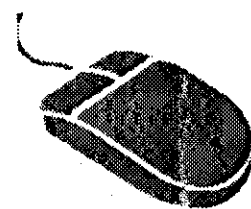
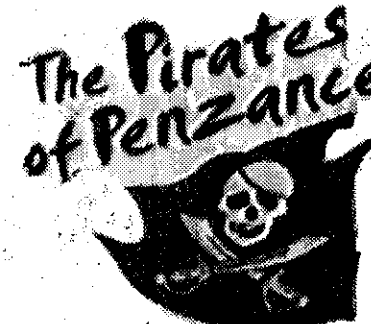


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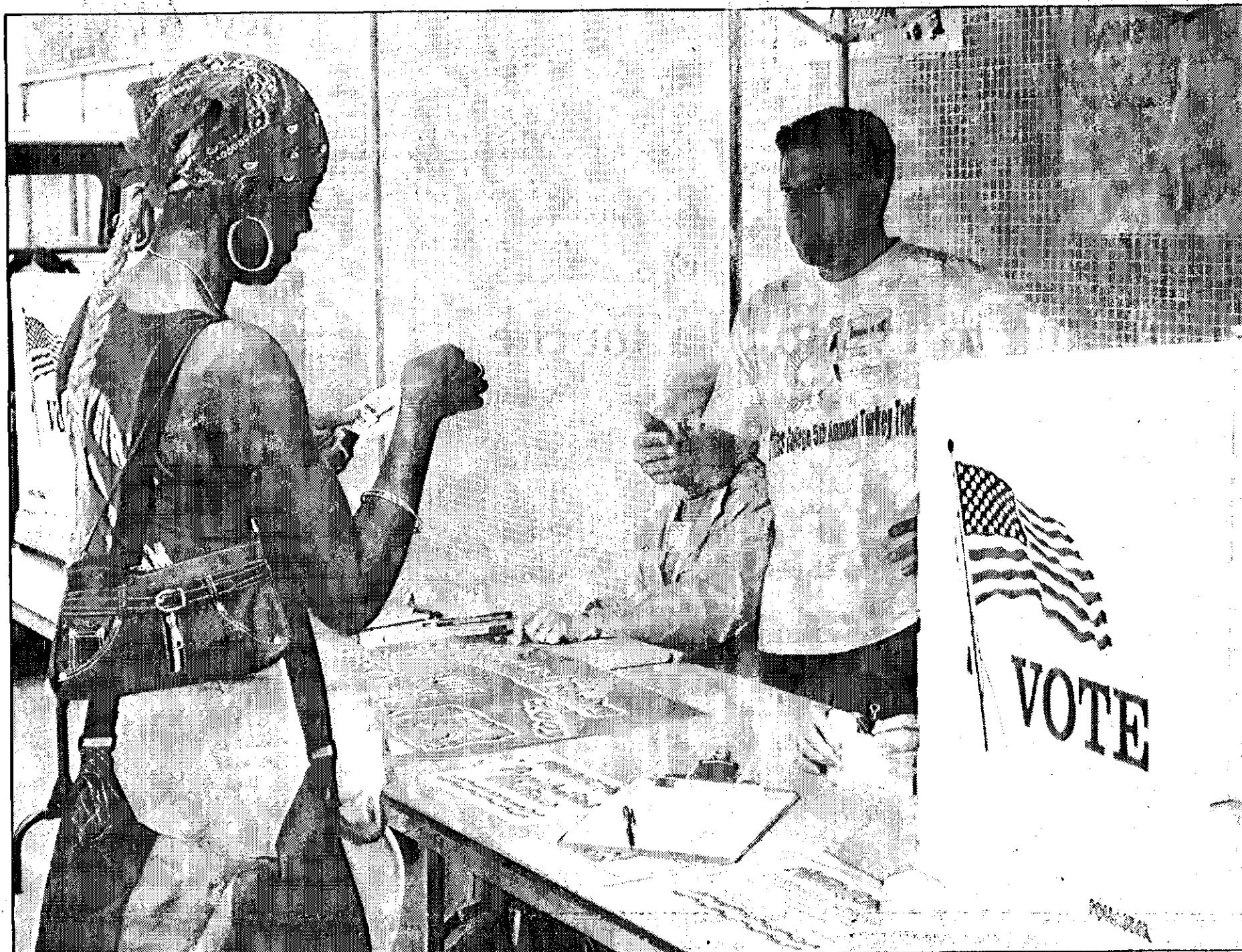
The Pirates of Penzance is a musical and dinner show that starts this Friday.

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Student government member Jerry Ramos assists a student at the voting booth in the social science quad.

ERIC GOMEZ/TM

## First year experience

Learning communities new student project starts fall 2003

ALICIA WARNER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When you came to Cerritos College did you ever think about how you were going to make it through college? How would you adjust to college and that it would not be like high school anymore?

For many new students the adjustment can be both confusing and complicated. The pressures of being at a new school and taking classes that just don't fit for them can make students feel like they can't make it and end up increasing their probability of dropping out.

Cerritos College Learning Communities has created a pilot program called the First Year Program. This project is to help students adjust to college life and culture.

"Sometimes students get used to not going to class and drop out, so this program is design to help students stay in class and get adjusted to classes and campus," said Ana Torres-Bower, Philosophy teacher and coordinator of the First Year Program.

