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Faculty members accept 5% increase

TARA CARTER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Cerritos College board of trustees approved a 5% faculty salary increase last Wednesday, concluding faculty contract negotiations for this year and ending months of unrest among the faculty.

"The salary package was ratified by a vote 207 to 12, with one abstention," said Salary Committee Chair David Fabish.

The increase arrived on the heels of a faculty boycott held

in front of the Burnight Theatre last month.

Faculty members upset with their salary conditions showed their discontent with the administration's first salary offer peacefully by deciding not to attend a general staff meeting.

The faculty accepted the state's offer of 3.87% cost of living adjustment (COLA) and the District's offer of 1.13% raise for a total of a 5% salary increase. The board approved the raise, retroac-

tive to August 2001.

On Feb. 12, ten division meetings were held where faculty members voted on the increase.

Fabish was present at the vote in the Liberal Arts division meeting.

"My impression at the meeting is that they were glad to have been offered 5%, which represented a modest improvement over the 3.87% COLA."

Cerritos College English instructor and faculty mem-

ber Jack Swanson voted to approve the offer and is comfortable with the faculty salary increase.

"While the raise was less than I had hoped for, I am glad these negotiations are over, and I look forward to further discussions on matters that have yet to be resolved."

Yet to be discussed are issues concerning medical benefits for retirees, increased compensation for part-time instructors and recognition of work experience for full-time

faculty.

Although the majority of the faculty voted to accept the 5% offer, faculty members have concerns about the increase.

The salary agreement eliminated steps one and two from the salary schedule.

"Eliminating steps one and two means that a newly hired full-time faculty member would be at no lower than step three, an improvement in pay of about \$4,000 a year," Fabish said.

"The point that the change makes the salary scale more attractive for newly hired faculty, but current faculty may feel that they have lost two years of employment credit as compared to those new hires."

Fabish went on to say, "This improvement in the starting salary make Cerritos about even with other community colleges in our area, and that in its self is a good thing."

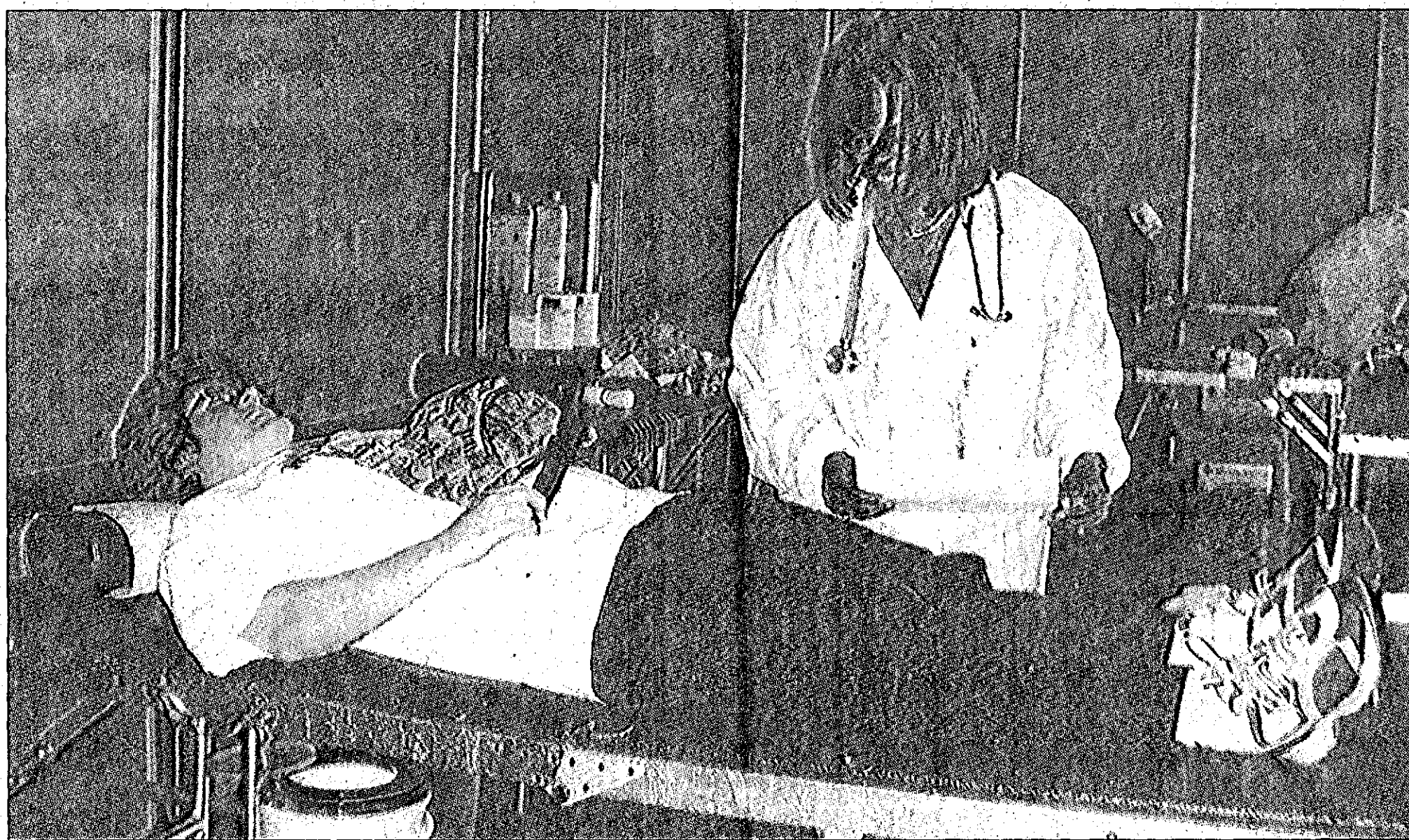


Photo By Daniel Aguilar

Cerritos College Student Health Services host blood drive with American Red Cross last Thursday; students donated blood for the organization to help others in need of blood.

HIV van on campus, Thursday

TERESE LEON
ASR EDITOR

The Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science brought its mobile van outreach program to Cerritos College on Thursday.

It has been implemented at Cerritos College's health fair for the last couple of years.

Every third Thursday of every month, the van visits the campus to test students. Last Thursday the van was available to students from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. However, the amount of students visiting the van was low.

Rhonda Starks, the program administrator, said that by noon approximately five students had been tested.

Maribel Marquez, child development major, thinks the program is a good idea but she didn't get tested.

"I'd probably just go to a doctor if I wanted to get tested," Marquez said.

Charles Gale Jr., director of health services, said "The turnout was low this time because many people are unaware that there is still an HIV problem."

"Since the van is so visible on campus that people might not want to get tested because they don't want to be seen going in," he added.

Another factor contributing to low turnout could be that students don't know enough about the test and aren't comfortable taking it.

The test is relatively simple. Screening for HIV consists of HIV antibody testing. When the human body gets a virus, it creates antibodies to fight that virus. The HIV antibody test detects antibodies in the body that are created to fight HIV; it doesn't detect the virus itself.

