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Books to be rented

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Everything else seems to be rentable, so why not make textbooks on college campuses rentable as well?

Dr. Linda Lacy, President of Cerritos College, is working with Follett, which has a new textbook rental program.

The goal is to have the rental program in full effect by fall 2010.

Lacy, prior to her employment at Cerritos College, served 23 years in the Riverside Community College District where she established a book rental program.

Lacy stated, "The students were saving thousands of dollars. I received many e-mails in regard to the positivity of book renting."

As stated in the Follett Textbook Rental Program information guideline, "Follett has applied over 135 years of industry knowledge to add value to our rental pilot and our student customers."

Follett launched its pilot last fall and the results were very positive.

It chose seven pilot bookstores and the students saved nearly \$2 million on their course materials.

Follett also reported that not only did it save students money, but it gave the students a different perception of the campus bookstores.

Unlike other rental programs, with Follett, students will have the option of returning to the store and converting their rental into a student sale during the period prior to midterm exams (approximately eight weeks from class start date).

Lacy also stated, "We are very excited to be working on this for the fall implementation."

Sharp disturbance



ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ/TM

Pocket knife: Student Fernando Castellon was taken into custody Wednesday after other students called Campus Police and reported the student was disturbing others in the men's restroom in the Fine Arts Building. The student was searched and found with a 3-inch pocket knife.

Student taken into custody

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Student Fernando Castellon was arrested Wednesday afternoon for possession of a weapon and causing a disturbance.

He has been suspended from the campus pending his trial with the school's judicial court.

Joey Berumen, journalism major, was in the restroom when he heard strange noises coming from the stall.

"After encountering the individual, I walked out of the restroom and two girls asked

me if anyone was in there. I told them yes and not to go in. I could only imagine what might have happened if I wasn't there to war them about the 'strange guy,' Berumen said.

Tito Benavides, broadcasting major, witnessed Castellon's odd behavior.

He said, "When I walked into the restroom there was a guy in one of the stalls making crazy animal noises like a donkey and murmuring stuff, at that point I decided to call campus police."

Kyle Edquist, business major, was in the restroom at the same time as Castellon.

"He was banging a cup around cursing in

spanish. He filled the cup up with water and poured it on the floor," he said.

A while after, Castellon proceeded to make his way into the dance studio.

Six minutes later Benavides called campus police urging them to respond to the threat and to his first call.

Campus police arrived 10 to 15 minutes after Benavides' initial call.

When campus police arrived, Castellon was sitting in the corner of the studio, "trying to blend in," stated Benavides.

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College needs to evacuate Thursday

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A mandatory campus-wide emergency evacuation drill will take place Thursday at 11 a.m.

"Everyone who is on campus at 11 a.m. is expected to participate and the drill will last roughly 30 minutes," said Vice President of Student Services Dr. Stephen Johnson.

The drill is done periodically at the college and was supposed to take place last fall, but was postponed because the drill conflicted with the schedule for final exams.

Promptly at 11 a.m. the fire alarm will go off college-wide.

When the alarm sounds, students and staff members need to evacuate the building and go to one of the nine designated assembly areas.

In every room on campus there is an emergency procedures poster that lists what to do in an emergency and the designated area to attend.

Some students do not know where the charts are located and are unaware of its significance.

"I don't even pay attention to the charts. I don't even know where they are," said Donna Hernandez, undecided major.

"In each room on the campus you'll find an emergency procedures poster, the big posters that have a lot of yellow on them, and the posters have the room number you are in and also where your assembly area is located," stated Johnson.

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National study shows online enrollment in colleges still increasing

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Think you won't get noticed slacking off in that online class? Think again. Following the lead of a national study, Cerritos College has conducted its own research regarding the popularity of distance education courses.

The result: enrollment in online classes is increasing with no hint of slowing down.

Also included in the study were success and retention rates that college administrators want to improve. One option: cutting back on, or even eliminating, courses that bring those averages down.

Based on findings in the 2009 Sloan Survey of Online Learning, online enrollments in colleges nationwide increased 17 percent in fall 2008 from the previous year, with about 4.6 million students taking at least one online course in the fall 2008 term.

On a local scale, while enrollment in online courses continues to increase at Cerritos College, retention rates were below the statewide average and success rates were higher by one percent for fall 2009, as reported by Dean of the Library and Learning Resource Center Carl Bengston.

Bengston, whose one of many duties for Cerritos' Innovation Center is to oversee the quality aspect of teaching distance education courses, has already presented these findings to the college's Board of Trustees.

While a comprehensive analysis of the distance education program at Cerritos is next on

his agenda, his main goal is to "find out what factors influence student success in distance education classes and what, if anything, can be done to improve retention and success rates," he said.

This means possibly determining that certain courses should not be conducted through an online format.

At this point, there is still much speculation as to why students are not as successful outside of the classroom.

"It could be that we're just offering online courses in areas where it's more difficult to be successful in an online mode. I have to do more data analysis to try and see if we can get a handle on that," Bengston said.

