

Cerritos College celebrates Black History Month

From Black Student Union program to profile of a prominent African-American professor, black history month is brought to Cerritos College.

Stephanie Mulkey
Staff writer

BSU - BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

The Cerritos College Black Student Union celebrated Black History Month Tuesday in the Teleconference Room.

Joyce Kelly, president of the BSU began the program with a passage taken from the Bible entitled, "The Creation."

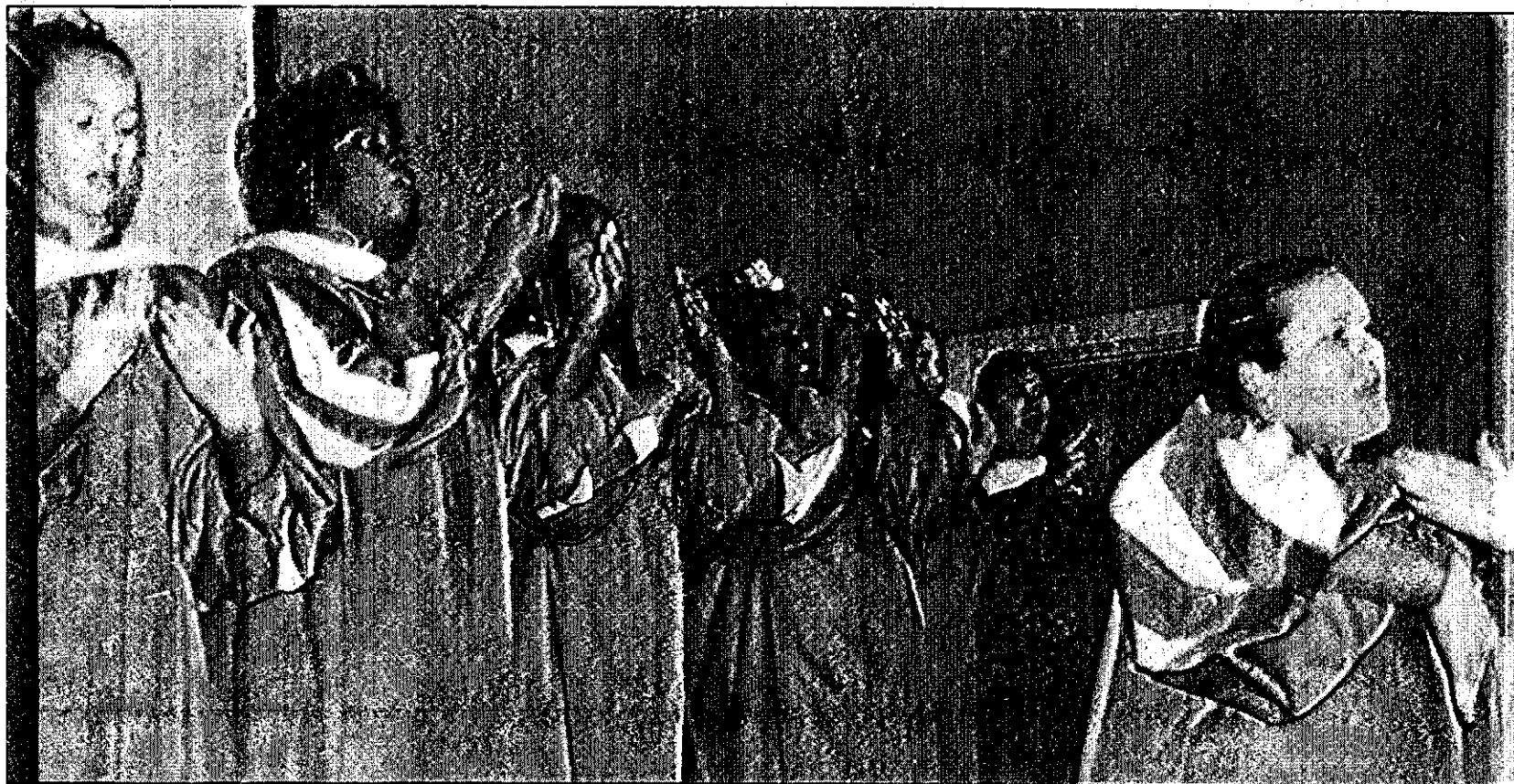
The audience was then asked to stand and participate in the singing of the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Musical entertainment was provided by the Cerritos College Gospel Choir as it sang "How Majestic is Your Name." They also interpreted the song in sign language.

Noting a few inventions and achievements by Black Americans, Katrina Walton, a BSU member, said "Knowing the importance of learning about our contributions to America's history is why we celebrate Black History Month."

Reflecting on the meaning of BSU, Kelly said, "We are brothers and sisters uniting by building successful units to be successfully united."

Foot tapping and hand clapping filled the air as the choir performed renditions of popular gospel tunes. The stage was set up with cultural African-American artwork, and refreshments were served.



Cerritos College Gospel Choir, under the direction of Dr. Christine S. Lopez, performs at BSU Black History Month celebration.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: A BIT OF HISTORY

February is Black History Month. It is the time we celebrate the achievements and contributions of black history, mankind and development.

Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950), a noted historian, established the Association for Negro Life and History in 1915 in Washington, D.C. In 1929 he founded Negro History Week which later became Black History Month.

Despite hardships, poverty and discrimination, early pioneers fought to break the color barrier in their chosen fields.

The passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964, for many African-Americans, stands as a reminder that America was not always the land of opportunity and freedom. While gains have been made in many areas, African-Americans continue to fight for their rights.

The African-American experience in America has been a struggle from slavery to roles of leadership in all aspects of our society. As expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1967,

"Negroes have illuminated imperfections in the democratic structure that were formerly only dimly perceived, and have forced a concerned re-examination of the true meaning of American democracy."

PROFILE: DR. ADOLPH JOHNSON, JR.

Dr. Adolph Johnson has been with Cerritos College for 16 years, striving to serve student's needs, concerns and develop that connection towards good policy.

"I love working with academic policy, and supervising the changes made concerning issues and problems that student's may incur," Dr. Johnson says.

Encouraging all students toward academic excellence is important to Johnson, and he has developed a program that will allow minorities as special part-time or full-time student's to attend Cerritos.

Growing up in the south during the segregation, Dr. Johnson is fully aware of the hardships that Blacks were subjected to.

Even though he felt the conditions were somewhat improved by the time he was accepted to the University of California,

Santa Barbara, he found himself having to repeatedly work twice as hard academically, due to the differences in schools and teaching.

During his college years he was involved in student government as a non-affiliate representative of the Legislative Council.

Dr. Johnson is the father of 2 sons. Following in his father's footsteps, one son holds a Master's degree in Public Policy, and is the director of academic skills for athletes at the University of California, Irvine.

He gives credit to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and former president of Morehouse College, Benjamin E. Mays, as his inspiration for achieving his goals.

He also has a deep admiration for Dr. Rayford Logan, Faculty Emeritus of Howard University, for his tireless efforts in promoting the history of African-Americans.

As a firm believer in perseverance and commitment, his message to students everywhere is "READ, READ, READ. It is important to 'CRITICALLY READ' so that you are able to evaluate, interpret and understand. Do this and success in education and in life is attainable."

Student Health and Wellness Center offers health services for less

by Greg Wylie
Opinion Editor

Lifting weights for football training, business major Chris Owens feels good about how the Student Health & Wellness Center treated him.

"I had a football physical last September, and it was a good experience," said Owens. "The place was clean, and I think they care about you more here [at the center] than at some clinics I've been to."

Tucked away in the back pocket of Cerritos College next to the weight room and PE buildings, the Health Center does a steady business.

"The clinic is well-used by students," said Kim Crouch, a registered nurse who helps run the facility. "We're always busy out here."

According to the health center, even students with insurance utilize the services provided,

mostly because of prices and wait time. The average wait time is about fifteen to twenty minutes, and students can see a marked difference in price from off-campus clinics.

The best kept secret at Cerritos College, according to Pat Pinder, faculty senate president and coordinator of the health and wellness center, is the quality and variety of services offered.

"Students know we're here, but not everyone knows what we offer. Our location adds anonymity to a student visit, and our adjacent parking lot means quick access to our facility," Pinder said. "What we offer is low-or-no cost health care."

