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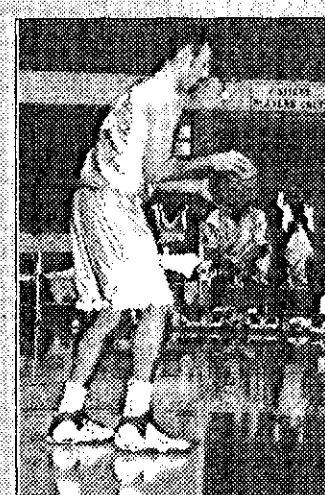
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Senate approves Quad funds

Approved Quad renovation, completed by end of summer

Kent Mc Creary
Managing Editor

The ASCC Senate approved spending \$470,000 of ASCC funds to renovate the quad area at its Feb. 3 meeting.

The bill, sponsored by Senator Jordan Alexander and Minority Leader Greg Knapp, specified that the funds were to come from an unrestricted resources account.

Voting against the measure were President Pro-Tem Joyce Kelly, Senator Michelle Munoz-Sendrey, and another senator.

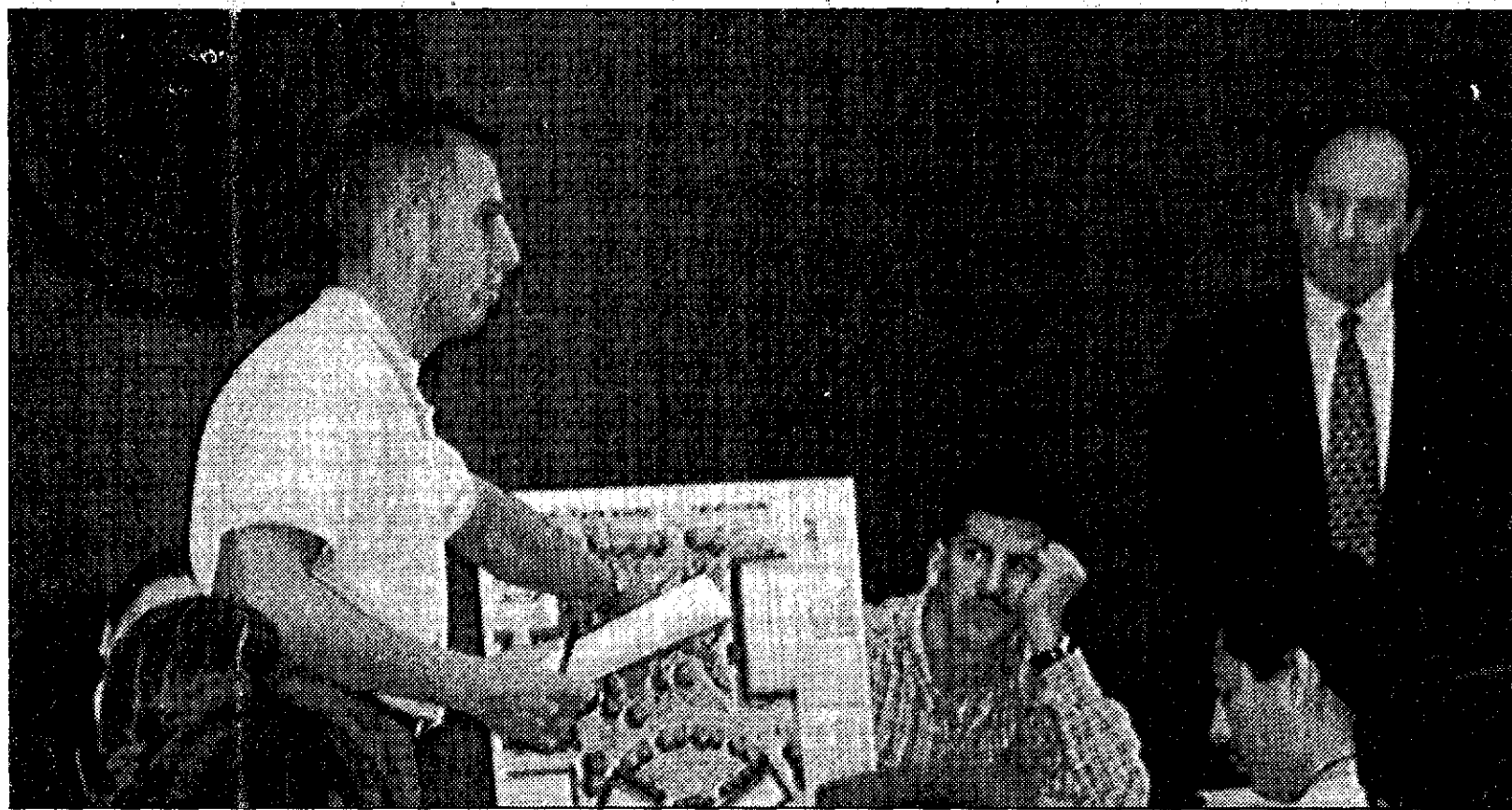
Kelly said that she decided to vote against the bill after speaking with students on campus.

One of the concerns that was raised was the fountain that is planned for the center of the quad.

Kelly noted that the fountain outside of the Student Center was not in good condition and did not see the need for a new one that might need as much care.

Knapp said that the plans call for a fountain that requires little maintenance.

Also brought up was the concern of disabled students. Kelly noted that those disabled students who use a wheelchair for mobility like the flatness of the current quad. She also voiced concerns about accessibility to the



Kent Mc Creary / TM

GIOVANNI JORQUERA, - ASCC President, explains benefits of Quad renovation while Hugo Esparza and Peter Hardash listen.

amphitheater-like seating by the stage outside the music department.

Knapp noted that there is an entrance to the quad that is accessible to those who use a wheelchair. He also said that based on the plans he has seen, the quad area in general will be accessible for wheelchair users.

Kelly noted that she would not have been opposed to repairing the benches, solving the drainage problem, and spending the remaining funds used for needed repairs.

Noting the problems with restrooms and other facilities around campus, she said that she would rather see the funds approved at the meeting used for repairing these items.

At the Jan. 27 senate meeting, Vice President of Business Services Peter Hardash explained why they should approve the funds.

Using the analogy of buying a car, he told the senators that they could buy the model that has the basic options.

He then noted that if the car owner wanted options not

included on the basic model, that person would have to spend a little more money.

Also at the Feb. 3 meeting Hardash was joined by Interim Head of Grounds Wayne Nunnery who brought up the lack of a clock in the Student Center as an example of some of the decisions regarding details that have to be made when designing and building a project like the quad.

The plan calls for adding amphitheater-style seating to the stage located outside of

the music department, a fountain in the middle of the quad, conversation pits and a bigger grassy area.

If the plan moves forward, construction should take place during the summer and be ready by the beginning of the fall semester.

Nunnery noted that students will be able to get around campus fine while construction takes place.

The estimated total cost of the renovation is \$561,153.

State funding increases 5.5%, but colleges are losing to K-12

Cindy Berteau
Copy Editor

Although funding for California community colleges will increase 5.5 percent according to Gov. Gray Davis' proposed 1999-00 budget, state and local dignitaries scrutinized the allocation of the funds at a meeting held on Jan. 22 at Rio Honda College.

"We've all been very curious to see how the governor's budget is going to look, especially for community colleges," Vice President of the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges John McDowell said.

Invited to discuss their views regarding the budget were Sen. Hilda Solis and Patrick Lenz, vice chancellor-fiscal policy, of the Chancellor's Office of the

California Community Colleges.

Lenz stated early in his presentation that the community college system is losing money to K-12 institutions. "It's going to take a stretch of imagination as to getting all of our programs fully funded."

Davis' budget shows that education funding accounts for over one-half of the spending, but approximately three-fourths of those monies are allocated to K-12 programs which aim to improve reading skills, improve teacher quality and increase school accountability.

"We need to take the opportunity to develop these programs," Lenz said, regarding the importance of drawing funding to post-secondary education.

Several new resources which reflect Davis' concentration on preparing K-12 students for college will be implemented in the new budget.

The Teacher and Reading Development Partnership will receive \$10 million to bring college students with education interests into elementary classrooms to assist in early reading development.

Another \$10.6 million will create a new High School Report Card program to provide assessment, data collection and feedback to colleges on entering high school graduates.

A program to initiate 12 new Middle College High Schools, which would aim to improve outcomes for at-risk high school students, will receive \$1.8 million.

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Microsoft awards \$250,000 grant

Cindy Berteau
Copy Editor

A \$250,000 Working Connections Grant to develop a regional information technology (IT) training center has been awarded to Cerritos College from the Microsoft Corporation.

According to the American Association of Community Colleges, Cerritos is one of only seven colleges nationwide to be recognized by Microsoft.

Microsoft spokesperson Jenny Moede said the application process is highly competitive and the colleges were chosen out of approximately 250 applicants. "Cerritos has a really strong program," she said regarding the college's commitment to technological

advancement.

"Microsoft and AAC look for colleges committed to understanding the needs of local business communities and disadvantaged communities when awarding these grants," Moede said.

College Board of Trustees President Bob Arthur said, "Without a doubt, Cerritos College is well positioned to prepare its students for success because of its business partnerships and reputation as a premiere demonstration site for workforce technology training."

The Working Connections program was introduced last year by Microsoft and the AAC to address the widespread IT worker shortage through localized technology

training. A special focus is to provide individuals from diverse and often disadvantaged backgrounds with skills necessary to obtain jobs in the high-tech workforce.

"Cerritos College is extremely proud to be a part of this ground-breaking program," College President Fred Gaskin said.

The 28-month grant is scheduled to begin next month. MITP directors Dr. Randy Peebles, executive dean of Industry, Community and Technology Education and Norm Fujimoto, dean of Science, Engineering and Mathematics and Interim dean of Business Education, along with instructor Marge Hohly will meet with AAC

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Safety plan brings back buddy system

By Myra Lee Moore
Staff Writer

Cerritos College has various programs in place in the event of a disaster. In particular, Disabled Student Programs and Services has an Evacuation Policy created for our disabled students.

Mary Lou Kerby, secretary in the DSPS office said, "There are approximately 900 disabled students at Cerritos this semester."

"The norm is around 1100," Director of DSPS, Dr. Robert Hughlett said. "There are some mentally and emotionally disabled, but our students are predominately disabled physically."

In 1969, with special government monies, the college became one of only two post-secondary schools in California with special programs and services in place to welcome disabled students.

