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In celebration of Women's History Month take a look at two female students that help shape the campus.

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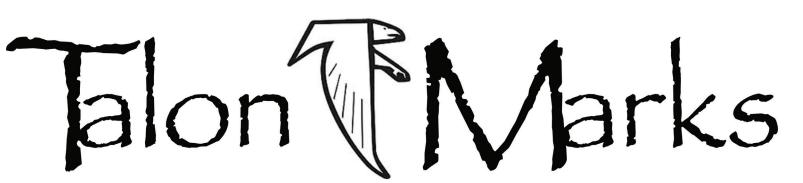








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Possible raise in three fees for students

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The students of Cerritos College may have to pay more in student fees in upcoming semesters. this includes a raise in the student health fee, the parking fee and the addition of a technology fee.

In cabinet meetings on Feb. 25 and March 5, presentations were given to explain why the fees are necessary.

Nancy Montgomery, coordinator of student health services, gave a presentation for a raise in the student health fee. She proposed a raise from \$14 to \$16, which is the highest the state of California allows.

According to Montgomery, Cerritos College is toward the top in regard to the amount of health services it provides to students. "All colleges do not provide the same type of student health services... We are a full medical clinic."

Dean of Academic Success and Institutional Effectiveness, Bryan Reece, also gave a presentation but for the addition of a tech-

Acording to Reece, the fee would be \$5 and be used to keep the "Smart Classrooms" up-to-date and allow the school to add new

Based off of student surveys that are sent out, he concluded two things, "students are engaged in the classroom." As well as "When (students) leave the classroom is when the problems start. That's when they go over the

Reece hopes that with the implementation of the technology fee Cerritos College will be able to bridge that gap.

Cerritos College Campus Police Chief, Richard Bukowiecki gave the presentation for the raise in parking fees.

According to Bukowiecki, the \$5 raise in the cost of the parking permit will be to sustain Campus Police, which has been running in a deficit.

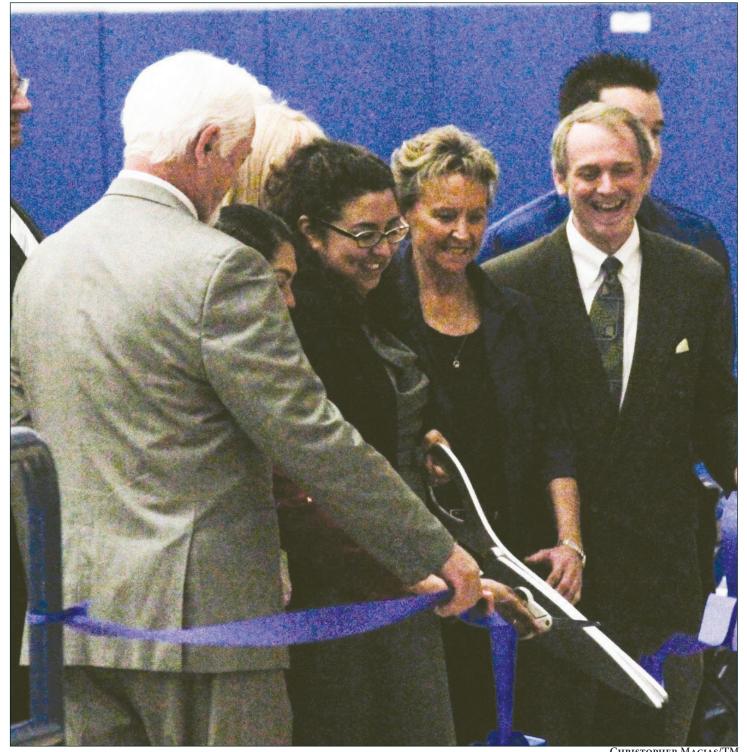
"My total personal cost is \$1.3 million, average yearly income is \$1.2 million..see I'm already running in the red."

The raise in the permit price will only affect students acording to Bukowiecki, because the staff has its prices as a part of its contract with Cerritos College.

State law says that students that benefit from financial aid, including the FAFSFA or the BOG wavier, can not be charged more than \$30. Because of that the raised fee will only apply to students who are not getting any financial aid.

Cabinet members had the chance to decide to pass these fees on Monday, but due to the legislation not being drafted yet, it was tabled for the next meeting.

Contributor: Alexandra Scoville



Cutting ties: Cerritos College board members cut a ribbon at the end of the ceremony. The Falcon Gymnasium has been under construction for three years.

Falcon Gym opening

After two years the Falcons return home to their gym

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After three years of renovations, the Cerritos College Falcon Gymnasium officially opened its doors to the community on Friday March 8 with a ribbon cutting ceremony that was held inside the gymnasium.

"Magical" was the word that Board of Trustee member Bob Arthur used describe the aura surrounding the gym.

"This gymnasium is here as a class to serve the students for the next 50 or 60 years," he said.

The ceremony began at 11 a.m. with Cerritos College President Dr. Linda Lacy welcoming the audience in the stands and introducing the Board of Trustees.

City of Cerritos Mayor, Jim Edwards, and former Cerritos College coaches Jack Bogdanivich, Jerry Hernandez, Dean Ackland, Jeanine Prindle, and other retired employees were www.talonmarks.com Scan here to look at a video from the gym opening



part of the ceremony.

Women's basketball coach Karen Welliver and men's basketball coach Russ May, who had to play their home games for the past three years at Ex-

celsior High School, gave their appreciation to the community and to the Cerritos College body.

Looking forward, Welliver commented on how the teams' mentalities will change playing their home games in the gym next season.

"We'll have a comfort level because we get to practice where were going to play and have home games. It makes you feel (like) you have an advantage."

Built in 1961, the gymnasium needed renovations to

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Domestic Violence Workshop

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Kinesiology Major Andrew Casillas didn't know what to expect when he attended the Domestic Violence Workshop for extra credit, but was impressed by what he learned.

"I thought (the workshop) was very informational and...when I went in I didn't know what domestic (violence) meant, but I came to learn that it occurs with women and men."

The workshop was sponsored by the Re-Entry Resource Program to educate students on what domestic violence is and how students can recognize it.

Maria Cevallos Master of Social Work, a psychiatric social worker with the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health hosted the workshop.

Shannon Estrada from career resources was in charge of coordinating the workshop. "This is the first time we ever had the

domestic violence workshop, but I try www.talonmarks.com and do meaningful Scan here to look at shops every sethe full online story



"I think it's an important issue that happens all the time and you never know

mester," Estrada

pening to and where. I think a lot of times women don't know to report (it) or they don't know what to do or maybe if they have a friend in that situation they don't know how to

help them." The workshop covered many different topics such as dispelling certain myths such as the idea that abuse only happens to women of certain backgrounds, that only women and not men can be abused, or that domestic abuse is a personal issue

between couples. Cevallos also explained how abuse victims need to prepared if they plan to leave their abusers.

This was an important idea to child development major Tremaine Mayhand, who never really thought about how hard it was for abuse victims.