There are several different ways to test for HIV antibodies. Blood, urine and saliva samples can all be used.

The mobile van outreach program gives students the choice of being tested by either blood samples or oral samples. The results of the test are given to students the following week.

Starks said, "I do encourage students to test, but it's more important to come back and get results."

About the program as a whole Gale said, "I think it's a great service and I wish more people would use it."

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Paralegal program helps City of Norwalk

MARISOL ROJAS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A community in need is asking for an urgent response from Cerritos College students.

The city of Norwalk has set up a self help center for people who cannot afford lawyers but need assistance preparing court documents.

The community needs paralegals to help represent the 80% of people within the city who can not afford lawyers.

"The community needs help, why not pull from their own talent," said Dr. Pribble head of the Cerritos College paralegal department.

A paralegal is a lawyer's assistant. They take care of all the paperwork required for all court procedures. Although they do not deal with clients directly without the supervision of an attorney, they handle most of the work.

According to Dr. Pribble Cerritos College has the best qualified program in the area.

The paralegal program is "looking for a few good people," Pribble said.

The majority of students enrolled in the program are students who commute from other cities to take advantage of the low cost and advanced technology that the Cerritos College offers. Pribble is

hoping that more Cerritos College students will enroll.

"There is something for everyone," Pribble said. There are a number of different specialties in this profession, including family law, real estate, corporate, and mediation. Students are encouraged to specialize in a field in which they find the most interesting.

For those who would like to pursue their career even further, Cerritos College offers its paralegal students the opportunity to major in Business Management in Azusa Pacific University and Webster College. Upon completion of the program and acceptance from either school, paralegal students are admitted as juniors and attend school only once a week until graduation.

Students who graduate from the paralegal program with a 3.7 GPA or higher have the chance to study at South Western University or Whittier University Law School. Once completing law school, the student will get their bachelor's and their jurist doctorate degree together.

Paralegal student Kerren Herrera said, "I had no idea this program had this much to offer

GSA petition amendment

TARA CARTER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Armed with petitions and a message, the members of the Cerritos College Gay and Straight Alliance are fighting for their freedom.

The group, Alliance for Marriage recently announced a proposal for a constitutional amendment that if enacted would ban all gay marriages, invalidate all domestic partnership laws and nullify civil rights protections based on marital status.

"If this amendment passes basically our freedom will be taken away, said GSA President Anthony Flores. So what we are doing is passing around petitions to oppose this amendment."

According to the Alliance for marriage the purpose of adding this amendment to the constitution is to "strengthen families and reintegrate the role of a strong father figure."

The alliance believes single parent families directly relate to the crime and poverty rates and the disintegration of the nuclear family.

"Today it is up to 80% of our children being born out of wedlock and reared in

Households with out presence of both parents," remarked Rev. Walter Faunty, President of the National Black Leadership Roundtable on the alliances website.

"If we don't do something about this pandemic, we will soon be back to the slavery era when 100% of our children were born into a system that was based upon the destruction of the nuclear family."

The GSA believes the definition of a nuclear family is changing and views this amendment as a blatant attempt to ban homosexual marriages.

"A lot of families are single parent right now," said Jessie Cruz a member of GSA.

"Actually when you think about it a patriarchy is a relatively new concept considering when you think

about the progress of civilization it wasn't just a mother, daughter, father, son, it was a family and village and an entire group of people raising children passing around knowledge. It was up to everyone to educate a child."

Gina Leguizamon Vice President OF GSA views the amendment as a action hate.

"If sad that if your homosexual your in the only group is okay hate anymore"

If Amendment passes these two sentences will be added to the constitution:

"Marriage in the United States shall consist only of a man and a woman."

"Neither this Constitution or the constitution of any state nor state or federal law shall be constructed to require the marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."

"The first sentence simply states that marriage in the United States consists of the union in a male and a female, said Matt Daniels, Executive Director of the Alliance for Marriage on the organizations website.

The second sentence would invalidate all legal protections for all unmarried couples.

In many states unmarried couples, including unmarried relatives, and heterosexual couple have the same rights as married couples.

If this amendment is passes all laws that protect domestic partnership would be eliminated. Unmarried couples would not have the right to adopt children, visit their loved ones in hospitals, reap insurance benefits, inherit possessions or even request an autopsy in the event of their loved ones demise.

Member "A couple who has been married for an hour has more rights than a couple that has been together for 15 years," Cruz said.

This is something that were are trying to raise consciences about and get out there and raise consciences about. We want to

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GSA Petition Signed

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and get out there and raise consciences about. We want to get out there that we are people too, we want the same rights, not special rights," Harro said.

Leguizamon added, "one day, we would like to get married and we want the same rights as everybody else."

Members of G.S.A. have already collected over 150 signatures on the Cerritos college campus.

"In having the petitions signed with all the proper information and with the signers permission we upload load the petitions to the internet," Flores said.

The signatures are added to a nation wide petitions where Flores claims that 370 thousand signatures have already been submitted.

For information about the G.S.A. or the petition visit La21 at 11 a.m. on Thurs., or LA35 at 6 p.m. on Monday.