According to Pinder, the center serviced over 7,000 students last year, about a third of the school population. This number is on par with regular doctor's offices, who annually see only a third of their clientele.

Crouch, who works as head nurse at the facility, is encouraged about the impact the Center is making in the lives of Cerritos students.

"We are a real clinic here, pretty advanced health care for a community college," Crouch said. "For the students' ten dollar fee, you get a lot more than some [other college's] Tylenol & Band-Aid station. You get real care from real physicians and a staff of nurse practitioners and registered nurses, including an allergist, an optometrist, and two chiropractors."

Students can check their eyesight, receive a gynecological exam and even get a birth control prescription filled, all for less than a standard visit to an off-campus clinic.

"We provide discounted services here for students, for exams and consultations," Crouch said. "We cut prices as much as fifty to sixty percent on medications [at the pharmacy] here."

The clinic provides the college with many other services, such as an STD awareness program,



Chris Chavez gets his temperature checked.

Strawberry field left bare, golf training center rejected by Cerritos City Council

Cerritos city residents win out, City Council votes against plans to build training center near residences.

T.R. Taber
Co Editor in Chief

Persistent opposition from local residents prevailed Feb. 12 when the Cerritos City Council voted to deny Cerritos College the opportunity to build the golf training center.

Many advocates of the training center were discouraged by the decision.

"We put a lot of time and effort into something we believed in, and I feel that we, as students, have lost a very important opportunity," Jennifer Fairchild, a Cerritos student, said.

Since the golf center, which would have been built by Family Golf Centers Inc., started being pushed this year by student government officials, there has been strong opposition by the residents of Cerritos.

They have stated concerns such as noise level, traffic and unsightliness of the fences that would protect their houses from stray balls.

Some residents were also concerned that the center would not be serving a large purpose for the college other than financial, and so it was unnecessary.

Training center advocates attempted to put residents worries to rest at the council meeting.

They stated that the amount of traffic going in would not be a significant increase over the number of vehicles that already enter and exit the school, and the noise level would

not be equivalent to that of a Golf N Stuff type facility as residents presumed.

Although most of the concerns of the residents were addressed by College officials, the City Council still felt the residents had a good enough reason to not want the center and voted in their favor.

According to Cerritos Mayor Bruce Barrows, the school has the right to build any building that serves an educational purpose, but when its purpose is to bringing in revenue from the community as well, the city must approve it.

Wayne Nunnery, director of the student center and advocate of the golf training center, agreed with Mayor Barrows stating that the college has a duty to serve the community.

Although it could be argued the training center would serve an educational purpose and built despite the city's opposition, he feels the college would not be serving the community well if it went ahead and built the center.

Now, new suggestions to fill the empty space must be presented, and the process repeated.

There are currently no plans to go ahead with the training center without the city's approval.

Since the strawberry patch lease has ended and was not renewed by the school this year, Cerritos College is currently not receiving any revenue for the vacant "strawberry patch" property.

the news at a glance



Bye Bye Stortz

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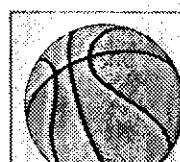
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EDITORIALS

They should've checked with neighbors first

The golf training center is an idea that student government representatives have been supporting for over a year now.

Finally, it made its way to the city council meeting on Feb. 12 and it was voted down by the community.

As students we have heard many wonderful things about this training center.

It was going to become part of our school, yet still perform a much needed service to the community. Even though there are over a hundred golf courses in Los Angeles county and one course right here in Cerritos, within five minutes of the campus.

Did anyone who was backing this idea ever think to gather the community opinion?

This school is comprised of thousands of students, many of which live in the immediate area with their families.

It would seem that if our student government representatives had even known what the students that live in the area felt, they may have thought better of voting on this idea.

The end result seems to be that we took away the strawberry patch, something that our community really used and enjoyed and have replaced it with a concept of something they do not want.

Although the golf training center may represent a source of income for the school, as part of our community we need to know what it represents to our neighbors.

Hey, student senate: Pass that bill, already

Members of the senate have proposed a bill that would limit the number of absences allowed to each senator.

Seems like a pretty cut and dry bill, doesn't it? It only makes sense that if students are going to trust elected officials to make decisions on their behalf, then those officials should be required to be present at a majority of the meetings, right?

Each senator represents over 500 students. I don't think I want to be among the 500 who aren't being represented when the senator decides to skip the meeting or show up 30 minutes late (meetings only last about an hour).

So, this bill is supposed to fix that. Too many tardies and the senator gives up his/her seat. Too many absences and the senator is kicked out.

Of course, in order for a bill like this one to do any good, senate would have to pass it. It's already been brought up several times and sent back for revisions.

Maybe that's because the senators are afraid that if they approve the bill they'll have to fire some senators and, well, it isn't exactly standing room only in there right now. Maybe they just don't want more empty seats.

Or maybe they should realize that an empty seat is an empty seat and at least if the missing senators are kicked out, they can fill some of them up with students who are willing to show up and do the job.

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Letters to the Editor

Second time around: Angry student calls for resignation of ASCC President Kelly Stortz

I have been a student here at Cerritos College for a little over a year. While starting my second semester, a friend talked me into running for a senate position in the student government. I knew that most major universities look for commitments outside academics, so I decided to run in the race. After a lackluster campaign (a couple of posters, around a hundred or so fliers)- I found out that I wasn't elected. The Monday after the announcements were made, I turned in an application for any future openings on the senate. I guess that while campaigning I decided that I could possibly do some good for the students of Cerritos College. So, on it went for several months, I would peek my head into the office of our ASCC President, Kelly Stortz, and

was assured that when a position opened that I would be contacted. It became painfully clear to me that I was being passed over on a position that I feel I could do some good in. I attended every senate meeting I could get to and read up on the student constitution. I tried to press the issue with Ms. Stortz, but it seems that she doesn't like being on the campus, because she is never here.

It pains me the most to find out that I was not offered a chance to sit on senate due to whom I choose to associate with. To find out it was a willful and personal reason not to appoint me, and then to have her look me in the face and lie to me- well it was a shock. What truly hurts in this matter is that it was not my pride that has been questioned, it was my integrity. For someone to say that they believe that I do not have the integrity to follow my own judgment, my own personal decisions, well that's a blow beneath the belt.

