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Planned debate turned platform monologue

Presidential candidate encourages students to take an active roll in government and politics

BRIAN DAY
OPINION EDITOR

Last Tuesday, in BK 111, the ASCC Presidential Forum was held, though only one of the two campaign platforms was represented. Presidential candidate Tiffany Garcia and Vice Presidential candidate Brian Virk commented and answered questions from the audience regarding their platform, which they explained was built around getting students more involved in student government.

In her opening remarks, Garcia encouraged students to take an active roll in government, and maintain an inquiring attitude towards politics. "Question me," she said, "...question what I can do for you."

Citing experience on the Board of Advisors, she stated, "If I'm elected to office, there is no angle I won't fight."

Virk added that this platform was one, "of the people, for the people," and that "Every student's voice will count."

As the forum was opened up to questions, via index cards, budget cuts appeared high on the list of concern posed by the audience. When asked what she will do differently if elected, she said, "Broken promises are what they are because students don't stand up for themselves. We need a leader who's willing to stand up and take the criticism."

Multiple questions asked the whereabouts of the opposing candi-

dates. The moderator explained that, "Due to personal situations, the other candidates could not make it today."

Of the absence of candidates James Towns and Marie Brand, running mates for president and vice president respectively, Virk said, "It's kind of disappointing, we were hoping to debate. Though I'm sure they have valid reasons for not being here."

Audience member and student council cabinet member Lauren Fernandez posed the question, "Where on earth are their running mates?" Later adding, "I thought it was some kind of April fools joke."

In closing, both present candidates re-affirmed their platform of student involvement. "I am determined to

stand, as much as I can, for the things you stand for," Garcia said. Virk added, "Always voice your concerns, be persistent and it will pay off."

Virk stated after the forum, "We want people to attend the meetings. Students can come and speak to 30 senators representing 24,000 people," which are held in room BK 111, Wednesdays at 2.

Students were given an opportunity to voice their concerns and hear the opinions of their candidates, though unfortunately for students and candidates alike, only one platform was represented.

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Presidential candidate Tiffany Garcia at presidential forum



One glittery model shows off a cosmotology's students art.

SONIA SAENZ/TM

Hair Raising

Student Hair show dazzles the audience and shows new designs

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ONLINE EDITOR

Cosmetologists, friends and family came together in the Student Center on Monday evening to Bring on the Funk with the Cosmotology Departments annual Student Hair show.

The show, hosted by Cosmotology club President Angelo Rottino, had 10 categories and a great array of dancing before the show began.

Most categories had 3 or 4 winners and were awarded contest prizes, which were Maly's gift certificates ranging in price from \$25 to \$100.

One of the most popular categories Fantasy Cosmotologists, included painting of the body, and required costumes. Twelve year old Sequoia Smith, modeled for her mother, Chanel Smith, who won first place. She was painted green from head to toe and was dressed like a sunflower. "It took her forty minutes to paint all of me," Smith said.

There were 8 judges and each of them were specialists in Cosmotology. At 5:30 p.m., the judges began to

HAIR CATEGORIES

Fantasy
Cosmetologists
Fantasy Estheticians
Long Hair Design-
Freshman-Model
Long Hair Design-
Freshman-Doll
Head
Ethnic Hair Evening
Ladies Day Look-
Freshman
Ladies Club Look-
Doll Head
Ladies Club Look-
Model
Long Hair Design-
Doll Head
Long Hair Design-
Model

wander the floor and judge all of the models. One of the judges, Onyx Scott, is a colorist from the Tony and Guy salon who has been doing hair for 10 years.

"This is a really good show. The students here are really talented and have shown really good work," Scott said.

And the Cosmotology students weren't the only winners there. Five packages were also raffled away that contained things like Redken, Sebastian, and TIGI hair products.

Toward the middle of the show, there seemed to be slight delay's with the music and confusion over the reading cards, but the show continues less than five minutes later.

All in all, many seemed pleased with the work the students spent all day working on. Many spent over 5 hours working on their models. But all was repaid at the end of the show, when 29 participants walked away winners.

For a complete list of winners from the hair show, visit www.talonmarks.com

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Transfer center plans tours

Berkeley and Davis here comes Cerritos College

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

Have you ever thought about where you are transferring to after Cerritos College?

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions. So many decisions to make as students go through college. Well the Cerritos College Transfer Center is here to help students figure out what they are looking for in a school to transfer to.

During the first two days of spring break 47 student's and three advisors are headed to UC Berkeley and Davis in northern California.

These students will be touring the campuses and going to workshops to help them learn more about the schools and what they need to do to transfer there.

The Transfer Center and the Puente Project are the ones responsible for getting the students to go on this trip.

"Last year we had three different trips, one for Transfer Center, one for International Students and the other the Puente Project students. But this year we combined the trip to help save money," said Carol Patrick, Administrative Dean of Counseling.

This year the International Students are not going on the trip.

The trip is funded by the Cerritos College Foundation and gave some requirements that the students needed to meet before going on the trip.

Students needed to have a minimum of a 2.7 GPA and have earned at least 15-40 transferable units. Also there is a \$10 deposit that students put down to reserve their spot on the bus, but will get the money back the day of the trip.

"We do this trip every spring because it is easier to take off during spring break than during the fall semester," Patrick said.

The students are very enthusiastic about the trip said Patrick.

There is one student that has applied to one of the school's and has been accepted. The school called Cerritos College to see if they can get the student to come on the trip because all they really need to do was still visit the school and check out the campus.

The students will be there from April 13 to April 15. The lodging and transportation is provided by the Transfer Center.

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"Shock and awe" doesn't achieve what most expected

United States Journalist and sholdiers remain missing in the Iraq war, military casualties rise disappointing many

Casualties (Deaths)

March 29—6
March 28—1
March 27—2
March 26—1
March 25—4
March 24—3
March 23—13
March 22—4
March 21—6
No date—2
Missing: 17

LAUREN RODRIGUEZ
NEWS EDITOR

Moises Saman, a Cerritos College graduate, and journalist covering the war in Iraq, was found Tuesday after missing since last Monday.

Saman, who now works for Newsday, had not been in contact with his editor since last Monday and has left no knowledge to his whereabouts.

Newsday said in a statement on Friday, "We're continuing to try to obtain information through every possible channel," CNN reports.

Saman was thought to be missing with Newsday United Nations Bureau Chief, Matt McAllester.

According to CNN, "Newsday editor Anthony Marro said Thursday that American journalists in Baghdad have told the newspaper that McAllester and Saman were among a small group of Western journalists who were rounded up by Iraqi officials on Tuesday morning and apparently ordered to leave the country in a dispute over visas."

The Cerritos College student, who was originally from Spain, had transferred to Cal State Fullerton before working for Newsday.

It seems that stories of missing persons such as this and military casualties have worked together to help shift public opinion.

According to a Time/CNN poll,

55 percent of Americans feel that the U.S government was too optimistic in what it told the public would probably happen in the war with Iraq.

Although "Shock and awe" didn't achieve quite the results Washington was hoping, President Bush remains optimistic about the ground war.

In his update in Philadelphia he said, "It has been 11 days since the major ground war began. In this short time, our troops have performed brilliantly, with skill and with bravery. They make us proud."

Despite glitches in military operations, Bush assures Americans that significant advances are being made.

"In 11 days, coalition forces have taken control of most of western and southern Iraq. In 11 days, we've seized key bridges, opened a northern front, achieved — nearly achieved complete air superiority, and are delivering tons of humanitarian aid. By quick and decisive action, our troops are preventing Saddam Hussein from destroying the Iraqi people's oil fields. Our forces moved into Iraqi missile launch areas that threatened neighboring countries. Many dangers lie ahead, but day by day, we are moving closer to Baghdad. Day by day, we are moving closer to victory."

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Participants helped raise nearly \$2000 at the Third Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, Thursday.

'Ignorance is a KILLER'

DENISE GONZALEZ
STAFF WRITER

Nearly \$2000 was raised for charities of breast cancer during the Third Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on Thursday.

An estimated 180 walkers gathered at Falcon Square for the one and a half mile walk around campus.

There were mothers with strollers,

people in wheelchairs and volunteers handing out ice cold water bottles. During registration, participants were given pink ribbons to wear in support for a cure of breast cancer.

Students and staff were geared up for the hot and sunny afternoon. Virtually everyone was dressed in work-out apparel; with the sun beaming most people wore sun glasses and visors.

"This is the first time I participated (in the walk), and I picked up a lot of good information here today," said Ana Soriano, student. "A lot of women think it won't happen to them but you never know; one day women may be walking for me."

Carrie Gleckner and Ni Bueno are the coordinators of the annual walk and both are instructors in physical education.

Gleckner explained that there are a couple of special reasons for this event. "One is that it brings the entire campus together. Second, it involves a fitness event." "So we're promoting the importance of being physically active, plus, it is an awareness of an important issue and how it is highly survivable and how early detection is so important," Gleckner said. "We're raising funds for the charities and bringing our campus together and giving back to the community."

Linda Pura, President of the Board of Directors for the "Susan G. Komen Foundation" was a special guest at the event. She encouraged everyone to "keep walking" because a cure for breast cancer has not yet been discovered.

Pura specified that she worked for the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program and is one of 70,000 volunteers for the Komen Foundation. She explained that through the Komen foundation, there are 160 affiliates across the country and three in Europe that raise money locally in their communities. Of the money that is raised, 75 percent goes to local breast cancer organizations and the remaining 25 percent goes back to national research.