The program will begin in the fall of 2003. It is the third track of the Learning Communities program. The program will consist of two houses.

"The reason for us calling it a house is due to the nature of the program. We feel that it will be like a support system for the students and a friendly family like environment for them to get support from," Torres-Bower said.

There are requirements that the students must qualify for such as taking placement testing, and signing a one-semester contract agreeing to complete the course track and commit their all to their classroom performance.

Two houses are within the program, House A and House B. Each house will require the students to take 12 units and complete. The first house consisted of classes for English 20 and Math 20 students and the second house is for students that meet the English 52 and Math 60 requirements after taking the assessment tests.

Each house will have 40 students, for a total of 80 students for the whole pilot program. The 80 students will be selected from the placement exam.

The program will be a simulated model of a program that was launched over 30 years ago at the University of South Carolina.

"The First Year Experience will help orient the students from high school to college," Torres-Bower said.

The program is a part of the Learning communities program and the teachers that are in the FYE are already a part of the Learning Communities classes here on campus.

"The teachers already have experience working with other faculty to help students succeed in the classes and help the students with anything they need," Torres-Bower said.

If you are interested in the program call Ana Torres-Bower at 562.860.2451, ext. 2778 for registration and enrollment. Also for additional information you can also access the web site at [www.cerritos.edu/lcp](http://www.cerritos.edu/lcp).

"This program is design to help students stay in class and get adjusted to classes and campus"  
—Ana Torres-Bower

## Early end to student voting

Garcia disqualified last minute for not meeting the ASCC election requirements for president

LAUREN RODRIGUEZ  
NEWS EDITOR

Election polls closed early Thursday night after one of the two candidates was found ineligible for election.

Tiffany Garcia was disqualified from the race after it was discovered that she was below the six minimum required units to run.

Her opponent, James Towns was made the new ASCC president upon confirmation of her ineligibility.

"It is still an unclear picture," Towns said of Garcia's removal. "I haven't been informed of the exact footsteps. I just know she was ineligible."

Election results have not been announced. Towns said he does not know what the results from the polls were.

Although there have been rumors that closing the elections early was in violation of the ASCC constitution, Jerry Ramos, acting chief justice pro tempore, said that the ASCC has received no official "judicial review."

Ramos did say that he has advised one student on how to formally issue a complaint, but neither that issue nor any others regarding the election have been submitted to the judicial committee.

He stresses the importance of the fact that Garcia's ineligibility was simply a matter of fact and had nothing to do with any one person's feelings or power to make a decision.

Garcia was in violation of the ASCC code 2.862, which states, "A student

falling below five units shall be required to resign."

Ramos was informed about the incident Thursday night shortly after 7 p.m.

"When I walked in I saw Tiffany and Brian...they both looked sad," he said.

He said it was unfortunate that the election had to end in this manner.

"Ideally, you would like to have a vote take place," he said.

Towns, however, points out the good that came out of the situation.

He explained that had Garcia been allowed to continue and had been elected, her eligibility may have been in question once the semester had started. This would have meant a transition in student government similar to what the student body saw this spring.

For now, Towns is pleased to be back in office and is concentrating on next semester.

He says that he will be focusing primarily on budget issues and how they are affecting campus life.

"Until we figure out what we have and where we stand, we can't do anything else," he said.

Additionally, Towns is looking to boost school spirit in the upcoming semester.

He would like to see students get involved and make their voice heard, and looks to make that one of his main objectives in the fall.

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## Career expo exposes students to employment

A broad verity of possible employers visit Cerritos college to show and offer positions to students

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ONLINE EDITOR

Students, faculty and members of the community gathered on Thursday in hopes of finding a job at the 2003 Career Expo.

With over 50 recruiters, job hunters had an array of choices to pick from, from The Finish Line, to the Girl Scouts.

Some students, like Jennifer Apollon, came in search of a summer job. "I wasn't even aware that there was a Career Expo until right now," Apollon said.

Many recruiters were familiar with the Cerritos College crowd. Anitara Vargas, a recruiter for UPS, said that UPS frequently hires many Cerritos Students. "We are looking for part time and full time right now," Vargas said, "and for people who are willing to load



JIMMY PANITM

More than 30 companies came to participate in the Career Expo.

and unload and do some physical work."

Also present were four recruiters on behalf of the U.S. Army. In times of war, many students were eager to sign up.

"Our outcome was pretty

good today," Sergeant First Class Gaspar Munoz said, "we had about 40 to 50 people who were interested in signing up, but about 5 of them looked like good leads."

For those who wonder what the Army is looking for, Munoz is

looking for "Highly qualified, educated individuals to fill a rank of enlisted officials."

Some students who wandered into the cafeteria in hopes of finding a career, found nothing at all. "I didn't see anything I liked at all," said Business major Raul Cabrera, "oh well."

Many students, like Apollon decided to involve themselves with AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps recruits mainly college students to help and give knowledge to younger kids in need of tutoring.

From Mary Kay assistants, and FBI associates, there was a little bit of everything for everyone. But for those who still didn't see what they liked, they can still drop by the Job Placement Center or call ext. 2366.