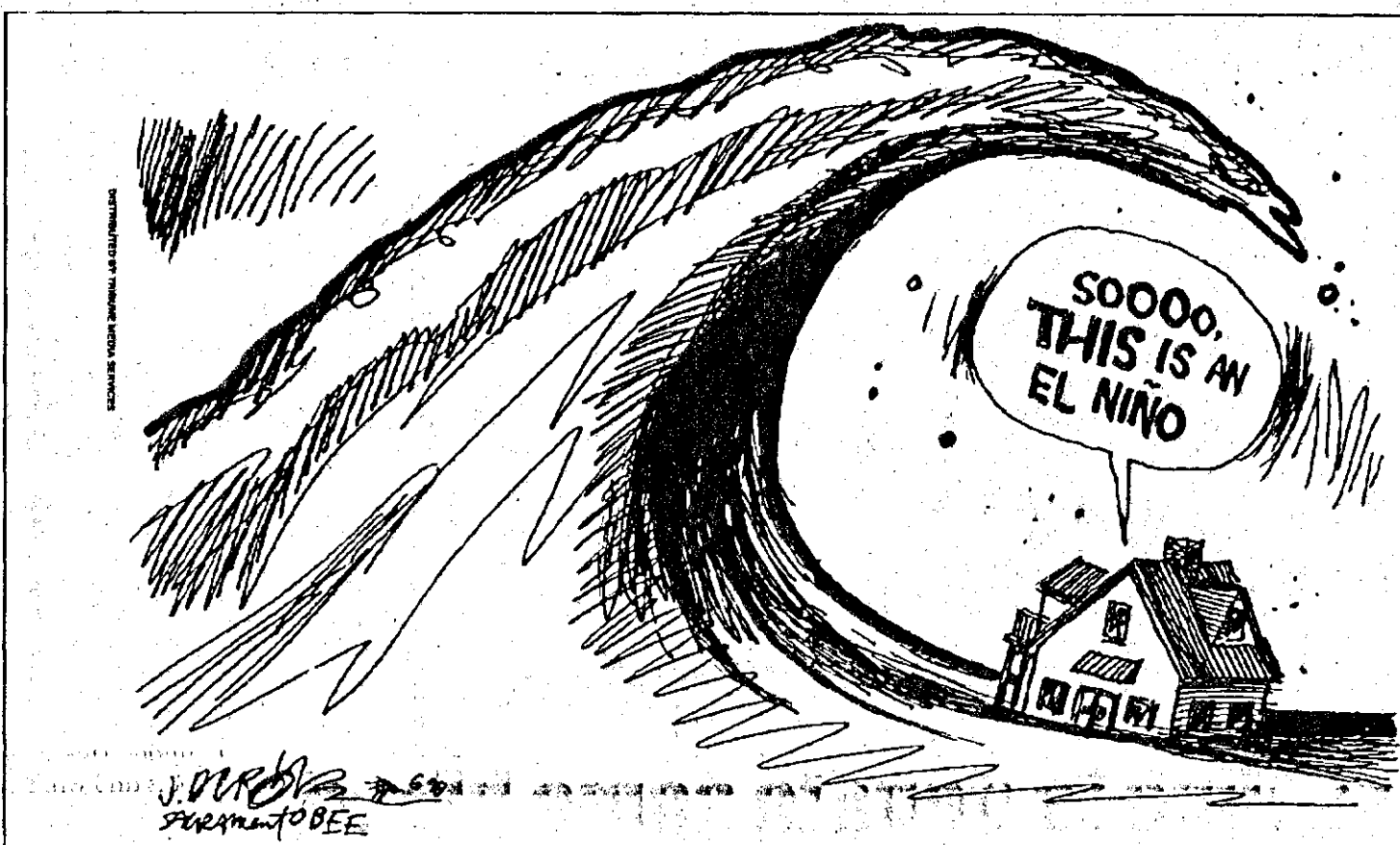
I am in no way putting down the student government or the Vice

President, Mr. Joel Esparza, whom have all done a terrific job and I would still encourage any and all people interested to get involved with government and committees. I know that people have heard bad things happening within the student government over the last semester, but things like that will happen with lack of true leadership from President Stortz.

Which brings me to the point of this letter: Ms. Stortz, you were asked before in a similar letter to resign. Well, here's the second request for your resignation. Give up the seat and let someone like our Vice President who is at least willing to show up do the position justice. You were unprepared for the responsibilities that came with the position or you just couldn't handle them—it doesn't matter. Let someone who is willing to do the job do it right.

Sincerely, Kristian L. Bush

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Snowboarder goes for the green

Daniel Alberini
Staff Writer

So some Canadian athlete got his gold medal back after having been disqualified for testing positive for marijuana. The reversal of the decision was based on the International Olympic Committee's ruling that marijuana, that evil intoxicant that is the preference of Rastafarians and United States presidents, is not a "performance enhancing drug."

Wow! What a revelation! The most amazing fact is that the IOC had to even consider taking away the gold medal from Ross Rebagliati, the Canadian snowboarder in question. It just shows how far the IOC, is out of touch with contemporary society.

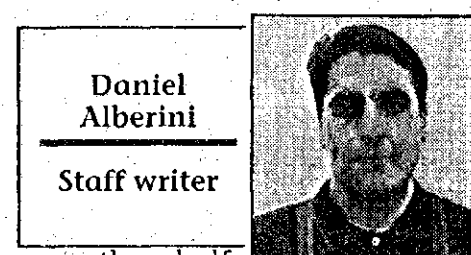
What do they expect from a 26 year-old snowboarder? Do they think this guy is holding down a 40-hour a week job? What is he, a stockbroker during the week, or maybe a member of the Canadian parliament?

What about snowboarding as an Olympic event? It seems a far cry from what the ancient Greeks had in mind when they christened the games with the motto, "Higher, Faster, Stronger." On second thought, it may fit in the "Higher" category.

Having snowboarding as an Olympic event, then being surprised that the athletes are pot-heads is like holding a pie eating contest and being shocked at the number of obese people that sign up.

As far as marijuana being a "performance enhancing drug," I agree it could perhaps enhance the performance of athletes, the day that eating junk food while watching the entire Cheech & Chong catalogue becomes an Olympic event. Until such a day happens, I, unfortunately won't be an Olympic gold medalist.

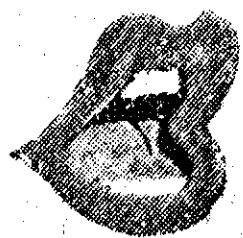
From my personal experience with the dreaded herb, which is very limited I assure you, I would bet that



more than half the inebriated participants would end up imbedded face first in a large sequoia, Sonny Bono style.

I believe in light of our knowledge about pot and its effect on the motor skills of an individual, that it can hardly be considered to enhance one's performance, but on the contrary, would be extremely detrimental. That is why I propose that Rebagliati be given a second gold medal, an asterisk by his name or at the very least, a year supply of fudge brownie mix, for the fact that he indulged in such things and was still able to come out not only alive, but triumphant.

CAMPUS COMMENT



"What is your reaction to the golf center being turned down by the city council of Cerritos?"

By Viviana Rolon

"I was hoping that the residents would approve it. We need more money."

—Ruben Ochoa, Political Science



"I'm glad they turned it down. They should use it to build more classes, rather than a golf center."

—Jason Park, Journalism



"I think it's unfortunate, we're going to miss a lot of the incoming money."

—Karina Gomez, Communications



"I feel that the golf center was a bad idea. The area could be utilized for student purposes."

—Lisa Rodriguez, Nursing



"I'm surprised. I thought it was a great idea, but it opens up the possibility for a new High-Tech center."

—Dr. Frank Guik, English Instructor



"I'm disappointed. It was a positive link to the community and it would have enhanced the area of the strawberry field."

—Dr. Fred Gaskin, College President



"We don't need a golf center. We need to build something useful for the students."

—Melissa Jewell, Cosmetology



"I think they should have left it as the strawberry field, so the workers could still have a job."

—Eddie Quesada, Undecided



Cosmetology club proves it has international appeal

Armando Borboa
Staff Writer

The Cerritos College Cosmetology Department recently participated in an international hair and beauty show at the Long Beach Convention Center the week-end of Jan. 31.

This contest hosted both student Cosmetology participants as well as licensed beauticians from across the country and around the globe.

Cerritos had four students who participated in two separate individual events, with a total of approximately 50,000 other entrants competing in various categories during the two-day event.

Rosey Boveda and Tracy

Morales entered into the Evening Make-up competition against 25 Cosmetology students from other schools, with Boveda taking third place for Cerritos.

Evening Make-up is dark and heavy makeup applied for nighttime wear, designed to "accentuate the positive and downplay the negative."

Rene Curiel and Lizet Ramirez entered into the Evening Comb-out against 35 other students with Curiel taking the third place in that event.

The Evening Comb-out is a "after 5" look, appropriate for the late night club scene, with Curiel's winning style called "the Up-do."

The Cosmetology Club

sends students to compete in various Hair and Beauty contests every time opportunity and funds are available, with Cerritos students often placing or winning when they enter.

Much like other academic clubs on campus, winning at a competition can mean recognition in a particular field or notable mention on a transcript as well as possible job offers for the

individual student.

Boveda was particularly excited to have won since it was the first such contest she had ever entered.

"I had to supply my model with all her clothes and make-up prior to the competition," she said. "I had one hour to get her ready from scratch, before the judging started."

Boveda would like to become a hair colorist and make-up artist for runway models and Hollywood actors.

She has plans to travel in the future to different countries learning new techniques, and also to possibly own a salon.

After she leaves Cerritos, Boveda is going to the Toni & Guy Academy in Newport, a "trendy" school that specializes in "now" looks for the fashion conscious.

The Cerritos College Cosmetology Department is a full-service salon with beginning and advanced students learning the latest styles and techniques of "bringing out the inner you."

Students and the public are invited to walk in or to make an appointment for all their hair care and beauty needs.

The Hours of Operation

Mondays and Wednesday
11:30 am - 3:30 pm
Tuesdays and Thursday
12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday
8:30 am - 3:30pm
Wednesday and Thursday
Evening
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Rosey Boveda and model Corina Rangel pose for picture at cosmetology competition.