Pam Burton, Board of Directors with "Team

Survivor," (an organization that provides free fitness programs and health education to any women who has been effected with any type of cancer) is a breast cancer victor who says she had a very positive outcome due to early detection.

Burton explained that having breast cancer was a very major change in her life. She urged all woman and men to perform breast exams every month. "I say the men because you have the best tools that women can use to determine if they have a lump or not," Burton said. She raised her palms up at the crowd and said "these are your tools, if you don't know how to use these to determine if you have a lump or not, you need to learn today." She insisted to the men in the group that they needed to learn also. "Your wives or your girlfriends will benefit from what you may feel, and what they don't feel," Burton said.

Burton advised women that they are never too young to start examining themselves. "Don't be afraid." She asked for everyone to inform themselves, their mothers, sisters and friends. "Ignorance is a killer," Burton said.

The last guest speaker, Martha Meza, is a woman who just two weeks ago had a vasectomy. She emphasized that our bodies (men and women) are very sacred and very special, to take advantage of the education that is out there, to be aware of what can happen to you. "If it ever happens to you, please understand that you are not alone and that it is a race worth fighting for," Meza said. "And as our soldiers are across the world today, we support them and we appreciate you supporting us in our breast cancer fight also."

The event ended with a special acknowledgments and prizes.

Prizes were awarded to the top three donors. Ana Sapien was the highest contributor with \$180. Luara Smutts came in second with \$150. Tom Jackson and Betty Seback who donated \$130 each tied in third place.

A spirit award was given to the division/group with the most participants (faculty and students). The honor was given to the English Department with a total of 15 people walking together.

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Questions answered online

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Students who need monetary help to start or continue college, now have more than one way of requesting financial aid.

The financial aid center now has a complete web site that will help students avoid long lines.

There are many services that are available to you with just a click of your mouse.

"There are two ways of applying," said Jamie Quiroz, accounting technician. "You can do it online or you can do a paper application."

Students wishing to do it online can find the link by going into the college's web site (www.cerritos.edu), clicking on the admissions and records index, clicking on the student services link and finally clicking on financial aid. There you will see a link to www.fafsa.ed.gov, this is the federal web site for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Students can also take advantage of other services available to them from the financial aid web site.

Such services include checking your status online, and viewing, scholarships and grants and eligibility requirements.

"On the web site students can also find different

programs, different grants and a listing of scholarships," Quiroz said, who is also one of the web authors.

If students have questions they may find the answer in the web site.

Some of the questions that can be answered are:

- What is the status of my financial aid file?
- How much have I been awarded?
- What type of financial aid have I been awarded?
- When was my check mailed out?
- How does the check disbursement schedule work?
- Why is my financial aid file not completed?
- Do I have a fee waiver?

According to the Cerritos College web site, the way a student's eligibility is determined is by three things that are considered: "Family income and family assets; students assets and earnings; and all other resources available to the students."

In order for you to know if you are eligible for financial aid, you must complete the FAFSA application. There you will be required to show that you have a financial need.

Students can also visit the financial Aid Center or call (562) 860-2451 ext. 2397

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High school invasion

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Cerritos College is holding a Senior Preview Day this Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. which gives high school seniors a chance to explore the campus as well as listen to several presentations.

"Senior Preview Day is an open house to introduce high school seniors to a variety of programs. There will be 24 presentations that many seniors may be interested in," said School Relations Coordinator, Shirley Arceo.

From noon-1 p.m. seniors can take advantage of the luncheon provided by the Culinary Arts and the variety of booths held by several clubs on campus at the Student Center Stage.

Students visiting Cerritos and those that already attend can enjoy entertainment from the Cerritos College Pop Choir.

These booths will have a variety of activities happening especially those seniors interested in vocational studies or those thinking about joining a club.

Services provided by the college such as the health department and financial aid will also be there to talk to students.

The bookstore at Cerritos will also provide seniors with a bag of goodies containing an issue of the Talon Marks newspaper, a welcome wrap around and a lunch ticket.

Some of the presentations that will be given is a tour of the automotive program, information about where to get academic support, facility tours and what the Learning Communities program is all about.

Over 1200 seniors from 26 surrounding high schools are scheduled to attend. Students can turn in their admission applications and talk to a counselor only at the counseling table.

For more information about Senior Preview Day, contact the School Relations Office at (562) 860-2451 Ext. 2130

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EDITORIAL

Excuse me, who are you?

When it comes to writing for the newspaper, we as staff members of the Talon Marks and citizens of America have a right to free speech.

Everyone should love the right to speak freely without being persecuted. That is why we invite students, faculty and the public to write us letters to the editor.

We want to hear your voice as not only a part of the Cerritos College community, but as Americans that want to exercise their right to voice their opinions.

We have received many letters to the editor this semester and some of them would be great to publish in the Talon Marks, but one thing is missing from all the letters to us, the name of who it is coming from.

We want to print all your letters to the editor, but without a name, no publication of the letter can take place.

We have a responsibility to put credible sources in the paper. Without a name, we fall victim of not knowing if this is coming from an actual person.

Why not sign your name to the letter? Is there any harm in doing such a thing? We get all types of letters with negatives and positive feelings in them and we want to let that person express his first amendment rights.

No secret admirers allowed here. We want real names of real people. If you had enough guts to write us a letter telling us how you feel about a certain topic, then you should have enough courage to put your name on the letter. Why voice your opinion if it is not going to be heard?

It won't be heard unless you put your name on it. You know the companies that reserve the right to refuse service? Well, here at Talon Marks we have the right not to print a letter to the editor if it does not have a signature with a real name.

It is frustrating to us that you don't put a name on your letter. We have received some really good letters to the editor and hey, maybe some even threatening ones, but without a name, your out of luck in even being heard.

Why not stand up for what you believe in so strongly and stick by what you say. Are you afraid of what people might say if you write such a positive or negative letter? Don't be afraid of what others think or say. You have a right to have your opinion and we want to be able to help you get your voice heard. After all we at Talon Marks are a student newspaper and a first amendment publication. We want your voices heard, don't you?

With issues about the war and politics, why not speak your mind everyone has opinion on the war, we know you do. But it is not just war topics, what about the budget and ASCC presidential elections. Don't you care who the next president is?

So if you are going to write a letter to the editor, put your name on it. Otherwise it will be looked at and never published because we want to be a credible news source for the students and public.

Again we value your opinion even if it is constructive criticism toward us; we still value your opinion. Wouldn't you like your opinions to be valued too?

So express your thoughts and sign your name to the letter.

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Gross, wear some protection please

Vendors and food handlers need to remember not to infect the students and faculty



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FEATURES EDITOR

Remember back in the day when we were in elementary school, and all the weird cafeteria ladies wore gloves when they served us food? What a great memory. Now the only cafeteria we see is led by the Culinary Arts, who also have the decency to wear gloves.

I've noticed that many places on campus however do not have their employees wear gloves when they make the food students here at Cerritos eat everyday.

Sure it can't be as bad as someone handling money and then touching our food, but how do I know where his or her hands have been? How often do they wash their hands?

When I went to Taco Bell or Mandarin Palace, I used to feel confident about my food because, after all, they all got a grade A.

What I don't understand is that very clean vendors like these shouldn't have any problems with their food.

According to a letter from the ASCC to the purchasing department, it says that, "There was a faculty member who got infected with food poisoning due to organisms that were in the chicken from Imperial Mandarin Palace. There were also several other students who got infected with food poisoning from other food vendors."

Well I guess their A doesn't mean anything now if these food places are causing students as well as faculty to get sick.

Is there something wrong with this picture? Why isn't the school doing something about this problem and why aren't the students notified about it? Right now the school wants to charge us more for our tuition and make us pay more fees when they can't even put their money into making some changes regarding the food Cerritos College is eating.

So maybe that rumor about the roach problem at Taco Bell was true. ASCC seems to know about this problem, while the rest of the population doesn't.

One last problem that many of us may not think of is those trays we eat off of. I know I don't throw my fries on the tray and eat right off it, but there are those times when a french

fry may accidentally hit the tray and I'll grab it and eat it or some of that cheese from that huge taco dripped onto my tray and I'll think nothing of it.

This doesn't seem like much of a problem but according to the ASCC, "Several of the food poisoning have come from bacteria not only found in the food itself but also on the trays. The types of bacteria possibly found is E. Coli 0157, Salmonella, Staphylococcus, Aureus, Clostridium Perfringens and Bercillus Cereus."

I don't even know what half of those are; but apparently they're bad if they are being listed as harmful to the public.

Not only will students be scratchy about what they are eating, but also now the trays they are eating their food off of.

So to conclude this piece, maybe our future ASCC president should take into consideration these facts and do something about it, it would be a welcome change And maybe the school should stop spending money re-planting flowers at the fountain and start thinking about what they can do to improve this problem.

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Pulling Punches, Losing lives, Dragging on

We're turning what should be a sparing match into a Heavy Weight title match with any need to.



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The chilling reality of war is upon us and there is no turning back.

Our military has fully pledged its commitment and dedication to winning this war and fighting until the Iraqi people are liberated.

So then why are we tiptoeing around Baghdad?

It is very obvious that we are not using our full arsenal and that we are moving with a lethargic pace calculating and reacting to the so called menacing forces of the great fierce power that is the Iraqi REPUBLICAN GUARD.

Yes I can see it know, 150 years from now historians looking back at the great military powers of all time and saying the names of the hords of Attila the Hun, the great armies of Napoleon and the British naval power that spanned centuries in the same breath as the supreme power of the Iraqi Republican Guard ground force...yeah right.

