeting, Cerritos will have an on-site triathlon to raise money for school on June 29 at 7 a.m.

"It is \$20 for Cerritos College students to register at Active.com and you have to bring your own bike," clarified Natalie Chavez, accounting major.

"The course is not that large. Anyone can do it. This triathlon is for people who are not used to working out," said Marco Tolento, accounting major.

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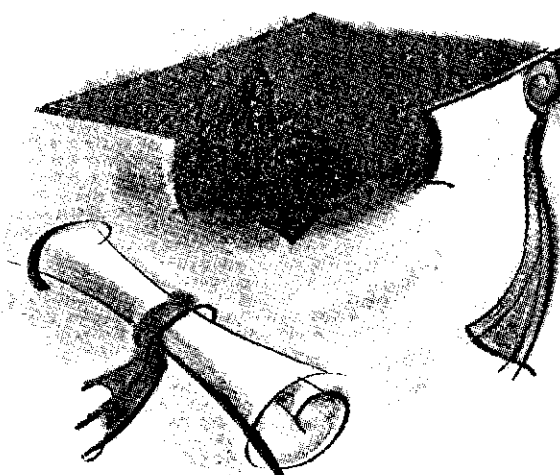
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## Debate Team places second

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The Cerritos College debate team won silver at the debate competition at Palomar Community College on April 25.

The participants were Juan Guerra, John McCarthy and Tina Yang.

"It was a novice tournament. At first I was nervous. After you start debating, you get used to it," Guerra said.

According to Samuel Kwon, vice president of the debate team, the competition was for amateur and novice members.

Some of the debate topics the group did were:

- gun control,
- high school exit exams and their harm to students and
- whether or not the Bush administration be prosecuted.

"We lost the first and the last round," Guerra stated.

The elite members of various different other teams were at the competition to judge.

"Personally, I thought it was fantastic experience. I learned a lot from the (competitors). It's a lot different than sitting there as a judge than it is participating," Kwon shared.

# Accreditation team arrives

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After several months of much concern over accreditation, Cerritos College was finally visited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges team last Wednesday.

The accreditation visit, as well as a state academic update, transfer update and budget and section cuts update were announced at the faculty senate meeting at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

Acting President Bill Farmer informed the faculty senate that the visit from the ACCJC went fairly well.

"The members of the accreditation team noted that the college had substantially addressed all four recommendations that needed to be addressed," he said.

However, at the end of the team's visit, it still had some concerns over two of the recommendations.

The team believed the college's strategic plan did not obtain measureable objectives and its planning process did not have a broad participation required for faculty.

Farmer presented the team with the school's self study report as evidence to ensure that the items and terms were addressed.

He hopes that the report will be accepted and the school will be removed from probation.

"The report will be reviewed from June 9 to 11," he stated. "It is approximately two to three weeks after it is reviewed when we find out whether it was accepted or rejected."

Once the report is accepted or rejected, it will be made public for faculty, students and anyone interested to view.

It is not likely that the school will continue to be on probation, he added, because it has been very concerned and has prioritized the school's accreditation.

Faculty senate member Tim Juntilla also presented the senate with an update on the transfer rates of the students of Cerritos College.

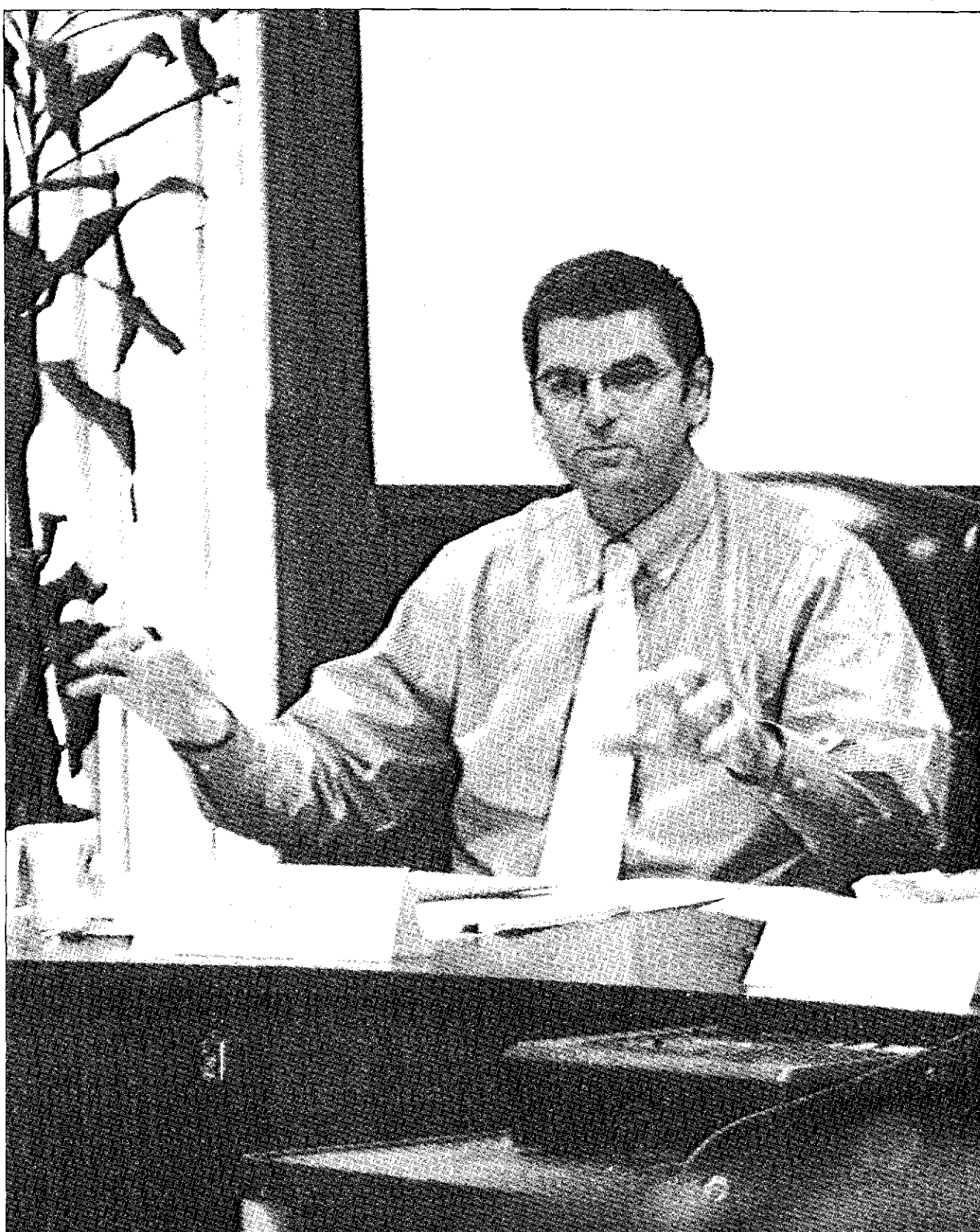
He informed that although more students of Cerritos College are transferring to UCLA and Berkeley, getting accepted into these colleges is becoming more difficult.

Requirements for admittance are basically coming down to high GPAs, he said.

He sarcastically explained, "If your GPA is not a 3.7 or higher, good luck trying to get in. If you are not in honors, good luck trying get in."

Many universities have too many students trying to major in popular majors such as sociology, communications, political science and business.

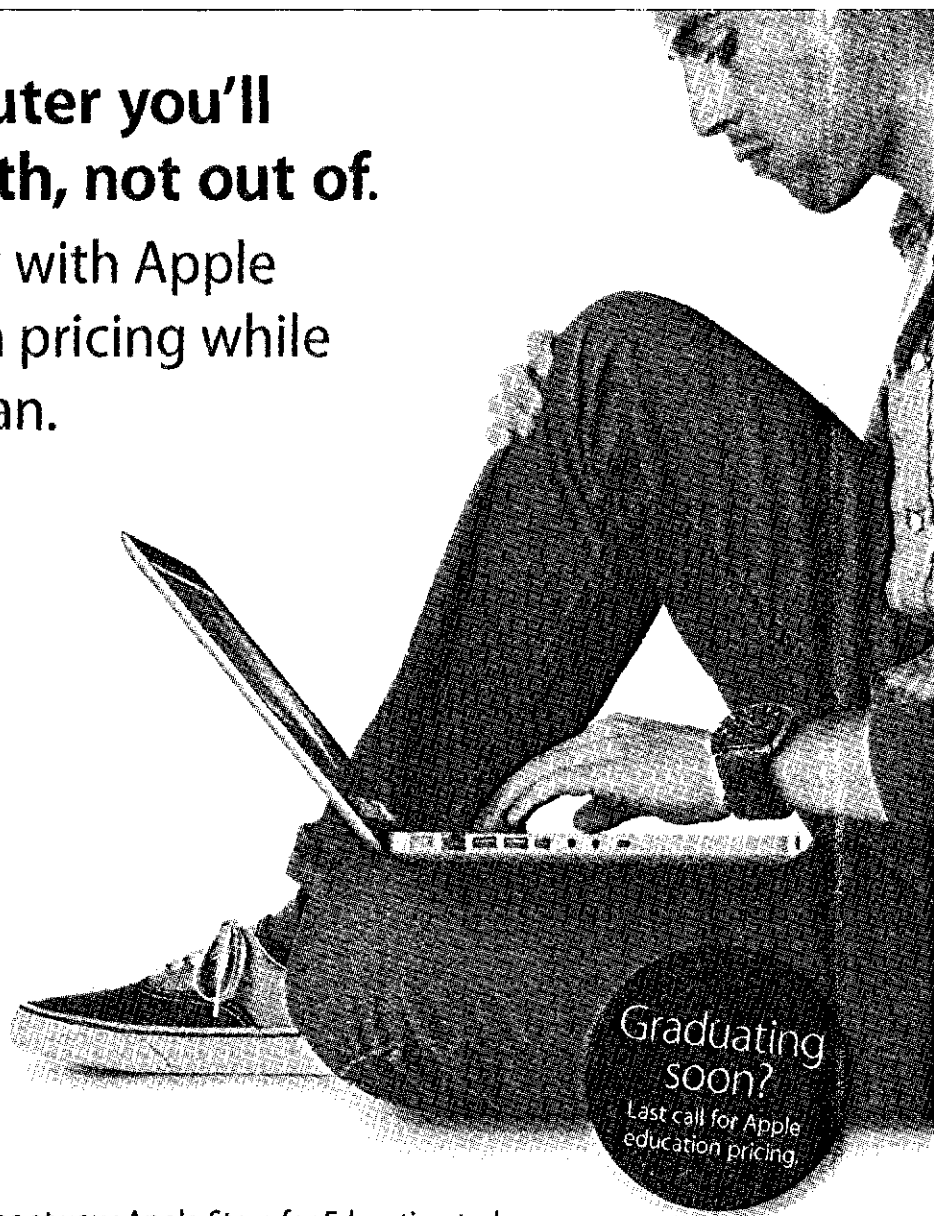
What he recommends students to do is apply to a college trying to major in another field, and then try double majoring in their field of preference in order to prevent getting their application rejected.