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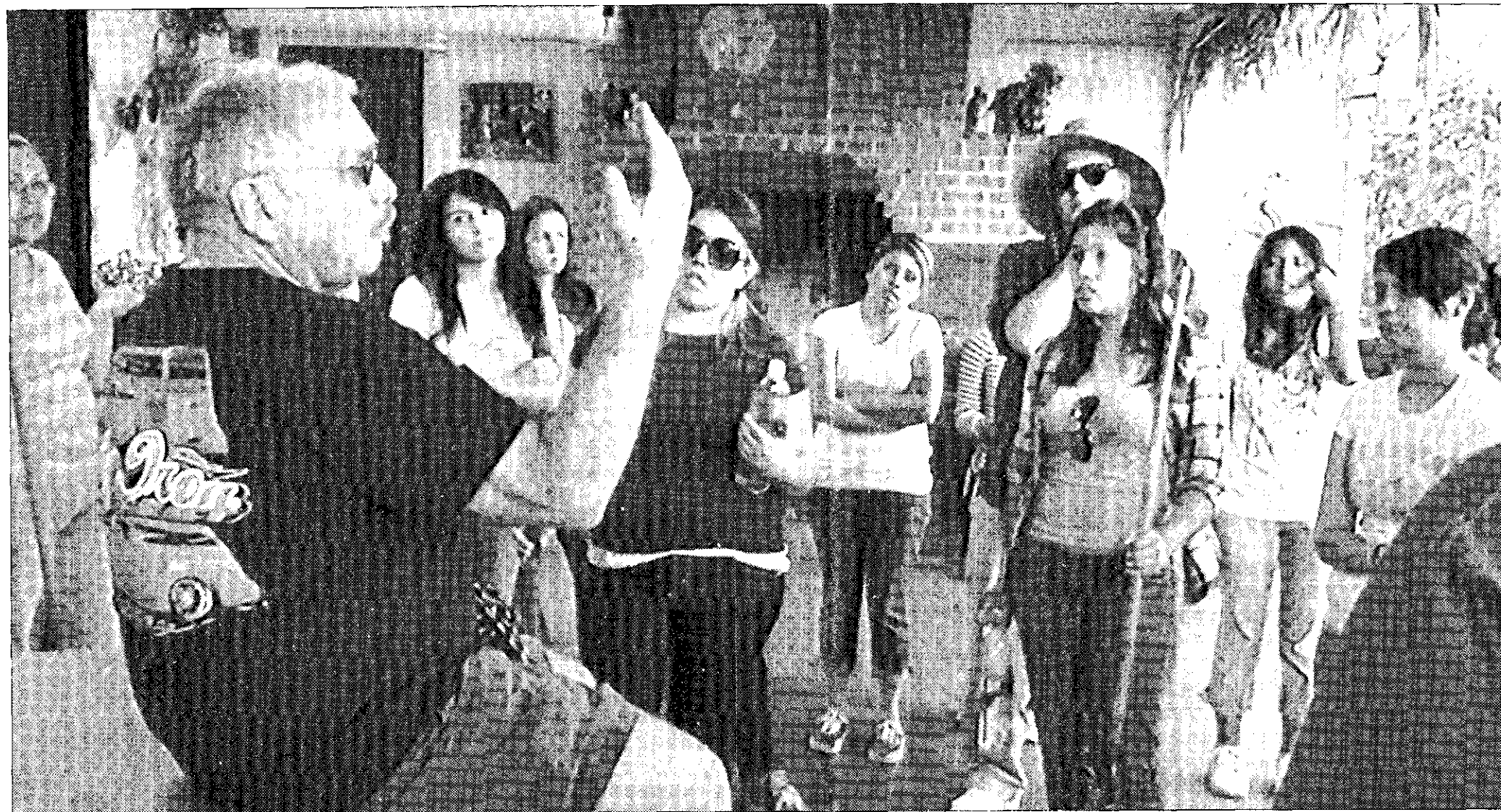
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Online increase: David Roper, anthropology major, accesses his online assignments during lunch. Online class enrollment is at a record high this semester.



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Writer's edge: Acclaimed writer and speaker Victor Villaseñor sits on his first writing desk where much of his success started while speaking to Professor Gaik and Cerritos College students.

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Villaseñor opens doors for students

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Are you a "Burro Genius?" Students in Dr. Frank Gaik's Chicano Literature class had the opportunity to find out if they fit the description of the book's title when they visited author Victor Villaseñor's home in Oceanside, California.

"I was very nervous because it was my first time meeting a great author who I admire a lot," Architecture major Melissa Hidalgo said.

Hidalgo and her classmates made the two-hour trip to the author's home last Tuesday for the

English 223 course.

Upon arrival, students were greeted by a handshake from the author and given a tour of his home as he shared his personal story and advice.

Highlights of the tour included Villaseñor's childhood bedroom, his writing room, and the field where he keeps a family of goats.

Nursing major Isabel Gomez was most impressed by Villaseñor's "Journey as a rewriter." "He never gave up on writing 'Burro Genius' and used all the rejections he got to improve the book until it was finally published," she said. "Now I know that when I begin something, I must

finish it to be successful."

Originally, Gaik planned to have Villaseñor visit the campus, but due to a lack of funds the campus visit was cancelled and the author invited the class to visit his home in exchange for restoration and preservation work on his ranch.

After beating dead pine needles off trees to let in sunlight, students found they had been enlightened.

"I think everyone who went to this trip realized how beautiful our earth is," Hidalgo said.

During his lecture, Villaseñor asked students to repeat a motivational message to themselves every day. "I am a genius. I am wonder-

ful. I can make a difference. I can kick ass," he said.

Villaseñor revealed that he is finishing his latest book, "Rain of Gold 2013: Indigenous Wisdom," which is released next February.

Gaik was honored to receive a copy of the first four chapters to read and aid in the editing process.

"I was most impressed with the connections to his grandmother's wisdom," Gaik said. "In the new draft, he really focuses on her prophetic ability. The earth's population is becoming more conscious of its shared responsibility for the planet."

The trip ended with a question

from Villaseñor to the students.

"Can you conceive a world harmony and peace?" The author paused before answering, "yes, because we've always had it."

After reviewing feedback from students who attended the excursion, Gaik has different plans for next spring's Chicano Literature class.

"I'm hoping for another visit to the ranch, but I want to apply for a grant or fund-raise to cover the costs. Feeding goats is fun, but I don't want students to work again," he said.