Now I understand that we want to rebuild Iraq when this is all over and that we want to save as many buildings, structures, oil fields and Iraqi lives as possible (and its sad that it seems to be in that order) but we can't risk countless American lives just so we can do this the easy way.

It is understandable that there is large sentiment opposed to taking Baghdad by absolute force, but we must not forget the past and the atrocities that come from fitting a desperate people on their own turf as in Vietnam.

It is obvious that were feeling this war out

weaving and dodging waiting for the end of the 12th round to tap him over with a jab.

Well its time to wake up and see the reality that we are on their soil their terms and that after all the republican guard uniforms go to the cleaners the Iraqi people won't start putting signs on their foreheads that read civilian and militant. Its just not going to happen.

We cant allow this to become Vietnam part deux. I can see that now too ...From the country that brought you Expelling blood to expel Big RED from Saigon, comes Death and Spoil for Liberation and Oil.

I don't in anyway mean to make light of either war but similarities grow every day with the use of suicides and human shields by the Iraqis If there is anyway to avert the catastrophes that haunt our past then we must do what ever it takes to make sure that we do.

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Campus Comment

What can student government do that would directly impact you?

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ONLINE POLL

How will you spend your spring break?

- Sleeping in.
- I'll be enjoying Easter with my family.
- I'm going to Cancun baby, woo-hoo!
- What break? I have to work.
- Doing homework, yuck!

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"Reduce fees and increase class size."

ANDY VASQUEZ
BUSINESS



"Bring tuition back down instead of raising it."

EDDIE QUARESMA
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS



"Cutbacks on school and stop wasting our tax money on things not necessary. They should also open more classes and stop shutting them down."

CEANNA NIEVES
CHILD DEVELOPMENT



"Job security for the faculty and prevent closure of classes."

BRIAN SOUSA
RADIOLOGY



"Get more involved. It doesn't seem like they are doing much. They make promises but they haven't really done anything with them."

CHRISTINE LYNCH
UNDECIDED



"The budget. I think tuition should not go up any higher and stop cutting down the classes."

ROSE DADIA
MEDICAL ASSISTANT



"They should stop letting go the part-time teachers."

PAUL SARMIENTO
BUSINESS



"I think everything is pretty good except I think they shouldn't raise the tuition."

DIANNA MCKAY
UNDECIDED

Opinion



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Upcoming
Movie
Releases

April 4

Phone
Booth (R)
 Starting
 Colin Farrell.
 Farrell plays a
 cocky publicist
 who pops into
 a booth to
 make a call to
 his mistress
 (Katie Holmes);
 before he can,
 the phone rings,
 he answers,
 and a voice
 (Kiefer
 Sutherland's)
 tells him that if
 he hangs up,
 he'll be shot.

A Man
Apart (R)
 Vin Diesel
 plays DEA
 agent Sean
 Vetter, who sets
 out for revenge
 after a botched
 hit results in the
 death of his
 wife. While on
 the hunt, he
 finds that near
 the U.S. border
 with Mexico, a
 new drug cartel
 has taken hold.
 Aiming to take
 on its leader,
 who he suspects
 is the man
 behind his
 wife's death,
 Vetter partners
 with another
 agent (Lorenz
 Tate).

What a
Girl Wants
(PG)
 Amanda
 Bynes plays a
 19-year-old
 New York City
 teen who travels
 to London to
 find the father
 she's never
 known (Colin
 Firth).

April 11

Anger
Management
(PG-13)
 Adam
 Sandler plays a
 businessman
 sent to an
 anger-manage-
 ment program
 after an out-
 burst on an air-
 plane. Trouble
 is, the
 program's
 therapist is Jack
 Nicholson
 whose own
 rage is out of
 control.

Moving to the music

Dance students energized the audience with impressive moves

Rebecca DeLaney
 Features Editor

The dance department held their spring concert in the Burnight Theatre this past Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m., showing the audience different dance performances in each set.

After everyone took their seats, the lights faded out, and the music started playing while the colored lights glowed on the stage. This is when the excitement began.

Not only were there great performers showing the audience different types of dance, but they also showed emotion as if they were actually feeling what they were dancing. Each step and every hand that pushed over their face expressed something powerful.

There were different dances for everyone to enjoy including modern, ballet, hip-hop, and a variation of ballroom salsa.

One performance that took everyone's breath away was the number "Can't Help Myself," which was a lyrical duet performed by dancers Noe Hilyard and Sara Rose Medina. This number was expressed powerfully with the subtle sexual advances and the looks they gave each other. To help set the mood, a Nora Jones song was played in the background.

Another impressive performance was from the ballet performance of "Coppelia." At first it started out slow, then real talent showed espe-



From left to right, Christopher Alvarado, Sara Rose Medina, Nick Laris, and Diane Christensen show some tap moves that led to an excellent performance.

cially when Krystyna Park showed the audience what a great puppet she could be. Every movement was quick yet clean, and with each small jump she made it look so simple through the ease in which she performed her solo.

After seven numbers, there was as short intermission and then the excitement took the audience by storm once again.

Besides dancing to classical tunes and slow beats like Nora Jones, there was also a mix of hip-hop and alternative music. In one number called, "The Gap," dancers Sheila Bright, Jesus Cruz, Norman Follosco, Octavia Turner and Yvonne Bartoli danced to Korn where they expressed how abusive relationships could damage someone. It was emotional and any person could

feel for the performers.

Many of the performances related to some sort of relationship as well as everyday problems. The pieces were excellent and the dancers touched many people's hearts with their smooth moves.

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La Habra's Envilent saves the day with old-fashioned metal

Brian Day
 Opinion Editor

Finally, something fresh from the local scene. In an era seemingly dominated by emo and other such horrible, horrible music, La Habra's own Envilent has risen to the challenge of supplying the suffering local scene with a taste of old fashioned, brain-smashing metal to balance out the sugary crap blaring out of local coffee shops every Friday night.

Their new CD was completed this month, and contains five tracks of music that can only be described as hard. Really, really hard.

The heavy, fast, double-bass driven



beats on the album, supplied by Alex Hernandez, drive each song forward. Adam Campbell pounds out a growling bass guitar to match. Jimmy Joyce and Dunn fill in the melody on guitar,

and John Strachan's raspy, whaling screams complete the sound.

The result is a unique brand of metal that thrashes. Punk influence is evident on the tracks, and the band pays tribute to Slayer on their web site as well. Wherever they play, a pit is sure to follow. In addition to rocking more traditional venues such as Chain Reaction, Envilent has been known to wreak mosh-pit havoc on unsuspecting locations such as Whittier's Skateland.

At a FREE Feb. 27 show at "Memories" in Uptown Whittier, attended by a handful of seasoned fans and a room full of curious passers-by, the show was interrupted by the owner, who expressed concerns that the audience was becoming too violent.

For a metal band, there is no higher honor.

To check them out for yourself, visit their web site at www.envilent.net for upcoming show dates, though the band would like to point out that this site is under serious construction. The CD is available

direct from the band, you can contact them for one on their web site, but they would prefer you pick one up at a show.

Want to hear more? Check them out on the net in CD quality, digital streaming audio by logging onto WPMD on the net this Tuesday at 2:00, when their album will be debuted in its entirety on the Schizophrenic Music Hour. Just point your browser to www.cerritos.edu/wpmd, and click the listen link.

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Getting BACK to BASICS

by Francis Burns / Special to Talon Marks

McTiernan's "Basic" is anything but. John Travolta stumbles along in his usual strangely endearing fashion in this latest offering to the suspense genre.

A military crime drama, "Basic," centers around the investigation of a training accident in a jungle in Panama. An exercise gone awry leaves four dead, one of whom is Samuel L. Jackson, an infamous ranger training sergeant, a man in the hospital, and an uncooperative prisoner.

Enter Travolta, a DEA agent of dubious reputation, to assist Captain Osbourne, the military investigator, portrayed by Connie Nielsen. Travolta helps out in an unofficial capacity at the behest of an old friend, Tim Daly, who is now the base commander. The two survivors offer widely different accounts of the incident in question, leading Travolta and Nielsen in an ever-shrinking circle of deception and cover up. Panama, the murder and betrayal center around illegal drugs, combat cocktails for the soldiers and everybody's favorite white powder for the civvies back home.

The final twist saves this film from being just another Kyser Soze and offers a sense of optimism not usually found at the end of a trail of blood. Poirot eat your heart out.

Nielsen, surprisingly, is the main character of the piece, while Travolta is the somewhat shaky hero. Nielsen turns in a solid freshman performance while taking an unlikely backseat to Travolta. Pushing her to question everything, Osbourne's starry-eyed, by the book style is in conflict with his seat of the pants maneuverings and cynic's view.

Their rapport, while cliché, efficiently illuminates the foibles of these characters without bogging us down in explication. Unfortunately, the Osbourne character's growth is somewhat shadowed by Travolta. Always larger than life and calling to mind images of Chester Cheetah, Travolta does not disappoint, however. Sam Jackson lends an added dimension of credibility, showing off his strength of charisma in his brief moments on screen.

Fans of slash cuts and shaky cams rejoice. Arguably the father of modern cinematography, John McTiernan (of Die Hard and 13th Warrior fame), helms this one. His quick strokes and tight angles heighten the intensity in a script that had the potential to lag a bit.

All in all, "Basic" was definitely worth the price of a matinee admission.

MAKING PRINTS

LAUREN RODRIGUEZ
NEWS EDITOR

New techniques of non-toxic printmaking were explored in Saturday's Printmaking Symposium.

