Students receive honors from ASCC

Kent McCreary Editor in chief

evening at the Associated Students of Cerritos College Awards Banquet held last Friday were several vocal and active students on campus.

ASCC President Giovanii Jorquera received the Man, of the Year Award.

ASCC Commissioner of ASCC Court Chief Justice Elizabeth Monge were corecipients of the Woman of the Year Award.

Senate President Pro-Tem Joyce Kelly received the Presidents Award.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was ASCC Faculty Senate Liaison Alfonso Gutierrez.

Announcing the ASCC scholarship awards was Sa-Eun Park, commissioner of student orientation. Besides Jorquera, LeGaspe, Monge and Gutierrez, other recipients were ASCC Court Justice Dale Frazier, ASCC Senator Amber Majors, Senate Majority Leader Melissa Swank, Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Wilmovsky, and Senator Luz Elena Hanayo. Sharon Bierbower.

LeGaspe, who introduced the curricular club awards.

ministration of Justice went to Falcon award.

Receiving the award for The big winners of the Alpha Gamma Sigma was Gabriel Villereal.

> Freshman athletes of the year were Cindy Delgado for women and Heath Sims for the men.

> Sophomores Lisa Moya and Andy Garcia received Athlete of the Year awards.

Cindy Bertea was the win-Activities Nellie LeGaspe and ner of the Journalism award, and Wilmovsky received the award for his work with Phi Beta Lambda.

Introducing the Inter-Club Council Awards was Commissioner of Athletics April Thames.

After the Hoe-Down Days Committee was introduced, certificates were given to clubs that took part in the three-day festival held last March.

ICC Scholarships worth \$75 dollars went to Jorquera, LeGaspe, ASCC Senate Minority Leader Greg Knapp, ASCC Commissioner of Records and Information Melody Majors, Senator Amber Majors, Senator Mary Young, and students Karen Albert Pinaud, Colleen Crosby, and

lorquera was presented The next announcer was with an ASCC Resolution by Dr. Erlinda Martinez. The resolution is given to a student in The award for Ad- lieu of his or her fourth Gold



Kent McCreary/TM

Women and Man of the Year - Associated Students of Community College Court Chief Justice Elizabeth Monge, ASCC Commissioner of Activities Nelli LeGaspe and ASCC President Giovanni Jorquera receive top honors at the ASCC awards banquet.

ASCC award winners lise Maria Mendoza Elizabeth Anne Monge

Gold Falcon Hugo Esparza Dale W. Frazier Ahmed Hussain Gregory W. Knapp: Nellie LeGaspe Melody Lynn Majors

lames Schirmer Albert Wilmovsky

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Student artwork showcased at exhibition

Wednesday will be last day to view exhibit

Mary Batarseh Staff writer

Students displayed their artistic talents at the reception of the Cerritos College Student Fine Art Exhibition held in the Art Gallery last Wednesday.

The reception, along with live music from an aspiring band "Silent Gray" and deliclous food and drink, was free to those who attended.

Many of those who attended were taken away by the great pieces of art displayed.

Art major Alvin Jimenez said, "I love the paintings because I love drawing and art. It's hard to believe some of this work is done by students."

Cynthia Kastan, the Art Department Chair and director of fund raising and awards, said, "We are showcasing excellent works from a full range of classes."

For the past five years, Kastan has been doing fund

raising and awards programs to help students express themselves.

"The prizes are just to give even more incentive and encouragement," Kastan said.

There were several donors who helped make the exhibit possible, including ASCC, the Cerritos College Foundation

and Wallace Bookstore. Christina Smith, an instructor of Jewelry and Metalsmithing, has been teaching since 1974, but it's her first year at Cerritos.

"The exhibit is competitive

and exciting," Smith said. Her student, Yolanda Strode, won third prize in the jewelry cate-

gory for her brooch. There are four different categories: ceramics, jewelry, 3-D design and woodcrafts; freehand drawing and printmaking; computer and graphic design and calligraphy; and painting, life drawing, water-

color and 2-D design. Under each category there is one first prize winner, two second prize winners, two third prize winners and a minimum of two honorable men-

The first prize winners under each category received \$150, second prize winners received \$90 each, and third prize winners received \$50 each.

There is also the "John De Mott Memorial Scholarship." This scholarship is named in honor of a former Cerritos fine art student who was memorialized after unexpectedly passing away.