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## Summer touch-tone registration

CLAUDIA VALDEZ  
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Cerritos College students are already signing up for summer classes over the phone since touch-tone registration is now well underway.

According to the Admissions Office, the Summer Class Schedule has been available since the second or third week of April, although it was supposed to be given out the first week.

The actual registration began on the Thursday 24 for all students.

Touch-tone registration is the most popular way to register for classes since it's fast, convenient, and practical.

"Doing it over the phone is the only way that I have ever registered for my classes. I got to register on Friday and I got in all of my classes," said, Sociology student, Maria Acevedo.

Although most students are familiar with the touch-tone registration, many are not yet familiar with the online registration procedure.

Joey Ear, Student Services Assistant

One, said "It's fairly new, it's been less than one year."

The procedure began last fall semester and some students are already taking advantage of it.

"I'm also a student here and I prefer to register online because you get to see your schedule right away and also your fees. Over the phone you have to be a good listener," Ear said.

The main purpose of the touch-tone and Online registration is to ease the long lines that students have endured in the past.

Gina Flores, Speech pathology student, said "I have been a student here for a few years and I remember long, long, long lines. I always try to register over the phone to avoid that."

If students have not gotten their Summer Class Schedule yet, they can get one at the Admissions Office or at the Bookstore.

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Forensics Performance  
The Cerritos College Speech Team will be holding a demonstration of the Student Center on May 6 from 4-6 p.m.

Pep Squad Tryouts  
The Cerritos College pep Squad will be holding workshops on Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. and Thursday from 4-6 p.m. which will be followed by tryouts for several squads Saturday starting at 9 a.m.

Health profession  
Project Hope will be sponsoring the health Opportunities Pipeline to Education meeting Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. in the Teleconference Center.

## Cerritos finest receive high honors



Sally Sestini and Mary Clarke, right, celebrate after Clarke won Most Outstanding Faculty Award last Thursday at ceremony.

DENISE GONZALEZ  
STAFF WRITER

An assortment of excellent personnel was recognized during the outstanding faculty awards ceremony on Thursday.

The Administration Quad was filled with students, friends, family and teaching staff of the faculty honor roll recipients.

Notably, Mary Clarke, Instructor of Mathematics, was recognized with the most outstanding faculty award. Clarke was also presented with a \$500 check in appreciation of her accomplishments.

Sally Sestini, presented Clarke with the outstanding faculty award. Sestini described Clarke to be very independent, innovative and remarkably caring with her students, since she came to Cerritos 24 years ago. "I can list all but wonderful things that she has done for our department," Sestini said.

Freshly graduated from California State University, Long Beach, Clarke took over, expanded and improved the

mathematics tutorial program. "She is always willing to share ideas," Sestini said.

Clarke has collaborated with her colleagues in a variety of innovative programs to enhance student learning, including team teaching, learning communities, and the teacher trac program. She has recently developed a new course for the teacher trac program called probability of statistic for elementary school teachers, which she currently teaches.

"She is always available for department activities and will always put her students first," Sestini said. Although she has worked on developing courses and conducting workshops, her first love is still the classroom.

Several other instructors were also acknowledged during the ceremony. The recipients included: Geri Codd, Assistant Professor of Reading, Carrie Gieckner, Instructor of Health, Fitness/Wellness, Adelle Kray, Instructor of Dental Hygiene, Linda Palumbo, Professor of Accounting, Duane Rumsey, Adjunct Instructor of Sign Language, Debbie Schmidt, Professor of Accounting, and Leslie Stapp, Instructor of Philosophy.

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### FOR THE RECORD

A factual error appeared in the story "Ignorance is a Killer," which ran in the April 2 edition of the Talon Marks. It should be clarified that Martha Meza had a mastectomy not a vasectomy.

## Campus receives new ATMs

LAUREN RODRIGUEZ  
NEWS EDITOR

Cerritos College will soon see a new ATM on campus.

The old Bank of America ATM was removed last and is currently being worked on so that a new machine can be installed.

The new ATM will be owned by the Financial Partners Credit Union.

Meanwhile, the Credit Union has set up an ATM in the Student Center.

This ATM is accessible from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

For students who belong to a credit union in the CO-OP network, use of the ATMs will be free.

Few students, however, belong to the particular credit union the new machines are owned by and will still be charged a few to withdraw money, just like with the Bank of America ATM.

Students seem to be welcoming the change.

"I think it's good that they are getting new ATMs. The old one sometimes didn't work," said Josie Paez, undecided major.

In addition to the new ATMs the smaller machines located next vendors will still be in use.

These machines are not quite the same as ATMs but act as a money-dispensing unit for students wanting to purchase food.

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## The world according to Lyndon LaRouche

BRIAN DAY  
OPINION EDITOR

Presidential hopeful takes campaign to the campus

Democratic Presidential hopeful Lyndon LaRouche held a live Webcast April 24, in which student leaders and journalists from campuses across the country were invited to participate via telephone, including Cerritos College.

The purpose of the national teleconference, according to Deborah Freeman, moderator/national spokesman for the LaRouche campaign, was that, "He wanted to give campus news the opportunity to dialogue important issues."

After Freeman's opening remarks, LaRouche took the microphone for his opening statement.

