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No school Monday

There will be no classes on campus next Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Special King observance activities are scheduled on campus Tuesday.

Cafeteria closed

The cafeteria will be closed Jan. 24 because all students and staff will be on a field trip to the Sysco Food Show. Other food vendors will remain open.

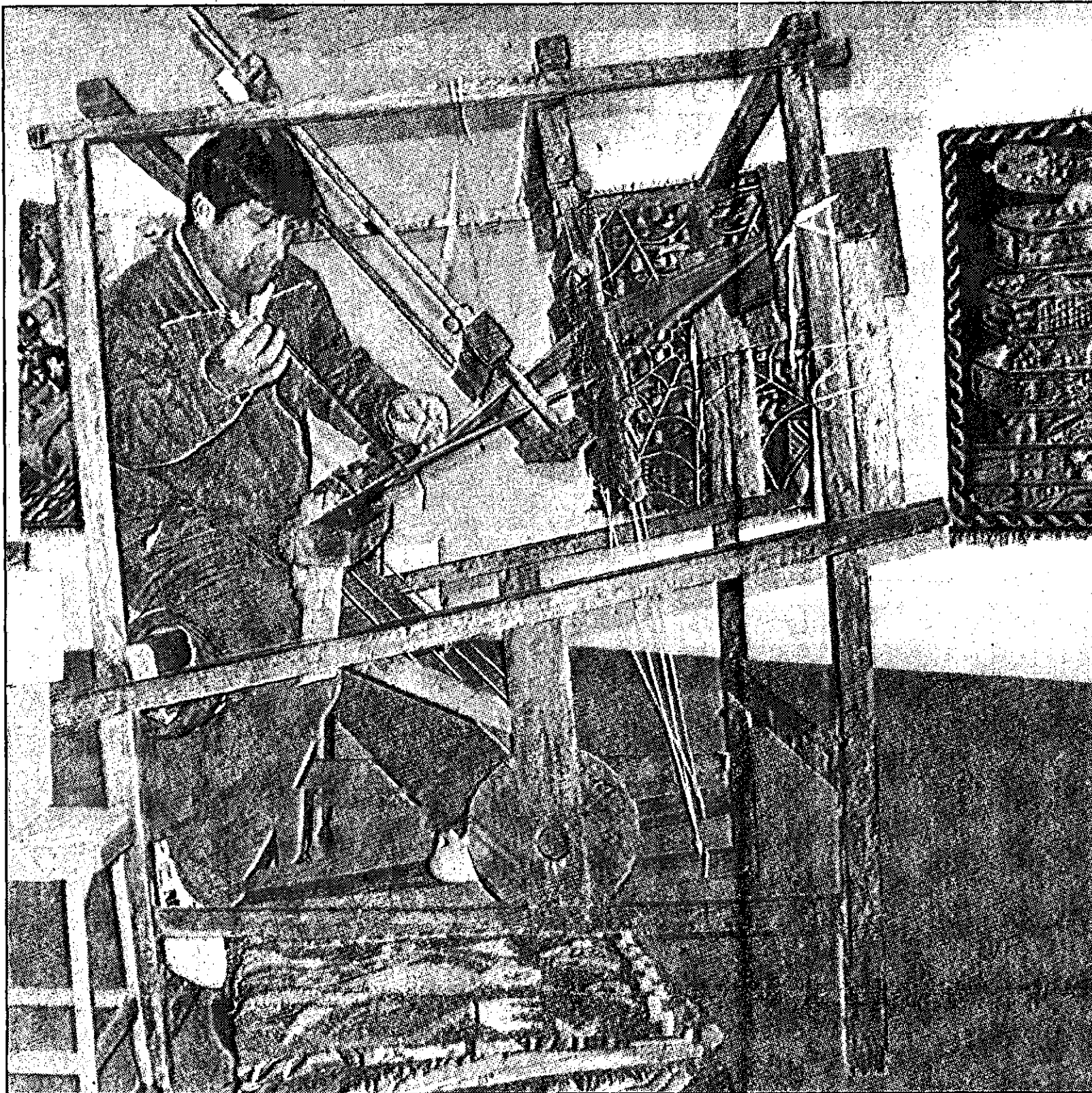


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WEAVING RUGS

Edwin Sulca, master weaver, shows how the loom is used to weave rugs. His demonstration is part of the display on Afghan and Peruvian rugs being shown in the campus art gallery this week. The theme of the show is "Woven, Weaving Social Commentary in Afghan and Peruvian Rugs" and the show will be going on until Jan. 31. The gallery is located in the Arts and Crafts building, Room AC-50. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and evenings on Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Undocumented workers get tuition break

TARA CARTER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Paying for a college education has just gotten a lot easier for California's undocumented immigrants.