Drill: Cerritos college runs emergency evacuation drill

Continued from Page 11: When students and staff members arrive at their designated assembly area, area team leaders will wait for the building marshals to check in to notify them of any trapped students or hazardous spills that may occur in a real emergency.

"It's important because if we train now in the instance of an actual emergency, people can recall what they did in a time that was calm and specified for training," Johnson said.

He thinks this drill will be beneficial for students like Christopher Ocampo, liberal arts major, who said, "I think I'll go to the parking lot or somewhere open."

Johnson also believes it will benefit students like Jes-

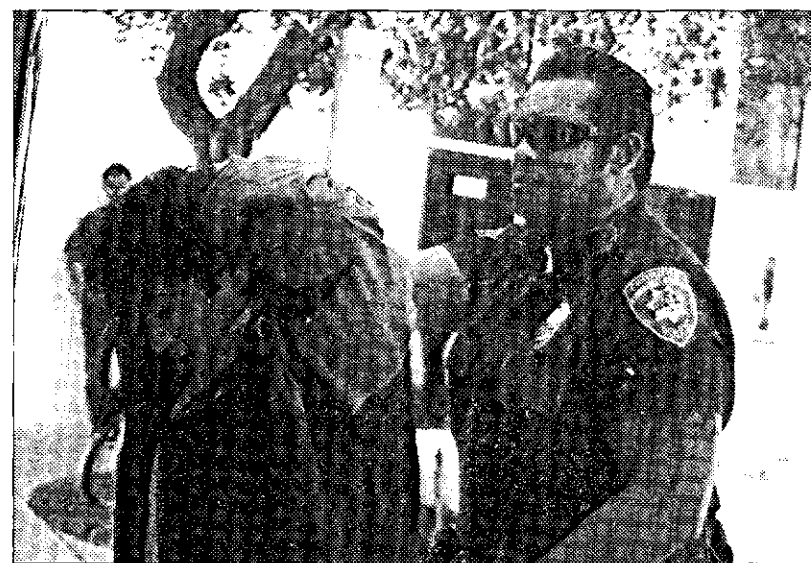
sica Huerta who have no idea what they might do in an emergency.

Hernandez said, "I have no idea (what I would do). I think I would just go outside somewhere in the quad."

To become immediately aware of when an emergency erupts on campus, Johnson suggests students sign-up for AlertU.

AlertU is a mass notification system that will be used in an emergency on Cerritos College campus.

A text will be sent through Cerritos College Campus Police. To sign up, log onto the Cerritos College Web site and in the ABC index click on the Emergency text alerts link.



Caught: Fernando Castellon (left) was arrested by officer Angel Castillo (right) for possession of a weapon.

Arrest: Knife found in pocket

Continued from Page 11: Campus police then searched him and found a knife on him measuring more than 2 1/2 inches.

The officers also found a napkin in his pocket that had blood on it.

Chief of Police Richard Bukowiecki said that campus police is not yet certain where the blood came from.

This was not the first time Castellon had encountered campus police.

Bukowiecki said, "he should not be allowed on campus and if anyone

sees him they should report him."

He also said, "the necessity of the students to call us when they see something suspicious and to keep us updated if he moves around, is very important."

As far as the consequences Castellon will now face, Bukowiecki said that whether or not the school expels him is up to the school's judicial court and is now out of the hands of campus police.

Adult education receives \$141k

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The Adult Education and Diversity program received \$141,400 on a grant that is going to be used in a two-year period.

Within this program, employees from Northgate Market, who would like to improve their language skills may do so when they register under the program.

The program is offered to anyone entering Cerritos College's Business Division, and/or any of the Adult Education Programs.

Graciela Vasquez, the director of the Adult Education and Diversity program, said, "this foundation is paying instructors to teach the classes at the market. The students will have the teachers, the books; they will also have a counselor."

"It is very beneficial to the company as well for the employees. They are very excited and it will help them learn the company level at the store," said Alfred Torres Store Manager of Northgate Market in Paramount.

Petitions due soon for AA

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Cerritos College students must file for a request for an AA Degree/Certificate of Achievement form by March 1, and return it to the counselors office in order to have their name appear in the Commencement Program.

The program will take place on May 15. Those who file after the deadline will still participate in the commencement, however their name will not appear in the program.

Students need to follow these steps:

- Go to the Admissions Office or the Student Activities Office to apply for the request form.
- Complete the form, and return it before March 1 to the Counseling Office.

By doing this petition, Daniel Sharper, undecided major, said, "an AA degree is a good start, just like getting your Bachelor's or Master's degree."

Valerie Aguiar, nursing major, said, "I think it is really good for an AA to be petitioned. It is a faster process compared to a four or five-year process at a university."

From a staff perspective, Judicial Affairs Secretary Nikki Jones said, "In the 12 years I have participated in the commencement ceremonies I have learned that different students have different needs. I think more students come out displaying encouragement and pride because they worked hard for what they have achieved in these past years at Cerritos College."

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A bid farewell to professor Henry

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Professor of Welding Fred Henry passed away at the age of 67 in his home in Brea, Feb. 7.

He taught over 3,000 students who had become certificated and licensed welders, many of whom have obtained high paying jobs.

Dean of the Technology Division Steve Berkite was on the hiring committee when Henry was hired Jan. 13, 1986.

"He was highly committed to his trade, welding, amazingly committed to his students, just did an unbelievable job," Berkite said.

Prior to Henry joining the Cerritos College staff, he worked for 27 years in the welding field and earned 26 welding certificates.

Aside from his other responsibilities, Henry also served on the planning and budget committee for 10 years while at Cerritos College.