Cynthia Kastan, professor of art and symposium director, explained that there were two major themes that were explored on Saturday: the fusion of traditional and digital printmaking as well as the new techniques being offered in non-toxic printmaking.

The symposium, which was held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., was hosted by the Cerritos College printmaking program and featured video tapes and discussion in the morning and a discussion with panelists later in the afternoon.

The main objective of the symposium was to introduce non-toxic printmaking in relation to traditional printmaking.

Non-toxic Printmaking has gained popularity in recent years because there has been a push among artists to create materials that are more health-friendly, Kastan explained.

She said that Cerritos College has been employing various non-toxic techniques since 1986.

Some of the students are still unfamiliar with the rapid changes being made and came to be educated on the field's advances.

"I wanted to find out new techniques," said Luis Vega, art education.

As a future art teacher, Vega feels that it is important that he expose himself to the evolving field of printmaking.

Anna Javier, fine art, also attended the symposium to learn about the new non-toxic techniques.

"I think he (Keith Howard on the video) did a lot of interesting things," Javier said.

Kastan makes the point that in addition to being better for the environment, new printmaking techniques also increase the amount of creative space an artist has to work with.

"It expands our vocabulary as printmakers," Kastan said.

Vega added that he liked the way they included the video. "It is not just the usual lecture."

Appropriately, Kastan had never intended for this to be the usual lecture.

She explained that the idea was to bring together professionals in the field and have them share what their experiences had been.

Information was to be shared among colleagues and students would benefit by listening in.

During the actual roundtable discussion, each panelist started with a short presentation. After, the panel was open for questions.

Kastan said that the panelists were gratified to have participated in the event.

She urges all Cerritos College students to learn more about the printmaking program by visiting the web site at www.cerritos.edu/art/printmaking.html.

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Symposium explores traditional and digital printmaking



A woman views a piece of artwork done by a panelist at Saturday's Printmaking symposium.

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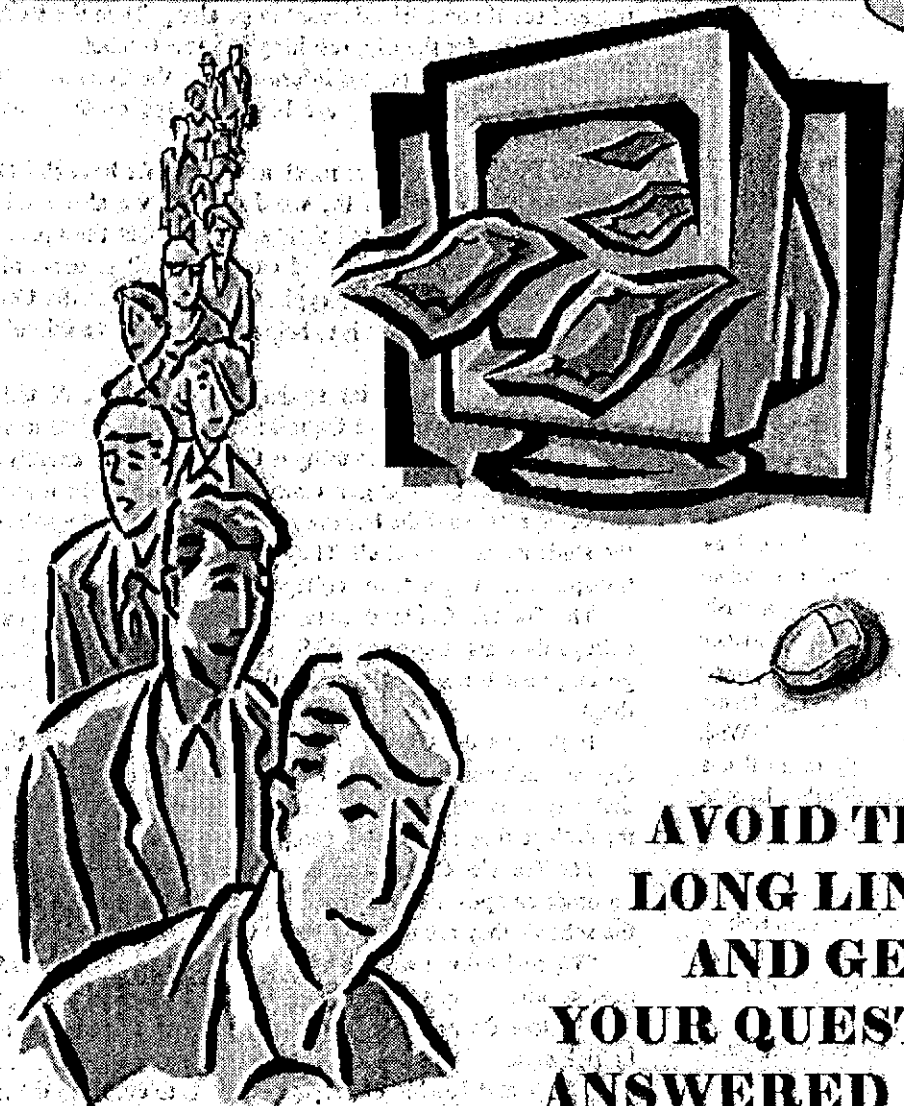
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Free Admission

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7:00 p.m.
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May 14
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CSULA
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Thursday
UCI
8:40-10:20 a.m. (oppl)
11-12 p.m. Workshop
12-4:03 p.m. (oppl)
5-6 p.m. Workshop

CSULA
9:30-12:30 p.m.

Apr. 7
CSUF
12-3 p.m.

UCSC
10-11 p.m.

UCSB
10-12 p.m.

Apr. 8
CSUDH
Table
10-11 p.m.

CS Poly
Pomona
9-11 p.m.

Apr. 9
CSUH
3-7 p.m.

UCA
9-12 p.m.

Apr. 10
CSJA
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Bakery trip

Apr. 21
CSUF
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UCA
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Apr. 24
CSJB
10-11 p.m.

Apr. 28
CSUF
12-3 p.m.

Apr. 29
CSUDH
9-11 p.m.

Apr. 30
CSJA
2-5 p.m.

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines

Lakewood Regional Hospital Scholarship \$1,000: Applications must be received by Apr. 11

California Retired Teachers Association Whittier Area \$1,000: Applications must be received by Apr. 11

Hispanic College Fund, Inc.: Applications must be received by Apr. 15



Courtesy of Sondra McCook
From left: Sondra McCook, Rocio Torres, Mervyn Dymally, Sarah Navarrette, and Nancy Walle. The students went to Sacramento to protest budget cuts on extended opportunity programs at Cerritos College.

FIGHTING THE CUTS

EOPS/CARE students travel to Sacramento to protest budget cuts

Alicia Warner
Editor-in-Chief

Budget cuts are effecting every program no matter how small or how big that program is.

The Extended Opportunities Programs and Services and the CARE program at Cerritos College are two of the programs that will be affected by the budget cuts for next semester.

On March 16 and 17, the two advisers and four students from the program went to Sacramento to protest the budget cuts affecting their programs.

Phil Rodriguez, EOPS director, and Marcia Chaney, CARE coordinator, were the two advisers that accompanied the students while in Sacramento.

The students went with region eight, which is the region that Cerritos College belongs to as well as orange county colleges. All the students that did attend were from the EOPS/CARE program statewide. There were a total of 60 students along with advisers that went from region eight.

Region eight paid for transportation and lodging for all of its students.

There were approximately three to four students that went from each school.

"We had four students from the program go and talk to education representatives of the senators and we did talk to one senator while we were there," said Sondra McCook, EOPS/CARE student.

During the meetings with the representatives, the students talked about how the program can't afford to be cut.

Rocio Torres is an EOPS student and she did the opening with the representatives and gave them some statistics and an

overview about how the budget would effect them.

Sarah Navarrette, an EOPS/CARE student, talked about her situation and how the cuts would affect her personally.

Nancy Walle, another EOPS/CARE student, also spoke to the representatives about her situation and how it would affect her life.

McCook also talked to the representatives and presented them with the petitions that the students of Cerritos College signed.

There were 2000 signatures on the petitions to protest the budget.

Assemblymember Mervyn Dymally, from the 52nd District, was the only Assemblymember that the students were able to talk to.

Dymally is the chair on the select committee for community colleges.

"He was really nice to us and he was familiar with Cerritos College and was very supportive in not cutting the budget," McCook said.

The students did not take part in the march to Capital, but were there for the rally.

There were an estimated eight to nine thousand students and advisers that participated in the rally.

Many students went on stage to give speeches.

"I tried to get up there on stage, but they were getting ready for the speakers that planned on talking to us," McCook said.

In addition, 80 students were invited to come into the Capital to hear a senator speak about the budget cuts against Governor Gray Davis. Torres and McCook

were part of that 80 students.

The students from Cerritos College also went to Davis's office and presented his secretary with business cards and explained to her why they were there.

EOPS/CARE students are not looking forward to the budget cuts that will be going in effect next semester.

Currently, the EOPS program serves about 1,050 students and with the budget cuts they are looking at cutting 450 students out of the program.

And CARE program will go from 100 students down to 50.

The EOPS program serves students who need financial aid. The program helps students get help with their education and grants for books.

CARE program is for single parents that are head of household and are on CalWorks. This program helps students with emergency meal vouchers, gas cards so students can get to school, workshops on parenting, stress and time management.

The program also helps the students with childcare so that the students can have time to study for their classes.

"They really need to keep these programs. With the budget cuts I don't know how they expect us to live life and move up in the world, if they keep on pushing us down," McCook said.

