



CHECKING OUT — Music student Michael Connif pays cashier Esther de la Cruz for his purchase inside the bookstore. The store's owner is in financial trouble.

Bookstore vendor in financial trouble

ALLYN MATTOX
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Wallace Wilkinson, owner of the Cerritos College campus Wallace's bookstore, has been forced into filing a Chapter 11 petition by his creditors in a Lexington, Ky., bankruptcy court last Thursday.

Wilkinson, also the former governor of Kentucky, is approximately \$339 million in debt.

Nine of Wilkinson's creditors asked Judge William S. Howard to appoint a trustee to take over operation of the textbook businesses, which include Wallace's Bookstores, Wallace's Book Co., and eampus.com, an

Internet textbook business.

Creditors were asking the Court to force Wilkinson into Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceedings, causing all of Wilkinson's assets to be sold to pay off his debts.

The court did not grant the request on the promise that Wilkinson would file the Chapter 11 proceedings last Thursday.

Robert Brown, attorney for Wilkinson, has said that Wilkinson's financial difficulties with eampus.com have caused creditors to ask for the filing of the bankruptcy petition.

Howard signed an order giving Wilkinson temporary protection from creditors.

Wilkinson will be left in control of his

businesses.

Robert G. Sable, an attorney who represents The United Co., in Bristol, Va., Wilkinson's largest known creditor, believed the creditors had a victory by forcing Wilkinson to submit to bankruptcy court supervision.

Sable will ask that a trustee be appointed to oversee Wilkinson as he develops a plan to reorganize and pay off debts.

Wilkinson last Monday provided the court with a list of his 20 largest unsecured creditors, which include R. David Thomas, owner of Wendy's Restaurants, and the Autry Qualified Trust, which is affiliated with the

estate of Gene Autry, the late cowboy actor.

Wilkinson is to provide a list of his assets and debts to the court within 15 days.

The campus bookstore has also had financial difficulties and is currently in arrears to students in the amount of \$202,500 and to the district in the amount of just less than \$50,000, according to Peter Hardash, vice president of business services.

"The bookstore has not paid its creditors since last June, July and August," Hardash said.

As to if the bookstore will be filing bankruptcy, Hardash also stated, "It's a matter of

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Team puts Harmon under microscope

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The presidential search committee, which is investigating possible candidates for the position of president of Cerritos College, traveled to Adirondack Community College in Queensbury, N.Y., to visit the campus of candidate Dr. Jane Harmon.

Harmon is currently on leave as president of Adirondack Community College.

The search committee traveled Tuesday and will spend Wednesday interviewing administrators, faculty, and support staff at the campus.

Harmon is the sole candidate for the position since Dr. James Middleton withdrew from the race on Jan. 29.

The committee will make a recommendation as to if Cerritos College should offer the position to Harmon at the next board of trustees meeting, which is scheduled for Feb. 21 at 5:00 p.m.

The board is meeting earlier than its regularly scheduled time of 7 p.m. because if the board decides to offer Harmon the position, it

wants to start negotiations and possibly announce a new president by the end of the meeting.

Choosing Harmon is not the only option.

The committee may also choose to restart the entire selection process.

Board President Cheryl Epple previously stated to the Talon Marks that the board is not required to follow any rules or regulations in the selection of the new president.

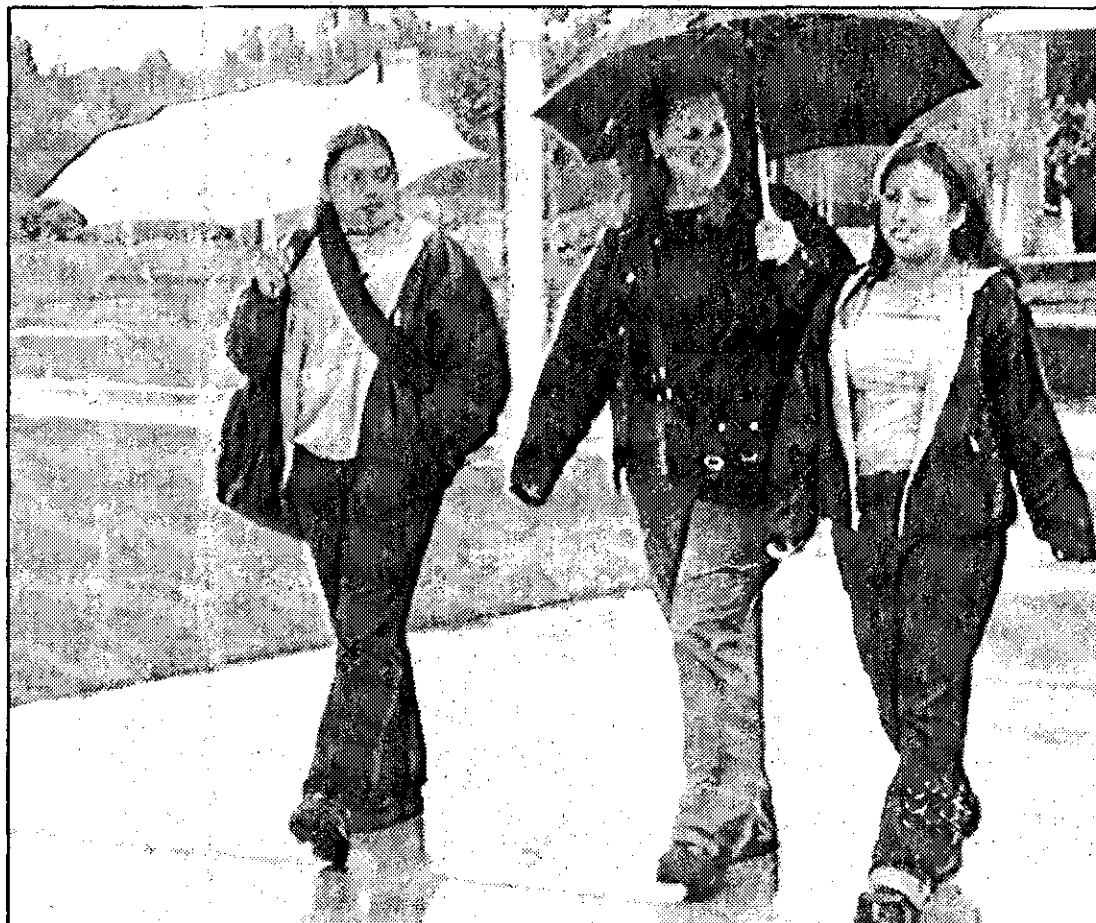
One of the options could be to offer the position to Interim President Morgan Lynn.