A new law signed by Governor Gray Davis, will now allow an estimated 1,500 qualified unauthorized students to pay California resident tuition fees at all California community colleges and California state universities.

Prior to Jan. 1, because illegal aliens are unlawfully residing in California, they were required to pay out-of-state college tuition fees even if they had lived in California for most of their lives.

Currently, community college fees are \$11 per unit for California state residents and \$130 a unit for non-residents. At California State universities fees are \$1,839 a year for residents and \$7,350 for non-residents.

Because undocumented immigrants are not eligible for financial aid under state law, the price of higher education was a major hindrance for many students.

Maria Gomez, an immigrant who migrated to California with her parents when she was five years old is anxious to reap the benefits of the new law.

"I graduated from high school in 2000, I wanted to go straight to college but because I had to pay out-of-state fees I couldn't afford it. I have been saving up to pay for tuition at Cal State Dominguez Hills so I probably can afford it now.

To qualify under the new policy, students have to have had attended a California state high school and earned a diploma or its equivalent. Students must also provide proof of residency or file a confidential affidavit proving that they have applied for lawful immigration status with the United States immigration and naturalization services.

California and Texas are the only two states in the nation to offer in-state tuition to its undocumented residents.

As Davis signed the bill into law he said, "kids who grew up and graduated from here should not be priced out of a future."

Health fair set for this Thursday

ALICIA WARNER
FEATURES EDITOR

Resolutions, resolutions, resolutions... did you make one for the 2002 year?

Was it to lose weight or maybe just take better care of yourself?

Cerritos College Student Health Services have designated the month of January to be "Fitness Month."

On Thursday the Student Health Services will be having a health fair in Falcon Square from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Our goal is to help the students and faculty with their new year's resolutions," said Charles Gale Jr., director of Student Health Services.

There will be representatives from local community organizations such as YMCA, YWCA, La Fitness, Bally's Fitness, Sparklett's

water and more.

"The organizations will be there to help educate students and faculty on programs that help them live a healthier life," commented Gale.

As a part of the fair the health services will be having free blood pressure screenings.

Sports trainers will be offering free fat and body analysis.

The Student Health Services also has a speaker coming on Jan. 24 to educate students and faculty.

The presentation will be held in the LRC Teleconference center at 3 p.m.

Ni Bueno, will be speaking on fitness and how to take better care of yourself and others. She has her masters degree in Sports Science. She is also a tri-athlete and has 15 years experience in awareness on fitness education.

Free burgers, music first week

ERIKA PALMA
STAFF WRITER

Cerritos College welcomed students back to school with food and music during this semester's "Welcome Day" held at the amphitheatre last Thursday.

"Things couldn't have been better, we were welcomed back with IN-N-OUT hamburgers and a great DJ," said Cerritos College student Rene Flores.

The In-N-Out catering truck was on hand and served over an estimated 1,600 hamburgers. "We enjoy serving Cerritos College students because

it brings our name out, it helps students get their ID's out for school and it brings students together in a fun environment," said In-N-Out employee, Elisa Bechman.

The lines outside the In-N-Out catering truck, stretched out from the student store, where it was parked, to the phone booths across from the library. "The food was worth waiting in line for," said Cerritos College student Vera Gjokaj. "I love In-N-Out hamburgers, especially when they are free."

Not all students were willing to stand in line for the free meal. "Why would you stay in line

for hours for a free hamburger when you can just go buy it for two dollars," said Mark Taylor, English major.

"People are just cheap," Taylor added.

"DJ Cory" played the students' musical requests, most of which were requests for Hip-Hop music. He admits he "loves Cerritos College students because they are very active and oriented."

