



Exclusive view of Mr Cerritos competition video

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Falcons baseball team loses to L.A. City, 6-3, Thursday in a South Coast Conference game.

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## College students protest Iraq war

While many people protest, others support, and many worry about campus safety

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Nearly a week into the war, it seems Americans have begun to shift opinion on the war in Iraq and Cerritos College students are no exception.

While some students continue to protest the war, others have more subtly turned to support U.S. attacks, while other campus figures are primarily concerned with the safety of the campus.

President John Grindel addressed the idea of campus safety in his message last Wednesday.

The message read: "I want to assure you that the campus is as safe as we can make it. Campus Police are in regular contact with county and local law enforcement agencies and receive the latest intelligence updates."

Mario Gomez, sociology, said he is confident in campus safety. "The



Pro-peace demonstrators in Hollywood, on March 22.

"cops are always watching me."

It seems that, despite the reinstated orange alert, students are more

worried about what is happening overseas than the potential of attacks at home.

"We're not going to let them take advantage of us again," Gomez said, explaining why he supports the war.

Omar Valdez does not agree. "I think it's a personal vendetta," he said. "It is about personal interest. The U.S. wants to put democracy in other states. But it's not up to us to put democracy in other states. We can't just go up against the UN like that."

Not every student is able to take such a definite stand on the issue.

For example, Eduardo Ruiz, liberal studies, said in response to the complicated issue, "I don't think there is a right answer."

Ruiz is not lacking in opinion, however.

"People think this is about oil, but our troops are not over there fighting for oil. My cousin is a military sergeant; he is not fighting for that."

"I think it's funny," said Denver Mason, undecided, "that Saddam

Hussein tried to kill (George W. Bush's) Dad and now he's trying to come back."

Mason, though he supports the war, feels that in many ways, a war on terrorism has already been lost.

"The whole idea of war is to protect our way of life. If we've changed our way of life because of terrorists, they win."

Mason also has ambivalent feelings about President Bush.

He said, "I agree with George Bush; I think he is doing the best he can."

He later said, "Bush could be impeached because he takes an oath that he is going to defend the constitution."

Mason feels that this is a contradiction because the right to privacy and right to free speech have been infringed upon in recent months in the name of safety.

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## For the record

We have received many reactions concerning the article entitled "The students have lost their voice," that was written in the March 19 issue of Talon Marks. We would like to clarify a few main points.

WPMD has not been shut down. The radio station is still broadcasting in a different format until further notice.

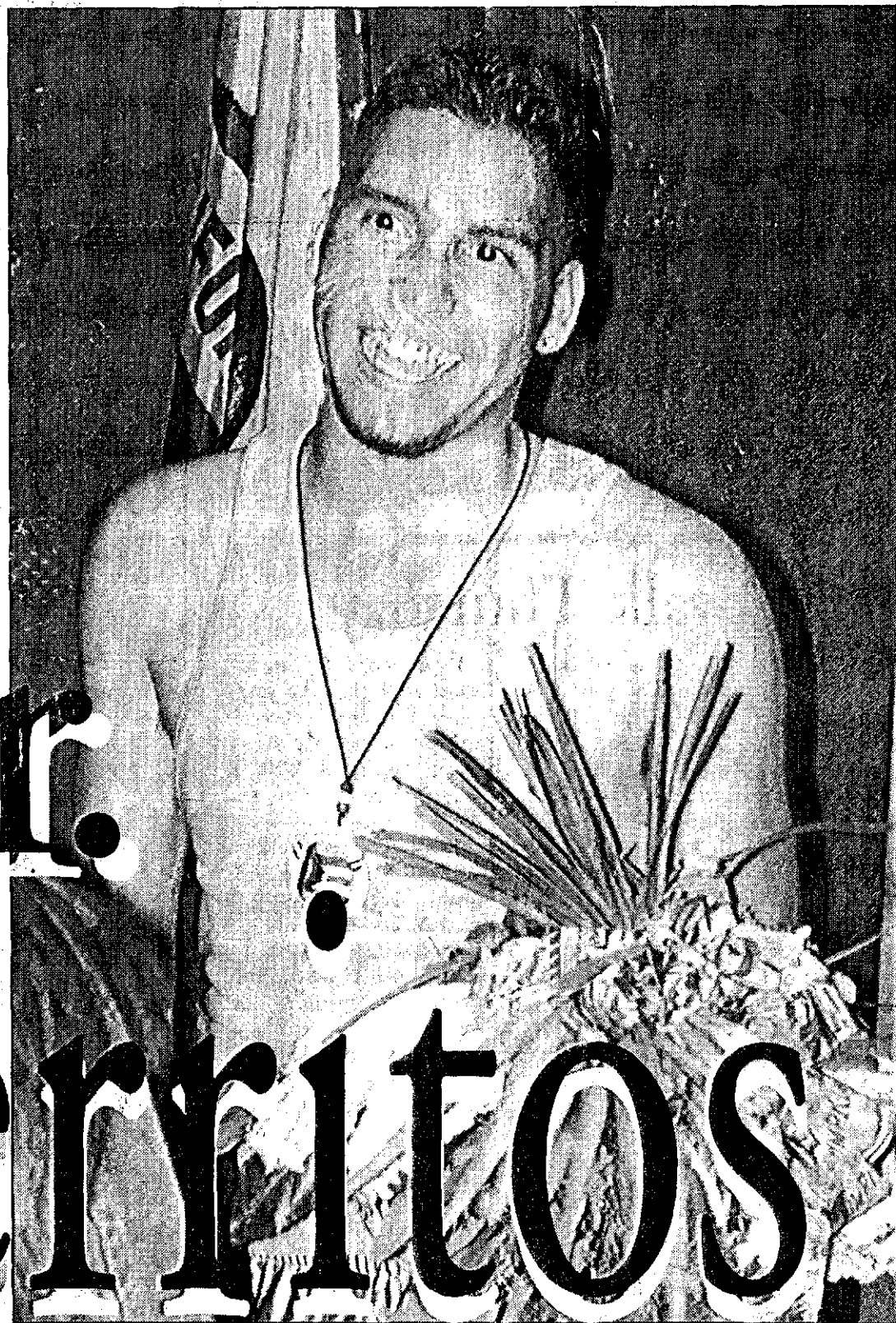
The radio station WPMD has not been officially sanctioned by the FCC, but received a warning and is awaiting further notice.

The web version of WPMD is broadcasting as normal.

## The Mr. Cerritos competition wowed the crowds



# Mr. Cerritos



Henry Jesse Martinez (Phi Beta Kappa) was surprised to hear he had won the title of Mr. Cerritos

CLAUDIA VALDEZ  
NEWS WRITER

The Student Center was full of students and staff awaiting the beginning of what was sure to be an exciting hour of nine male hopefuls vying to become the next Mr. Cerritos.

"I've heard so much about this [Mr. Cerritos]. I heard it was exciting and that it's a lot of fun," said Jazmine Ruellas, child psychology major.

With a "YEE HA" from Wayne Nunnery, former Associated Student of Cerritos College president, the 42nd annual contest began.

In order to declare a winner there were 10 judges, some were staff and the rest were the 2002 Homecoming Court.

The first contestant, David Shade, has only been at Cerritos College for

three months. He was sponsored by the Future Teacher Club.

"I liked David, he was the most well spoken and he actually made sense," said Barbara Diaz, Interior design major.

Shade, like most contestants, said he liked "the girls" when asked what he liked about Cerritos College the most. He then went on to perform "I Like Big Butts" and got the crowd off of their feet.

He was followed by Adam Renteria, who performed "She Bangs" by Ricky Martin and Dennis Diaz, who performed "You're My Angel" by Shaggy.

Next was multimedia major, Filemon Garcia who said what he liked the most from CC was "all the

mamasitas!"

"I enjoyed all the participants" said Roberta Leach, education major. "They all showed guts being in front of all these people and strutting their stuff."

The winner, Henry Jesse Martinez, was sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa.

Wearing slacks, a bright red shirt and suspenders said that he has never faced rejection and proceeded to dance an upbeat song and successfully got the crowd going with his dance moves.

Dean Stivers and Nelson DeLeon also took the stage and danced, "Dirty" by Christina Aguilera and "I Need A Girl" by Usher respectively.

Also participating was Daniel Chavez, mechanical engineering major. He blew a kiss to his girlfriend who was in the crowd while answering

that his favorite thing about CC is the different ethnicities. He went on to sing an original song.

Finally, Jose Venegas took the stage. He was cheered on by about 40 cosmetology students who were chanting his name. He took off his suit jacket and shirt, and he was left with a cut-off muscle shirt and also put on a fireman's hat and danced to the crowds screams.

The judges, based on personality, dress, speaking skills, poise, appearance, intelligence, and audience appeal finally came to a conclusion. The very surprised, runner up was David Shade and the winner Henry Martinez.