Faculty Senate: Faculty Senate President Bryan Reece said everything is okay with the Accreditation Commission as of now.

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# Swine flu: What you need to know

## Q: What is swine flu?

**A:** Swine Influenza (swine flu) is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza viruses that cause regular outbreaks in pigs. People do not normally get swine flu, but human infections can and do happen. Swine flu viruses have been reported to spread from person-to-person, but in the past, this transmission was limited and not sustained beyond three people.

## Q: Are there human infections with swine flu in the United States?

**A:** In late March and early April, cases of human infection with swine influenza A (H1N1) viruses were first reported in Southern California and near San Antonio, Texas. Other U.S. states have reported cases of swine flu infection in humans and cases have been reported internationally as well. An updated case count of confirmed swine flu infections in the United States is kept at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/investigation.htm>. CDC and local and state health agencies are working together to investigate this situation.

## Q: Is this swine flu virus contagious?

**A:** CDC has determined this swine influenza A (H1N1) virus is contagious and is spreading from human to human. However, at this time, it not known how easily the virus spreads between people.

## Q: What are the signs and symptoms of swine flu in people?

**A:** The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu. In the past, severe illness (pneumonia and respiratory failure) and deaths have been reported with swine flu infection in people. Like seasonal flu, swine flu may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.

## Q: How does swine flu spread?

**A:** Spread of this swine influenza A (H1N1) virus is thought to be happening in the same way that seasonal flu spreads. Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

## Q: How can someone with the flu infect someone else?

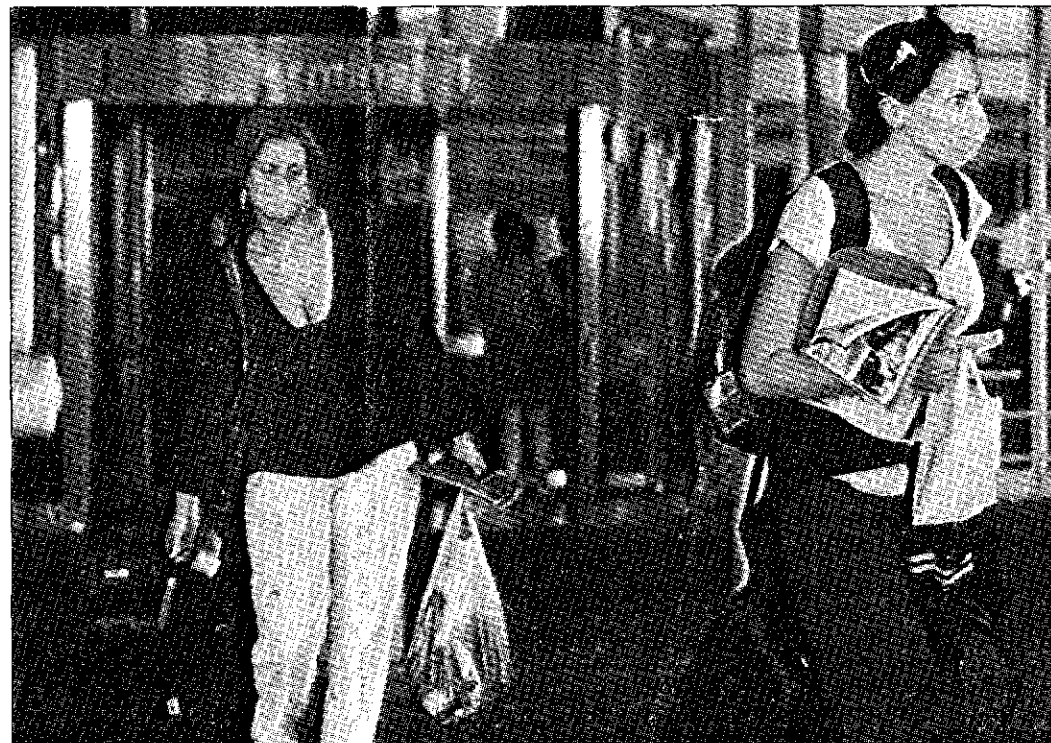
**A:** Infected people may be able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to seven or more days after becoming sick. That means you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

## Q: What should I do to keep from getting the flu?

**A:** First and most important: Wash your hands. Try to stay in good general health. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food. Try not to touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

## Q: Are there medicines to treat swine flu?

**A:** Yes. CDC recommends the use of oseltamivir or zanamivir for the treatment and/or prevention of infection with these swine influenza viruses. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaler) that fight against the flu by keeping flu viruses from reproducing in your body. If you get sick, antiviral drugs can make your illness milder and make you feel better faster. They may also prevent serious flu complications. For treatment, antiviral drugs work best if started soon after getting sick (within two days of symptoms).



Passengers aboard an AeroMexico flight from Mexico City to New York's JFK Airport wear protective masks.

## Answers to common questions about the respiratory disease

**T**he rapid spread of swine flu is making headlines throughout the world. In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have declared a public health emergency and are freeing up antiviral medication to help fight the disease. The CDC also is stepping up public awareness, testing and surveillance in an effort to stop its spread.

The World Health Organization said the new swine flu strain has "pandemic potential." A flu pandemic occurs when a new influenza virus emerges, people have little or no immunity to it, and there's no vaccine for it.

The headlines have left many wondering what, exactly, the swine flu is and what they can do to prevent it. The CDC provides the following answers to common swine flu questions.

— McClatchy-Tribune

### Q: What can I do to protect myself from getting sick?

**A:** There is no vaccine available right now to protect against swine flu. There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza. Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

If you get sick with influenza, CDC recommends you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

### Q: How long can an infected person spread swine flu to others?

**A:** People with swine influenza virus infections should be considered potentially contagious as long as they are symptomatic and for up to seven days following illness onset. Children, especially younger children, might potentially be contagious for longer periods.

### Q: What surfaces are most likely to be sources of contamination?

**A:** Germs can be spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth.

Droplets from a cough or sneeze of an infected person move through the air. Germs can be spread when a person touches respiratory droplets from another person on a surface like a desk and then touches their own eyes, mouth or nose before washing their hands.

### Q: How long can viruses live outside the body?

**A:** We know some viruses and bacteria can live two hours or longer on surfaces like cafeteria tables, doorknobs and desks. Frequent hand-washing will help you reduce the chance of getting contamination from these common surfaces.

### Q: What is the best way to keep from spreading the virus through coughing or sneezing?

**A:** If you are sick, limit your contact with other people as much as possible. Do not go to work or school if ill. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Put your used tissue in the waste basket. Cover your cough or sneeze if you do not have a tissue. Then, clean your hands, and do so every time you cough or sneeze.

### Q: What is the best technique for washing my hands to avoid getting the flu?

**A:** Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. Wash with soap and water, or clean with alcohol-based hand cleaner. The CDC recommends that when you wash your hands — with soap and warm water — that you wash for 15 to 20 seconds. When soap and water are not available, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers may be used.

### Q: What should I do if I get sick?

**A:** If you live in areas where swine influenza cases have been identified and become ill with influenza-like symptoms, including fever, body aches, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, you may want to contact your health care provider, particularly if you are worried about your symptoms. Your health care provider will determine whether influenza testing or treatment is needed.

If you are sick, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people as much as possible to keep from spreading your illness to others.

If you become ill and experience any of the following warning signs, seek emergency medical care.