He immediately dove into the current situation in Iraq. "There's no end to the war," said LaRouche. "I'm the only prospective candidate who is properly addressing the issue of this war."

Furthermore, he claimed, "In 40 years, I've never been wrong in my long term predictions."

As the floor was opened for questions, beginning with the East Coast, David from Baltimore asked LaRouche to explain why he is adopting a youth-oriented campaign strategy.

"We have the fastest-growing youth movement in the United States," said LaRouche. He laid out his philosophy that the "baby-boomer" generation has become complacent, politically, and that he appeals to young people for support because, "They will struggle to find the truth in any matter they confront."

He predicts that the parent generation will then become "inspired" by the youth movement, and become active again themselves.

A question from UCLA brought the discussion to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. LaRouche explained that, in his opinion, "The key to this is water. Water

is a symbol of life - water, energy, food, opportunities for expression, are necessary...and being deprived. If people can't live, they tend to fight."

Asked about the events of September 11, LaRouche responded with vicious partisan criticism. He said it represented a "Reichstag Fire event", which Cheney and his cohorts abused to push their aggressive foreign policy.

"The President was convinced, with his crazy Axis of Evil address in the State of the Union, that this policy was the way to go," said LaRouche. "This is a menace. It must be stopped."

In classic form, LaRouche compared and drew parallels between the Bush Administration's rise to power, and that of Hitler in the early 30s. He even touched on the idea that the events of Sept. 11 were possibly planned from within, by those like Dick Cheney, and other like minded "Children of Satan" and "chicken-hawks".

"This was a highly sophisticated operation. It could not have been run by a bunch of Arabs in the Middle-East. As President, I will get to the bottom of this," promised LaRouche.


LaRouche argued that his predictions are always right, and that without his leadership, he feels there will "not be much of a United States left to vote in 2008."

Politics aside, this conference gave student journalists around the nation an opportunity to gain some experience and insight into political journalism. This was not the first college teleconference planned by LaRouche, and will not be the last.

A transcript of the webcast is available at LaRouche's campaign web site at [www.larouchein2004.com](http://www.larouchein2004.com), and the actual broadcast is available to listen to as well.

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## EDITORIAL

### Students cut out of their classes

It's 11:35 a.m. you're late for philosophy class, as you run to class, you gasp for air, you push people out of your way, you hope that there is a seat open in class or else you have to stand up again. As you open the door and enter the room, you are shocked to see, what used to be a class of 40 students is now a class of 19. You wonder where is the rest of the class? Is it a school project? Is it a holiday? The answer: none of the above. The rest of your classmates have withdrawn from the course.

Is it just us, or has your classes seemed to contain less and less classmates each time that you meet? It's amazing that students are withdrawing from courses that many others students needed to be in, at the beginning of the semester.

Take yourself back, back to the beginning of the semester where the courses seemed to be full and a huge waiting list, with over 40 students enrolled in it, but you didn't worry because you were already registered for the course. The course where many others would have been so thankful to be in but won't because it was full. Yeah, that course that you're enrolled in, that course that you knew that you weren't going to focus on just signed for it because your friends, enrolled in it too. That course that you are now withdrawing from, yeah, that course. It's too late to be sorry this semester, for those who could have enrolled in the necessary courses that they needed, courses they need to transfer, to move on to the next level, however before it becomes a problem, think of the courses next semester will you want to take? Ask yourselves these questions:

- Which ones will you dedicate yourself to?
- Will you be able to balance your courses?
- Will you be able to wake up that early (and not complain about it)?

You are taking this course because you want to or need it to transfer (not because your friend is taking it too)?

Why are you at school (Don't forget your goals)?

Cerritos College is a community college and many take advantage of the situation to explore many fields to choose a career. But don't begin something you do not intend to finish.

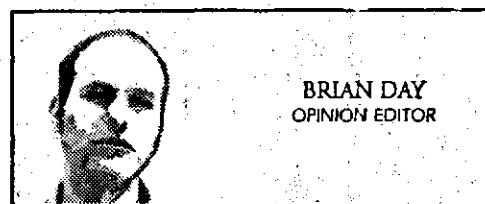
The next time you're in class and decide to withdraw, just because the course is schedule too early for you or because you did not purchased the book and are failing the class, look around you, look at the empty seats behind you. Picture those students who wished to be there, but are not because of you taking up the space, as scary as it is, it's true.

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## Arms across America guns in the cockpit

Pilots who completed weapons training carry semi automatic weapons across the American skies



BRIAN DAY  
OPINION EDITOR

Recent events have brought to the spotlight the debate over guns in the cockpit. More specifically, the issue is allowing commercial airline pilots who have completed a firearms training course to carry weapons while flying, for use as a last resort in case of hijacking, to help prevent such catastrophe's as 9/11.

While many, including most pilots themselves, are firmly in support of this idea, seeing it as a logical way to deter and defeat would-be hijackers, bills to this effect have met stiff opposition. Not surprisingly, many of those same people who are opposed to guns in the cockpit are those very same individuals who make their voices heard in opposition to guns in the home, and anywhere else for that matter.

These anti-gun types main concern appears to be, as usual, that guns in the cockpit could only add to the potential for disaster, rather than diminish it. While I appreciate their concern, and acknowledge that their motives are

pure, this way of thinking is simply erroneous.