"Events like these make new students feel welcomed to the Cerritos College campus. It is a nice gesture by the student government to offer a day of food and fun," said Gjokaj.

What's your beef with college?

Student leaders gather complaints from students in order to seek solutions

JIMMY MISTRY
STAFF WRITER

Trams in parking lots, cheaper text books, library hours more suitable to students, increased safety, and scholarship information: All this and more is what the Associated Students want to offer to you.

Tuesday, the Associated Students leaders came out to talk to the students about any concerns on their mind.

Students signed on to offer their help in getting their concerns addressed and get their problems dealt with.

"The students are the one with the power, they need to get involved, they elected us and without their backup and power we are useless," declares Juan Hernandez, student Senator.

The students and student leaders were glad to see that their worries will be shared with the admin-

istration and the president.

Eric Wassgren, business management major, exclaimed, "It's dangerous walking in the parking lot and it's too far away. I don't feel like getting run over."

"I signed up for mathematics, parking lot, and scholarship. These are important because I don't get financial aid. I don't qualify for it. I took school at night once and the parking is filled just as in the morning," said Maria Plascencia who is majoring in film.

Major concerns for students are parking lot safety and a variety of tutors.

The parking lots are too crowded and long to walk and there aren't enough tutors for classes besides English and math are the biggest complaints the students reported, according to Nassrin Bonyadloo, the Associated Student President and Board of Trustees student

member.

This is the first time that the student body has had a direct meeting with the students about their concerns.

Bonyadloo had it all planned out.

The Senate and the Associated Students leaders have a table with sign up sheets that the students can come up to and sign their name, phone number, and student number that would be saved so they can be called upon to show their strong support.

The students could choose to sign for a diversified list of problems ranging from emergency safety phones in parking lots, trams, moving library hours, variety of tutors, better counseling support, more math teacher, and more.

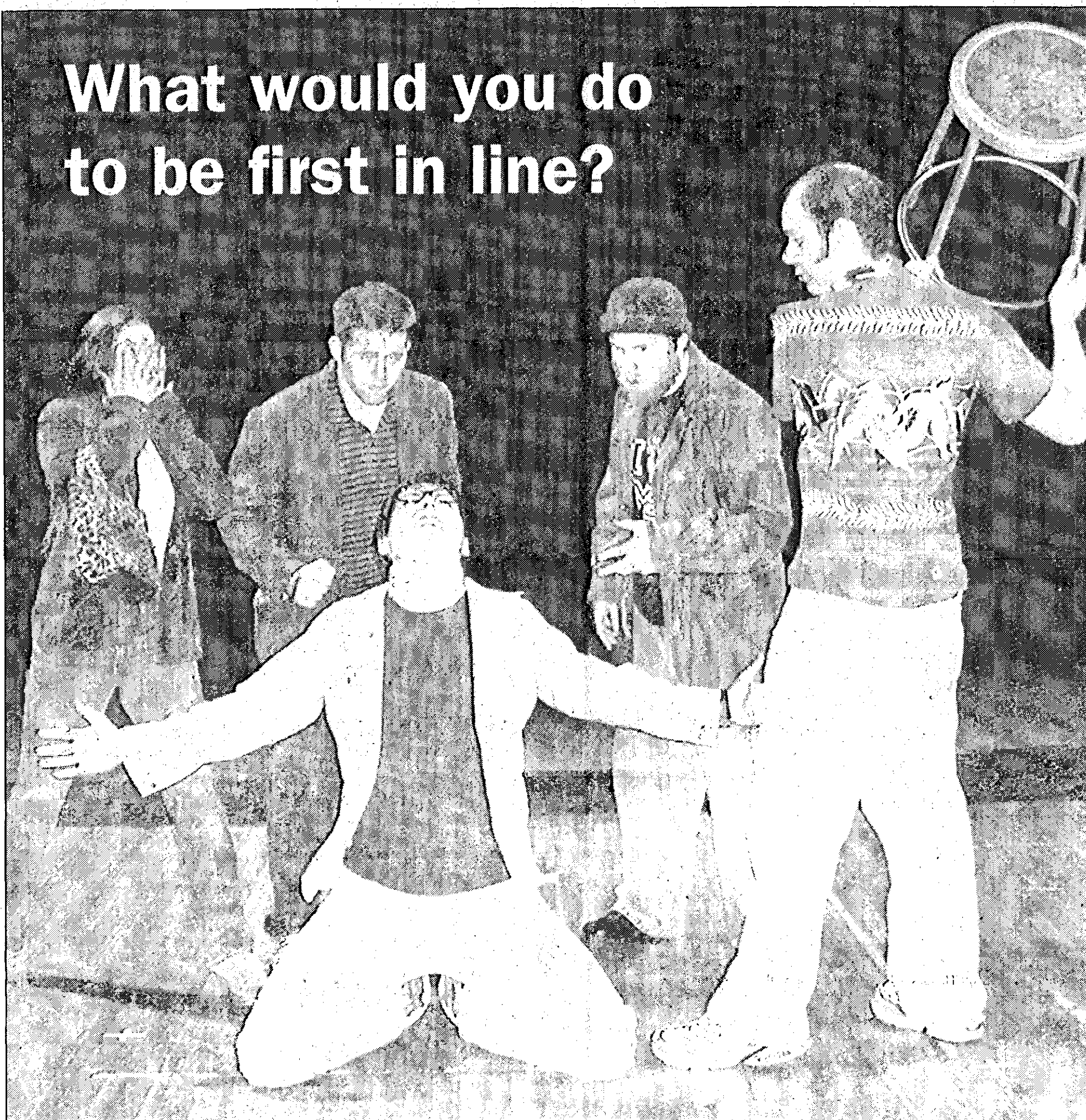
A "Human Suggestion Box" is what Bonyadloo called the event, adding, "The students will see that the student body is doing everything for their success. Student success is our biggest priority."