Only those fine art students of exceptional excellence got to split the \$500 scholarship. Those students are Monica Havelka, Jerome Ornese, Teresa Yu-Hsin Tsai and Luis

The jurors were Kastan and Steve Portigal, both professors of art.

The last day to view the exhibit is this Wednesday in the Art Gallery between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. and from 6 - 9 p.m.

Professor from UCLA Dr. James Diego Vigil to speak at graduation

Saturday's ceremony begins at 5:30 p.m.

Cindy Bertea

Copy editor A member of the first class to ever graduate from Cerritos College is returning to speak at the commencement ceremonies scheduled for this Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the stadium.

Dr. James Diego Vigil, an Anthropology Professor at UCLA, attended Cerritos from 1957 to 1959 and earned an associate's degree.

He went on to attain further degrees from California State University Long Beach, CSU Sacramento and a master's and doctorate in anthropology from UCLA.

Vigil also currently serves as the Director of the Center for the Study of Urban Poverty at UCLA.

Melody Majors, a student representative on the student services committee that helped to plan commencement, said that Vigil was chosen as the speaker for several reasons.

She said that since he has gone on to accomplish so much after attending Cerritos, graduating students might be motivated to further their own academic careers.

Although the ceremony begins at 5:30 p.m., according to Trudy Foster, clerk to Coordinator of Student Activities Dean Ackland, graduating students need meet in the gym by 4:30 p.m. to be lined up for the procession.

"They need to be dressed

and ready to go," she said. This will be Foster's 11th year helping with the precommencement preparations.

"I love working this day, it's so fun," she said describing the general air of excitement students exude before they walk to the stadium.

The stadium will open at 4 p.m., when friends and family of graduating students can find seats. Admission is free and no tickets are necessary.

The ceremony will be launched by a musical overture performed by James Swearingen and the Cerritos College Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

The Cerritos Gospel Choir will also perform two pieces during the course of the event.

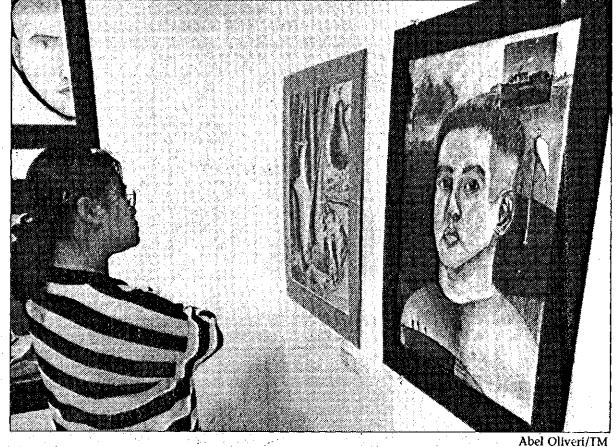
Students receiving various academic honors will be recognized by several physical additions to the general cap and gown attire.

Honor graduates are identifled by the silver tassel worn on their cap.

Scholars Honors Program graduates are identified by the blue cap and gown.

The presentation of graduates portion of the ceremony will be led by Robert Chester, Cerritos College faculty senate president and Dr. Fred Gaskin, the college president.

Scheduled to help with the conferring of degrees and certificates are several college administrators including: Bob Arthur, Board of Trustees president, Dr. Ted Edmiston, Board of Trustees vice president, Chester, and Dr. Adolph Johnson, Jr. Dean of Academic Affairs.



Student Chin Rinumpal attended the Fine Art Exhibition held last Wednesday.

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EDITORIAL

Hear no evil, see no evil...

vith all the advanced forms of communication today—cell phones, pagers, email—it seems that some people have a problem speaking face-toface with each other to resolve con-

Nowhere is this problem more prevalent than with the student leaders of Cerritos College, who have chosen to use the letters to the editor section of the newspaper to air out their personal grievances.

It seems that there have been several on-going disputes among the factions of the cabinet and senate, disputes that are only becoming inflamed through words submitted on paper.

Here's an idea. Why don't the student leaders try honest and direct verbal communication?

Since the beginning of the semester, six letters have been printed that contributed to the see-saw letter writing campaign.

Numerous others were submitted, that for one reason or another, never found a place on the page.

nstead of writing a letter blasting various individual(s), why don't Lthese injured people stop hiding behind the written word and confront the person with whom they are having a problem?