In children, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable the child does not want to be held
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough
- Fever with a rash

In adults, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting

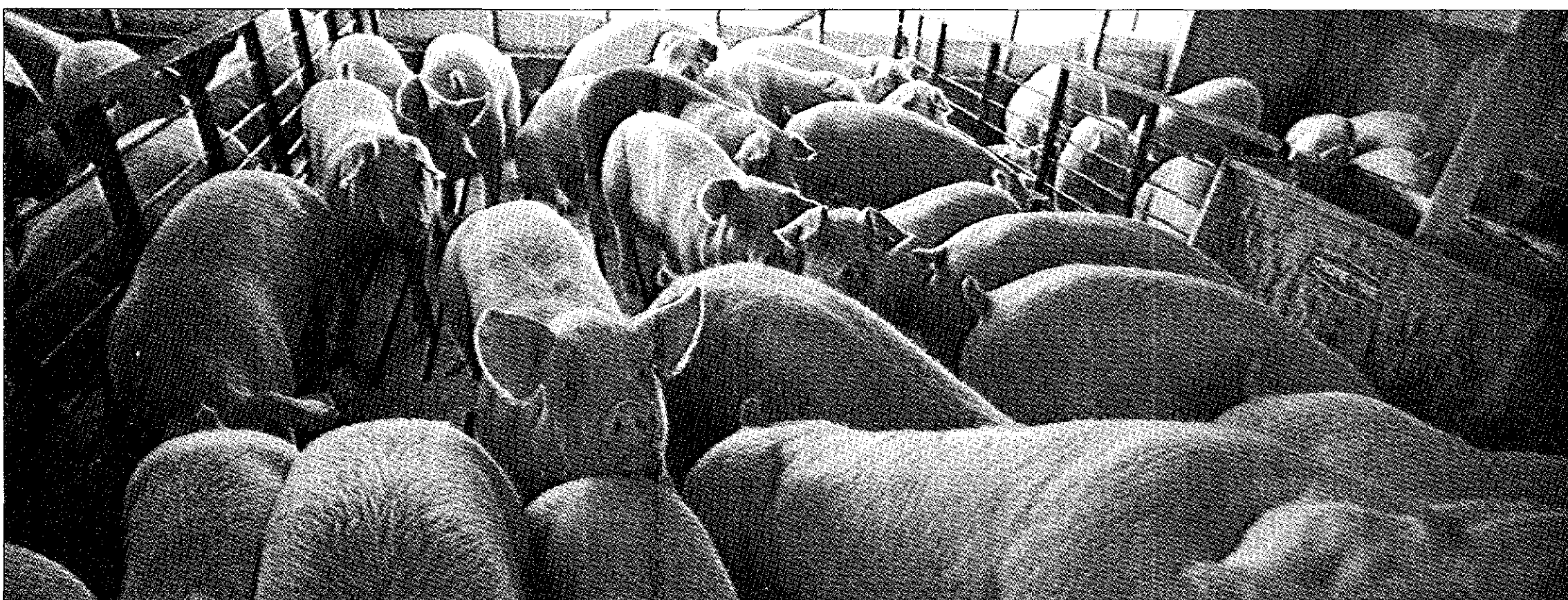
### Q: How serious is swine flu infection?

**A:** Like seasonal flu, swine flu in humans can vary in severity from mild to severe. Between 2005 and January 2009, 12 human cases of swine flu were detected in the United States with no deaths occurring. However, swine flu infection can be serious. In September 1988, a previously healthy 32-year-old pregnant woman in Wisconsin was hospitalized for pneumonia after being infected with swine flu and died eight days later. A swine flu outbreak in Fort Dix, N.J., occurred in 1976 caused more than 200 cases with serious illness in several people and one death.

### Q: Can I get swine influenza from eating or preparing pork?

**A:** No. Swine influenza viruses are not spread by food. You cannot get swine influenza from eating pork or pork products. Eating properly handled and cooked pork products is safe.

— Q&A from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention





# OPINION

•EDITORIAL•

## Nobody knows how to falcon

How does something that sounds so great turn into something that nobody knows about?

It's a simple answer really, there has been no real follow-through.

iFALCON was introduced by the Faculty Senate at the beginning of this semester but nobody really is paying attention.

Teachers were supposed to promote iFALCON in their classes but they really have not done much to do that.

Each letter of the acronym, F.A.L.C.O.N., was supposed to be focused on one at a time throughout the semester.

Who knows what letter we are on? Anyone?

The advertising campaign around campus is based on the iPod campaign.

They have a really cool design, but don't really give any information what iFALCON is.

The casual student at Cerritos College has no idea what iFALCON is.

Putting out posters that say "Do you falcon?" is enough to have students aware of the existence of iFALCON, but not enough to let them know what it is.

The ASCC government has done its part by getting the campaign started.

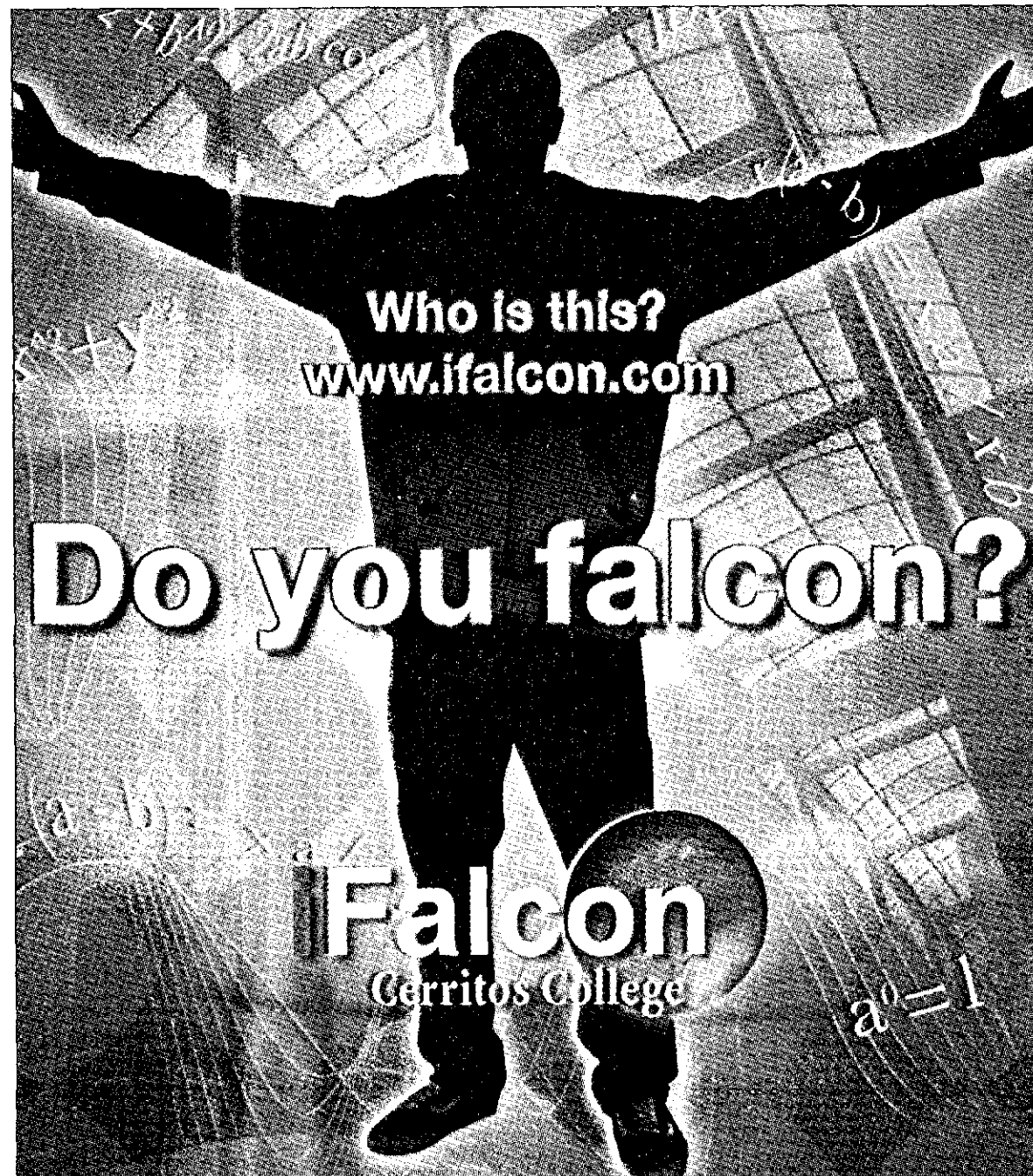
Now it's time for the faculty to follow through with what it promised and get this program out to students in its classes.

iFALCON is a great resource to help students achieve their goals, whatever they may be, by helping focus their study habits and it shows ways that they can be better all-around students.

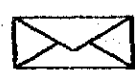
It's not that the idea is wrong, it's just the way it has been introduced.

Hopefully with a new group of high schoolers entering Cerritos in the fall semester, the faculty will do its part and get the information out those students who need it.

And can't we all use a little help becoming better students?



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## Response to Lazarus Long, The Yank

•LETTER TO THE EDITOR•

I ignored your "catch me if you can" challenge in a previous letter but in your April 29 letter to the editor, you interpret California code.

I'm not a lawyer but when a sea-lawyer issues a challenge, I always have an opinion. In the middle of your letter, you admit your work is graffiti.

Another given is your intent to graffiti some part of the campus.

In your opening paragraph, you call your work a ghastly catastrophe artistically, so it is also given that it has no beautification intent or value.

Since it would change the current look

and is not an improvement, it can be termed defacing.

You state that if the graffiti is not removed properly, there will be damage.

You claim no responsibility if there is damage because you are not the one personally trying to remove it.

I have seen nothing in your writings that tell how to remove the graffiti properly, only that it must be done.

Let's do a quick recap. You willfully put up graffiti with no artistic value that you know will cause damage if it is not removed properly.

You give no indication as to what the cor-

rect procedure is.

I can only conclude that you do intend to create damage if those charged with cleanup are not as clever as you.

Elsewhere, I have heard the phrase, "malice of forethought."

Couple that idea with the potential for damage and that tells me your intent is to do harm under certain conditions and therefore, your graffiti is done maliciously.

Lastly, regarding property ownership the code you quote says, "...any real or personal property not his or her own..."

We both know the campus is not your personal property.

So Lazarus, let me say it one more time.

You admit your work is graffiti.

You admit it has no artistic value so it defaces.

You admit that dealing with your graffiti can cause damage.

The campus is not your personal property and there is malicious intent.

It's just my opinion but if you are caught, I think you can be charged and you can be prosecuted. Pray I'm not on the jury because for both you and the Yank, I'll vote to "hang 'em high."

- Carl Miller, Liberal Arts

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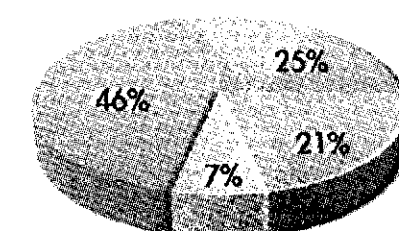
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"I've never used it. I think it's a useless way to use money. We should use it to on better things."