"I was expecting David to win second place," said last year's winner, Rick Barnwell. "But I thought Jose would take it, he got the crowd going."

## Cosmetology student burns the competition

Chili cook off sets the judges ablaze when one out of 15 steals the judges breath

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Cosmetology entry wins the chili cook off Wednesday, as a part of Cerritos colleges Hoe Down Days.

Clarisa Neal wins the judges hearts before she bumps them with her chili winning the judges favorite category of the event. There were two other categories that were awarded the hottest chili and the most unique. Both of the awards went to the Honors club. Marla A. Ramirez entered the hottest chili, and the most unique was entered by Martha Trujillo.

There were 15 entries in total out of twenty that were anticipated. The participating judges included faculty and board members.

"I was very hard, they were all very good," said Jean Michael wife of Dr. Wilford Michael and judge said about the competition on Wednesday after turning in her ballot for the contest. "I was very impressed," she added.

The judges and students alike agreed with Jean Michaels comment about the level of competition.

"They were all pretty good" John Ramirez a political science major said about the heavy competition for the cook off.

"It's good for the school, its

important to get the students to think of this as more than just a place for learning and more as a family." Michael Skiba a Computer Major about the importance of Hoe Down Days and more specifically the chili cook off.

Some of the other participating clubs were the International students club, the Disabled students of Cerritos club, the S.P.I.C.E club, Phi Theta Kappa and of course the Culinary arts club although the club had the most number of entries with six, they did not

receive any of the three awards. After all the ballots were in the students at the students center were treated to the chili as the bar of chili was opened to everyone. Because of the large number of students gathering for the Mr. Cerritos contest that follow, the chili cook off there were many there who had a chance to taste the chili.

The event was sponsored every year by the ASCC. "This is all for the students, all of the activities for Hoe Down Days is all budgeted," Dean Ackland coordinator of student activities said about Hoe Down Days in reference to the ability of the college to have these events in wake of the budget crunch.

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### Cook off winners

Clarisa Neal  
Judges Favorite  
Marla A. Ramirez  
Hottest chili  
Martha Trujillo  
Most Unique



Judges lined up Wednesday to sample entries in the chili cook-off contest. The event was just one of the many during Hoe Down Days celebration.



ASCC Awards Banquet held on Friday May 9.

Applications available at the Student Activities Office. Deadline for applicants is April 3, 4p.m.

Deadline for Presidential applications is Friday.

Meet the Presidential Candidates at the Presidential Forum on Tuesday, April 1 at 11a.m. BK111/112

Senior Preview Day on April 4 in Falcon Square

Last day to drop classes is April 11.

Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

The walk will be held on Thursday to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation and Team Survivor on Thursday. The event is open to everyone in the community. There will also be a registration set up in Falcon Square at 10 a.m. on March 27, and the walk will start at 11 a.m.

Printmaking Symposium On Saturday, March 29, the Cerritos College Fine Arts and Communication Division will host a one-day symposium on New Techniques of Non-Toxic Printmaking and the Digital/Traditional Interface in Contemporary Printmaking in the college's Teleconference Center (LC-155).

The event will begin at 10 a.m. with videotapes and discussion. At noon, there will be a lunch break. The event continues at 2 p.m. with a roundtable discussion by eight artist/printmaker/educator panels to be followed by a viewing of original prints.

The Symposium has been organized by Cynthia Kostan, professor of Arts.



From left to right: Kimberly Griesser, Maria Robles, Andrijana Jevtic, Dimple Ajwani, Marisol Garcia, Tanvi Gandhi, Bonnie Johnson and Kamiko Wiltz-Davis pose with their awards.

## Outstanding women recongized

Awards were given by local congresswomen

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FEATURE EDITOR

The American Association of University Women had their Tenth Annual Recognition Awards Ceremony this past Sat. for outstanding Cerritos College women students.

The students awarded for their accomplishments were: Dimple Ajwani, Tanvi Gandhi, Marisol Garcia, Kimberly Griesser, Andrijana Jevtic, Bonnie Johnson, Maria Robles and Kamiko Wiltz-Davis.

All of these women won awards from Cerritos College and also received certificates from their local congresswomen.

Since the day Dimple Ajwani came from India, she has become an active member in the Pre-med and Math club.

Ajwani resides as the President of the Math club. She also helps organize book and food drives for the poor and disadvantaged people.

Tanvi Gandhi is also an active member in the Math club and currently resides as the club's Vice-President.

Gandhi also participates in the Pre-med club and helps out as an elementary school assistant. Her hope is to one-day work in the pediatrics.

Marisol Garcia was awarded for her great mathematical insights in the classroom. She's always trying to improve and works well with students.

In her spare time, Garcia does community service and hopes to get her

### THE STUDENTS AWARDED:

•DIMPLE AJWANI  
•TANVI GANDHI  
•MARISOL GARCIA  
•KIMBERLY GRIESSER  
•ANDRIJANA JEVTIC  
•BONNIE JOHNSON  
•MARIA ROBLES  
•KAMIKO WILTZ-DAVIS

masters degree in the next five years in teaching.

Kimberly Griesser who is the current President of the Pre-med club likes helping people out and helps organize most of the things on campus.

Griesser is a strong leader and recently participated in the Leadership Conference.

When she's not organizing things for the Pre-med club, Griesser waitresses, tutors in Math and Chemistry and is a student of the Teacher Trac program.

Andrijana Jevtic is a dedicated student who appreciates getting her work done.

Jevtic likes helping other people and works with the Critical Care Extenders. Jevtic hopes to transfer to UCLA or UCI.

Single mom's can make good grades too. Bonnie Johnson has proved this.

Since returning to school, Johnson

volunteers and has a 3.93 GPA. She has made the Dean's List and hopes to transfer to either USC or Cal State University Fullerton.

After winning her awards, Bonnie Johnson said, "I didn't expect this award. Getting this recognition really pays off and it's inspiring."

Maria Robles was in Professor Dr. Lyn Waldron's Organic Chemistry class. She came from UC Berkley as a Chicano Studies major in search for something else.

Robles is in the Pre-med program and has excelled in many courses.

Last summer, Robles was invited to Cal State University Long Beach to speak about her research and also to a Biology conference in New Orleans. Both places were greatly impressed with her research. Robles hopes to transfer to UCI, UCLA or CSULB.

Last but not least Kamiko Wiltz-Davis is a 3.0 transfer student and has the goal to teach. In the future she wants to be the director of her own school.

Kimberly Griesser and Maria Robles said, "Dr. Waldron is a great professor. She has great students like us because she's a great teacher. She goes way beyond her normal job duties to help her students succeed."

All these women have shown Cerritos College and AAUW what they can accomplish. Each board member of the AAUW congratulates these women and hope for more accomplishments in the future.

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## Vagina Monologues movie shown here

Women History Month brought out 32 students to FMLA event held last Tuesday

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LA 24 was transformed into a makeshift movie theatre for a Women's History Month viewing of The Vagina Monologues last Tuesday night.

The event, which attracted approximately 35 students, began at 7 p.m. and featured a viewing of Eve Ensler (the creator of the show), performing several of the famous monologues.

She prefaces the monologues with the background of the show:

"I decided to talk to women about their vaginas, to do vagina interviews, which became vagina monologues. I talked with over two hundred women. I talked to older women, young women, married women, single women, lesbians, college professors, actors, corporate professionals, sex workers, African American women, Hispanic women, Asian American women, Native American women, Caucasian women, Jewish women. At first women,

were reluctant to talk. They were a little shy. But once they got going, you couldn't stop them."

It seems a similar sentiment occurred among those viewing the video; slight giggles could be heard scattered throughout the classroom at the beginning of the video, but by the end a good portion of the classroom had exploded into laughter.

Originally, the FMLA had wanted to perform The Vagina Monologues but decided to show the movie first.