It was once said and often repeated, that "God created men, but Samuel Colt made them equal." An aircraft is one of the few places that law enforcement could really take advantage of the firearm, as with proper screening, any potential hijackers should not be armed with guns. In other words, a gun may give a pilot that crucial upper hand in a crisis situation.

I cannot deny that there is a potential for something to go wrong while a pilot is attempting to subdue an attacker with a firearm, but by the time this scenario would have the opportunity to play out, something is already terribly wrong.

I am not advocating gun toting cowboys at the controls of all our aircraft. These are responsible people flying commercial jetliners. Most of them are ex-military. If anywhere there is the necessity to have a weapon for the purpose of defending innocent lives, the enclosed and vulnerable atmosphere of an airplane is it.

I can only speculate that had there been a gun aboard those planes hijacked that fateful day by small groups of men with box-cutters, the result may not have been the same.

The idea that the fewer guns we have on the streets, and anywhere else, the safer we will be

is ludicrous. The fact of the matter is, the guns are out there. They are in the hands of bad people whether we like it or not. Passing legislation to, "get guns off the street" may stop responsible, hard-working, law-abiding citizens from obtaining a firearm with which to defend themselves, but criminal low-lives who are already in the business of committing violent crimes are not likely to throw away their guns when they hear that a new gun-control bill has passed.

Law-abiding citizens obey the law, gun toting criminals break it. All the gun-control laws in the world can't stop any gang member who wants one from buying a gun.

An aircraft, however, levels the playing field. Passenger pass through security, metal detectors, and other such screening before being permitted to board an airplane. If the screeners are doing their job, one can fairly assume that there should be no guns on board. Weapons, maybe, but not guns. The ability for the pilot to possess the solitary firearm on the aircraft is a prospect that makes me feel safer getting on an airplane.

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### The fat lady is still eating so sit down and stop clapping.

The war is not done yet and yet the Iraqis are ready to send the troops back home to the U.S.



HERSON PRECIADO  
ONLINE SPORTS EDITOR

The war in Iraq is not over yet and the even though the field fighting is over the conflicts in Iraq are far from over and a liberated and successful Iraq is still years away.

The truth is that hundreds are still being killed and injured in Iraq by snipers who didn't get the memo (message by camel isn't what it used to be).

It is naive to expect a nation that has been oppressed for so many years, to turn into a democratic fair and sovereign nation over night. You have to give them at least a week.

It seems as though I need to remind those on my LEFT that as Rome was not built in a day neither were Germany or Japan and that their prosperous countries and governments are models for most

third world countries which are in chaos at the moment.

The fact is that the easy part is over. The fighting was the most visible but least unsure part of this whole thing. It boils down to being done with phase one and now moving on to phase two, the forming of a government.

This will be hard, Iraq's neighbors are very nervous about the new government in Iraq and aren't about to give their blessings to a their partner in crimes' shotgun wedding to democracy.

Many here in the United States have voiced opinions about leaving Iraq immediately as to not tip our hand and give off that weird colonization vibe to France, Germany and Russia. First of all we shouldn't care what they think and second why do you think they want us to move over so they can insure Iraq's freedom from a distance? Well wouldn't that be nice of us? Risking our men our resources and dealing with all the pressures in the homeland to let them be a part of the "Reconstruction" of Iraq. Just because we split up Berlin thinner than a bums soles doesn't mean we

have to do it again.

The protests in much of Iraq against further stay of coalition forces though widely televised are a small representation of the Iraqi people. Not to mention the fact that the well planned completely spontaneous showings of Iraqi individualism are obviously not so individual and nowhere near spontaneous. It is very naive as well to think that a regime that has been in control so long would just up and disappear overnight. In these rallies all you can hear is "U.S. go home" over and over its odd how quickly that replaced welcome and thank you. These Iraqis sure are fickle.

But surely this back and forth game they play with something as serious as their future, the looting and the vandalism are surely signs of a people ready to be on their own, right?

It will be a hard and strenuous road to a true and unweaving working government in Iraq, but it will be a fulfilling one.

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## Campus Comment

How do you feel about pilots carrying guns on airplanes and why?

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### ONLINE POLL

What do you think about pilots carrying guns on airplanes?

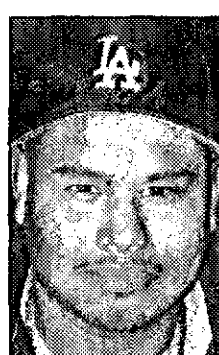
- Yes, I would feel safer
- No, I don't like the idea
- I think we should all carry them
- Guns yes, bullets no
- How about swords instead

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"I don't think it will deter violence, there are other ways to protect. There are more complex questions."

RICHARD GONZALEZ  
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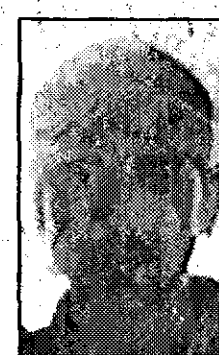
"Yeah, because if someone tries to get crazy, then the pilot will get crazy too."

MARCO SOTO  
UNDECIDED



"Yeah, because it will keep everyone safe."

MARTHA RUIZ  
UNDECIDED



"No, they might hurt somebody innocent."