For McCook, the budget cuts are very hard to grasp.

"The program has been very beneficial for a lot of people," McCook said. "I don't think I could have done it (school) without the program."

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President voices concerns

John Grindel speaks out about missing photographer found in Jordan.

The following excerpts are from President John Grindel's letters informing Cerritos College about Newsday photographer and former Cerritos College student Moises Saman, who was reported missing in Baghdad and later found in Jordan.

APRIL 1, 2003

Ms. Nakamura has informed the President's Office that the missing Newsday journalist/former Cerritos College student Moises Saman is alive and has been found in Jordan. We are thankful to receive such good news.

The following website <http://www.nynewsday.com/news/nationworld/iraq/ny-mm-found0401.story> has the complete story.

MARCH 31, 2003

On Monday, the Los Angeles Times ran a story about two New York journalists in Baghdad who have been missing for a week after being taken from their hotel last week for questioning by Iraqi security officials. One of those journalists, photographer Moises Saman, attended Cerritos College from Fall 1993 through Summer 1995 before transferring to CSU Fullerton. I would like to thank Diane Nakamura for bringing this fact to my attention.

Yesterday, we received news that the missing Newsday journalist/former Cerritos College student Moises Saman is alive and has been found in Jordan. We are thankful to hear such good news.

In another way this war is striking close to home. While I do not know how many of our students may be serving in the Gulf Region, I do know that one of our employees is serving with the U.S. Marines in the Gulf Region.

The war in Iraq as well as the State budget crisis and its impact on Cerritos College and its faculty, staff and students, to say nothing of what may be going on in people's private lives, are creating a very stressful environment for all of us.

Transfer Center impacted by budget

Alicia Warner
Editor-in-Chief

Like many programs on campus, the Transfer Center is also feeling the budget crunch when it comes to helping students and taking tours of other campuses.

"We have really understood what the crunch was with the budget," said Carol Patrick, Dean of Counseling.

The buses that the students take when going on the tours holds 50 people. The Transfer Center has only been getting 10 students on some trips to go to schools for the tours and workshops.

"I had to come up with a number that we have to meet before going on the trips and that number we agreed on was 30 students. That way that was more than half the bus holds," Patrick said.

With the two USC trips every spring, lots of students told come to the center or express to us that they wanted to go on the trip and see if some friends want to go along. Then the students don't show up for the trip, resulting in a low turnout.

Students can find out the information on the Cerritos College web site about when trips are being planned on the Transfer Center link.

"We try to publicized as much as we can. We have Phi Theta Kappa who helps us get the word out and we also send out emails to the faculty to tell their students about the upcoming trips and we put posters around campus to tell students also," said Kristen Towhid, Senior Typist Clerk in the Transfer Center.

The goal of these trips is to help the student find a school that he/she wants to attend.

Towhid wants to let the students know that we do tell students that we need to have the minimum of 30 students to go on trips with buses. The main thing is that the trip isn't exactly cancelled, it is the bus that gets cancelled because of the minimum not being met. So if the bus does get cancelled that doesn't mean the students can't go at all. They just have to provide their own transportation to get to the college for the tour and workshops.

The Transfer Center does reserve spots for the students at the college they are going to see. So students are still welcomed to go and visit the school because the other college is expecting them.

If the bus does get cancelled also students receive the \$5 deposit back and can receive an agenda for the trip at the school, that way students can know the agenda of the day events held at the college they are visiting campus.

The Transfer Center also has a calendar of events and tours on other campuses so students can go and learn about some of the schools they are thinking about transferring to.

"We really don't want to have to cancel the trips, but students need to know that we are trying to help them find a school to transfer to and we need to have the 30 students to go on the trip," Patrick said.

Patrick and Towhid encourage students to come on the trips. With all the budget cuts for Cerritos College, the Transfer Center is trying to save money as the budget cuts become more important.

If students have any questions about the trips, additional information can be found in the Transfer Center or on the web site at www.cerritos.edu/transfer

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Make a wish come true for children

Foundation seeks volunteers.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Los Angeles is offering a volunteer orientation session for residents of Whittier and surrounding cities who would like to assist the Foundation in granting wishes for children with life-threatening illnesses.

A general volunteer orientation at 8 a.m. will be immediately followed by a wish granting training seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 12 at the American Red Cross-Rio Hondo Chapter (Whittier), 6706 S. Friends Avenue, Whittier (corner of Bailey Street & Friends Avenue).

Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the Red Cross building and on the surrounding streets. Volunteers will also be fingerprinted for background checks.

"Wish granting volunteers who actually go out to the family, find out what the child's wish is, and help make that wish happen are the heart of our Foundation," said Georgina Diaz, Director of Program Services for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Los Angeles. "We also have an urgent need for bi-lingual volunteers who can help us communicate with fami-

lies from the diverse communities in and around Whittier."

If you are interested in participating, please RSVP to Director of Volunteers, Kim Rohde, at 310-788-9474 or krohde@wishla.org. Space is limited, so reserve your seat early.

The Los Angeles chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation has grown into one of the largest of the Make-A-Wish chapters in the United States and the international affiliates.

This year the chapter is celebrating 20 years of granting wishes in Los Angeles County and the granting of its 4,500th wish. The Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening illness to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

"Making wishes come true for our kids is crucial to helping them manage, and often overcome, their illness," said Judy Lewis, President and CEO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Los Angeles. "We have a wonderful team of volunteers, donors, community members and staff who constantly strive to meet our ultimate goal of fulfilling wishes for every eligible child in Los Angeles County."

Requests for wishes come from the parents or guardians of a child, members of the medical

community and from the children themselves. The child's doctor makes the final determination of whether a child qualifies for a wish. Make-A-Wish is an unforgettable experience and creates special memories for all those involved; a family's income is never a factor. Qualifying for a wish from the Make-A-Wish Foundation does not necessarily mean that a child's death is imminent, just that they have or are receiving treatment for a life-threatening illness.

"Over half of our Foundation's over 500 volunteers are wish granters," said Kim Rohde, Director of Volunteers. "The time and energy they generously donate is a critical part of making these children's wishes come true."

Once a referral is made, and our wish-granting department confirms the child's medical eligibility, two volunteers are assigned to the wish. They contact the wish family to arrange a meeting in order to fill out the necessary paperwork and determine the wish of the child.

The average cost to fulfill a wish in Los Angeles is \$4,000.

For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation please call (800) 322-WISH. Visit the Web site at www.wishla.org.

RANT

SATIRE FROM BRIAN'S WORLD TO YOURS

Remember when McDonald's was good?

As the commercials say, some people eat at places like McDonald's because it's fast, some because there's one on every corner, and some because it's "fun". But if you're like me, you eat there because you're hungry, you've got a dollar and something cents in your pocket, and Mickey D's is cheap, or so you thought.

There was a time, my friends, when McDonald's was a wondrous place. Employees in giant Hamburglar costumes entertained the young 'uns, while adults ordered Big Macs and Chicken Nuggets for 99 cents. Furthermore, when you got your food, it actually tasted good.

“Anyone who has ordered a Big Mac this decade knows that it is no longer a burger but a salad. A slimy, falling apart salad, that I swear just doesn't taste as good as it used to.”

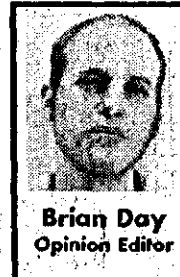
Nuggets were crispy and golden, and those dollar Big Macs came with a stiff cardboard, non-recyclable ring that held the burger together, in its vertical form, as burger is supposed to be.

Now they stick them in cheaper and more eco-friendly boxes, that insure that a Big Mac, which will run you close to three dollars today, by the way, could not possibly survive a trip to a table. God forbid you order one at the drive-through.

Anyone who has ordered a Big Mac this decade knows that it is no longer a burger but a salad. A slimy, falling apart salad, that I swear just doesn't taste as good as it used to, even if you stack it back it up by following the picture above the cash register.

As further evidence that McDonald's is getting cheaper, they now charge you for condiments. 25 cents a pop, to be precise. McDonald's sweet and sour sauce is one of the only reasons I keep going back. It's the greatest condiment in the world.

But the fact those greedy weasels will flat out refuse to hand you an extra barbecue sauce without payment, after



Brian Day
Opinion Editor

having the gall to charge \$2.29 for those squishy, raunchy nuggets, just may be enough to cause me to kick my sweet and sour addiction and take my dollar elsewhere.

See, they lure you in with that "Dollar Menu". On it you can find things such as "value-size fries", which apparently is industry lingo for, "grab a small bag and fill it half way. You can also get yourself a "Big N' Tasty" for a buck. I saw an electric sign once, advertising this sandwich outside a McDonald's in Big Bear with the "T" burned out which really said it all, "Big Nasty."

Other chains are certainly following suit, but there is hope. There is one restaurant which has remained unchanged my time. It has only four basic items on the menu, and it is the last place I know of where you can get a great meal for under 5 bucks. Of course, I am talking about In N' Out.

I urge you all, send a message to the big wigs at McDonald's that you won't keep buying their crap no matter how crappy it gets just because it's stamped with that priceless McDonald's name. Instead, put your money somewhere like good 'ol In N' Out, where quality still means something, dammit.

And never, never, never, under any circumstances, pay money for sweet and sour sauce. Make a big scene, that usually works for me. Act confused and say loudly, "Could someone else please help me? This guy won't give me any sweet and sour sauce."