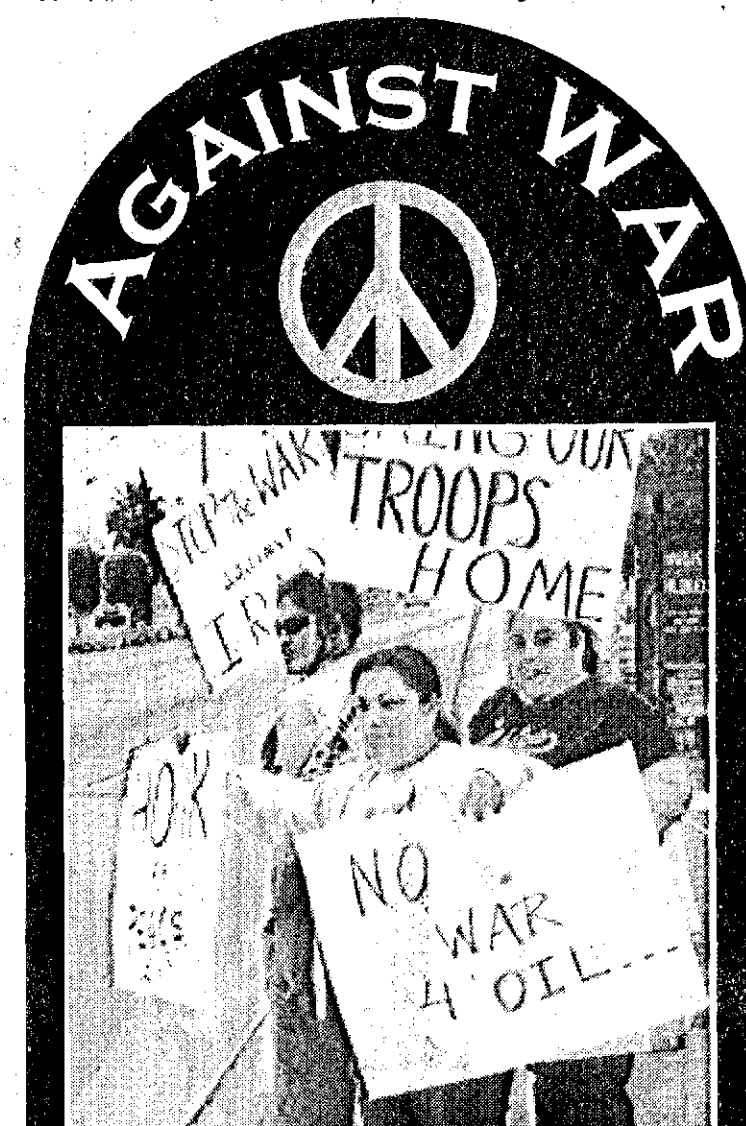
Myrna Callahan, business administration, was intrigued by the event.

"I was curious to find out what it was all about," she said.

She went on to explain that it may be a cultural difference, but her family would have been appalled at the video.

Callahan, however, felt that the movie was good because it was open and talked about issues that people don't usually discuss.

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Juan Daniel Flores/TM  
Regenal Samien, Nancy Castro and Maria Alvedez protest.

Students protest in front of Cerritos College, to let their voices be heard.

BY JUAN DANIEL FLORES  
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War definition alone means conflict between two nations. Wednesday March 19, 2003 a date that will be in our history books, a day when Americans faced something they haven't faced in a while; War.

President George W. Bush announced (At 7:15 p.m. eastern time) to Americans and parts of the world, that America and Iraq had officially began the war.

Military troops send off to Iraq, some as young as 19-years-old, Americans gullied to their television screens, witnessing the bombing on Baghdad, Iraq. The echoes of the explosions went through what seemed to be an empty city.

Thursday March 20, 2003 at 11a.m. On Studebaker and Alondra student Regenal Samien, Language major protested against the War. With a "Honk for peace" sign, Samien started a one man protest in front of Cerritos College. The sounds of cars honking for peace, to cheer him on, others to flip him off. "Let your voices be heard," Samien yells to the passing cars.

"It's American to protest."

After a while a sign of hope appeared. Charlee Ard, President of the Hudert Honley Democratic Club showed up to join the protest, with a sign reading, "Honk for peace."

"If I can reach one person to speak out as well, it's all worth it," Samien said.

Later Maria Alvedez, History major, joins in as well. "I believe that our troops need to come back home, they're just innocent lives."

So did Nancy Castro, Liberal Arts major, "I believe in it [no oil for blood] I think Bush is just doing it for the oil."

Larry Caballero, teacher at South Gate Community Adult School commented, "I think Americans should give Bush 48 hours to get out of Washington."

## Breast cancer awareness walk Thursday

BRIAN DAY  
OPINION EDITOR

The Cerritos College Physical Education Department would like to invite all students to the third annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk tomorrow morning at 11.

Billed to "Celebrate and Educate", this one and a half mile trek will begin in Falcon Square, and proceed around campus. Prizes will be awarded for spirit and the three highest donors.

There is no cost to participate, however donations to either of the two charity organizations attending the event would be greatly appreciated.

Pam Burton, Board of

Directors for "TEAM SURVIVOR", is scheduled to speak. This is a non profit organization dedicated to providing free health and exercise education programs to women with cancer.

Speaking for the Susan G. Komen Foundation is Linda Pura, Board of Directors. This organization is working directly to treat and search for a cure for breast cancer.

Checks for these organizations can be made out to "TEAM SURVIVOR" and "Susan G. Komen Foundation," respectively.

Pre registration is requested, but not necessary to participate. According to event orga-

nizer Dr. Carrie Gleckner, response has been good thus far. In the past, the walk has drawn around 150 participants. "We'll at least get to that point, maybe more," said Gleckner.

The purpose of this event is two-fold. It is being held both to celebrate those who have survived breast cancer, some of which from the Cerritos College community are expected to speak, and to educate men and women about the disease.

"We want to bring awareness of the issue of breast cancer," said Gleckner. "If detected early, there's a high survival rate." She added, "We want people to see that there are many survivors."

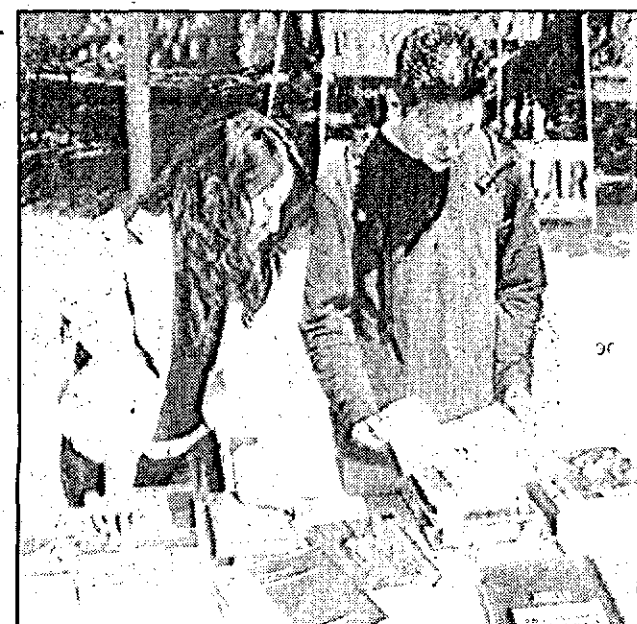
Expectations for student turnout are high. Last year's Turkey Trot drew noticeable participation, and the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk is expected to do the same, said Gleckner.

This event is being held as a part of Women's History Month. Questions regarding the walk can be directed to event organizers Dr. Gleckner, or Ni Bueno, in the Physical Education Department at extension 2876.

The PE Department, TEAM SURVIVOR, and the Susan G. Komen Foundation look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

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## Math equals second annual book event



Jinnie An (left), a Jin Kin (right), at the Su Casa book sale outside the Cerritos College Library.

### Book sale for 'Su Casa'

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The Math Club presents its second annual Book Sale to help out "Su Casa" a shelter for women and children in domestic situations.

The book sale will be going on for the next three days. All the books were donated by students, teachers, and different departments.

There are a variety of books, such as novels, textbooks, fiction, romance, mystery, autobiographies, etc.

"Su Casa" is a living shelter for women and children in crises. All the profits of the event goes to them," said Mishali Naik Computer Engineering and member of the Math Club Volunteers from Cerritos College gave their support by offer-

ing their time to assist in sales. "My teacher is one of the one who is in charge of this event, so I signed up to help out. I think that it's a good cost and good event I hope a lot of people buy the books." Said Emma Lopez, Math major.

Some students didn't even know that this event was held for, students like Aunect Pariajar, Nursing Major said "I bought this [book] because it was very expensive in the bookstore, and I don't know why this is held for."

The books that are not sold this time will be stored for next years book sale. The sale will continue from today to Thursday, for more information contact the Math Club at Ext. 2556

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## EDITORIAL

Comment with  
an apology

Whether you are for it or against it, war is here. It's in our face and pierces our hearts. And mostly every person has a strong position on it. Do you feel you should have to apologize for that? The Dixie Chicks did.

In early March, lead singer Natalie Maines stated to a London audience in reference to Bush's push for action against Iraq, "Just so you know, we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas."

One week later, she posted on the Dixie Chicks website that she felt that "the president was ignoring the opinion of many in the U.S. and alienating the rest of the world." She further went on to state that one of the privileges of being an American is that you are free to voice your own point of view.

One day later came a formal apology to the president. We, the Editorial board at Talon Marks, greatly appreciate free speech. We have a whole category devoted to it on this very page (the Opinion page.)

Although Maines might not have said the nicest thing, she said it. She obviously said it because she meant it. Maines was correct in saying what she said because it was her opinion. The first amendment says that no person may be prohibited the free exercise of speech.