Photo by Daniel Aguilar

Students line up Tuesday to list their favorite complaints about Cerritos College. Student government leaders gathered the complaints so that they can address issues important to students.

What would you do to be first in line?



Cast members encourage Dave Wrathall (right) to clobber Christopher Alvarado with a stool after he gets to "first in line" in the one-act play, "Line."

Photo by Daniel Aguilar

Two one-act plays on tap this week

TERESE LEON
A & E EDITOR

The Cerritos College Department of Theatre and Associated Students will be presenting a short play festival this Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Jan. 24, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. in the Burnight Studio Theatre.

The festival will feature two one-act plays, "Line," written by Israel Horowitz, and "Babel's in Arms," written by David Ives.

"Line" is the story of five people waiting in line for an unnamed event. Each of the characters wants to be first, no matter what.

Christopher Alvarado, theatre arts major

and actor in "Line," said the story is a metaphor for life. "It shows the reality of what people will do to be first in this world."

"Babel's in Arms" is a play about two blue-collar workers who are asked to build the tower of Babel. The story is a satire of the Biblical tale the Tower of Babel.

Gus Ruiz, theatre arts major and actor in "Babel's in Arms," said, "It's helpful to know the story of Babel, but it's not necessary. It's still a funny show."

Ruiz also called the show an "extravagant spectacle" that "uses words in a way not normal to today's way of speaking."

He said "Expect a very hilarious show

that will make you laugh and think."

Both of the plays are minimalist. Each play has only one prop. "Line" has a line drawn on the ground and "Babel's in Arms" has a rock.

David Carreiro, Cerritos College alumnus and director of "Line," said the play is more about actors than props.

"It's more like an art play," said Dave Wrathall, theatre arts major and actor in "Line."

If the plays themselves don't interest you, maybe the actors and directors will.

Wrathall, Alvarado and Nick Laris, three of the five actors featured in "Line," are

nominated for the Irene Ryan Award given out by the American College Theatre Festival.

Laris, theatre arts major and actor in "Line," said, "It's ridiculous how good the cast is."

The directors, Carreiro and Forrest Hartl, are both alumni of Cerritos College. Previous plays that Carreiro has worked on are "Anything Goes," "Boy's Life" and "Macbeth." Hartl has worked on "You Can't Take It With You" and "Three Penny Opera."

General admission is \$5. For more information about the Short Play Festival call the Theatre Arts office at (562) 467-5058.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Martin Luther King Day speaker

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Dana La Mon, a world champion public speaker, will speak next Tuesday in the Burnight Theatre from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

La Mon has been named the World Champion in 1992 from Toastmasters International. In 1993, he was awarded the Accredited Speaker designation from Toastmasters. La Mon has been blind since he was 4-years-old.