The Talon Marks published an article on Harmon in its Feb. 7 issue. The article also appeared on the Talon Marks web site.

Former employees of ACC posted comments at the end of the article.

Richard Mates, former ACC faculty member, posted a message reading, "Watch out for her!!"

Linda Davidson, former ACC support staff member, also posted a comment stating, "Think long and hard about this candidate."



RAINDROPS KEEP FALLING — Students try to avoid getting soaked during a walk across campus. The unseasonable cold and rainy weather drenched the campus during the last week.

Claudia Valdez/TM

Stage 3 alerts still here

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Cerritos College campus is still being affected by Stage Three power alerts, according to discussions at the Board of Trustees' meeting held on Feb. 7.

The board discussed such matters as what should be turned off first in a Stage Three alert, and what short-term and long-term changes can be made on campus to lower our electric bills.

Toni Ann Sallade, facilities scheduling coordinator, presented the board with a list of energy-saving suggestions that the classified personnel on campus suggested.

One suggestion included powering down the Pepsi machines on campus from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. and disconnecting the lights inside the machines.

Other suggestion included consolidating all Saturday classes into one building, alternating work schedules, lowering room temperatures by five degrees, and turning off the reader board on Alondra all or some of the time.

The campus has accumulated exorbitant fines since last summer. Prior to Oct. 1, the campus had incurred and paid \$250,000 in penalties.

Peter Hardash, vice president of student services, foresaw that the college was incurring the debt, and he allotted money for the penalties to be figured into the school's budget.

The school was not prepared for the fines it has been incurring since Oct. 1.

The school had incurred over \$1 million in penalties. Some have been paid, and the California Public Utilities Commission has suspended some.

Board of Trustee member Dorothy Carrae was concerned if the fines the campus had incurred were suspended or forgiven.

"More fines are potentially out there for us," Carrae commented.

Carrae was also concerned that board members were not told of the fines by the administration.

"If we were sitting here facing

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Scholarship applications now available

BY CARMEN ALVIZURES
FEATURE EDITOR

Various scholarships in different areas and with different requirements are now available to the students of Cerritos College.

Those students who are interested can go to the Financial Aid Office, call ext. 2370 for more information or visit www.cerritos.edu/financialaid/scholarship.htm.

"Any student who is enrolled here can apply for a scholarship," says Jamie Quiroz, financial aid accounting technician.

According to Quiroz, students should be willing to work for scholarships. "It's a lot of work," Quiroz emphasizes, "and it's time consuming."

Among other requirements, a GPA of 2.0 or higher is required.

Maria Guevara, a last semester student, has an appointment with Quiroz.

"You have to look for it yourself," Guevara says about scholarships.

Pointing out that without scholarships and financial aid she will

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Stage 3 alerts still hit campus

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these kinds of penalties, why wasn't the information brought to us?" Carfrae asked.

Morgan Lynn, interim president of Cerritos College, stated "The board of trustees found out at the same time the administration did."

Cheryl Epple, board of trustee president, acknowledged that the board knew of the summer penalties.

"We didn't know we would impose penalties any other time than summer," Epple stated.

Epple also added that there was no publicity about the power shortage until consumers were told to turn on their Christmas lights after 8 p.m. in December.

Lynn apologized to the board and said it was part of the budgeting process.

John Moore, board of trustee member, said, "We didn't realize the amount of the impact. This has been a learning experience for all of us. Thank goodness we found out when we did."