There were many fans and Bush supporters who immediately turned on the Chicks. On March 14, a total of eight Texas radio stations stopped playing their albums, and on March 15, a few hundred protesters lashed back at Maines by using a 33,000 pound tractor to destroy Dixie Chicks cd's and memorabilia.

Our opinion? Maines should have stuck with her first statement. It didn't do much damage to their place on the Billboard charts (as of March 24, The Dixie Chicks' cd, "Home" was number one). Besides, once it was said, it was most likely never to be forgotten.

It is better to have a strong opinion than to change one because someone else doesn't agree with it. Hey, you may not like what we're saying now, but it's your decision whether or not to continue reading.

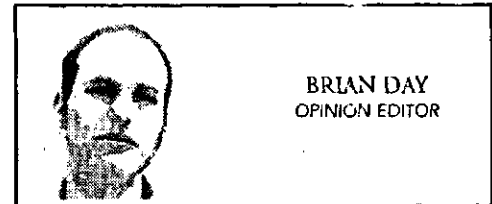
And as for the few hundred protesters who bashed Maines, they forget that by protesting, they themselves are stating their opinion. Just as Maines did in the beginning.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. They may be submitted both online and in person. In all cases letters must be signed with real names before they will be considered for publication, either online or in print. Campus-related issues are given priority. Letters may be edited for length, though online versions tend to include full content, as long as it is not libelous or in poor taste. You may deliver letters to AC 42 or contact the editor by e-mail at editor@talonmarks.com.

## America blinded from prisoners of war

Networks refuse to air footage of our tortured soldiers. Are they afraid we'll change the channel?



BRIAN DAY  
OPINION EDITOR

As our country fights this war, it is being viewed on television like no war in history. Advances in video and satellite technology, as well as a virtual free access policy as far as the military is concerned, have ensured thus far that almost nothing goes by unnoticed by the lens of a camera.

Problem is, once you catch it on tape, you still have to get it on the air. Last Sunday, the major networks made an active decision to drop the ball big time and leave us all out of the loop.

As you've likely heard by now, five US soldiers were captured Sunday, and four killed, in an ambush. Shortly after, Al-

Jazeera(Iraqi TV) aired footage of the dead soldiers and the interrogation of the survivors.

All the major networks have seen this video, and decided unanimously not to air it because it's simply "not newsworthy."

In doing this, they have failed in their obligation to the American people. I understand that this is a sensitive issue, particularly for family members of the POWs, but there is important information on this tape that everyone needs to see.

There is evidence of war crimes, for instance, on the part of the Iraqis. The very existence of this tape is a violation of the Geneva convention. Furthermore, several of the soldiers were shot cleanly in the head, one dead center forehead, indicating that execution was a likely possibility.

The footage is not unattainable, though it requires quite some time searching on the internet to find. My beef is that all the big news network executives, who heralded that they would keep us informed, and then went

on to ban this vital bit of information from their airwaves as "not newsworthy."

I believe this material is newsworthy. It is gruesome at parts, and chilling throughout. Nonetheless, Americans have the right to know what our enemies are doing to us in battle.

Of course it should be both aired and viewed with discretion, and we'll all decide for ourselves if the truth is too intense for us to handle. If you don't want to know what's going on, we can turn off our TV sets...oh wait, networks can't have that, can they?

Until truth in journalism becomes more important to the networks than ratings and political correctness crap, which will be just a week or two after hell freezes over, you'll just have to keep scouring the internet if you want to view the footage, and I suggest you do.

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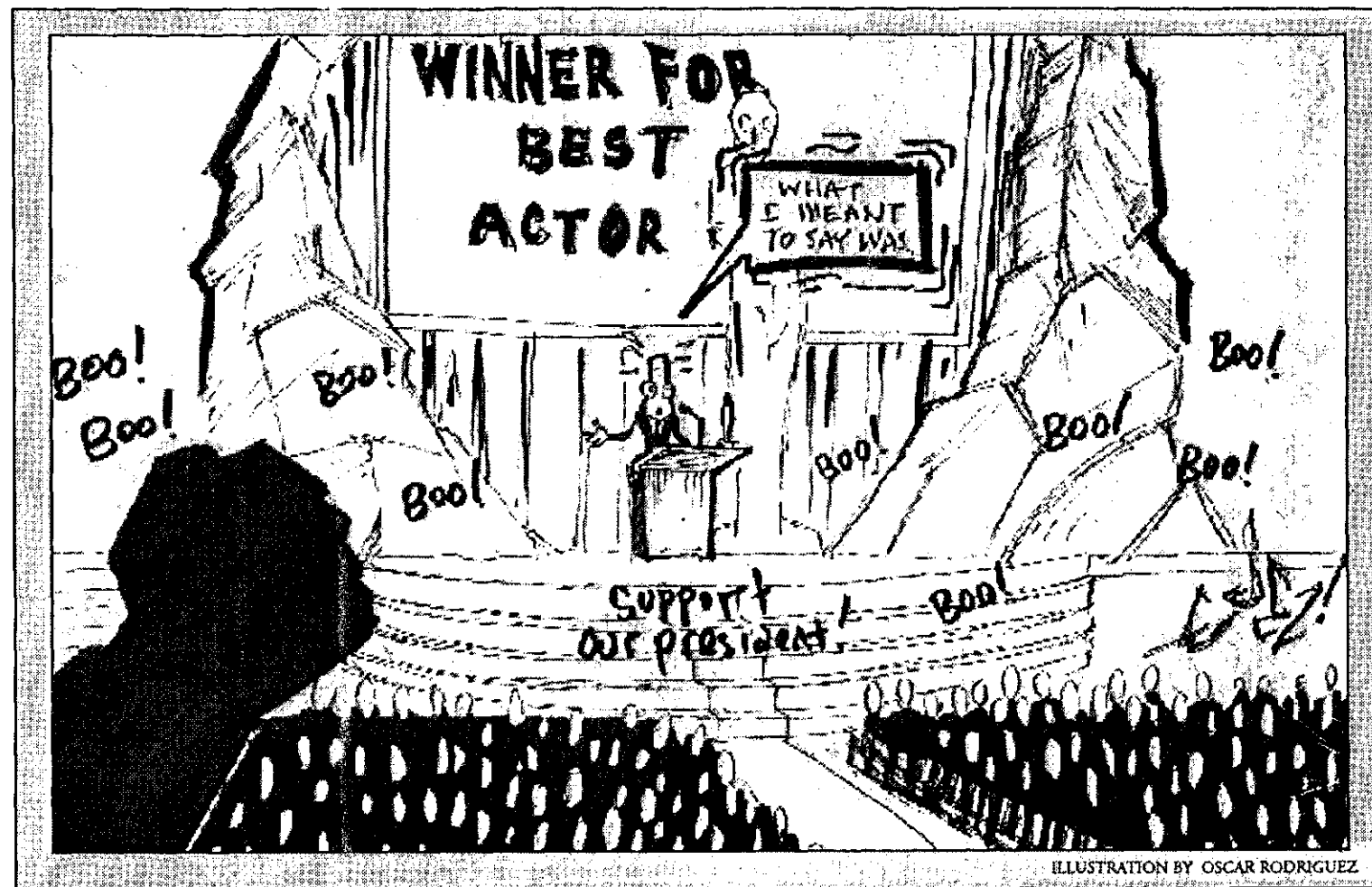
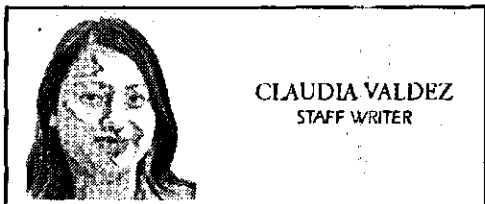


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## What school do you like? Go see it yourself

When are the cancellations going to stop? What about the students that need to see the campuses?



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Have you ever signed up to go on a University tour only to get a call (the day before) by an unidentified source that your very anticipated campus tour will not be taking place?

Well, that's what has happened to me, and it's not only been once or twice but three times!

The ironic thing is that I really don't know who to gear my frustration toward. But I basically have it down to two—the Transfer Center and/or indifferent students.

I know for a fact that this has happened to other students as well. I know this because there are five other students out there who also missed out on going to CSUF on the 14th.

I know that in a campus of over 23,000 students, there are not only five of us who are transferring to CSUF next semester or later down the future, but were we the only ones who cared?

Who's fault is it? Why was it canceled? Why didn't more than five students sign up? Let's check out the possibilities.

Was the TC at fault this time that others didn't find out about it? Can it be due to poor advertising on their side? Or is it that when you call the TC and someone is not at the desk, and you leave a message to ask if there are spots open, they don't call you back?

These possibilities sound rational right? I mean, that is what happened.

I found out about the CSUF tour only days before it was to happen (poor advertisement), and I had checked the touring calendar only the week before and nothing was scheduled then.