90% of the time, they're too embarrassed by their own companies policy, when spoken aloud, to charge you. Make the misers realize how ridiculous the situation is becoming, and they'll just hand you your sauce to get you out of the way.

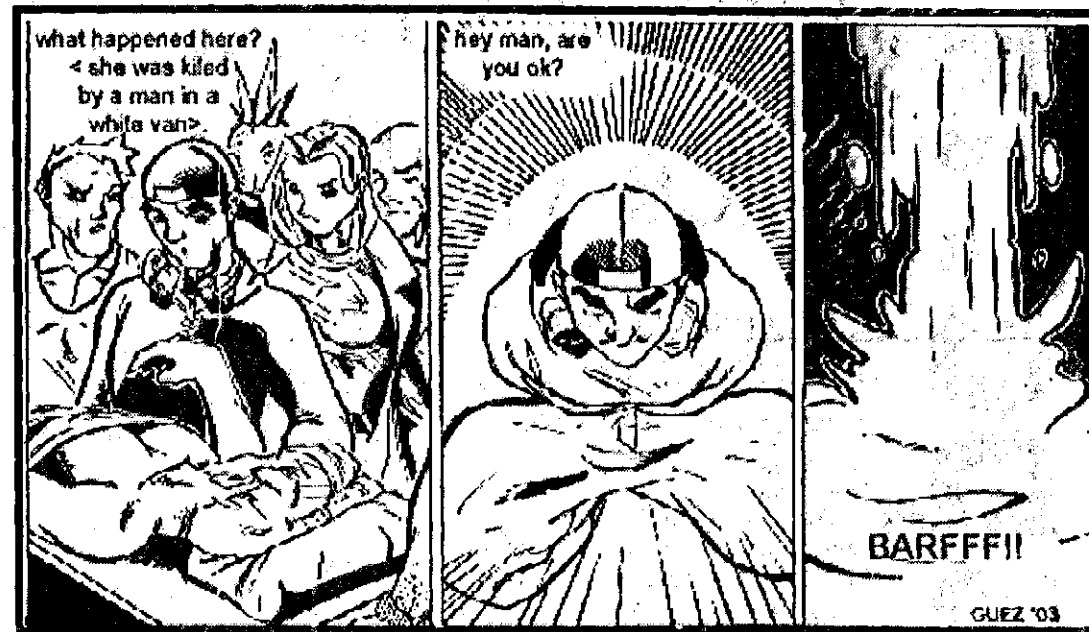
The only other solution I see, other than a total boycott of McDonald's, and let's face it, that wouldn't help anyone, is for people to send it back. When your nuggets are soggy, don't just say, "Oh well, this McDonald's." That nugget cost almost three dollars, with tax, and damned if they can't fry me up a crispy one.

Send back the Big Mac Salads, until they resemble a freakin hamburger. Ask what happened to the rest of the fried in your bag, and never, never, pay for sweet and sour sauce.

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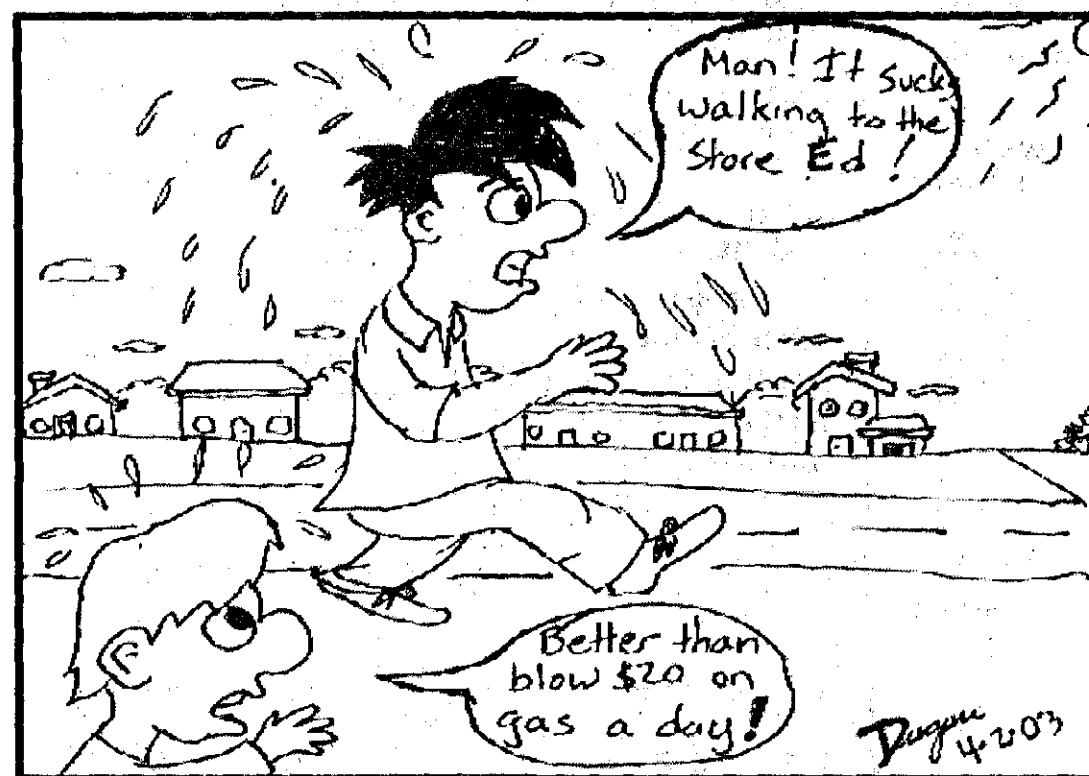
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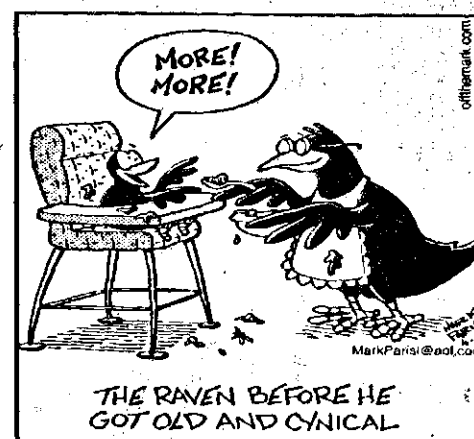
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Tournament
All Day
away

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Thursday
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2:00 p.m.
away

Saturday
vs. ELAC
1:00 p.m.
@ Cerritos

Tuesday
vs. L.A. Harbor
2:30 p.m.
@ Cerritos

Women's Track and Field

Saturday
Falcon
Invitational
9:30 a.m.
@ Cerritos

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Saturday
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Invitational
9:30 a.m.
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Women's Tennis

Thursday
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Men's Tennis

Thursday
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Falcons fly back with force

The Cerritos College baseball team broke its two game losing streak.

Elyse Muro
Sports Editor

After coming off a three game losing streak the Cerritos College baseball team swept Long Beach City College 9-6.

"We came out flat and we had a sense of urgency to make a statement that we were not going down the drain," first baseman E.J. Powell said.

The Falcons have now moved up to a 10-5 (21-9 overall) in conference.

The Falcons will face Mt. SAC again on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Mt. SAC.

In a previous game on Saturday Cerritos defeated Mt. SAC 14-4.



"We came out flat and we had a sense of urgency to make a statement that we were not going down the drain."

—first baseman
E.J. Powell

This game brought the Falcons two straight wins.

Although the Falcons won, the team had some trouble getting started, while Long Beach City took charge and had a 5-0 lead in the first four innings.

The Falcons had a few errors which prevented them from closing an inning up quickly, such as overthrows and pitching.

The Falcons came back in the fifth and got back into the game scoring five runs.

Ryan Andrews put one out of the park and brought in a run, which helped the Falcons get back into the game and score five runs in the fifth.