"He played a real important role on campus on a lot of critical committees, Budget and Planning on campus, keeping everyone

involved and informed," Berkite said.

"Very positive, friendly, very motivating, he was a Christian and helped me with my spirituality," said William Makaroff welding major, "he taught me to never give up."

Professor in Welding Bruce Johnson worked with Henry for 24 years. Johnson described him as always happy, never having a bad day

or becoming upset about anything.

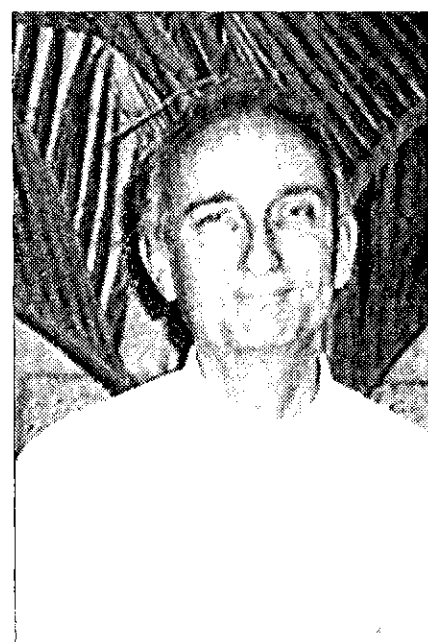
"He told us how to live our lives by example, never by telling," Johnson said.

For some colleagues and students, Henry's passing came as a shock because he appeared to be healthy.

Laura Mejia, business administration and accounting major said, "every-one thought he would live us all, he was healthy."

According to Berkite, Henry had been on medication due to health issues that people weren't aware of.

Henry retired from Cerritos College May 22, 2009. However, he continued to volunteer on campus. Instructor Henry leaves behind his wife, Linda Henry.



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Farewell Fred: Henry dies at the age of 67.



Year of the Tiger: Lung Kong Dragons dance for Anthropology club students and other onlookers at the Chinese New Year festival celebration.

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Cerritos celebrates new year

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The Anthropology Club took a trip to Chinatown on Sunday to experience a different culture.

"I think it opens student's eyes to diversity and allows people to know that there is more out there than just what they are used to experiencing," said president of the anthropology club, Cinthia Garcia.

Allison Noonan, undecided major, said, "I enjoyed being in a different setting, I know it's not exactly how China is, but this will do for now."

The initial reason why Erik Acosta, history major, went to Chinatown was to earn extra credit. "It seemed interesting," he said.

While in China Town, some students from the Anthropology Club followed the Lung Kung Tin Yee Association on its donation collecting route.

It performed for different stores by dressing up as dragons and dancing around to the beat of a drum; fireworks were also part of the performance.

While the dragons danced the store owners placed their donations in red envelopes on the door frame. The dragons then "ate" the donation and left.

On several stops some store owners fed the dragons lettuce or cabbage to nourish them on their journey.

This performance is only done for the Chinese New Year and special occasions; all of the donations go to help the local Chinese elemen-

tary school.

"I've never experienced anything like this so I thought it was great," Acosta said.

Later on, students enjoyed the performance of the Terracotta Tigers, a Chinese acrobatic group, which performed at Central Plaza.

Gabriel Maldonado, undecided major, said that his favorite part of the day was, "the dragons and the acrobatic show."

He later went on to say that he really enjoyed himself and that coming out of his own little bubble to make the trip to Chinatown was unexpectedly great.

The Anthropology Club holds several events per month and encourages everyone to participate. "We try to do a lot of cultural things to get students involved," Garcia added.

Women's History Month

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Profesores Hispanos:
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Discussion and Film
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Police station offers auto services

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You finally find your car in the parking lot. You open the door and put your books in. You slide into your seat, turn the key and then nothing.

No cranking of the engine, no dashboard lights, nothing. You left your headlights on and your battery is drained.

Or maybe you can't find your keys. You've been looking everywhere and they're nowhere to be found. You finally get to your car and lo and behold, there they are, locked inside.

Or after your evening classes, the night seems especially dark and you would just rather not walk to your car by yourself.

All the people you might be able to call for help race through your mind. You've got places to be and don't know what to do.

Cerritos College Police Chief Richard Bukowiecki wants every student to know the campus police and traffic security are here to help.

"We would like to let the student body know every semester one part of the services we provide is dead battery assistance," he said. "Parking security does this by utilizing a

portable battery jump-start kit.

Civil engineer major Nadir Cid had his car batter die on him here on campus. He didn't know campus security could have helped him out that day with a jump-start. "I had no idea," he said.

Bukowiecki also would like students to know campus security can help if anybody locks his or her keys in the car.

Unfortunately, this service is limited to vehicles that do not have power locks and windows, due to the risk of creating a short circuit.

The direct number for campus police to request dead battery or locked-in key assistance is (562) 860-2451 Ext. 2325.

Bukowiecki added, "We also provide escort service 24/7. It's primarily designed for students who feel uncomfortable for some reason walking to their cars by themselves."

Bukowiecki gives an example for a security escort. "There might be a female student who gets out of class at 10:30 p.m. by herself and doesn't want to walk to her car on her own. She, or anybody can request a security escort by picking up any campus phone or any of the emergency red phones located throughout campus."

The phone number for Campus

Police is (562) 860-2451 Ext. 2325 or 911 from any phone on campus if a student feels they are in immediate danger.

Veterinarian major Claudia Abbott has an evening class and knows about the security escort service, but feels safe on this campus.

"I feel pretty much safe here, I used to go to Long Beach college and the lighting there is bad. Here there are a lot more lights so I feel comfortable," she said. However, she had no idea of the other services provided.