Also, I called three times to ask if there was room (ha ha ha) but no one returned my calls. So I decided to pay them a visit,

only to find out, much to my dismay, that it was canceled.

Now, let me tell you why conceivably students don't give a hoot.

Can it possibly be that students are quite intimidated about leaving a refundable \$5 deposit when signing up? Is it just plain laziness? Or they rather go on their own?

I've heard some students say they don't want to leave the deposit because if they don't go, they'll lose their hard earned cash (boo hoo). Also, some have said that why would they waste a Friday going to a campus tour (HELLO?! Perhaps it's your future school!) But the excuse that makes more sense is that they rather go on their own or with friends.

Well the latter is what I will end up doing. I will end up going with friends. My advice to those who missed out is, don't wait until the next tour to your preferred school comes around (maybe next semester) cause it may also get canceled, so go on your own.

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## Campus Comment

"What changes in our daily life should we make now that we are at war?"

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## ONLINE POLL

Do you think the media was right in not televising the POW's interviews?

- Absolutely, the media was right in being sympathetic
- No, the media's job is to report all news.
- I'm not sure.
- They should have showed just a clip
- War is a part of our daily lives, yet we need to draw a line somewhere

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"Finance changes. People should save their money because you never know when you might need that extra cash."  
SAL DOMINGUEZ  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



"We need to be more respectful and kinder to people."  
TANYA FLORES  
ART



"Spend more time with family."  
JEFFERY CHO  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



"We shouldn't have to change our lives that's why the military is over there; to take care of things."  
NICHOLE GRIJALBA  
SOCIAL WELFARE



"We should just be aware of what's happening. We shouldn't show that we hate the Iraqis just (because) we're going to war with them."  
HANI ARNOUS  
BUSINESS FINANCING



"People should stop complaining about gas prices and use public transportation."  
BARBARA LOPEZ  
ENGLISH LITERATURE



"People are going to be afraid to waste money now that we are at war so we should save it."  
MICHELLE GALLINDO  
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING



"We should try to decrease the amount of necessities we use daily such as walking instead of driving to school."  
MARIA LOPEZ  
PSYCHOLOGY

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## Ongoing Events

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Sculpture to Wear  
Bergamot Station  
Arts Center  
2525 Michigan Ave. C2  
Santa Monica  
(310) 829-9960

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Featuring work by  
Cerritos instructor John Ahr  
Del Amo Fashion Center  
Running until  
April 12

### "The Mikado"

March 14  
April 26  
The Chance Theatre  
5576 E. La Palma Avenue,  
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## Making her voice heard

Former Falcon Kristin Kenaston prepares for her solo operatic performance

Kristin Kenaston, a former honor student in the Applied Music program here at Cerritos College, is preparing for her first concert appearance as soloist with the Los Angeles Opera's Education and Community Outreach programs for the 2002-03 season.

On March 22 Kenaston will sing selections from Wagner's "Der Fliegende Holländer" (The Flying Dutchman), as a featured artist in a lecture/presentation for educators at the Los Angeles Music Center. In May, she'll join other resident artists from the Los Angeles Opera in a series of school assemblies featuring staged operatic ensembles under the "Sing Out Loud!" banner directed by LeRoy Villanueva.

This past year has seen a whirlwind of activity for the young dramatic soprano. She was honored by the Classical Singer's Association as one of their premiere performers in master classes at the L.A. Music Center (with Grant Gershon, music director of the Los Angeles Master Chorale, and Horst Günter, internationally-renowned voice coach). She has also received recognition from the Pasadena Opera Guild and Opera

Trust, under the direction of beloved Los Angeles opera director Henrietta Pelta, founder and former director of Euterpe Opera.

This spring, Kenaston will be among selected finalists in the Pasadena Opera Guild's coveted Young Artist Award performance competition, which carries with it a first prize award/study grant of \$2,000. Kenaston was also accepted into the Los Angeles

Opera program last November, shortly before she left for her first professional audition tour of Europe.

Her travels included work in New York City with renowned voice coach William Tracy, current music director of the Manhattan School of Music Opera Studio. She currently studies with Cerritos College Voice Instructor, Ana Gresham.

"Great art requires a tremendous capacity for hard work, curiosity, courage and consistency," Gresham said. "Kristin has demonstrated all of these qualities and more. This recent professional recognition is absolutely the result of her own love of singing. She possesses a voice of great warmth and beauty and is the proud product of the community college experience."



Soprano Kristin Kenaston

## DANCE the night away

Students work overtime as dance show approaches

Alicia Warner,  
Editor-in-Chief

It is all about dance this week as dancers prepare to show off their dance moves in front of friends, family and fellow students at this year's Spring Dance Concert.

There will be 77 students performing in the show.

This week students have been putting

the finishing touches on the final routines and making sure every step is correct.

The Cerritos College dance department will present the concert from Thursday-Saturday in the Burnight Center Theatre.

"The students have been really working hard on their routines, they have been coming to extra practices and dancing on the weekends," said Janet Sanderson,

Chair of the Dance Department.

There will be 14 dance routines performed in the concert ranging from ballet, modern, jazz, tap and commercial dance.

There will also be two student choreographers presenting their class projects which are included in the 14.

Students have been practicing extra hours out of class to work on routines.

"We've had sold out houses for about

ten years," Sanderson said.

Sanderson has the same expectations for this show. Tickets are going fast for the concert, so students and faculty need to call to get tickets quick.

The show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$5 for student, children and seniors. For more information about the dance show call 562-860-2451 ext. 2861.

## CRYING OVER TEARS OF THE SUN

Rebecca DeLaney  
Features Editor

Like any other movie that involves soldiers going on a mission to save lives, there were guns and definitely a lot of blood shed.



Nigerian rebels killed because they want all Africans to believe in their religion and being killed for believing in something else is probably not everyone's cup of tea.

Tears of the Sun starring Bruce Willis as NAVY SEAL Lieutenant A.K. Walters is sent with his men to Africa to rescue Dr. Lena Kendricks (Monica Bellucci), two nurses and a priest from a Catholic mission in danger of being invaded by Nigerian rebels.

After the priest and the two nuns refuse to leave the mission, Dr. Kendricks pleads she will only go if she can bring her people from the mission with her.

Going against orders, Walters agrees though tricks and takes her away from her people in a U.S. helicopter.

After flying over a butchered village of several fires and dead people, Walters changes his mind and heads back to help her people return to safety while losing some of his soldiers on the way.

Going on a mission to save some Americans while not thinking that one will get their hands dirty other than what they were sent for takes a lot of courage.

This movie was a real eye opener.



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

The way African people were treated and not cared about just because they had different religious viewpoints really got the audience's attention.

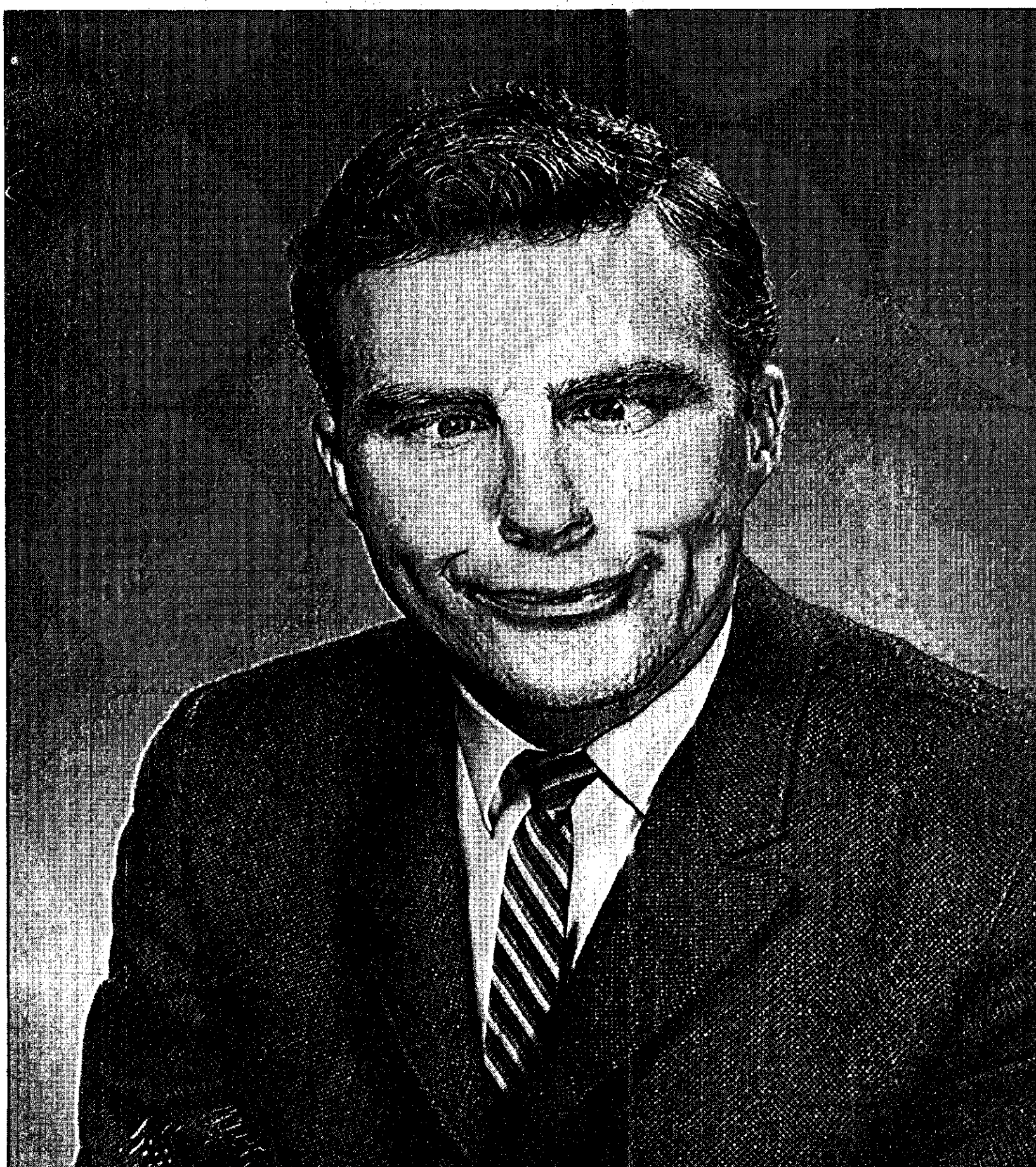
A scene that disturbed me was when Walters and his men came into a village to stop the Rebels killing spree when they found a once pregnant mother with her breasts cut off.