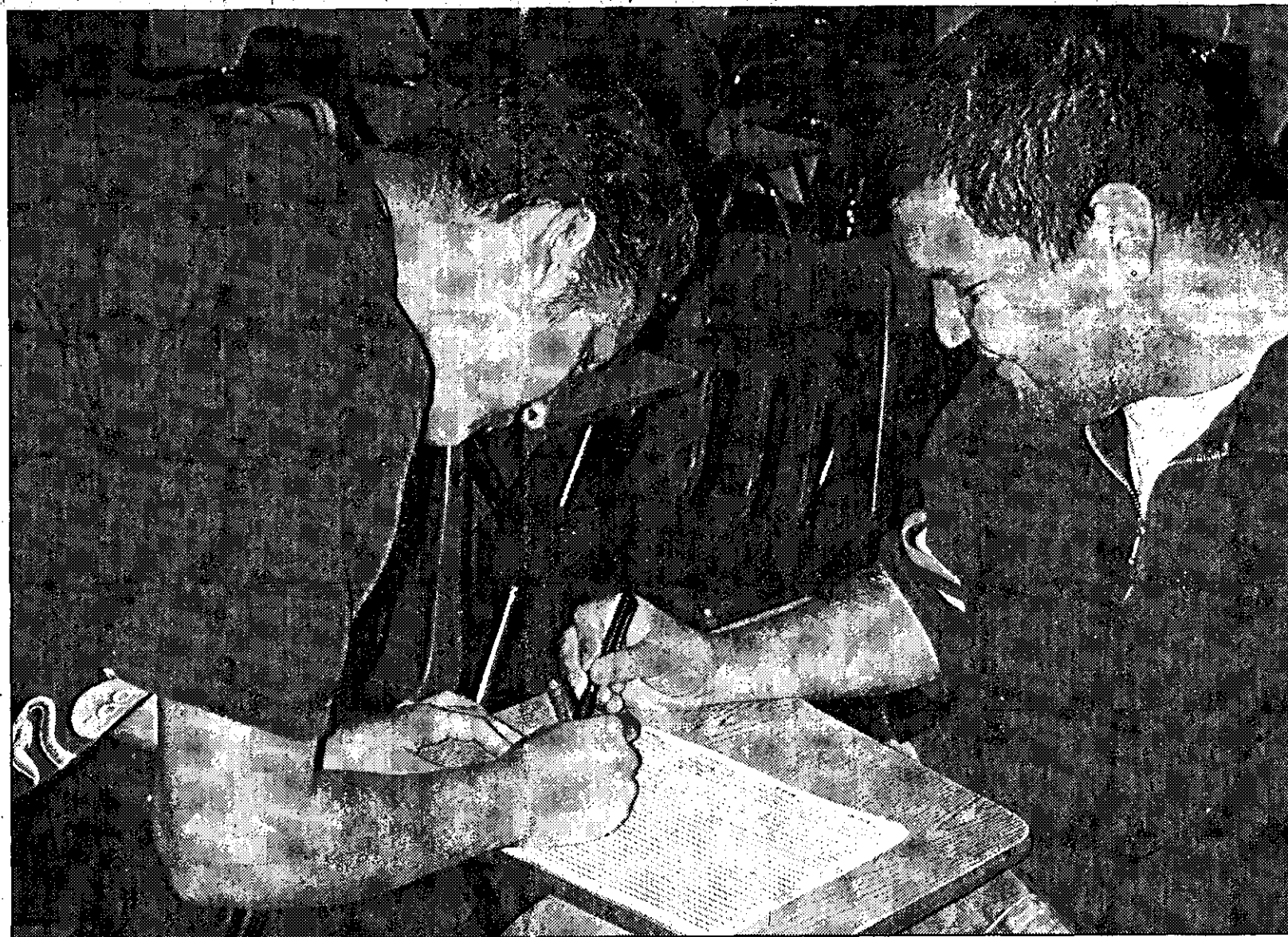


Photo By Tara Carter

Gay Straight Alliance President Anthony Flores (left) and Jessie Cruz (right) sign a petition against the Federal Marriage Amendment.

Paralegal program helps City of Norwalk

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when I entered."

In order to do well in this program Dr. Pribble says, "You got to know how to play the game."

The program prides itself with the latest up to date technology. It has its own "fully dedicated" paralegal lab, reference center, and A.B.A. Law library which is fully equipped with digests law books and Shepherds (case reference) books.

The program allows its students to practice on the same type of computer software used in the courts. Other schools only refer to this software in text books where as students at Cerritos have hands on experience. The text books used in class are also books that they will need in the future.

In order for students to find their specialty right away, Dr. Pribble and the rest of the paralegal staff, encourage students to get work experience as soon as they begin the program.

Due to the school's good reputation with current information and technology, courts and law firms from Norwalk, Orange County, and Los Angeles are eager to receive students looking for practice. "I like the fact that I have a lot to choose from and that I'm getting the experience early on," Herrera said.

The average pay for a paralegal upon completion of the program is \$47,000 a year and

The program helps find jobs for its students after graduation.

"A lot of students come back after of graduation," Pribble says, "We have a pretty loyal group who often come back even after they have full time jobs."

This department intends on remaining "current in what they teach."

Also by promoting a bilingual program it hopes to further teaching.

HIV van visits

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Funding for the services are provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, Magic Johnson Foundation and Burroughs Wellcome Company.

Drew University, located in downtown Los Angeles, sends its outreach program to many local colleges.

Director receives leadership award

On Thursday, February 21, 2002, Dr. Bob Hughlett, director of Disabled Students Programs and Services for Cerritos College, accepted the Association of California Community College Administrators' Leadership Award for Administrative Excellence.

"I can only accept recognition such as the ACCCA award by giving full credit and thanks to all those who have been so supportive of me in everything I do - my family at home and my professional family at Cerritos College and throughout the state," expresses Hughlett. "The greatest blessing of my life has been the opportunity to associate with an amazing group of talented, bright and giving people."

"He is a humble man who deserves this award and a whole lot more," states Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Erlinda Martinez. The award reception will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood, followed by

dinner in the Governor's Ballroom at the Wolfgang Puck Entertainment Center, adjacent to the hotel. The awards presentation is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

ACCCA's Leadership Award for Administrative Excellence was established in 1996 to honor an administrator whose commitment to the profession has stood out among their peers. Criteria for the award include: integrity, principle, compassion, strength in leadership, and contributions to colleagues, the profession, the college and community.

"There is no finer role model for any of us," comments Martinez. "Bob has vision and provides direction for his program. He motivates his staff and has created an effective team. Peers and colleagues revere him; Dr. Hughlett exemplifies the best of our profession," she adds.

When Martinez solicited nomination letters from members of the community and the

College, the response was overwhelming. Each of the 18 letters conveyed the great respect and affection held for "Dr. Bob."

Hughlett has earned a number of honors for his community involvement including the American Heart Association Legacy of Leadership Award from the Los Cerritos Chapter, Cerritos Optimist Man of the Year Award, and a PTA Lifetime Achievement Award from Gahr High School.

In addition, Hughlett has served as Councilmember for the City of Cerritos since 1997, and as Mayor in 2000-2001. As Councilmember, he serves on the City Council's Community Safety, Finance, Parks and Recreation and Performing Arts Committees and chairs the Personnel Committee. Before being elected to the City Council, Hughlett served for eight years as a member of the ABC Unified School District Board of Education.

Cerritos College student presents a research study

Each year the National Collegiate Honors Council presents a conference, where students who participate in honors programs at two- and four-year institutions all over the nation come together for a time of intellectual exchange of knowledge and experience. Cerritos College student Bill Barnes had the privilege of presenting a research study at the conference held in Chicago, Illinois last fall.

Barnes presented a study he conducted in the fall of 2000, which discussed the relationship between computer phobia and computer based testing. The question Barnes proposed was: Will a person with computer phobia score worse on a test that is conducted on a computer, than they would if they were to take the test normally?

"I wanted to know if merely placing a test on a computer that a participant would normally do well on, could cause them to do worse because they suffer from computer fear," says Barnes. "Nobody had studied this situation before, and I am unaware of any studies since then as well."

Mentor, supervisor, and Professor, Dr. Kimberley Duff submitted the project to Dr. John Madden, director of the College's Scholars' Honors Program, who then sent an abstract to the conference committee for the project's acceptance.

Barnes presented his study and defended his research. "The audience response was very supportive," says Barnes. "People asked me if this was my undergraduate thesis and where my findings would be published. Some professors wanted to use my study to help convince their school not to do math diagnostic tests on computers."

"I am very happy thing went very well, Dr. Madden and Dr. Duff's guidance was invaluable."

I felt like my research received a lot of positive attention from professor and student alike."