The DSPS Evacuation Policy is in use at this time, and is a "work in progress," according to Kerby. "We are always looking for ways to improve on it."

Hughlett said, "The policy is outlined in the Faculty Handbook. It is up to each faculty member to read and inform their disabled students of this policy at the beginning of each semester."

"It is up to the faculty to assign 'buddies,' two to three in each classroom, to assist the disabled students should an emergency arise," he said.

The policy is included in materials given to each stu-

dent in their orientation intake packet when they arrive at Cerritos.

If the instructor neglects to assign "buddies," the students should take it upon themselves to ask their instructor about them, or contact the DSPS office.

When asked about the students stranded on the second and third floors of the Social Science Building during a drill last semester, Hughlett said, "The policy states that during a drill, the disabled students, especially those in wheelchairs, are to be taken to the top of the stairs, and no further, when on upper floors."

"We do not want any accidents happening during a drill. Of course, in an actual emergency, get the student down as safely and quickly as possible," he said.

When disabled students were asked if they had heard anything about an Evacuation Policy, Bach Ho, a fourth-semester student said, "I've never heard of this. I have no 'buddies' in any of my classes."

Juan Cortez said, "I was stuck on the second floor of the Social Science Building last semester during the drill. I had no helpers, and was completely alone. I'd never heard of any evacuation plan. I didn't know what to do."

John Kennedy, a student since 1982 said, "I have heard of the policy. Instructors told me and I read about it in fliers from the (DSPS) office."

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EDITORIALS

Debate continues over lunch

Has the length and breadth of the Associated Students of Cerritos College dissolved into quarreling factions? Truth is often stranger than fiction.

When a stolen lunch and a surreptitious touch on the arm become the subject of heated debate, then the true essence of student government has been lost.

Student government moves a step backward, due in part to a recent complaint levied by Vivian D. Harvey and her sister, Senator Joyce Kelly against ASCC Vice President Hugo Esparza regarding events that occurred at the recent student leadership conference.

Each party in the dispute felt that grounds for a complaint were valid, but the nature of the dispute allows no room for reason, let alone cooperation.

Last Thursday's student disciplinary hearing involving Esparza, Harvey, Kelly, and various witnesses for each side seemed to turn the activities office into a veritable minefield, where groups of students congregated together and glared suspiciously at one another.

Any long-time employee of the college could tell you, if they cared, there has always existed strife and infighting within student government.

So what? Must individuals like Harvey and Kelly persistently, relentlessly harras members of government they disagree with instead of getting something accomplished?

Why must there be this kind of division, where diverse parties spend time raising issues that result in deeper splits between students?

In short, "why can't we all just get along?"

Warring factions in the ASCC may never get along, but the clear result is that no one benefits.

What could have been accomplished thus far this semester has been consumed with the hiring of lawyers, preparing of statements, and countless strategy meetings.

As the war rages on, clubs, activities and the students who participate in them suffer. Perhaps the only true solution is batten down the hatches and wait them out.

Maybe those disruptive influences will get tired of playing that same old game and just go away... or maybe even graduate!

Is the integrity and character of a group defined by an argument over a lunch and a touch?

The Editorial expresses the views of the Editorial Board of Talon Marks. We welcome letters to the Editor. Letters may be submitted in AC42, or email meditor@cerritos.edu

New Evac plan needed

It was a day that brought a new idea of helplessness. I had attended a class in speech with Mrs. Horvath, and was on my way to the Student Union. Then came the shocker. The elevator did not work. No problem. At least if you are not in an electric wheelchair and unable to walk much. What do I do now? I cannot walk enough to go down the stairs by myself.

My wife is unable to get me down the stairs. Perhaps there is a ramp. No, none is found. Mrs. Horvath asked if I am all right? I am, but how do I get down and make it to my next class? I asked what the emergency plan was for the building. She told me it was the "buddy" system, but if she and my wife were my "buddies" I was in trouble.

Finally campus police were called. Officer Barr and two others helped me stand down the stairs to the first floor. They put me in a manual chair and wheeled me to my car. My power wheelchair had to be left on the second floor.

Needless to say, but I'll say it anyway, I did not make it to my exercise class. Of course

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the exercise of going down stairs must have made up for it. Don't you think I should get credit for it?

Cerritos College should construct a circular ramp for handicap access on any building over one story tall. Or make sure there is something in place that will allow wheelchair access or egress in time of emergency.

While no one was injured in this episode, it does point out the need for more than a "buddy system" approach to the problem. It took more than one hour to get me to the first floor. In an emergency, will the Campus Police be tied up with other things? Can we always assume that there will be strong "buddies" in the proper places? I, for one, truly hope that the administration will give careful thought to this problem.

Joseph Osburn

Watch it, buddy!

I am writing in reference to any articles that may be published in the Talon Marks, concerning any one-sided court hearing related to my sister, Vivian Harvey or me.

As any good writer or sto-

ryteller knows, there are two sides to any story. I am not talking about witnesses, either. If you really want to know the true story about what happened at the leadership conference, Stephanie Mulkey, Vivian Harvey, and Hugo Esparza were the only ones present when Hugo grabbed Vivian's arm!

So, if anything is printed and there are no facts or proof to back it up, you will be held responsible!

Nothing should be written about any unconfirmed charges against me, either, because various administrators are aware of the reasoning behind the false charges.

Sincerely,
Joyce Kelly

Like it or lump it

To the Editor:
Often times you will hear the older generation mention how disrespectful the younger people are and how they lack enthusiasm and direction. I for one would like to say that nothing is further from the truth when one speaks about members of the Leadership Conference Committee. The members of the com-

mittee had the best interests of all students in mind, not just themselves or a few people. They worked long hours, often working well into the night and weekends on the conference. It is a shame that so few people (4) could have so negatively affected the whole conference.

These people, one in particular, set out to attack and destroy what was being done. What is the ultimate shame is this person was way older and showed a total lack of respect for the student leaders as well as Cerritos College.

Mrs. Vivian Harvey would have done better by staying home instead of attacking our student leaders. If someone is incapable of showing respect and class to anyone who does not fall for their act, then they should not be involved.

Respect is earned and not a given, even if one is an elder. Despite the negative behavior directed at them, our Student Body President, Vice President as well as the committee members can be proud of how they handled themselves through the whole fiasco.

I am very proud of them,
Nellie LeGasse

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Appeals...hopeful pleas for life

Armando Borboa
Opinion Editor

With almost 14 years of horrifying revelations, shocking videotape and nightmare testimony, the multiple-murder trial of David Eng is coming to an end.

After he used millions of tax dollars and every legal trick in the book, the families of a dozen butchered people will see justice if the courts put Eng to death.

Is this wrong? Depends which bleeding-heart activist you ask.

Since the death penalty was re-introduced in 1976, there have only been a few hundred sentences carried out, despite the many thousands of prisoners who are currently languishing on various state and federal death rows.

The reason for the disparity in numbers is as noxious as the reasoning behind it. Some highly vocal and influential groups believe no matter how vile the criminal or how inhumane the crime, all life is precious and must be preserved.

These are the people who believe rehabilitation will turn vicious killers into productive members of society.

These people are responsible for prisons having free cable TV and full health fitness weights and equipment available to inmates.

Even Charles Manson, the most notorious murderer of the 1970s is living in virtual comfort, his private cell and facilities provided courtesy of the American taxpayer.

The arguments for keeping these people alive are many and frivolous; they are human beings, a chance for redemption, convictions might be wrong or get overturned and that state-sponsored death is still murder.

All are legitimate reasons for giving the convicted a chance to prove their innocence, but at some point the person is going to have to face the judgment of their peers.

These people have committed crimes that go beyond the normal scope of what a sane human being would ever do. Eng is not on trial for killing one person or even two. He has been implicated in the murder deaths of a dozen people.

Worse than that, he and his partner made videos of themselves sadistically torturing their victims. The videos shown to the public are barely tolerable, with victims bound, gagged and being threatened.

The portions shown in closed sessions are even worse. Snippets of video show the victims being beaten, raped and mutilated.

On one tape, a child is beaten to death with a hammer in front of its mother's eyes.

These are crimes that demand the ultimate punishment. A person who commits crimes like these does not deserve a second chance.

Death sentences are not handed down lightly. This penalty is levied upon an individual who commits a

crime that goes against the very fabric of society.

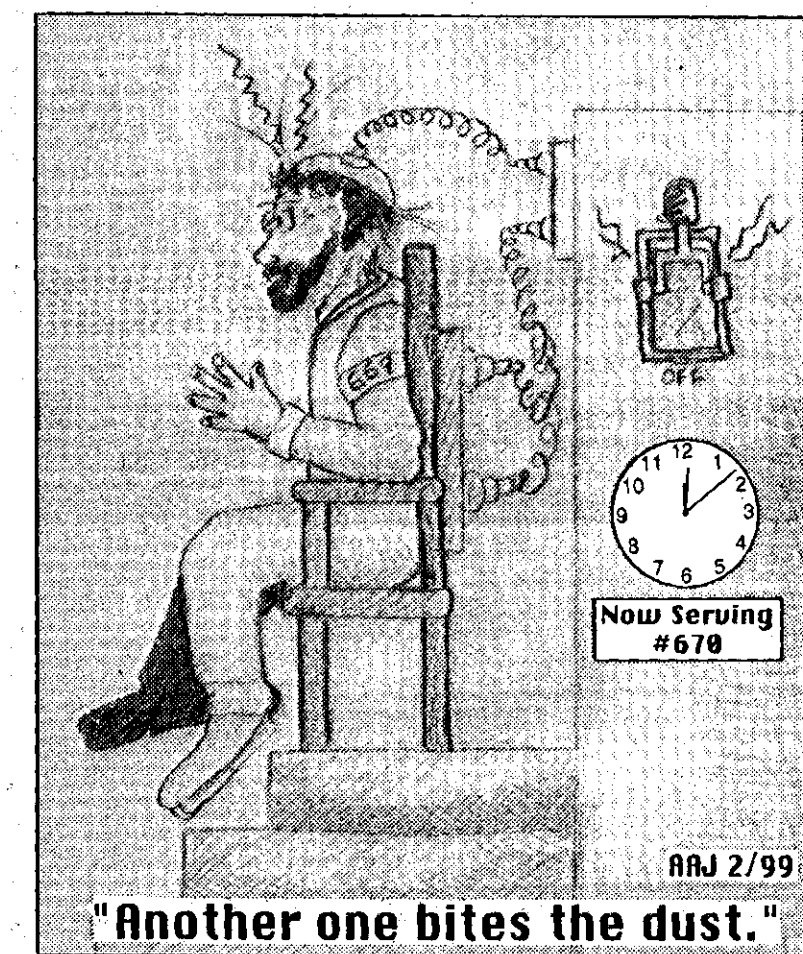
It is ridiculous to give a person unlimited and universal appeals, the system is wide open for abuse and misuse. The convicted criminal on death row has the right to a new and separate trial FOR EVERY SINGLE APPEAL.

