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The 2002 ASCC
spring awards banquet
will be held on
May 3 in the student
center.

Mayorga and Townes win



Photo by Terese Leon

Mary Malntosh hands Shawn Igercic his ballot as he prepares to vote for a new ASCC president and vice president on April 17. Turn out to the voting booths was better than past years.



Sarah Mayorga, new president

TARA CARTER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Cerritos College has a new Associated Student body president and vice president, Sara Mayorga and James Towns.

"It was close but I was confident I would win," Mayorga said.

The new president isn't a newcomer to student government. Mayorga served as an ASCC senator, and vice president of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance in 2001, and chair of the student senator and ASCC vice president in 2001-02.

As ASCC vice president she was instrumental to the reinstatement of the tram, the extension of school library hours and implementation of safety phones across the campus.

"One of the reasons I wanted to run for president was because I feel that student issues need to be addressed," Mayorga said.

I want to keep up the progress that

Nassrin (the former ASCC president) and I started."

The new vice president is also no stranger to campus politics. As the commissioner of new student orientation, Towns has helped to increase the student population by 7 percent. He is also a student peer counselor, internship coordinator and has helped to represent 24,000 student in the accreditation committee.

According to Mayorga, Towns is also a very hard worker.

"I noticed that he was supportive as the commissioner of new student orientation, he is also very reliable and has a likeable personality," she said.

Mark Barakat, an engineering major at Cerritos College, feels that Mayorga's experience will help her to be successful.

"She will make a good president because she has a lot of experience dealing

with students," he said.

Mikael Sanchez, a pre medical major, helped the team on their campaign.

"She cares about the students and not the administration. She is not a politician" she said.

Mayorga's and Townes agenda for fall 2002 and 2003 include:

Counseling

- Making it mandatory to see a counselor to ensure rapid completion of academic work
- A designed tree-diagram of success for individual student requirements
- Advocate alternative programs: vocational PACE, Puente program, and teacher and TRAC
- extend service hours for night and weekend students

Financial Aid

- extend hours for night and weekend

students for easier access to checks

Recycling

- long term recycling programs with sites t bring in outside business.

Tutors

- increase tutors on campus and promote services

Food

- healthy food vendors/vending machines

Disabled Students

- put reflectors for disabled students on the stairs.
- implication of a A.D.A compliant door

Jobs

- advocate for more student jobs on campus.
 - Expand hours in the child care center
- Mayorga and Townes will be sworn in an inauguration ceremony in student activities office on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Test groups will try out online registration, summer

TERESE LEON
MANAGING EDITOR

Online registration is tentatively scheduled to be available to Cerritos College students in the fall.

Any new student who attends a Cerritos College orientation before the summer session will be used in a test group to try out the new online registration.

Each orientation has 45 students and 12-15 orientations will be held. An estimated 540 to 675 students will be used in each test group.

Disabled students at Cerritos College will also be participating in the test groups.

Ben Pendleton, who works in the Admissions and Records office, helped set up the online registration.

About the new registration program he said, "It's more convenient for students. They can see their schedule as it develops."

Pendleton also said that it's easy for students to do. They would just go to the Cerritos College web site, www.cerritos.edu, click on a link for online registration and begin.

Another helpful feature of the system is its search capabilities.

With the search function, if a class is full, students can type in the course name and immediately a list of all the times and days for that class are shown.

Some students are glad that Cerritos is offering online registration.

"It's good because you can see how many people are enrolled as you register," biology major Lilian Castaneda said.

However, some students are wary of the new system.

Biology major Janei Dominguez is worried that it might not be as effective as the touchtone registration because it's still in its test

stages.

Dominguez also pointed out that some campuses that use an online registration system have a time limit for registering.

"At other schools they only give you 15 minutes to register, then you're kicked out of the system. On the phone you have as much time as you want," Dominguez said.

Another point Dominguez brought up is that many of the computers around school will be occupied because students without Internet access at home will have to use school facilities to register.

Dr. Erlinda Martinez, the vice president of student services, started the whole online registration program. At the last board meeting held, Martinez was proud to announce that online registration was almost available for all Cerritos College students.

CALWORKS AWARDS

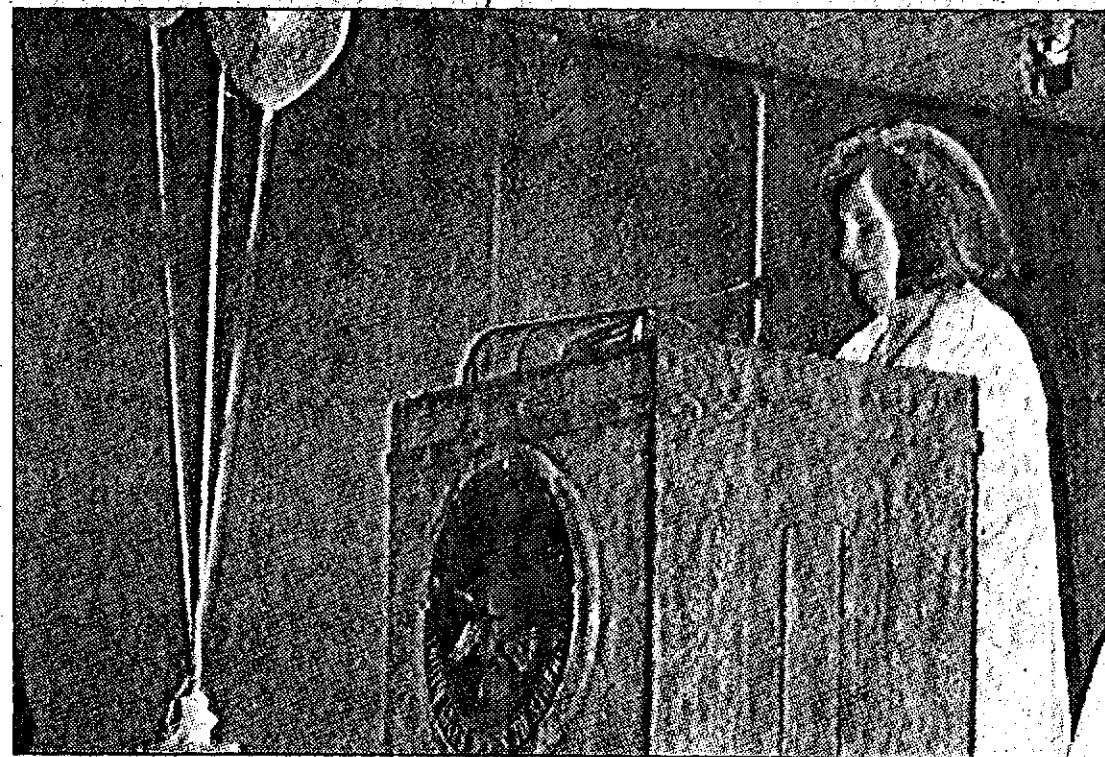
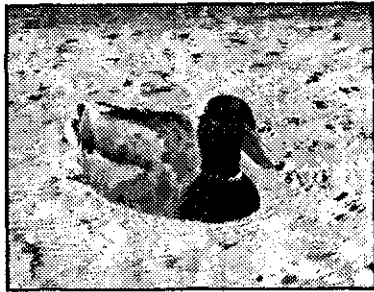


Photo by Laura Aguilar

The fourth annual Calworks awards banquet was held Monday night in the Student center. The ceremony entitled "Stars on the rise" was held to recognize Calworks' most active students. The banquet included a presentation of five \$250 scholarships to outstanding students.



The pair during happier times.



What is left of the broken pair.

Death of a duck

SYLVIA DURAN
OPINION EDITOR

The female of the two ducks that resided in the fountain in front of the Cerritos College Student Center is missing.