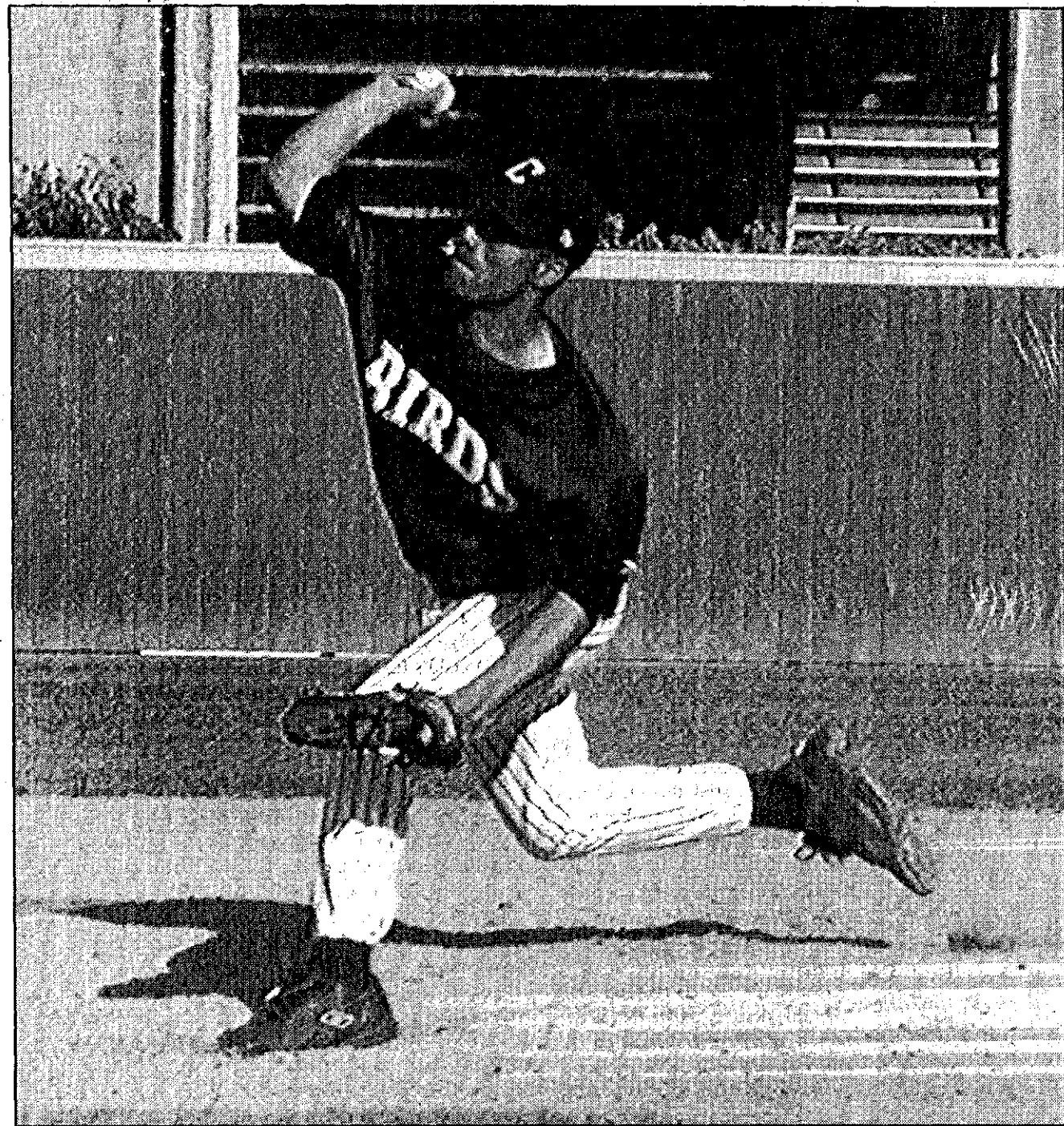
"Everyone was pulling for each other, and we decided to be a team finally," Infielder Andy Castillo said.

The Falcons only allowed Long Beach City to have one more run for the game.

Cerritos collected two more runs and ended the game along with its losing streak, 9-6.

"We competed as a team, we were with our backs against the wall and we competed to our potential," head coach Gerardo Perez said.

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Cerritos College, Christopher Rodriguez pitches against Long Beach City on Thursday

Chad Uyeno/TM

Split focus, gives winning results

Herson Preciado
Online Sports Editor

Levis Vedell and Jamie Bereal's performances propelled the Cerritos men and women's track teams to the second and third place spots respectively in the Ed Adams Invitational Saturday dominated by Moorpark who won on both ends.

The falcons success was despite splitting their squads to attend both the Ed Adams and Stanford Invitationals on Saturday.

The falcons took their first team relay runners to Stanford and performed well as they captured the first place spot in the men's 4x400, the women's 4x100, second place in the women's 4x400 and fourth in the men's 4x100.

Vedell's credits for the competition include a second place finish in the 100m run and a first place finish in the 200m race in which Cerritos also captured the second place with the efforts

of Thomas Hunter with the time of 21.98. Vedell was responsible for 18 of the Falcon's 70 points in the invitational.

Along with the impressive outing they acquired the fastest times in the state for three out of the four events that they ran at Stanford and the third fastest in the 4x100.

"I think we performed exceptionally," track and field coach Douglas Wells said about his teams' performances on Saturday. "We are extremely happy with the effort put forth by our runners at the Ed Adams Invitational," Wells added.

Jamie Bereal dominated the hurdles by capturing both first place positions with the times of 15.73 in the 100m hurdles and 1:08.89 in the 400m hurdles. The Falcons finished the strong performance in the hurdles with Sandy Ledezma's second place finish with a time of 1:09.72. Bereal was responsible for 20 of the Falcon's 70

"We are extremely happy with the effort put forth by our runners."

—track and field coach
Doug Wells

points. Even though both teams earned 70 points the men's team finished in a better position because the women had an extra competitor thus stretching the points some what thinner. The men were only second to Moorpark who had 117 points and the women were only topped by Moorpark 96 points and Cuesta with 77 points.

"I think we did pretty well," Joshua Smith who was 10th overall in the men's long jump Saturday about his teams performance.

The Falcons also had a second place finish in the 800m run by Mercy

Wedi with the time of 2:19.47. The falcons also enjoyed some field event success with Harold Williams third place in the javelin.

Uncharacteristically Cerritos did not rely on their success in the triple long and high jump this week, to win. In fact this was the first week in over a month in which the Falcons did not place in the top three in either of those three categories.

Cerritos did dominate the relays by winning all four on both the women's and the men's side, the relay is a race the Falcons have been improving on in the past two weeks, winning first and second place in several relays in the Easter Relays in Santa Barbara.

"We're really looking forward to it," Wells said about the Falcon Invitational this Saturday that Cerritos will be hosting.

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Falcons fall one stroke short of win

Despite some outstanding performances from Luisa Wilson, Tetiana Motruk, Valerie Mendoza and Alicia Benitez the Cerritos College women's swimming team came up short in a tough 62-61 score in a South Coast Conference meet.

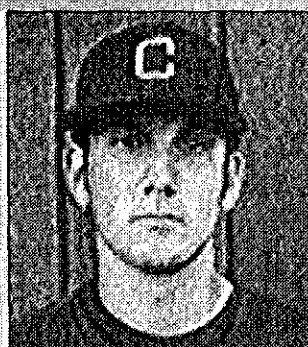
This Friday, the Falcons will face off against Mt. San Antonio and Rio Hondo at Mt. SAC at 3:00 p.m.

Wilson picked up wins in the 50m backstroke in a time of 30.43, while she also won the 100m backstroke, with Motruk winning with 50m freestyle race.

In addition, Benitez came away with a win in the 100m breaststroke, as the duo of Megami Hamada and Tapparo finished in first and second place respectively in the 100m intermediate medley.

Also swimming was Jamie Smith in the 100m, 200m and 500m freestyle, while Hamada and Tapparo each competed in the 50m and 100m butterfly.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Gilbert Gonzalez

Sport: Baseball
No.: 23
Position: Outfielder
Accomplishments: Gonzalez went 4-4 with a hit in a losing streak breaking Falcon win against rival Long Beach City.



Jamie Bereal

Sport: Track and Field
Position: Runner
Accomplishments: Bereal competed in and won both the 100m and the 400m hurdles in the Ed Adams Invitational on Saturday which helped put Cerritos in the second and third place and the Invitational.

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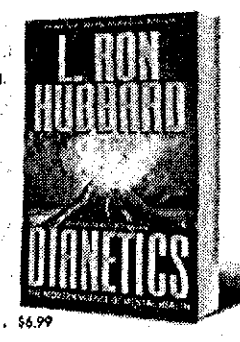
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Falcon pitcher Alana Gallatin throws the winning pitch that ends that game.

Changing bats A matter of an opinion

Falcon Jade Wilson opens up the game against El Camino with a hit that went over the fence and could not be retrieved by the Warriors.

The Cerritos College softball team beat El Camino 8-5 in a South Coast Conference game.

This win now gives the Falcons a record-winning streak of six in a row.

This now puts the team at 8-5 (21-11-overall) conference.

If the Falcons hold their ground, they will be in good shape to earn a post-season bid, which would be their first in five years.

The 21 wins they have collected this season are the most since their 22-win season in 1997.

This week, the Falcons will have their hands full as they travel to Long Beach City on Tuesday before facing East Los Angeles on the road on Thursday with both games being played at 3:00 p.m. Over the weekend, the team will compete in the Mt. San Antonio Tournament.

In the win over El Camino, third baseman Wilson opened the bottom of the first inning with a home run.

Although the Warriors picked up a

run in the top of the second inning, the Falcons responded with four more of their own. Catcher Amie Barton led off the inning with a walk before left fielder Kim Simkins reached base on a throwing error by the third baseman.

Wilson followed with a two-run, single before she was doubled up on a line shot off the bat of center fielder Sam Sadri.

Martin followed with a base hit before Mariscal clubbed a shot into the scoreboard in right-center field for a two-run blast.

The run production would hold up for pitcher Alana Gallatin, who allowed eight hits and five runs, but was charged with only two earned runs due to three Falcon fielding miscues.

The Falcons put a 10-spot on the scoreboard in the first inning in their 13-0 win over Los Angeles City, as they sent 15 batters to the plate.

Martin drilled a three-run home run in the inning, while first baseman Danielle Ackland had two RBI doubles in the inning, with Simkins picking up two RBI on a triple.

HERSSON PRECIADO
ONLINE SPORTS EDITOR

It has come to my attention that comments that I made in the March 26 issue of the Talon Marks in the Opinion story entitled, The pros and cons of Title IX, have offended some people.

I would like to sincerely apologize and assure anyone who was offended by some of my comments that they were in no way intended to do so.

I did not put much thought into the sentence in a particular question.

The truth is that I write in the hope that my views will be understood, agreed with and of course challenged.

I stand by my opinions in the article and in all my writing, but I do understand that a better choice of words could have been made and that in a more extreme measure some of my writing could have been edited.

I appreciate the freedom that I have at the Talon Marks that has allowed me to voice my opinion.

I am genuinely sorry for my imprudence and I am ready to move on from this learning experience that has enlightened me.