Wouldn't it be much easier (and faster) to discuss things in a mature fashion?

By using these letters to express dissatisfaction, it's at least two weeks (time between paper publications) until the other person is aware of what it is that they're doing wrong.

This time constraint is actually beneficial though, since it allows the person being attacked two weeks to perfect his/her own letter to submit.

The leaders of student government are only weakening their status by airing their dirty laundry for each and every member of this campus to read.

oes every student, faculty and administration member need to know who is fighting with whom this week? No, but if any of them wanted to find out, all they have to do is pick up the latest issue of Talon Marks and scan the

names submitting letters.

Also, hasn't anybody figured out that the written word is much more permanent than anything spoken?

Unless being recorded in some manner, it is much easier to dispute what one has said verbally than areating letters eat in ink.

scathing letters set in ink.
It is possible that these letters could one day be used against the writer, or taken out of context in an attempt to judge character.

If the leaders on this campus pride themselves for speaking up on behalf of the students, why can't they grow up and find their own

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All she has to say...

Tam completely appalled. How can anyone just sit Lback and let someone slander and humiliate another human being?

How can the staff of Cerritos College allow Joyce Kelly to continue to act in a childish manner? How can a woman who attacks her fellow students, whom she has sworn to represent, fabricate lies against them.

How long is this going to be tolerated?

I am a member of the socalled "little band of terrorists." You know, "(Giovanii's) pets who have been stalking Joyce and trying to make her life miserable."

Well, let me inform Mr. Baello of something. I fell for Joyce's sweet and innocent side. I thought she was involved for all of the right reasons. I believed that she was a good person.

The has shown my fellow Student leaders and I that that is not the case, that she is a perfect example of a wolf in sheep's clothing. I have better things to do than to go around and dig up dirt on other people.

This woman, who tells us we need to grow up because this isn't high school, refers to certain members of student government as terrorists, roaches, demons and redskinned cut throats, villains, vandals, pets and puppets. Come on Joyce!

I know fifth graders that are more mature. You accused your "Judas" of bringing up charges against you in the Senate because the Bill and Monica saga was over and she needed drama.

Ts that why you not only refer to me as "Giovanii's College?" It sounds to me like you have nothing better to do than create a little drama of your own.

So why is it still going on? Why have our complaints fallen on deaf ears? Members of student government get involved because they want to help their fellow students.

We are here as servants. We are here to make a difference. We are here to leave our school a much better place. And, most importantly, we are here to learn.

We are NOT here to have our reputations dragged though the mud. We are NOT here to be misrepresented to the student body. And we are certainly NOT here to be dishonored, discredited and disgraced.

It is about time that the administration of our school does something about this. It is about time that the people we rely on as students stand up and put an end to the childish, slanderous and scandalous attacks that Joyce Kelly has waged against the students leaders of Cerritos College.

> Melody Lynn Majors Commissioner of Records and Information

All he has to say...

Tellie LeGaspe, this S_should have and could N have stopped. You surely are old enough to set a much better example to all of us younger students, but you had to put the frosting on the cake, as a thank you to Gio for his influence on naming you "woman of the year," what a farce (an empty show).

You are so unintelligent and have such low self esteem, that you have sold your soul to the devil, himself (Gio). No one sees any dirt on his grubby little hands, but, girl look at yours. And for what? Okay, so being named "woman of the year" is something to be proud "little band of terrorists" compare you to someone who has actually done something positive for the students on this

Nellie, give me a break! The only real time you have spent on this campus and getting involved in student activities was when you decided to have that pow wow! You worked like your life depended on it, I guess it did, especially your livelihood! The first semester, you were rarely around for the students' activities, although Gio appointed you as commissioner. Nellie, who really benefited from the pow wow?

s for being the mother A s for being the motile.

of the high school minded "little band of terrorists," don't try to take anything out of context, because your way with words isn't that great! You know damn well Joyce called you guys that because you all have banned together with one common cause in mind, "Get Joyce out of activities and student government," isn't that what Giovanii told you guys?

First, the reason Joyce has named you guys this is because of the lies, slanderous remarks, comments, letters, stupid phone calls, and the list goes on.