It's time to donate some blood

Emily Madewell
A&E Editor

Students volunteer to donate blood.

Cerritos College will be having a blood drive on March 12 in rooms BS111-112. Located next to the bookstore in the student activities office.

The American Red Cross will be there between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Students who give blood will be asked to fill out a registration form and answer some medical questions.

They will see a nurse to have their pulse, temperature and blood pressure taken. The nurse will also perform an iron test and review the answers from the questionnaires with the individual students.

The actual donation of blood takes about seven to

eight minutes and is done with a new needle each time. As soon as the needle is used it is disposed of.

Blood donors must be 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be healthy.

Some people may not be able to donate blood. Reasons for not being allowed are exposure HIV/AIDS, or people who have had hepatitis or have received chemotherapy treatments for cancer.

Others may be asked to wait a period of time before they are allowed to donate blood. People that have had body piercing or have been tattooed or those who have undergone surgery or received blood within the last year are required to wait until that period of time has past.

Women who are pregnant or have just given birth or had a third trimester miscar-

riage or abortion will also be asked to wait.

Juice and cookies will be given to those people who donate blood.

All of the donated blood is tested for hepatitis, HIV/AIDS and other diseases before it is given to patients.

The American Red Cross supplies blood to all hospitals in Los Angeles County.

All clubs and organizations on campus are getting involved in the blood drive and it will be a fund raiser to the club who signs the most blood donors.

For a list of clubs to sign up with check in the student activities office.

Students are also invited to sign up at the Student Health and Wellness Center located next to the weight rooms behind the Physical Education offices.

I wanted an A plus but got an A minus

Joyce Kelly
Staff Writer

The grading process may soon include the use of a plus or minus on college transcripts.

The Board of Governors has passed regulations to allow student transcripts to carry a plus or minus status with the regular letter grade.

"Plus and minus has no place in a college environment," Michael Baello, president of GLBC and a psychology major said.

In a letter which was signed also by Paul Higgins, president of the student senate, Bill Scroggins, president of the academic senate, informed the districts to work together with the student leaders to develop a mutual system regarding the plus and minus grading. He said the student leadership must be given the opportunity to help develop the new regulations, since the students are directly affected by the grading policies.

Recently, the issue of the plus minus grading was presented to the student government.

"I am opposed to the plus/minus grading system, and I feel whatever grade is earned, should be a flat grade. Some teachers already grade on a curve, so I see no reason to have a plus/minus system," physical education major, Gregory Knapp said.

Sighting also that a grade is generally given for participation, presence and whether assignments are completed, Knapp said, "Let teachers be teachers."

In the adopted changes in the regulations, the Board of Governors included: (1) the local governing boards set policy that establishes: (a) whether plus/minus grading symbols can be used in combination with the letter grades; (b) whether plus or minus grading symbols would appear on the transcripts and figure in the GPA's, creating the following options for the districts: The plus/minus would appear on the transcripts and count in the GPA, it would appear on the transcripts and not count in the GPA, or plus/minus grades would not be used at all.

The new regulations will be added under Title 5 regarding the grading symbols and will not change anything else.

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immunizations (such as Hepatitis B) and AIDS testing, and even sells condoms at a decent price- three for a dollar.

Student fees pay for health center costs, which are barely enough, sometimes, admits Crouch. Upwards of 60 percent of Cerritos students are relying on financial aid, which waives the student's fees. The health center derives much of its income from these fees, and is able to provide quite a bit for its customers, including free chiropractic consultations and back massages.

Students can schedule appointments to receive a fifteen or thirty minute back massage, or to get a free consultation about chiropractic work by Dr. Gina Santilli DC, a certified chiropractic sports physician.

Student interns who practice chiropractic work on campus are supervised by Dr. DeVore, and they can set you straight again, for a marginal cost.

NEWS NOTES

Scholars' Honors Workshops

The Cerritos College Scholars' Honors Program will be offering several student workshops and seminars dealing with transferring and history and geography in the Teleconferencing Center located in the Learning Resource Center.

For dates and times, please contact the SHP office at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2728.

Campbell's "Labels for Education"

The Cerritos College Child Development Center is continuing to participate in the Campbell's "Labels for Education Program."

Labels, proofs of purchase, lids, etc. from Campbell's and other products can be brought to the Child Development Center.

For more information and a list of acceptable products and what to donate, please call (562)860-2451 ext. 2583.

Graduation petition deadline approaches

The deadline to petition for summer graduation is March 16. Graduation ceremonies will take place in Falcon Stadium on May 16 at 5:30.

Women's History Month speaker

Katherine Spillar, national coordinator of the Feminist Majority foundation will speak on March 3 at 11 a.m. in the Teleconference Room LC-155, as part of the Women's History Month celebrations.

Spillar has served four terms as president of the National Organization.

In addition to Spillar's speech, Cerritos College will host a variety of events in honor of Women's History Month during March.

For more information, please contact Herrera at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2362.

January's Teacher of the Month

Barbara Gonzalez has earned the title of Employee of the Month for January. She is currently a financial aid specialist in the Student Affairs/Financial Aid Department. She has been serving the students of Cerritos for over 13 years.

POLICE BEAT

Compiled by Campus Police

Burglaries

On Feb. 17 at 10 a.m., an officer responded to the men locker room at the Physical Education building regarding a Burglary report. The victim said someone pried the lock off his locker and stole several items.

On Feb. 17 at 6:00 p.m., an officer responded to the Arts and Crafts building regarding a Burglary call. The victim said someone stole her toolbox containing various jewelry components from her locker. No signs of force were observed.

Battery

On Feb. 18 at 10 a.m., an officer responded to the Health Sciences building regarding a Battery report. Two students were involved in an argument in which one student allegedly pushed the other and pulled her hair. An investigation is pending.

Disturbance

On Feb. 18 at 6:45 p.m., officers responded to a disturbance call in Lot C-13. A male had threatened bodily harm on a female. The suspect was very uncooperative with arriving officers. The suspect was arrested for Disturbing the Peace, Assault, and Resisting Arrest. He was cited and released. He also suspended pending a judicial hearing.

Medical Aid

On Feb. 18 at 12:35 p.m., an officer responded to the Weight Room regarding a Medical Aid call. A student reported feeling faint. The student was transported to the Student Health and Wellness for evaluation and treatment.

Vandalism

On Feb. 19 at 2 p.m., an officer responded to a vandalism call which occurred in Lot C-11. The victim said someone "keyed" the entire left side of her 1987 Mercedes Benz.

CLUB CONNECTION

MATH CLUB MORE THAN JUST NUMBERS AND FIGURES

Daniel Alberini
Staff writer

For many students the word "math" brings to mind visions of endless, mind racking hours of study, and the thought of joining a "math club" seems to be only for the truly masochistic.

Yet this is the opposite of what the Cerritos College Math Club is all about.

"Most people think that we do math so they get scared," Ernesto Martinez, president of the Math Club explained, "but we're more oriented toward activities."

Judging by the multitude of events and activities that the Math Club is involved with, this seems to be true.

The club is currently holding a raffle, preparing for a bake sale, and gathering donations for a book sale.

The profits from these events will pay for a wide range of happenings on campus and

off.

During the upcoming Math Awareness week, the Math Club will sponsor a math professor from Cal Tech to come the campus. The professor, who Martinez dubs the "Human Calculator," will field questions from students and challenge them to stump him by asking difficult mathematical problems, which he will do in his head.

A field trip to the newly opened Getty Museum is planned, along with a bird-watching excursion, that will involve counting the bird populations and species. The information obtained will help various environmental organizations.

Another popular myth about the Math Club is that its members are nerdy, unsocial individuals who spend their free time doing calculus problems.

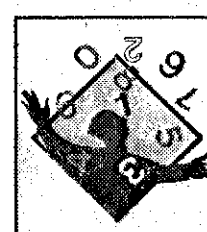
Noah Rodriguez, a mechanical engineering major and math

club member, motivation for joining seems to dispel this myth.

"I joined because I had a lot of friends here and the club has so many activities."

The overall mission of the Math Club goes far beyond mathematics according to Martinez.