"Before I (thought that) if you (were being) abused you just up and leave, I didn't know you had to have a plan."

Inspiring

Women inspiring others on campus

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Psychology major Amanda Perez has hopes to use her knowledge to benefit society and bring

about positive changes. Perez shares to the world her research presentations that teach people about different topics.

> "When I start out deciding what to do research on, I like to choose relevant topics that will shed light on problems in society that should be addressed such as stereotypes," Perez said.

She presented her research at the Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research that took place last November.

"It made me realize that I love my field of study and I love conducting research," Perez

The research also brought her recognition from the National Psychology Honors Society for Community Colleges.

Perez explained that her research came together by

"information about the design and outcome of my experiment that I ran with children from the Child Development Center." It took her one semester to research and write it.

"I hope that they (people at the conference) realized just how much young children pay attention to societal cues given from their parents and the media about gender stereotypes," Perez said.

Insightful study on stereotypes

Another conference she was accepted to is the Western Psychological Association Conference, where she will also present the same research at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

'I've been accepted to present my research on the impact of religious stereotypes on person perception," Perez said.

She will "partake in presenting research on exploring the moderating effect of mind set on stereotype threat on statistics performance."

Perez worked with three other students in conducting the research, including industrial/organizational psychology major Marco Antonio Contreras.

'This finding is insightful into how our society stereotypes in regard to religion and gives a basis for understanding why some groups are perceived more negatively than others," Con-

Twenty-two other students from Cerritos College will also present at the WPA Conference.

Perez has fun with her research because she is passionate

Psychology professor Kimberley Duff describes Perez as

"She is really is a psychological scientist because she is really excited about the opportunity to present her research," Duffsaid.

Nominated for hard work and dedication

Jovanna Ledesma, early child development major, was nominated by Eugenia Delgado for her excellent participation as co-president of the Child Development Club.

"I nominated Jovanna because I want to acknowledge all her hard work and dedication she has had toward the club. Even though she is a busy mother, she always makes the time to plan and attend every single meeting and share ideas that benefit the club.

"She has even made time to do some volunteer work outside campus. She volunteered as a mentor for foster children in an annual event of which we both participated in and look forward to doing it again this year. It has been a great pleasure opment club, said.

Ledesma is a mother of two boys and enjoys spending time with them and her husband.

school work.

3.0 and above G.P.A as well," Ledesma said.

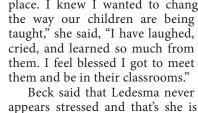
Thinking past and present

Ledesma has big goals for her future including transferring to the University of La Verne and obtaining her Bachelors and Masters degrees, but before that she would love to become a preschool teacher.

Her biggest influences are professors Angela Beck, the child development training coordinator, and Susan Gradin, Child Development club adviser at Cerritos College.

"The very moment I met my two mentors, my professors

Angela Beck and Susan Gradin was the moment I realized I was at the right place. I knew I wanted to change



a wonderful role model for the children. "She has done amazing work with our club, organizing fundraisers, and gathering resources for students,"

Beck said. Ledesma wants everyone to know that she has had an amazing experience here at Cerritos College, as she wasn't sure the next step was for her.

working with her," Delgado, co-president of the Child Devel-

One of Ledesma's accomplishments is doing well in her

"The biggest accomplishment I have is the fact that I have not given up on my academics. Knowing I am a huge influence for my children is an accomplishment in itself. Maintaining a

March 18

Calendar

of events

March 14

Video Game

Tournament

Falcon Square

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Masquerade Ball

Student Center

7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

ASCC Cabinet Meeting in Room BK 111/112 at 2 p.m.

March 19

Presidential and Trustee **Orientation Room BK** 111/112 at 11 a.m.

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Falcon Games spark club competition

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The Anthropology Club beat out other clubs to emerge as the winner of part one of the first ever Falcon Games that took place Monday.

Anthropology major Lauren Didio was happy that the club had done so well.

"I was looking forward to (Falcon Games part one) the most, I was pumped up for it. I'm still a little pumped up."

The Falcon Games is a club wide contest that includes games and contests to help create unity between the clubs and promote awareness of the many locations of the Cerritos College campus.

While there have been similar games held before between the clubs, this is the first one to be hosted by the Inter-Club Council.

The head chair of the Falcon Games Committee Abner "Ace" Caguioa believed that part one of the games was successful but "it was rough".

The contests for part one consisted of challenges such as sack races, hula hoop races, and even a water balloon contest.

Each club elected a team of three people to compete in each challenge.

Groups were forced to work as a team as they had to complete each challenge before they were given a card with the next location.

Some of the challenges were more difficult for the groups than the others such as one challenge where club members were forced

to jump three thousand times while being counted by a step counter.

"The worst part (was) when we were doing the three thousand steps, and they made it two thousand steps. I pretty took over for that."

Julia Poecnik agreed that the steps were the hardest.

"It was three thousand, but they changed it to two thousand because they thought three thousand was a lot. So I think that was the hardest."

Anthropology Club placed first and was rewarded \$200, second place was the Spice Club who won \$100, and iFalcon won \$50 for third place.

Every other team was awarded with \$25 to the club regardless of

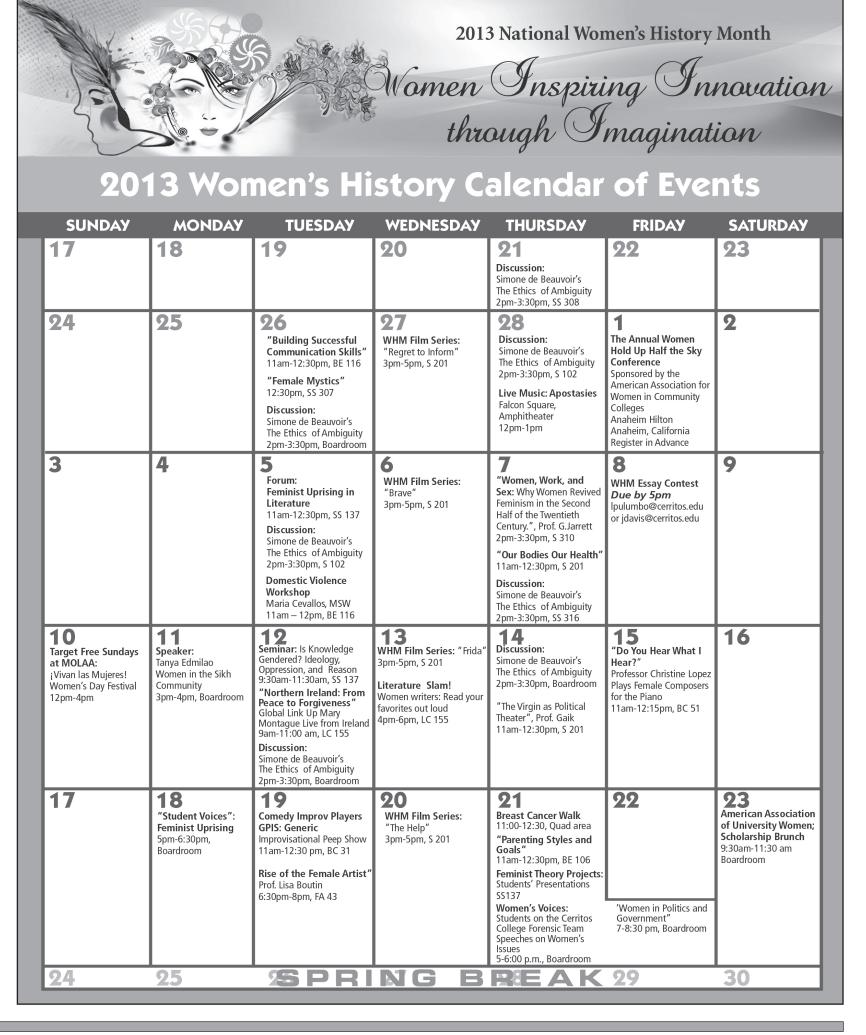
There was some controversy as some teams accused others of cheating and there was confusion among the contestants about the rules.