In an anonymous letter written to the editor of Talon Marks, the author alleges that the "duck" was seen dead next to the Elbow Room at the west end of the L.A. building.

"There was a small splatter marks (of blood) next to the body, so it's obvious the duck didn't die of natural causes," the letter read.

"The ducks were fairly easy to approach and some asshole took advantage of that and gave her a kick."

According to the letter, the murder "must have taken place at approximately 5:45 p.m. on April 12."

Marvin Engquist, Chief of Campus Police, questions the authenticity of the murder. "I think the whole thing is a hoax."

Hoax or not, the female duck is missing.

But unfortunately there is no evidence of the crime because the event was not reported to campus police.

The pair of ducks, male and female have been residents of the school for a couple of years. Usually residing in the fountain and

occasionally walking around campus. Students have become accustomed and friendly with the pair.

Matthew Pastran, math major, used to feed the pair. "They were very friendly. It's a shame."

Nancy Lopez, pharmacy major, is one of the many students who have noticed the duck missing and is disgusted with the nature of the crime.

"That's sad and cruel," Lopez said.

"Who ever did it has no life," said Marisa Vera, undeclared major.

Others believe that the crime was done for religious purposes. "It was probably done for a ritual," said Cheng Sung, pharmacy major.

As for the male of the pair, "he is flying from place to place looking for his missing partner," concluded the letter.

"Poor little duck is all alone now," frowned Emily Campos, Psychology major.

"Just because some idiot decided it was fun to hurt an innocent animal."

"I think the killer should be caught and fined for animal cruelty and evaluated at a mental hospital," added Campos.

John Feniza, Pharmacy major, suggests to "capture another duck from Liberty park and bring it to Cerritos College as a new mate for the lonely duck."

A JOB WELL DONE

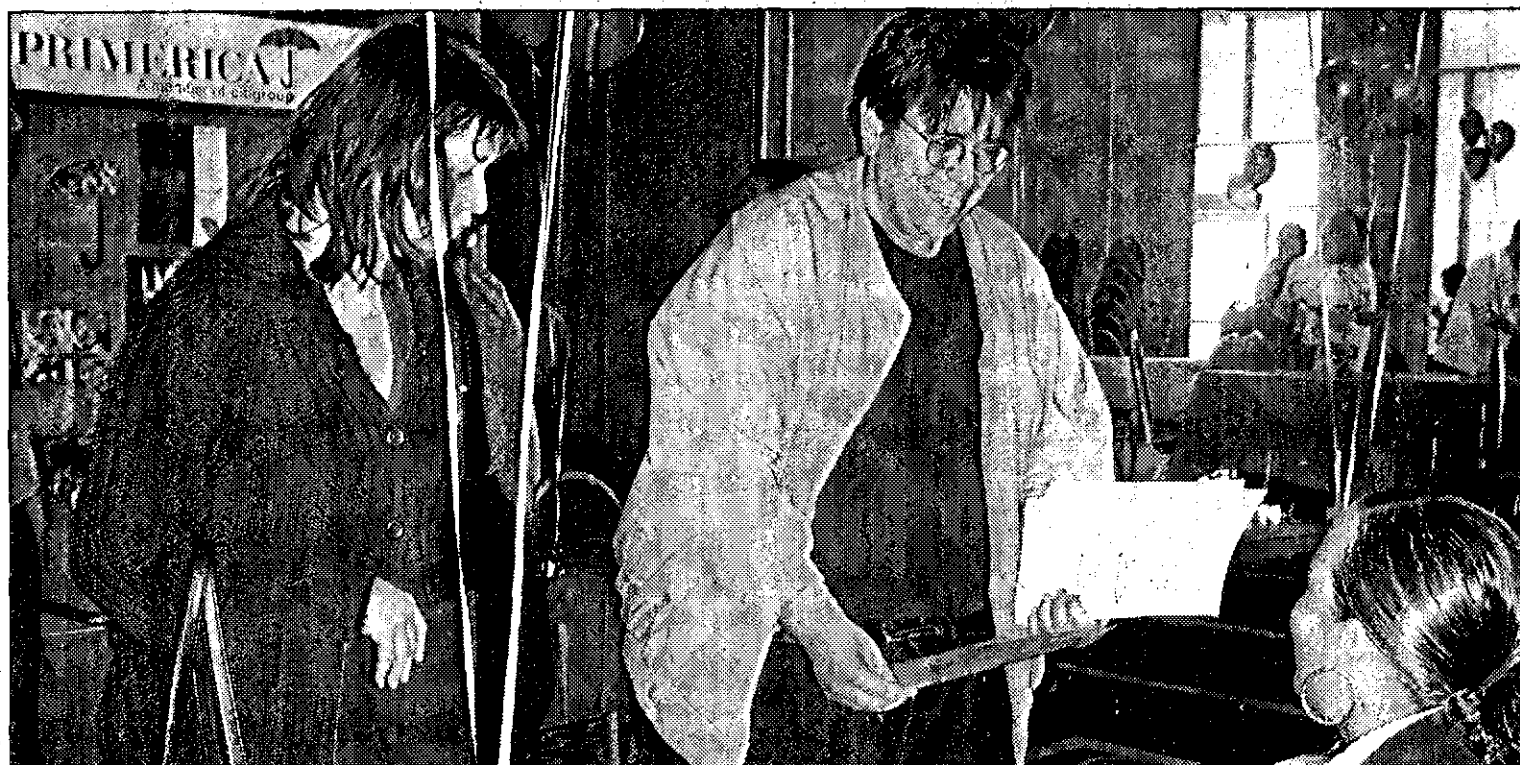


Photo by: Daniel Aguilar

Former student Daphne Gutierrez and student David Aristigue talk to employers at the 32nd Annual Career Expo, April 18.

Students relay to fight against cancer

TARA CARTER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Cerritos College students are lacing up their tennis shoes, and packing up their camping gear to help in the fight against cancer.

Several students will join the Downey Rio Hondo Unit of the American Cancer Society in its first annual Relay For Life.

The relay is a 24-hour fundraiser where teams of volunteers will pitch tents and camp out on the football field at Warren high school in Downey. Each team will be required to have at least one member of the team, running, jogging, or skipping around a track at all times.

Charles Quino, a Cerritos College student who has had family members afflicted cancer, said he is participating in the walk to help the community.

"It's a good way to raise awareness about this disease that so many people ignore," he said.

The event will begin a 9 a.m. Sunday morning with an opening ceremony to honor cancer survivors. Cancer survivors will then walk the initial lap of the relay to symbolize the courage survivors and their families need to have in order to fight cancer.

Individuals who have lost loved ones to cancer will have an opportunity to reflect at 9 p.m. with a luminaria ceremony.

According to the American Cancer Society the ceremony is "a time to honor lives that were lost to cancer, battles being fought against the disease, and triumphs over cancer."

Elizabeth Pastran, Nursing major, lost her mother to breast cancer. "I lost my mother because she was not really aware of the risks. When she found out it was too late for her. I want others to have the chance my mother didn't have."

Pastran commends the event saying, "The event is a great way to make others aware of the disease. I will think about my mother every second while at the event. I am proud to be a part of it."

Nazareth Gutierrez, a business administration major who has worked with the American Cancer Society will also be attending the relay.