For Barnes the community college route was perfect. "I found the drive and motivation I knew I needed here with guidance from people like Dr. Kimberley Duff," Barnes explains. He believes that Cerritos College has excellent opportunities, and that students should be proactive in seeking them out. "We have a fantastic Scholars' Honors Program here at Cerritos and I would challenge any academically motivated student to join."

Barnes feels the Cerritos College offers excellent opportunities and also has a fantastic scholars honors program.

After two years as a computer science major at Cerritos, Barnes switched to Psychology. He is looking at schools such as Northwestern, NYU and Stanford to finish his undergraduate studies and earn a degree in Psychology. Once he has his bachelor's, Barnes is considering getting a master's in Business Administration or in Film, or a Ph.D. in Psychology.

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Feb. 27, 2002

EDITORIAL

Why Women's History Month?

Next month is Women's History Month, a time to reflect and celebrate the accomplishments and impact that women have had on American society.

During the month of March, Cerritos College, institutions and organizations everywhere will be hosting a variety of events on campus and off in honor of women and the accomplishments they have made throughout history.

Many people may ask, "Why do we need a whole month to celebrate women's history?"

This is a question that is very easy to answer, without women's history, there would be no human history, present or future.

Women have played and continue to play a significant role in the economical, cultural and social aspects of daily life.

Women of every race, social class, and cultural background have been instrumental to every major social change in America.

They were instrumental in the formation of the United States constitution, they played a major role in the industrial revolution, they contributed to the civil right movement and have pretty much helped to shape this nation into what it is today.

Women contribute to business, the arts, athletics, education, politics, philanthropy, science, and they give world the best gift of all children, our future.

But despite the accomplishments of females, women's history and their accomplishments have been consistently overlooked and under represented in the study of American history.

In the past, women were oppressed and denied the opportunity to voice their opinions. They were treated as objects and rarely acknowledged as the man's counterpart.

They were denied an education, the right to vote, the right to own property and even the right to be financially independent.

Even in today's liberal minded society women are still often represented in only as house wives, mothers, secretaries, waitresses or sexual objects.

A whole month dedicated to the recognition of women's accomplishments is not enough time to acknowledge every significant event spearheaded by women in history.

Next month, reflect on women's history, go to the library or search the internet and read about the impact that women have on your life.

Read about Margaret Thatcher who was elected first woman Prime Minister of Great Britain or read about Kathryn Sullivan, the first U.S. woman astronaut to walk in space. If you are interested in science read about Marie Curie who was awarded a Nobel Prize for chemistry for her discovery and isolation of pure radium. How many men can you say did that? Or how about that woman Hungarian feminist and pacifist Rosika Schwimmer. She was the first woman ambassador when she was appointed to Switzerland.

Take the time to celebrate and honor the women who surround you. Your mother, who gave you life, your sister who always lends you her ear when you have a problem, your grandmother who never lets you forget how much she loves you.

Take advantage of what school offers



ERIKA PALMA
Staff Writer

I sometimes wonder why people that have all the opportunities in the world such as Financial Aid, support from parent's, financial stability, don't take the advantage of attending college and attaining a higher education.

Then there are those unfortunate people that are not privileged enough to go to college because they might not be legal citizens, or they just don't have the financial means to pay for classes, books, and school materials.

Or some might not have the time for school because they have to work to support a family.

Unfortunately, these people are the ones who dream of attending college, attaining a higher education and becoming successful in life.

Meanwhile, we who possess the opportunity to attend college, don't have the advantage of all the help college offers. The college offers workshops, counseling services, tutoring and labs to promote our academic success.

Such programs help students with any difficulties or obstacles that the student might encounter.

We might think attending school three or five days a week is a hassle and that in doing so we automatically know everything.

We need to realize that these programs are offered by the college for a reason. The reason being that we do not know everything, and we do need help on some subjects.

As for us that do not take these programs in consideration, we should make an effort of taking advantage of these workshops.

It will not harm us, it will only make us smarter and more successful in our academic life.

Sometimes we might feel like quitting school due to problems in our academic or personal lives.

But remember, quitting school and becoming a middle-aged nobody is an even far worse life than that of a student's.

Like my counselor says, "There is going to be an end to this sooner or later, but there will definitely be happy an ending."



Legal love for gays doesn't hurt anyone



MARISOL ROJAS
Associate Editor

What is more important: marriage with man and woman or marriage with love?

According to the state of California marriage it better consist of a man and woman together, because any other way will be, dare I say, immoral.

If a gay/lesbian couple wants to get married let them get married.

Why so much drama? Are they hurting anyone by doing so? I don't think so. As a matter of fact I see society doing more harm by not legalizing it.

It's unfair that as a culture we accept homosexual couples but at the same time they

are given many restraints within society.

By not allowing them to get married, they are not allowed to file joint income tax, receive any inheritance rights, or any assets from a deceased partner.

It's gone as far as not letting one person see the other on their deathbed just because they don't have the paper work to show they are some sort of family.

Basically they are denied the rights, money and security owed to them just for being born with different "inclination."

Oh, but what about the children? Apparently this seems to be a major concern. Studies have shown no negative side effects in children who are brought up by homosexual parents. But what I question is what these researchers considered "negative side effects."

Where they looking for future psychopaths, criminals or junkies?

If a child showed homosexual tendencies, (which none did by the way) would that be considered negative? And if that is the case, than this society is dealing with a serious double standard.

The American Institute of Pediatrics stated that it was healthy for children living in these homes to get full security from both parents.

This means they are not against legalizing homosexual marriages because that is the only way for children in these homes to get the security they deserve.

If gay/lesbian marriages were legal the same would be expected from them than any straight couple.

It would show that they are no better or worse than a straight couple also in addition it would allow them to make a deeper commitment to themselves and to the society instead of just living together.

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What contemporary musical artist(s) do you think will affect music in the future?

Campus Comment
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ONLINE POLL

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"Linkin Park and P.O.D. hit a lot of people with 'Youth of A Nation'"

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"The Strokes are going to have a big impact 'cause of the way they sound."

CHRISTOPHER RAVERO
BUSINESS AND MASS MEDIA



"Bjork because I think electronic music is the future."

CHRISTOPHER CARCAMO
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"System of a Down have a new unique sound of their own."

ANDY TUFNELL
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"Radiohead because it's smart rock compared to crap rock like Limp Bizkit"

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ENGLISH LIT

"112, I think they will have influence because a lot of younger bands try to imitate them."

CINDY AVILA
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"Linkin Park because they're bringing the rock-star scene back"

ANGEL RAMIREZ
ART

"I don't think it's going to be Nsync, they're getting old. Lil' Bow Wow and Shakira have a lot to offer."

JOHN TAYLOR
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NOW PLAYING



Cast members portray the six women in "A Piece of My Heart."