Undecided major Marilyn Noguez has a night class. She usually has friends walk her to her car, but she feels more comfortable knowing she can call security for an escort in case she feels the need to be walked to her car when her friends aren't around.

Bukowiecki would like to remind the student body that the security escort service is not a taxi service. It is provided for students that request a security escort to their car for the sake of their own safety, not because they have too many books to carry. The emergency phones can only be used in case of emergency or to request an escort.

Online: While online national averages continue to increase Cerritos College students also follow suit

Continued from Page 1: Although some instructors currently experience similar success and retention rates in their virtual classrooms as in their real ones, many are glad to see that online students are generally performing better each semester.

Dr. Kimberley J. Duff, associate professor in the psychology department, attributes this to the fact that "often times a student would only take one online course, but now students are more familiar with taking online courses and what is required of them."

Some students have expressed the sentiment that online courses can be more challenging than on-campus courses.

"It's more difficult to keep up; you have to be super independent," said Vanessa Walta, nursing major.

Other students are taking a proactive approach to succeeding academically by simply not looking into online courses.

Education major Jessica Guzman said, "I would get distracted easily and play music; I like when an instructor teaches me."

Despite issues turning students away from online courses, enrollment in these classes has increased

from 5,008 students in fall 2009 to 7,491 students this semester, based on Bengtson's research.

Faculty and instructors are ready to do what is necessary to increase retention rates and help distance education students succeed in their courses.

Vice President of Academic Affairs, William Farmer Jr., anticipates this preliminary research will only strengthen the distance education program.

"I think distance education at Cerritos is in a healthy state. We have a good infrastructure and strong leadership," Farmer said.

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EDITORIAL

Campus police, unprofessional

Recent incidents involving the delayed response times from campus police to calls regarding student safety has left students questioning the effectiveness of the Cerritos College Campus Police Department.

When a worried student called campus police about a suspicious-looking man, officers didn't show up until 10 to 15 minutes later and after a second call.

In another incident, a student called to report a person following her around the library. Thirty minutes later, officers arrived to investigate.

Destinie Zepeda, liberal arts major said, "It is good to have campus police (officers), but I never see them doing their job."

It is uncertain how seriously those employed by campus police take their jobs. Several officers have been seen on their cell phones, texting, relaxing or flirting with other students. There is nothing professional about that.

One can deduce from the response times of those two calls that the safety of students on campus isn't at the top of their priority list.

Just imagine what would happen if a student called in about a man with a gun on campus. Would you be able to trust the campus police to get there in a hurried fashion and take care of the matter properly?

In an incident last week, a suspicious man was detained. Police recovered a knife with approximately a 3-inch blade. When the officer removed the knife from the pocket of the suspect, blood covered his ungloved hand.

Not only does this show carelessness on behalf of the police officer, but it shows sheer unprofessionalism and lack of respect for standard procedure.

Campus police shouldn't be asking for more money when they are doing unprofessional, inadequate work. The department needs to focus its attention on properly training its members, not asking for more money for patrol when it doesn't properly do its job now.



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Rap, hip-hop lose their intended meaning

For more than 30 years, hip-hop has been a powerful force in the music world and has been an outlet for many poets and artists. Today, the hip-hop genre still exists, but the music has lost most, if not all, of its meaning.

When hip-hop first emerged back in the late 1970's, rappers expressed emotions through their lyrics. Many used their work to tell stories about their lives and where they came from. In other words, their music meant something to them, as well as those who listened.

Today, with the exception of a few rappers, hip-hop has changed dramatically, and not in a good way. We've gone from hearing stories about life on the streets, to how much money and cars someone owns.

When comparing and contrasting lyrics from the past and the present, it's clear that today's hip-hop has gone off the original path it was on decades ago.

When you hear lyrics by Grandmaster Flash, the song "The Message" in particular, you gain insight on

what life was like where the rapper lived while he was growing up. The song became a big hit back in 1982. In this song, you learn about inner city violence, drug dealing, and poverty.

"[hugs, pimps, pushers and the big money makers/ Driving big cars, spending twenties and tens/ And you wanna grow up to be just like them, huh, /Smugglers, scrambles, burglars, gamblers

Pickpockets, peddlers, even panhandlers /you say: 'I'm cool, I'm no fool!'/But then you wind up dropping out of high school."

It paints a grim picture for the listener, and doesn't glamorize the life of a criminal in any sort of way.

Now let's compare these lyrics to a more recent track by another rapper. TI's song titled "24's" can be found under the rap/hip hop genre. But it sounds

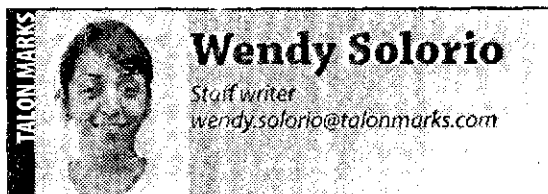
completely different from anything Grandmaster Flash ever did.

"Money, hoes, cars and clothes/ that's how all my (explicit) roll..."

Those are just a few words from the chorus. The rest of the song proves that rap lyrics have gone from telling stories about real life, to bragging about material things. Many rappers have countless albums dedicated to expressing how they love to kill, and don't mind if they are murdered themselves.

There are a few rappers out there today who are still in touch with what rap originally set out to do. Artists like Jay-Z, Kanye West, NAS, and Talib Kweli make a living off of telling their stories. However, it seems that they don't get as much airplay on the radio as the other rappers do. But why is that?

Perhaps, the number of albums an artist sells defines a style of music, or maybe great music is just getting lost as time goes by. Whatever the reason may be, when it comes to rap and hip hop today, there is one obvious quality about it: It lacks substance.