ALFONSO SANCHEZ  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE



"No, because they will try to blast us."

MYRON BELL  
SOCIAL WORK



"No, because in case of an emergency, how would we know if they are qualified to use a weapon?"

LUZ ELENA FRIAS  
ELEMENTARY TEACHER



"Yes, because if they carry weapons, no one will try to do anything."

YOLANDA HERNANDEZ  
TEACHING



"Yeah, so that we can defend each other."

JOEL PUENTE  
NURSING

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## arts

May  
Concerts

**Spring Choral Concert**  
Wednesday  
May 14  
Student Center, 7p.m.  
Free Admission

**Band & Orchestra Spring Concert**  
Friday  
May 16  
Burnight Theatre  
7:30p.m.  
Free Admission

**Jazz & Pop Ensembles Spring Concert**  
Friday  
May 23  
Burnight Theatre  
7:30p.m.  
Free Admission

**The Cerritos College Art Club Presents 'Empty Bowls'**  
Thursday  
May 8  
11:00 a.m.  
at Student Center  
Come purchase a beautiful ceramic bowl with delicious chili, and take home the bowl. All proceeds of the sales will proceed the AIDS Food Store of Long Beach to help low income men, women, and children who's lives have been severely impacted by HIV.

Upcoming  
Movies  
Releases

**May 2**  
X2: X-Men  
The Lizzie McGuire Movie (PG)

The Dancer  
Upstairs (R)

Owning Mahowny (R)

Blue Car (R)

Spellbound (G)

Burnight Center will  
be invaded by Pirates

Theatre students and faculty prepare for musical 'The Pirates of Penzance'

Eric Gomez  
A&E Editor

The Cerritos College theatre department will present its musical, Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance," which begins its run this Friday.

The musical will feature pirates, damsels in distress, elaborate costumes and lots of energy, according to the shows director and choreographer Georgia Well.

"It's campy [and] very funny," Well said.

While the show is a musical, Well encourages students to give it a chance because the musical will showcase lots of songs that students will recognize.

It "shouldn't scare anybody off," she said, "the show is accessible to everyone."

Full-time theatre instructor Kevin Hoggard will grace the stage playing Major-General Stanley as well as adjunct voice instructor Conrad Immel.

In preparation for their singing parts the actors have been working with vocal director Christine Lopez.

The cast has been working four to five nights a week in preparation for the musical.

According to Well, many of the shows actors are dance, music, and theatre students as well as Cerritos College theatre alumni who have returned to be a part of this performance.

There will be a dinner before most shows, which will take place in the student center, prior to performance time.

There will be a special Mother's Day brunch performance on May 11.

Tickets on sale for the shows are \$15.00 general admission and \$12.50 for students, and are available for every performance.

The dinner shows are \$32.50 general admission and \$30.00 for students, seniors and staff. It is recommended to reserve your tickets quickly.

To reserve tickets call the box office at (562) 467-5058.

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The 'Real' scoop  
on sex and dating

MTV's ex-'Real World' cast member Colin Mortensen writes about how to be a 'Ladies' Man'

Eric Gomez  
A&E Editor

If there was ever going to be a bible written for guys to help them ease their way into the minds and hearts of women, then "A New Ladies' Man: Getting The Girl" would definitely be it.

The author, Colin Mortensen, an ex-cast member of MTV's reality show "The Real World (Hawaii)," wrote the book to school young guys on the ins and outs about girlfriends and sex.

Mortensen uses his real life experiences to give detailed information about what to do and what not to do in particular situations dealing with the planets most complex creatures we call women.

The book is surprisingly unique, not only by the subject matter but by the way Mortensen presents the information.

From advice on when to call after the first date to developing ones own personal style are just some of the topics that are discussed with great emphasis.

Mortensen also gives the scoop on pleasing a woman, something all women will love their boyfriends to know.

"Ladies' Man" is consistently hysterical and helps the reader realize that dealing with sex and relationships is not rocket science. It also makes for a far more interesting read and keeps the reader wanting to learn more.

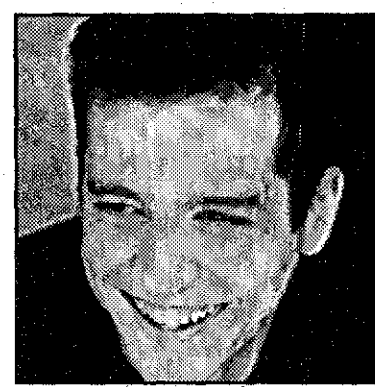


Photo courtesy of Colin Mortensen.

But most of all, the book is fun. Its purpose is to give guys the responsibility of becoming intelligent and mature "ladies' men."

It is a must read for all guys, regardless of their level of sexual expertise and women will find the book just as enlightening.

Mortensen can be seen on "Battle of the Sexes" airing now on MTV.

"A New Ladies' Man," can only be purchased on his Web site [www.colinsworld.com](http://www.colinsworld.com), but he is also touring with his book.

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Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures.

## MAINTAIN YOUR ANGER

Francis Burns  
Special to Talon Marks

Anger Management 'manages' to amuse, but falls short of expectations. This latest installment in the big name team up films brings together Adam Sandler and Jack Nicholson.

