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## Valdez, Bonyadloo in run-off for president

BY CARMEN ALVIZURES  
FEATURE EDITOR

In what has become a tight race for the presidential post, Nassrin Bonyadloo and Sara Mayorga took 46 percent of the student votes, while Claudia Valdez and Hethy Trujillo took 33 percent in the Associated Students of Cerritos College presidential election on Thursday.

All four candidates will be facing each other again in a run-off election this week. Valdez and Trujillo both on ballot No. 1

acquired 380 votes while ballot No. 2 representatives Bonyadloo and Mayorga attained 541 votes.

A total of 1,167 students voted. Candidates must have a total of 50 percent plus one in order to win the race.

The voting polls had closed at 9 p.m. "I'm glad for the run-off," said Valdez who awaited the results with her partner Trujillo until after 10 p.m. Both stayed within the office of student activities with their volunteers and some family members.

Valdez and Trujillo expressed their happiness about the results, but also added that this was not the end of their campaign.

"We are going to keep on working hard," said Valdez while Trujillo added that she too was looking forward to the run-off election.

Bonyadloo and Mayorga walked toward the posting of the results at around 10:20 p.m. and among shouts of excitement, they congratulated each other.

"I'm incredibly happy," Bonyadloo said

amidst a group of friends and supporters, "I'm glad the students got to pick the agenda, which is the most important thing on campus. We're all here to represent the students."

Mayorga, who was standing a couple of steps away, was half celebrating.

"I'm half happy," she said teasingly and with a smile on her face, "we didn't win by a few points. We were ahead though."

"I am tired, but I am excited." Esther Chang and Robert Gutierrez both

on ballot No. 3 picked up 11 percent of the votes whereas Juanita Cruze and Mark Duran got 10 percent of the votes.

Irony, as it turned out, also played a part in this election.

Ballot No. 3 contenders Chang and Gutierrez finished in third place with 129 votes.

Next, with 117 votes, Cruze and Duran, both on ballot No. 4 finished in fourth place.

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## Board bickers over Carfrae eligibility

BY ALLYN MATTOX  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Verbal fireworks exploded at the April 16 board meeting between Board of Trustee's President Cheryl Eppler and Member Dorothy Carfrae, causing Vice President Bob Verbeer to twice ask Eppler for the gavel to take over proceedings of the meeting.

The issue in question is again whether Carfrae is legally entitled to be sitting on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

"I am not going to resign," Carfrae informed the board.

Carfrae recently moved to La Habra Heights, which is outside of the district.

Carfrae was elected when she was a resident of Downey.

Carfrae now believes that since she owns two residences that she is legally obligated to voters to complete her term, which will end this November.

Some board members, especially Eppler, believe that Carfrae should resign now.

The matter was moved up the agenda and given priority at the request of Member Bob Arthur.

"Every vote that is taken that board members participate in, we are in jeopardy of violating the law," Arthur said.

"Ms. Carfrae is not legally a member of this board."

Eppler had Spencer Covert, counsel for Cerritos College, re-

view the legal opinion Carfrae had presented to the board on her own behalf. Covert made notes on it, and Eppler wanted to distribute it for discussion.

Carfrae questioned when Eppler had received the document.

"I received it a week or so ago," Eppler responded.

"If you had it a week or two ago, why wasn't it provided to me?" Carfrae asked.

"Quite frankly, Dorothy, because I didn't think about it and this is only discussion. This is certainly not anything we are going to vote on tonight," Eppler responded.

"I would like all of you to know that I haven't seen it, I haven't read it, and I doubt that I could be prepared to address it," Carfrae said.

"That's fine," Eppler responded.

"Your feeling is that you can own two homes and as long as you deem one of them the place where you put your driver's license or where you vote, that it doesn't matter that you only have a bed and a towel in there, that it is still your domicile and you want to make that your home," Eppler said.

"I would object to your characterization as to what I said. I think that is your summary of what you believe that I said," Carfrae responded.

Eppler then wanted to distribute a transcript of a recording of a previous board meeting to board members.

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Allyn Mattox/TM

Business as usual- Evelyn Murillo and Lori Newborn take care of cap and gown orders amidst bare necessity items.

## Bookstore changes hands

Follett completely renovates facility over Spring Break

BY ALLYN MATTOX  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

There was some last minute tension between Cerritos College and Wallace's bookstores, as all of the remaining items owned by Wallace's was removed and the bookstore building was vacated.

Follett Corporation is now in the process of remodeling the bookstore to its own specifications.

In dispute are the fixtures and shelving that were part of the bookstore remodeling job, which took place three years ago.

The cost of the remodeling job was \$150,000, which was paid by Wallace's.

Cerritos College agreed to reimburse Wallace's for the remodeling, amortized over an eight-year period of time.

Wallace's is currently saying that Cerritos College owes the bookstore company \$92,187.50, an amount that the college disputes.

According to Peter Hardash, vice president of business services, the used shelves are worth approximately \$9,000 to \$10,000.

Wallace's tried to charge Cerritos College \$92,000 for the remaining fixtures, saying that this is the amount the college owes Wallace's for the remodeling.

The shelving and fixtures are now being stored and the college is paying the storage fees.

"We haven't got any figures from the storage company, yet," Michael Sebak, Director of Physical Plant, said,

"but we will be charged for storage, the

labor to move the stuff, and for packaging."

"They are being stored at Interchange, the company that does moving for the campus," he added.

Hardash said that the bankruptcy court will make a decision about the fixtures and will give the campus some clarity on what to do with it sometime soon.

Wallace's also donated some leftover inventory to the Associated Students of Cerritos College.

The ASCC received notebooks, folders and coffee cups that had "Cerritos College" imprinted on them, as well as some blue books and art supplies.

Wallace's did not want to leave the inventory for Follett's to sell.

Wallace's has also provided Cerritos College with its most recent sales figures.

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## Outstanding faculty honored

The 14th Annual Cerritos College Outstanding Faculty Awards Ceremony will be held on April 26 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Administration Quad.

Faculty members being honored include John Haas, Humanities/Social Sciences; Greg Moore, SEM; Barbara Mueller, Liberal

Arts; Rupert Pacheco, Technology; Lynda Sampson, Library; and Sally Sestak, SEM.

Roland Bellugue, Liberal Arts is being honored as Most Outstanding Faculty Member.

For additional information, contact Lori Flinn at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2796.



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Essay contest winners Veronica Sanchez, Jennifer Keir and Tatiana Sarasty pose in front of English instructor Sean Hanlon, Actress Tiffani-Amber Thiessen and Frankenstein's "monster."

## Monster of all essays wins Frankenstein contest

ALLYN MATTOX  
AND CARMEN ALVIZURES

Blood-curdling screams were heard coming from the Cerritos College Teleconference Center on Monday as Actress Tiffani-Amber Thiessen presented awards and prizes to winners of the Frankenstein writing contest and to observe a play based on the novel by Mary Shelley.

The first prize winner was Jennifer Keir, who won a \$400 cash prize; the second prize winner was Veronica Sanchez, winning \$75; and the third prize winner was Tatiana Sarasty, who won \$25.

"It's very cool that all women won," Thiessen said.

"Women rule!"

Thiessen also donated the prize money for the awards.

According to Roger Ernest, a liberal arts instructor and uncle to Thiessen, "The essays were all well written. We were really impressed with the caliber of the writing."

Essays depicted the themes present in the novel, such as abandonment, cloning, issues of gender and identity, and the monstrous.

The morning started with a mock trial. Dr. Frankenstein was placed on trial and charged with negligence, nuisance, manslaughter and criminal homicide.

Different classes participated in preparing the prosecution or the

defense and volunteers sat as jurors to decide the case.

At the end of the trial, the jury found Frankenstein guilty of only negligence and nuisance, and acquitted him of the manslaughter and criminal homicide charges.

After the judgement, the monster came up on the stage and killed Dr. Frankenstein because he was not found guilty of the charges.

According to Barbara Mueller, a liberal arts instructor, the students studied case law, used legal precedent and used legal findings that they applied to the case to make their decision.

Four classes participated in the

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## Run-offs this week

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The irony, however, did not dampen the spirits of those present. Although Cruze had to be home with her children, Duran came back for the results and was standing near Bonyadloo and Mayorga when they heard the news of the future run-off election.

"I believe that the students voted well in this debate," Duran said in a loud voice while in the background congratulatory shouts were heard.

"I believe No. 2 has one of the finest platforms and represents the student body.

