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It is said that reading is becoming less of a value for the youth of America. With all the technological advances that have occurred in our society in terms of entertainment, it is becoming less likely for a child to want to sit down and read a book when they could be doing something they find more interesting.

Many parents have fallen into a habit of having their children watch television or movies instead of sitting down with them and reading—which is what this program

was designed for, to stress the fact that reading is a crucial skill and a critical part of success later in life.

This year, the college staff is reading at two locations: Gaffney Lane School and YMCA Day Care at the Family Resource Center on campus.

This event is open to all volunteers and provides an opportunity for the community to join together for a common cause. Helping kids around the local area is something that many care about, but have little opportunity to take action. This program is

the perfect opportunity for those who are always willing to help, and is convenient for volunteering right here on campus.

According to Read Across America, the importance of reading to children and keeping our youth interested in literature is a vital part of intellectual development of the nation's children. Read Across America encourages all to volunteer, be a part of the community, and remember their motto: "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

Actor Edward James Olmos reads to students at San Fernando Middle School in San Fernando Valley, California. Read Across America gives celebrities and others a chance to join together with a common goal: to stress the importance of literacy and reading.

Fair puts connections between students and future employers

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The Career and Employer Resource Center (CERC) hosted the School-to-Work Career Fair last Thursday to an eager 500 students in order to make connections with students and potential employers.

Going along with the center's mission statement, the fair served to "provide staffing solutions for businesses" by opening Randall Hall to about 40 different employers. The range of career and job opportunities ranged from public services like military, police and fire, as well as retail, manufacturing and office work. Many college departments that offer work for students also attended.

Department Chair of the Career and Employment Resource Center David Blessman said that the value of the Career Fair lies in the fact that "70 percent of people get their job from networking." He defines "networking" as making connections between would-be employees and their potential employers.

In this case, the networking is happening between students and community businesses.

Blessman noted that students who attended the fair showed both eagerness and trepidation. The crowd consisted of mostly high school students, since the fair took place on the same day and time as the Skills Competition.

The purpose of the event was to help the students know more about their career path while allowing them to net-

work with employers, and of course maybe get them a job, said Blessman.

It was a "good chance to get a conversation going" between businesses and students, said Blessman. The employers who attended were grateful for the ability to get the word of job opportunities out there. "Individuals told me how much they appreciated it," said Blessman.

"It went really well. We're real proud of it," said Blessman about the event's turnout, which was better than last year's turnout.

Employment and Training Specialist Martha Stephans said that the event helped a great deal with helping students choose "a career path that employers are looking for."

Both members of CERC are hopeful for next year's event.

Next term, a similar event will be hosted by the C-TEC Youth Services program. The difference between the Career Fair and the Youth Opportunity & Employment Fair is that the latter event will be targeting youth ages 14-21 with employment barriers.

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campus SAFETY logs

All reports are taken from CCC's campus safety incident logs. Summaries are edited for clarity, not content.

2-26-05
1:00 p.m.
Student thought her car had been stolen. Turned out a friend had used it, and her car was returned to campus.

2-25-05
3:50 p.m.
Instructor called reporting stolen credit cards.

6:25 p.m.
Staff reported purse stolen from office.

8:10 p.m.
Made contact with couple engaged in sexual activity in vehicle. Advised them to leave.

2-21-05
7:41 p.m.
Car occupied by couple engaged in sexual activity. Advised them to leave campus.

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