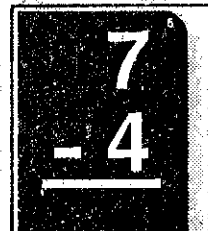
"Our main goal is to our peers and our community."



MEETINGS:
TUESDAYS

LOCATION:
PS-5

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11 AM



Part-time teacher scores high with forensic students

Forensics assistant coach goes the extra mile for team

Greg Wylie
Opinion Editor

It has been called to my attention that there is currently a program in place to highlight outstanding instructors here on the Cerritos Community College campus.

I feel I would be remiss if I did not submit Ms. Dewi Hokett for consideration for this honor.

Although the students at Cerritos College are fortunate to have, for their educational benefit, numerous phenomenally qualified instructors, I can think of no one more deserving of this honor than Ms. Hokett.

An extremely energetic and passionate instructor, Ms. Hokett tends to incite in her students the same passion for learning that she herself possesses.

Ms. Hokett not only gives her utmost during her class, she spends additional time outside of the classroom to assist the students' learning experience, even sacrificing her own personal time.

Although in her students' minds and hearts she is already recognized as an outstanding instructor, with this letter I respectfully request that Ms. Hokett be publicly recognized and honored as such.

Sincerely,
Jim Terry

Part time instructor Dewi Hokett eats, sleeps, and breathes public speaking.

Growing up with a Cal-Baptist College Forensics instructor helped Dewi, named after a Dean at Cal Baptist, decide the focus of her life.

"At first, I didn't want to follow in my mom's footsteps," Hokett said, about her

mother's career, "but it became a part of my life, and I love it."

What she does is teach seven classes at three colleges, which keeps her busy commuting between Cerritos College, Citrus College in Azusa, and L.A. City College.

"I've worked with several teams since 1990, including Cal-Baptist and Cal State Fullerton," she added. "My work with L.A. City College in the last two years has focused around performance-related events, like dramatic oral interpretation, or D.O.I."

While Bill Sparks, Forensics head coach, works with team members on such events as Parliamentary Debate and Impromptu Speaking, Hokett's focus on the team is primarily dramatic competition, including Poetry and Prose events, and Reader's Theatre, an event she admits won't be ready this year.

Holding a master's degree in theatre, her undergraduate degree in communication allows Hokett to give special attention to students on the Forensics team who are perfecting dramatic pieces, a real need for a team that competes against colleges with large, diverse teams.

The Speech department, and particularly the Forensics team, are gearing up to hire a full-time person.

If Hokett is hired, her plans include recruiting students for Reader's Theatre, which is a team event where performers assemble an aggregate media piece lasting upwards of twenty-five minutes. The piece can include singing, movement, poetry, and prose, amongst

other medium.

Hokett, when not teaching her morning or afternoon Speech 1 classes, spends a great deal of time coaching students one-on-one in oral interpretative and dramatic pieces, which they rehearse for weekend competitions like Tabor-Venitsky, which was held at Cerritos over the President's Day weekend, and for the upcoming Pacific Southern California Forensics Association tournament, or PSCFA, being held at Pasadena College.

"PSCFA is our regional championship tournament, our last competition before State Championships and Nationals, being held in Atlanta this year," Sparks said, discussing the team's chances at PSCFA. "This will be a great tournament for us, and we should bring back some awards."

According to Phi Ro Pi (Forensics) club president Jim Terry, Hokett sacrifices her time a lot for the team, time and again making sure her student's pieces are ready for competition.

"Even in my classes, I feel I am more coach than teacher. I feel that because of my life spent in forensics, I am one of them," she stated. "The team is an extension of my family. I am their friend and coach."

Talon Marks welcomes all letters nominating outstanding teachers.



Greg Wylie/TM

Drama coach Dewi Hokett critiques Forensics team member Paige Fansler's oral interpretation.



Armondo Borboa

Staff writer

According to the students who use it, the newly renovated student center is a roaring success.

The Student Center is rapidly becoming the center of extra-curricular activity at Cerritos College.

Once a cold, run-down, asbestos and lead-paint covered building, the new center is now a warm, friendly and comfortable place in which to relax between classes.

The goal of the new center is to "...provide services and programs that are responsive to student developmental needs," according to the Standards and Guidelines for College Unions.

According to Student Center Coordinator Wayne Nunnery, it is "...not just a place for people to 'hang out'. It will be a place for them to share values, customs and talents."

Before the renovation, the center wasn't used for more than walk-up registration.

Now, with its new facelift, the center is the place to meet, greet and hide out from El Niño.

Many students are planning on putting on their own shows in the Center, such as poetry readings and free jam-sessions.

The Chess Club wants to hold a tournament there, and the Speech and Debate team is planning on demonstrating the winning cases that have taken them to the top in Collegiate debate.

For events like Ho-down days, students were lucky to get a De-Jay who had a modicum of rhythm but now the ASCC can now hire bands and other entertainment for school events.

With all the new improvements, only occasionally does someone show their bad upbringing by making a mess or leaving their trash after they go.

After the years it took to clean up and improve the Student Center, maybe next we can finally do something with the strawberry patch

Peer counselors encourage good advice with annual conference

Office of School and Community Relations sponsors conference for high schools surrounding Cerritos

Soledad Puertos
Co Editor in Chief

The annual peer counseling conference, Peer Power VI, is scheduled for Friday from 8 am to 2 p.m. in the Student Center.

Presented by the Office of School Relations, the conference has invited various high school peer counselors who will listen to lectures and attend workshops to help enhance their counseling skills.

"We've sponsored the conference [in the past]," said Steven Helfgot, Director of School and Community Relations, "200 students are expected to attend."

Thirty peer counselors that currently attend Cerritos will be assisting with the workshops and getting the student center prepared for the conference.

Some of the high schools attending include John Glenn, Gahr, Columbus and Downey.

"We find the conference to be very valuable and the people who [sponsor] it are generally excellent," says Marlys Ford, peer counselor advisor for John Glenn High School.

The keynote session will feature Erin Gruwell, founder of Long Beach Wilson High School's "The Freedom Writers."

Gruwell has been featured in the Los Angeles Times, The Orange County Metro and recently been interviewed on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered."

After hearing Gruwell speak, Helfgot asked her immediately to speak at the annual Peer Power conference.

There will also be workshops focusing on issues such as AIDS's and STD's and Conflict Resolution and Motivation.

Although recruitment to come to Cerritos College is part of the conference, it is not the primary goal.

The conference will close with a performance by Danc'n E.T.C., a dance troupe from Orange Coast College performing for the fourth year in a row.

EOPS guest speaker promotes cultural diversity

Cerritos College EOPS presents guest speaker Dr. Laura I. Rendon at Burnight Center Theatre

Armondo Borboa
Staff writer

The Cerritos College Burnight Center theater will be hosting a presentation by Dr. Laura I. Rendon on "Validating Culturally Diverse Students in the Community College."

She will be appearing courtesy of the Cerritos EOPS program on Feb. 26 and the public is invited to attend free of charge.

Dr. Rendon is a professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Arizona State University where she is currently focusing on the assessment of educational partnerships and student diversity in higher education.

Dr. Rendon is also serving as the director of assessment for the Ford Foundation's Urban Partnership Program.

The program is a partnership between grammar

schools, two and four-year Colleges, business, industry and community organizations in 16 major U.S. cities to assist at-risk students to continue their education.

Programs such as this are in-line with the goals of the EOPS program.

EOPS stands for Extended Opportunities Program and Services, a California based community college student aid program.

The EOPS, located inside the Financial Aid Building, attempts to recruit diverse students and people who ordinarily would not come to College, because of financial need or other obstacles, into its programs.

It provides support services, fee and book waivers, scholarship and grant information, campus referrals and extended education for students to help them continue their education and achieve their academic goals.

The majority of the student workers in the office are on a Federal Work Study program, some of which would like to become counselors or mentors.

The EOPS program has been serving California students free of charge since 1969.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Chicano/Latino day

Chicano/Latino Community College Day will be held at University of California, Riverside on March 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Information offered will include transfer requirements, support services and academic majors. Workshops include Chicano/Latino history and literature. Campus tours will also be available.

For more information please contact Chicano Student Programs at (909) 787-3821.