MIGUEL  
RANDLE  
architecture major

"(It is) to help students to study better. I know it's an acronym, I just don't remember what it is."



CINDY  
PATZIN  
undeclared major

"I don't know what it is."



JOSE  
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"What's iFALCON?"



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"I haven't really checked it. I've heard of it. It seems like something that's on the Cerritos Web site."



RAUL  
MORENO  
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"It's a social network for kids and students."





# SPORTS

## Track and field Southern California Championships

### AT A GLANCE

#### Friday

Baseball  
@ San Jacinto 3 p.m.  
Tennis  
Men State Finals @ American River 9 a.m.  
Women State Finals @ American River 9 a.m.

#### Saturday

Softball  
Super Regional 2:00 p.m.  
Tennis  
Men State Finals @ American River 9 a.m.  
Track  
Men So. Cal Finals @ Mt. SAC All Day  
Women So. Cal Finals @ Mt. SAC All Day

#### Sunday

Softball  
Super Regional 12:00 p.m.

### RESULTS

#### Last Thu. 4/30

Baseball  
vs. LA City W, 11-5

#### Last Fri.

Baseball  
vs. LA City W, 10-5

#### Last Sat. 5/2

Softball  
vs. Ventura W, 8-4

#### Last Sat. 5/3

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#### Cyntrail Pierce



Event	Time/Distance	Place
100 meters	12.24	7th
200 meters	25.41	8th
Long jump	17'3"	4th

#### Karen Guravska



Event	Distance	Place
Javelin	113'8"	6th
Pole Vault	10'9"	1st

#### Erin Straughter



Event	Time	Place
100-m hurdles	14.61	1th
400-m hurdles	1:05.54	5th

# RIGHT ON TRACK

The Cerritos College track and field teams total 57 entries to SoCal Finals.

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After winning their respective conference championships, the Cerritos College men's and women's track and field teams collectively qualified 57 entries for the Southern California Championships at Mt. San Antonio College.

The men had 22 entries for this Saturday's SoCal Finals while the women ended up with 35 entries.

With only two more meets left in the season (SoCal Finals and state championships), leaders have emerged from within the team.

Nick Armstrong, winner of the Southern Decathlon Championship, said, "I always try to encourage and motivate other who doubt themselves."

Armstrong proved to be a team player in Saturday's SoCal preliminaries as he qualified for three events, including a first-place finish in the high jump.

"If I score high in three events, that's better for my team in terms of points than finishing first in only one event," Armstrong said.

Armstrong also qualified in the javelin at 12th place and the 110-meter hurdles in ninth.

Latvian native, Karen Guravska, lead the women with a first place finish in the pole vault and finished sixth in the javelin competition.

Guravska has bigger goals past just the SoCal finals, "I hope to take the state this year and end up first in the nation in the pole vault."

Other notable athletes are Bruce McCall and Rachel Butler.

McCall qualified in the four events and Butler in three.



On the move: Cyntrail Pierce takes the baton during the 4x100 meter relays at Mt. SAC last Saturday.

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ADDITIONAL REPORTING BY  
SCOTT GARITE

#### Kelsey Caesar



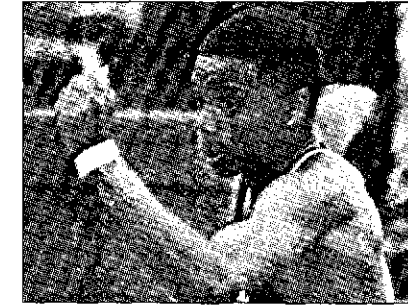
Event	Time	Place
200 meters	21.10	6th
400 meters	47.32	3rd

#### Nicholas Armstrong



Event	Time/Distance	Place
110 m hurdles	15.04	9th
Javelin	163'2"	12th
High Jump	6'7"	1st

#### Bruce McCall



Event	Time	Place
110 m hurdles	14.95	6th
400 m hurdles	55.41	9th
4x100 m relay	41.04	2nd
4x400 m relay	3:14.64	1st

## Sports Briefs

### Baseball team finishes second, makes it in playoffs

The Cerritos College baseball team finished in a three-way tie for second place in the SCC after failing to win the title.

The Falcons are seeded No. 11 and will face No. 7 seed San Jacinto in the first round of the playoffs on Friday.

Prior to the seedings, the Falcons were awarded nine SCC honors including Joe Terry winning the SCC player of the year.

### Softball

The Cerritos College softball team will host No. 8 Saddleback in the second round of the postseason.

The first game of the three-game series will begin on Saturday and run through Sunday.

Catcher Samantha Vaulu was recently named National Catcher of the year by National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

Pitcher Hillary Perez-Ashley and second baseman Lindsey Marquez were named 2009 Louisville Slugger/NFCA California JC All-Americans.

### Tennis

#### Men

Doubles Jason Wall and Doug Edwards will enter the state championships as the No. 2 seed.

Wall and Edwards were defeated in the Southern California championships by Riverside doubles Daniel Cochlo and Yair Banuelos, 7-5, 6-4.

Wall and Edwards will compete in the state championships at American River College from Friday through Sunday.

#### Women

Samantha Nades will compete in the singles and doubles match with Michelle Yi in the state championships at American River College.

### Track and Field

The Cerritos college track and field teams will send 57 entries to the Southern California Championships.

The men will send 22 qualifiers while the women have 35 qualifiers. Bruce McCall qualified in four events while Nicholas Armstrong qualified in three including first in the high jump.



# Falcons cruise to the next round

The Cerritos College softball team advances to the Super Regionals.

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Pitcher Hillary Perez-Ashley and the Cerritos College softball team will advance to the second round of the postseason after sweeping Ventura in the first round of the playoffs on Sunday.

Cerritos defeated Ventura, 8-4, in Game One on Saturday and 10-0 in Game Two on Sunday.

The Falcons will host Saddleback in the Super Regional next weekend in the second round of the state playoffs. Game One will be held on Saturday and the series will continue on Sunday for Games Two and Three, if necessary.

Pitching in her first college postseason, Perez-Ashley said she is not as nervous as much as she is excited about playing in the playoffs.

"We've been waiting to be here since August," Perez-Ashley said.

Perez-Ashley threw complete games in the each game of the series totaling 12 innings including a shut-out in Game Two.

Sunday's performance marked Perez-Ashley's eighth shut-out and 24th complete game of the season.

Aside from the pitching, the Falcons gave a stellar performance fielding and batting.

"I have to give it up to my defense.

"But both defense and offense



RICK GOMEZ/TM

**Rounding the bases:** The Cerritos College softball team celebrates at home plate after second baseman Lindsey Marquez hits a home run.

are coming through each game," Perez-Ashley said.

Cerritos tallied a total of four home runs and had a total 18 runs in the series, eight of which were in the first inning of Game Two to start off the game.

The early lead proved to be a clear advantage for Perez-Ashley.

"(The early lead) allows me to not be scared on the mound and go after batters," Perez-Ashley said.

Although pitching seven innings

in game one, head coach Kodee Murray started her in Game Two and left her in the game even after a lopsided lead of 10-0.

"(Perez-Ashley) needs to have innings. She hadn't pitched in almost 10 days. It's important she gets enough innings pitched," Murray said.

Ashley-Perez didn't mind the work. "It's not about my endurance, to me it's about having strong pitches until the end of the game,"

explained Perez-Ashley.

Cerritos faced Saddleback twice in the regular season and lost both meetings by one run.

The Gauchos handed the Falcons their last loss before riding the 12-game winning streak they are on entering the second round.

In the last meeting, the Falcons were able to score three in the final inning but the Gauchos came back and answered back with four runs of their own to win the game, 4-3.

## Super Regional Pairings

No. 11 LA Mission (31-9) @ No. 1 Cypress (43-8)

No. 8 Saddleback (29-12) @ No. 2 Cerritos (37-9-1)

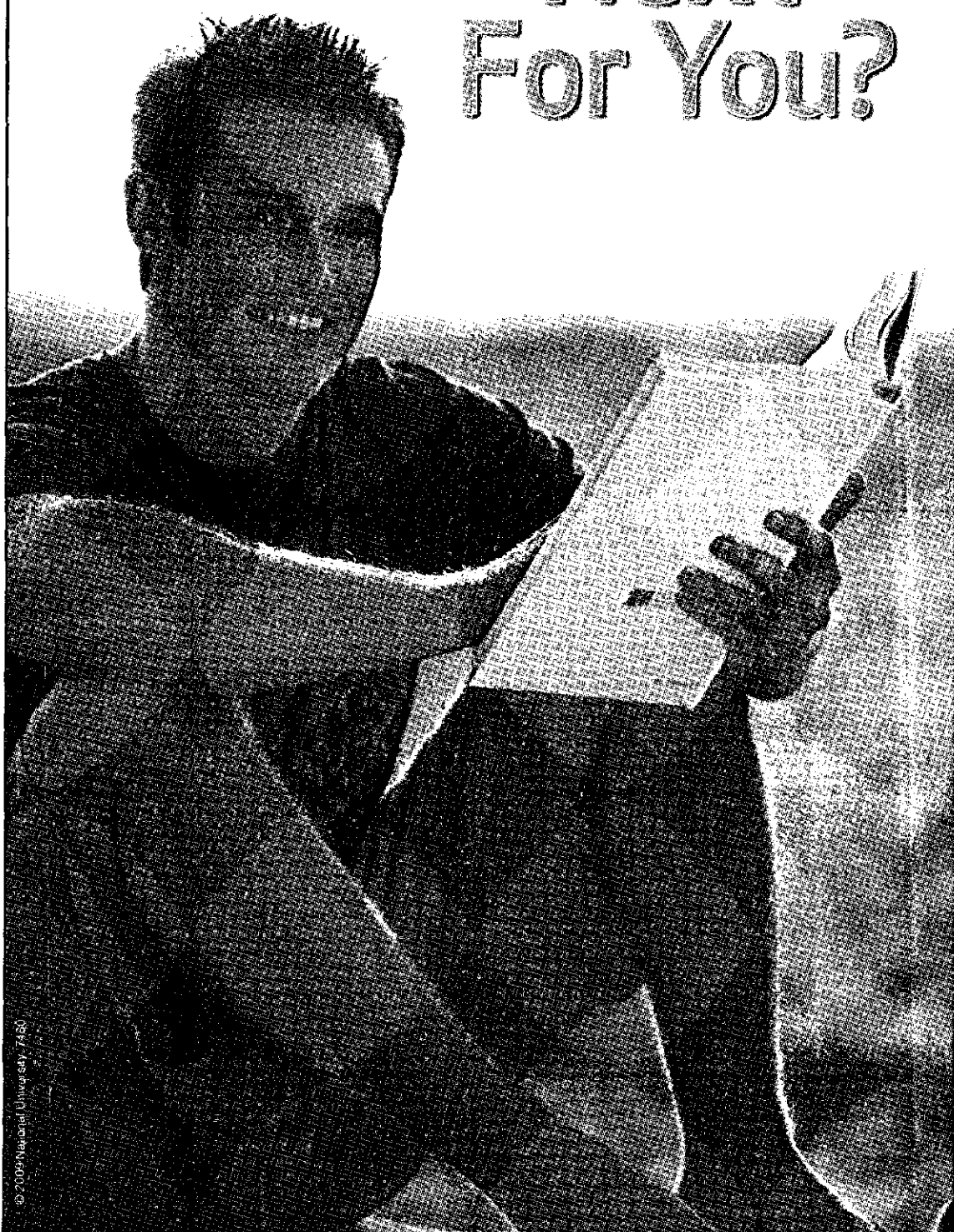
No. 7 Grossmont (21-14) @ No. 3 Mt. San Antonio (38-10)