Tears of the Sun showed how brutal people could be towards each other. On the news everyone has heard about the crazy African rebels who kill other Africans, but never has the news come out and described graphically the torturous events that take place.

This movie was fictional when talking about the characters involved, but the events actually happened. It's depressing for the majority and it makes everyone angry of how mean people can be.

Though next time it would be better to watch a movie like this when it comes out on video than spending the money to watch it. Having a good feeling while coming out of a movie theater feels better than feeling down and depressed.

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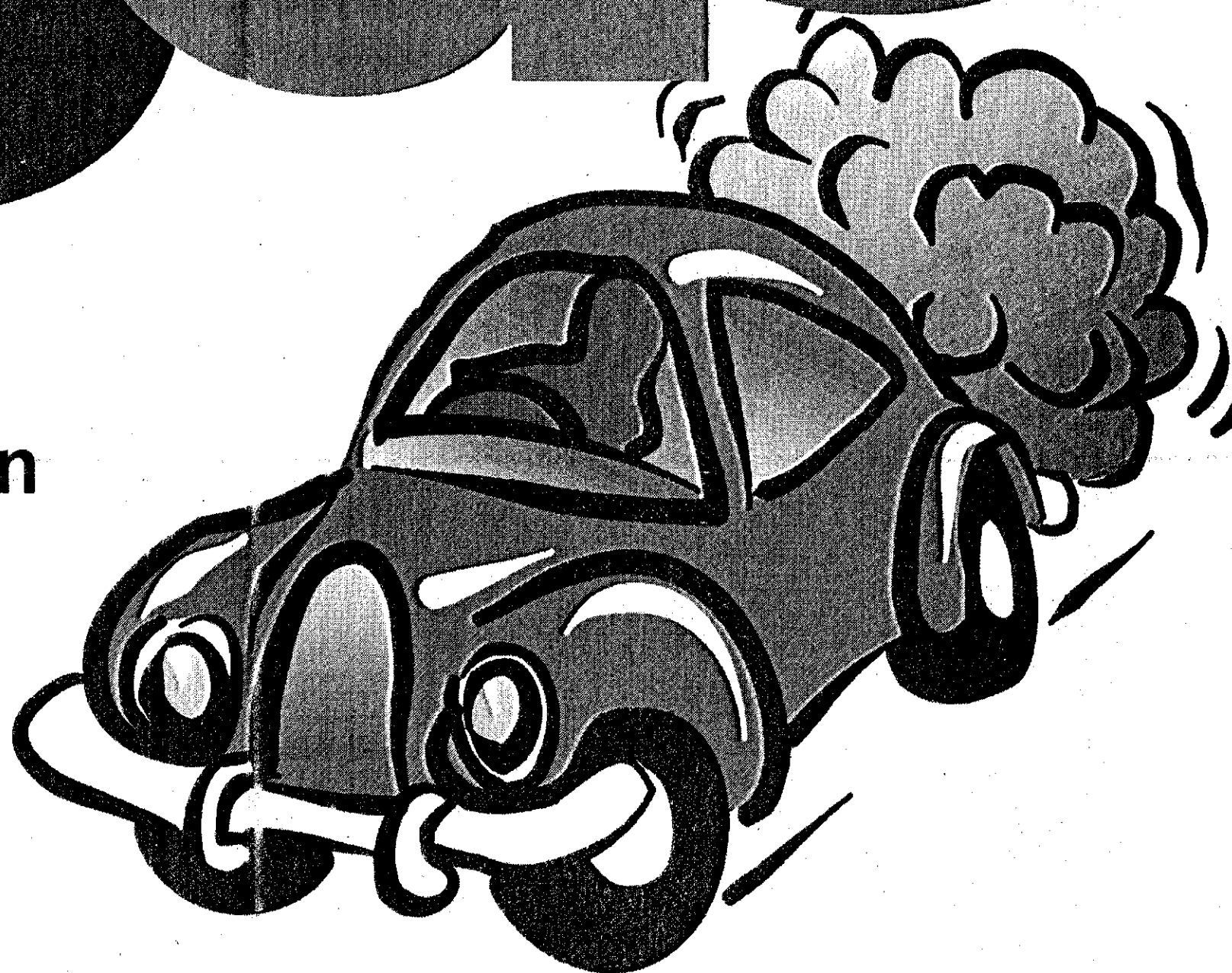
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Women's  
Softball

**Thursday**  
vs. El  
Camino  
3:00pm  
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**Tuesday**  
vs. L.B. City  
1:00pm  
away

Men's  
Baseball

**Thursday**  
vs. L.B. City  
2:00pm  
@Cerritos

**Saturday**  
vs. Mt. Sac  
1:00pm  
@Cerritos

**Tuesday**  
vs. Mt. Sac  
2:00pm  
away

Women's  
Track and  
Field

**Fri.-Sat.**  
Stanford  
Invitational  
2:00pm  
Palo Alto

Men's  
Track and  
Field

**Fri.-Sat.**  
Stanford  
Invitational  
2:00pm  
Palo Alto

Women's  
Tennis

**Thursday**  
vs. El  
Camino  
2:00pm  
away

**Tuesday**  
vs. LA  
Harbor  
2:00pm  
@Cerritos

Men's  
Tennis

**Thursday**  
vs. El  
Camino  
2:00pm  
@Cerritos

Men's Golf

**Tuesday**  
SCC Tournament  
11:00am  
Mt. San  
Antonio

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# Falcons struck out by LA City

The Cerritos College baseball team lost to LA City on Thursday 6-3, all because of the sixth inning.

Elyse Muro  
SPORTS EDITOR

After five pitchers the Cerritos College baseball team still could not pull out a win against LA City on Thursday, 6-3.

This loss now put the Falcons 7-3 (18-7 overall) in conference.

The Falcons will play against LB City twice this week.

Once on Tuesday at 2 p.m. host LB City and once again on Thursday at 2 p.m. at Cerritos.

This was the second time in the season when the Falcons went up against LA City.

In a previous game in February the Falcons beat LA City 6-3, but on Thursday it was a whole different ball game for the Falcons.

The Falcons had held LA City 1-0 up until the top of the sixth when Cerritos' defense took a curve that sent the Falcons out of the park and out of the game.

During the sixth inning LA City managed to score a total of six runs, but a fly ball out to left field caught by Falcon Aurio O'Neill ended the



inning. Once the Falcons decided to get back into the game the team managed to score some runs.

By keeping the bases loaded the Falcons managed to bring in two runs.