Joyce thinks that by not acknowledging your existence, you will get the message. But, like your leader, Gio, (the one with the "little man's syndrome") you guys JUST DON'T GET ITI

To the new president, Ahmed Hinsane (sic), the only way possible for you to have had any chance of being president was how you started the impeachment of Joyce. Gio really taught you well, and being here for only one year, you have really become a good "behind kisser."

nd let me not leave out the most important member of the "band," Armondo Borboa, but he was the one who Gio should have named as "man of the year."

This guy has the nerve to complain about the abuse he **A**toy," but also as the of, but that's when you have had received from Joyce, but "Monica Lewinsky of Cerritos earned the title. How dare the we all know that he was the one who used the Talon Marks for his own gratification and the needs of Gio to have Joyce removed from everything and

all activities on campus. It was Armondo who misconstrued Joyce's letters and statements to pave the way for Ahmed.

rmondo is the one who A spoke before the Board of Trustees and threatened to sue the school for not protecting him.

Nellie, Gio and Hugo, you all received the awards you worked so hard for. It is a damn shame you didn't put all of that positive energy to accomplish something that would benefit the students.

Sincerely, Michael Baello

Stop it all with a No. 2 pencil

year of disgrace. That is A how this past year of '98-'99 will be remembered. It was a time of childish rivalry and hatred. And, just who do we blame for the outrageous displays of immaturity that occurred during this past year?

Is it the Kellys? Is it the LeGaspes or the Jorqueras? Who is to be held responsible for the horrific student representatives that turned student government into a mockery of a Jerry Springer show during this past year?

t is ALL OF US! We are to blame for we, the students L of Cerritos, are the individuals that elected these "children" into their positions.

Yes, each of the named individuals, as well as others involved in the past year's charades, are to blame for their own actions of immaturity and irresponsibility. Hopefully their parents taught them right from wrong as well as courteousness and hospital-

Why they do not employ such important and highlyadmired social values is beyond me.

But, "the buck stops here" and where "here" is can be found in the No. 2 pencils in the hands of each voting individual on this campus.

blessed rights and glorious freedoms, use them. Take full advantage of the rights you are entitled to and demand the students who represent you show maturity, responsibility and the tact that will reflect highly on YOU, the students of Cerritos.

When your elected officials go forth and represent you to the administrators, faculty and public, do you want these officials to see you as a mere extension of frivolous high school students? Or, do you perhaps, want to be seen as the adult you really are? Michelle Ford,

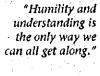
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CAMPUS COMMENT



"How do you think people should resolve major personality conflicts?"

> By Fidel Hernandez Photographs by Abel Olivieri





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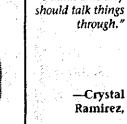
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—Cindy Bueras,

General





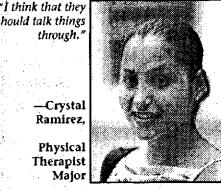
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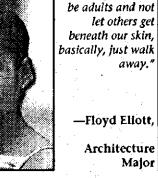
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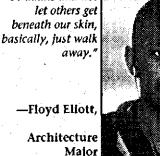
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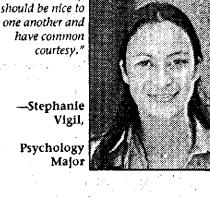
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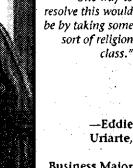
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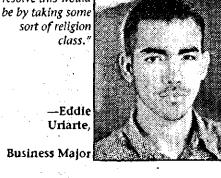






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Softhall ends season with loss to ELAC

Fidel Hernandez Sports editor

The women's softball team of Cerritos College ended its season this past Tuesday with a loss while hosting East Los Angeles Community College.

This game was not only the last game of this season for some, it was the last game as a Falcon for others.

"I'm hanging up my cleats, this was my last season with the softball team," player Tammy Vasquez said.

During this game, the Falcons seemed to be down in their spirits; not the team that enthusiastically rallied togeth-

Although hope seemed lost, Cerritos huddled during the last inning to try and pump each other up for the final inning.

However, this would not happen, as the Falcons lost their last game with a score of

"I am shocked, we are a better team than what we displayed today," Lisa Moya

Both teams wanted to win this game, fortunately for ELACC, the team was not at

"We should have won this



SAFE!! - No. 7 Tammy Vasquez tries to tag out ELAC player stealing second. The Falcons ended their season with a record

team's performance.