No. 5 Riverside (35-12) @ No. 4 Fullerton (32-9)

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Down the line: Right fielder Brandon Pesante hits a foul ball down the left field line. Pesante has a .266 batting avg. in 37 games played.

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## Falcons make it to playoffs

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After a long baseball regular season of ups and downs, the Falcons have finished in a three way tie for second place in conference (El Camino College and Mt. San Antonio) and have made the playoffs.

Hot hitting has been the main ingredient in the Falcon mix including contributions from Brian Gaylord, SCC Player of the Year Joe Terry, Jacob Eaton, and Paul Hayes.

Cerritos will play an away playoff

game at Mt. Sac Jacinto Friday afternoon, facing a team that Cerritos has not played since 2006, although the Falcons did win 15-0 in that last ball game.

"A state championship will always be the goal but we have to take each game at a time and play strong in order to have a chance" said pitcher George Sanchez, who was announced as a first team all conference player.

The Falcons have also proven to be a good team playing on the road and will have to do so again as they face a team who won the Foothill Conference Championship and finished its season with a 31-10 record.

Cerritos pitching staff will also have to be aware of the Eagles hitting staff, including sophomore for Mt. San Jacinto John Eshleman who, recorded 75 hits this season.

"Our team has the game experience and talent to compete at the highest level and will have to play as we practice in order to have a strong chance" as stated by Brooks.

The consistent bats that Cerritos has shown as of late will have to coincide with the defense necessary to win in a playoff series. Playoff games differ from the sloppy fast pace of

regular season play. Cerritos will have to face an Eagles strong pitching staff including BJ Salsbury. Salsbury finished the season with a 13-0 record and completed nine games; he also had an astonishing ERA of 1.93.

The Eagles also have a strong pitcher in Drew Madrigal who had 125 strikeouts this season.

Regardless of the team the Falcons face this weekend, Cerritos will be ready to play hard and confidently, and will need the support all Falcons during this playoff push.

## Terry, baseball team win SCC awards

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The Cerritos College Athletic Program has experienced some recent success this school year, and the Cerritos College baseball team would be no different as it makes the playoffs and players collect individual achievements.

Joe Terry, second baseman and designated hitter has been awarded the SCC Player of the Year and named an All Star.

When the team had its early struggles, Terry seemed to be a young leader, making crucial points on improvement such as more team unity and finishing out ball games.

Assistant coach Jack Brooks stated that once the young pitching staff as well as the rest of the team got its rhythm and game experience, the wins will come, and they have.

The Falcons also had other award winners such as first teamers' pitcher George Sanchez and Chris Villalobos who had that four-hit shutout in late March.

Outfielder David Neff who recorded 46 hits this season, which was one hit shy of the Falcon record of 47, also made the first team all-conference team.

Terry, who made the all star team as a designated hitter, led the team in RBI hits with 34 that were also just shy of a school record with 39.

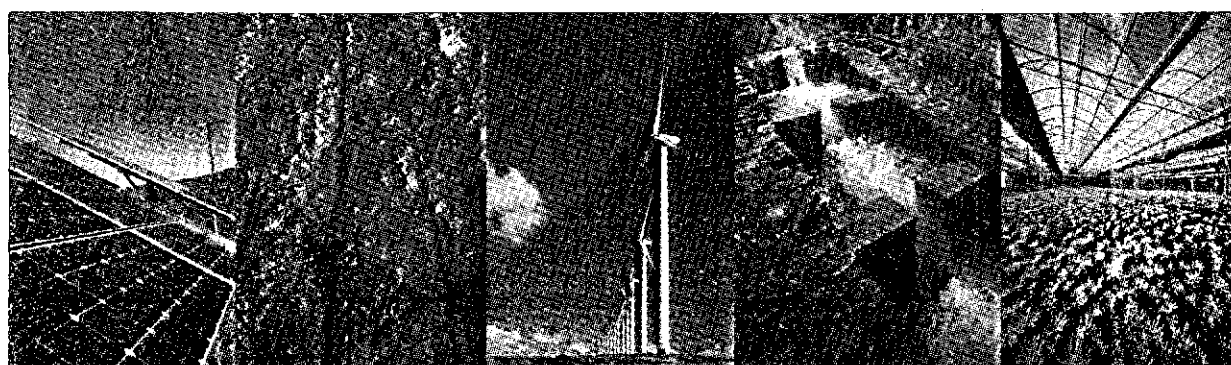
He also had an impressive batting average of .417, recorded 10 triples, and ran for eight stolen bases.

The Falcons had a team full of individual accolade winners and it will surely need that maturity shown this season as well and the consistency.

Even the coach's son, third baseman Brian Gaylord, made the conference second team along with outfielder Jake Mayoral.

Shortstop Max McFleney, catcher Paul Hayes and designated hitter Jacob Eaton made the conference honorable mention.

Cerritos may have showed its youth early in the season but, has made major improvements and hopes to show their game experience and discipline at both sides of the ball in its upcoming playoff game at Mt. San Jacinto College.



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# Macias leads teams to success

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The Cerritos College women's swimming and water polo team owe half of its success to head coach Sergio Macias.

Since Macias has been head coach for Cerritos, he has a 106-24 record and has led both the women's swimming and water polo team to the championship this past season.

Last season, he led the women's water polo team to its first state championship in school history.

Many records have been broken while Macias has been head coach such as winning 22 games in a row during the water polo season and motivated his team enough to break five school water polo records.

"The coaching staff has high expectations on all swimmers, and the hard work has paid off," Macias said about the past season.

Freshman swimmer Gina Kim has enjoyed swimming for Macias and looks forward to next season.

"Macias is a really good coach, and so dedicated to the whole team. He spends a lot of his time with us," Kim said.

Freshman swimmer Natalie Peng has also enjoyed her time while being coached under Macias.

Under Macias, Peng owns three individual school records and five relay records. While Kim has five records in the relay races.

"Macias sets high expectations for us because he knows that we have a lot of potential, and he pushes us to the limit," Peng said. "Macias also taught us that weakness is not accepted and we have to overcome whatever comes our way."

Although, the season is over it is never too early to not think about next season.

"I hope the success carries over to both sports, we have to work harder to defend titles in both sports," Macias mentioned about next season.



**Pep talk:** Head coach Sergio Macias gives swimmer Natalie Peng advice before her race. Peng went on to win second in the 100-yard butterfly.

## Mens doubles seeded No. 2

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Although they were defeated in the championship match of the Southern California Championship, Cerritos College doubles team Doug Edwards and Jason Wall will receive the No. 2 seed from the South for the upcoming state championships, which will be played at American River College next weekend.

Edwards and Wall, seeded No. 2 for the regionals, received a default victory over College of the Desert's Cesar Uaya and Francisco Stuardo in the semi-finals to advance them to the finals. Stuardo, who was also playing in the singles tournament, was forced to default due to an injury.

That sent Edwards and Wall to the championship match, where they faced Daniel Coelho and Yair Banuelos of Riverside College.

The matchup against the Tigers top doubles team was the third of the season for Edwards and Wall, who had already lost to them twice.

It was more of the same, as Coelho and Banuelos posted a 7-5, 6-4 victory for the championship. Edwards and Wall, champions of the Ojai Tournament, will now look to get back into the state championship doubles match, where they were defeated for the title last year.

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# ARTS



**Bobby Baby:** Steven Jones, who portrays Bobby in 'Company' takes center stage with the rest of the cast during a musical scene.

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## Keep me 'Company'

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"I do."

These are the two words that the protagonist of "The Company," Bobby, has yet to hear.

A 30-year-old bachelor, Bobby has strayed from marriage, all the while his closest friends are getting hitched.

The show, based on a book by George Furth and with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, won the 1971 Tony and Drama Desk awards as best musical.

And now it is being portrayed

by the Cerritos College Theater Department.

Bobby, played by Steven Jones, connects with the rest of the cast as he struggles to find "the one."

Jones does a great job of encompassing the bachelor who is going downhill of his prime.

There are a series of scenes where Bobby weighs the pros and cons of marriage after seeing the lives his friends are living.