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sports

Softball

The Falcons stretched their winning streak to six with an 8-5 win against El Camino on Thursday.

Track and Field

In a split squad effort, the men's and women's teams secured six first place finishes in the relays, four in the Ed Adams Invitational and two in the Stanford Invitational on Saturday.

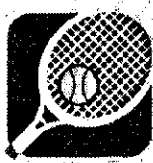
Baseball

With a 9-6 victory against LB City and a 14-4 win against Mt. SAC the Falcons broke a three game losing streak on Saturday.

A good days work brings another win

The Cerritos College women's tennis team continued their solid season, as they posted wins over Pasadena City (8-1) and Long Beach City (9-0) to run their record to 11-2 overall and 10-2 in South Coast Conference action.

This week, the Falcons will close out conference action, as they host Los Angeles Harbor on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.



All six players recorded sweeps in singles action, while all three doubles teams won with veritable ease.

In singles play, Jessica Button played the closest match, as she came away with a 6-2, 6-4 win.

While Francine Sorianosos posted a 6-0, 6-2 win, with Genie Schnakenberg coming away with a perfect 6-0, 6-0 win.

As for Alice Huang she won 6-1, 6-2.

Irma Farfan and Danielle Tolentino each scored 6-0, 6-0 wins.

In doubles play, the pair of Button and Sorianosos posted an 8-3 win, with Schnakenberg and Farfan coming away with an 8-0 win, while Rosie Trespeses and Mariana Arias playing to an 8-2 triumph.

Individual Tennis Stats

Singles Games	W	L
Irma Farfan	14	1
24-3		12
Genie S	13	1
26-4		11
Alice Huang	12	2
24-5		11
Mariana Arias	8	3
12-6		6
Francine S	9	4
20-9		8
Jessica Button	7	7
17-15		6

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Towns what do you want students to know about you? Such as hobbies, life's goals

I am a hard worker, I put all I have and then some in everything that I do. I was a pretty good athlete but had some very bad injuries. Though I still play in my free time I probably will never play competitively again. I love to write and I enjoy helping people. However, most importantly I am not hard to approach. I am a student just like everyone else, I just have a strong desire to help people.

Garcia what do you want students to know about you? Such as hobbies, life's goals, etc.?

I'm 22 years of age, divorced family and product of a single mother. I am a woman's and children's rights activist, as well as being a member of the ACLU. My long-term goal is to become Congressional candidate for office, however now I am working on transferring to UCLA. I'm looking at Sociology as a major with a double major in communications or law.

ASCC PRESIDENT ELECTIONS

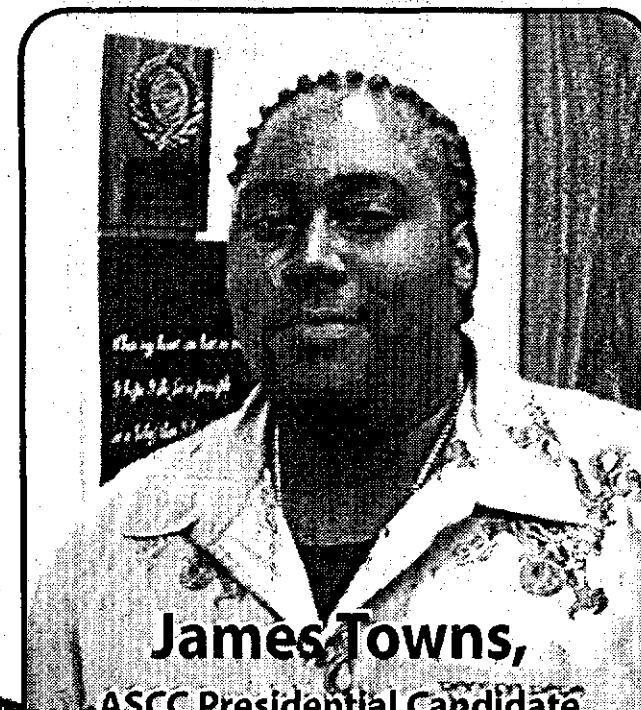
GARCIA VS. TOWNS



Tiffany Garcia,
ASCC Presidential Candidate

Q
&
A

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James Towns,
ASCC Presidential Candidate

Q: Why are you running?

A: Because we need someone who isn't afraid to advocate on students' behalf. We need someone who can take up a challenge and see it through without backing down, and because I feel that I'm that someone.

Q: What makes you qualified to be a president of the ASCC?

A: I have served this college as a commissioner under the administration of Sara Mayorga and James Towns and later became ASCC Vice President because James Towns swore that I was the woman for the job. My experience with leadership roles is extensive. I've held roles in management, city government, 9/11 relief effort boards, and I'm currently a regional coordinator for Operation Independence assisting men and women overseas.

Q: What changes would you make, if elected?

A: What I foresee is my constituent's deciding what type of legislation would best benefit them. I see myself working endlessly with a coalition of students to actually get something done to keep our student services open. I don't see these items as a change, I see it as a challenge that has been too far overlooked. Unfortunately the next administration has a lot to finish from the previous year. We have a budget crisis that is more than inconvenience. It is going to cut areas from students in order to save necessary people or general items.

Q: Who is your inspiration? And why?

A: We have a saying within my family that says, "The Garcia women run the family, households, and financial aspect within our homes and what happens outside of them." Now I'm not sure what happens in other homes but the women in my family are taught to hold strong and keep things strong. My inspiration is the generation of Garcia women that grow from love and teachings of self worth and dignity.

Q: What would you say is/are your flaw(s)?

A: My flaw is to want to say and do for too many people all at one time. Students' concerns are important to me. I react fast and sometimes I need time to stop and regroup strategies.

Q: How would you improve 'school spirit'?

A: School spirit isn't quite the term I would use, however moral it would be. I feel it's important for us to realize that this isn't a high school and your academic career shouldn't be ran as such. I feel that when students are made aware of what decisions on campus are being made that directly and even indirectly affect them, you raise the question if the moral of students are being informed regardless whether they care about the issue or not.

Q: What makes you different from the other candidate?

A: I'm stronger in deliberations than my candidate, I've never been an elected official who's done nothing. I have a track record of helping students fight for themselves and I push the way my constituents want me to push. To sum it up, I don't give up, not when it's about us (Cerritos) vs. how my reputation looks.

Q: What is your platform?

A: Allowing students the accessibility to empowerment isn't done so much by a platform but to getting to know who I am and what it is that both my VP and I have to offer. I feel it's most appropriate to discuss this in an open forum debate.

Q: What are your thoughts of the new budget cuts and the proposed of the tuition price?

A: This is going to either be an administration to mobilize students to work for themselves [or] sit back and do nothing. The proposed tuition price will raise but hopefully not as extreme as we all foresee it to be. The budget cuts will effect everyone including staff alike. I'm looking forward to come up with creative solutions or alternatives during our crisis. Now is the time for this college to work as a unit and instead of hearing "We Can't, We shouldn't, We won't and replace them with will try's."

Q: Why are you running?

A: I have been asked that by everyone I know...and it's simple. Helping others is my motivation. It gives me joy to bring joy into someone's heart; to help someone it feels like it's my calling. I know I can make a difference and contribute to the strong foundation already started for the students of Cerritos College.

Q: What makes you qualified to be a president of the ASCC?

A: First and for most I qualify because I am the current president. I already know what it's like and what it will take to accomplish each task. I have also been involved with student government for a total of two years now, from commissioner to president. I know the procedures, and policies and that in which I don't know I know, where to find the answers. It usually takes a president a whole semester to get used to the position. I am already a head, which means I have a full year to focus on what to do rather than how to do something or wonder if I can do something.

Q: What changes would you make, if elected?

A: Everybody will want to promise to make changes, however, in this time where our budget is uncertain and our resources are few, we must work on maintaining what we have and preserve it. I hope to help out the areas and programs that I can help ensure student success, however, anything else would be a false statement because right now it just can't be done.

Q: Who is your inspiration? And why?

A: My Aunt and Grandmother, they have stuck by my side even when they did not agree with my decisions. They are the ones who instilled within me the high respect for women I have today. My aunt, the enforcer, and my grandmother my conscience, yet both the real reason I strive for the best, and both who I consider the rhythm section of my heart. My reasons for breathing, so to speak.

Q: What would you say is/are your flaw(s)?

A: My flaws as far as towards the position as ASCC President, simple. I have feelings and I care too much. There are so many things that I want to get done, so many students, clubs, and programs that I want and would love to help. However, I can help everyone no matter how much I want to. No matter how hard I try because there are so many things that are just out of my control.

Q: How would you improve 'school spirit'?

A: School spirit is something that comes from within each individual person. All I can do is really help to motivate it. Bring out our athletes, have student rallies, introduce the ASCC government as a whole.

Q: What makes you different from the other candidate?

A: I am sincere about helping students and am not doing it just for the title. Some people have personal agendas, however, I am here for the benefit of the students here now and the ones who will be coming in the future.

Q: What is your platform?

A: To maintain and, when possible, help to improve student support systems such as the library, the ASC formerly known as the LRC. To work with areas such as counseling and financial aid to better assist students. To introduce self-help to students so that they don't have to put all their hopes on someone to help them achieve their dream.

Q: What are your thoughts of the new budget cuts and the proposed tuition price?

A: Before anything else I am a student, however, there are some things that are out of control, the budget is one of them. As far as tuition raise, [what] we as students can do is make our voices heard and hope that the state does not choose to ignore our request.

"...I am sincere about helping students and am not doing it just for the title..."
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