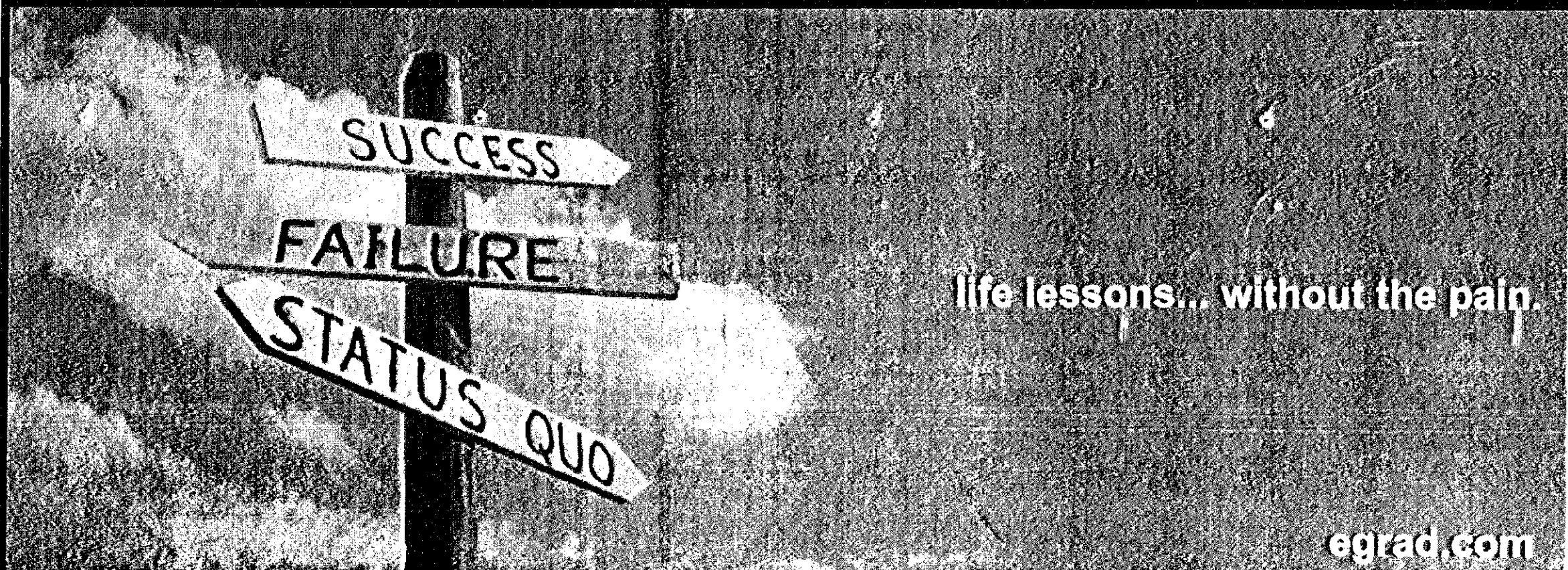
"It's a good way to raise money to find a cure," she said.

It is also a good way to make new friends. Warren high school will be equipped with entertainment, games, and food to help participants help pass the hours away.

"I look forward to the event," Pastran added. "I know it'll be a lot of fun."

For more info about this event please call Dana Zakari at 562.776.3312

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EDITORIAL

Save Whales? What about ducks?

Eating lunch in the Student Center is a hassle sometimes. There are usually long lines and crowded tables.

Although once you're done eating, going outside and feeding Cerritos College's unofficial mascots, the two ducks that live in the fountain, makes lunch a better experience.

Too bad the female half of the twosome is dead.

Last week, Talon Marks received an anonymous letter to the editor stating that the female duck that we had all grown to love, or at least tolerate if you're not an animal lover, had been found dead in front of the Social Sciences building. Apparently the author of the letter saw the deceased's body and reported that bloodstains, which aren't usually associated with a natural death, were on the sidewalk.

How absolutely disgusting and appalling. Not the blood itself, but what the letter implied: that a Cerritos student may have killed an animal, and not just any animal, but one that many students had come to view as a sort of pet.

The ducks had become comfortable with the students, which unfortunately led to the female ducks demise.

The author of the letter also suggested that somebody must of taken advantage of the ducks because they were easy to approach. "Some asshole must have taken advantage of that and gave her a kick."

To think that somebody got a kick out of torturing and murdering an innocent animal that came to trust and interact with humans is horrible. A person who derives pleasure or fun from murdering innocent animals is a monster and has serious issues.

Those two ducks shared the campus with us. Maybe we could of had a family of ducks, if her life hadn't been cut short. How cute it would have been to see the mother duck followed by an army of baby ducks.

But too bad that will not happen. Instead, we are left with only one unhappy and lonely duck.

"The last I saw of the male, he was flying from place to place on the campus looking for her," concluded the anonymous letter.

Animal cruelty is illegal in all 50 states. A link has also been found between animal cruelty and serial killers. The list of serial killers that killed animals before graduating to killing people includes Jeffrey Dahmer and Charles Manson.

There will always be people in our society and at our school who think animal cruelty is funny or that it's just a part of life. For every person that exists that thinks this way, there needs to be two of us who oppose their views. We need to not only oppose that way of thinking, we need to actively act on our views as they are acting on theirs.

The Humane Society of the United States has published a guide of ten steps people can take to help stop animal cruelty.

The first step on the list is tell someone. Animal cruelty should always be reported. Tell the police or a local animal shelter. Just get that animal help before it's too late!

Get the word out, is another step on the list. Tell your friends, co-workers, family and classmates.

Other steps on the list include, be a responsible pet owner, educate children about how to treat their pets and join the The Humane Society.

For more information about The Humane Society visit www.hsus.org.

Stand up for your beliefs and for the animals so we don't have to mourn the loss of the second duck as well.

An \$18,000 waste of ASCC money



TERESE
LEON
Managing Editor

The tram is unnecessary and is costing the ASCC too much money.

The ASCC spent between \$18,000 and \$20,000 of their own money to get a tram for Cerritos students.

The tram circles the campus, picking up students from the parking lots and depositing them to their classes. It only runs for one hour in the morning and a few hours at night.

On its first night of operation 97 riders used the tram. There are between 23,000 and 24,000 students on the Cerritos College campus. It seems to me that a tram that can only hold around 20 students at a time and that is only in operation for a few hours a day is very unnecessary.

Especially considering that the people that would benefit the most from using it, the disabled and elderly, cannot use the tram because of its high step and lack of hand rails.

Cerritos isn't even a very big campus. We don't have hills like Rio Hondo and a walk from the strawberry fields to the third floor of the Social Science building only takes about 15 minutes.

\$18,000 - \$20,000. Imagine what could have been done with that money. Maybe the bathrooms could have been remodeled or at least cleaned a little more. Maybe a recycling program could have been started. Maybe some really cool bands could have played in the Student Center.

On the first night of the tram's operation, members of the ASCC rode the tram around the campus encouraging students to use it.

Would encouragement really be needed to get riders if the tram was something students wanted or needed? Sure, the ASCC will tell

you that student encouragement is needed because most people think the tram is just for staff.

Really though, I think students just don't want to sit for a tour around campus that travels at 5 mph, just to get to their 10 a.m. math class.

Supporters of the tram could argue that night students need the tram for safety reasons. They can all ride it together as a group to the parking lot.

However, Cerritos is one of the safest community colleges in California and thanks to the safety phones and better lighting that the ASCC is getting for students, the tram is once again pointless.

Write a letter to the editor! Support the tram if you want to! I'd rather have some good bands in the Student Center and clean bathrooms.



An eye for an eye? Cruel and unusual!



TARA
CARTER
Editor-In-Chief

Capital punishment is unconstitutional, barbaric and has no place in the United States judicial system.

The death penalty defies the constitution and subjects individuals who are given death sentences to cruel and unusual punishment.

The framers wrote the constitution with the goal of creating perfect laws so that American citizens could live free from injustice in a perfect world.

Unfortunately the way the framers envisioned America is not the reality of today.

Our society and justice system is infected with prejudices and weaknesses that make it impossible for justice to prevail in every sin-

gle trail.

Discrimination, prejudices and trial errors have led to wrong convictions of many individuals who have been put on death row in America.