In one scene, a couple has a drunken karate match with him watching, and in another, he joins a different couple in a comic pot-smoking session filled with laughs

deep conversations.

The cast does a great job of interpreting the songs.

In one scene where a couple is about to get married, Amy, played by Courtney Stokes, gets wedding day jitters.

She lets it be known to the audience that she has no intention of getting married through a rapid-fire song showing her anxiety.

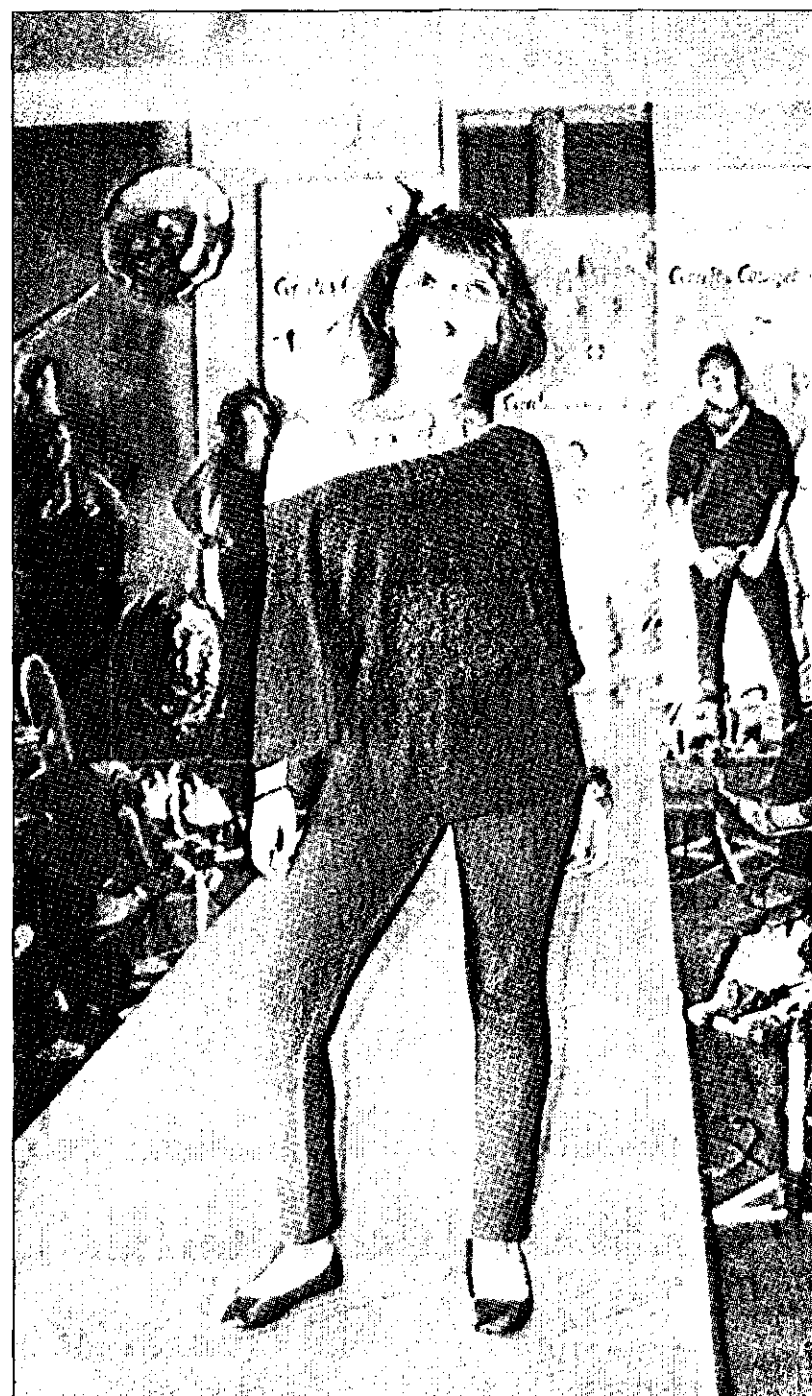
Other cast members, such as Jenny, played by Nika Cardenas, sing in a very opera-esque way that is sure to send chills down your spine.

The songs in this musical, while

comical at times, make perfect sense in retrospect.

"Sorry-grateful" talks about life after marriage, while "Another 100 strangers" talks about the difficulty of finding the right one, especially in a big city.

The play is set in present-day, so many of the viewers might be able to relate to the struggles Bobby and other characters face, such as being a bored husband, an anxious bride-to-be or wondering if your pal might be secretly gay and attracted to you.



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**Blue steel:** A cosmetology major shows the audience her best model pose during the 2009 Hair show.

## Hair show '09

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The Cosmetology Department was not going to have its annual show this year so Bryan Griffith, cosmetology major, decided to organize the whole show himself.

It started with favors and donations from friends, but then he found out that the Associated Students of Cerritos College had funds for the event so he got reimbursed for everything.

Cosmetology students along with Griffith organized and hosted their first annual Runway Showcase and student networking event on Monday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Student Center.

Even though the runway show was put up by students, it was very professional.

Griffith said, "I networked, found models for students. I cut out magazine pictures and stapled them to the wall to show students what big runway shows look like."

"There were no rules; students had to come up with styles for hair, makeup and wardrobe. Now that it is over, I am pleasantly surprised we had a good turnout and the compliments are pouring in."

The Student Center was a filled with the student stylists' friends and family as well as some beauty salon owners.

There were free skin test offers on the spot to the show's attendees,

and then the students would recommend products that fit their skin.

Felicia Smith, cosmetology professor, said, "This was the best, show students did an excellent job."

"I am hoping we can create a buzz around campus, student stylists are better than you may think," said Griffith.

"We have had runway shows in the past years but this is the first time we have one like this. Before, it was a completion but this year it's more about showing the students' work without the competitive part of it," said Monique Meza, Cerritos College alumni and guest show host.

The student stylists had to find models and decide whether they wanted to do a style in the past, present or future that was the theme of the runways show.

Each portion of the runway show (Past, present and future) was completed by having each student stylist say what inspired them to style their model.

Sam Becker, cosmetology major, said, "My inspiration was '80s glam rock. I am really into music and I wanted to do a style like Siouxsie from the band Siouxsie and the Banshees."

Jordan Carr, cosmetology major, said, "I did Vidal Sassoon and precision cutting, my inspiration was birds, feathers and high fashion couture."

## NEW RELEASES

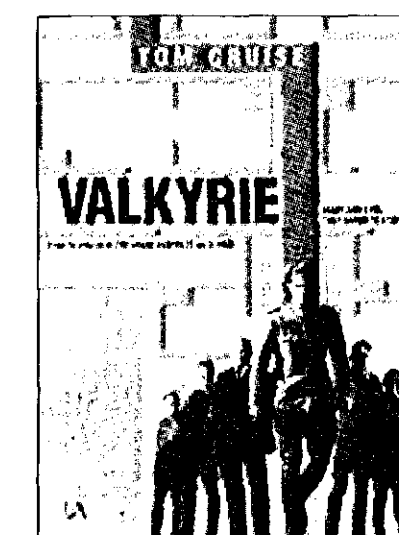
## DVD'S



### Paul Blart: Mall Cop

Release date:  
May 19, 2009

Starring: Kevin James  
Director: Steve Carr

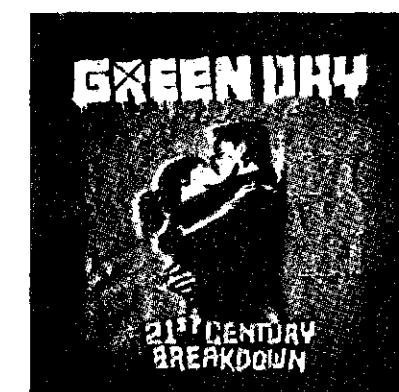


### Valkyrie

Release date:  
May 19, 2009

Starring: Tom Cruise  
Director: Bryan Singer

## CD'S



### 21st Century Breakdown

Release date:  
May 15, 2009

Artist: Green Day  
Label: Reprise



### Relapse

Release date:  
May 19, 2009

Artist: Eminem  
Label: Aftermath/Shady



### For the lions

Release date:  
May 5, 2009

Artist: Hatebreed  
Label: Koch Records



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Powers of False Witness Unite: Rockin' out in unison this band is finally ready for the spotlight.

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## Witness Dopeness on fire

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It's been five years in the making but False Witness, a local band out of Downey finally has a set line-up led by vocalist Joe "the Cool" Hernandez, a Cerritos College student.

On Thursday, Cerritos College students were given a chance to witness first hand, the music of False Witness when Hernandez's stage building and live sound class called on him to have his band perform.

False Witness, with a sound that drummer David "Crash" Simpson defines as "Dopeness on Fire," will be performing again Thursday, giving Hernandez's class to get another chance to work hands on with the band, giving students in the class a chance to put class knowledge into action.

"I don't know what else to call us. We're not straight-up metal,

we're dope and if something is dope, then it should definitely be on fire, therefore dopeness on fire," Simpson stated.

"None of the members have the same taste in music. Our tastes range from jazz and blues, to metal bands differ with bands like Testament to Slipknot, but the one band everybody in the band can agree on is Red Hot Chili Peppers," Hernandez said.

Hernandez, originally of the band Brown Stripes, says that he's been on a mission to create great music with great people, and through a strange course of events False Witness has a group of guys that are ready to back up this mission.

Simpson said, "I was smoking at a gas station, and I guess Hernandez felt compelled by that fact that I would do such a thing, to randomly ask if I knew of any drummers."

"I told I played and just like

that I ended up in the band."

Matt Griswold, the lead guitarist of the band, is the only other original band mate left from the starting line-up besides Hernandez. He went on to recruit Hernandez, bringing him to collaborate with other musicians.

"I just knew that Hernandez was as passionate as I was about making music. I introduced him to some other musicians and that's how we ended up together."