"Unfortunately No. 4 didn't make it, but we did a good fight. We support No. 2 and we believe in their cause as they believed in our cause."

For Gutierrez, who was not accompanied by his running mate Chang, the race was good and in his opinion, everybody deserved a pat on the back.

"At this point," he added, "I support Nassrin (Bonyadloo)."

Earlier in the evening, however, Chang lingered in the student activities office before the announcement of the results was posted.

Chang had stopped campaigning at 6:15 p.m. Gutierrez, her running partner, campaigned from 8 p.m. until the voting booths were closed.

Chang was surprised to learn that it had been thought she and her partner had dropped out of the race.

Unlike the other candidates, Chang chose not to have a booth. She, along with Gutierrez, took a different approach at campaigning and visited classrooms.

"Instead of using bribes as a way of winning votes, I actually went in and told the students what my qualifications are, told them what my platform is," she said visibly upset.

According to Chang, if the students had been more involved, "they would know who the best qualified president would have been."

Not yet knowing the results of the race, Chang was cautious about the electoral outcome. "If I lost," she paused, "it's a great experience."

"I just know that I have the confidence. A lot of people who voted don't know that the people who helped the candidates campaign had old debts to pay so it was out of obligation not out of will."

"The campaign that I ran was clean. I have dignity and I have confidence in my ability."

As far as the entire campaign process, Chang felt that there was a lot that was left to be desired.

"I think that the way the campaign went was chaos," she said.

"I think that if the students can be bribed with empty promises and candy this school is in a different state than the one I thought it would have been."

## Fashion Show depicts decades

BY ALLYN MAITOX  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Multicultural Club and Cosmetology Club paired together for a fashion show in the student center April 4.

The event began with models depicting the last four decades of the last century.

The first two models portrayed the 1970s, one with a short black miniskirt and boots and the other in a plaid jumpsuit.

The 80s were portrayed with overalls that were airbrushed and a Madonna look-alike.

The 90s were a dressier decade, with the two models wearing clingy dresses and high heeled shoes.

The year 2000 was portrayed by model Shanika in a lemon-lime pantsuit, Jessica in tight black pants with a black and silver halter top and David in black pants, shirt and vest.

Students in the Multicultural Club wore costumes that they owned.

"These are the traditional costumes for the student's countries," said Gayle Parks, club moderator.

"The cosmetology students provided their own costumes also."

The models portrayed a variety of countries, such as India, Guam, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Burma, Hong Kong, Japan, China, Persia, Nigeria, and Guatemala.

There was a beautiful wedding dress from Nigeria and lovely evening clothes, as well as traditional daytime clothing.

Board Member John Moore stopped by the event and said, "I thought it was wonderful. I don't know if this was the first year this show was held or what, but it was a great idea."

Student Center Manager Melissa Swank was also on hand to watch the event.

"It was very well put together," Swank said.

"The costumes were great."



Carmen Alvizures/IM

Cosmetology and multicultural club student members model outfits that define a decade and costumes that define a country's cultural and ethnic influence.

## Trustees bicker over Carfrae eligibility

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bers. "You are again bringing materials forward to us that I have not had a chance to review," Carfrae said.

"You said these words," Eppler responded. "Well, Cheryl, I can't debate with you when you refer to a document that you have never shared with me," Carfrae said.

"Tell you what," Carfrae continued. "You are very clearly making a political statement. Make it and I won't interrupt you."

Eppler responded, "You can't choose to live between two homes and say 'Well, I own a home here. I'm not living in it most of the time, but I'm keeping my driver's license there and my voting there; therefore it makes it legal.' There are court cases on it that state that is not correct."

Eppler continued, "You stated very clearly to us at the last board meeting that your main domicile is outside of the district and that you keep this one in Downey for the convenience of when it is closer to court and basically so you can stay on the board."

"I think that's improper and I don't think I would want to take it to court because quite frankly we all know that by the time we get to

court and spend the money, you will be out of office in November anyway."

"You talk about being absolutely ethical, Dorothy, all the time. This is so unethical it is not even believable that you would stay on the Board of Trustees when you don't even live in the district."

Verdeber interrupted, saying, "If you have a problem with this, take it to court."

Carfrae then said, "What is more ethical, Cheryl, my sitting in this seat as an elected official and completing my duty or leaving it?"

"Leaving it," replied Eppler, "if you are not legally entitled to be sitting in this seat, it is your responsibility."

"I don't call your ethics into question," Carfrae responded.

"You call people's ethics into question all the time," Eppler said.

"We don't even need to have this discussion, Cheryl," said Carfrae.

"If you believe based on the information that you have, you are going to do what you need to do."

Carfrae then states that it is her duty to complete her duty unless her colleagues prevent her from doing so.

"Would you like to step down as chairman and give me the gavel and I will conduct the meeting?" Verdeber asked Eppler.

"You are just participating in an argument with her."

Eppler responded, "I am a member of this board, and that doesn't preclude me from speaking."

Edmiston replied, "You can't possibly chair up a meeting under these conditions. You've got to turn the gavel over."

"I don't agree with you, Bob, but I'm done," Eppler responded.

Member Ted Edmiston stated concern that Carfrae is defending herself by saying this a political action against her, while she is placing all of the votes taken by the board in jeopardy.

He asked Carfrae to make the board "comfortable" with the decision to let her complete her term, and Carfrae refused.

"This whole discussion troubles me," Edmiston said.

"It is the statement of the law that someone that does not live in the district according to Covert must resign."

Eppler said, "One final question: Where do you entertain your guests?"

Carfrae responded, "If you think that is a significant question, Cheryl, hang your hat on it."

Member Mary Loya said, "I am really appalled that we are doing this to one of our members, to someone that is always there to help us, someone that gives her opinion on legal issues."

"She has always been there trying to help us and keep us out of hot water."

Loya continued, "To treat any one of our members the way we are treating Dorothy is really appalling and I mean that to you, Cheryl."

"I agree," Verdeber said. Eppler responded, "This is a matter of law and a matter of ethics."

"If someone moves out of the district, it is our counsel's opinion that they can no longer sit on the board," Eppler continued.

"It is our responsibility to discuss that, not brush it under the carpet, Bob. To ignore it would be wrong."

"You're just playing politics here, like Mary said," Verdeber responded. "That is all that is going on here."