With the new advancements in technology this fact has been proven time and time again with individuals who were unjustly imprisoned and released after DNA evidence has cleared them of any wrong doing.

These cases alone should be reason enough for the death penalty to be abolished in the United States. A life sentence can always be reversed, death can not.

But even if our justice system was perfect, killing people for committing crimes is reminiscent of the stone age.

Our society would find it immoral and outrageous if our government raped rapists or tortured terrorists, so why is it considered justice to murder murderers?

Maybe it is because the death penalty

caters to the human beings natural aggressive instinct for revenge.

After all, revenge is the only logical reason for capital punishment. Incarcerated, felons are not able to cause more harm to society, so essentially justice has already prevailed.

Besides enacting revenge what does the death penalty really accomplish?

Nothing, killing the guilty will not erase their crime and their murder will cost the justice system millions that could have been spent deterring young parole from crime or counseling convicts.

The truth of the matter is, a life sentence is just as effective as the death penalty.

In fact, a life in jail awaiting death is a far better punishment than an instant end of suffering.

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Students show-off new styles

The Cerritos College technology division of the cosmetology department presented their annual student hair show in the student center on Monday night.

The students were able to compete in six categories including Fantasy Make-Up, Evening Design on Doll head, Hair Sculpting with Design for Club Look, Long Hair Evening Style, Long Hair Up-Do and Evening Ethnic Hair Design.

The department also sold raffles tickets for door prizes.

Students designs ranged from contemporary to wild. Many of the doll heads were very creative and unique in their own way.

Many of the students used different techniques to put apply the make-up to the models. Some students applied glue, glitter and sparkles.

The audience was full of participants, cosmetology students, teachers, regular students, friends and family members.



Jose Lopez, cosmetology major, shows off work of art. Jose entered was one of the many contestants who entered the evening design on a doll head contest. Even though he did not win an award Jose said, "I had a lot of fun."

Cindy Ein (right) is the "Spirit of the Wind." She was one of the models strutting her stuff down the runway in the Fantasy Make-Up competition on Monday night.



Mindy Acosta bows to the audience during the fantasy make-up contest. "I was so nervous," she said, "I did this for fun and to help out a friend. I didn't know what else to do so I just bowed."

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Elemento rocks Cerritos



Elemento band members: Eddie Palacios, Eddie Aguilar, Jimmy Salazar, Israel Mondacas and Frans Flores play at Cerritos College

Photo by Tara Carter

TERESE LEON
MANAGING EDITOR

Campus Crusade for Christ, a club on campus, brought entertainment to Cerritos College in the form of Elemento on April 11.

Elemento is an "American-style Spanish rock" band, according to its bass player, Israel Mondaca.

President of Campus Crusade for Christ Heather Hufenbach, said it's been an annual event for Campus Crusade to bring bands to Cerritos College.

"It's just to let people know about Campus Crusade, and it brings students to a center place to listen to music," Hufenbach said.

Elemento was chosen by the club to perform because Elemento shares the same religious beliefs that Campus Crusade does.

"They preach the word of God to young people," graphic design major Miguel Ramirez said about Elemento.

The rhythm guitar player for Elemento, Frans Flores, is a member of Campus Crusade for Christ.

"We thought the majority of the campus was Spanish, so we chose them," Hufenbach said about bringing Elemento to Cerritos.

The band, which is affiliated with a four square church in Downey, Compunerismo Cristiano, has been playing together for a year and a half. They plan to have a CD out in the summer.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets on Tuesdays, 11 a.m. - noon in room AC-51. Bible study is regularly held and led by Luciano Rivera, a Cerritos student.

Video game is not intended for kids

ALFONSO PINTOR
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VIDEO GAME REVIEW

Grand Theft Auto III isn't just a game. Besides all the head bashing, car stealing, and violent game play, GTA III contains a storyline, side missions (where you can actually play the good guy), and free roaming, which enables you to 'raise hell on the streets of Liberty City.

You are a framed ex-con who is freed when a Mafia boss is rescued from a police vehicle you were both transported in. When the Mafia goons kill the cops, you escape with criminal charges piling up by the minute. A fellow ex-con introduces you to a big boss who jump starts your criminal career. That's when the fun starts.

You are sent to complete a series of missions, (73 to be exact) by different underworld crime lords. As you run a muck through-out Liberty City you are able to kill pedestrians and police officers, and steal fast cars. You will get caught in the middle of gang wars and even dispose of bodies.

Sound dangerous? Not to worry you are equipped with an array of weapons such as a bat, grenade launcher, battle artillery, and even a tank.

When your energy levels run low you simply pick up a hooker, do her in the backseat, kill her and get your money back. If that doesn't work you can also have the choice of consuming drugs.

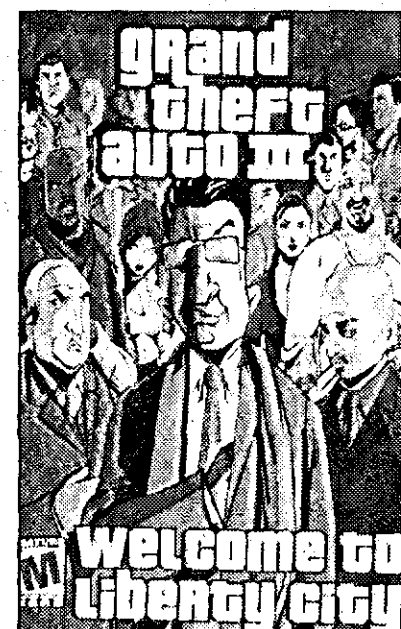
Realistically, once you kill more than a few of cops, no matter where you run and hide you will be killed. Besides that, the Play Station 2 game has it all, making it the ideal criminal simulation game for young adults.

No matter how great this game is, it is still not suitable for younger, more impressionable

players. Despite all the controversy the game has sparked, it continues to be named Game of the Year by almost every popular video game magazine in the nation. It was also declared a "groundbreaking artistic masterpiece" and possibly for some the "greatest game of all time."

Opposition argues that GTA III, a Rock star Games production, induces violence in players and depicts the criminal life as glorious and adventurous.

There is no question about it; GTA III is the best game of the year. Give it a try and you will definitely be craving for more violence.



Sorority Boys is mindless fun

MARISOL REYES
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

If you're looking to see the next Academy Award winning film, look somewhere else!

Sorority Boys is a cheap comedy meant for those who are looking for a number of quick laughs without much story.

In an effort to get back into their fraternity (appropriately named K.O.K.) Doofer, Dave, and Adam join a sorority named D.O.G. They disguise themselves as college girls to try and retrieve the evidence they need to clear them of charges of having stolen the fraternity's money.

The movie exaggerates the stereotypical views of guys and girls in college.

It shows the endless drinking, partying, pranks and "alleged" promiscuity supposedly found in

MOVIE REVIEW



The cast of Sorority Boys all dolled up.

fraternities and sororities.

After experiencing nameless cat calls, terrible shaving techniques, and bad hair days Doofer, Dave and Adam eventually change their views on women.

The movie features Harland Williams (Half Baked), Barry Watson (7th Heaven) and Michael Rosenbaum (Smallville).

Sorority Boys is not the type of movie to take seriously.

It's comedic approach on making fun of narrow minded views of both guys and girls are what make the film funny to watch.

Blackalicious April 30

TARA CARTER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Just when it appeared that hip hop had fallen victim to empty lyrics and flashy cars, Blackalicious is stepping back on the music scene to bum the competition away with a blazing arrow.

Blazing arrow the latest release from the Gift of Gab and DJ Shadow (collectively known as Blackalicious), is an eclectic work of art that offers something to music lovers everywhere.

From b-boys and girls to rock fans, people everywhere will become

CD REVIEW



entranced by Blackalicious' "passion" for music. The album features cameo appearances artists such as Zach De La Rocha, Busta Rhymes, Saul Williams, Chali 2na, Cut Chemist, Latifah, the truth speaks and Lyrics Born (just to name a few).