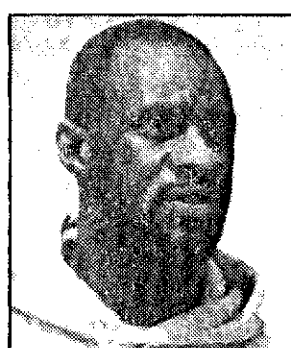
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"We've gone from hearing stories about life on the streets, to how much money and cars someone owns."

What are your thoughts about the campus police officers?

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TRE STEWART

theater major

"I think (the department) needs to be more vocal about what it is doing and how it is keeping us safe."



CELINE BECKERS

culinary arts major

"It's cool we have (officers), but at the same time they are never around. I am not a fan of police."



RICHARD DELGADO

music major

"I think (the officers) are doing their job."



DESTINIE ZEPEDA

liberal arts major

"It is good to have a campus police department but I don't see (the police officers) doing their jobs."



TORRANCE TAVALLI

undecided major

"(The officers) aren't doing their job. All they do is chill."



DEYANIRA SANCHEZ

education major

"I don't even know much about the campus police (officers). They aren't around."

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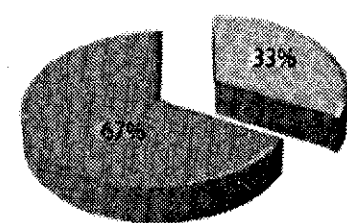
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Go-to guy: Tyler Tingley (Center) played as Abraham Slender in "Merry Wives of Windsor" last fall and was a varded for his excellence as Best Male Actor.

A man with many talents

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For students having trouble managing their time while attending school, Tyler Tingley proves that it is possible to do many things at once, regardless of what your class schedule may be like.

Tingley has been a student at Cerritos College since the spring of 2006.

During his time here, he has helped produce, as well as star in many theatrical productions put on by the Theatre Arts Department.

At one point, Tingley attended school, worked part-time at a Ralph's supermarket as a cashier and bag boy, and also worked part time for Disneyland in Anaheim.

When asked how he was able to manage his

time wisely, Tingley said that it was all about prioritizing.

"I always made sure I put school first," Tingley explained, "Once my school schedule would be set, then I'd make sure I'd have time for my theatre work. Then, I would set up my schedule for Disney and Ralphs. I was lucky to have jobs that were willing to work around my school schedule."

Although Tingley loves to perform, his true passion lies in theatrical production, and the work that goes on behind the scenes of plays.

"For me, acting is more of a hobby," he said, "My goal is to have a career in what goes on behind the scenes of stage productions."

Last fall, he played the role of Abraham Slender in Shakespeare's "Merry Wives of Windsor" for which he received a Burnie Award, the award

given by the Cerritos College Theatre Arts Department for Best Male Actor in a Featured Role.

Tingley has also won other Burnies, including Best Stage Manager, and Most Valuable Theatre Student. This award is given to students who excel both on, and off the stage for the Theatre Department.

Georgia Well, Theatre Department Chair, explains why Tingley received the awards, "Tyler has been active in our shows as not only an actor, but stage and house manager. We consider him as our go-to-guy."

This spring, Tingley will be the stage manager of Cerritos College's upcoming production "Working." He plans to transfer to Cal State Long Beach or Fullerton next spring, and in the future, he hopes to have a successful career in technical theatre production.

Theatre begins 'Working' on new production

After two years, a new musical play will soon hit Burnight Theatre.

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Auditions were held Monday and Tuesday for the new musical play "Working" that will be featured at Cerritos College.

Directed and choreographed by Jim Hormel, "Working" is a play based on Studs Terkel's best-selling book of interviews with average American workers.

Hormel expresses his thoughts about the play, "This is a timely piece, considering how the economy is right now, the play is about people working and how working identifies and effects lives."

The play will feature the hopes, pleasures and tribulations of the everyday working-class citizen.

"Working" contains difficult music that will showcase actors' vocal training, range, and stamina.

Actors were given a two-day checkout period of the script that was available in the library to prepare themselves for the auditions.

Theatre major Lindsay Miles is in her second semester at Cerritos and was eager to audition for her first play.

"I haven't done theatre since high school," Miles said, "I want to test the waters on this stage and want to see what it's like."

Miles went on to say that she is interested in any role.

It was recommended that actors read and listen to the musical prior to auditioning and be prepared with a one-minute dramatic musical or operetta.

Felipe Echerri, business major, was nervous for his audition but was prepared for auditioning, "I've been singing for a while now and have taken voice lessons before. Acting is more of a hobby for me, a way of my artistic expression and outlet."

Pacifica High School student, Danny Marin also auditioned for the play, "I practiced my butt off trying to get into the character "Roberto Nunez."

Dr. Christine Lopez will be running the vocal directions and Hector Salazar will run the musical direction.

Rehearsals for the set cast will begin March 15.

Performance dates are set for April 30, May 1, May 6-8 at 8 p.m., and May 9 at 2 p.m. in the Burnight Center Theatre.

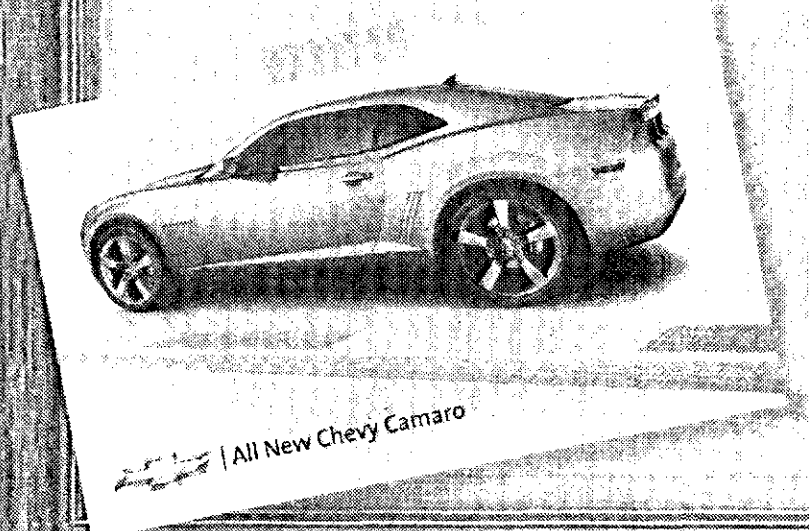
Show tickets will be sold before and the day of the show.