"Somebody must be running for office. She came in here and told us about her

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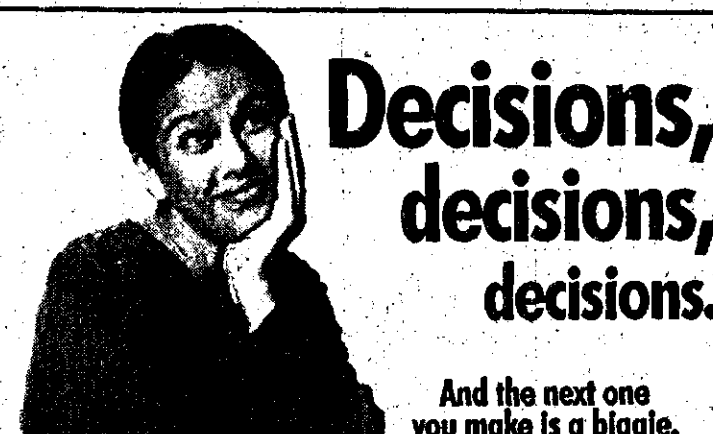
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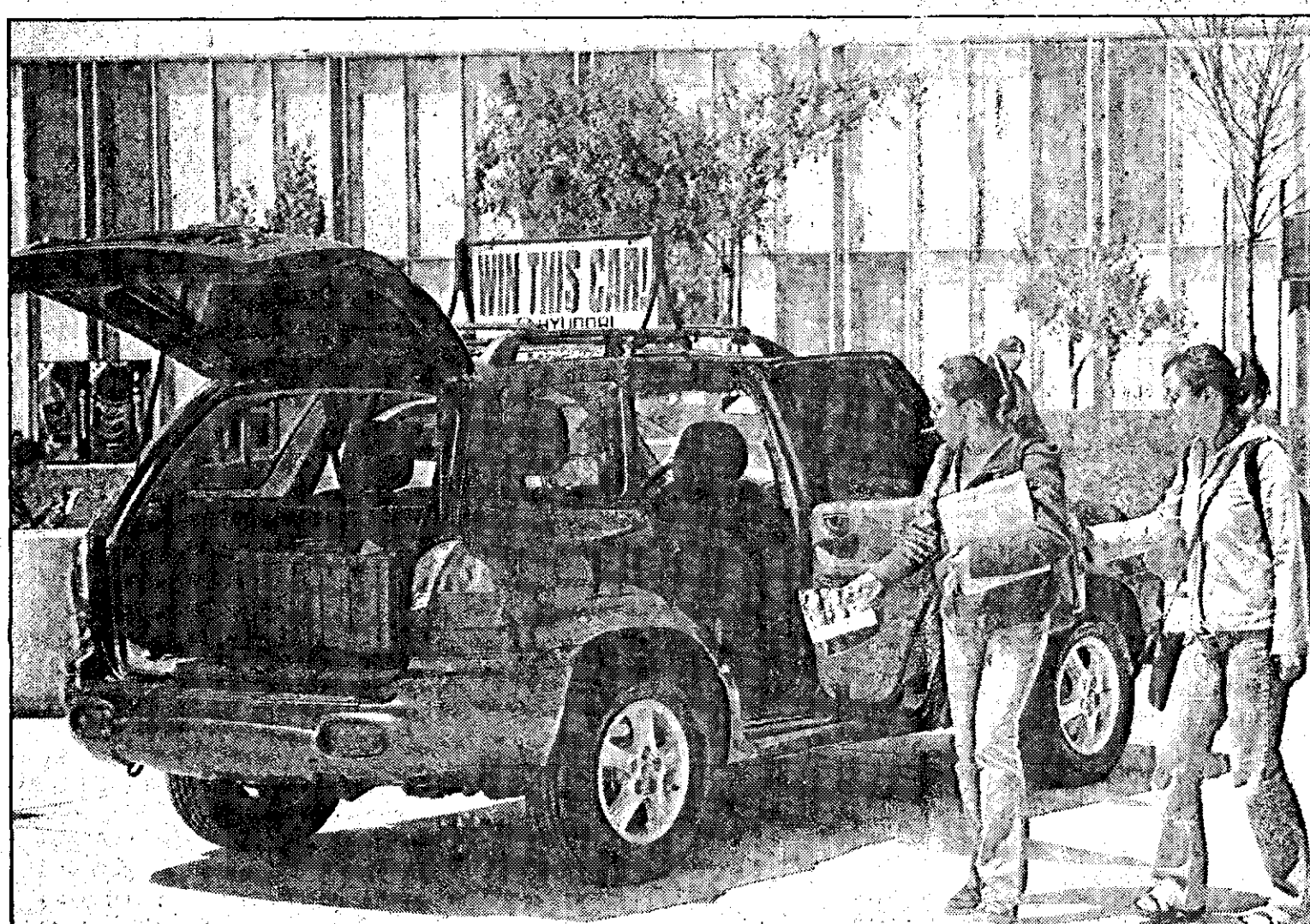
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**HOT WHEELS** - Shin Lee (left) and Inhye Park (right) view Hyundai's "Santa Fe" SUV that was on display at Falcon Square Thursday. People were able to enter a drawing that will be held for the vehicle on June 15th at Hyundai's corporate.

## Career Expo at Falcon Square

BY ALLYN MATTOX  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Cerritos College will host the 31st Annual Career Expo 2001 on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Falcon Square and in the Student Center.

According to Christina The, job placement specialist, 69 to 70 potential employers will be on campus to network with students.

Students are encouraged to bring a résumé and to drop by the résumé critique table, where a résumé can be critiqued on the spot.

Some of the prospective employers that will be present are Mercury Insurance, Bally Total Fitness, Kaiser Permanente, California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles Police Department, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Kragen Auto Parts, Wells Fargo Bank, G.E. Financial Assurance, Boeing Satellite Systems, Union Bank of California, Automobile Club of Southern California, In-N-Out Burger, Pepsi Bottling Group, Sheraton Cerritos, U.P.S., and Knott's Berry Farm.

Some staffing agencies will also be recruiting, such as Manpower, Talent Tree, Culver Staffing

Resources, Remedy Intelligent Staffing, Staff Mark and Volt Services Group.

According to Patrick Fujiike, the S.T.E.P. Internship Coordinator, students can obtain current job information, meet with employers and network with a variety of different employers. There will also be internship information available.

"We are also going to have student health services available to monitor glucose levels and blood pressure," said The.

WPMD radio, the campus radio station, will be interviewing employers and students at the event.

Students may pick up a Career Expo flyer at the Student Activities Office, the Admissions Office, Counseling, the Library, or the LAP office.

The flyer contains job fair tips, such as how to prepare for the expo, how to dress, what to say and do, questions to ask the employer, and what to do after the fair.

For more information, students may contact the Job Placement Center at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2366 or visit the web site at [www.cerritos.edu/career-services](http://www.cerritos.edu/career-services).

## Keir wins Frankenstein Essay contest

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they applied to the case to make their decision.

Four classes participated in the mock trial, including Freshman Composition, English 100, Speech 100 and English 102.

Sarastay's essay, entitled "Orphans of Love" won the third prize award of \$25 and a certificate.

"I am excited, because English is not my native tongue," said Sarastay.

"I plan to buy something for my dad," she added.

The next competition will be based on the book by Kate Chopin entitled "The Awakening," which is a woman's account of a sexual awakening and will be held in the fall semester.

The contest received 44 essays that were four to eight pages in length.

Thiessen was available for the appearance as she was just finishing a new pilot entitled, "Everything but the Girl."

She is leaving today for New York to start on an as yet untitled Woody Allen film.

## Board moves to reclassify position

BY ALLYN MATTOX  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Board of Trustees approved a motion after heated discussion to reclassify the position of Executive Director of School and Community Relations held by Dr. Steven Helfgot to Vice President of Public Affairs at the April 16 board meeting.

Board member Dorothy Carfrae stressed to the board that she did not have a personal objection to Helfgot being assigned to the position.

Carfrae's position is that this job should have been posted and opened up to the public for application.

"In making my comments I in no way address the individual, and I want you to understand that," Carfrae said.

"We are talking about putting a position out there at the very top level of management, a vice presidency.

"I think that is something that should have been brought before the public, explaining the job description," she continued.

"I think it is something that should have gone out to the full shared-governance process."

According to the shared governance manual, shared governance is a collaborative decision-making process implemented at Cerritos College in which each of the major campus constituencies - the Board of Trustees, the Administration, the Faculty, the Classified/Confidential Staff and the students - play an appropriate role.

She also believes that this is not a reclassification or reorganization, but the creation of a new position.

"I think it is a poor choice of timing," Carfrae continued.

"We have a new president coming in and just as she is about to walk in our door, this board is creating her team for her."

Carfrae is also concerned that there is no other such vice presidency position that she is aware of or that has been brought to the board's attention in the entire community college system.

"We have been told of other community colleges that used to have such a position," she said.

"I feel that the process that you have chosen is inappropriate and I think you have a specific purpose in doing it as a reclassification."

Board member John Moore supported Helfgot's selection.

"I think this is a positive thing, that it is going to be very beneficial to the district," Moore said.

"I wholeheartedly support this." "I want to thank Steve personally for his perseverance and his dedication to the college," Moore continued. "The years I have known him, he has always been a tremendous asset to the district."

Board member Ted Edmiston agreed. "I think that this opportunity, this position will be able to help us lead the nation, lead the colleges in the state to address the issues of

the necessary support for community colleges," Edmiston said.

Board member Mary Loya disagreed with the decision stating, "I voted 'no' because I still feel that the job should be opened up."

Eppele asked Dr. Morgan Lynn, interim president of Cerritos College, if the matter had been addressed at the coordinating committee meetings, and Lynn acknowledged that it had been discussed at two meetings.

She informed the board that there had been one comment from faculty about the decision to create the new position, and that it had already been shared with the board.

According to the Coordinating Committee Minutes of April 2, 2001, Dr. Jan Connal, director of the transfer center, expressed concern that the Board was micromanaging the administration and how the college was written up during the last accreditation visit for this very thing.

Helfgot's new position will include his prior responsibilities and some additional ones.

"I am going to be doing all of the things we've been doing as far as marketing, public relations and community relations.

"We're going to add to that some increased effort in governmental relations and lobbying and that sort of thing in advocating for Cerritos College with the state and national organizations to potentially do us some good," Helfgot said.

"This came as someone else's idea, and I appreciate the confidence of the people who

brought it forward," he added.

"For me, the important thing about it is in part what was alluded to in some of the comments. If I really am going to go out and do things for the college and advocate on behalf of the college with external constituencies, then when people look at what the title is that goes with the voice, they believe it can speak strongly for the college."