The dynamic duo skillfully blends hip hop, funk, soul and even poetry and takes its listeners on a "journey through music."

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Wanted: B-movie queen

Open auditions for the campus play "The Syndicated Horror Movie Hostess," will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Studio Theatre.

The play, written by the director Jonathan Butcher, is a 1950's period piece.

Butcher said, "In a nutshell, it's a story of a woman who goes from

being a blue-collar employee to the studio's star attraction; a sexy horror show hostess."

The show will also utilize different special effects to make the audience feel as though they are watching a black and white TV show. For more information, students can check the Theatre Arts lobby or the Theatre Arts page of the Cerritos College website.

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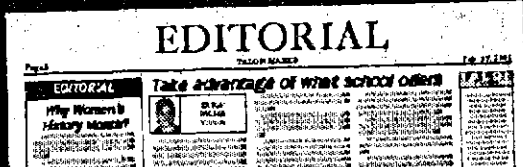
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TALON MARKS

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Cerritos College is the most technologically advanced community college in the state and the Cerritos library could possibly be the most technologically advanced library in California.

With the completion of the library's \$35 million expansion, it has grown significantly from its small beginnings in 1973.

After two expansions, the library is now over 88,000 square feet. That leaves room for more books, CDs, magazines, newspapers, videos and DVD's for the citizens of Cerritos and visitors alike to check out or use for research.

The library has three different levels with different sections that are theme based.

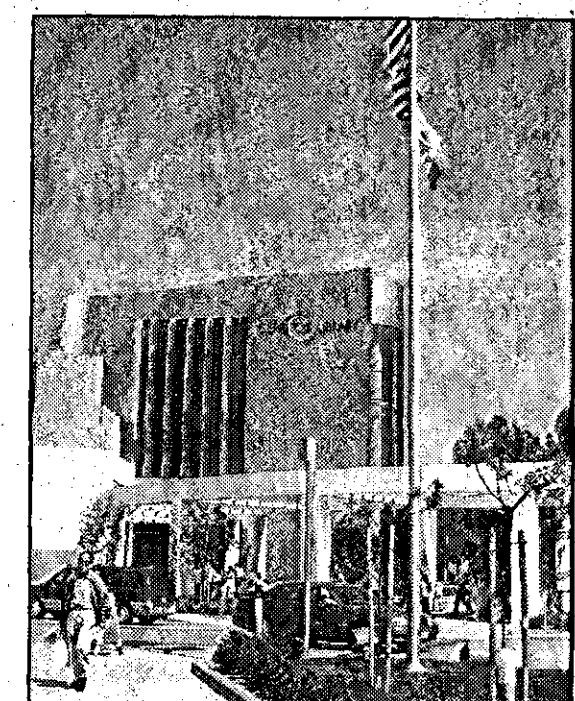
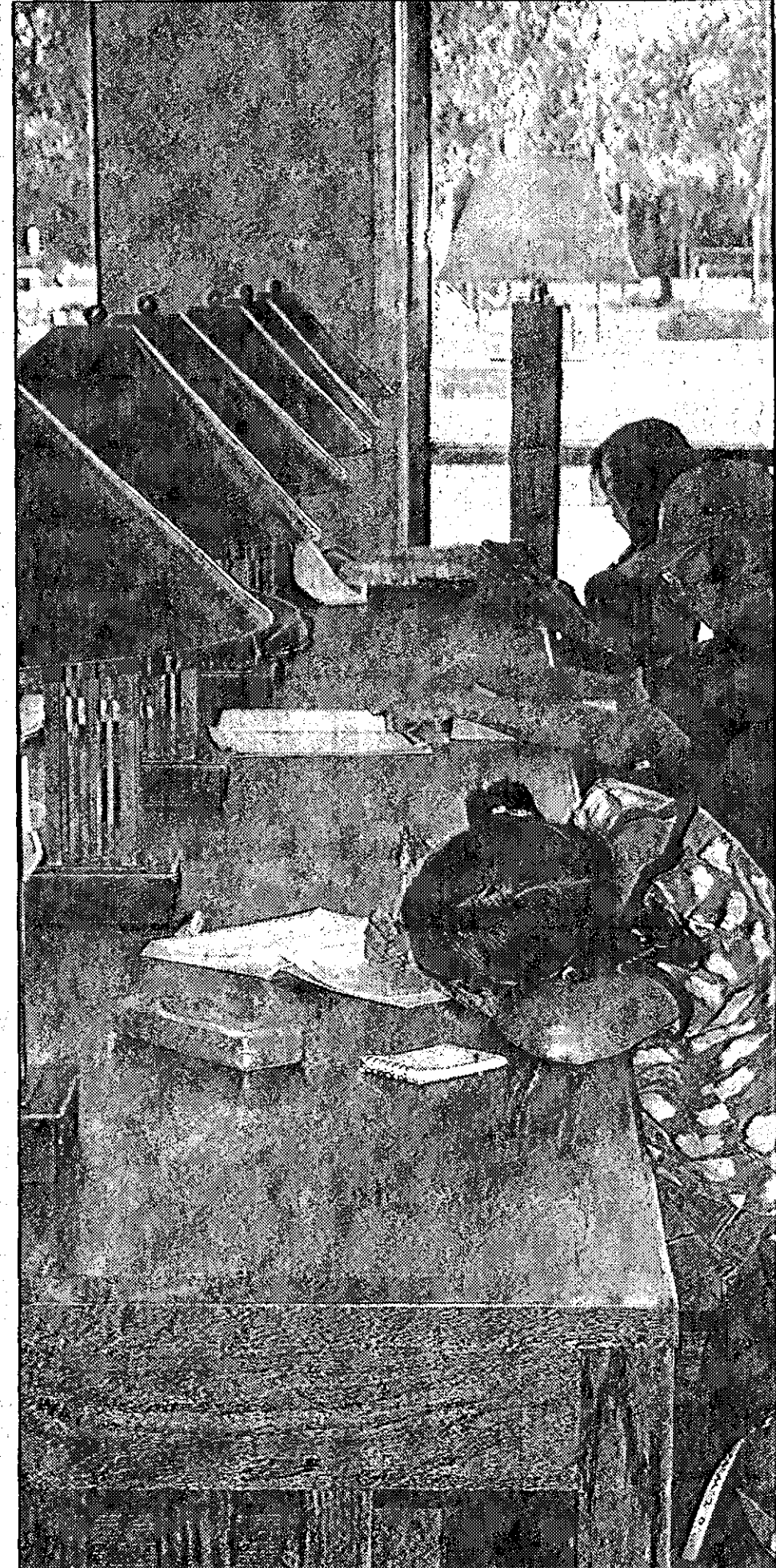
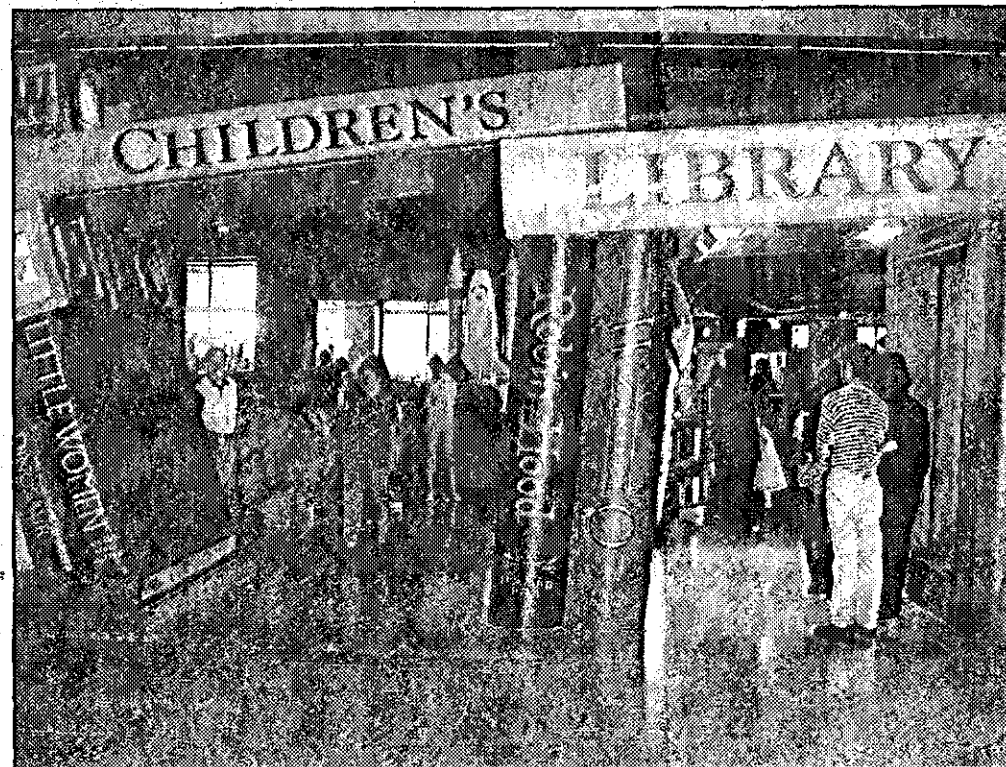
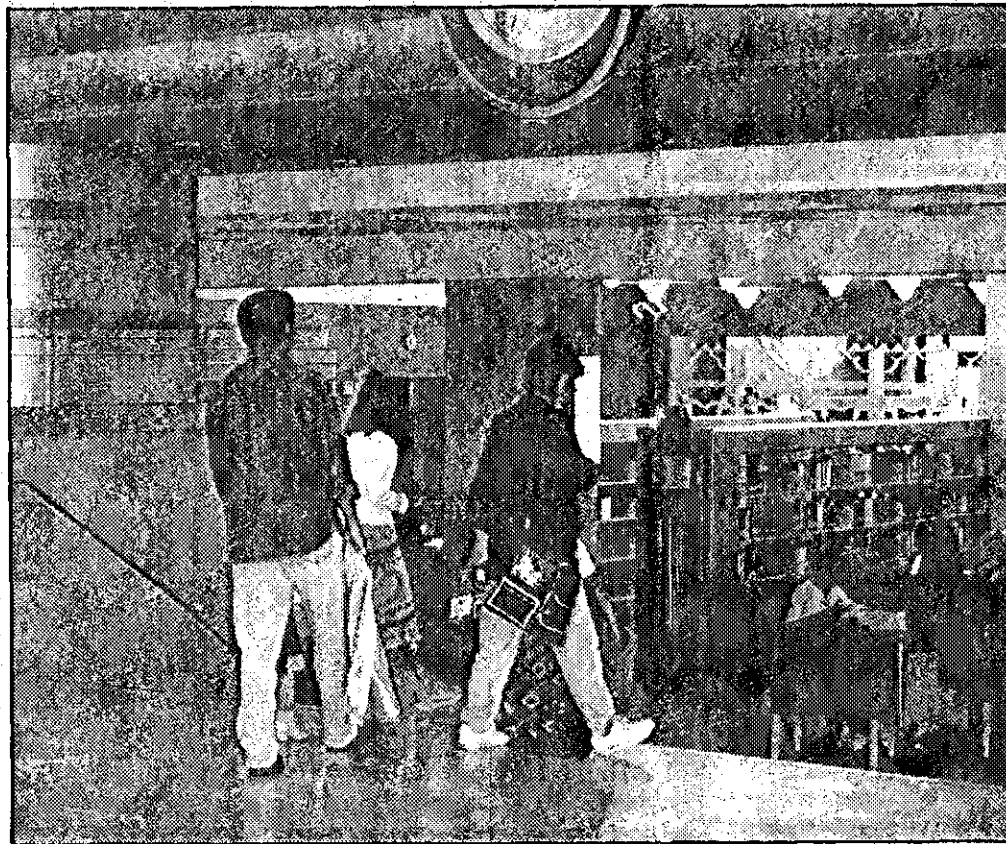
On the first level the theme is "Main Street." It lies between the children's section of the library, which is to the left with the theme of "Save the Planet." To the right is the "Old World" theme section.