"We appreciate everyone who auditioned, if you don't get it this show you'll get the next one," Hormel finalized.

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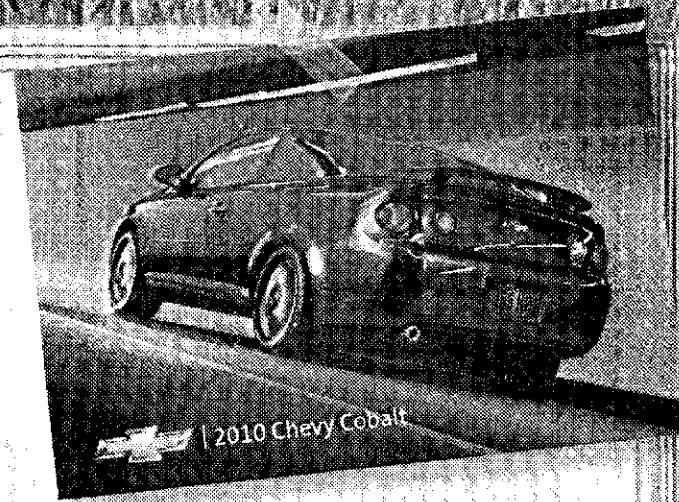
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Taking Flight: Freshman forward Willie Edwards flying high for the lay-up in the Falcons' 69-51 championship win against Long Beach City College last Wednesday.

Cerritos clinches division title

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Sophomore guard Ken Brown ignited an inspired second-half performance and led the Cerritos men's basketball team to its second straight division championship, by beating Long Beach City College, 69-51, on Wednesday night.

The win gave the Falcons (18-10) their second straight division title, while Long Beach (9-15) had to settle for second place in the division.

For Cerritos head coach Russ May, the victory was some-what of a dream scenario.

"It's awesome. It's nice to beat your rival for the title. It doesn't

get much better than that," he claimed.

Brown ended the game with a team-high 13 points to go along with eight rebounds, and three assists.

However, it was his defense that sparked a second-half run by Cerritos.

Midway through the second half, and Cerritos up by only two points, Brown came up with a steal on consecutive possessions that resulted in an easy layup and then a 3-pointer from Jeremy Pope. With the lead up to seven, Cerritos never looked back en route to its 18-point victory.

Talking about the quality of play from the Falcons, Brown stated that "If I had to give us a grade, I'd give

is a B+. We just didn't have the same fire in the first half as we did in the second."

However, Brown shied away from taking credit for the win. Instead, he insisted that he did nothing more than play his role in the team.

"My goal is to keep my teammates involved and not force anything out there. Real simply, my job is just to be a good point guard, so that's what I did," he explained.

May was quick to spread out the praise as well.

"(Brown) brings us great energy off the bench, but (Brandon) Hicks gave us some big buckets as well. In fact, the whole bench did really well tonight," he said.

For the Vikings, it was a coach's

worst nightmare of turnovers and missed free throws. The team committed 19 turnovers, including 9 travels, and shot a meager 47 percent from the free throw line (9-19).

What was a source of frustration for the Vikings was a proud accomplishment for May's side.

"We played really good defense tonight. We didn't allow them to convert many attempts," May proclaimed.

"Especially in the second half, we held them to only 22 points. So that's real good."

We just have to sharpen up a bit. If we do a little bit better job at the line and on the boards, we can compete with anyone," he said.

Boatner imposes her will in victory

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Forward Rose Boatner scored 15 points and pulled down 17 rebounds, and the Cerritos College women's basketball team used an early first-half run to beat the visiting Long Beach City College Vikings, 70-53, and clinch first place in the South Coast Conference South Division on Wednesday night.

Long Beach's Jocelyn Arce led all scorers with 19 points, while April Perry scored a team-high 17 for Cerritos. Freshman Jazlyn Afusia added 13 points and five assists for the Falcons as well in the victory.

The win on sophomore night leaves Cerritos at the top of the standings in the southern division 5-1 (18-11 overall), and it will learn which team it will face in the playoffs on Monday when the seeding is announced.

The Falcons came out firing and jumped out to an early lead courtesy of a barrage of 3-pointers, rendering the Vikings' zone defense mostly ineffective. By the midway point of the first half, Cerritos had already built a 23-9 lead and hit five 3-pointers.

"Coach prepared us for the zone during practice, so we were ready," explained sophomore Adria Jackson.

"(The 3-point shot) is our first option a lot of the time anyways," she added.

Fellow sophomore Maleta Daughtery agreed. "Everyone on the team is real confident in their shot, so we don't even hesitate to take that shot if we have it," she said.

Long Beach (3-21) was able to take advantage of a stagnant Cerritos offense and claw its way back to within nine points with 3:00 left in the half, but would come no closer.

Cerritos exploded in the second half with a 12-2 run, steadily building its lead by focusing more on fast breaks whenever possible.

"We always want to run," said head coach Karen Welliver. "(The players) like it when we run, and I like it when we run, so it was fun to see."