On campus: 'A Piece of My Heart'

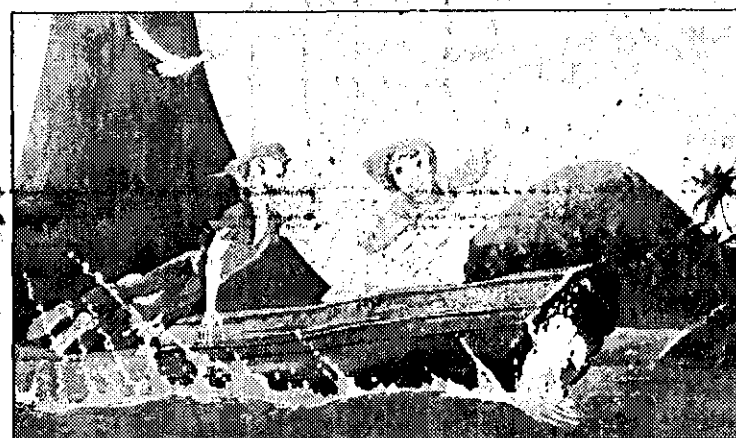
TERESE LEON
A&E EDITOR

Cerritos College Department of Theatre and Associated Students will be presenting "A Piece of My Heart" this Friday and Saturday and March 7, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. in the Burnight Studio Theatre. The play will also be shown March 10 at 2 p.m.

The play is a true drama about six women and their experiences in Vietnam during the war. It was written by Shirley Lauro and directed by John Zamora, a guest director and part-time instructor at Cerritos College.

"A Piece of My Heart" will be shown in conjunction with Women's History Month. Gloria Manriquez, theatre production specialist, said, "It's being done in conjunction with Women's Month because so few plays are done about women."

General Admission is \$10 for students and \$7.50 for seniors. Cerritos College students can get free tickets by bringing their Student IDs to the Theatre Department office during daytime hours.



Peter shows Jane around Neverland in "Return to Neverland."

In movie theatres: 'Return to Neverland'

SYLVIA DURAN
OPINION EDITOR

"Return to Neverland" is one of the most charming movies I've seen yet, this year.

It includes the three basic elements for a good movie. It is colorful, humorous, and short.

Jane is Wendy's young bitter daughter. Her father leaves the family to fight in

World War II and leaves her to protect her family. Jane scoffs at her mother's farfetched tales of Peter Pan and bullies her baby brother for believing in him.

During the night, Jane is kidnapped by Captain Hook and his crew. Upon arrival to Neverland she encounters Peter Pan, Tinkerbell and the lost boys.

Jane is determined to go home, but the only way off Neverland island is to fly. The only way to fly is to have trust and faith.

To make matters worse, Jane's disbelief in fairies is killing off Tinkerbell and Hook captures Peter Pan after striking a deal with Jane.

So now she's stranded, Tinks dying and Peter Pan is captured. Eventually, Jane discovers her lost childhood spirit inside of her and returns home.

The film even includes a scene where Wendy and Peter Pan reunite and grant each other a final farewell.

I was a little disappointed to find that the sequel to the original 1950's film does not include the Indians nor the mermaids. Croc, the ticking crocodile, was replaced by a uncharming, huge orange blob of an octopus.

Tinkerbell is a bigger bitch in this movie than she was in the first. I especially enjoyed the scene where she conveniently "sprinkles" pixie dust in Jane's eyes and face.

I was amazed that the characters in "Return to Neverland" sound just like the original actors in the first Peter Pan movie.

"Return to Neverland" is not only a kid movie. People young and old, will benefit from the story's moral: With faith and trust, anything is possible.



Peter Pan (right) and Tinkerbell (left) are reunited in Walt Disney Pictures' "Return to Neverland."



Photos by Daniel Aguilar

Matt Driggs' paintings use the format of late modernist reductive abstraction, combined with a delicate drawing of an animal. The contrast of the hard, pure geometry of the painting, with the fragile and organic drawing, places the two concepts at odds with each other.

Animal Instinct

ALICIA WARNER
FEATURES EDITOR

Animal Instinct, the latest show at the Cerritos College Art Gallery, is a show of imagination and animal character.

The show is a reflection of the humanizing of the animal. Each of the pieces of art work holds a meaningful inspiration of what the artist is feeling.

All the pieces of work were slightly puzzling at first.

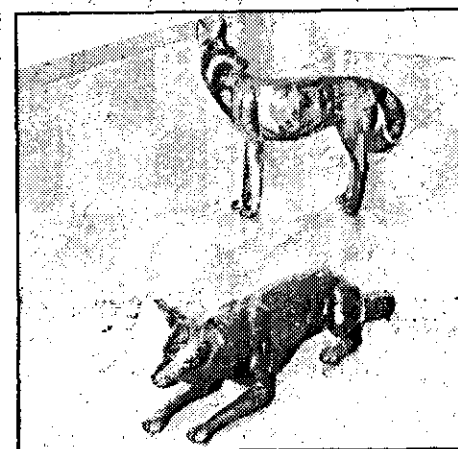
The art work can give the viewer a new insight to how animals are closely connected with the human spirit.

When walking into the gallery, one of the first things the viewer will see is not an ordinary goat. The piece is unusual and gives the viewer some pondering questions about the piece of art, such as "What did they do to this poor animal?"

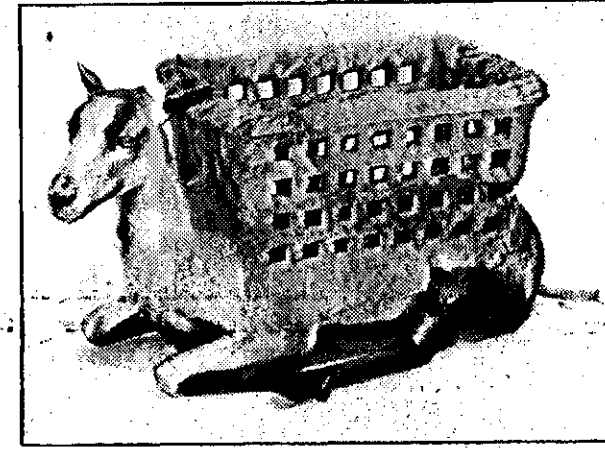
Other pieces of art included drawings and painting of different animals in their untamed environment. While some of the other pieces made the viewer take a step back and try to figure out what the artist wanted the viewer to see.

There were two pieces of work that could be found quite clever.

"Edible," by Emily Wagner, features three steel dog dishes on



Gwynn Murrill's two coyotes render the wily canine of the south west with the reductive streamline of modernity. The obliteration of detail is purposeful.



Carlee Fernandez's "Lola Isern," is an altered faxi-dermic animal that alludes to genetic engineering, the technological vanguard of the human/natural frontier. The other nexus is to surrealism.

the ground filled with what looked like dry dog food. Though after reading about the piece the viewer finds out that the food in the dish is food that can actually be consumed by humans and made to look like dog food that came out of a factory.

Another piece that caught attention was the piece entitled "My Pretty Porthole," by Tamara Fites. The piece of art is a large pink bear that holds a blanket and pillow inside it. It looked like a resting place for a child to lay

when he or she was tired.