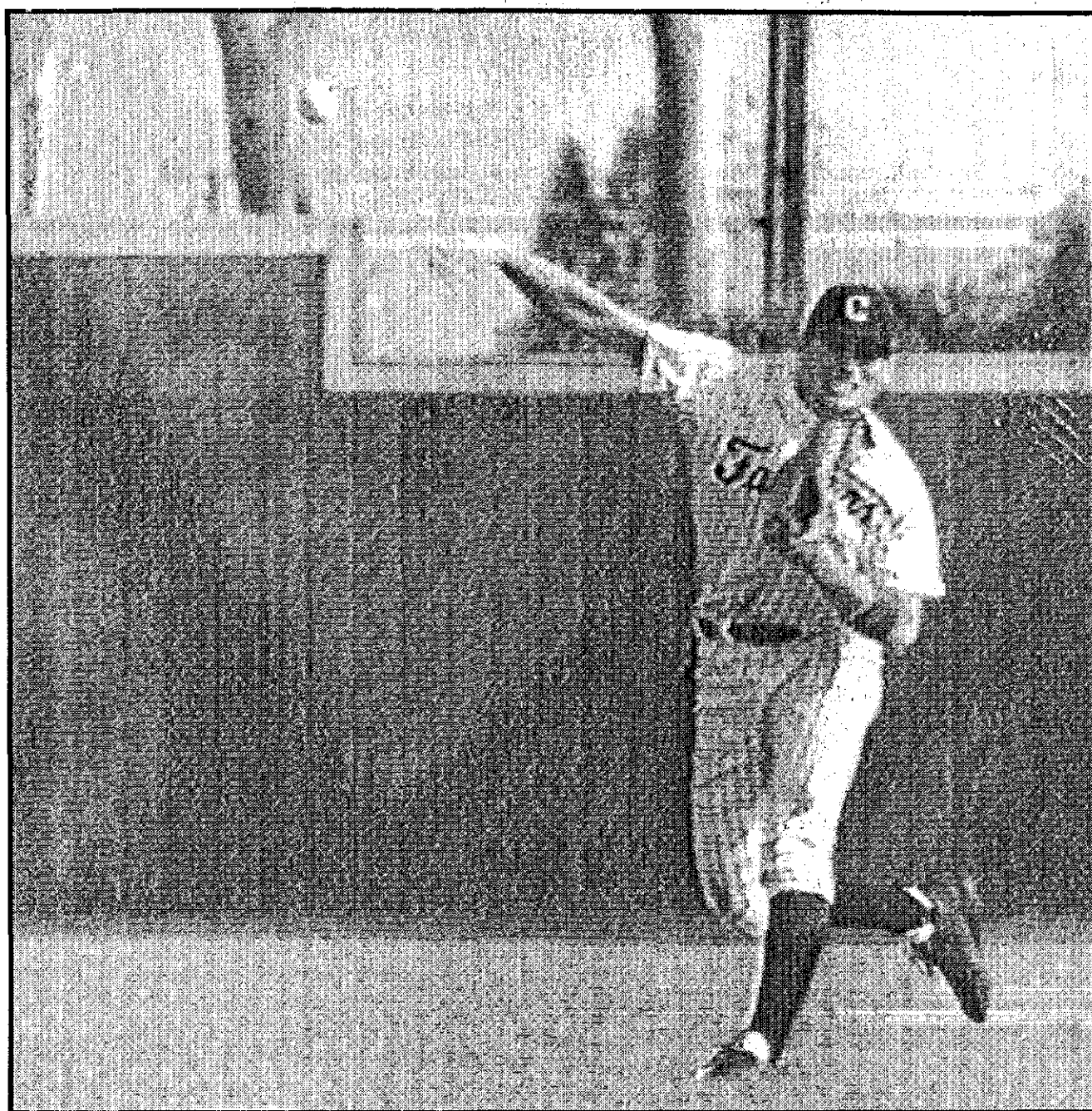
"They had one good inning and we fought back, but we didn't get a victory," Falcon Andrew Castillo said.

With one final pitcher change for the Falcons the team survived the last three innings making a few errors and not giving LA City an opportunity to score.

Falcon Daniel Nelson managed to get himself into the only pickle of the game during the fifth between first and second, but wasn't able to get back to base safely.

Cerritos head baseball coach, Geardo Perez didn't have much to say about the game other than "We had one bad inning".

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Aurio O'Neill throws a ball from right field hoping to get out one of LA Cities batters during the game losing inning.

Elyse Muro/TM

## Cerritos finds golden egg

Cerritos holds 14 first place track winners.

Herson Preciado  
Online Sports Editor

The Cerritos Men's and Women's track teams had a positive outing on Friday's Easter Relays in Santa Barbara.

Some of the participating schools included, Antelope Valley, LA City, Hancock, Citrus, Santa Monica, Compton, Cuesta, Chaffey, San Mateo, and host Santa Barbara.

Even though the meet was not scored Cerritos saw a distinguished edge over many of the schools by capturing 13 (first) place finishes and 14 second and third place finishes in 40 events.

The men fared particularly well in two events.



The first was the 800m run where Jon Collins captured the (second) spot with a time of 1:59, Deandre Haney placed third with his time of 2:01 and Deandre Mac Miller came in 5th with a time of 2:05.

The Falcons also came out on top in the 4X200m relays in which they placed (first) and (third).

Cerritos had some success in the field events, something that had eluded them in some part throughout the season.

Ortie Rainford took first place in the triple jump with a distance of 44'9" and Isais Hernandez placed (first) in the shot-put with a distance of 44'9".

The women's team also has success in many of the track events, but did not have the same victories in the field events.

Its only placing in any event was Mellisa Fletcher's first place finish in the triple jump, with a distance of 33'6.5".

But the women did make it up with a great performance in the hurdle.

In the intermediate race the Falcons took first, third and fourth via the efforts of Jamie Bareal (first), Sandy Ledezma (second) and Shawnta Picard (fourth).

In the high hurdles they captured second and third place with the performances of Jamie Bareal (second) and Bridgett Rivera (third).

Rivera also placed fifth in the 800m dash.

Cerrito's next meet will be the So. Cal invitational and Decathlon Tuesday and Wednesday.

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## Falcons hit homerun

As the Cerritos College softball season progresses, the Falcons have started to turn up the heat on their opponents, as they have won six of their last seven games.

Mixed on with those wins are two South Coast Conference contests, as well as a second place finish in the Falcons group at the Green and Gold Tournament over the weekend.

The Falcons upended SCC foes LA City (16-0) and Pasadena City (10-1) before taking part in the tournament.

After a 3-0 loss to a very good Fullerton team, Cerritos responded with wins over Grossmont (4-1), Antelope Valley (2-1), American River (13-1) and Pasadena City (10-4).

This week, the Falcons will resume conference play when they host Los Angeles City on Tuesday and El Camino on Thursday with both games starting at 3:00 p.m.

In the 4-1 win over Grossmont, second baseman Silvia Park gave the team a 2-0 lead in the second inning

with a two-run triple, while she scored on a wild pitch.

Wilson drove in the team's other run with a base hit in the fourth inning.

Pitcher Alana Gallatin limited the Griffins to four hits while she struck out four batters.

After falling behind 1-0 to Antelope Valley, the Falcons scored their two runs in the fourth inning.

That turned out to be all the offense Gallatin would need, as she worked out of jams in the fourth and fifth innings to earn the win.

The Marauders did collect seven hits, but the Falcon defense helped out Gallatin on several occasions.

The bats came alive against American River, as the Falcons produced 18 hits with each player collecting at least one hit.

With the game tied at 4-4, catcher Amie Barton drove in two runs with a base hit, which set the table for Wilson's blast. The Lancers scored their four runs thanks in part to four Cerritos errors.



## Falcons serve it up to Vikings

Elyse Muro  
Sports Editor

In the Falcons last match against LB City in early February the team suffered a loss of 3-6, but on Thursday the men's tennis team served it up on the court holding a 7-2 victory over LB City.

"The team has a better understanding of the game, and now we are beating teams we used to lose to," head coach, Gerry Ellis said.

This win now puts the Falcons at 9-7 overall.

Cerritos will go up against El Camino on Thursday at 2 p.m. at Cerritos in a Conference match.

The Falcons pulled out two wins and one loss in the doubles.

Antuan Smith and Daniel Aguilar teamed up and defeated LB City as well did Sergio Huerta and Charlie Robles in



their sets. "We are smarter in skill and we are focusing as a group," Robles said.

Ramzy Abourialy and Ki Young Kim were the only loss for the Falcons in the doubles.

"We can win our singles, but with out winning our doubles we fall," Smith said.

As far as the single sets go for the Falcons, there were five wins and only one loss.

Huerta, Smith, Kim, Aguilar, and Robles each won their single sets successfully.

"There is more camaraderie and mentally these guys have and understanding of how to win a tennis match," Ellis said.

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### Men's tennis stats

Singles	W	L
PCT Games Sweeps		
Ki Young Kim	6	1
857 12-3	5	
Anthon Smith	6	2
750 12-5	5	
Sergio Huerta	4	3
571 9-6	4	
Charlie Robles	4	4
500 9-9	3	
Ramzy Abourialy	3	3
500 7-5	3	
Jose Castillo	1	1
500 2-2	1	
Daniel Aguilar	3	5
375 6-11	2	
Jopeth Tobaban	0	1
000 0-2	0	

## Cerritos crushes Pasadena's tennis team

Despite top singles player Jessica Button dropping a three-game set, the remainder of the Cerritos College women's tennis team each posted wins to record an 8-1 win over Pasadena City in a South Coast Conference match.