The children's section consists of an aquarium and internet computers that allow access to safe sites only. The second level is inspired by the 21st century. It provides ports for those with laptops.

The Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Ave. The phone number is (562) 916-1350. The library's hours are weekdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday's 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Clockwise from top left: Enter the Cerritos Library by stepping down. The study tables provide a serene atmosphere. The beautiful library from the outside. Playing in the fountain outside the library. Modern computers provide an easy way to find books. And the entrance to the children's section.

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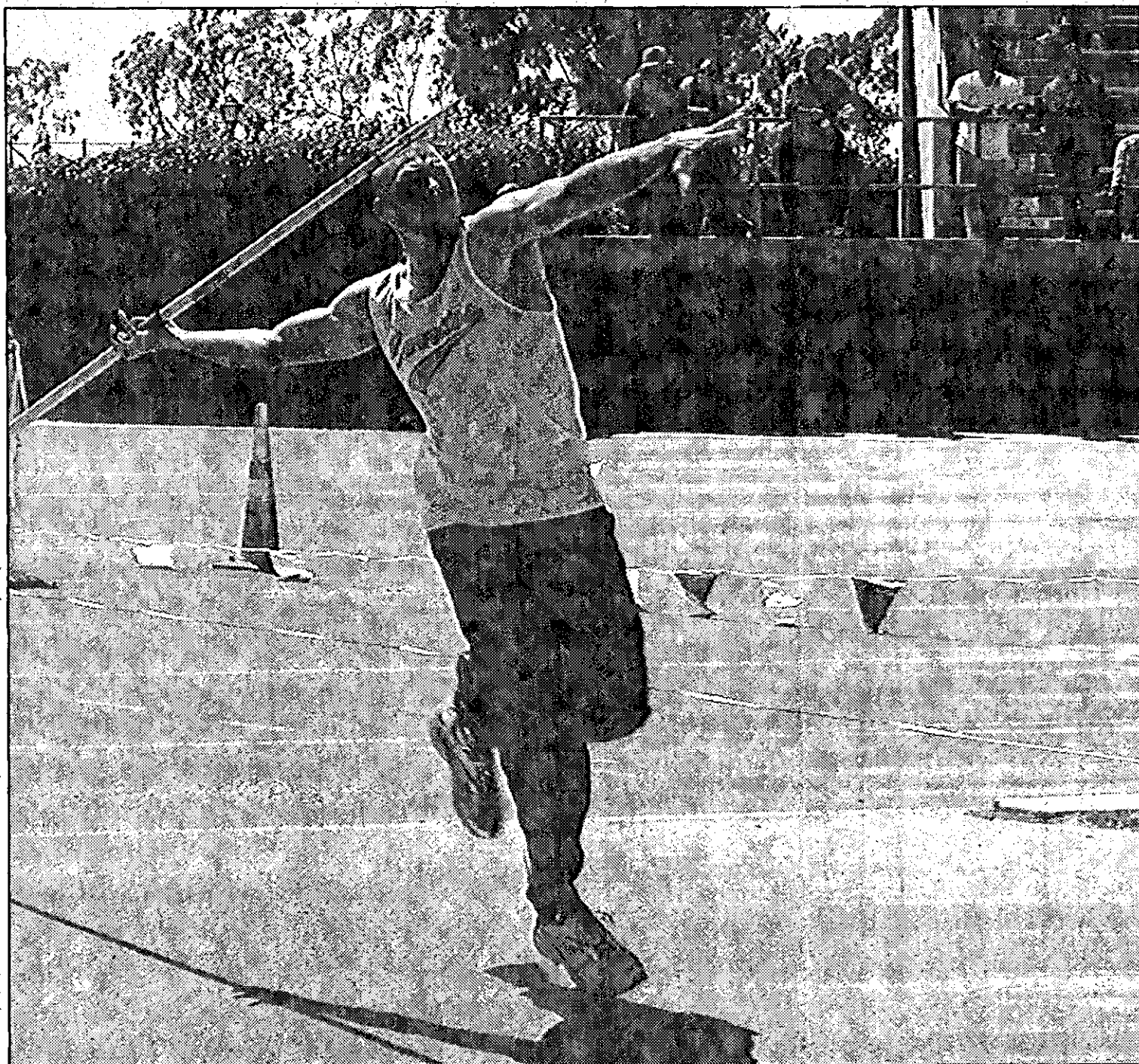