When Cerritos wasn't draining 3-pointers or converting fast-break layups, Boating was there to clean up the misses. She followed up her previous performance of 10 offensive rebounds and 25 total, with five offensive boards and 17 total.

"Rose has been a rebounding machine! She's worked real hard down there for us," exclaimed Welliver.

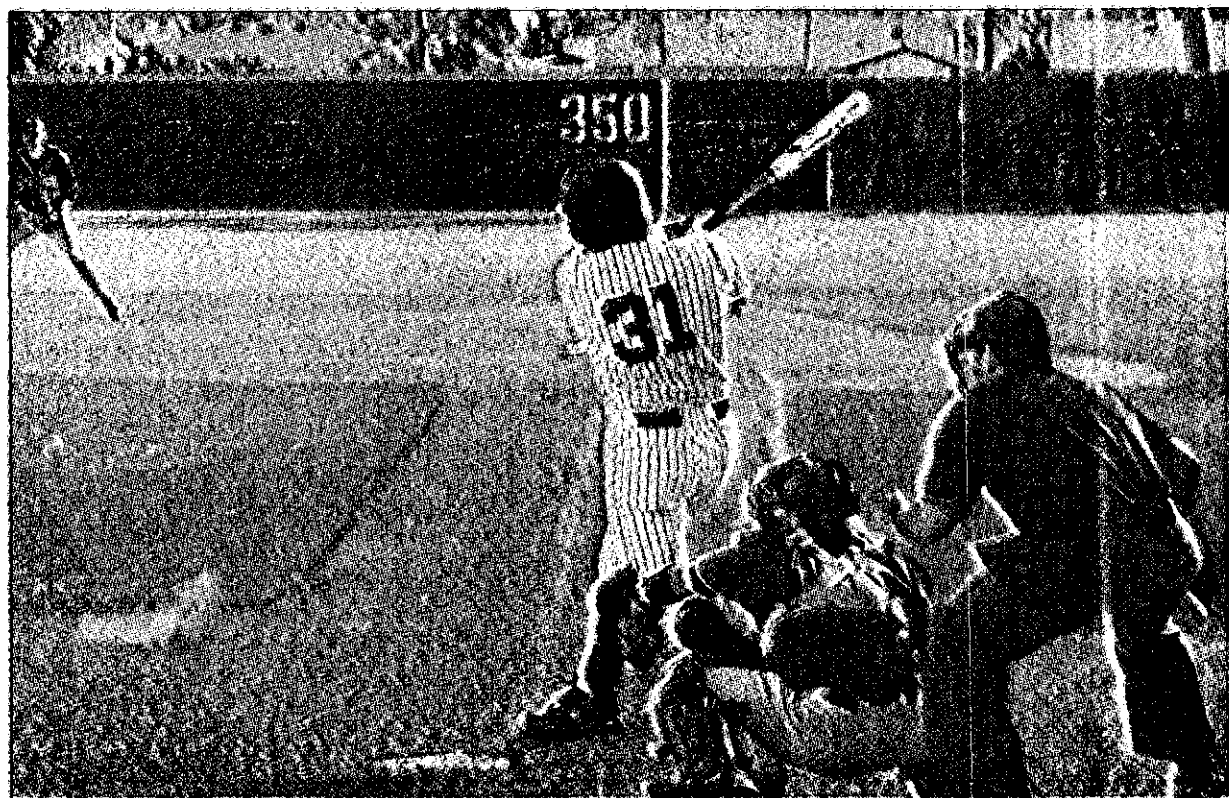
The Vikings, led by Raven Seller's 17 points, seven rebounds, and four assists, away pleased with their performance.

"We battled well against a top team and fought extremely hard," said Vikings head coach Reggie Ellis.

"The team played really well. We've had a rocky season with some issues, but tonight I think we executed really well," he added.

Although Long Beach's season is over, Cerritos will begin postseason play on Wednesday against an opponent to be determined in Monday's seeding.

Until then, "we just need to stay hungry, stay focused, and not hold anything back," Daughtery said about how to prepare for the playoffs.



Hit and miss: Sophomore Jacob Eaton scoring a hit early in the 6-8 home loss against Golden West College last Sunday.

Baseball still trying to work out some kinks in its armor

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Errors and late defensive break down led to Cerritos College baseball's fourth straight loss last Sunday afternoon against Golden West College.

The Falcons' had lost to Golden West earlier in the season and improved their performance this time but it was not enough to get away with the win.

Cerritos started off with a solid performance and was 5-3, with two outs in the top of the seventh inning.

As the game progressed, however, the Falcons fell behind with their pitching and took away an 8-6 loss.

"We have a lot of season left, we just have to keep on fighting," said head coach Jack Brooks about his team's recent struggle to retain a positive record.

The Falcons' started off hitting well from the plate but too many outs were missed due to errors and the Rustlers got on base too often.

Brooks had his own interpretation of what had occurred. "We made errors, we kicked a couple balls, and

we weren't throwing strikes it's as simple as that," he said.

This game meant a lot to Brooks' team because of their earlier loss at Golden West College Feb. 10.

"We want every game, but the earlier loss was no fun," said Brooks.

Outfielder Adam Peacock said, "We came out wanting to get back at them and I thought we played pretty well, we just kind of fell apart at the end."

Peacock landed a two RBI single to put Cerritos in the lead before the last innings proved fatal for the Falcons.

"I felt like I did all right," Peacock stated, "I could have done a little better at the end of the game and at my last at-bat."

The Cerritos baseball team has been struggling so far in the season and currently has a 2-7 record.

"We felt good, we just want to get a win," added Peacock.

Cerritos' next home game is scheduled for Friday at 2 p.m. against Los Angeles Valley College.

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