MS 150 Bike Tour

The Southern Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Inland Empire Branch is hosting the 12th annual MS 150 Palm Springs Getaway Bike Tour on April 4-5. The society expects over 700 cyclists to attend.

The trip includes a bike tour through the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains and an overnight stay in Yucaipa Regional Park, followed by a trip to the Palm Springs Convention Center through the Indian Reservations of Cabazon and others.

The registration fee is \$30 which includes all meals, a T-shirt, transportation for gear and luggage and the return ride home.

A pledge of \$150 or more is required and prizes will be awarded for pledges over \$300.

All proceeds will benefit the MS Society's national research programs as well as services such as peer counseling, information and referral, and research symposiums for more than 8,000 individuals with MS living in L.A., San Bernardino, Riverside and Inyo Counties.

For more information please call (800) 752-1773 or (909) 307-3388.

Special Olympics

Southeast County Special Olympics will hold a meeting for volunteers for the games held at Cerritos College on March 28.

Individuals interested in volunteering should attend the meeting at 7 p.m. on March 10 at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive.

RSVP to Don Howard at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2266.

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Day at the Improv

Emily Madewell
Entertainment Editor

The student center was stage to improvisers Bill Blush, Ernie Macias and David Wrathall last Thursday.

They did a few different formats, some of which included audience participation.

Audience members were asked to provide situations and relationships for the actors as well as write down lines for them to incorporate into their skits.

Involving the audience usually makes it more enjoyable for everyone, even those who just watch.

Culinary arts student

Danielle Lara thought the show was well liked.

"It was very entertaining, I just wish they would not have talked about green mucous and other bodily secretions when people are trying to eat lunch."

Claudia Aicardi, a dance/performing arts student joined in during some of the trio's formats to help them along.

She has "only been doing improv for a year, but it is great. It is a lot of fun to join in on the skits."

Blush and Macias have been doing improv for the last five or six years at Cerritos and appear to be having as much fun as the

audience.

Their partner Wrathall says that the appearance is a reality "fun, it's a blast and that is why we all do it."

Or maybe it is just because I have nothing else to do.

Wrathall has been doing improv since high school and joined the improv shows at Cerritos about two years ago.

Next month he will be co-directing, with performing arts student Marc Leon, "The Good, the Bad and the Improv."

It will run March 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. in the Studio Theatre. Admission is \$5.



David Wrathall, Bill Blush, and Ernie Macias perform improv in the student center.

Emily Madewell/TM

Prints found at Cerritos art gallery

Daniel Alberini
Staff Writer

Joseph Palmer, one of the participants in the new exhibition at the Cerritos Art Gallery entitled, "Under Pressure: Prints and Books from the Los Angeles Printmaking Society," credits his work, "Angel," for saving his life.

Palmer, a short, bespectacled, white-haired artist, related the story of how he was driving along the



Joseph Palmer describing his print "Angel" for gallery audience.

Emily Madewell/TM

freeway, on his way to make reproductions of the brightly colored work, when he started to fall asleep. Drifting across several lanes, he was suddenly awakened as the woodcut fell from the seat to the floor of his vehicle, reminding him that "I wasn't ready to meet a real angel yet."

Palmer's tale sent a ripple of laughter through the crowd that had gathered at the opening reception last Wednesday.

The opening reception began with an informal discussion by Cynthia Kastan, art department chair, Dan Cautrell, art gallery coordinator and several artists in the show.

The Los Angeles Printmaking Society, is a national organization that boasts a membership of more than 400 people. The society offers its members the opportunity to show their work, and also puts out a publication that addresses new, innovative techniques in printmaking, according to Cautrell.

The society also offers an annual student printmaking competition, with awards for the winners.

The exhibition's title is in reference to the technique involved in printmaking, in which one image is

transferred to another surface by the intense pressure of the printing press.

Half the artists in the show are from out of the area, including Teresa Zepeda, a former Cerritos College student, who traveled from Santa Barbara to attend the opening.

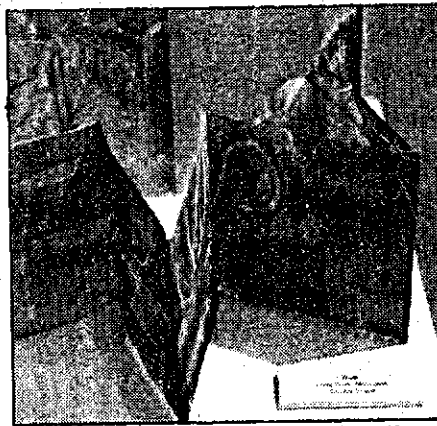
Zepeda, who uses the techniques of etching and aquatint, a method that gives the picture a watery impression, talked extensively about her art and the knowledge she had acquired from her time at Cerritos College.

One of the most involved processes in the show is laser transfer, which blends computer imagery with photography and silk screening.

A prime example of this style is "Roof Rhapsody," by Janet Markalg, which depicts two cats atop a column of Italian villas.

This print, made while the artist was in the historic city of Assisi, Italy is an attempt to "push the media as far as it can go," Markalg told the exhibition's spectators.

The art of printmaking, although not as widely used as other visual arts, has gained prestige through its use by well known artists.



Sandra Beard's monotype "A Walk..."

Emily Madewell/TM

"Goya, Kolwitz, Posada, Mendez, Picasso and others have anointed the print process with the respectability that it deserves," Cautrell said.

The purpose for the exhibition is to further student interest in the art form and its potential.

"We wanted to present an exhibition that surveyed the diversity of printmaking," Cautrell explained.

The exhibition runs until March 12. For more information contact ext. 2612.

Writing and acting that are "As Good as it Gets"

Emily Madewell
Entertainment Editor

Nominated for seven Academy Awards, "As Good as it Gets" is just that.

Audiences and critics agree that this film is touching as well as entertaining.

Along with being nominated for best film, Helen Hunt and Jack Nicholson have been nominated for their portrayals of the two main characters.

Hunt plays Carol Connelly, a single mother and waitress who is practical and down to earth. She lives for the responsibility of raising her asthmatic son.

Connelly works in a cafe in Manhattan which is her only connection to Melvin Udall at the beginning of the film.

Udall, played by Jack Nicholson, is really the center of the film. His obsessive-compulsive disorder makes his routine very critical to him, part of his routine being that he eats in the

same cafe in Connelly's section on a daily basis.

His disorder does not excuse his behavior in most peoples eyes though. He is rough, rude and crude to almost everyone he comes in contact with.

For the sake of his schedule he has concerned himself with Connelly's well being and decides to help her son.

His gift to her son inspires their relationship to enter a new level.

This one gift represents the most generous act anyone has ever done for Connelly and her family.

Another relationship blossoming in Udall's life is a reluctant friendship between him and his neighbor Simon Nye, played by Greg Kinnear.

Kinnear has also been nominated for his role in the film which he has brought to the audience with real sincerity and believability.

Nye is a painter that is at the lowest point in his life and has no one but his neighbor to turn to.

Their bond is formed through Nye's dog Verdell because he needs to be watched while his owner is ill.

Udall only agrees to watch Verdell because Nye's partner Frank Sachs, played

by Cuba Gooding, Jr., persuades him with force.

Through the forced bond of Udall and Nye, the opportunity for Connelly to share the screen with the two of them happens.

The part of the film that all three characters are on-screen and interacting is pure magic.

Connelly instantly finds

a confidant in Nye, and is equally repulsed by Udall. Beautiful poetic thoughts are included in Nye's dialog.

When Connelly models for him he tells her that she is "the reason that cavemen chiseled on walls."

In contrast Udall refers to her outfit as a house dress. When Udall is biting and cruel Nye is sweet and caring.

The two characters are so different from one another, the only reason they appear at ease on the screen is that the writing is so complete.

The film has been nominated for it's writing as well as editing and score.

The film is directed, produced and co-written by James L. Brooks. The writer of the original story and co-writer of the screenplay is Mark Andrus.

All of the elements of "As Good as it Gets" have come together beautifully to make a wonderful experience for all of its audience.