Fites wanted to show in the piece of art that a teddy bear is no longer something to embrace for comfort, but a cocoon to envelop you in its soft protective shell. The bear symbolizes infantile security.

The one piece that really stuck out in the gallery was the American Staffordshire Terrier by M.A. Peers. The piece is enormous and takes up most of the back wall in the gallery.

With the fabrics of different parts of nature sewn together a Pit

Bull is painted onto fabric.

The work reflects upon the Pit Bull being the toughest dog bred by man, which gives the work a tough and aggressive feeling.

The exhibit is a close encounter with animals of rare and extraordinary features. It will give any viewer a sense of understanding between humans and animals.

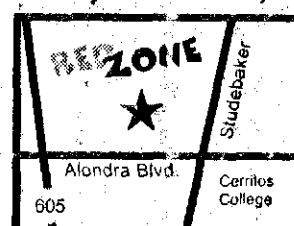
Animal Instinct will be open until March 7th. The Cerritos College Art Gallery is located in the Arts and Crafts building. The gallery hours are Monday-

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TALON MARKS

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Women, men both playoff bound

The Cerritos College women's and men's basketball teams are both playoff bound in Southern California competition after each won its respective conferences.

On the strength of their 26-5 record and 10-0 performance in winning the South Coast Conference South Division Championship, the Cerritos College women's basketball team was seeded No. 2 in the Southern California Regional Playoffs.

The Falcons will receive a bye in the first round of the 28-team tournament and will host the winner of the No. 15 Imperial Valley (22-7) vs. No. 18 Cypress (17-13) game next Wednesday night at a time yet to be determined.

The winner of each of the four brackets will advance to the State Championships, which will be held at the University of the Pacific on March 14-17.

The men's team, also champions of the South Coast Conference South Division,

were seeded No. 6 in the 32-team Southern California Regional Playoffs and will host No. 27 College of the Canyons (15-15) on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The Falcons finished the regular season 24-7 on the year and were 8-2 in divisional play.

The winner of each of the four brackets will advance to the State Championships, which will be held at the University of the Pacific on March 14-17.

THIS WEEK

Men - No. 6 Falcons host No. 27 College of the Canyons this Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Women - No. 2 Cerritos has a first round bye.

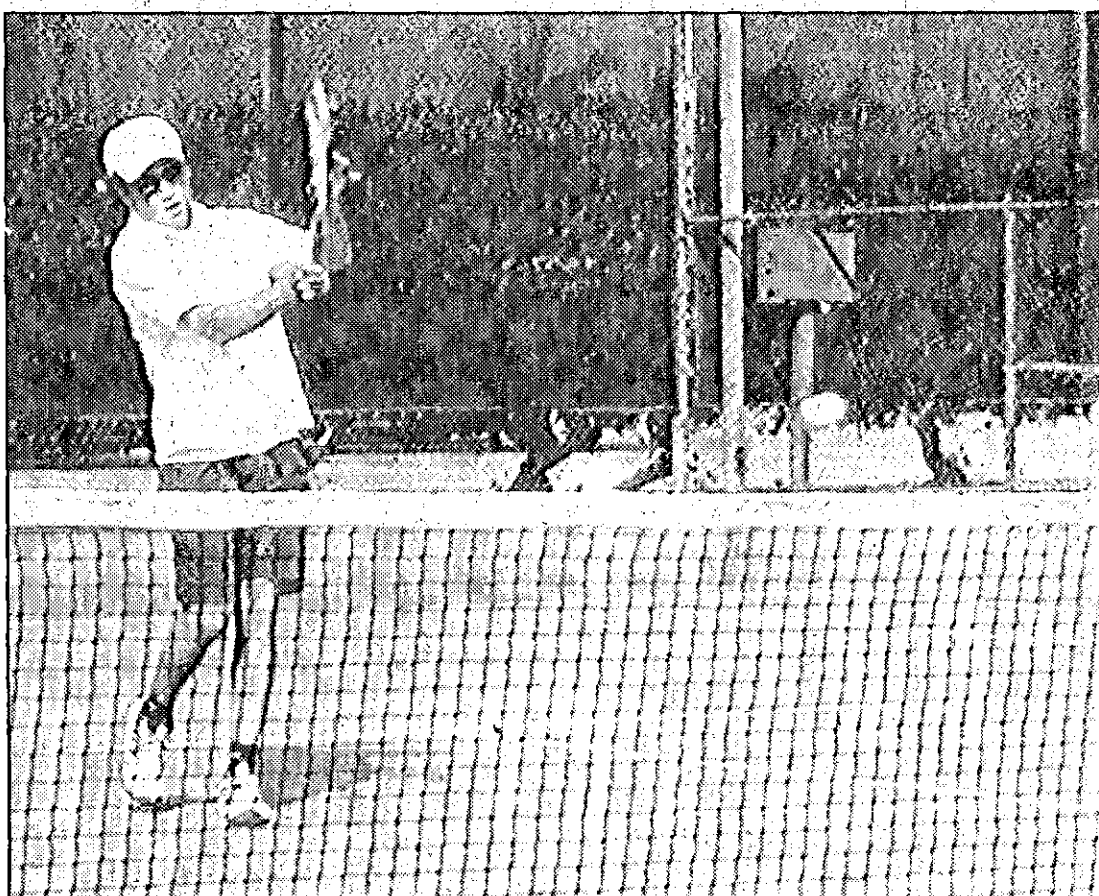


Photo by Daniel Aguilar
Sergio Huerta volleys during practice before Tuesday's contest against El Camino College. The men's team lost to El Camino, 8-1.

FALCON ROUNDUP

BASEBALL

The Cerritos College baseball team has been able to avoid being hurt at times by its defensive miscues and by out-slugging its opponents. However, the Falcons have struggled to win close games this season, while their errors have also come back to haunt them.

A perfect example of both situations happened last week against the same team.

The Falcons pounded Glendale 13-6 last Wednesday, but committed five errors. They didn't hurt them too much because three of them came in the ninth inning when Cerritos led, 13-3.

But two days later, a Falcon error led to two Vaquero runs in the third inning, which proved to be the difference in a 6-5 loss. Sandwiched between those games was a difficult 15-3 loss to Oxnard, which saw Cerritos commit five more errors.

Last week concluded the pre-season, with the Falcons posting an 8-6

record.

This week, Cerritos face Long Beach City on Thursday and El Camino on Saturday. Both games are on the road.

SWIMMING

The Cerritos College men's swimming team defeated both Pasadena City (82-48) and Rio Hondo (106-14) in a South Coast Conference meet last week. At the same time, the women's team split with the two teams, as they defeated Rio Hondo (80-16) and lost to Pasadena City (73-53). This week, the Falcons will compete in the Mt. San Antonio Invitational from Thursday through Saturday.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

After dropping the first two singles matches, the Cerritos College women's tennis team took advantage of their opportunities to win the next two singles matches. Sophomores Jessica Colocho and Jennifer Herzog responded with 6-1, 3-1 (retired) and

6-4, 1-6, 6-4 decisions to keep the Falcons in the match against heavily-favored Long Beach City.