The position creates a new vice presidency in addition to the three positions already in place held by Peter Hardash, vice president of business services, Donna Miller, interim vice president of academic affairs, and Dr. Erlinda Martinez, vice president of student services.

Lynn will be returning to her position of vice president of academic affairs upon the arrival of Dr. Jane Harmon as the new president of Cerritos College in June.

Helfgot previously worked as the vice president of student services from Aug. 4, 1986 to June 30, 1989, at which time his contract expired and he became a full-time counselor. He has worked in his current position from April 1998.

The final vote was 4-2-1. Eppele, Moore, Edmiston, and Vice President Bob Verdeber all voted in favor, Loya and Carfrae voted against, and Member Bob Arthur abstained.

Helfgot's contract is effective April 16, 2001 through June 30, 2004, and his new annual salary will be \$112,000 per year plus a \$300 per month car allowance.

## Follett prepares for move into bookstore

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While the contract between Cerritos College and Follett's guaranteed students \$250,000 per year, the actual sales would have provided students with \$366,149 in revenue because sales were so strong.

The bankruptcy court will determine the actual figure the college will be paid.

Follett is paying for the remodeling that is currently taking place.

Over the spring break, the bookstore was stripped down to the walls.

Follett Corporation has hired the Cruz Smith Installation Company to install new shelving and revamp the bookstore.

In total, Follett's has agreed to spend \$484,000 to improve the bookstore. Of this amount, \$80,000 will be for a new point-of-sales system, which works as a cash register and keeps track of inventory.

When contacted for his comments on the bookstore renovation, Bookstore Manager Corrie Thibodeaux would only comment, "If you have any questions, you must submit them in writing and I will submit it to corporate."

Hardash also said that Follett's already has plenty of inventory in its back room that is ready to be placed on the new shelves once they are installed.

Books for summer school are expected to be received in time for the start of classes.

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## Speech team competes in Florida

BY ALLYN MATTOX  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Seventeen people from Cerritos College traveled to Jacksonville, Fla., to participate in a national forensics competition. Approximately 72 colleges and 430 students participated in the event.

The Cerritos College team took 11th place in the

team debate sweeps, 14th place in Individual Team Sweeps and 17th in Overall Team Sweeps.

Students Joey Andrade, Karla Laverde and Chris Day all brought home silver medals, while Armando Roman brought home two bronze medals, and Matthew Dodd earned one bronze.

"It was insane competition," Kevin Osborne, a busi-

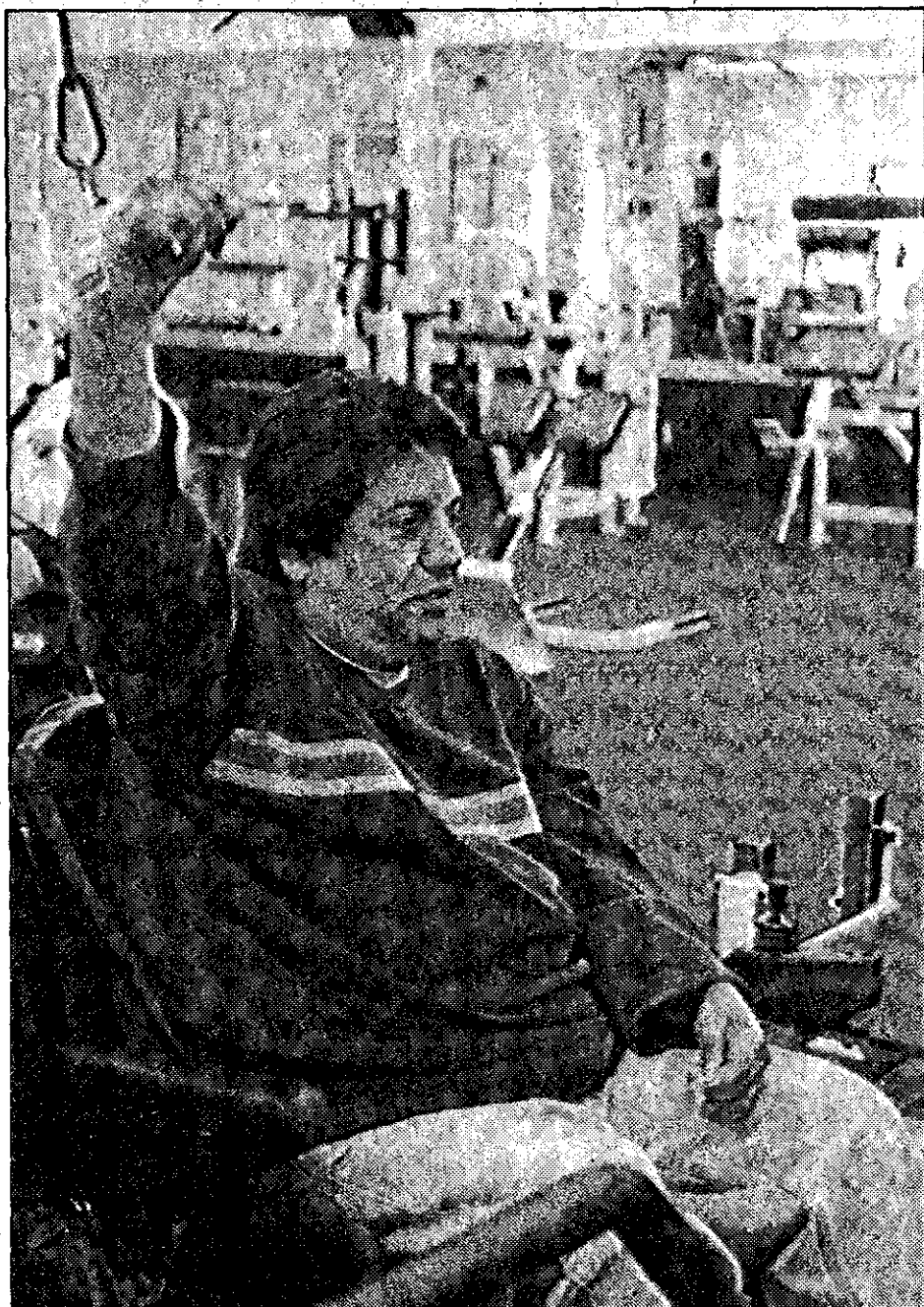
ness administration major, said. "This is the best of the best."

Thirty-one colleges in California participated in the event, along with colleges nation-wide.

"A law student took gold in debate," Osborne added. "Competitors are fierce, disciplined and know what they want."

Other students competing were Jon Maddron, Abril Perez, Jason Miramontes, Tiffany Solano, Denise Barragan, Brian Vos, Osborne, Sharon Choe and Patty Pereida.

Directors of the Forensics team, Bill Sparks and Cynthia Lavariere, and student coaches Maria Estrada and Katrina Taylor also attended the competition.



Carmen Alvizures/TM

When possible, Jose Moreno likes to work out in the weight room daily.

## Paraplegic student wheels through life

BY CARMEN ALVIZURES  
FEATURE EDITOR

Jose Moreno is graduating in May and plans to attend UCLA in the near future. On campus, he is a peer counselor, president of two clubs and an executive cabinet commissioner.

He is also a paraplegic and uses a wheelchair to get around the Cerritos College campus.

When he was first injured in a car accident in 1989, he was working at Wonder Bread. College was not on his mind.

After the accident, a social worker went to the hospital to visit Moreno and asked if he wanted to go to college.

"My injury was recent, within the same year, so I didn't really want to go to school," he remembers.

He took one class, but withdrew. Seven years later, he enrolled again.

When he came back to campus though, Moreno discovered what the campus could offer went far beyond class time.

"Before, I was just home," he says.

"At school, I'm everywhere, doing things for myself and for other people."

Moreno cannot wait to attend UCLA and major in counseling. "It's one of the best schools," he says unabashedly.

On campus, he is getting a head start by working as a peer counselor.

Peer Counselor Supervisor Marvelina Barcelo describes Moreno whom she has known for a year as someone who is "dedicated, hardworking and persistent."

"He enjoys working with students," she says.

Perhaps one of the reasons why Moreno sees himself as an academic counselor is because he personally knows the positive influence that counseling can have on a student.

"Like the way I was helped," he says about counseling, "I want to be the same way and help somebody else."

As a student who started in this campus with just one class, Moreno has evolved academically and sees school as an open window to the future.

"It's not easy for a disabled person to get a job," he says, "but if you have a degree, people will say 'look at this guy.'"