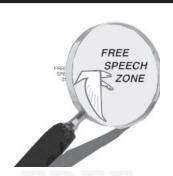
"There were some accusations of some cheating on the teams, but that really depends on the rules so we have to go over (them) again."

"It was...really miscommunication among with the committee members...we take full responsibility for that. But we're trying to (reach) a compromise so everyone comes out with something at the

Part two of the Falcon Games take place on Wednesday in which the contest will be an Academic Decathlon held in the Teleconference Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

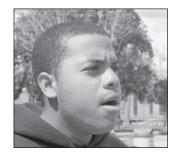
Part three will be held on Thursday, the contest will be a Video Game tournament from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Falcon Square.





"If you were President of the United States what programs would you cut to fix the federal deficit?"

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COREY WILSON Computer animation major

"Agriculture. I would limit spending on that."



"Wasting money on making so many jails. They care more about putting criminals away, it's clearly not working."





DENISE OSEJUEVA Dance and psychology

"The jail system. A lot of inmates just get free stuff and our taxes pay for that."

MANUEL ARTEAGA Business major

'The military. That funding should go toward the environment and improving bad neighborhoods."





ADAM VALENZUELA

'The military because it leads to problems globally. Before 1947 it was just people volunterring or being drafted."

Danny Cho Biochemistry major

"NASA. It doesn't seem as useful as what's happening on earth."





Celebrate history every day

History Month, National Hispanic Heritage Month, and Breast Cancer Awareness Month only celebrated for one month? And how many people actually know we have a month toward a specific cause?

Months such as these should be recognized all year long and not just for one month.

Recognizing these months all year long will help bring more awareness to the cause rather than just a month.

March is recognized as Women's History Month, and February is known as Black History Month but it fails to bring attention to the masses.

According to the website www. his thoughts on Black History Month. womenshistorymonth.gov certain

Why are months such as Black 14, 21, and 24 where moments are re- American history," Freeman said. flected in our history as seen from a female perspective.

> The website www.history.com has different facts posted throughout the month of February to commemorate Afrhhican history.

> Doing this for the whole month helps bring awareness but celebrating this year long will help everyone learn about history better and possibly help certain causes.

There have been activists who have spoken out about Black History year long. Month in particular.

spoke out the show "60 Minutes" on should be celebrated.

"You're going to relegate my hisdays in March are used to reflect on tory to a month? I don't want a Black

Author and activist Maya Angelou then agreed with Freeman, "We want to reach a time when there won't be Black History Month, when black history will be so integrated into American history that we study it along with every other history."

Certain months don't serve a purpose due to in part that it should be something that is celebrated all year long, which could help the cause in the long run with the awareness being

While many can say it shouldn't be In 2005, actor Morgan Freeman a month, many can also agree it still

> We should celebrate and learn about history on a daily basis because history happens everyday and not just

moments in history such as March 7, History Month. Black history is No drone strikes on traitors

should let the courts and Congress declare what should happen to Americans engaged in terrorism against the U.S.

President Obama's current practice of using drone strikes to kill al-

leged terrorists is justifiable in theory. However, drone strikes are oftentimes used by his administration illegally against Americans citizens that joined Islamist, jihadist terror

The correct, legal tactic to use against these alleged traitors is to capture them and later try them for

The first American to be executed by President Obama was Anwar al-Aulaqi, an al-Qaeda propagandist. He was killed in Yemen by two drones firing missiles on his car.

Al-Aulaqi's assassination was



necessary from a counter-terror perspective because he was a leader in a terrorist group that the U.S. is at war with. Yet, it was illegal and unconsti-

Al-Aulaqi's death was illegal because there are executive orders signed by Presidents Ford, Carter, and Reagan which forbid the U.S. government from ordering the assassinations of people. These executive orders have not been revoked.

His execution of al-Aulaqi was done contrary to what the current executive orders forbid him from doing.

Al-Aulaqi's assassination was unconstitutional because of the clear

wording of Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution.

It says that a citizen like al-Aulaqi is to "be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act (i.e. treason), or on the Confession in open Court." He did not have any witnesses or any confession against him that indicated he was guilty of treason.

Al-Aulaqi should have been first

tried in absentia for treason. Then, Congress could have declared that he punished with death via drone strike.

The legal choice of action for President Obama would have been to issue an order for his capture.

The president doesn't get to decide who to execute with drones. Congress must declare that may be executed after they have been found to be guilty of treason.

Obesity must be regulated



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The United States government needs to step in and take control over the amount of unhealthy food its citizens are digesting daily, as these unhealthy lifestyles are cancerous to future generations.

The rate of adult obesity is skyrocketing and the government has every right to intervene and attempt to set up guidelines as to how the country can and should be eating healthier.

According to the Center for Disease Control, more than onethird of U.S. adults are obese. That's more than 36 percent.

That means one out of every three adults is more likely to suffer from life threatening diseases such as cancer or Type 2 diabetes.

They are also more susceptible to issues pertaining to the heart, such as heart attacks, congestive heart failure, sudden cardiac death and angina.

The CDC have taken many steps to combat obesity, including helping fund state programs to further educate the population on how to stay healthy.

These programs, however, should be offered and implemented from a federal level, as obesity is costing more in regard to health care, and creating a more unhealthy

Just as New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg has taken a stand against serving soft drinks that contain over 16 ounces, the government should take a stand to push for healthier eating instead of cheap, processed and harmful foods.

If the government places guidelines and assistance programs to help get obese and overweight adults more healthy and active, the nations youth will quickly follow.

There are small steps being taken at a national level, including calorie counts on menus that can make restaurant patrons second guess on the usual 1400-calorie pasta dish.