Photo by Daniel Aguilar
Robert Symonds attempts to pierce the ground during the Men's Javelin Finals event at the South Coast Conference Prelims on Tuesday at Cerritos College. Mike Bragg took fourth place in the Men's Javelin Finals with a distance of 164.10 feet. The South Coast Conference Championship will be held this Saturday, starting at 1:30 p.m.

El Camino loss seals softball team's fate

The Cerritos College softball team knew that even if it had defeated El Camino in its second-to-last South Coast Conference game of the season and moved into fourth place, there was a good chance it would still miss the playoffs. But the Falcons played the game as if its season rested on the outcome.

Unfortunately for the Falcons, it did, as their 1-0 loss to the Warriors assured the Falcons they would finish behind El Camino in the standings.

Cerritos (24-16 overall, 7-10 SCC) closes out its season on Monday when it travels to face Los Angeles City, a team it has combined to outscore 45-4 in their two previous meetings.

The game against the Warriors was knotted at 0-0 until the bottom of the sixth inning, when El Camino was able to push a run across the plate.

After a leadoff single by Melissa Snee, Arlie Sanchez was able to sacrifice her to second base. Amanda Mendez dove her home with a two-out single, providing the only offense on the day.

In the top of the seventh inning, the Falcons went down in order to end the game.

On the day, Cerritos only had one runner reach second base, but it was short-lived. Catcher Amie Barton singled with two outs in the fourth inning. The next batter, freshman third baseman Catalina Negrete singled to center field and Barton was thrown out at third base to end the inning.

On the day, Cerritos collected just four hits.

Assuming the team wins against LA City, the 24 wins by the Falcons are the most since the team won 28 games in 1990 and shared the South Coast Conference championship.

Injury disables golf team

Freshman golfers Nesthee Padilla and Frank Liu were each recording solid scores in the latest Cerritos College golf match.

But due to an injury to sophomore Y.B. Han, the Falcons were unable to record a team score in the South Coast Conference Tournament.

The duo shot a 74 and 75 respectively and the team would have finished in third place without the loss of Han.

As a result, the team may not be able to field a complete team the remainder of the season. But both Padilla and Liu are strong candidates to advance to the South California Championships, which are coming up in another week.

Finishing the scoring for the Falcons were sophomore Adam Eskridge, who shot an 84 and freshman Joyan Silva, who shot an 85 on the day.

Men climb into tie as season gets tight

With only six games remaining in the regular season, the Cerritos College baseball team is in position to win the South Coast Conference championship.

After four wins last week, the Falcons (24-12 overall, 13-5 SCC) are now tied for first place with Los Angeles City.

This week, the two teams will face each other in a home-and-home series. LA City served as the host on Tuesday and the Falcons exchange the favor Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

Los Angeles Harbor, which is a game behind the two teams, will host the Falcons on Saturday at 1 p.m. in another crucial game.

Cerritos was forced to play four games last week due to the unavailability of Pasadena City's field. But that did not deter the Falcons, who posted 8-0 and 8-3 wins over the Lancers.

The team followed that with convincing 21-4 and 7-0 wins over East Los Angeles.

Former Falcons have good week

Former Cerritos College third baseman Hector Zamora, now a junior at San Jose State University, was recently named the Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week. Below is a link that chronicles his week.

<http://www.sjsuspartans.com/article.asp?articleid=18289>

Another former Falcon baseball player, Sergio Garcia, recently scored the winning run in a game over Cal. Below is a link that provides details on the game. Garcia, a senior shortstop, is batting .321 for the Sun Devils, who are 25-15 on the season and are ranked 23rd in the country.

<http://thesundevils.fansonly.com/sports/m-baseb/recaps/042002aaa.html>

The starting pitching was dominant last week, as they staff took the lead of sophomore Danny Cardenas, who threw a complete game shutout, while striking out 10. It was the first complete game and shutout of the season for the Falcons.

Freshman Rene Rodriguez followed Cardenas' performance with six innings of solid pitching, as he struck out 11 batters, while freshman Dan Van Ruiten pitched the final three innings to earn his second save of the year.

In the team's dominating win over East LA, where it scored a season-high 21 runs with 25 hits, nine different players had multiple-hit games.

The player who took advantage of his opportunity the most was freshman first baseman David

Gomez, who went 4-for-5 with three RBI. He entered the game hitting .226 with only one RBI and finished the game batting .305.

In the second game against East LA, the Falcons broke a scoreless tie in the top of the seventh inning when freshman right fielder

Isidro Perez clubbed a two-run home run with one out. Gomez followed with a double and scored on a double by sophomore shortstop T.J. Bruce.

Bruce was able to score on an error by the Huskie center fielder on a ball hit by O'Neill.

That would be all the runs Aguilar would need, as he picked up his seventh win of the season.

Cerritos picked up an insurance run in the eighth inning and two more in the ninth inning.

FALCONS THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

All Day Men's and Women's Tennis at Ojai Tournament

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

All Day Men's and Women's Tennis at Ojai Tournament

All Day Men's and Women's Swimming in Conference Championships at Pasadena City

7:00 a.m. Golf in Conference Tournament at El Dorado & Recreation Golf Courses

2:30 p.m. Baseball vs. Los Angeles City at CERRITOS

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

All Day Men's and Women's Swimming in Conference Championships at Pasadena City

All Day Men's and Women's Tennis at Ojai Tournament

3:00 p.m. Softball at Pasadena City

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

All Day Men's and Women's Swimming in Conference Championships at Pasadena City

All Day Men's and Women's Tennis at Ojai Tournament

12:30 p.m. Men's and Women's Track & Field in Conference Championships at CERRITOS

1:00 p.m. Baseball at Los Angeles Harbor



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HOT



Photo by Jimmy Mistry
Cerritos student proudly shows off his gas guzzling Chevy1500.

RIMS, HOODS, SPOILERS AND THE INSIDE SCOOP ON WHY CERRITOS COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE DRIVEN TO BUY HOT CARS.

WHEELS

Students across campus will encounter as many types of cars in the parking lot as faces across the campus. From luxury cars to off roading trucks, all kinds of cars can be seen across campus. People have grown closer to their cars and trucks. No longer is it just buying and selling, it's creating. Now owning a car has become a hobby. It is not only essential but it shows a person's personality and behavior.

All across campus cars have been mutilated to fit their owners ideas, looks, ideology, personality, and temperament.

WHY BUY?

Numerous studies have been done on why people own certain types of cars, but commuting is the number one reason for owning a vehicle.

Kevin Mofid, a 24 year-old part time math instructor at Cerritos College, bought his Toyota because of its stamina.

"Toyota's are reliable," he said.

"My parents always drove Toyota's. I'm a teacher, I have to commute from one college to another and I can't have my car breaking down."