Aside from working as a peer counselor, Moreno is also part of student government, serving as the commissioner for disabled students.

He represents all the disabled students on campus and directly affects issues that impact disabled students.

As one example, Moreno received a suggestion by a blind student who had difficulty walking over at the Elbow Room area.

Distributor vans would park in front of the entrance to the business education building in order to drop off merchandise at the Elbow Room.

The student would bump into the van or fall.

Once Moreno mentioned this in the cabinet meetings.

From then on, the vans were not seen blocking the entrance to the business education building.

Campus involvement is key to achieve change in Moreno's point of view. He is also president of the Spanish club and the disabled students club.

As part of the disabled students club, Moreno says that he tries to make all the student members feel as part of the group.

"I put myself in their shoes," he says and adds that one of the issues concerning disabled students is the feedback they receive by society.

"When people meet me, they see my chair and not me," Moreno points out.

Shirley McDonald, vice president of the disabled students club says that Moreno approached her while she was new to the campus.

"He made me feel comfortable," says the Psychology major who also works out with Moreno at the weight room. Both can be seen from their wheelchairs exercising and laughing at the same time.

"He's helped me become more involved with things that are not academic," she says.

Glenn Barnett, a program specialist for disabled students, can identify what McDonald complements in Moreno.

"Even though God changed the rules on him," Barnett says, "Jose is still willing to play the game and playing to win."

## Scholarship deadline near

Two Scholarships are now available for application by Cerritos College students.

The first scholarship is sponsored by the Downey Branch of the American Association of University Women, which will be awarding four \$1,000 scholarships to outstanding women students.

The criteria for the scholarship are that the student must be enrolled full-time, must be a Cerritos College female student with a 3.0

grade point average, must have completed 56 units, and must plan to transfer to a university for Fall 2001 as a full-time student with Junior standing.

The second scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship being offered by the Long Beach Chapter of the Retired Teachers Association.

The criteria are that the student must be pursuing a teaching career, must currently be enrolled in 12 or more units at Cerritos College, must

have completed 56 transfer units, must have a 3.0 grade point average or higher, and must provide proof of acceptance to a four-year college or university with upper division level standing. The student must plan to transfer in Fall 2001.

To apply, students must complete the Cerritos College Scholarship Application with the required materials and submit it to the Financial Aid Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 27.

## Student art to be displayed, judged

A&E EDITOR  
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The Student Fine Art Exhibition will open next Tuesday and will display artwork until May 8. A reception will also be held on May 1 at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Awards and scholarships will be given out at the reception.

This year Marie Thibault, a professor from California State University at Long Beach, was invited to judge the student artwork.

The artwork displayed will include work from this academic school year, which includes artwork created during the Fall 2000 semester.

ter. These artworks were chosen by art teachers. Every art teacher was able to choose five selections from each one of their classes.

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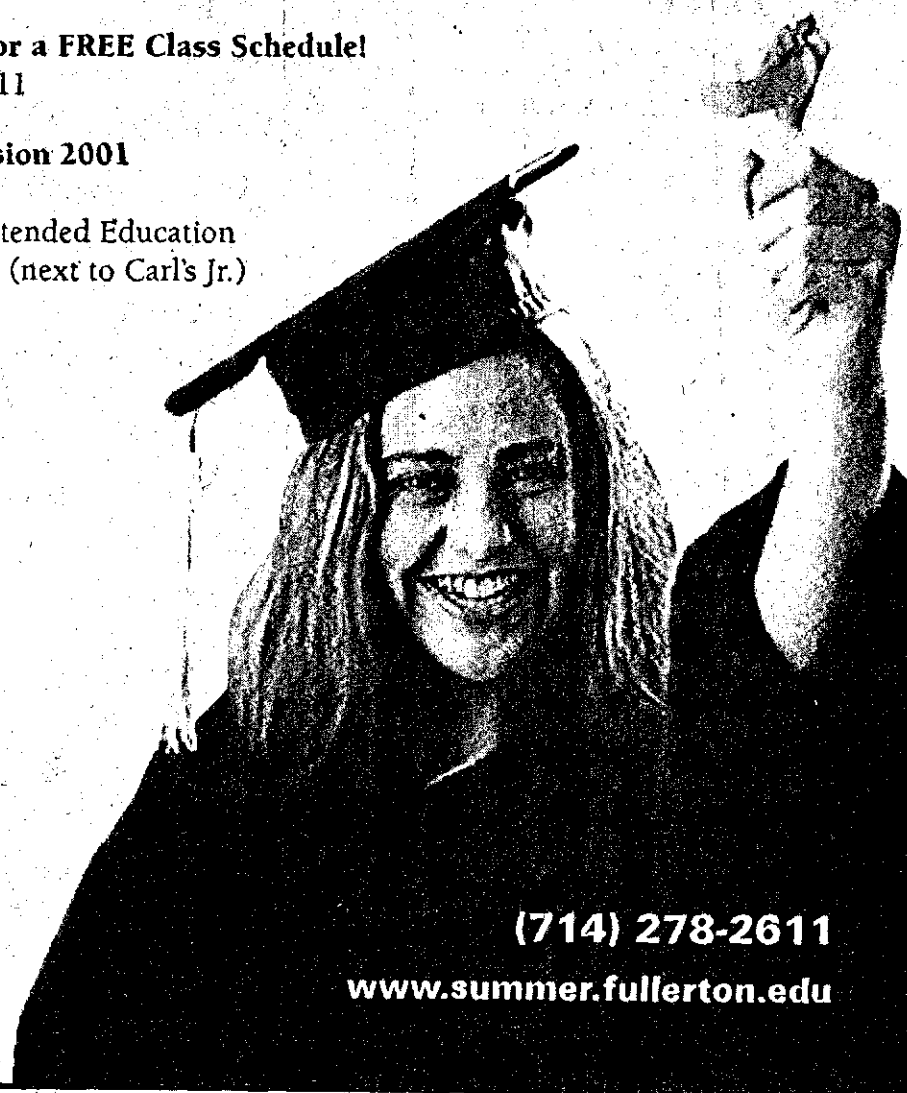
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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Team competition ends, four Falcons advance to regional

**Prado and two doubles teams qualify**

BY ARMANDO BROWN  
MANAGING EDITOR

The first round of women's tennis individual competition began last weekend with four Cerritos College players advancing to the Southern California Regionals, which will be held at Southwestern College in San Diego, May 3-5.

After being eliminated from post-season play as a team, the Falcons began individual competition at the South Coast Conference tournament at El Camino College Thursday.

In singles, Dora Prado was the lone Falcon to advance, while in doubles, the teams of Prado and Mayra Mariscal, and Charese Arrogante and Lara Yturriaga advanced.

It was an elimination tournament that took place over a three-day period with approximately 60 competitors hoping to advance to the regionals.

The first two rounds on Thursday were fast paced, and action packed.

Cerritos' first two casualties were Jennifer Herzog and Kowani Collins, who lost in the first round.

Later that day, Lara Yturriaga, Jeanette Manzo and Jasmine Liao were knocked off in the second round.

As the field of competitors thinned out, and the tournament's pace became less hectic, the third round got underway Friday morning. All players who could make it

passed the third round and into the fourth would automatically qualify for San Diego.

It proved to be a difficult task as only Prado managed to win her third round match. And even then she lost her fourth round match to her long time nemesis Maria Pergamolis of Marymount.

Mariscal, Arrogante and Jessica Colcho all fell short in their bids to advance.

In doubles action, all players who made it to the third round qualified for the San Diego tournament.

Two of Cerritos' doubles teams did just enough to qualify.

They were the teams of Prado/Mariscal and Arrogante/Yturriaga.

Both teams eventually lost in their fourth round matches however.

The team of Colcho/Manzo lost in the second round and did not qualify.

Arrogante, who along with Yturriaga qualified for San Diego in doubles said, "It wasn't that hard to get there." Even while both players were at the trainer's table after their match getting ice packs for their battered bodies.

With the regionals two weeks away, Yturriaga felt that with that much time to prepare, maybe they would have a chance to advance to the state championships.

According to coach Terry Button, the San Diego tournament is the stepping stone to the state championships.

**Women's team beaten by El Camino, finishes in second place and misses the playoffs**

BY ARMANDO BROWN  
MANAGING EDITOR

All the marbles were on the line for Cerritos College in its much anticipated rematch with El Camino, as women's tennis' two best teams in the South Coast Conference met during the last week of the season.

At 17-0, El Camino was all but a lock to make the playoffs.