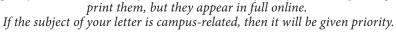
More regulations should be put into place that ask restaurants to showcase their healthiest items on the menu and list local farmers where produce was purchased

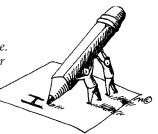
Also, the economy will benefit from less obesity. According to beinglatino.us, obesity costs private companies an estimated \$45 billion annually for both medical expenses and work loss, including reduced productivity due to illness.

These numbers clearly affect the economy, as this large amount of funding could be going toward more beneficial things, and not a disease which can easily be avoided.

The next step, should be making people aware of what they should be eating. Government leadership on this issue will result in both a healthier population and a healthier economy.

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Art for all: Cerritos College's Artist Society Club held its very first campus "Art Walk" on March 5. The club hopes to hold three art walks a semester

Artist's Society holds first campus Art Walk

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The Artist's Society hosted its first art walk of the semester on March 5. It was held in front of the dance studio, located near the Fine Arts Building.

It was an ideal location, with plenty of space which allowed for a setup of various sized canvases, some small, some more than four feet tall.

The art work ranged in mediums. There was acrylic and oil paintings, as well as pastel and pencil art work.

There was also a sculpture made of wire on display, which complimented and contrasted well with all of the other works on display.

Nursing major Valerie Campos said, "They're all cool, they're all different. It makes me happy to see this going on."

The event began at noon and it was free of charge. Aside from the art displayed, there was also members of the Artist's Society fundraising for the club by doing free style henna tattoos on students.

At one point, there was even a

line of students waiting to receive their henna tattoos.

The club was also fundraising by selling tie-dye shirts and handmade friendship bracelets.

Throughout the day there was a steady stream of students checking out the art work and making donations to the club.

"It's a chance to express yourself and show your art. It's good to show your art and appreciate it yourself too," said purchasing management major Damien Eaton.

President of the Artist's Society Erica Figueroa said that its aiming to have three art walks per semester.

"(Students) have to come to us and if we have enough people that have work we will run an art walk on campus," Figueroa said.

Fine arts major and Artist's Society member Kimberly Batson said that if students are interested in having their art displayed at an upcoming campus art walk, all they need to do is contact the club.

She also said that even if students have art that is not recent they can still submit their work.



Eduardo Alvarado/TM

Through the lens: English major Ricardo Ramirez is assisted by friend and communications major Hassan Siddiqui during the Spring Festival on Tuesday. Ramirez is one of the students who hopes to take advantage of the future Film AA Program.

Cerritos set to offer film degree

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nglish major Kamylle Paddio thinks d that it's great that students can now obtain an associate of arts degree for Film Production.

She believes that people should be able to do what they love.

Beginning in fall of 2013, students can declare themselves film majors to work their way through college to obtain a AA degree for film production.

With all the excitement going on, film major Dawn Grayson said that it is a good idea for the AA degree.

"Now, (film students) don't have to go to a (film) school for such a long time to obtain a degree," Grayson said.

Film classes include film and digital cinematography, music video production, screenwriting and advanced motion picture editing.

English major Ricardo Ramirez said he doesn't understand how Cerritos College offers extensive film classes but had no film degree.

"It seems right to have this (AA degree). It's a great thing to share to future students. We (Cerritos College students) have the talent for

"The fact that we have a film degree now fits in," Ramirez said.

It was approved by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

According to Instructional Dean Fine Arts Gary Pritchard, professor of film and T.V. production Steven Hirohama worked corroboratively Journalism Curriculum Chair Rich Cameron to make this possible for students.

"Professors Hirohama and Cameron are professionals who make challenging work seem effortless.

"They are exceptional instructors who understand the importance of innovative instructional programming in creating pathways

for student success," www.talonmarks.com Scan here to look at



Pritchard said. He is looking forward to "celebrating

the many successes

of our future AA film

graduates." Professor Hirohama said, "It's been my goal to have the more dedicated stu-

dents find internships and work opportunities while at Cerritos (College) so that by the time they leave with an AA degree, they would have the basic skills and experience necessary to enter the production field."

"The film production courses at Cerritos College will introduce students to the broad industry of filmmaking both as a creative art form and as a dynamic business offering many rewarding careers paths," Hirohama contin-



Hitting the notes: Michael Herrera rehearses playing his saxophone in between classes. Herrera was one of two students selected to participate in the College Band Directors in North Carolina.

Cerritos students selected for national musical event

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Michael Herrera and Joel Tercero have both been chosen to participate in a huge music event put on by the College Band Director National Association located in North Caro-

lina from March 20 to 23.

The National Conference for College Band Directors in North Carolina is a huge national event where music students from all over the country go for three days to learn from well-known musicians and get an opportunity to play with

In the past Cerritos College has not been asked to participate.

Herrera, a music education major playing the alto saxophone at the event, is very honored to be chosen to go to the NCCBD this year.

"I am very excited to go (to the conference)," Herrera said, "schools from all over the country are going and I feel good representing Cerritos College.

"Joel, who is playing the flute at the event, and I are working hard to hopefully get to the first chair spot, which is for the principle musicians who get solos."

David Betancourt, who has been the director of Bands and Orchestra for 13 years, was one of the people to recommend the students who are going to NCCBD.

"This is an amazing experience to go to these conferences. It is very expensive but because of our college support we can go. The Cerritos College Foundation really changed these kids lives with this great opportunity to play with such wellknown musicians," Betancourt said.

Last semester the Cerritos College Music Department had 40 students selected to work with really well known composers and conductors at the Music Association of California Community Colleges

Composer Frank Ticheli and Conductors John Carnahan and Christian Grases, were among the well-known musician who worked and performed with the students who participated.

"Three days of work and practice with the composers and conductors and the final day the students did a concert for all family and friends and music teachers from across the state," Betancourt said, "It is a music conference with the honor band and choir with the best community colleges from all over California. For the past several years we have represented well."

Jennifer Ornelas, majoring in music education, talked about her experience participating in the MACCC conference.

"It's always a pleasure going with a community group (that isn't) as advanced and go to the conference and play with really advanced musicians, it can be very challenging,"

Joel Tercero could not be reached for comment.

'21 & Over' is an animal house full of 'potty' animals

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What's the best thing to do on your 21st birthday? "21 & Over" is about a young man who for his 21st birthday is taken out to have the night of his life with his care-free friends.

Starring actors Miles Teller, Justin Chon and Jonathan Keitz don't disappoint their audience with their twisted sense of humor.

Audiences will really enjoy this movie, especially if you're in to the whole "American Pie" college party life.

Although the acting was pretty cheesy and very predictable, it's a good movie that'll have you laughing the whole time. It has it all, comedy, drama and lots of drinking and partying.

Compared to other films in its genre it doesn't change a bit when coming to the plot. This movie is rated R and isn't recommended for small children due to use of drugs and nudity.

Chon's character has a strict dad who controls his life and it's up to Chon and his friends to help him decide what he wants to do with the rest of his life by taking him out.

This movie gets four stars due to the comedy and ironic ending that surprised the audience but will definitely make you laugh.