This process of appeals can drag on through the appellate courts for years after the conviction and sentencing has been handed down, often last-

ing longer than the original trial and adding to the workload of an already overburdened legal system.

Whether the death penalty is immoral and not civilized is a matter for theologians and philosophers to debate. However, it is the law of the land as a punishment for crimes against society.

As a punishment, it has to be enforced or else it loses its effectiveness as a deterrent to future crimes.



CAMPUS COMMENT

"What source do you rely on the most to get your news?"

By Fidel Hernandez
Photographs by Abel Olivieri

"I would have to say television, it has the late-breaking news as it happens when it happens and I enjoy the sports highlights."

—Israel Briseno,

Real Estate Major



"I would have to say that I rely mostly on television, it covers all my areas of interest."

—Alma Gutierrez,

Liberal Studies Major



"I enjoy reading the Los Angeles Times because I can read the paper wherever I'm at."

—Stephon Hunter,

Physical Therapist Major



"I love waking up in the morning and reading the morning paper as I have my breakfast with my family."

—Nada Arafa,

Aviation Major



"I enjoy watching the news because it keeps me informed on last minute stuff, especially the high-speed chases."

—Robert Espejo,

Psychology Major



"I need all the time I can get, so I would have to say the television as I am getting ready for school."

—Sara Martinez,

Dentistry Major



"I need the most information in the least possible time, so I would have to say the internet and television."

—Omaro Ailich,

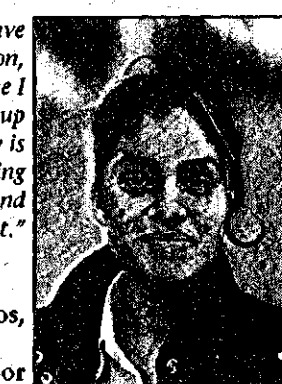
MIS Major



"I would have to say television, the only time I have to catch up on the news is in the morning before school and late at night."

—Ada Munos,

Music Major



Conference results in student complaint

Armando Borboa
Opinion Editor

The image of the 1999 Leadership Conference was marred by a student complaint lost Thursday when the Coordinator of Judicial Affairs Patrick Callahan was forced to conduct a hearing concerning possible criminal actions by a student at the conference.

The complaint stemmed from an incident that occurred between students Vivian Harvey and ASCC Vice President Hugo Esparza on the third day of the conference just prior to their departure from the Santa Barbara hotel where the conference was held.

According to official accounts of the events leading up to the incident, Harvey and another student, Stephanie Mulkey, were leaving the hotel dining hall with two box lunches each when Esparza intervened.

Prior to the incident, all

students had been informed box lunches were being provided for the bus trip back from the conference. The students were asked to only take their own lunches as there were just enough for each person to have one.

According to Melody Majors, ASCC Commissioner of Records/Information, Esparza was the standing authority supervising the dispersal of the lunches. Several students tried to take more than one, but no one defied him or had a problem with the way he approached them.

When Esparza saw Harvey and Mulkey take more than one, he approached them in a manner similar to which he had used with other students. He called the two women several times but they appeared to not have heard him.

Esparza approached on their right side as the women continued to walk toward a flight of stairs. When he

approached them, Harvey reportedly told Esparza in a disparaging tone to "...get away from me and don't talk to me."

As they pushed past him, Esparza said his hand brushed Harvey's elbow in an attempt to avoid a collision. That was when Harvey reportedly started screaming "Don't touch me. That's a lawsuit."

This issue was brought before Callahan in the Student Activities office. The session was held behind closed doors and the decision was held in confidence until both parties could be notified.

Esparza's defense consisted of testimonials by his fellow committee members as the events of the day and a counter charge of theft by Harvey, according to the definitions by California criminal law.

Several members of the leadership committee later remarked in public that

Harvey's comments were especially ironic in light of the seminars that had been given, dealing with the issues of workplace harassment, sexual discrimination and inappropriate contact between students and co-workers.

After the hearing Joyce Kelly, Harvey's sister, remarked that the actions of the students on the leadership committee were very inappropriate during the conference.

Kelly had sat in on the original Leadership Committee and stated the original intentions of students running the conference were so that students would be free of any "policing" and given the opportunity to enjoy themselves more.

"Hugo didn't do his job right," said Kelly, "He was too busy with his attitude."

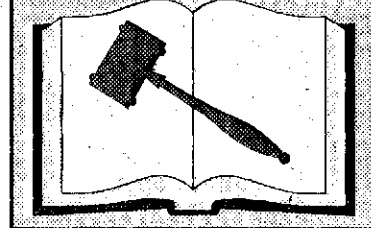
Charges of racism and abuse are still pending, but will likely not be dropped by Harvey even though offers of

mediation have been made by the Cerritos College faculty and staff.

"She's ready to take out ads in the Press Telegram and the L.A. Times," said Kelly about her sister "If that's what she has to do to get this issue resolved."

The charges brought against Hugo Esparza

- » Battery
- » Physical entrapment
- » Discrimination
- » Stalking
- » Mental and physical harassment
- » Racism



Buddy system

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"I first heard about the policy in the fall semester," said Aaron Sampson. "I was outside during the drill last semester." He has been at Cerritos a year and a half, studying to be a social worker.

"During a drill, leave me wherever I am (in a multi-story building)," he said. "But during the real thing, get me out whatever way is necessary...just get me out!"

"Also on campus is an eight to nine member Emergency Evacuation Team, of which I am a member," Hughlett said.

"When we hear the emergency tone, we immediately proceed to the campus police building to receive the necessary information. Where the emergency is located and what type of emergency."

The campus police will notify 911, if necessary, and the team goes to the location to render aid until the paramedics arrive.

The DSPS, EET and others, have met with, and have the cooperation of, the County Fire Department to formulate these emergency policies.

Disabled issues being addressed at this time are programs for low-vision and blind students. There are some aids available, but many more are needed, Hughlett said.

For more information call the DSPS office at (562) 860-2451, ext.

Grant: Enhancing information technology program

Continued from Page 1 and Microsoft officials this month to launch grant activity. Hohly is the MITP second team member and co-chairperson of the Business Computer Information Systems Department.

Cerritos was also chosen for the grant because of its implementation of the four-part Microsoft Information Technology Program.

A major component of the program is to create a student-centered workforce development plan aimed at under-represented populations. More than 80 percent of the college's 22,000 students are members of ethnic minority groups and the plan is to provide 200 of these students each year with skills needed to advance their education or

gain employment in the IT industry.

Business and industry outreach is another element of the MITP program. With ties to significant information technology corporations, the college can address training issues faced by employers and will add new partners to the project each year to strengthen industry connections.

Information technology curriculum development will continue to evolve under the program. The college has designed a progression of skill courses and certifications for both beginning IT students and experienced workers. Students can complete the program in sequence or enter and exit at any point, depending on their individual education or career goals.

Finally, a core group of Cerritos instructors will be certified by Microsoft trainers in a range of applications and classifications. In turn, these instructors will train other faculty members in these skills.

Besides the four main objectives, the grant will help the development of career ladders to positions including: Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer, Microsoft Certified Trainer, Novell Computer Network Administrator, Novell Computer Network Technician and network support technicians and operators.

A Job Developer will ensure a successful transition from classroom to work by identifying and coordinating student work experience including

internships, job shadowing opportunities and job placement options.

A portion of the grant will be earmarked for scholarships to expand student opportunities. Some of the scholarship money will be allotted for students to take their costly certification exams.

"Studies have shown that graduates and employees within the workforce with certification are getting good jobs and are earning better salaries than employees without certification," Hohly said.

The grant will bolster the college's continuing development as part of its recent \$12 million computer infrastructure renovation and \$500,000 allocation from the California Community College Chancellor's office.

According to Fujimoto, the MITP business partners were a major factor in Microsoft's decision to award Cerritos the grant.

"Now we have major industries with confidence in the college to produce employees for their field," Fujimoto said regarding the various partners involved.

Industry partners in the MITP program are: Anixter, Inc., 3Com, IBM, Real Services Group, Toyota, Academy of Business Leadership, Los Angeles Private Industry Council, Southeast Los Angeles Private Industry Council, Gateway Cities Partnership, Inc., Los Angeles Office of Education, ABC Unified School District and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Cosmetology student commits suicide

Jonetta Chatman
Staff Writer

Anthony Roybal, a freshman cosmetology student, committed suicide on Jan. 25.

The 1998 Gahr High School graduate first became interested in cosmetology to follow in his father's footsteps, who was a barber.

According to Jeorgina Ledesma, fellow cosmetology student, he was a very friendly, outgoing person.

Roybal did not have many ties to his family — his mother died from cancer when he was still a toddler and his father committed suicide over a year ago. His father had been diagnosed with clinical depression.

As an only child, he was not close to his extended family either. Caroline Valenzuela said she was the only person he talked to about his personal problems.

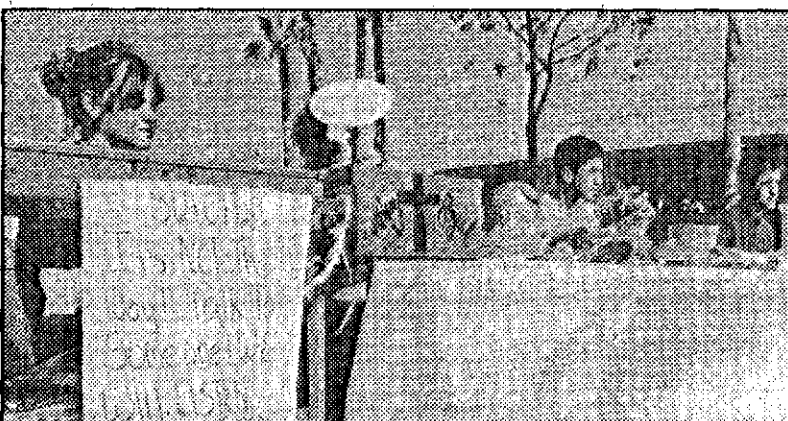
She said he didn't really talk about anything except that he wanted to be like Alyssa Milano, because she had a hard life and he could connect to that. He even carried a picture of Milano in his wallet.