However, at 16-1, and in second place, the Falcons had to at least finish the season tied with El Camino to make the playoffs, as only the first place team or teams that are tied for first advance.

They had to beat El Camino! But it wasn't to be. El Camino handed the Falcons their worst defeat of the season with a 7-2 whipping, and in the process eliminated them from team competition.

Cerritos finished the season with what in most cases would have been a very successful 17-2 record.

However, the undefeated Warriors proved to be a thorn in the side of the Falcons all season.

Earlier in the season, after El Camino handed Cerritos its first loss, the coaching staff decided to make changes to the lineup.

The thinking was that the configuration of that particular lineup had proved not quite strong enough to beat them.

However, the new chemistry did not mix well, and though they resumed their winning ways, assistant coach Tim Parchman said that some of the players were just never able to become fully comfortable with the changes.

Realizing this, head coach Terry Button made a second lineup change right before the rematch.

But El Camino still proved to be too tough.

All of the matches were very close, and hard fought, but when it was over, only Dora Prado at No. 1 and Charese Arrogante at No. 3 emerged victorious.

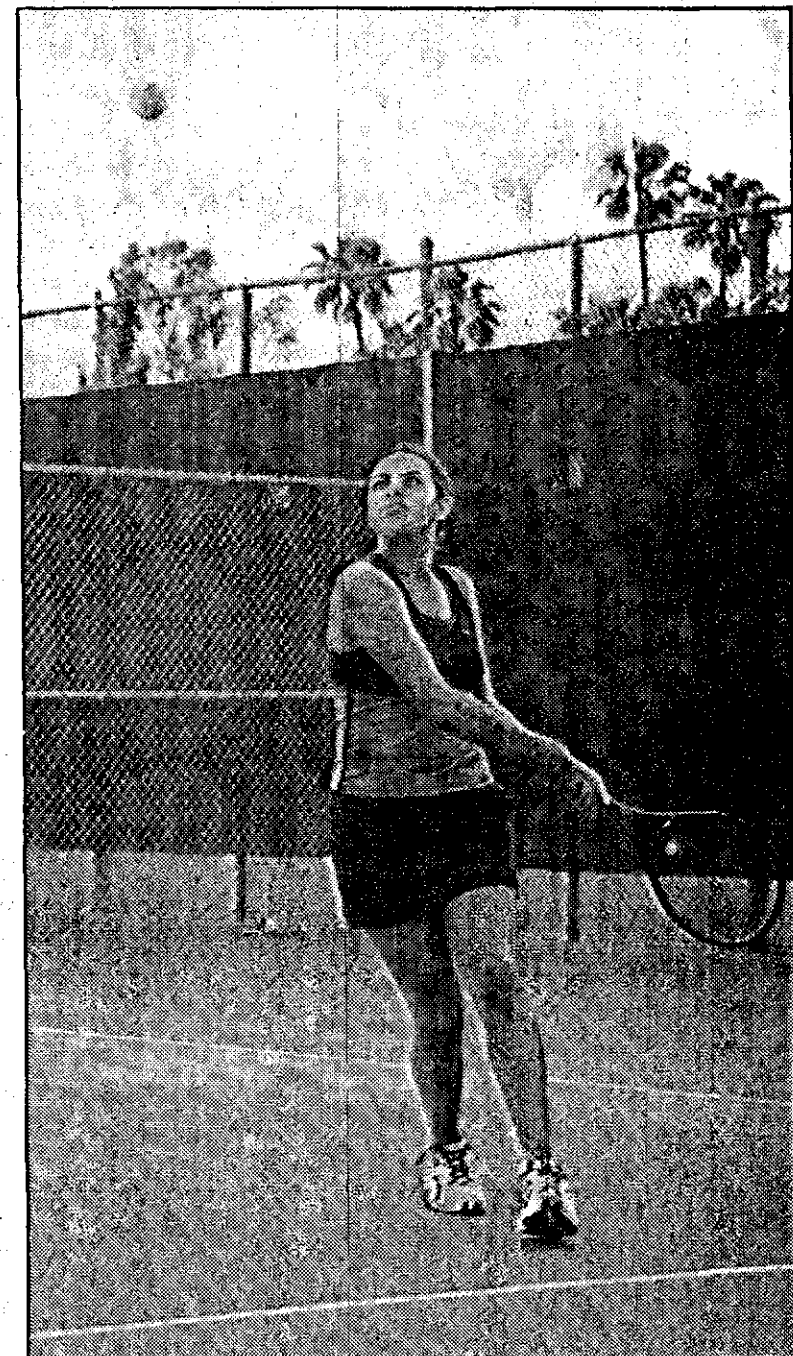
El Camino won every other match, including a sweep of doubles.

Stressing how hard fought the matches were, freshman team member Kowani Collins said, "Everybody went into third sets, everybody (A third set is a tie breaking set)."

She also said, "We knew exactly what we wanted and what we were doing. I don't know, things happen."

In team competition, the Falcons' season is over.

For the rest of the season the Falcons will concentrate on individual competition.



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**RETURN VOLLEY** - Mayra Mariscal returns the shot in a fourth-round doubles match against El Camino's Roxanne Mashhadi and Karin Emtner in the South Coast Conference Tournament. Mariscal and partner Dora Prado qualified for the Southern California Regionals despite losing the match.



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**FULL SWING** - Kyle Penner tees off on the third hole at Rio Hondo Country Club in the South Coast Conference Tournament. Penner got an eagle on the hole.

## MEN'S GOLF

## Young Falcon team improves scores

BY ARMANDO BROWN  
MANAGING EDITOR

Min Kim shot a 75 to match his lowest score of the season at the South Coast Conference Golf Tournament Apr. 17.

After starting the season playing at the No. 6 spot, he has steadily improved his game.

And after being shuffled through the lineup, Golf Coach Frank Mazzotta says he's been playing at the No. 1 level for about the last three rounds.

Jason Holmes also shot a 75, while Alan Clark and Kyle Pepera both shot 78. Adam Eskridge and Adrian Rosales shot 84 and 87 respectively.

As a team, the Falcons came in third in the tournament behind Long Beach and El Camino, and ahead of Mt. Sac, L.A. City and Marymount.

Except for Kim, the golfers on the team are all freshmen, and their fourth place conference standing shows the disparity between them and some of the more experienced teams in the conference.

However, at this particular tournament most of the guys were in good spirits, as four of them had scores in the 70s, and two of them shot in the 80s.

After his round Kim said, "Today's one of our better days."

And as Holmes approached the 18th green, Mazzotta said that he was having a pretty good day.

Penner, who has an 83 average, was pretty excited about shooting a 78, and also about getting an eagle on the third hole.

At the beginning of the season Mazzotta said that if his golfers could consistently shoot in the 70s they could win. As of now only Holmes has a 79 average.

The rest of the guys have averages in the low 80s.

However, the more they have played the lower their scores have become.

If their improvement continues, by this time next year their scores will be in the 70s, and they will be winning more tournaments.

## Sports Schedule

### BASEBALL

Thursday - 2:30 p.m. at Compton  
May 3 - 2:30 p.m. Home vs. East L.A.  
May 4 - 2:30 p.m. at East L.A.

### GOLF

May 7 - Southern California Championships at Rio Bravo CC, Bakersfield

### SWIMMING

Thurs-Sat - All Day SCC Championships at East L.A. and Mt. SAC

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thurs-Sat - All Day at Ojai Tournament

### TRACK AND FIELD

Saturday - 12 p.m. SCC Championships at CERRITOS

## Falcons drafted

Two former Cerritos College football players were selected in the seventh round in the National Football League draft Sunday. The Cincinnati Bengals took wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh, from Oregon State, and the New York Jets selected offensive tackle Situpe Peko, from Michigan State.

Houshmandzadeh holds the Cerritos College record with 1,155 career yards gained receiving, and has two 100-yard kickoff returns for touchdowns.

## Pasadena (and season) winds down on on Softball team, 10-1

BY JOHN KITANO  
SPORTS EDITOR

Lynn Laughon, Cerritos softball coach, said, "This experience should really help them in their next season."

She was talking about the players on the team, composed of one sophomore and 14 freshmen.

The team has a record of four wins and 34 losses (1-12 in SCC) after losing to Pasadena City College, 10-1, Wednesday at Nancy Kelly Field.

Laughon said that the season was not as successful as the team would have liked it to have been. "We have a lot more potential than what we showed out on the field."

"(We've) definitely have to have learned something from here."

The Lancers scored four runs in the first inning and five in the fifth to support pitcher Jackie Montanez, who limited Cerritos to three hits while striking out four.