In the movie you have the stereotypical Asian who is

Movie Review

'21 & Over'

Starring: Miles Teller, Justin Chon and Jonathan Keitz **Directors:** Jon Lucas and Scott Moore

Rating: $\star\star\star$

in to school and has it all planned out, you have the crazy friend who doesn't care about anything just drinking and partying and you have the normal friend who tries to keep everything under control and gets the girls.

Not only will this movie give you a good time but it will also give the audience plenty of ideas for any of you turning 21 soon.

The entire movie took place in one setting, being Yale University in Connecticut.

The acting gets a solid two out of four when rated compared to other choices in the theater.

However, if you're looking for a good laugh with a few friends this movie is definitely highly recommended considering the directorial debuts of Jon Lucas and Scott Moore, the writers from the Hangover franchise.

"21 & Over" is a movie worth seeing.



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Passed out: Skylar Astin, Justin Chon and Myles Teller star in Relativity Media's '21 & Over.' The film was written and directed by the same writers from 'The Hangover' movie franchise Jon Lucas and Scott Moore.



Photo Courtesy of Disney/MCT **Wow factor:** Glinda (Michelle Williams), the Good Witch, invokes her powers in Disney's "Oz The Great and Powerful." The film is set before the original Wizard of Oz

Oz amazes public with stunning visuals

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Sam Raimi painted a beautiful picture when he directed "Oz The Great and Powerful" especially in this 3D adaption of the Wizard of Oz movie. It was amazing.

The movie opened up in a small black and white screen and was set in 1905, and there stands lead actor James Franco dressed in magician's clothing.

Franco plays a con man of sorts named Oscar "Oz", and in the beginning of the movie he is in Kansas with a traveling circus.

After his performance he is transported into a tornado via a hot air balloon, during which he has an emotional realization about his life, thinking he is going to die.

The screen then opens up to the

Movie Review

Oz The Great and Powerful

Starring: James
Franco and Mila Kunis

Director: Sam Raimi

Rating: ****

wonderful world of Oz, seeing this world through 3D glasses is quite a sight.

You are instantly hit with vivid colors and you can feel just how much creative work went into the movie.

Oz has been transported into a world where he is met with similar characters to the ones from Kansas.

Throughout the whole movie the stars capture your attention with the different characteristics they have, Mila Kunis plays a love struck witch named Theadora. She is easily a likable character in the beginning of the movie, but throughout the rest of the movie, that changes.

Throughout the movie the audience is met with odd characters, one of which is Finley, a flying monkey who has sworn to be Oz's assistant.

He is a funny character who is voiced by Zach Braff, who also plays Oz's assistant in the 1905 beginning of the movie.

Oz and Finley take a trip to the Dark Forest where the wicked witch lives, on their trip they stop in a place named China Town, but not for the reason you may think.

Broken tea cups and saucers fill the streets of this destroyed town, where Oz and Finley find a little crying china doll.

The china doll is voiced by Joey King, who does a great job of bringing a little doll to life.

Together they go into what they think will be a hard fought battle to kill a wicked witch, but they are met with a golden haired good witch named Glinda, played by Michelle Williams.

Both the china doll and Glinda are actually characters from the black and white scenes, just like Finley

After Oz realizes Glinda isn't who he is looking for, in terms of killing a witch, the team of now four go back to the world of Oz.

The ending of the movie is something not even the characters expect to happen.

Visually this movie is stunning, each world the characters walk through is lit with color and excitement.

Whether you've seen the original Wizard of Oz or not, this is a must see movie.

Students looking forward to dance concert ensemble

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The spring 2013 Dance Concert will be hosting various types of performances in the Cerritos College Burnight Center Theatre.

Directed by Janet Sanderson, special guest artists will also be performing such as CSULB Salsa Dance Team, and the CC Repertory Dance Ensemble with Maha and Co.

The team has won several dance competitions prior to this concert, and hopes to land a place in the First College Salsa Congress Competition yet again after taking first place in 2010.

Seating will be limited and there are no children under the age of five allowed.

One of the performers participating in this event will be dance major Edna Garcia, who will be doing a ballet piece.

"I'm very excited to perform,"

"There is going to be various types of dances from Ballet, Hiphop, African, Latin, Jazz, and Modern, this including the different choreography for each piece with its own uniqueness and totally different type of style."

Biology major Jeorgette Farias, who will be attending the Dance Concert stated, "It's going to be very exciting to see the different



performances. I'm really looking forward to watching Edna perform since she is really good. The piece I'm really looking forward to is the ballet piece. It's going to be fun, especially since I went last semester and it was good."

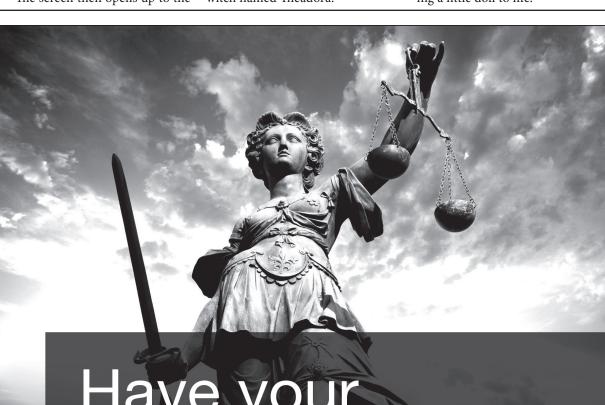
Aside from a culture ensemble and mix of dancing from several different places, expect to see a choreography with all in one styles of dancing put into one piece.

The performances are going to be Thursday and Friday March 21 and March 22 at 8:00pm. Also Saturday, March 23 at 2:30pm and 8:00pm.

General Admission is going to be \$15, \$12 for ASCC students, children, and seniors.

Tickets can be purchased at the Burnight Center Theatre between noon. and 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday.

Parking will be provided in lots C1 and C2.