Visions of the after affects of smylex gas dance in one's head, perhaps I expect too much?

Sandler is Dave Buznick, basically a nice guy who lets people walk all over him. This tendency to swallow pride and bottle his rage has him popping at all the 'wrong' moments, much to the chagrin of a stewardess, a cocktail waitress and his girlfriend Linda (Marisa Tomei). A night out gone bad lands Buznick in court for the second time in twenty minutes (That would be real time, not film time.)

Enter Buddy Rydell, Nicholson's somewhat eccentric anger management

therapist, and his step program. The first step: moving in with Sandler. It would seem that Rydell's program consists mostly of pissing Buznick off and expecting him to somehow deal with these outlandish situations he's stuck in. From singing excerpts of West Side Story on a crowded bridge in an unmovable car as drivers curse and honk, to a trip to a monastery for a confrontation with a childhood bully, the ups and downs leave you guessing at Rydell's true intentions.

Throughout this seemingly useless therapy, the hapless Buznick develops a rapport with Rydell, talking about his inability to express the deep feelings he holds for Linda. He goes so far as to tell Rydell his plan for proposal, which Rydell promptly steals, along with Linda. Left with nothing to lose and a looming court sentence Buznick learns to channel his anger, finding the courage to stand up to his boss and tell Linda how he really feels in a mostly

predictable fashion that still brings a little smile to one's face.

Literally an all star cast, with cameos from Heather Graham, Rudy Giuliani, John McEnroe, Woody Harrelson and others, one wonders why this film isn't quite the comic caliber of Happy Gilmore, Billy Madison or As Good As It Gets.

Both Sandler and Nicholson turn in par performances and yet Management still falls short. Dorfman's script may be to blame here; funny moments are almost painful as we watch Buznick stumble about in situations where most of us would die of embarrassment. Segal's average style leaves nothing memorable, forcing the film to stand squarely on the actor's shoulders.

Expect less, get more with Anger Management. The film will make you smile, but there is a distinct lack of chemistry that makes it less watchable. Hit the matinee or wait for the video on this one.

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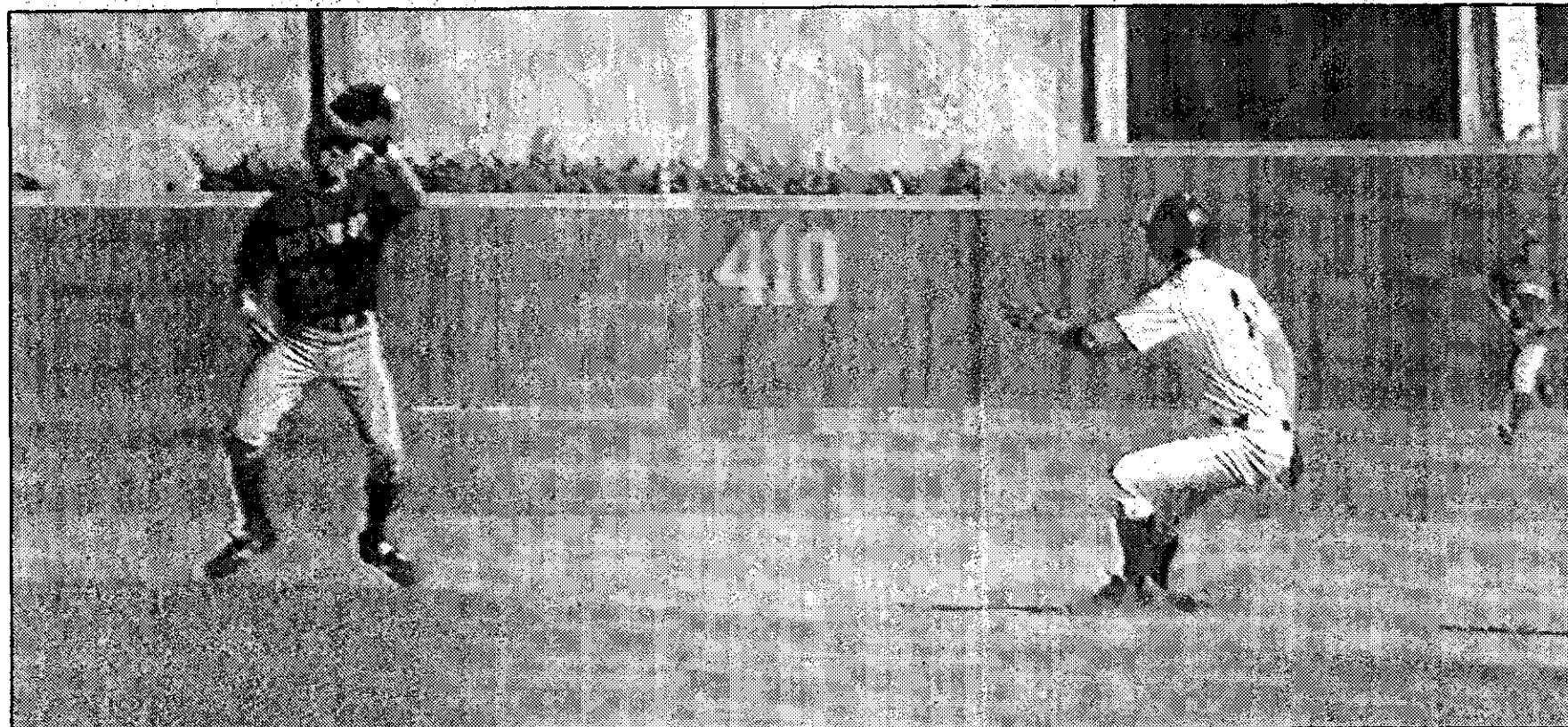
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Aurio O'Neil tries to steal second base of a pitch from the Pasadena Lancers but ends up getting caught in a pickle between first and second during Wednesday game.