The loss dropped the Falcons to 4-1 on the year and 4-1 in South Coast Conference play.

This week, Cerritos will travel to El Camino on Tuesday before returning home to host Los Angeles Harbor on Thursday, with both matches slated for 2 p.m.

GOLF

Freshman Nestee Padilla shot a tournament-low 70 for the Cerritos College golf team. His teammate, freshman Frank Liu, tied for the second lowest score with a 71, but it wasn't enough to keep the Falcons from placing third in a South Coast Conference tournament at Rio Hondo Country Club.

This week, Cerritos will face Orange Coast (Costa Mesa Golf Course) on Monday before playing in a conference tournament at Skylinks Golf Course on Tuesday.

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March to Women's History Month

JIMMY MISTRY
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March is the official month for women's history.

Cerritos College has been celebrating Women's History Month since it was first declared nationwide, 16 years ago in '87.

Sonoma County, California, was the founder of the event by sponsoring a week to educate the population about women's history in 1978.

It was then called Women's History Week and was made to include the date of March 8th, the official International Women's Day.

Due to overwhelming support and recognition from men and women, Congress passed a resolution in 1987 making the week a national event and dedicated the whole month of March to Women's History.

Every year a new theme is held for the month.

Theme's such as "Women Putting Our Stamp on America" and "Celebrating Women of Courage & Vision."

The theme for 2002 is "Women Sustaining the American Spirit."

Cerritos College is holding over 40 events for the month, related to the theme, excluding the week for Spring Break.

The events range from a two-mile walk, to lectures, to screenings, to celebrity and activist speakers.

The Health and Physical Educational Recreations/Athletics Department is holding a Celebrate and Educate: Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, which is a two-mile walk to celebrate survivors of breast cancer and educating people about breast cancer.

There is also a Health Fair that will provide information on various women's health issues.

The Fine Arts Department will sponsor screening of the movie "Children of a Lesser God" by Randa Haines, a major director in the American Film Industry, with a Q&A segment.

Mavis Nicholson Leno, wife of television talk show host Jay Leno and the chair of the Feminist Majority Foundation's Campaign to Stop Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan, will hold a presentation on The American Feminist Spirit.

These are just some of the 40 events taking place during Women's History Month.

"Take advantage of all of the events that will be occurring throughout the month," commented Dora Lozano.

Lozano, coordinator for Women's History Month at Cerritos College, also mentioned that "This is our way of expanding the student's knowledge of women's contribution to society and honor them country/worldwide."

There is a broad selection of issues and participation is actively encouraged.

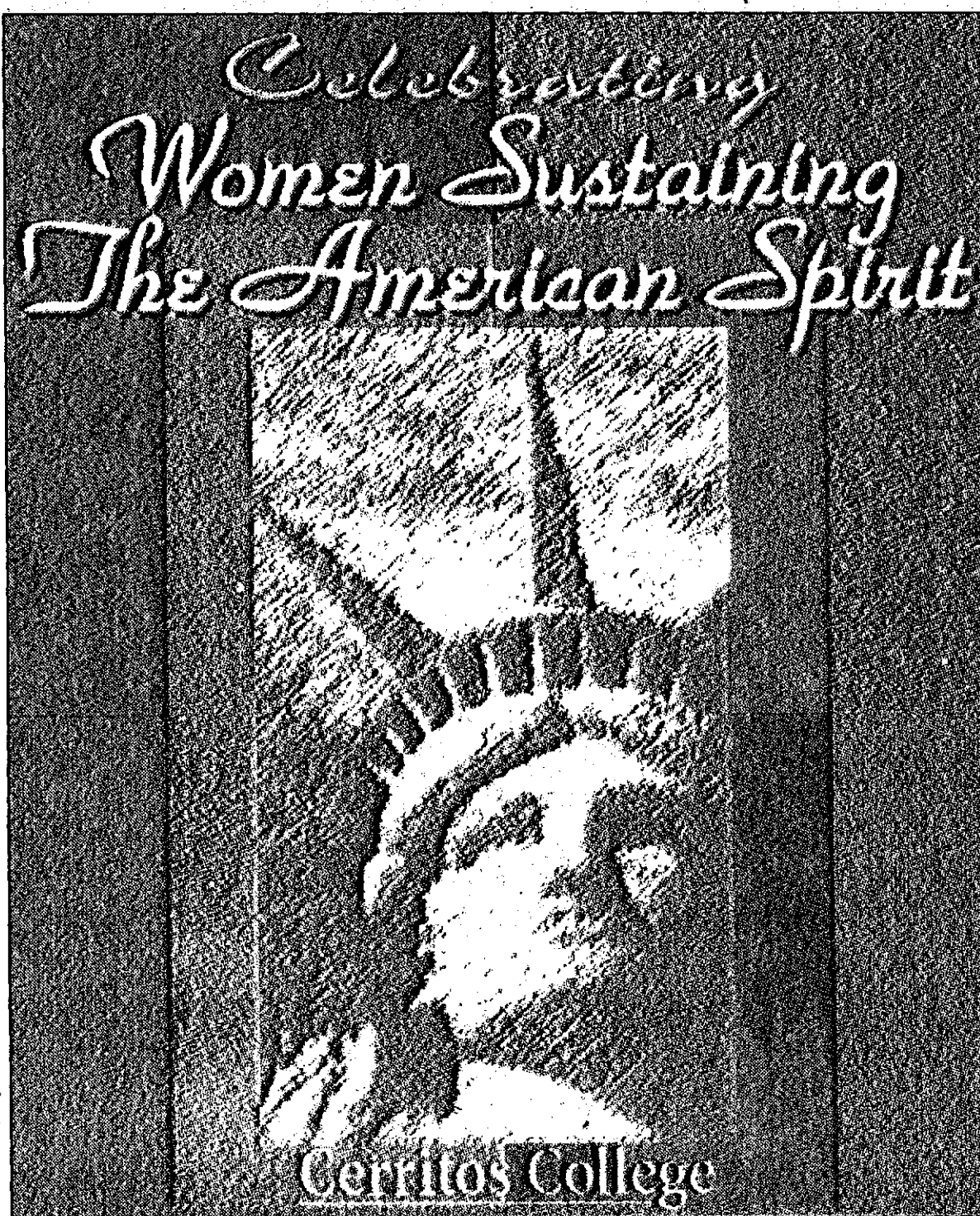
Teaching major Verence Lopez said "It's good that there is a month dedicated to women in their honor. It shows that women have come a long way in history and are appreciated by having a whole month dedicated to us. March reminds us of all the women that have overcome challenges that discrimination had brought upon them."

Every woman has an effect on other women, and men.

From Madonna to family members to, of course, mothers.

Teaching major Lesly Perez said "Sandra Day O'Connor, who was the first woman on the Supreme Court, has a major influence in my life because she makes me want to aim higher in my life."