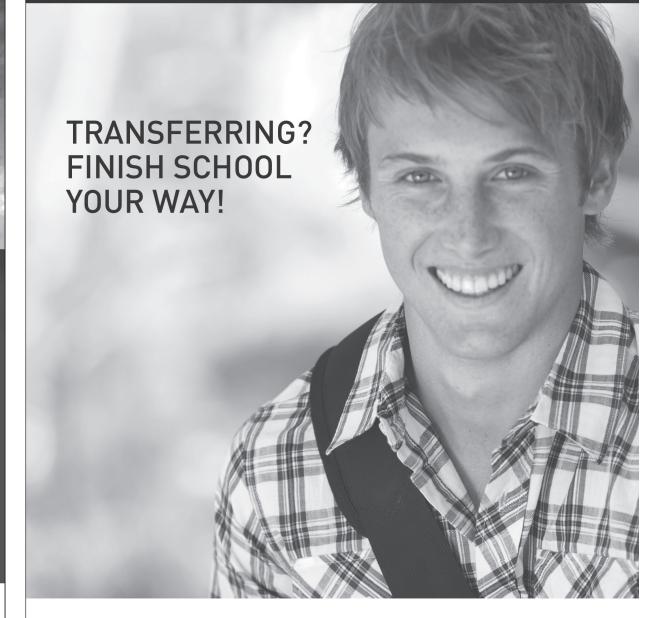
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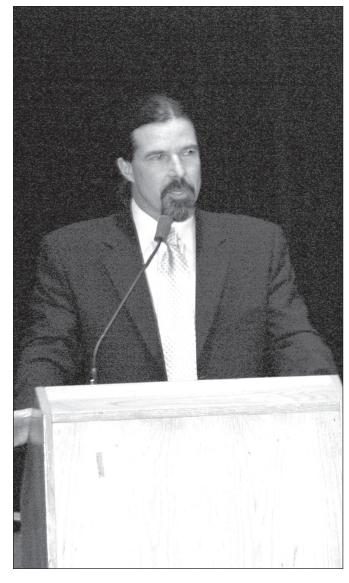
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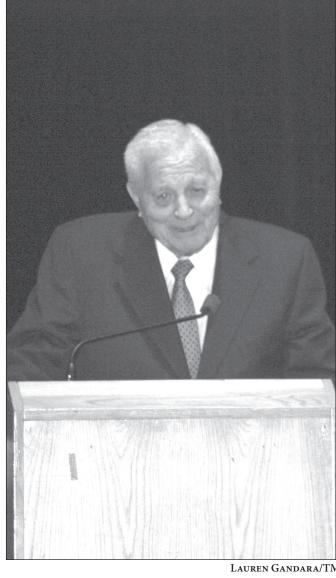
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Fame: From left to right: Marcelo Balboa (soccer), Traci Dahl (volleyball), Gene Martin (coach) were inducted into the Hall of Fame last Thursday. Balboa received Distinguished Male Athlete, Dahl received Dis $tinguished\ Female\ Athlete,\ and\ Martin\ received\ Distinguished\ Coach/Administrator.$

ormer Falcons inducted into Hall of Fame

Lauren Gandara Contributer

Playing in three World Cups and becoming the only two-time winner of the U.S. Soccer's Chevrolet Male Athlete of the Year award, Marcelo Balboa said playing soccer for Cerritos College was one of the stepping stones that helped him get to

Balboa, along with two other former Falcons, was inducted for athletics into the 2013 Cerritos College Hall of Fame last Thursday, at the Doubletree Hotel in Norwalk, Calif.

Balboa received Distinguished Male Athlete, Traci Dahl received Distinguished Female Athlete, and Gene Martin received Distinguished Coach/Administrator.

During his time playing for Certos College in 1986 and 1987, Balboa was a two-time all-conference

In his video interview he said,

"being a student athlete, I wasn't that great of a student. Great athlete, but not a good student so it was a good place for me to learn to, you know, how to study a little bit more and to prepare myself for a four year

After leaving Cerritos College, he transferred to San Diego State University and played for two seasons on its soccer team and later went on to play for 12 years for the United States National Team.

This is the sixth time that Balboa has been inducted into a Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Major League Soccer Hall of Fame and National Soccer Hall of Fame in

Out of everything that Balboa has accomplished, he said his big-

play and sooner or later, you have to stop playing because the body doesn't give, but your kids will al-

It wasn't until 1992 that Cerritos College was introduced to former Falcons volleyball player Traci Dahl. That year, Dahl played a key role leading Cerritos College to its only state championship win.

According to Cerritos College's athletic records, Dahl holds the school record for single season blocks and career blocks.

She was a two-time conference Player of the Year and, as a sophomore, was named California's Player of the Year. She graduated from Cerritos College with an Associate of Arts degree in General Educa-

In her video interview she said, "At the junior college level, it was almost like a little family and so when a high level volleyball program as well as academics."

Dahl graduated in 1997 with a

Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and then went to the National University in Costa Mesa and graduated with a Master's degree in Education in 2004.

From 1995 to 1997, Dahl decided to return to Cerritos College as an assistant coach for the women's volleyball team.

Dahl said in her thank you speech, "My time here at Cerritos College was one of the most memorable times I've had as a student athlete. I think I learned everything that I needed to learn here at Cerritos (College) and just winning the state title was a huge accomplishment for myself, my team, but most of all for my coach Jeanine (Prin-

Being a former volleyball coach gest one would have to be his family. I transferred to Long Beach State, himself, Martin was in the coach-"I mean soccer is a sport you I was very well prepared to go into ing game when Cerritos College was first built. When he first started working at Cerritos in 1956, Martin served as a football, track and vol-

leyball coach and became an athletic counselor as well, up until 1989.

"I had many different hats when I was at Cerritos (College), I wasn't just a coach or instructor or administrator. I had many different duties and starting out the first duty I had was in June of 1957. I was hired as a

While serving for about 40 years as a coach and counselor, Martin also served as a football official for the school for 20 years.

Not only was he a long time member of the Cerritos College Athletic Department, but he also helped in the design aspects of the gymnasium, football field and baseball field during their construction processes.

In Martin's thank you speech he said, "Cerritos College has been my life (and) it is still my life even after I've retired. I loved everything

Calendar of events

March 13

Softball vs. Los Angeles **Harbor College** 3 p.m.

March 14

Baseball vs. El Camino **College Compton** Center 2:30 p.m.

Softball at Pasadena City College 2 p.m.

Men's Tennis at Saddleback College 2 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. Fullerton College 2 p.m.

March 15

Men's Tennis vs. Arizona **Christian** University 2 p.m.

Men's and Women's **Track and Field** at Santa Barbara **Invitational** 10 a.m.

Men's and Women's Swimming and **Diving** at Mt. San Antonio College vs. Rio Hondo College and Mt. San Antonio College 12:30 p.m.

March 16

Baseball at El Camino College **Compton Center** 12:30 p.m.

> Softball **Bakersfield Tournament** vs. Saddleback College 12 p.m.

Softball **Bakersfield Tournament** vs. Santa Barbara College 2 p.m.

Men's and Women's Track and Field at Cal State **Northridge** Invitational 9 a.m.

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Women's tennis team hopes to fix weaknesses

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Cyd Dionson, and the rest of the women's tennis team, are hard at work to finish their season on a high note.

The women's team is working hard during practice to be able to finish its season better than how it started.

The Falcons also acknowledge that they have done a good job so far but also understand why their season hasn't been the best.

"We did good. We could do better but the teams in our conference are really good right now," Dionson said.

Head coach Alvin Kim is also looking to push the girls to do their best and play at a more competitive level considering almost all of the players are freshmen.

Kim said he is already looking toward next season and is hoping for most of his players to return.

"(I'm looking to) just fill some spaces for next year, but (I'm focusing) on getting them ready for next season," Kim said.

The team is looking toward to the rest of the season and is working on its weaknesses during its time at practice.

Jessica Alcayde explained that the team has improved from where it first started and that it is working to achieve a better standing.

Alcayde said that practice has helped not only the dynamic as a team, but also them as individual

"We are better than when we first started in the beginning of the season, (but also) just seeing improvement in yourself and the team," she explained.