Melvin Udall (Jack Nicholson) introduces "Carol the waitress" (Helen Hunt) to "Simon the fag" (Greg Kinnear) in the current Tristar release film "As Good as it Gets."

photo: Demmie Todd

A classical evening of harmony

Soledad Puertos
Co-Editor in Chief

The music of Bach, Chopin, and Moszkowski filled the air on Saturday when Cerritos College Music Department presented its "Piano Concert Extravaganza."

The concert, held at the Burnight Center Theatre, began with two pianos in C major with Susan Talevich and Richard Ellis.

Talevich served as an instructor at California State University, Fullerton, where she was director of the conservatory.

Many of her students have received recognition and have become professional musicians. Ellis, has been the accompa-

nist at Cerritos College since 1974. He has also been the accompanist for the Ballet Variant on their north and south tours.

Included in the program that evening were Nicole Kim, with a stirring performance of Fantasy Operative 17, Dr. Christine Sotomayor Lopez, music department chair, and piano teacher Greg Schreiner.

The last piece of the evening was a fabulous rendition of "Carmen" arranged by Mark Wilbert. The four players were Talevich, Ellis, Lopez and Schreiner.

"This years concert was extremely well attended," said Dr. Lopez.

Cerritos performing arts student appears in Robin Hood tale



The cast of "Robin Hood and the White Arrow."

Emily Madewell
Entertainment Editor

Buena Park High School was filled with excited theater goers last Saturday and Sunday.

"Robin Hood and the White Arrow," was done by a community performing arts group.

The performers were very good at representing the story through song and dance numbers.

Thomas Bedolla, performing arts student, played a supporting role as a guard. "Community theater is a good experience. It gives you the opportunity to perform and learn at the same time."

Bedolla has appeared in many musicals on and off campus.

A&E BRIEFS

Dance concert

Jose Costas Dance Company presents "Energia Latina" at Cal. State Dominguez Hills.

Two of the performers are from Cerritos College.

Claudia Aicardi a dance/performing arts student who will be performing in the dance concert at Cerritos at the end of March as well as doing student choreography for it.

Lisa Goldschein is an instructor who teaches Ballet and Aerobics at Cerritos and will be doing choreography for the dance concert on campus as well.

It will be March 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre located at 1000 E. Victoria St. in Carson. General admission is \$10 and \$8 for students with ID. For more information please call (310) 243-2223.

Musical events

The Covina Valley Playhouse presents "The Pirates of Penzance" from Feb. 6 thru Mar. 16.

Carlos Diaz and Samara Otero, two Cerritos College music/performing arts students, are featured in the production.

For more information please call (626) 339-5135.

Applied music recitals will take place March 4. Vocalist Geri Samuelson will perform in BC17 (the Theatre) at 11 a.m. Vocalists Geri Samuelson and Lori Stuart will perform in BC17 (the Theatre) at 6 p.m.

March 11 vocalist Patricia Saenz will perform in BC17 (the Theatre) at 11 a.m. Pianist Erick Ordenez and vocalist Felicia Medearis will perform in BC51 at 6 p.m.

Audiences are welcome to all recitals.

The Scott Henderson Alumni Memorial Scholarship Concert will take place Mar. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Burnight Center Theatre. Henderson's former students will perform to benefit a scholarship fund in his name.

General admission is \$8 and \$4 for senior citizens and students with ID.

Photography showing

Elizabeth Kenneday and Lydia Dickerson are having a photography exhibition entitled "Paper Scissors Rock."

Kenneday is the head of the photography department at Cerritos College and teaches many of the photography classes on campus including digital imaging.

The show will run until March 10. It is at The City Frameworks in Long Beach located at 209 A Pine Ave. in Downtown Long Beach. For more information call (562) 983-7050.

Theatre happenings

A dinner-theatre production of "Southern Girls" will be happening Feb. 27-28 and March 5-7 at 8 p.m. A matinee is also scheduled on Mar. 8 at 2:30 p.m. General admission is \$7.50 and \$6 for senior citizens and students with ID. For more information call (562) 467-5058.

Theatre festival a learning experience

Emily Madewell
Entertainment Editor

Cerritos performing arts department was represented by students at the American College Theatre Festival.

Alma Griffin went to compete in costume design. It was her first time for this category, she has been in previous years for acting.

"The workshops are always interesting and compelling itself is a learning experience," Griffin said.

"Seeing everybody else's work on display and watching all the other students is really helpful. Being exposed to other peoples work can only benefit your education."

Art Aranda competed in both the monologue category and in a scene category with partner Marlene Beltran on a Shakespearean piece.

The festival includes speakers that are there to "instruct and inspire the attendants," Griffin said.

Among the speakers were Titanic's Gloria Stuart and Star Trek's John De Lancie. Thomas Gibson, star of the television series Dharma & Greg, spoke at the awards banquet.

SCHEDULE

Thursday

12 p.m. Golf at Orange Coast
2 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. San Diego at Cerritos

Friday

10 a.m. Men's/Women's Track in East Relays at Santa Barbara
2:30 p.m. Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Pasadena City & El Camino at Cerritos

Saturday

12 p.m. Softball vs. Santa Barbara City at Cerritos (doubleheader)
1 p.m. Baseball vs. East Los Angeles at Cerritos

March 3

12 p.m. Golf at SCC Tournament held at Palos Verdes
2 p.m. Baseball vs. El Camino at El Camino
2 p.m. Women's Tennis vs Los Angeles Harbor at L.A. Harbor

March 4

3 p.m. Softball vs. El Camino at Cerritos

March 5

1:30 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Marymount at Marymount
2 p.m. Baseball vs. Mt. San Antonio College at Cerritos
2 p.m. Women's Tennis vs Marymount at Cerritos

March 6

11 a.m. Golf vs. Long Beach City College/Santa Ana/Saddleback at Rio Hondo
1 p.m. Track and Field vs. Long Beach City College and L.A. City College at Long Beach

March 7

12 p.m. Softball vs. College of the Desert at Palm Desert
1 p.m. Baseball vs. Long Beach City College at LBCC

March 11

11 a.m. Golf in SCC Tournament at Rio Hondo
1:30 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Long Beach City College at Cerritos
2 p.m. Swimming and Diving vs Santa Ana at Santa Ana

Basketball teams head to playoffs after wins

Kent Mc Creary
Sports Editor

Men's and Women's Basketball are playoff bound after defeating L.A. Southwest and Long Beach City College.

Men's basketball ended the season with a victory over the Cougars 84-69. Tony Harvey scored 24 points in the game. Also scoring 17 points in the game was Corey Johnson, with Brian Vander Wal getting 11 points, eight rebounds, two steals, and two assists.

The Falcons will begin the playoffs on Sat. when it takes on Rio Hondo (7-21) at 7 p.m. at home.

Head Coach Jack Bogdanovich said the strength of Rio Hondo was its leading scorer, Melvin Farmer. Farmer is the leading scorer in California with 26.7 points per game.

"They don't have size and they don't have a lot of depth," he said about the weaknesses of the team.

If the Falcons are victorious over Rio Hondo, Cerritos will next face either Santa Monica (24-6) or Orange Coast (18-12).

"The league came down to the last game. We had to win every game in the second round. Every game is a pressure game...We're as prepared as we possibly can be," he said.

Sophomore Tony Harvey was named conference player of the year. Joining him on the 1st South Coast Conference Team is sophomores Brian Vander Wal and Corey Johnson. Honorable mentions went to sophomore guard Tremain Ross, sophomore forward Cornell Washington, and sophomore guard Jason Nicholas.

"For us to win it all, we have to have everyone do well. We have to go in on a team concept," Bogdanovich said.

The women finished their season with a 92-74 come from behind win over the Vikings of Long Beach City College. In front of a home audience, the Falcons pulled ahead with 8:13

left in the game. Leading scorers were LaDesha Ard with 26 points, including two three-point shots, and Anita Washington with 23 points. Keisha Harris led Cerritos with 15 rebounds, followed by Washington with 12.

Lisa Moya led in steals and assists. She had 4 steal and 11 assists, followed LaDesha Ard and Jennifer Matsui with 3.

Cerritos will take on the winner of the Cuesta College/Glendale College game at home on March 3rd at 7 p.m.

If Cerritos defeats either Cuesta or Glendale, one of the opponents the team might face is San Diego Mesa.

"They've got wing players. They got guards too," Noel said.