Despite this disability, he earned a bachelors degree in mathematics from and a law degree.

Club Day Thursday

Come checkout all the clubs and see which one you would like to get involved with. The ASCC will be hosting club information day next Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Falcon Square and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the SS patio.

Jazz band performance

The Anthony Harris Jazz Band will be performing next Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Student Center. The event will be sponsored by the Associated Students and the Music Department.

Afgan woman speaker

Fauzia Assifi, advocate for Afgan women and children and founding member of the Afgan Women Association of Southern California, will be presenting "The Cultural Contributions of Afganistan Women" next Tuesday in AC 43 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Assifi is currently working on a documentary to create awareness about Afganistan before 1978, and the role of women in the cultural life of Afganistan.

Weaving stories

Dr. Sharon Taylor will be speaking about her dissertation work in visual narrative and her work in Peru, Chile, and Pakistan. Taylor's lecture, "Weaving Collective Memory: Visual Narrative in Art," will be held in AC 43 next Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Taylor will discuss the ways people tell stories through weavings and other art forms.

Photojournalism in Afganistan

Photo-Journalist Craig Lockwood will be speaking in AC 50 on Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Lockwood travels to far away locations and reports on exotic cultures. He has written several books about his travels around the world as a photojournalist.

His lecture is called "Journey Through Afganistan."

Famous pianist

Dr. Cecil Lytle, pianist and professor of Music at the University of California San Diego, will be performing works by Scott Joplin, Thomas "Fats" Waller, George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Herbie Hancock and Eddie Harris in the Burnight Center Theatre on Jan. 27 at 2 p.m.

Admission to the concert is \$10, for students and seniors it's \$5.

Cerritos will soon offer courses to Bolivians

With a little help from technology, Cerritos College will be able to bring online courses to Bolivia.

The California Community College Chancellor's Office recently awarded the college with a Global Education Grant, as well as an Internship Grant.

The support of the Chancellor's Office will enable Cerritos College to bring education to a country in need.

The Global Education Grant aims to help advance the Distance Education program at Cerritos College.

The grant will allow the College to take satellite courses into other countries, creating a population of global students who attend Cerritos College.

Currently M.L. Bettino, the College's Administrative Dean of Technology Training and Distance

Education, is looking at a program that addresses the future need for math teachers in America.

A Catholic university in downtown La Paz, Bolivia is articulating courses in math with Cerritos College.

Bettino would like to develop a program where their students, who are studying math education, can receive an associate's degree online from Cerritos College.

Ultimately, the students could transfer to a four-year institution in the United States to finish the last two years of their education program.

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Women rated #2 in SoCal

Not only has the Cerritos College women's basketball team moved up in the rankings to No. 2 in Southern California and No. 6 in the state, they have also taken over the top spot in the state's power rating.

The power rating is based on a team's strength of schedule, coupled with their win-loss record and performance on the road.

The power rating did not help last week, however, as the women fell to Pasadena City College, 79-67.

The team should have known it was in for a tough night against Pasadena when sophomore guard Emily Osongco (John Glenn) went down with an injury during pre-game warm-ups.

The reserve, who was averaging 3.1 points a game, but was an outside scoring threat, was forced to sit out the game with an ankle sprain.

On the night, Cerritos was able to keep the game close despite numerous turnovers and outside shooting woes.

On top of that, the Falcons struggled from the free throw line the entire night. After converting just 8-of-14 in the first half, they were only 2-of-12 in the second half.

Down by as many as 21 points in the second half, the Falcons did put together an offensive surge that saw them cut the lead to five points in the final minute.

Leading the charge was sophomore guard Jennifer Decuir (St. Joseph/Humboldt State), who made just 7-of-23 shots and finished with a game-high 22 points.



Photo courtesy women's basketball program
Antares Vice goes in for a layup in a recent game against Cypress. While the Falcons lost an important game against Pasadena last week, they are considered one of the premiere teams in the state.

Falcon teams stay strong with local players

BY MARISOL ROJAS
TALON MARKS STAFF

The Cerritos Falcon men's and women's basketball teams are tearing up the scoreboards this year. Both teams are having an amazing 14-5 record.