Dionson explained that the key to being a better player is to practice and play.

The team acknowledges that it is in a conference that has strong teams and one of its strongest rivals is El Camino College.

Dionson added, "I think (El Camino College) are No. 1 in Southern California or California. (El Camino College) are in our conference so that is why it is hard to get far."

The team will face Fullerton College on Thursday at 2 p.m.



Dive: Sophomore swimmer Sam Raya dives into the pool during a meet against El Camino College and Long Beach City Col-

Men's swimming team going into upcoming meet with good mentality

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Head coach Joe Abing is confident about the men's swimming team's mentality for the upcoming meet on Friday against Mt. San Antonio College and Rio Hondo Col-

The swimming team looks to pick up two victories when it meets at Mt. San Antonio College, two weeks after letting a win get away at home against El Camino College losing 144.5-136.5.

Abing believes that the Falcons can get the job done.

"The mentality is good. We're excited for another swim meet," said Abing. "We have another week of practice. We had this last weekend off, so we're looking forward to

He added, "We're looking to improve our swim times. We're always looking to swim faster. So hopefully we drop some times on our races this meet."

Improvement is a key aspect as the team hopes to improve overall from its last competition, specifically in relay races, where freshman Marcus Delgado believes led to the team's downfall last meet at home.

"We (Falcons) just have to work on our starts and finishes for our relays. That's what cost us in a meet a few weeks ago," said Delgado. "It made us lose about four races. So if we get those down I think we'll be

> Freshman Jacob Ramsaur

shared Delgado's viewpoint claiming that the relays are one of the most important races of the meet.

"We're training hard and trying our best in practice," said Ramsaur. "We're looking to beat everybody at Mt. San Antonio College and Rio Hondo (College)."

Despite the loss to El Camino College, they still picked up a nice win against Long Beach City Community College, 170-111.

Splitting victories is not an option this time around however.

"We're feeling good. I feel that we have a good team this year and we can really do some good work this meet," said freshman Joshua

"We just want to get two wins and get it out the door. We just got to keep going little by little."

Hitting is key as baseball team awaits series



CARLOS MARISCAL/TM

The pitch: Freshman pitcher Spencer Long throws a pitch to a Ventura College batter on Feb. 21. Long has a 6.75 earned run average in eight innings pitched this season.

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Freshman first baseman Zach Diaz repeated one word when discussing what aspects of the game the Cerritos College baseball squad needs to improve on.

"Hitting," Diaz stated. "We really need to focus and work on our hitting."

The team is set to face the El Camino College Compton Center Tartars in the second game of a three game series on Thursday, a foe that was 2-1 in the South Coast Conference while sporting a 7-7 overall record before facing the Falcons.

"If we outhit the (Tartars), we will win every game," Diaz said.

"But we need to out pitch them, as well, and

we will win this series."

The Tartars were a statistically impressive team entering the game versus the Falcon's Thursday, with multiple players touting records on the California Community College Athletic Associa-

Not only do the Tartars have a player in Oscar Munoz holding the third best batting average in the league at .385, but their left handed pitcher Omar Pelayo has already struck out 31 opponents

that it will come down to the specifics in order for the Falcons to grab all three of the games versus the Tartars.

"We need to start getting certain jobs done, like (when) there's a guy on second (base) hit the ball on the right side in order to move them (the base runner) over and bring them in," Martinez

"Really, we need to work on our specific hit-

The Falcons will unfortunately have to face two of the three games versus the Tartars away from Kincaid Field, which has been problematic to their standings thus far in the season.

Out of the team's six victories, only two of them have appeared away from home.

Four of the Falcon's nine losses were away from Cerritos College, as well.

No matter what diamond the Falcons are on, however, the numerous runners that are left in scoring position have left the players scratching their heads.

"We need to fix the little things like getting the runners over... not being selfish and only worrying about ourselves," Martinez added.

"We really just need to hit the ball."

Diaz continued, "We need to get those runs, Freshman outfielder Johnny Martinez knows because we cannot leave them out there like that."

Baseball loses last game of threegame series

Cerritos College starting pitcher Christian Smith was able to record one out, allowing five runs in the first inning of Saturday's 13-8 loss to Mt. San Antonio College.

While Cerritos College would fight back with six runs in the seventh inning, it would not be enough.

Mt. SAC would respond with five runs in its half of the eighth inning.

The loss drops Cerritos College to 6-9 on the season and 1-2 in the South Coast Conference.

It begins a three-game series against El Camino College-Compton Center Tues-

- Jonathan Garza

Softball team looks to continue winning ways

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The Cerritos College softball team wins 14-4 against El Camino College and the team looks forward to defeating its next opponent.

Sophomores Andrea Arellano and Ashley Miller assisted the Falcons' softball team to victory.

There were 17 hits from the

Falcons with 14 runs in the game against El Camino College. Closing pitcher Kayla Klein held

El Camino College to one hit with six strike outs in the last two innings, resulting in the win.

a team lately," head coach Kodee lano said. Murray said. "And have been more of a team than two weeks ago."

The Falcons prepare for their next game on Wednesday against Los Angeles Harbor College, that has an overall record of 12-6 so far in the season.

"We don't really change anything we do, we just work on what we can control. We will practice hard this week and see how the game goes when we get there," Murray said.

First baseman Arellano had an outstanding game against El Camino College with four runs batted in.

"I did well as an individual, I went 3-for-4 with a two-run home "We've been playing better as run and four runs batted in," Arel-

She mentioned how the past week the team wasn't able to practice due to wet conditions on the field, but feels that won't effect the team's performance because it has been working hard and practicing for months.

"I've been working on staying calm when runners are on base and not getting anxious when I am in the box," she said, "Also waiting on the right pitches and hitting harder."

According to Murray the main focus in practice will be to "start trusting ourselves more and becoming the best team we can be."

Shortstop Miller did very well in the game against El Camino with one run and two hits.

"I felt I did well, I started and finished very strong," she said. "As for preparing for the next game, if we work hard we will be alright. I will be working on my hitting and in clutch situations getting runners

It looks to be a promising second half of the season as the Falcons are currently on a five-game winning streak.

The next home game will be Wednesday March 13 against Los Angeles Harbor College at 3 p.m. and will then travel to Pasadena City College on Thursday March 14 for a game slated for 2 p.m.



CARLOS MARISCAL/TM

Wind up: Freshman pitcher Jamie Ramirez throws a pitch against Bakersfield College on March 1. Ramirez has 15 strikeouts on the season.

CHRISTOPHER MACIAS/TM **Speech:** Men's basketball head coach Russ May speaks to guests at the ribbon cutting ceremony. The gymnasium was officially opened last Friday.

Opening: The Falcon Gymnasium was officially opened

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meet earthquake proof standards.

The total cost of the construction was \$16.5 million, most of it funded by the state.

A refinished floor, new bleachers, team rooms, two 80-inch flat screen monitors on the entrance of the gym, a trophy case are one of many new features of the gym.