## Ranked 4

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# sports

ELYSE MURO  
SPORTS EDITOR

Now ranked No. 4 in Southern California the baseball team beat Pasadena City college on Wednesday, 5-0.

This win now puts the Falcons at 14-8 (27-15 overall) in the South Coast Conference.

"This was a crucial win. We just got a three game loss," pitcher Gabriel Bueno said.

The Falcons started the game off with three runs in the third, which put the Falcons ahead by 3-0 early in the game.

During the sixth the Falcons put up two more runs and managed to hold Pasadena for three more innings, thus ending the game 5-0.

"We came out as a team and we won the game because everybody pulled for one another. It was a team win," outfielder Gilbert Gonzales said.

## Long awaited since 1996

Last year, the Falcons missed out on the Southern California Regionals, but thanks to their third place finish in the South Coast Conference this year, they will be making their first post-season appearance since 1996.

The Falcons will open the playoffs on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. against Palomar, who won the Pacific Coast Conference Championship.

Cerritos closed out the regular season last week with a solid 6-2 win over Pasadena City.

The team's 25 wins are also the most since the Falcons posted 28 wins in 1990.

Over the course of their history, Cerritos has also eclipsed the 30-win barrier three times, the last in 1987 when they won a school-record 37 games.

Three Falcons were named 1st Team All-South Coast Conference, while three others earned second recognition.

Named to the first Team were freshman third baseman Jade Wilson, Heather Martin and Samantha Sadri, while Allan Gallatin, Amie Barton and Danielle Ackland were voted to the Second Team.



Falcons scored six runs against the Pasadena Lancers which aided Falcons to third.

## Falcons at Pro-ball

**Bob Apodaca**  
Colorado Rockies  
Pitching Coach  
**Mike Bumstead**  
RHP: Lake Elsinore Storm  
(A - San Diego Padres)  
**Sergio Garcia**  
SS: Vero Beach Dodgers  
(A - Los Angeles Dodgers)  
**Ed Hodge**  
Billings Mustangs  
(R - Cincinnati Reds)  
Hitting Coach  
**Chuck Lopez**  
OF: San Antonio Missions  
(AA - Seattle Mariners)  
**Gabe Lopez**  
2B: Battle Creek Yankees  
(A - New York Yankees)  
**Andy Torres**  
RHP: Dunedin Blue Jays  
(A - Toronto Blue Jays)  
**Dusty Wathan**  
Catcher: Akron Aeros  
(AA - Cleveland Indians)

## Six first place records sends Falcons to Preliminaries

ELYSE MURO  
SPORTS EDITOR

Breaking three school records and having six place wins the men's and women's track and field team competed in the South Coast Conference Relays on Friday and Saturday here at Cerritos.

The top six in each event will go to

the Southern California Preliminaries on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Bakersfield College.

The men's track team had three first place wins and the women's track team had three first place wins as well.

Along with three first place wins the women's track team also broke three school records during the relay.

April Brown and Julie Steward each broke school records for their individual time.

Toshica Gaines, April Brown, Cora Diggins and Lorraine Weldon also broke the school record in the 1,600 relay.

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### First Place Finishers

Travon Lee - 200m  
Vedell Lewis, Travon Lee, Chris Hardimon, Thomas Hunter - 4by 100 relay  
Lorraine Weldon - 400m  
April Brown - 150m  
Toshica Gaines, April Brown, Cora Diggins, Lorraine Weldon - 4 by 400 relay

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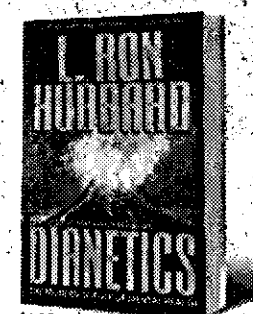
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From the April 29 to May 15, Cerritos College Art Gallery will host an exhibition of outstanding student art as a way of commemorating the post school year.

This exhibit allows students to display their creative achievements to the rest of the student body, and the public, in a formal setting.

ment where they stopped to say hello to students and staff members. As the sun began to grow hot against each person in the parade, the need to stop crossed the minds of everyone and they were all thankful that their hour was up.

The kids and staff members left the Health Center where they returned back to their home in the Child

Children riding their bikes, across Cerritos Campus

Children starting from birth to eight years old. The Week of the Young Child is celebrated every year in the first or second week of April and it gives children the chance to go for walks and enjoy themselves as well as giving adults to learn more about kids.

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CG 1	Bello-Gardner	M/W	2-3:00 p.m. (1st 9 wks)	AC 54
CG 50	Bello-Gardner	M	2-3:00 p.m. (2nd 9 wks)	AC 54
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