With the win, the Falcons improved to 9-2 overall and 8-2 in conference play.

This week, Cerritos will travel to El Camino on Thursday for a 2:00 p.m. contest.

Freshman Francine Sorianosos was also in a tight three-game match, but was able to come away with a 6-3 win in the third set.

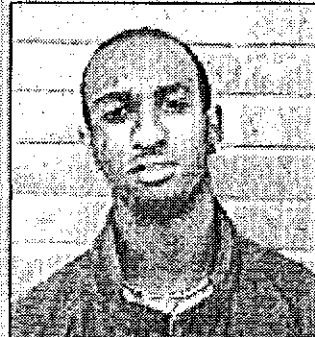
After that, the other four singles players posted sweeps to secure the team's win.

In doubles action, the Falcons continued their dominance, as they recorded three more wins.

Genie Schnakenberg led the way with a 6-0, 6-0 win, with Alice Huang coming away with a 6-3, 6-4 win, Irma Farfan posting a 6-4, 6-1 win and Mariana Arias registering a 6-0, 6-2 win.

In doubles play, the pair of Button and Sorianosos posted a tough 8-5 win, with Schnakenberg and Farfan, along with Huang and Danielle Tolentino coming away with 8-1 and 8-0 wins, respectively.

ATHLETES  
OF THE WEEK



Jon Collins

**Sport:** Track and field  
**Position:** Runner  
**Accomplishments:** Captured second place in the 800m race on Friday, with a time of 1:59.



Sandy Ledezma

**Sport:** Track and Field  
**Position:** Runner  
**Accomplishments:** Ledezma took first place in the Intermediate high hurdles on Friday. One of several first place finishes for Cerritos College.



# The pros and cons of Title IX

## sports

HERSSON PRECIADO  
ONLINE SPORTS EDITOR

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." - From the preamble to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

That does sound good. It reads like the constitution and stands like a tall flag waving in the air of a world of sexist pigs and male chauvinists, it resonates proudly leading the subjugated and oppressed to a land of equality and perfection were men and women alike can share in the prosperous fulfilling and rich life that an education through athletics can bring.

Man! That sounds even better than the actual law. How I wish that it were true and that the insidious law that is title nine was the righter of all wrongs in the world of athletic inequalities.

But a sad reality is that title nine has not achieved what it was conceived to do.

It is a good notion but like Billy beer and Disco Clothes, title nine is a 70's notion that has run its course. It has reached its pinnacle of usefulness and it is now on downward spiral that would make ENRON jealous.

It is now infringing on the very right it swears to protect because unless I am mistaken the wording does not say women and minorities even if it was the intent. The law states that "No Persons" shall be denied the opportunity of activity in federally sponsored programs.

It comes down to something simple, "Robbing from the rich to give to the poor."

But who will defend the rich. I mean rich doesn't equal evil it just equals successful as in popular and in a position to cash in. The Men's games brings in the cash, the fans the sponsorship interest and the regale from the media.

They are the foundation for Saturdays filled with pigskin passion and Marches that fill athletic programs from sea to green sea in the fans and the dough.

Bottom line, title nine advocates demand equality for women's program at the expense

of successful mid major men's programs that at one point also struggled with half empty arenas and half hearty interest.

It is hard to believe that title nine exists in a world that frowns upon the so-called caveman notion that the man supports the woman and that the male is seen as the provider.

Title nine and its system to test programs for compliance needs immediate changing before another lack luster attempt at equality claims another male sport that has the possibility for profit and title opportunities for its school.

To conclude, when a women's basketball game sells out... call me. When more than Sally Lesbian and Gary Gambler tune in to see women's basketball soccer softball or another sport call me, email me the numbers and fax me the number of somewhere I can verify that because ESPN won't have it. But, when a women's program makes more money than it loses... wake up your dreaming and by the way lay off the midnight salami sandwiches.

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LAUREN RODRIGUEZ  
ELYSE MURO

We dare not assert that in some select cases, men's sports have been negatively affected as a result of title nine, but, equality does not come at a cheap price.

For those that say that men's sports are being hurt, we ask them what their solution to this problem is.

Is it fair to eliminate women's programs?

Will going back on the status quo help to promote equality?

Any honest person would have to answer no.

Southern plantations were hurt when the slaves were freed.

Does any rational person look back on those events and say the hurt wasn't worth the equality? We hope not.

Yes we understand that at some

schools men's sports bring in money, but let's look at the facts.

School boards and student bodies pay for stadiums, uniforms, fields, and the maintenance, so the idea that men's sports pay for themselves and are self-sustaining is preposterous.

One of the only reasons why men's sports such as football and baseball are so much more popular than women's sports is simply because

they have been around longer.

The fact is that here at Cerritos College the women's soccer team has only been here for maybe on an average of three to four years, while the men's football team has been here since the late 50's.

We say, come see the women's sports in about the amount of time it took the football and baseball team to become so well established and then you can make your judgements.

Women's sports are just getting started, especially here at Cerritos.

Talent and skill of women has grown far more than any one could have ever imagined, especially here at Cerritos.

When has there been more than one incident when a Cerritos football or men's basketball game has ever been sold out?

Let me say I went just about every football game this year and I can not remember one night when that stadium was near half full or to say the least, sold out and jammed pack.

You have to spend money to make money. Women's sports is not trying to take all the money of the male dominated sports, but trying to make things equal, so that in the years to come women's sports will just be as popular as men's, not to say in some cases it already isn't.

For example when the women's 2000 soccer Olympics were playing there was not even a seat left in the house.

The stadium was filled with men, women, teens, and young athletes.

This event was so huge that even when I got the nosebleed tickets they had cost me over a hundred dollars a ticket.

Now when was the last time the Clippers had a packed stadium, yes some may say look at the Lakers, but let's think a minute how long and how much more money has been invested in this male team.

We are not at all trying to say that women's sports are better so let's spend more money, but we are trying to establish the fact of equality. This is not just some 70s women's right movement.

This equality ensures women that they will always have the same chance and opportunity that a man does.

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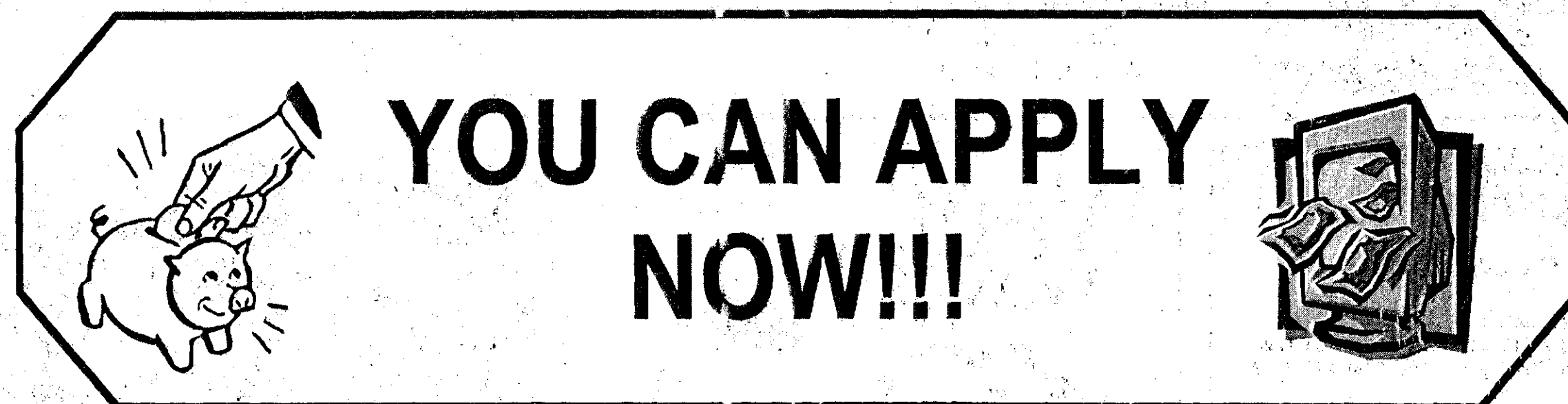
### Baseball standings

Cerritos  
8-4 (19-8)  
LA Harbor  
8-4 (12-6)  
Long Beach  
8-4 (14-8)  
LA City  
7-3 (15-7-3)

### Track records

200m  
2nd Travon Lee  
21.34  
4x100m relay  
2nd Cerritos 40.71  
4x400  
3rd Cerritos 3:13  
4x800  
3rd Cerritos 3:57  
100m  
April Brown 11:29  
200m  
1st April Brown  
24.7  
400m  
2nd Cora

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