Athletic Director, Dan Clauss, described the ways on how the gym will bring revenue to the

"People who want to do racquetball tournaments, basketball tournaments, all star games in this gym. This going to generate revenue from

back to the college to sup-They walk to a port programs."

new place every-A underground aquiday and have fer was one of the biggest that wonderful delays of the renovation feeling that the college supports process as Bob Arthur exwhat they do. plained.

> most 70 feet into the ground before we hit bedrock for the piers that sup-

port the building."

Another contributor for the delays was, "A ritos College community.

'We have to drill al-

rentals and all that goes fight between out contractors and the district," Clauss said.

Lacy discussed how the gym will alter the

staff who will work in the gym. "They walk to a new place everyday and have

that wonderful feeling that the college supports

At the end of the ceremony the Board of Trustee members along with Welliver, May, and Dean of Athletics Dr. Dan Smith all joined Lacy to cut the ribbon to mark a new chapter for Cer-

Club Meetings & Events

Leo Club Meeting

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Catholic Newman Club

Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in room SS-138 (Social Science Building) at 4 p.m.

Spring Festival Days Wednesday, March 13 Chili Cook-off at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Cerritos at 11 a.m. Cupcake contest at Noon Student Center

Thursday, March 14 Photo Booth & free snacks 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Falcon Square

Masquerade Ball 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Student Center Tickets are limted (free w/student ID) see Nikki in ASCC for tickets Don't forget your mask!

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Nine new members now part of Hall of Fame

Lauren Gandara Contributor

Being a part of Cerritos College for over 40 years, Dr. Wilford Michael and his wife, Jean were just a couple of the people inducted into the 2013 Cerritos College Hall of Fame Thursday, March 7 at the Doubletree Hotel in Norwalk.

Handing out the awards were executive director of the Cerritos College Foundation, Steve Richardson and Cerritos



College President Dr. Linda Lacy.

The honorees were introduced, followed by a video interview. They then received their award and gave

a thank you speech.

This year's honorees included:

- Traci Dahl: Distinguished Female Athlete
- Marcelo Balboa: Distinguished Male Athlete
- Gene Martin: Distinguished Coach/ Administrator
- Dr. Gary Smuts: Distinguished Alumnus • Shelley Pesanti: Distinguished Clas-
- sified
 - Bill Lewis: Distinguished Faculty • Conant Auto Retail Group: Distin-



guished Corporate Partner

• Dr. Wilford and Jean Michael: Distinguished President's Award of Excellence $C\,e\,r\,r\,i\,t\,o\,s$

College staff, recipients of both this year and last year's Hall of Fame sitting on the right side of a rice patty and their



guests tended ceremony.

and

Wally Kincaid was one of the few that attended this year after being inducted as Distinguished Coach/Ad-

ministrator last year.

Receiving the award this year, Martin mentioned Kincaid during his thank you

"Wally Kincaid and I go back a long way."

He continued, telling the story of the day they met back in 1947.

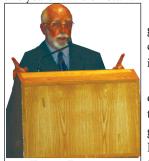
"Who would know that 10 years later, we'd be coaching together at Cerritos (College)."

Along with both Michaels, Martin also spent about 40 years being a part of Cerritos College.

He served as a coach, instructor and director from 1956-89.

Also serving as a staff member during the 1960s, Lewis was one of the first members of the Speech Communications Department in 1964.

He was a staff member at Cerritos College for 25 years and served as an advisor for the forensics team for 15 non-consecutive years while on staff.



BILL LEWIS

He said he got through college debat-

SHELLI PESANTI (RI)
distinguished classified

"I really didn't think that I wanted to go into speech. I ended up in the Air Force in Korea. I'm I'm going out every two or three weeks and I'm saying, 'Lord, why in the world am I sitting here looking at this crumby rice patty when I want to be broadcasting baseball games?'

"I kept getting this message, 'I want you to be a teacher.' So I said, 'What in the world could I teach?' And the message kept coming through, 'Speech, and coach forensics."

After leaving the Air Force, Lewis went on to get his teaching credentials and began teaching speech at his alma mater Excelsior High School in 1955.

He said he loved teaching at Cerritos College and had fun working with the classes he had during the time he was on staff.

Being inducted last in the ceremony, Michael and his wife were given a standing ovation upon receiving their award.

Jean said she was surprised that she was even included in the honor because it was her husband that was a staff member of the college.

Wilford was president of Cerritos College back in 1973 and served as the longest standing president to serve the college after 13 years.

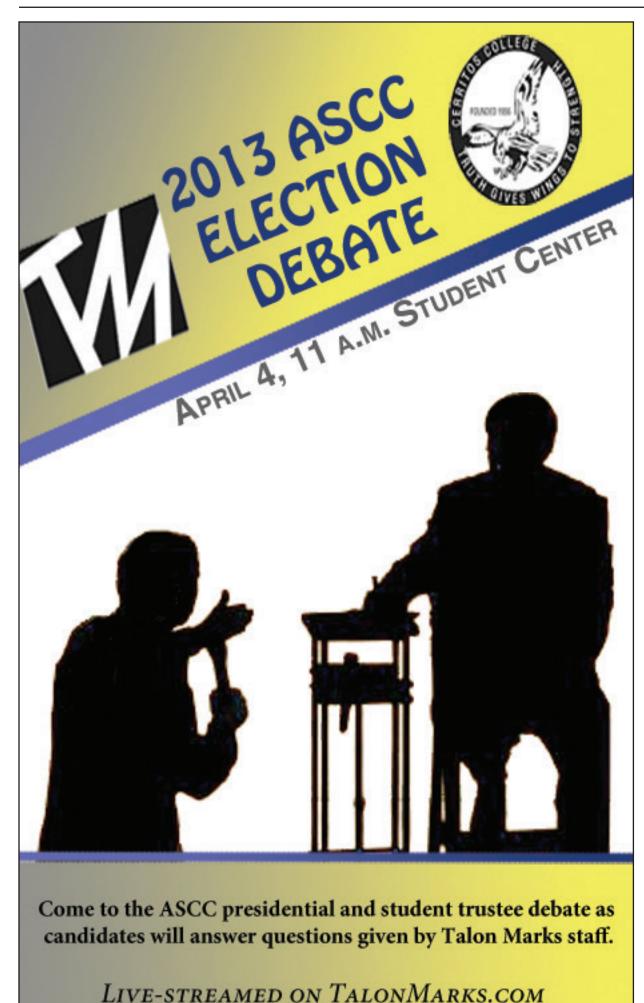
The couple still attends many of the events that Cerritos College puts on, including Homecoming and Mr. Cerritos

"It was so unexpected and so thrilling. It's just hard to describe how you feel when something like that happens in your life. Certainly I will treasure that forever," Jean said.



Recognized: The award handed out to the new members of the Cerritos College Hall of Fame March 7 at the Doubletree Hotel in Norwalk. Among those in attendence were last year's inductees.

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