According to Nancy McCarthy, President of the Gahr Grad Nite Committee, Roybal lived with his close friends and surrogate family headed by Gigi Loconi.

During the recent Club Day on campus, the Cosmetology Club held a bake sale and accepted donations toward his burial.

Tanya Jimenez said she was hurt when she found out about his death. She said she doesn't want this to happen to anybody else.

Ledesma said, "If you feel alone at home it's OK. A lot of people feel that way, but now there is always somebody to talk to at school, your friends, teachers, counselor, somebody. You don't ever have to commit suicide."



Abel Olivieri / TM

COSMETOLOGY STUDENTS — sell goodies to defray burial cost.

STATISTICS

- Suicide is the ninth leading cause of death in the United States.
- It is the third leading cause of death for teenagers age 15-19 (after motor vehicle accidents and unintentional injury).
- Suicide is increasing, particularly for those under 14 and for those over 65.
- Approximately one death occurs every seventeen minutes.
- There are more suicides than homicides each year in the United States.
- Suicide accounts for 1.4 percent of all deaths.
- Two-thirds of all suicides under 25 were committed with firearms, the second most common method was hanging, third was poisoning.
- From 1952 to 1992, the incidence of suicide among teens and young adults tripled.
- Men are more successful than women (around four times as much) at committing suicide.
- In young people (15-24), the average ratio is 5-1/2:1 (men to women). This ratio increases with age within this group.

Sources: Centres for Disease Control, nosuicide.com, National Centre for Injury Prevention and Control, National Institute for Mental Health

OPINION

Suicide myths obscure avenues for help

By Talon Marks Staff

Suicide is an immoral act. Anyone who commits suicide is selfish and uncaring.

People who consider suicide are crazy.

Unfortunately, there are people who still believe these myths surrounding the taboo of suicide in today's society. Regardless of a person's view on the subject, it is still a pervasive problem which many utilize to solve their trials in dealing with everyday life.

Of the approximate 786,000 people who commit suicide around the world each year, not a single one should be labeled in

a negative manner. Suicidal people need help and compassion from others, not disparaging judgments.

In the United States alone, suicide is the ninth leading cause of death, ranking above homicide.

Why do so many people kill themselves when there are a multitude of sources for help? Perhaps it is the stigma of suicide which inhibits discussion about the topic and discourages those considering the action from seeking help.

First, suicide is not immoral. Religious diehards who believe a

suicidal person should be condemned are violating a major tenet of just about every religion — acceptance of another person's free will.

Instead of damning people who have taken their own life, their actions should be studied to prevent further occurrences.

People who commit suicide are not selfish and uncaring. Often individuals considering suicide are attempting to block an unbearable emotional pain they may feel is too great. They are unable to see other options and might shut themselves off from others.

Finally, people who consider suicide are not crazy. Studies from the National Institute of Mental Health show that almost all people who kill themselves have a diagnosable mental or substance abuse disorder or both. The majority have depressive illness.

Depression is a misunderstood chemical imbalance that many dismiss as "the blues." Often depression can lead to suicide. Studies show that the most promising way to prevent this behavior is through the early recognition and treatment of depression and other psychiatric

illnesses.

Suicide is a serious issue that cannot be swept under the rug. People who buy into the myths surrounding suicide may one day discourage a person seeking help who is deciding to take their own life.

Please contact the following numbers for immediate help and suicide prevention information: College Hospital (800) 352-3301; Mental Health Services (562) 945-7871; Suicide 24-Hour Crisis Line (310) 391-1253. For a comprehensive look at the behavior of suicide, visit www.rochford.org.

ASCC NOTES

Commissioner resigns

Lisa Gilmore, former Student Center Commissioner, resigned after accusing President Giovanni Jorquera of relieving her of her duties due to erratic attendance and meeting performance. During the Jan. 20 senate meeting, she read aloud a three-page letter delineating her grievances.

One of her charges for the "firing" was the mishandling of her second reported absence by Cabinet Records and Information keeper Melody Majors.

Gilmore also claimed that Majors was remiss in giving her the appropriate information offered to a new commissioner. After the meeting, Majors refuted the information stated by Gilmore and deemed her actions during the meeting as "inappropriate."

Cabinet commissioners

Although two commissioner positions remain open, several spots have been filled. April Thames will serve as Commissioner of Athletics, Lena Ham-Rosebrock fills the Fine Arts and Convocations Commissioner position and Sa-Eun Park was appointed as Commissioner of Student Orientation. Nubia Renteria was approved to serve as Commissioner of the Student Center just one week after Lisa Gilmore resigned.

The Public Relations Commissioner and Vocational Education Commissioner positions also remain open.

Senate positions unfilled

Students interested in representing the college populace are needed to fill the seven remaining senator seats. Four appointments have been made since the beginning of the semester: Teresa Arias, Alfonso Gutierrez, Dan Roodzant and Michelle Sendrey. Senator requirements include a minimum of 6 units and a 2.0 grade average. Interested students must submit a typed resume to the ASCC President.

Budget: Colleges lose in funding increases

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The Partnership for Excellence program, established last year to support successful student outcomes, will be given an additional \$10 million to augment the existing \$100 million appropriation. The program provides support to colleges which meet specified state outcome objectives including, but not limited to, transfer and retention, degree completion and remedial education.

Other changes in the budget include \$84.9 million for a projected 2.5 percent growth in enrollment and a 1.83 percent increase for COLA, cost-of-living adjustment funds.

Another \$2.4 million will be allocated to increase stu-

dent transfer rates through faculty articulation workshops and clarification of the general education requirements and certification process.

Projected funds for community colleges from all sources is \$5.1 billion, an increase of 5.7 percent.

The budget also proposes \$153.1 million for 93 capital projects at 69 campuses.

General Fund dollars proposed for the ensuing year are \$2.4 billion, a 6.9 percent increase over last year's budget. These funds are directed from Proposition 98 allocations which include local property tax revenues, and guarantee a minimum amount of state funding for K-14 education.

Scholarship information

Lakewood Regional Medical Center is offering an unspecified scholarship for students who will be entering accredited schools in the areas of medicine, nursing, or pharmacy, or attending two-year colleges and majoring in health-related fields, such as nutrition, physical therapy, radiology, or respiratory therapy. Applications are available at the Auxiliary Gift Shop at 3700 E. South Street, Lakewood. The shop is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the phone number is (562) 602-6803. The application deadline is April 2.

Legal Secretaries Inc. is offering a total of five scholarships for college students. Three \$1,000 scholarships are being offered to students who have completed at least one year in college and desire a career in the legal field. These scholarships are for students who do not plan on entering law school.

The other two scholarships, each worth \$1,000, are available for re-entry students who wish to pursue their education in the legal field. Students who desire to reenter the workforce, but need training, or who are currently working and desire to receive training are eligible for the scholarships. For more information, call Linda Duarte at (562) 799-9931.

The Los Angeles Times is offering a \$750 scholarship for students interested in a career in the fields of newspapers, journalism, broadcasting, or communications-based

field. The deadline for turning in the scholarship application is March 12. Cerritos College will award one scholarship in April. For more information, contact Financial Aid at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2397.

Mathematics majors planning to attend Humboldt State University can apply for the Harry S. Kieval Mathematics Scholarship. Students who have completed applications to the university by Feb. 15 and indicate they are interested in mathematics will be sent an application asking for a list of grades for the classes they have taken, the courses applicants are taking now, and one or two letters of recommendation from math instructors. Application deadline is April 15, for more information, contact Professor Martin Flashman at (707) 826-4950 or email him at flashman@axe.humboldt.edu

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POLICE BEAT

Hoofing it

Loud music led to a driver being cited by Officer Jose Casas Jr. and having the driver's 1989 Toyota Corolla impounded.

At 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 28, Casas pulled the car over for the loud music. After pulling the vehicle over, the officer found out that he did not have a license, and issued a citation for the loud music and driving without a license.

Dazed and confused

A male suspect was arrested for possession of marijuana in the Student Center after Officer Angel Castillo was called at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 28.

Castillo responded to the call and met two students who explained that they saw a man talking to himself.

Castillo found the man and noted he had red, glossy eyes, could not stand up straight, and smelled of marijuana. After confirming that the man had smoked marijuana, Castillo asked if he had any marijuana on him. After denying possession, Castillo searched the suspect and found a substance believed to be marijuana in the man's right front pocket. The suspect was placed under arrest, cited for marijuana possession and released.

Locker thefts

Two students reported locker thefts from the men's locker room on Jan. 21. Losses totaled \$105.

Community Service Officer Eddie Hernandez responded to the first call at 11 a.m. A male student reported that a black bookbag was stolen from the locker he placed it in.

At 12:30 p.m., Officer Angel Castillo was called regarding another theft in the locker room. The victims in the second theft reported that someone broke into their locker and stole a brown "crew" hygiene case and a lock.

Instructor passes out

Students in one class were in for a surprise after their instructor needed medical attention on Jan. 21 at 8:45 a.m.

While teaching class, an instructor became light-headed. She sat down and was unresponsive when students tried to talk to her. Paramedics arrived and gave her medical attention. She said that she had eaten graham crackers, three lollipops, and some french fries in the past 12 hours. The instructor was informed that she needed to eat more healthy food.

California Community Colleges will receive \$5.1 billion in funding, a 5.7 percent increase, under the proposed 1999-2000 state budget.

MAJOR ADDITIONS TO BUDGET	
• \$84.9 million for enrollment increases	
• \$62.8 million for cost-of-living adjustment	
• \$10 million to Partnership for Excellence	
• \$10 million for new Teacher and Reading Development Partnership	
• \$10.6 for new High School Report Card program	
• \$2.4 million to increase student transfer rates	
• \$7.8 million to fund Student Success Middle Colleges	

Information according to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office web page, regarding Gov. Gray Davis' budget.

NEWS NOTES

Council chosen

On Feb. 1, members of the Coordinating Council were named. The Coordinating Council replaced the previous College Council on Feb. 1. The responsibilities of the Coordinating Council are to provide effective communications, study committee structures and review the Board of Trustees agenda before the next meeting.

LAP workshops

The Learning Assistance Program is offering two free workshops on the subjects of notetaking and writing reports. Bill Broderick will present a workshop for students interested in listening and notetaking in LC-218 from 11 a.m. to noon this Thursday. Liberal Arts instructor Suzanne Ashe will present a workshop for students wanting to learn about writing reports this Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon in Liberal Arts room 29.