The Falcons scored their lone run in the first inning when pitcher Virginia Brito singled home shortstop Brenda Con from second.

Julie Angel, pitching in relief of Brito, allowed one run in three innings.

But Pasadena exploded in the fifth inning, using three hits and two Cerritos errors to put the game away.

The game was called at the end of the fifth inning by the mercy rule when Cerritos failed to score.

Catcher Jennifer Dorado said that the Falcons made a few errors, and that the Lancers hit the ball into the gaps (between the fielders).

"Even though we lose, we still come out strong and play hard."

Left fielder Amanda Felix said that the game and the season were tough, but the team came together.

"We could have done better."

"We didn't win much, but we tried our hardest."

Laughon addressed the Falcons' pitching.

"Our pitching staff is basically a staff that is not experienced, and our sophomore pitcher (Angel) didn't pitch for us much last year."

"So she's, for not pitching much in a couple of years, done an excel-

lent job for what she's been able to do."

"She's come on and been our go-to person."

She added that the rest of the pitchers, who are freshmen, hadn't pitched in at least two years.

"You've got to give them some credit for going out and giving us a little effort out here."

Laughon also said that the team didn't have that strong pitcher, the ace.

"In softball, pitching is the game."

"But with what we've had, and how much experience that they have, they gave us a heck of a job."

"They gave us some effort."

### NOTES

Earlier in the week, Cerritos was defeated at Mount San Antonio, 11-3.

The Falcons closed their season at home Tuesday against El Camino.

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**SETTING IN** - Cerritos first baseman Bryan Baker and Long Beach City catcher Matt Kennison get ready for the pitch. Baker drove in three runs, including the ninth inning game winner.



**MAKING CONTACT** - Falcons' center fielder Kalen Norton follows through on his swing. Despite being hitless in the ninth inning, Norton was intentionally walked, setting the stage for Bryan Baker's sacrifice fly.

## BASEBALL

### Falcons sweep Long Beach to stay close to first place

BY JOHN KITANO  
SPORTS EDITOR

It will probably be fine with the pitchers on the Long Beach City College baseball team if they don't face Bryan Baker again.

For the second straight game against the Vikings, the Falcons' first baseman hit a two-run homer and drove in the winning run.

Baker hit a sacrifice fly that allowed Joe Ammirato to score in the bottom of the ninth inning as Cerritos beat Long Beach City, 4-3 Saturday at Kincaid Field.

Two days earlier, Baker drove in both Cerritos runs with a home run in the Falcons' 2-0 win at Long Beach. He went four-for-seven in the two games, and drove in five runs.

Along with two wins over L.A. City earlier in the week, the Falcons (20-14, 15-5) remain in second place in the South Coast Conference, one game behind L.A. Harbor.

Baker said that Cerritos still has a chance to catch Harbor and win the conference, since the Seahawks have "a tough schedule coming up. They're playing teams that they haven't handled very well."

Falcons' head coach Ken Gaylord said, "Harbor's got to play some people."

"We'll try to win all the rest of [the games] and see what happens."

He added that the pitching did a real good job in the four games, but he would like to see the team hit better. "We had way too many strikeouts today."

In the first inning, Baker hit his fourth home run of the season to left field to give the Falcons a 2-0 lead.

Long Beach (21-16, 11-7) answered with two runs in the second inning, when first baseman Billy Gwinn led off with a home run, and Matt Lamberth singled and scored on a fielding error by Cerritos third baseman Dominick Phillips.

Lamberth also scored on a single by catcher Matt Kennison in the sixth inning to give Long Beach a 3-2 lead off of Cerritos' Sal Aguilar, who was pitching in relief of starter Jpe Lakey.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Baker singled and scored on a double by designated hitter Andrew Gutierrez to tie the game.

With one out in the bottom of the ninth inning, Ammirato took third base and Jesse Lugo second base on a double steal.

Long Beach gave an intentional walk to Kalen

Norton, who was hitless in four at-bats, to load the bases.

Baker then lifted a fly ball to Lamberth in left field.

The ball wasn't hit too deep, but it was deep enough for Ammirato to tag up at third and score the winning run.

Baker said that Ammirato is their fastest player, "so he had no problem scoring."

Aguilar said that he was sure that the Falcons would win the game, and that it was "just a matter of time and when it was going to happen."

"Long Beach gave us a good run for our money."

#### MORALES PITCHES SHUTOUT

Baker hit a towering home run with Brett Cayton aboard, which provided the margin of victory as Erick Morales shut out the Vikings, 2-0, Thursday at Long Beach.

Morales and Long Beach starter Derek Taylor dueled for the first five innings as both teams were held scoreless.

"The defense kept us in the game," Morales said.

"We had Baker come through with that two-run home run. That was the difference in the game."

Lugo said, "We didn't get too many runs, but we pitched (well) enough and played a good defense."

Lugo, who was involved in three of the four double plays turned by Cerritos, made a diving stop of a ground ball to start a double play to end the first inning.

He said, "It's reaction. You pretty much practice, and then you go out there in the game and just react to it. It comes almost naturally."

With two out in the top of the sixth inning, Falcons' catcher Cayton doubled to right field, and then Baker, who said that Taylor threw a high fastball, hit the ball more than 400 feet over the fence in left-center field.

#### NOTES

The Falcons have two games this week against Compton College. After playing Tuesday at Cerritos the two teams will meet on the Tartars' field Thursday.

Cerritos concludes its season May 3 and 4 with games against East L.A. College.

L.A. Harbor has six games remaining, two each against El Camino, L.A. City and Long Beach City.

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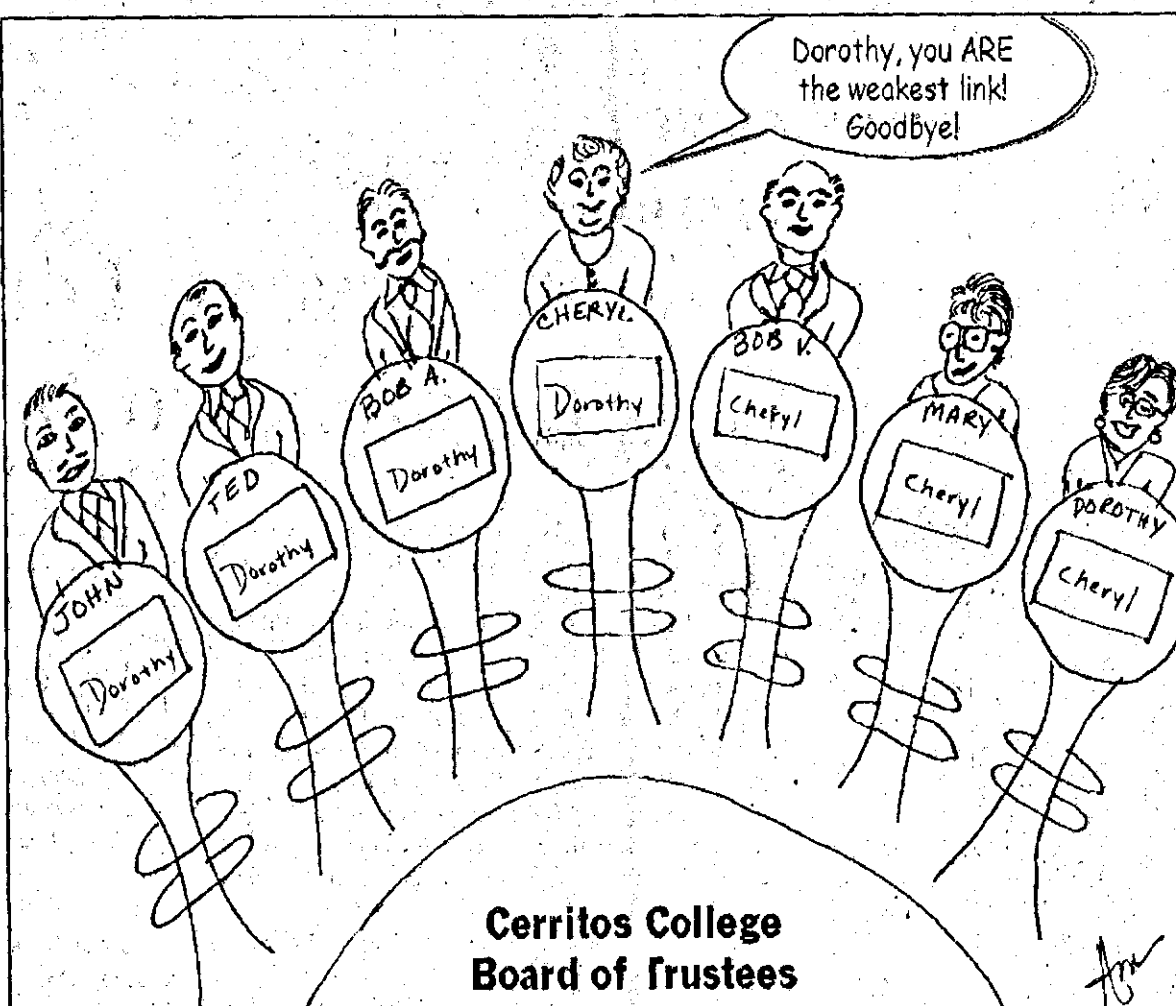
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## Escalating media violence

BY FABIAN DUARTE  
STAFF WRITER

Back when Mark Wahlberg was "Marky Mark," a violent media existed. N.W.A. and Guns N' Roses had "crossed over" to the mainstream. WWF wrestler "Hulk Hogan" was "leg dropping" his way to pop culture immortality, and "Cops" had infiltrated the television airwaves. Consequently, school violence was unheard of. Is today's media worse than before?