The style of a car is also an important factor for potential car buyers.

Studies show that young men are more prone to buying sports cars because companies manufacture cars to mimic the curves of a woman.

Color too plays an important role.

According to ColorMatters.com, red, the color that defines stop and emergencies, is the most popular color of cars.

Mofid was practical about choosing the color of his car.

"My favorite color is black but you have to wash it every other day," he said.

CUSTOMIZATION

Side skirts, rims, sway bars, and handles.

To individualize themselves youngsters have started to customize their vehicles.

Edgar Loudato, a Cerritos College student, is of those youngsters.

One day when Loudato returned home, his parents surprised him with a brand new 2001 Honda Civic. Two years later, when he graduated high school and acquired a job, he began his customization.

A whole body kit, eighteen inch rims, dual exhaust, lighting/strobes, spoilers, radio, stereo system, lowered springs, shocks, strut bars, and sway bars were all added to the car over the course of two years at a cost of 5 grand.

Loudato, a fanatic about cars, installed the parts himself. "It's nice when people mess around with cars, he said. Fixing up cars is an expensive habit but its fun to do."

Loudato plans to own his car for the rest of his life. "I will just keep changing and adding parts to it like an art project.

"It's funny, you buy one thing and you're never satisfied, you always want something new."

Mark Britton, a student in the General Motors A.S.E.P program also owns a customized car.

Britton bought his '91 yellow Toyota pickup in '99 because his previous car, a '76 blazer, used up too much gas.

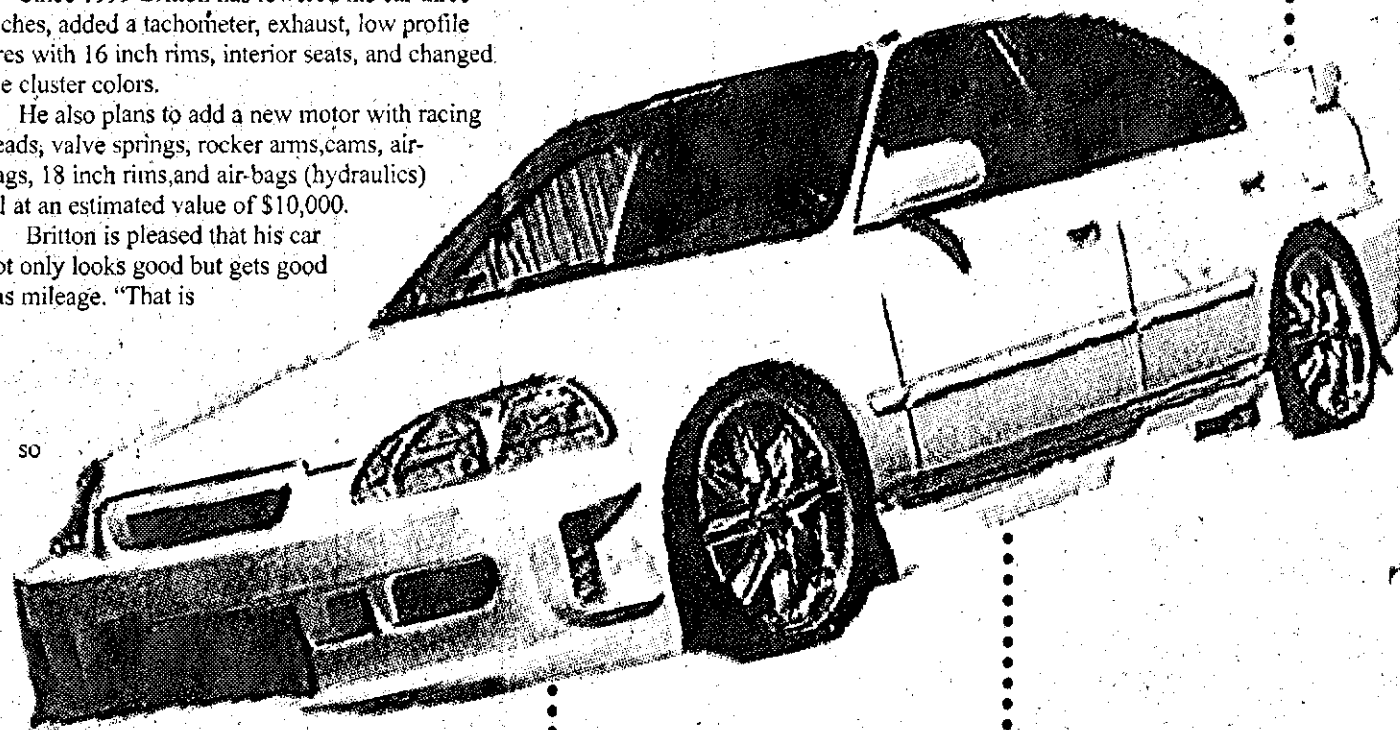
Since 1999 Britton has lowered his car three inches, added a tachometer, exhaust, low profile tires with 16 inch rims, interior seats, and changed the cluster colors.

He also plans to add a new motor with racing heads, valve springs, rocker arms, cams, air-bags, 18 inch rims and air-bags (hydraulics) all at an estimated value of \$10,000.

Britton is pleased that his car not only looks good but gets good gas mileage. "That is

"It's funny, you buy one thing and you're never satisfied; always want something new."

- Edgar Loudato



uncommon," he said.

He estimates his Toyota gives an average of 300 to 400 miles on a full 13 gallon tank.

Britton plans to put this pickup in car shows after the art work on his car is complete.

PROBLEMS WITH CARS

Humans have created too much pollution through cars and trucks, especially the Western part of the world.

As the world evolves it seems the internal combustion engine would die out and give way to a newer, more efficient method of transportation.

Protests take place in crowded cities against cars and the pollution they create not only gas pollution but noise pollution and space requirements.

But will the combustion engine really die out?

Mazda's RX-7 featured a Rotary Engine that researchers at the University of California at Berkeley have copied and constructed into the worlds smallest internal combustion engine. The engine weighs a fraction of a battery and is big as a U.S. penny. It pumps out four watts of power when fueled by hydrogen.

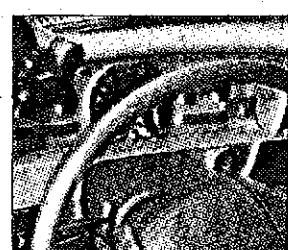
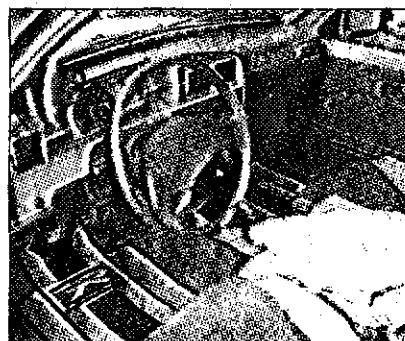
Researchers also hope to pump out 30 watts of power in coming months to power most portable electronic devices by fueling it with propane.

Does this mean all of today's electronic appliances we know will have tiny smokers sucking up oil and oxygen?

Spoilers were originally meant for racing cars to stay stable during high speeds. Now a fashion statement among teens and amateur racers.

Loudato's car features 18-inch rims. Having a low car is a calling for scratches and chips for the paint. It also means getting stuck on bumps in parking lots where a four wheel drive would be very useful to get out of the situation.

STORY AND ADDITIONAL PHOTOS BY JIMMY MISTRY



Top left: Britton turned his interior to a black and yellow that matches with the exterior, much like an architect. Right: Mark Britton standing alongside his '91 yellow Toyota pickup in the C-10 parking lot. Bottom left: Tachometer that was added by Britton not only looks good but also serves a purpose just like everything else.

Photos by Jimmy Mistry