College reps on campus

Representatives from the following four-year colleges will be on campus:

Cal State Dominguez Hills- Feb. 10 from 1 p.m. to 4:20 p.m., Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cal State Fullerton- Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 17 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cal State Long Beach- Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

USC- Feb. 16, appointments only from 9 a.m. to noon

and walk-ins from noon to 1 p.m. in the Transfer Center.

DeVry- Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Cal State Los Angeles- Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon

UC Riverside- Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon

Unless noted otherwise, college representatives will be in the Transfer Center and students will need to make an appointment to meet with them.

Medical workshop

The Chicano Medical Student Association and region 1 of the Student National Medical Association are sponsoring a conference for Hispanic men and women who are pre-med majors. The conference will be held this Saturday at UCLA's School of Medicine.

Same day registration is \$10, for more information, contact Dennis Trigueros or Ayana Herbert. Trigueros can be reached at (310) 815-9355 or by email at dtriguero@ucla.edu. Herbert can be reached at (310) 204-5866 or through email at aherbert@ucla.edu.

English department fete

The faculty of the English Department invite all students interested in learning about the English program at Cerritos to attend a reception this Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Faculty Resource Room of the Library.

Forensics hosts tourney

Cerritos College Speech and Debate team will host its annual Tabor-Venitsky Invitational Speech Tournament this Friday and Saturday.

The competition will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the first debate round, and will end with an awards ceremony Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Buffalo Soldiers

The Black Student Union will celebrate Black History Month with a program on Feb. 23, at 11 a.m., in the Student Center. Dennard K. Clendenin, a member of the tenth Cavalry C Company from San Diego, is a motivational speaker who travels around the country making presentations about the Buffalo Soldiers, in full Buffalo Soldier uniform.



Classified Ads

Classified ads now accepted in the Talon Marks. Rates are \$7 for 20 words or less, plus 25¢ per word after 20. SPECIAL DISCOUNTS for students and clubs. Ads are payable in advance. Room AC 42.

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Entrepreneurial student excels all over campus

Angel Jacquez
Feature Editor

Student entrepreneur Ahmed S. Hussain utilizes his many skills in running his own computer software company.

Among Hussain's many endeavors, he presently carries the load of a double major in computer engineering and microbiology, and a Japanese minor.

The company, Software International, currently has two offices; one in India where he programmed and animated the computer system in his father's clinic a few years ago.

The other office is here in California where Ahmed and his board members market their services to primarily small businesses.

"Where we shine," Hussain said, is their focus on customizing software to meet the individual needs of the variety of clients and small companies.

The Montessori school of Shein a child care center is a client being serviced by Software International.

Beside the smaller fees, "our company provides a close, trusting relationship with our clients," said Hussain.

"They can call and talk directly to me or one of the board members to answer and address any problems

and questions," he added.

In contrast, Hussain pointed out the endless ordeal one must bear before speaking to an agent of any major company.

Excluding his minor, Hussain has mastered six languages which he utilizes in networking in the Middle East and Asia.

Regarding these regions, "they have the money but not

the expertise," Hussain said referring to the need and convenience of such a company.

The members of the board themselves reflect diversity, with members hailing from Cambodia, Sweden and India. Hussain is also taking his programming experience into the development of marketing a Kiosk system.

A kiosk is a touch screen computer, typically user-

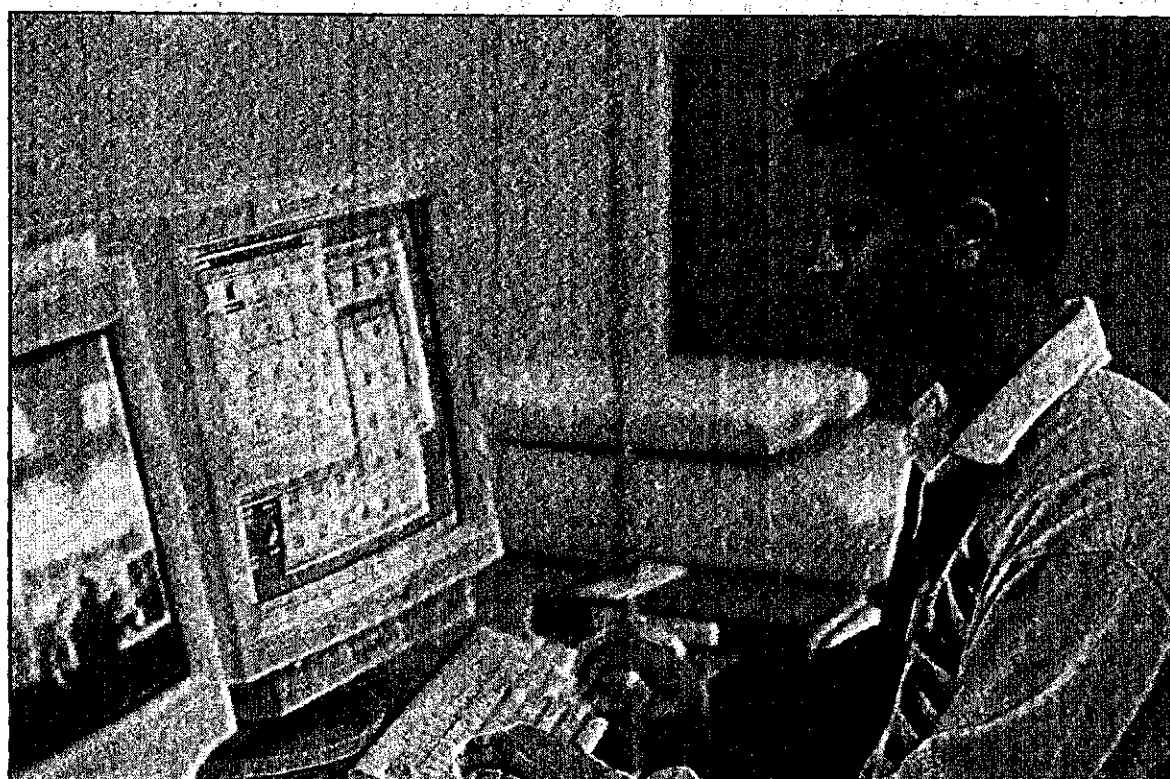
friendly.

He programmed one three years ago for Econ, his former employer where he was a programming manager.

To top things off, Hussain is just as active on campus.

He is a member of student senate and a few clubs.

Hussain feels fortunate to have disciplined schooling in his upbringing.



Abel Olivieri/TM

WIZ KID-- Student Ahmed Hussain works on a computer in the Learning Resource Center.

Youthful spirit helps increase knowledge

Alvin A. Jimenez
Staff cartoonist

As people get older they start to realize that they never lose that youthful thinking they once had as a teenager.

People can believe that you are as young as you want to feel, as in the case of this great woman, Annie Ruth Eskridge.

Born in the state of Georgia, she now lives in Los Angeles.

She's a retired woman, retired after 27 years of working in the Department of Defense, and retired as a Quality Assurance Specialist certified in the area of Mechanical and Aerospace Commodity.

She is a mother of three adult children.

She also has six grandchildren and is married to her only love, James Eskridge.

She decided to retire and to go back to school.

"Being around youth makes me feel young again," Eskridge said.

She earned her associate of arts degree, and wants to transfer to California State University Dominguez Hills to major in history and retrain to become a teacher again.

"I'm a typical grandmother going back to school," Eskridge said.

She is a born again Christian and said her belief has helped her reach her goal and the Holy Spirit is guiding her in the way she should go.

She is very active in church and attends a word of faith church in the Los Angeles area.

When she's at home she spends time homemaking, baking and crocheting.

She also loves working with her hands.

She enjoys watching Matlock, old movies from the 1950s and 1960s, and Christian television.

In sports she likes basketball and football.

Her favorite basketball team used to be the Chicago Bulls but now she is searching for a new team.

Her favorite football team used to be the Washington Redskins but she traded them in for the Atlanta Falcons because she's from Atlanta.

She enjoys being back in school, being around people that are full of life and spirit, gaining knowledge and wisdom in the classes here at Cerritos College.

"I love to be around people, I enjoy interacting with them. I like to see them do the things they do," Eskridge said.

She said she is having a great time in college and meeting new friends in her classes.

She wishes the best of luck to every one.

Vice President Martinez back in service

Marisol Navarro
Staff Writer

Who is the friend of students on campus? Could it be someone who has the power and authority to make a difference? The answer is unequivocal — the friend of students is EJ, or Dr. Erlinda Martinez.

Martinez has served Cerritos College for three years and during this time she has done many things to benefit the students. She implemented bilingual touch-tone registration and the touch-tone credit card registration system so students do not have to wait in line.

She also designed the 'One-Stop' with the purpose of unifying all the student services, such as the Counseling Center, Financial Aid Office and the Transfer Information Center among others.

Martinez has many more projects that she would like to accomplish. These projects will further benefit students for 1999, and include electronic transcripts to take over the traditional way of issuing transcripts and direct deposit of financial aid checks to students' bank accounts.

She hopes to develop a tracking system to account for students as they visit each department of Student Services. She would also like student printouts to not only include course information, but also the list of books needed for each course along with their prices.

Finally, she hopes students will be able to receive more on-line services. "How can we benefit the students?" is the question that Martinez constantly asks herself.

"Of all the administrators on campus, I am the one that has the title of 'students.' I am an advocate of students and I am involved in student needs and services," she said describing the duties of her position.

As the Vice President of Student Services, her position involves interaction with the student body. She considers her foremost priority to be getting to know the students, not only the outstanding students but the academically challenged ones as well.

She believes that "students will come through if you give them one chance. I like to make decisions that help students and that give these students 'one more chance' to succeed."

This makes her feel like a probation officer at times. However, many students on campus admire Martinez. Some see her as the "Mother Teresa" of Student Services.

David Sarmiento, a former Cerritos College student and prospective graduate of the Southern California College Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, said, "Dr. Martinez has been a mentor who encouraged me to transfer to a private university. Her door was always open for me when I needed her. She is never condescending toward you, and she is always approachable."

She graduated from Puente Hills High School and attended a community college out of state for two years. She then transferred to University of California Riverside where she earned her bachelor of arts degree.

She earned her master of sciences degree from California State University of Los Angeles and finally her educational doctorate from the University of Southern California.

Prior to coming to Cerritos College, she

spent 10 years working as the Dean of Students at Santa Clara University in Northern California. She gained most of her experience with students while working at Santa Clara, and now she serves Cerritos College.