It seems as if a month doesn't pass by without some kind of violent occurrence happening in a school and someone blaming the media for the incident. Are movies, television and music too violent? The answer is a resounding no.

Some would argue that the viewing or hearing of offensive material "warps the children's mind." As a 19-year-old whose favorite movies are "Pulp Fiction" and "The Godfather, Part II" and whose favorite musical artists include N.W.A. and Eminem, as well as being a person who has never committed a violent crime in his life, I am an indication that the media violence generalization is foolish. Am I an exception to the rule of violent material making children violent? Hardly. The tragedy at Columbine was blamed on the music of Marilyn Manson.

Manson's words made him Public Enemy No. 1. Manson had sold over 7 million records at the time of the shooting, yet as I recall, 7 million people did not massacre their schools. Two teenagers claimed that their minds were "warped" when they saw the slasher movie "Scream 2" and it was the reason the teens plotted to kill one of the boy's mother. A movie that made nearly \$200 million was responsible for the attempted murder of a woman. Were these the only two boys that saw this movie? Did they each pay \$100 million? No, millions of people around the world saw this movie and these two kids are the only ones who tried to kill someone.

The debate over the media and violence has been through the ringer like a dirty shirt. Some blame television, others movies and still others music for the misdeeds of children. I thought that I was the only one who felt this way. Then one day I happened to catch the act of comedian Chris Rock. His question to the audience was the answer to why children commit violent crimes: "What ever happened to crazy? Forget (he used a different 'F' word) the music forget the movies, these kids are crazy!" Truer words were never spoken.

Maladjusted children are the ones who commit violent crimes.

Are they maladjusted because of the media? I doubt it. What never seems to surprise me is what you hear about the murderer after the fact. "He came from a broken home," or "His parents were always at work." Let me see any correlation between child killers and lack of parenting. Who do you think has a bigger influence in a child's life, the mother and father, or a musician who has never even met the child?

The media are not entirely blameless. Like drug dealers, they give you a taste of violence and know you are hooked. So for those who hate the media, this advice is for you. Letters and protests work for relevant issues, not television and music. So if you don't like it, don't buy it. You hurt the media better with your money than with catchy slogans against violence and hate.

Maybe if all the violence and hate leaves television, the movies, and music the world will be saved and kids would not kill. Tell you what, spend more time with your kids instead of with reporters complaining about how Eminem contributed to the death of your neighbor with his lyrics and maybe your kids will grow up to be useful members of society instead of a member of a murder/suicide. It could happen, or am I too naïve?

## Students' votes count at talonmarks.com

BY ARMANDO BROWN  
ONLINE EDITOR

Where is your favorite place to eat on campus?

That was the question on the front page of our online newspaper for about the past month.

Anyone who wanted to vote simply had to visit [www.talonmarks.com](http://www.talonmarks.com) and click on their choice.

We usually only run a poll like that for about a week.

However, after one week the voting was so close that we decided to leave it up for awhile longer so more people could get their votes in.

After the first week, the Culinary Arts Cafeteria was leading the rest of the campus eateries by one vote.

Chicago Harv's was in second place.

Third was Frantone's Pizza. Fourth was Hong Kong Express.

And in fifth was Taco Bell. Well, after a month of voting the new results are in.

The Culinary Arts Cafeteria is still in first place.

However, in second place there is a three way tie between Chicago Harv's, Hong Kong Express and Taco Bell.

While Frantone's Pizza has dropped in to last.

Good work!

We all now have a pretty good idea as to which are some of the more popular restaurants on campus, and maybe which ones aren't so popular.

This week we will have a new poll online.

What is your favorite way to spend Saturday night?

- 1) Going to the movies.
  - 2) Going to a party.
  - 3) Renting videos
  - 4) Being with someone special
- There you have it, go online and get your votes in.

## EDITORIAL

### Finger pointing and name-calling should not be a part of student elections

The atmosphere last week during the elections reminded the students of Cerritos College what attending a taping of a Jerry Springer show must be like.

We hope that the candidates that are now part of the run-off election will keep this week in mind as a point of reference and not as a point of return.

Although there are many versions to the same story, we do know that there was a verbal and almost physical altercation between Claudia Valdez' team of supporters and Nassrin Bonyadloo's team on Wednesday.

We are not here to sentence one team or the other, we think that college is not kindergarten and finger pointing should not be allowed.

We are here to point out that maturity is something that needs to be practiced automatically just like breathing.

Each and every individual involved in the elections should be conscientious enough to realize that every single act can and will affect the process.

Just as in science, every action in an election has an equal and opposite reaction.

While name-calling can be a stress reliever, those involved in campaigning, especially the candidates themselves should think about the fact that whatever is said can be used against them.

It is now too late to go back in time and try to be civil. Too late to say that it was just a technical difficulty and all is well.

The very nature of politics, some might argue, is to play to the nitty gritty, to be as competitive as possible and to put on pause any type of ethical reminder that might give the other side an advantage.

If that is true, then perhaps we are a microcosm of what happens nationally when elections take place.

Maybe this week we will get to hear personal information that will lead to scandals and will divert the eyes of the public from the platforms available to the gossip available.

Perhaps then the percentage of students' voting might rise and the voting booths will extend their hours to accommodate the voters.

Just in case we need a post-it-note, we are in the process of electing a president who will be handling issues on a day-to-day basis.

If last week was an indication of things to come, we should just rewind and start over.

### Evaluations should be taken seriously

When instructors pass out the evaluation sheets and present students with No. 2 pencils, the students ought to fill out those forms.

Instead, some bubble in whatever lucky numbers come into mind while others skip the whole evaluation process.

All semester one hears of compliments and complaints from students, but when it comes time to sitting down and actually writing those thoughts down, somehow those pencils drop.

Bubbling in should be left to those scantron tests that try to test your ability in 50 questions or less.

Evaluation sheets should be taken seriously and that section labeled "comments" ought to have some full sentences.

The criticism written in these forms, in order to be effective, has to be constructive criticism.

Some students critique, but they fail to have a basis for their argument.

We believe that students should have the right to express their opinion, students ought to believe in that right too.

## CAMPUS COMMENT

What is your favorite way to spend Saturday night?

By David Amezcua  
Photos by David Amezcua

"Sometimes I like smoking some good drugs and looking for girls. I like doing anything that is fun."

RAJIN BENIWAL  
NUTRITION

"I like to hang out with my friends and party."

MICHELLE TOLEDO  
BUSINESS



"I enjoy salsa dancing at all the hot Latin spots and make good use of my day spending quality time with those I care about."

EILEEN ARENCIBIA  
COMMUNICATIONS

"I like going to the beach and having a bonfire with my friend. We usually talk and make hamburgers and drink."

JUSTIN RUPERT  
ARCHITECTURE



"I like to go to the bookstore to read magazines."

CHRIS RODRIGUEZ  
UNDECIDED

"I like spending time with my family. We will talk about our week or sometimes watch a movie together."

ELISBETH BALDWIN  
EDUCATION



"I like to hang out with friends or girlfriends and party the night away."

RUBEN SALAZAR  
PHYSICAL THERAPY

"I like going out to clubs and dancing with boys and also going to a lot of roundtrips, such as Missouri."

JEZABEL DELGADO  
COMMUNICATIONS