Destiny Losoya, catcher for ELACC, said, "Cerritos is always a competitive team to play against, they always come out to win and have a good time."

"I am very disappointed game," Vasquez sald, who with this loss because we gave a positive attitude."

seemed disappointed by the 'this victory to ELACC, our team made too many mental mistakes and it caused us the game, " head coach Collete Yonce said. "I also feel disappointed that we will not be going to the finals. Despite this loss, our team grew as one and learned how to keep

Moya and Sanchez play with heart

Staff writer

Cerritos College Athletic Department is privileged to have two female student players participating in two sepa-

rate sports. Lisa Moya and Vanessa Sanchez have a passion for

They both are members of the Cerritos College fast-pitch softball team and they both

play other sports. Moya, the 20-year-old short-stop played at Schurr High School.

Rosemary and Victor, her parents, wanted her to get involved in playing sports at an early age.

They continue to be her genuine fans, and they attend all of her games, whether it is basketball or softball.

Her career started at the age of 5, when she began to play baseball.

'My parents signed me up to play," she said.

At age 7, Moya began playing basketball and she is considered a valuable asset to her softball team. "Lisa has brought great

enthusiasm, hard work and dedication to the team since she has been here," said Lynn Laughon, assistant softball coach and staff member in publications.

Moya has recently signed a scholarship to play basketball at California State University Los Angeles.

"I will be playing with my junior high school. two best friends again," she Sanchez discussed why she

Moya has recently signed a

scholarship to play basketball at CSU Los Angeles.

said. Moya said getting an education is very important to

Upon completion of her major, physical education, she thinks she will teach. But she is sure she will pursue a

coaching career. The second of the players on the fast-pitch softball team is Sanchez, an accounting

This 20-year-old center fielder also plays on the soccer

Sanchez, who wears the No. 4 on both team ferseys, is no stranger to the game of softball.

Her mother, Esperanza, coached her softball team in

Sanchez has been active in sports and other activities since the second grade.

became active in sports while attending Franklin High

"My friends wanted to play, and I decided to play ball with them."

This year was the first time she ever played soccer.

With a presentation from a coach, she made her decision.

"Coach Jensen recruited the interested female players for the soccer team," she said.

The coaching staff for the team is quite happy with having these team players and

the other players to work with. Coach Lisa Hernandez said, "These girls are the greatest girls to work with. They are willing to learn and they are going somewhere in

Falcons beat Pasadena, 12-2

Cerritos will face Chaffey in three-game series

Fidel Hernandez Sports editor

With the season for spring events coming to a close, the men's baseball team of Cerritos College concluded its regular-season games last Friday as it confronted Pasadena at home.

The team began its offensive game during the first inning, as left fielder Josh Weller tripled, and was brought in by a sacrifice hit by short stop Sergio Garcia, making the score 1-0 in favor of

whelmed Pasadena as the team led, 5-0, in the fifth.

The Falcons closed the fifth inning with a 9-0 score. With Pasadena now down by a score of 9-0, they finally got the opportunity to score

one run, making it a 9-1

"Our team played hard and we hope to do well in the playoffs."

> — Head Coach Ken Gaylord

The Falcons offense over- two runs, Cerritos continued to score, earning one more point at the top of the eighth

> In the end, the Falcons went on to win their last game of the season, 12-2, and will now enter the playoffs with a record of 31-13, to try and make it to the finals.

"Our team played hard and we hope to do well in the ayoffs," said Falcon Head

Coach Ken Gaylord. The Falcon win over Pasadena College ensured them the South Coast Con-

ference title. The Falcons are playing this Saturday against Chaffey Community College.

It will be the first of of a

Golf Update

The Cerritos College Golf Team ended its season at the So Cal Finals, finishing ninth in Southern California and second in the South Coast

Conference. The Falcons placed second behind the Long Beach City College Vikings.

The Falcons were led by Jay Parks who shot a teamlow of 82 for the second round of the event.

In addition, Coach Frank Mazzotta was voted Coach of the Year for the South Coast Conference.

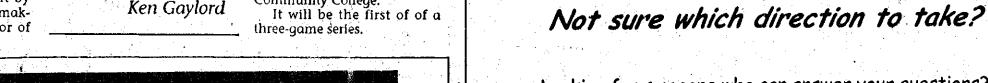
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