Martinez is assisted by her secretary, Anita Rios, who she personally hired.

"She is the first Vice President I have ever worked for and I wouldn't want to work for anyone else," Rios said about her boss.

Martinez described how she liked working at Cerritos College. "I love working at Cerritos College. I feel truly blessed to be able to come to work everyday."

Perhaps Martinez feels even more blessed to be back from her medical leave of absence during the past holidays. Originally a rumor was going around that she had some sort of cancer.

The benign tumor located on her left kidney had grown to the size of a baseball and was successfully removed. However, it could have been life threatening had the doctors not discovered it when they did.

Martinez is happily married to her husband Bill who is the President of the State Academic Senate in Sacramento. She also has two boys, Robert who is 20 and a student at Orange Coast College, and David who is a 16-year-old high school student.

In addition, she shared a major personal realization when asked if she could have one wish granted. "I received an immediate reminder of my own mortality...I want to treat each day as a gift." Her wish was that everyone come to this realization as well.



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BACK TO WORK—Vice President of Student Services Dr. Erlinda Martinez is glad to be back, serving students in a new light.

Not sure which direction to take?

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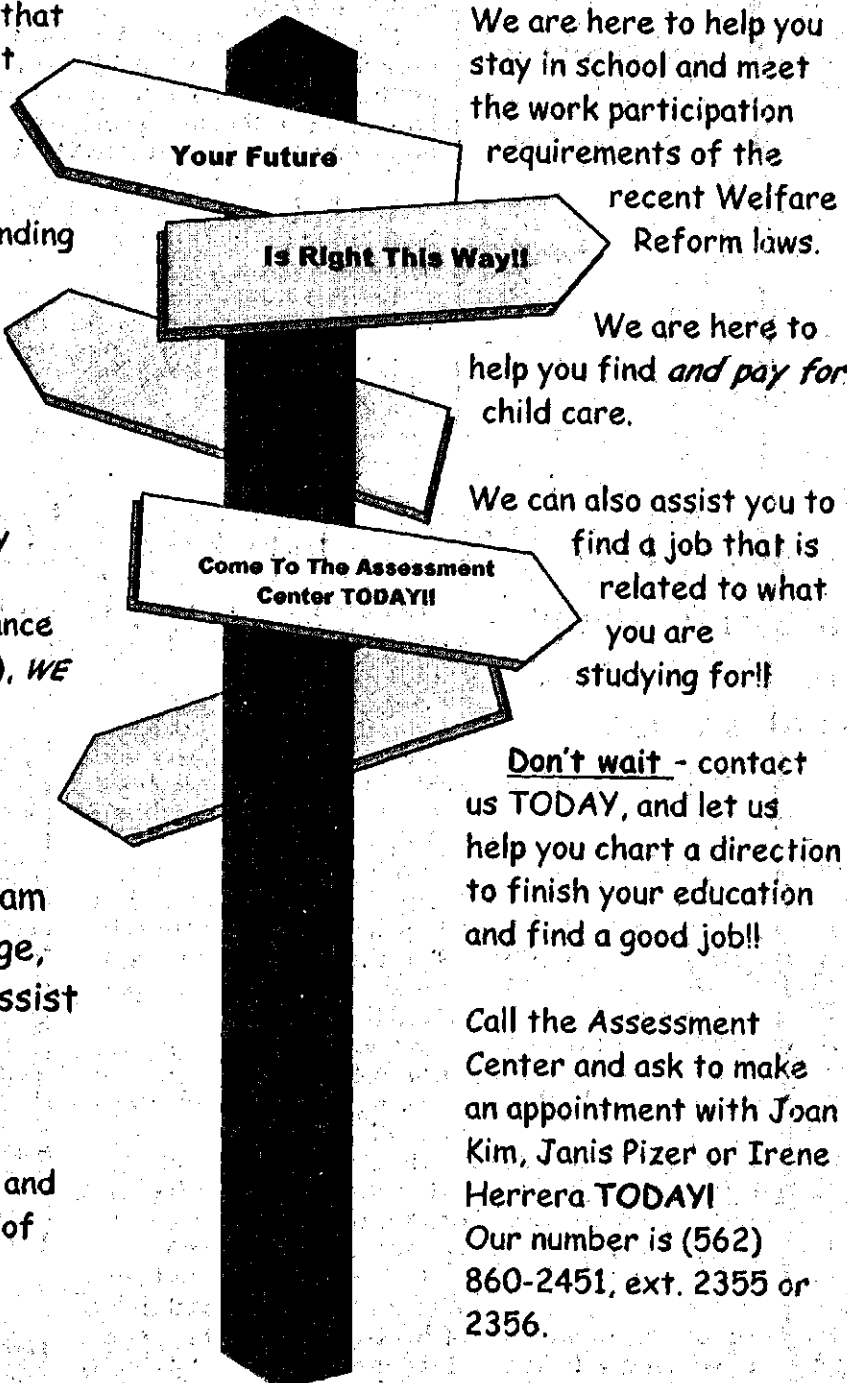
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JOYFUL NOISE—The Gospel Choir performed in Irvine last Saturday night.

Rejoice with the songs of the Lord

Valerie Crique
Staff Writer

The Cerritos Community College Gospel Choir was the first group to perform at the First Annual Gospel Extravaganza held last Saturday at University of California, Irvine.

The show was set to begin at 7 p.m. but not a word of the "Black National Anthem," performed by Avel Clay, was heard until about 7:30 p.m.

Clay then spoke to the audience in a calm, clear voice. "Tonight is not a show," she said, "it is a ministry." This comment brought the crowd to life and the word "amen" was heard throughout the audience.

"We are not here to perform, we are here to praise Jesus," she said, setting the tone for the rest of the show.

(ministry) which seemed as though it had taken place in a church, instead of the Crystal Cove Auditorium.

Though the extravaganza was not a competition, the pressure was on for the singers to do their best. No one would've guessed that the choir was nervous. Before the show, the choir was sitting in the audience, donning their blue and white robes, talking, laughing and carrying on as if they weren't the first ones to perform. Some of the singers did have a few pre-performance jitters.

Jazmun Guilford said, "Once you're up there (on stage) you just have to go with the flow."

During their performance, the singers swayed from side to side with synchronized claps. Members of the

Riverside Community College Gospel Choir stood up and danced right along with the audience.

The pianist of the group, William Hundley, started the CCC Gospel Choir 6 years ago with Dr. Christine Lopez, the department chair of music at Cerritos College. The group sang the song written by Hundley, titled "Faithful," that featured Caleb Alexander as a vocal soloist.

The gospel spectacular was the debut performance of the song "Purpose" which Alexander himself wrote and directed. Le-Shawn Michelle Sweet was the vocal soloist in that song.

"It felt good to finally produce something, to its full potential, that God has planted in me," Alexander said. A business, music and theology

major, he was the youth leader in his church choir.

Lopez, the leader of the choir, said, "What people don't know is how many gospel groups there are out there." Only four groups performed that night and Lopez thinks that the number will increase over the years. "A show like this just scratches the surface of gospel choirs."

That night marked the first performance of the new choir members. Kellie Hill, of the dance group Anointed Step, enjoyed the singing. "They all looked like they were having fun," she said.

Alexander had an exceptional amount of fun that night and plans to continue singing with the choir. "The Lord's hand is on the choir," he said, "and as long as His hand is there, I'll be there."

New Orleans jazz coming to Cerritos

Angel Jacquez
Feature Editor

The Bayou Brass Band intends to delight attendants with its New Orleans Cajun Funk jazz on Feb. 19 at the Cerritos College Burnight Center Theater.

The band has been in the spotlight at shows where the bill has included great names in music such as Ella Fitzgerald, Gladys Knight and the Pips and Vanessa Williams.

The performance begins at 7 p.m. with ticket prices favoring students and senior citizens at \$5, and \$10 for all other general admissions.

The jazzy sound personalized by Bayou's own distinguishing twist, is enough to be its trademark without straying too far from the momentum of fundamental jazz.

The band is composed of truly dedicated musicians



Photo courtesy of Public Relations
BAYOU BRASS—Will perform Feb. 19.

who are committed to excellence, said Music Department Chairperson Dr. Christine Lopez.

Traditional New Orleans jazz is the earliest form of jazz, Bayou Brass maintains its authenticity and still packs their music with a kick of cajun-funk.

Such talent trickles down from Bayou's years of professional experience delivered through seven members.

The Cerritos College Music Department invites everyone to enjoy the sounds of the Bayou Brass Band. For tickets and further information contact the Music Department at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2629.

Skycycle and Five Easy Pieces disappoint discriminating listeners

Cindy Berteau
Copy Editor

Skycycle - "Breathing Water" Reading through the liner notes of Skycycle's 1998 "Breathing Water" release on MCA unearthed the only interesting fact about the five-song EP - it was recorded in February during the torrential rains of last winter's El Nino. Perhaps this explains why the album is soaked in over-wrought cliches and drenched in self-absorbed themes.

A recurring theme throughout the songs is the degenerative effects of television, culminating on the track "Junior," which describes a lonely suburban boy who lives to sleep, watch television and play Nintendo.

On "Happy" and "Toast," Isaacs and fellow guitarist/vocalist Sven Shenar pine for the woman that will solve their every problem. The lyrics are trite and lack substance, leading the listener to ask themselves, why would any woman want to rescue these poor, untalented souls.

Five Easy Pieces - "Five Easy Pieces"

Hollywood. Glitter, glam and the land of countless record contracts doled out to talentless hordes who imitate what was yesterday's big thing. Five Easy Pieces fits easily into the scenario with their eponymous 1998 MCA release that echoes the disappointing previous releases by bands like the Goo Goo Dolls and Fastball.

On the track "Turn It Around," songwriters Marco Dauer, vocals and guitar and Jay Schwartz, keyboards, make the brilliant discovery that "a smile is just a frown 'till you turn it around." The song attempts to deal with avoiding the spoils of fame, but Dauer and Schwartz should stick to topics that they are actually familiar with.

On "Flowers," Dauer asserts that "I've been everywhere been everyone." Too bad he hasn't been an accomplished songwriter and musician yet.

Life in Los Angeles can be 'Hurlyburly'

Emily Madewell
Arts and Entertainment Editor

At the core of "Hurlyburly" is a deeply articulate script loaded down with a myriad of 50-cent words that have nothing to say.

Set in Los Angeles, the film's characters are beyond dysfunctional.