"My mother is very hard working. She tries to work through the ugliest parts of life, she struggles a lot for her children to have a good future," English major Rosa Morales said about a role model who has influenced her life the most.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Theater Production A Piece of My Heart 8 p.m. Burnight	2 Theater Production A Piece of My Heart 8 p.m. Burnight	3
4	5 Keynote Speaker Ms. Val Zavala 11 -12:30 LC-155	6 Islamic Women Panel 9:30 SS-306 Writing Women's Lives 11 LA-29 5 Risky Things... 11:30 HS-101 Essay contest deadline Re-Entry Prgm 4 p.m.	7 International Business Panel 11 LC-155 Children of Lesser God 12:30 LC-155 Changing Face of Womanhood 2:00 Stndt Cntr Theater Production A Piece of My Heart 8 p.m. Burnight	8 Theater Production A Piece of My Heart 8 p.m. Burnight	9 Theater Production A Piece of My Heart 8 p.m. Burnight	10 Theater Production A Piece of My Heart 8 p.m. Burnight

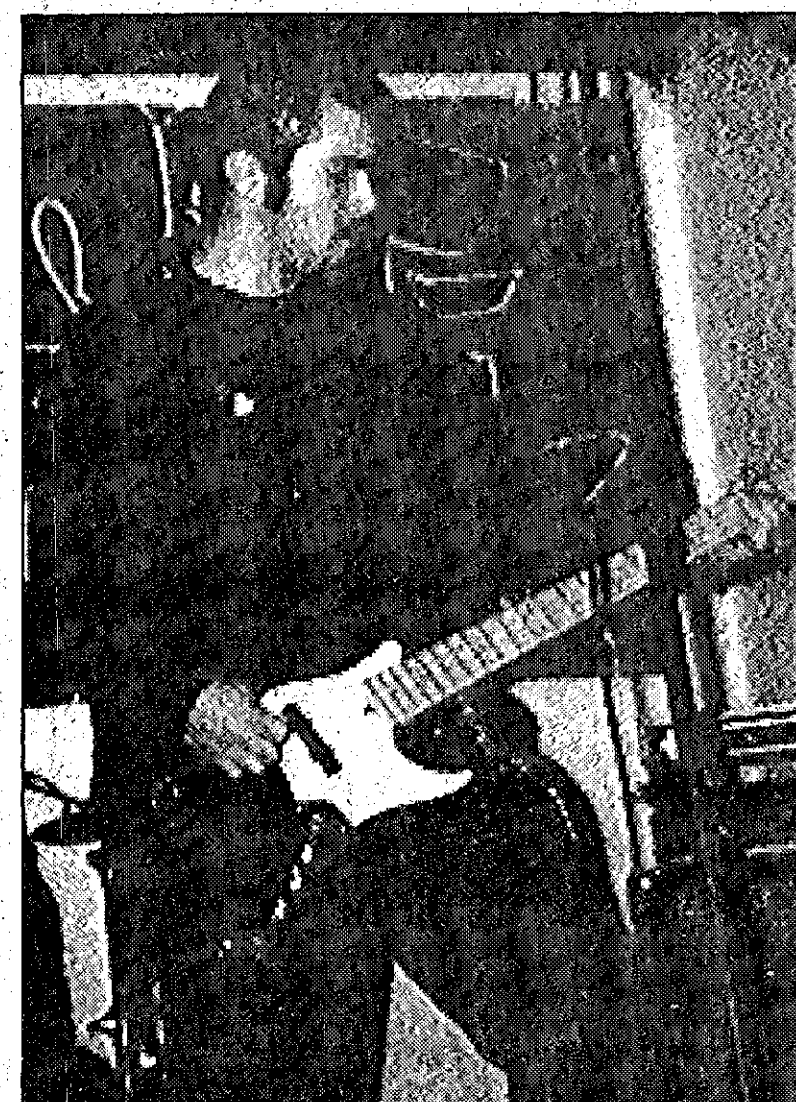


Photo by Tara Carter

Union 13 rocks the crowd at a fundraiser against police brutality.

Student activists in concert

TARA CARTER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"Stop Police Brutality, repression and the criminalization of a generation."

Armed with this message, Cerritos College students and members of the Youth Student Network of the October 22 Coalition held "In Defense of Dissent," a benefit concert last Saturday to fight against police brutality.

"Tonight is a celebration of diversity, we wanted tonight to have protest atmosphere," said Cerritos College student and YSN member Guido Mendoza.

"We wanted people to come here and go home and think that they can make a difference."

The Youth Student Network of the October 22 Coalition group is committed to wiping out police brutality across the United States.

"We organize youth and students around the world to protest police brutality. We stand in solidarity with the victims and their families," said Cerritos College student and YSN member known as Cuate.

YSN members feel that many police officers in the United States are corrupt and abuse their positions.

"The police are the frontline of the system, they get paid to sweat down youth," Cuate said.

"They get paid to infiltrate neighborhoods and plant drugs. It's what they do it's their job, I think it's going to take a national revolution to stop that."

In addition to fighting police brutality the

YSN wants the public to recognize the consequences and the power of the youth.

"This country always underestimates the youth," Cuate said, "they think we are all no good and that we can't come together, but if you look at this event itself is so diverse."

We have youth of all backgrounds and cultures coming together to say that it is not true."

The concert featured eclectic group performers.

Spoken Word artists Cihuatl Tonali opened the show, followed by DJ Starrchild, hip hop groups Aesthesis and Backwash Foundation, and live bands Yaksi, Soul By the Pound and Punk rock group Union 13.

"The Concert had a positive vibe," said Maria Fonseca an attendee at the concert.

"Incidents of police Brutality are not isolated events, people are harassed by police everyday but commercial media does not report it."

In addition to protesting against police brutality, the war against terrorism was also a theme of the night.

DJ Starrchild said "We also put this event together also to show that there is another side of the war. There are people out there who don't want a war in Afghanistan, we don't want to see anymore innocent people killed by the U.S in the name of peace and justice."

In addition to holding concerts to protest against police brutality YSN members hold frequent protest to resist all forms governmental oppressions.

"We hold protests to defend political prisoners like incarcerated revolutionary Mumia Abu Jamal, Mexican immigrants who die and are victimized while crossing the US-Mexican border, young incarcerated minorities, globalization, and unjust anti-terrorist laws," DJ Starrchild said.

Although the YSN claims not to be an anti-America organization YSN members have been known to paint upside down flags and burn American flags during their protests.

"We are anti-repression not anti America," Cuate said, "We burn flags in marches because it represents how we feel about it."

It represents Columbus raping Indians and putting them in concentration camps, it represents them going to Africa and throwing slaves on ships, it represents the shackles and the run-away slave, it represent the border that stands in Mexico right now."

The YSN holds annual protests against police brutality on Oct. 22 and A youth march on Aug.13 to stop the criminalization of a generation. Members encourage youth and students to wear black on those days and join their organization.

Cuate urged students "If you think it is going to take a revolution to stop police brutality you should join our organization, if you think its going to take a spiritual awakening you should join, we welcome all forms of protest."