Coaches Gary Cain and Karen Weilliver are extremely excited about this year's season.

They are proud of their player's accomplishments so far. However, the competition has seen nothing yet. These coaches have unique strategies to help their players be competitive athletes.

Cain emphasizes practicing the fundamentals of basketball, as well as teamwork and providing a game-like environment.

Weilliver stresses the importance of learning from past mistakes while "improving upon experience." The outcome can be seen in their player's performance.

But what these two teams are exceptional for are their local ties. They are not only bound by school but by neighborhood. Most freshmen players on the men's team are from neighboring high schools.

The men's team is divided in half by freshmen and returning sophomores while the women's team has only two returning players. However, there is mix of freshmen and sophomores from other local colleges.

While other colleges at state finals have athletes that come from different parts of the country, the Cerritos Falcons remain strong by staying close to home.

The men and women's basketball teams will show off all their skills away from home at their next game at Mt. San Antonio College this Wednesday.

It is a game the women's basketball team is especially looking forward to. Mt. SAC is a competitive team that also has the reputation of going to the state finals. Winning this game means a great deal to them.

The women's game starts at 5:30 p.m. The men's game will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Both teams have proven they have the potential to win South Coast championship. Not only do they the potential of going to State, they have the determination of becoming part of the Elite 8 finalists.

Former Falcons join arena football

Two former Cerritos College football players have signed contracts to play in the Arena Football League this season.

Fontez Jefferson, who was a defensive back for the Falcons from 1996-97, transferred to Montana State, where he was a two-year starter. Jefferson is entering his second year of professional football and first with the New Jersey Gladiators.

He played for the Billings Outlaws of the Indoor Professional Football League in 2001.

Jefferson was named the team's Most Valuable Player while leading the league in touchdown receptions.

Jefferson, who will also see time as a linebacker,

signed a three-year deal.

Scott Thomas, who spent one year with the Cerritos football team (1995) and one with the basketball team (1994-95), signed with the Atlanta Kats, who were known as the Nashville Kats last season.

Thomas transferred to Long Beach City before attending to Azusa Pacific University, where he led his team to the NAIA National Championship game his senior year.

After bouncing around with several National Football League teams for a few years, Thomas was signed by the Kats to be a wide receiver and defensive back. Terms of his contract were not disclosed.

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EDITORIAL

Davis's proposal goes too far

What are you willing to sacrifice to help America's fight against terrorism? A little extra time when going to the airport to ball game to be thoroughly searched? A couple of dollars to help our troops in the war? How about your civil liberties? Too much? Well that's exactly what California Gov. Gray Davis wants from you.

In the 2002 State of the State address Davis proposed a plan that, if passed, would allow California law officials to wire tap the phones and Internet communications of California residents in the name of protecting the state against terrorism.

California already has a law that permits police officers to tap specific phones of suspects, but if the governor's proposal takes affect, law officials would be able to tap any phone that has been used by a suspected criminal, much like the federal Patriot Act, signed by President Bush in October 2001, officials would also be able to gain access to a suspects email, internet web-site and personal voicemail to obtain "addressing" incriminating information.

So what? What's the problem?

The problem with Davis's proposal is that although it would be designated to fight against the threats of terrorism, it could be sought for any criminal investigation.

If it is passed the law could impose major infringements upon the civil liberties of innocent individuals.

Are you an American but not a fan of Americas war tactics? Are you unhappy with the job the government is doing and are you vocal about it?

If you are, under the broad definition of terrorism you can be viewed as a threat, and the passage of this law could give the government the authority to listen in on your personal phone conversations, use a friends phone and now their phone is tapped too.

Ever use a computer at the library at school or at an Internet café to send a private email? Chances are so has a suspected criminal, and if he has then the computer you are using could be tapped and you would never know it.

Gov. Davis's proposal is irresponsible and unnecessary.

Under existing laws police officers already have the power to investigate suspected terrorists and they do it with out compromising the privacy of innocent people.

After the attacks on America everyone would love to feel protected against terrorism, but national security should not come at the expense of our privacy.