Eddie (Sean Penn) is the leader of their little circus, and he continuously pontificates on his own existence.

Eddie may be the only male character within this tale that possesses a soul. He wants to be a better person in a better world, but he enjoys the decadence that his life has to offer him.

Desperately searching for love he finds Darlene (Robin Wright Penn) who is empty, self-absorbed and lacks the exact moral character that he severely needs.

The first time the audience is introduced to Darlene we find her cheating on Eddie with his own roommate, Mickey (Kevin Spacey).

Mickey is the only character who is even remotely entertained by the barrage of vulgar twists and turns that this tale takes. He is only living with Eddie temporarily while he takes a



Photo by Phil Bray

"HURLYBURLY"—Mickey (Kevin Spacey) and Eddie (Sean Penn) consider the ways to enjoy their "care package" Donna (Anna Paquin).

"vacation from his wife and kids."

The other characters that float through Eddie's meager existence are an extremely violent close friend, Phil (Chazz Palminteri); a competitive lonely loser friend, Artie (Garry Shandling); a stripper who happens to be a single mother, Bonnie (Meg Ryan); and a child who is nothing more to the boys than a "care package," Donna (Anna Paquin).

"Hurlyburly" is in theaters now, and anyone interested in watching some of Hollywood's brightest stars portray a group of vacuous and depraved individuals should not miss this movie.

Artist inspired by helping hands

A life of working with the disabled enables Callis' creative process

Chantel Weinald
Photo Editor

The Art Gallery hosted a reception last Tuesday night displaying the art of Dan Callis.

He attended with his wife Terri, and greeted the students, instructors, and other guests.

A variety of his work was displayed, ranging from his earlier paintings on canvas, and boat tarps, to his most recent sculptures and shadow boxes.

His pieces are based on his experiences working with the disabled.

A & E Briefs

Art Gallery

"Waiting for the Sixth Sun" is the new exhibit being held in the art gallery. The work is from photographer Manuel Alvarez Bravo and his followers.

The exhibit will run through March 11. A reception was held for the artist on Tuesday night. For more information, please contact the gallery at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2612.

Music Events

As part of the *applied music recitals*, guitarist Anthony Centeno will perform next Wednesday at 11 a.m. in BC-51. Guitarist Manuel Plascencia and flutist Chunghee Song will perform at 6 p.m.

On Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. in BC-51, vocalist Alisha Salazar and pianist Lei Zhu will perform. At 6 p.m. vocalist Carlos Diaz and flutist Helen Park will perform.

Movie News

"The Waterboy" will be showing on Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. in the Burnight Center Theatre.

It stars comedian Adam Sandler as an insecure football player who can only manage to join a team as a waterboy, until his one big break when all of his dreams are realized. Admission is free with current CCID.



Photo by Jon Farmer

Discount movie tickets are on sale in the student activities office. Students are allowed to purchase two tickets at a time with a total of six tickets per semester.

The movie theaters that students can buy tickets for are AMC, Edwards Theaters and Pacific Theaters. Two tickets are \$8 and only cash payment is accepted.

Theater Events

Auditions for "Anything Goes" will be held this Tuesday and Wednesday in the Burnight Center Theatre at 7 p.m. Georgia Well is directing the Cole Porter musical, that will run the first few weekends in May in the Burnight Center Theatre.

Those auditioning as vocalist should be prepared with 16 bars of both a ballad and an upbeat song. Dance auditioners should be prepared to learn a tap combination.

For more information please contact the theatre office at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2638.

Larry Shue's comedy "The Foreigner" will be performed at the Burnight Theatre on the following dates: Feb. 26, 27, March 4, 5, 6, at 8 p.m. and March 7 at 2:30 p.m.

The cast members are:
"Froggy" LeSueur- Giles Cross
Charlie Baker- Joseph Wise
Betty Meeks- Mary Harris-Robinson
Rev. David Marshall Lee- Robert Flores
Catherine Simms- Melissa Kelley
Owen Musser- Douglas Willard
Ellard Simms- Leroy Crouch

Tickets are available now at the Burnight Theatre. General admission is \$10 and the price for students and seniors is \$7.50.

Free tickets may be obtained for some performances by presenting your student I.D. card (one ticket per student) anytime between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the theatre department office. For more information contact the Theatre Arts Office (562) 467-5058.

The Rodgers & Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma" will be running at the Downey Civic Light Opera from Feb. 11-28 (weekends only).

Cerritos students Jordan Alexander, Laura Dickinson and Thomas Bedolla will all be performing in the musical.

For more information please call the Downey Civic Light Opera at (562) 923-1714.

disabled patients who helped inspire each piece of his work.



Chantel Weinald/TM

ARTISTIC THERAPY—Dan Callis and his painting titled "Three Palms."

The annual race toward Oscar has begun

Best Picture

"Life is Beautiful" has been nominated in both the Best Picture category and the Best Foreign Language Film category.

It has been 30 years since a film has been honored with both these nominations.

In 1969 the film "Z" produced by Jacques Perrin and Hamed Rachedi from Algeria, was nominated in both categories and took home an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film.



Courtesy of Gramercy

"ELIZABETH"—Alisonn Owen, Eric Fellner and Tim Bevan producers. This Gramercy release earned seven nominations.



Photo by Brian Smale

"LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL"—Eida Ferri and Gianluigi Braschi producers. This Miramax release earned seven nominations.



Photo by David James

"SAVING PRIVATE RYAN"—Steven Spielberg, Ian Bryce, Mark Gordon and Gary Levinsohn producers. This Dreamworks release earned 11 nominations.



Photo by Laurie Sparham

"SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE"—David Parfitt, Donna Gigliotti, Harvey Weinstein, Edward Zwick and Marc Norman producers. This Miramax release earned 13.



Courtesy 20th Century Fox

"THE THIN RED LINE"—Robert Geisler, John Roberdeau and Grant Hill producers. This 20th Century Fox release earned seven nominations.

The nominees are...

Emily Madewell

Arts and Entertainment Editor

Set against the backdrops of love and war, the five films honored this year cover a wide range of experiences, giving the human condition a fluid narrative.

"Elizabeth" tells the story of not only a monarch, but a woman's personal trials and loves, eloquently portrayed by Cate Blanchett.

Filmed in the forbidding passage-

ways and interiors of England's castle, the visions add an element of realism that is haunting and beautiful within the same moment.

"Life is Beautiful" is the tale of a simple man destined to enjoy every minute of his life.

Roberto Benigni's comic genius is the force behind and in front of the camera in this masterpiece.

Set in the upheaval of World War II, Benigni manages to redefine true love and sacrifice.

Also shown with the backdrop of World War II is the latest

Spielbergian epic.

"Saving Private Ryan" is the personal story of soldiers immersed in the trenches, told straight from the heart.

"Shakespeare in Love" recounts the most passionate writer of all time experiencing his greatest love affair, and the outcome is as intense a story as "Romeo and Juliet" itself.

With an extraordinary cast including nominees Gwyneth Paltrow, Geoffrey Rush and Judi Dench, this film has been delighting audiences since its release.

"The Thin Red Line" is Terrence Malick's latest vision, set in the turmoil of the Vietnam war, and has been leaving an indelible impression on viewers across the country.

Filmed on location around the world with an all-star cast, the look and feel is absolutely nothing less than authentic.

All of the questions will be answered when the Academy Awards are held on March 21.

Whoopi Goldberg will once again host the gala that will air on ABC.

Best Actor

This will be Tom Hanks' third Oscar win, more than any other actor has received, if he prevails in March.

Tom Hanks has received awards for his work on the films "Philadelphia" in 1993 and "Forrest Gump" in 1994.



Photo: Brian Smale

ROBERTO BENIGNI—As Guido in "Life is Beautiful."



Photo: David James

TOM HANKS—As Captain Miller in "Saving Private Ryan."



Photo: Lion's Gate

IAN MCKELLAN—As James Whale in "Gods and Monsters."



Photo: Lion's Gate

NICK NOLTE—As Wade Whitehouse in "Affliction."

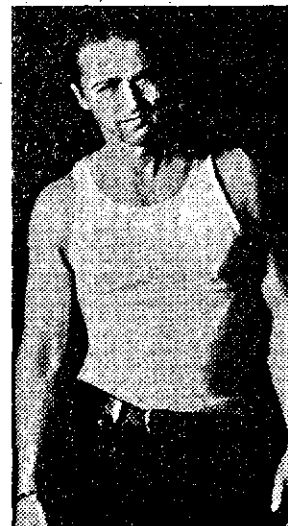


Photo: Visages

EDWARD NORTON—As Derek in "American History X."

Best Actress

Emily Watson has received her second nomination for Best Actress in A Leading Role.

Her first nomination was for her screen debut in "Breaking the Waves."

The fact that she has only starred in four films makes her nominations only more impressive.



Courtesy of Gramercy

Cate Blanchett—As Queen Elizabeth I in "Elizabeth."



Photo: Walter Salles

FERNANDA MONTENEGRO—As Dora in "Central Station."



Photo: Laurie Sparham

GWYNETH PALTROW—As Viola in "Shakespeare in Love."



Photo: Eli Reed

MERYL STREEP—As Kate in "One True Thing."



Photo: David Appleby

EMILY WATSON—As Jacqueline in "Hilary and Jackie."

Best Director

"The Thin Red Line" represents an end to Terrence Malick's 20-year break from film-making.

Previously Malick directed the features "Badlands" in 1973 and "Days of Heaven" in 1978.



Photo: Brian Smale

ROBERTO BENIGNI—For "Life is Beautiful."



Photo: Laurie Sparham

JOHN MADDEN—For "Shakespeare in Love."



Photo: 20th Century Fox

TERRENCE MALICK—For "The Thin Red Line."



Photo: David James

STEVEN SPIELBERG—For "Saving Private Ryan."



Melinda Sue Gordon

PETER WEIR—For "The Truman Show."