Sophomore Center Keisha Harris and freshman LaDesha Ard were named to the 1st South Coast Conference team, with Anita Washington and Lisa Moya named to the 2nd SCC team.

"I just hope people come out. We're playing real exciting basketball," Coach Noel said.

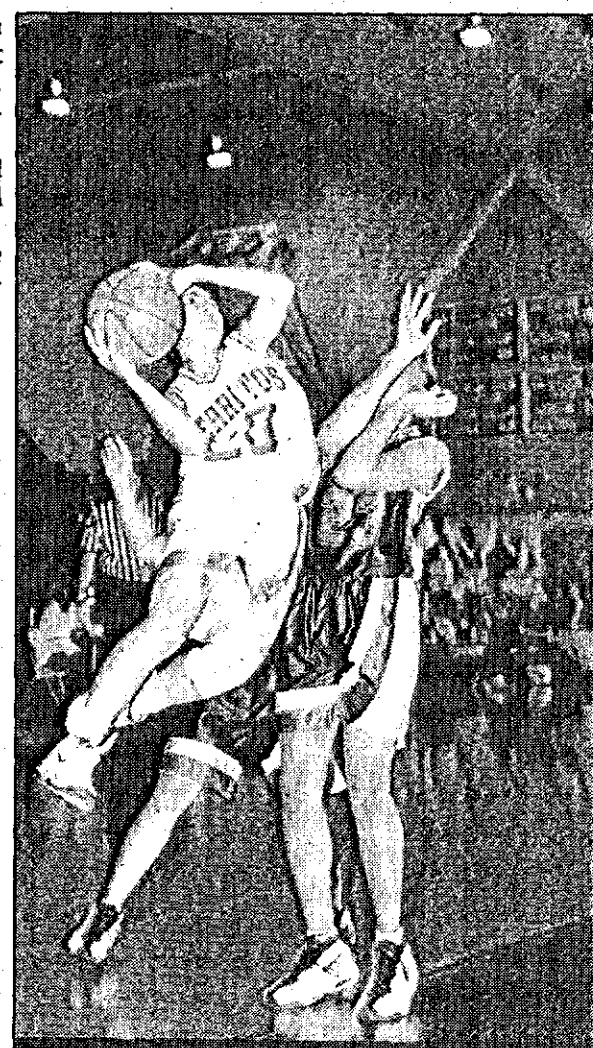
SCC WINNERS

MENS AWARDS

Player of the Year-Tony Harvey
1st SCC Team-Brian Vander Wal, Corey Johnson

WOMEN'S AWARDS

1st SCC Team-Keisha Harris, LaDesha Ard
2nd SCC Team-Anitra Washington, Lisa Moya
Source-Coaches Karen Noel and Jack Bogdanovich



Tom Hernandez/TM

Lisa Moya going for two over two Viking defenders in 92-74 victory over Long Beach.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tennis

Women's Tennis started off conference play with victories over Pasadena City and Los Angeles Harbor. Men's Tennis began conference action by defeating Southwestern but losing to Fullerton College.

After the forfeit victory over Pasadena City College, the Falcons took on L.A. Harbor on Feb. 12.

Starting the match off was the No. 1 doubles team of Alicia Alvarado and Viviana Alcalá. They won their match by the score of 8-3. Doubles team of Wendy Balbuena.

For the men, their first conference opponent was the Southwest Apaches. In the 8-1 victory, the Falcons won all of their singles matches. Herb Hermosura had the tough match, winning the match 7-6, 2-6, 7-6.

Baseball

Benny Gonzales threw a no-hitter in the Falcons victory over Treasure Valley 3-0 on Thursday. He became only the fourth pitcher in team history to do so.

Despite five errors that allowed Treasure Valley to get runners on first and third, Gonzales was able to get batters to hit out or ground out.

David Mercado scored on a base hit by Mike Bumstead. The Falcons will take on Compton at home on Thursday.

Volleyball

Volleyball players All Carey and Kristy Pesanti have signed letters of intent with Southeastern Louisiana University and Florida International University.

Carey was a SCC Selection for the past two seasons, was named to the 1st Team All-Southern California.

Pesanti was a key player off the bench for the Falcons this season.

Golf

Cerritos finished third in Conference play at Rio Hondo Country Club on Thursday against Long Beach City College and Pasadena City College.

Freshman Jon Dean was four shots behind the leader shooting 74. Following him was another

freshman, David Ybarra, with 77.

The Falcons will face Orange Coast on Thursday at Los Lago Country Club.

Softball

The Falcons won a 3-2 decision against Taft.

Angie Barranco sacrificed two runners, tying the game. Tiffanie Chrisco drew a walk allowing the winning run to score.

Carla Acker, allowed only two runs on six hits, striking out 4 hitters.

The Falcons will take on San Diego Mesa at Home Wednesday.



Raul Emiliano/TM

Alicia Alvarado and Viviana Alcalá

Korean pitcher comes to Cerritos

Kent Mc Creary
Sports Editor

Cerritos College once again played host to international athletes as Korean pitcher Sang-Hoon Lee warmed up at the baseball stadium on Feb. 8.

During the short 20-minute practice, Cerritos Falcon catcher Mando Alcantar was on the receiving end of Lee's pitches.

Lee, a pitcher for the LG Twins in South Korea, warmed up in front of scouts from Major League Baseball teams such as the Minnesota Twins and San Francisco Giants.

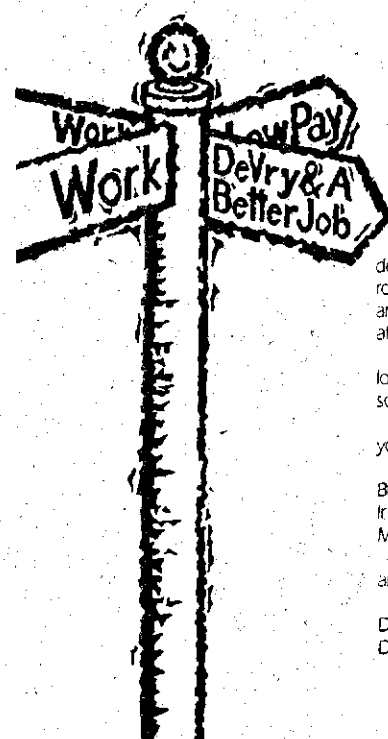
His accomplishments with the Twins include getting the most wins in the league in 1994 (18 wins) and 1995 (20 wins), being voted by Sports Seoul as MVP of the Year in 1995, and getting the most saves in the league with 47.

"Because of the context of our coaches, and the community interest, they asked to come here," Dr. Pam Walker, instructional dean of athletics, said.

SANG-HOON LEE

Bats: Left Throws: Left
Born: March 11, 1971
Place: Seoul
1990 Korean National Team Member
1992 Became member of LG Twins baseball club
1997 Most saves recorded in league

Source: LG Twins



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PGA misses the point

Kent Mc Creary
Sports Editor

The Professional Golfers' Association of America attempted to send a dangerous message to those with disabilities wanting to play golf professionally. People with disabilities need not apply.

Casey Martin has Klippel-Trenuay-Weber syndrome. While his leg has a major vein needed to return blood to the heart, his other leg does not.

If the PGA had its way, he would have to walk the entire 18 hole course. Due to his disability, that would cause blood to clot, causing atrophy and possibly the amputation of his leg.

In response to the lawsuit filed by Martin, the PGA argued that walking was an integral part of the game.

The L.A. Times quoted golf great Jack Nicklaus as saying "Physical fitness and fatigue are a part of the game at that level."

Furthermore, the PGA argued that if they had to provide Martin with a cart, they would have to provide other golfers with one too.

"As we have said from the outset of this lawsuit, we believe firmly in the basic premise of any sport, that one set of rules must apply equally to all competitors," PGA Commissioner Timothy Finchen said.

If walking is indeed an integral part of the game, then the pros should be carrying their own clubs and not relying on caddies. The PGA misses the fact that by providing Martin with the cart, they are not giving an advantage over any other golfer. They will be leveling the playing field.

U.S. Magistrate Thomas Coffin said it best.

"This does not mean anyone else out there can have a cart. Any perception that he has an unfair advantage is simply wrong," he said.

One can only hope the PGA has learned from this mistake.