Telemarketers can find bin Laden

BY JILL PORTER

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Osama bin Laden may very well be dead, despite the videotape of him that was aired on Al-Jazeera television. But — dead or alive — he doesn't seem any closer to being caught than he was when we set out to find him two months ago.

His ability to keep his whereabouts secret is a feat perhaps more mind-boggling than invading and attacking impenetrable America.

Sure, the network of caves in the Afghanistan mountains is as intricate as the pathways in hand-stitched lace. But it still seems surreal that something as primitive as a cave can offer protection

from our highly sophisticated methods of surveillance, much less from hundreds of soldiers breathing down your neck.

Think about it. Osama bin Laden has evaded detection in a world in which:

- Our every move is tracked by databases, monitors, cameras, microphones and paperwork trails, and our every thought endures in the e-mail afterlife.

- Our every identifiable idiosyncrasy, from our choice of video rentals to our medical profiles, is afloat in the information ether, ripe for exploiting by credit-card companies, catalog distributors and other commercial predators.

- We're so detectable that

machines can recognize us by voice, touch, heat or our mother's maiden name (even our telephone can tell another telephone that we're on the line).

- We're such a part of the public domain that not only can't we hide but we can be stolen. Someone else can steal our identity and have more fun than we're having by buying things we'd never buy for ourselves.

But bin Laden manages to evade us still. Maybe we should be more creative in our mission. Maybe we should put telemarketers on bin Laden's trail.

I'm sure they'd find him the minute he sat down to dinner. Or maybe we could hire little children, who'd burst in on him the

minute he decided to have sex with his spouse.

Sure, other heinous criminals have avoided capture and arrest over the years. Everyone on the FBI's Most Wanted list, for instance, is the object of an intense manhunt. One fugitive has been on the list for 20 years, another for almost that long.

But most long-sought fugitives are known only to their would-be captors. They could live next door to us for years without having their cover blown. And they could be anywhere in the world at any time, making an intense manhunt problematic.



Has the world progressed from the '60s?



SYLVIA DURAN
Opinion Editor

In the 1960s Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream that all ethnicities would live together as one people. If he was alive today, I think he'd be impressed in the progress mankind has made.

Most people have evolved since the civil rights movement took place in the 60s and we, the product of citizens born in King's era, live in a significantly different society.

For the most part we live in environments

made up of different races and styles, yet we coexist as one body.

Though some of us may live in neighborhoods made up of a majority of one race, we interact with other races in other surroundings such as school. I attended a predominantly Latino high school, and not until I enrolled at Cerritos College did I get the chance to make friends of different races.

My mother taught my sister and I that all humans are created equal despite the color of their skin. She grew up in a society made up entirely of one race and she did not get the opportunity to enjoy the cultural diversity that we do today. I could not imagine living in a segregated society.

Cerritos College is made up of a diverse

student body. If you haven't noticed on your way while rushing to class, many students loiter around campus in bunches. These students differ in ethnic backgrounds, but they look beyond race and are united by common interests.

Ethnicity is not the only difference on campus. Style is another key element that gives our campus some flavor. Our school consists of pimps, jocks, skaters, punks, nerds, and foreign students. All with their own sense of style that makes them unique.

I am grateful that Martin Luther-King Jr. made a stand for mankind. He made a difference in history and if it wasn't for him, we'd probably still be drinking from different water fountains.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream that all Americans would be judged by their character. Do you think his dream is being lived out today?

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Jimmy Mistry and Daniel Aguilar

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- ☐ Read
- ☐ KKK rally
- ☐ Go to Work
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"People judge you by your looks, popularity, clothing, music preference, etc. If you don't fit in you're not cool."



Ulysses Nevarez
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"There is still racism today, there is still judging by the color of skin and not their character."



Katrina Woerner
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"Society as a whole has improved but still has room to improve. Overall I think some people will always judge by looks."



Morrisa Caderra
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"There is still a lot of racism, discrimination, and segregation because of the diversity in this country and people can't accept each other. We should all try and fulfill his dream and life would be better."



Helida Ortiz
Premed

"To an extent it is, people are recognized for their talents and abilities regardless of their race but it's still looked upon, just not as bad."



Natalie Perez
Theatre

"No. His dream is far from being lived out. Everyone needs to get along or it's downhill!"



Emiko Matsukawa
Journalism