Foreign Film—

- Central Station/Brazil
- Children of Heaven/Iran
- The Grandfather/Spain
- Life is Beautiful/Italy
- Tango/Argentina

Supporting Actor—

- James Coburn as Glen in "Affliction"
- Robert Duvall as Jerome in "A Civil Action"
- Ed Harris as Christof in "The Truman Show"
- Geoffrey Rush as Phillip in "Shakespeare in Love"
- Billy Bob Thornton as Jacob in "A Simple Plan"

Supporting Actress—

- Kathy Bates as Libby in "Primary Colors"
- Brenda Blethyn as Mar in "Little Voice"
- Judi Dench as Queen Elizabeth I in "Shakespeare in Love"
- Rachel Griffiths as Hilary in "Hilary and Jackie"
- Lynn Redgrave as Hanna in "Gods and Monsters"

Screenplay—Original—

- Warren Beatty and Jeremy Pikser for "Bulworth"
- Vincenzo Cerami and Roberto Benigni for "Life is Beautiful"
- Robert Rodat for "Saving Private Ryan"
- Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard for "Shakespeare in Love"
- Andrew Niccol for "The Truman Show"

Screenplay—Adapted—

- Bill Condon for "Gods and Monsters"
- Scott Frank for "Out of Sight"
- Elaine May for "Primary Colors"
- Scott B. Smith for "A Simple Plan"
- Terrence Malick for "The Thin Red Line"

Cinematography—

- Conrad L. Hall for "A Civil Action"
- Remi Adefarasin for "Elizabeth"
- Janusz Kaminski for "Saving Private Ryan"
- Richard Greatrex for "Shakespeare in Love"
- John Toll for "The Thin Red Line"

Art Direction—

- John Myhre and Peter Howitt for "Elizabeth"
- Jeannine Oppewall and Jay Hart for "Pleasantville"
- Tom Sanders and Lisa Dean Kavanaugh for "Saving Private Ryan"
- Martin Childs and Jill Quertier for "Shakespeare in Love"
- Eugenio Zanetti and Cindy Carr for "What Dreams May Come"

Film Editing—

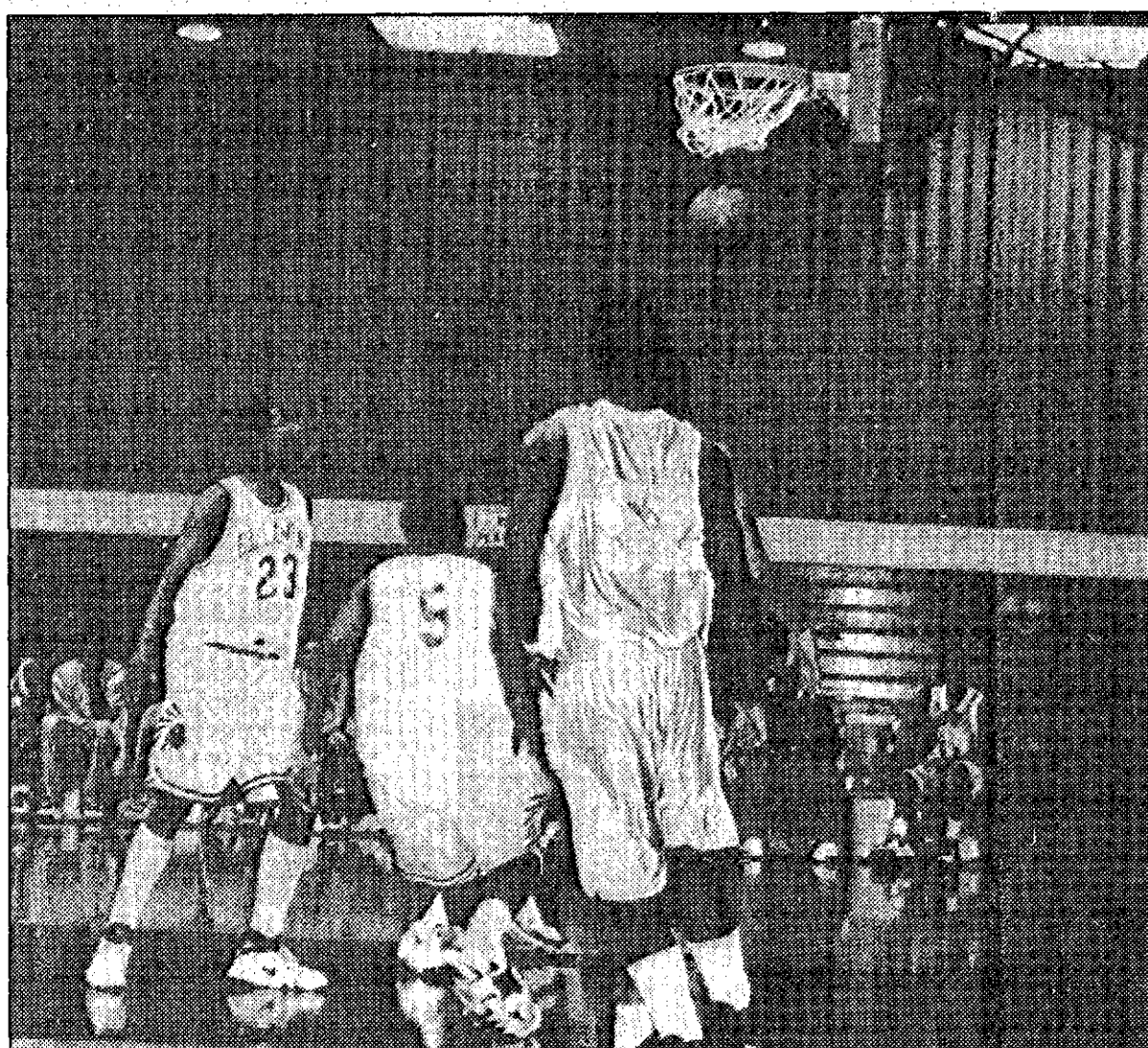
- Simona Paggi for "Life is Beautiful"
- Anne V. Coates for "Out of Sight"
- Michael Kahn for "Saving Private Ryan"
- David Gamble for "Shakespeare in Love"
- Billy Weber, Leslie Jones and Saar Klein for "The Thin Red Line"

Costume Design—

- Colleen Atwood for "Beloved"
- Alexandra Byrne for "Elizabeth"
- Judianna Makovsky for "Pleasantville"
- Sandy Powell for "Shakespeare in Love"
- Sandy Powell for "Velvet Goldmine"

Makeup—

- Jenny Shircore for "Elizabeth"
- Lois Burwell, Conor O'Sullivan and Daniel C. Striepeke for "Saving Private Ryan"
- Lisa Westcott and Veronica Brebner for "Shakespeare in Love"



GETTING READY — Lemar Gayle prepares to play defense after seeing his team's shot go through the hoop. Angel Jacquez/TM

Falcons take out all opponents

Fidel Hernandez
Opinion Editor

To say that the men's basketball team of Cerritos College is on fire is one way to describe their performances during the last few weeks. They have dominated their opponents to climb to the number one position in their division.

The highly anticipated Jan. 27 game against the Long Beach Vikings had a great turn out. Many came to show their support for the Falcons.

This game determined who would steal the first place spot, Long Beach being the favorite since they were undefeated.

In the end, the Falcons came out on top with a score of 78-68.

Key players in the game were Marco McCain, Lemar Gayle, and Brian Hills.

The season is far from over, as the Falcons confronted the El Camino Warriors at their home court on Feb. 3.

The Falcons came into this game well prepared and

focused, having their mind set on beating the Warriors. And a beating the Warriors received.

Cerritos displayed a great deal of ball movement throughout the first half.

"We came out real sharp, I would have to say it has been the best half we have had this season as far as ball movement goes," said head coach Dean Ackland.

The fact that the team played this well showed on the score board. Cerritos dominated El Camino throughout the game and gained yet another victory by crushing the Warriors 98-63.

"Our players came out focused and ready to play, they all had a good mental attitude and came out very intense to try and take the Warriors out of the game early," Ackland said.

"Some key players had to be Cedrick Lusk whose three point shooting was at his best, as well as Lemar Gayle, but the whole team played a very complete game of basketball,"

he said.

During the second half the Falcons somewhat slowed their rhythm down. "We did not play as intense during the last half because when you tend to get so far ahead you tend to slow down some," said Ackland.

The Warriors came out to finish the game and at least detain the Falcons from adding to their lead.

"El Camino came out the second half and played hard, but I think that we played a complete game and are playing great basketball and as long as we stay focused we will have a great season," said guard Rodger Hills.

Hills highlighted the game when out of nowhere, he leapt into the air, dunking the ball after a miss by number 33, Leroy Mosley.

"The Falcons came out strong and destroyed El Camino in the first half, great team action," said Aginde Woods, a fan in attendance.

Women Falcons dunk Warriors

Alfonso Gutierrez
Special to Talon Marks

The women's basketball team has won three out of their last four games, including their latest 72-59 victory against the Mt. San Antonio College Warriors, improving their overall record to 15-10.

Freshman guard Jennifer Ma had a great game against the Warriors shooting over 77 percent from the field for 16 points and a perfect six of six from the line for her overall total of 22 points.

Sophomore guard Lisa Moya took the rock to the hole for 11 points and helped her teammates shine with eight assists. She also had four steals, and eight defensive boards on the night.

Center Anabel Sanchez posted 13 points, three assists and one offensive board. She

also had a good defensive game with five defensive rebounds, four steals and a block against the Warriors.

"Cerritos has a good team and they played a good game," said coach Berman of the Mt. SAC Warriors.

Mt. SAC brought some talent of their own to our campus with guard Theresa Rivera who put up 20 points against the Falcon defensive game.

"We had a good second half, but it's all about 40 minutes. We should have played strong the whole game," Rivera commented after the game.

Warriors Stacy Escher, Nicki Bonomo and Erika Olivas combined for a total of 27 points on the night.

The Falcons will play their next conference game against

Compton Wednesday night. The game will take place at Compton College and is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. The last time they met, the Falcons handed the Lady Tartars a decisive 69-27 defeat.

The women's basketball team will hold a fan appreciation night next Wednesday, during their game against Pasadena.

Fans should arrive for the introductions at 5:30 p.m. to be eligible for prizes, including T-shirts, free pizza and movie passes.

Following the women's game versus Pasadena, the men's basketball team will take on L.A. Harbor at 7:30 p.m.



MAKING THE SHOT — Jennifer Swanson succeeds in making a freethrow after being fouled to add to the Falcons lead. Chantiel Weinald/TM

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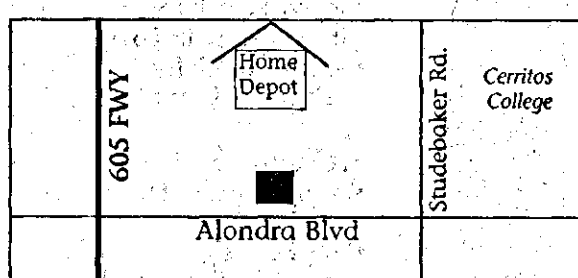
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