False Witness would go on to have three different drummers in the band, but according to Hernandez, each one eventually disappeared into the "Twilight Zone" before adding Simpson to the band.

The original bassist fell out due

to personal issues giving an opening for Chris Griswold, Matt's younger brother to fill the void. Second guitarist, Eddie Espinoza is the latest addition; joining the band last November.

"I work with Espinoza building guitars," the older Griswold added, "and I knew that he played guitar and also like the same kind of music so I asked him to audition. There were other guitarists in the running but Espinoza blew them out of the water."

Now that there is nothing stopping FW from focusing on its music. The band says that it is looking forward to writing new material, playing as many shows as possible and creating relationships with fans.

## Renea's new album is calming, happy

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New artist Priscilla Renea started sharing her music with fans through YouTube.com.

Her music is a taste of pop and alternative and her sample album features songs:

- "Hello my Apple,"
- "Fell in Love" and
- "Cry."

"Hello my Apple" is a mellow song and from the lyrics, it seems as though she is in love which can be perfect music to listen to for those who are in love.

The song is calming and relaxing and makes me feel happy.

She repeats the lyrics "Hello my Apple" which makes me wonder the story behind it.

Obviously the Renea is in love when she comes out with song like "I Fell in Love."

The song reminds me of Beyon-

cé Knowles, which can be a good thing since a lot of people like the R&B singer.

However with all the love also comes heartbreak as she sings in "Cry."

With lyrics like "the first cut is the deepest," I would only imagine that she is singing about her first love.

Artists come out with great music in time of a break-up and a lot of girls like myself like the music because they can relate to it.

For a starting artist, I would say that she is a good singer.

Maybe she should put one of her songs in a big hit movie like MIA did for movie "Pineapple Express" so that she can be recognized.

Her full-length album will be coming out later this summer, which is something I will be looking forward to listening to.

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# Claws come out with a bang

## Movie Review

*X-Men Origins: Wolverine*

**Starring:** Hugh Jackman  
**Director:** Gavin Hood

**Rating:**   

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After Marvel Studios took a bigger role in movies based on its comics, fans got the great movies "Iron Man," "The Incredible Hulk," and "Punisher: War Zone."

Now we're back to the "X-Men" series, which doesn't have the Marvel Studios label on it.

"X-Men Origins: Wolverine" is action-packed with plenty of fights, explosions and mayhem.

Every time Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) and Sabretooth (Liev Schreiber, "The Omen") fought, you know you're in for an exciting ride.

The story was cool and interesting.

However, if you're one that spends the entire movie saying, "That didn't happen in the comics," then the story probably won't be pleasing to you.

Then again, maybe you wouldn't have followed the "X-Men" series to this point if you were worried about how true it is to the comics.

It should be expected that characters' relationships will be altered in the film for the sake of tying people together for a movie.

The fact that Wolverine and Sabretooth are brothers in this movie was an acceptable change.

However, it doesn't make this film very linear with the first movie, where Sabretooth doesn't recognize Wolverine.

It was fun to see all the

cameos here.

The teenage Cyclops (Tim Pocock) was cool to have in and have the story lead into the "X-Men" movies.

Gambit (Taylor Kitsch, "The Covenant") wasn't a necessary addition to the story.

But seeing him shuffle his cards and then charge them up to throw at Wolverine was really cool.

Gambit's kinetic effects were amazing to look at.

If only the effects for Wolverine's claws stayed that consistently good.

There were some scenes where the claws looked as good as the last three movies.

There was a scene or two though that the claws looked like they came from the rough CGI cut.

For future movies featuring Wolverine, the filmmakers need to stop making him do creative things with his claws.

It's okay for him to just pull them out and kill somebody with them.

He doesn't need to flip somebody off with them anymore, or use one like a credit card in a locked door.

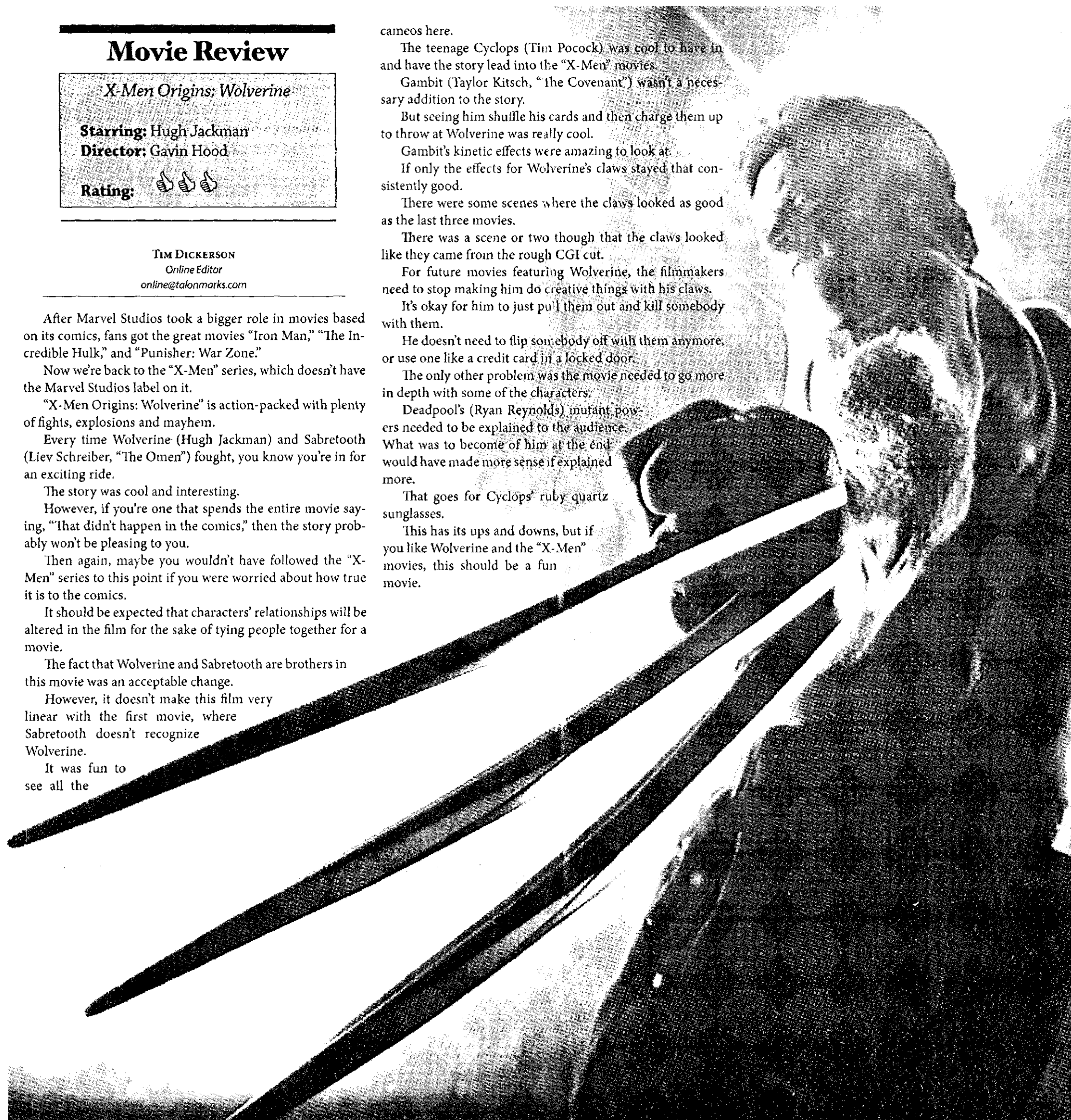
The only other problem was the movie needed to go more in depth with some of the characters.

Deadpool's (Ryan Reynolds) mutant powers needed to be explained to the audience.

What was to become of him at the end would have made more sense if explained more.

That goes for Cyclops' ruby quartz sunglasses.

This has its ups and downs, but if you like Wolverine and the "X-Men" movies, this should be a fun movie.



## X-Men movie past



Wolverine and Rogue meet the X-Men and find that they're not alone in this world.

Magneto and the Brotherhood of Mutants attempt at their plot to send a wave of energy, mutating all of the citizens of New York.



Wolverine's past haunts him as he meets William Stryker, the man behind Weapon X, for the second time.

Stryker uses his son to kidnap Professor Xavier with the plan to use him to kill all mutants. The X-Men and Brotherhood of Mutants decide to unite to stop him.



Jean Grey had supposedly died, but she's back as Phoenix, her other personality that Xavier had tried to repress for so long.

With her by his side, Magneto makes his goal to stop the "cure" for homomorphosis, created by the homomorphosis.

## X-Men movie future?

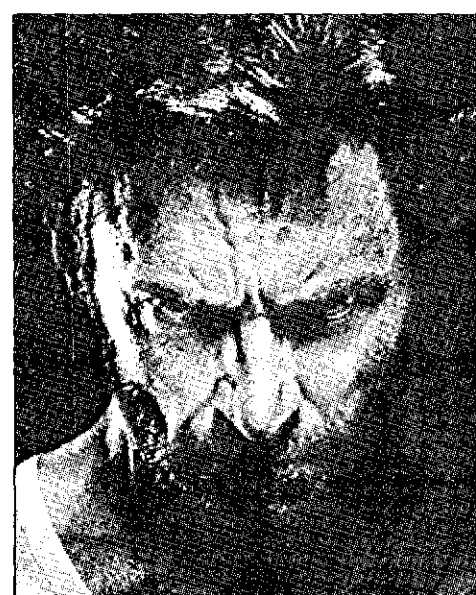
### X-Men Origins Magneto

The origins of Wolverine have now been told and to come is the backstory behind the leader of the Brotherhood of Mutants, Magneto himself.

### X-Men First Class

See the beginning years of the X-Men. Xavier is teaching the young Cyclops, Grey, Beast, and other mutants to lead the resistance against the Brotherhood.

# Mutant Profiles



**Wolverine**  
(a.k.a. Logan, James Howlett)

With his strong ability to heal rapidly, Howlett was the perfect candidate for the Weapon X project.

The project involved lacing his bones with Adamantium, an indestructible metal.

Already able to extend bones out from his knuckles, the Adamantium made them even better fighting weapons.

Howlett volunteered for this experiment. He didn't, however, volunteer for to lose his memories.



**Sabretooth**  
(a.k.a. Victor Creed)

Creed possesses the same accelerated healing ability as other mutants recruited by Col. William Stryker.

This allows him to heal rapidly and slows down his aging considerably.

He also has acute senses of sight, hearing, smell and taste, possibly not of touch though.

Creed can also extend his fingernails, making them dangerous claws. And to top it off, he possesses superhuman strength.



**Silver Fox**  
(a.k.a. Kayla Howlett)

Fox has the ability to persuade non-mutants to do anything she wants by just a touch.

Any other abilities Fox may have are unclear but she is believed to possess the ability of a rapid healing factor.

Her healing factor may be not as well-developed as similar mutants.

She participated in Stryker's experiments to slow down her aging to a crawl, if anything at all.



**Deadpool**  
(a.k.a. Wade Wilson)

Wilson's healing factor differs from others in that he can regrow severed limbs and vital organs.

He can achieve this mentally to an extent.

This allows him to pick up severed body parts and reattach it himself.

He has also trained in hand-to-hand combat and many unarmed fighting techniques, not to mention skills with his many guns and blades.



**Gambit**  
(a.k.a. Remy LeBeau)

LeBeau has the ability to charge non-living objects with kinetic energy.

He can do this with any object, but his preference is playing cards, which he can throw with a deadly accuracy and agility.

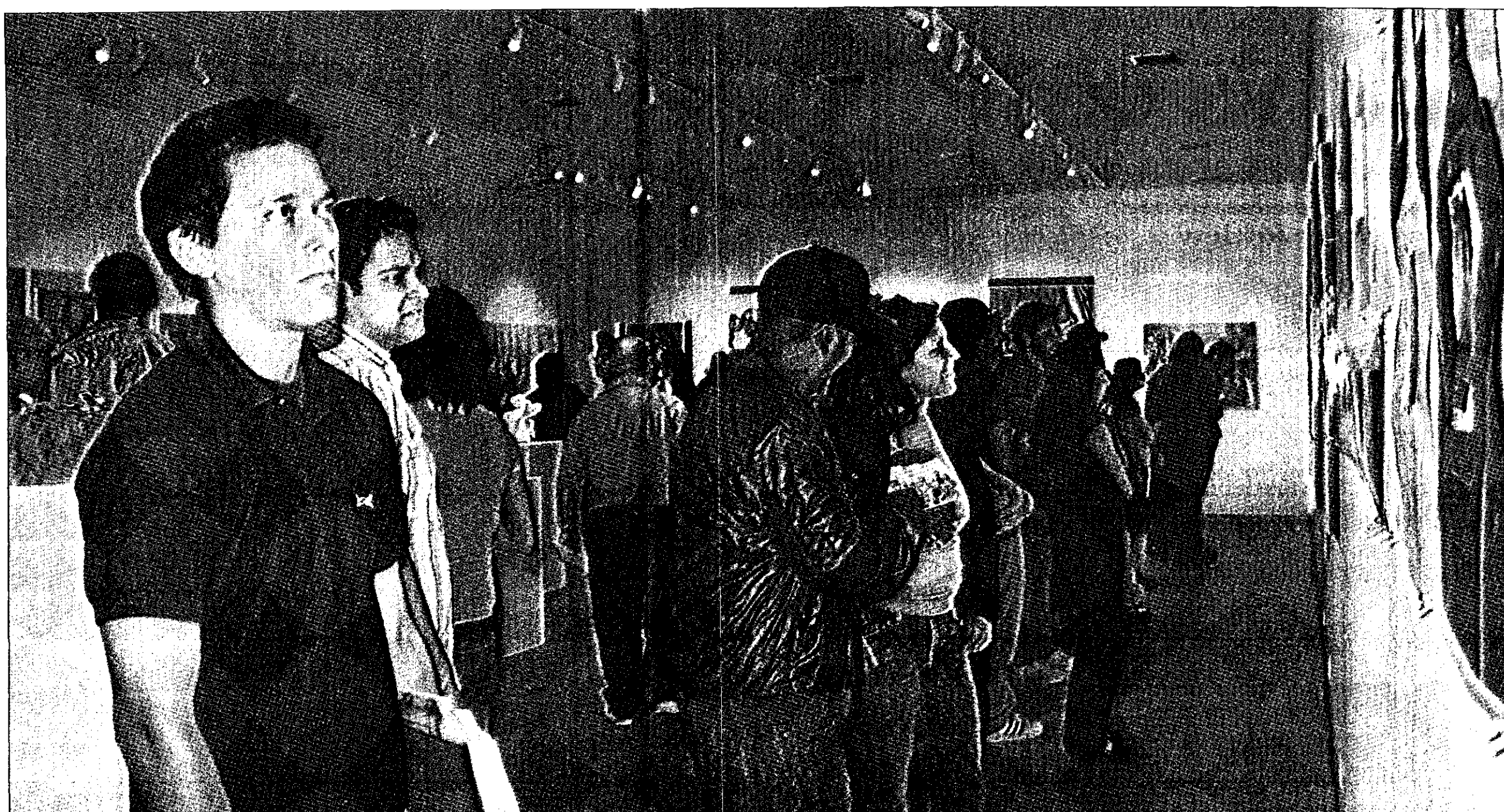
He also does this with his telescopic bo staff, which he is a marksman with.

He also possesses a charm that allows him to exert a subtle influence upon sentient minds.

This allows people to believe anything he says.

**Other mutants to look out for:** Cyclops, John Wraith, the Blob, Bolt, Agent Zero, Emma Frost, Toad and a surprise mutant at the end of the movie





## Art Gallery features many kinds of work



**TOP:** Opening night at the Cerritos College Art Gallery "Student Art Exhibition 2009."

**LEFT:** Christina Mijares (Art Major) shows her friends Ronald Doug (Math Major) and Diana Doung (Art Major) her 3D Animation named "Lamp Love", which won her 1st place.

**BOTTOM:** James Dinh Ceramic art piece won him 3rd place at the "Student Art Exhibition 2009"

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The Cerritos College Art Gallery displays a variety of mediums like ceramics, charcoal on paper, clay, water color on canvas, graphite on paper, video, 3D animation, ink on paper, screen print, etching, plaster and oil on canvas.

The annual award ceremony for student art design and photography reception was held on Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. but the gallery will be open through June 4.

Admission is free.

This will feature the work of more than 100 different students hand-picked by Cerritos College.

George Dinhaupt, photography professor, said, "I chose three students this semester. I looked for how the students challenged themselves, if they took risks and the commitment to their work."

Christina Fernandez, art gallery director, said, "Karen Atkinson judged all of the student artwork, she is the founder of the Get Your Shit Together organization." Faculty chooses the students'

work to be displayed at the Cerritos College art gallery.

Students choose from their artwork and submit an entry form.

Students are also entered in the contest to receive awards.

Rocio Estrada, photography major, said, "Mr. Dinhaupt called me and told me that he wanted to get my photo. I didn't like my picture at first but I am getting more and more compliments. I think I'm starting to like it now. I feel so cool this is the first time that my work has been displayed."

Friends and family attended the reception to see the artwork.

Rosemary Perez, of Santa Fe Springs, said, "I'm here to support my friend, Michelle Santos, art major. She has her ceramic piece on display, I think it's cool that the college shows the world what the students are doing."

The students that have their work on display feel recognized and proud.

Marcos Garcia, photography major, said, "This is the first time my work is displayed. It's a nice feeling, to see my work among all this good art. There is some talent here."

### 2009 Student Art, Design and Photography Exhibition

#### Screenprinting

Christle Leonardo

*Looking through you, 2009*

**First Place**

#### Plaster

Frank Leon

*You tell me, 2009*

**First Place**

#### Oil on Canvas

Michael Gates

*Disassembly Line, 2009*

**First Place**

#### 3D Animations

Christina Mijares

*Lamp Love, 2008*

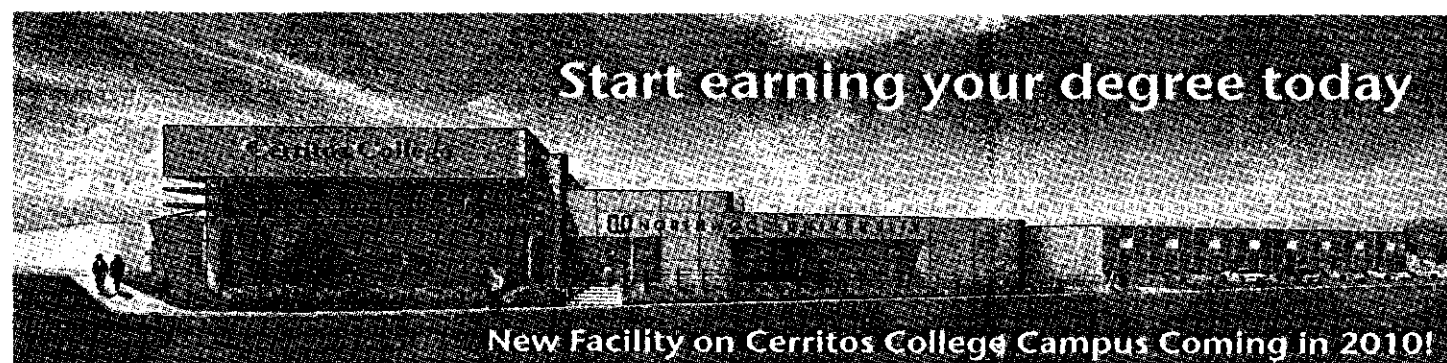
**First Place**



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