Epple felt that the board should have been notified when the college was not allowed to withdraw from the I-6 rate in October.

The rate gives the college a 20 percent discount on its electric bill in exchange for an agreement that it will turn off or interrupt its power when asked to do so by Edison.

Epple felt the college should have been involved in legal action as far back as last October.

According to Hardash, the CPUC had the regulatory authority to do what they did.

Hardash also contacted legal counsel, who advised the campus that "it did not have a legal leg to stand on."

"When you can't go to law, you go to politics," Ted Edmiston, board of trustee member, said.

"We didn't have that opportunity," Epple said. "We only found out by accident about the penalties."

Carfrae added, "For some reason, the administration felt they could handle it or had budgeted enough, but we needed to know."

The board was also concerned that at the Special Meeting held on Jan. 30, Edison had promised that

Cerritos College would be notified of the amount of our current bill.

Edison never provided the information.

Board members believe that Edison purposely did not provide the information to the college.

From Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, the college incurred \$798,080.39 in fines. In January alone the campus has incurred \$556,000 in fines.

According to Bob Arthur, Edison said that the money that was being received by Edison was being used to pay off bonds and costs.

"I am anxious to see what happens when PG&E and Edison get audited," Arthur added.

"They are going to raise our rates to pay all of these costs. It will be on our heads' after all," Epple said.

The Talon Marks sponsored a contest for students to have input on how to conserve energy on campus.

The paper had two \$50 gift certificates to Wallace's Bookstore as prizes. We received only six entries.

The winners are Gabriela Silva and Mary Jane Villalobos. Winners are encouraged to pick up their certificates as soon as possible, due to the possible closing of the bookstore on Feb. 28.

Silva had quite a few suggestions including having clubs meet off campus at beaches or parks.

The clubs could keep logs on how much energy they saved the school, and the club that saved the most energy at yearend would receive a plaque.

Silva also recommended placing posters around school to remind students to conserve, having the student center close down maybe one day a week and having people eat on the tables outside, and improving maintenance in the heating and cooling systems on campus.

She also suggested changing dirty filters and using lower wattage light bulbs.

Villalobos suggested installing solar panels on flat-roofed buildings, having a central dimmer switch to dim all lights on campus, and investing in more energy-efficient equipment in the theatre department.



Lakisha Grant and Shamara Seales take a break in the Student Center.

Claudia Valdez/TM

Nunnery: Roaches under control

BY ALLYN MATTOX
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Are roaches invading the student center at Cerritos College?

The answer is "No," according to Wayne Nunnery, director of operations for facilities.

In a Letter to the Editor printed in the Feb. 7 edition of the Talon Marks, student Joyce Kelly wrote that upon turning on the lights in the Women's Student Center restroom, she saw "what seemed to be hundreds of roaches running around."

Nunnery feels the student may be exaggerating.

"We spray the student center once a week," Nunnery said.

"We've had the student center as a whole bombed, which is a total clean out, four times a year.

Nunnery was upset that the student wrote the letter to the Talon Marks without reporting it to the proper people.

"We do everything we possibly can to get rid of roaches, but only if people report them.

"Rather than reporting them, she [Kelly] just wrote a letter to the editor, which really isn't going to get anything done until I know exactly where they are at."

"It would have been simpler to give us a phone call. We would have asked the pest control folks to go right to the area where they have a problem."

"Of course, we will do that now," Nunnery added.

"Anytime you have a lot of deliveries in cardboard boxes, that is how they get into a place."

Melissa Swank, student center manager agrees.

"In the food industry, you may occasionally see one, but we don't have problems with them in the food. We don't have problems with them showing up all over the place."

Swank also said that students who have any complaints should either contact her at her office, which is located in the rear of the

game room, or leave a message for her.

"I encourage people to write down their complaints. I keep a file of them," Swank added.

Both Swank and Nunnery agree that if students want the student center to remain bug free, they need to take more personal responsibility for picking up after themselves.

"We ask that students put their trash in the receptacles, so that we don't have to constantly pick up after them," Swank said.

Nunnery also commented, "If you go into the student center and you sit on the couch where people have stuffed food down between the cushions or have left food all over the floor before the custodians can get there to pick it up, that helps create the problem."

Swank added, "Students should take some responsibility for keeping the student center clean. I can do what I can on my end and I can make sure there are people super-

vising over there, but students have to take some responsibility."

Student Shamara Seales, whose major is nursing, agrees. "In the morning it's pretty clean, but people don't take care of things."

"I don't like roaches, but if people don't clean up, we're going to have them."

Seales also added that while she has not seen any roaches around the student center, she did one time see a mouse jump out of one of the couches.

Lynne Wine, a Psychology major, has seen a roach in the food court. "If [Kelly] saw a roach in the bathroom and I saw one in the food court, maybe there is a problem."

The students both felt that the staff of the student center is doing their part.

"They clean up really quick. If the trash cans are full, they get emptied right away. I see the janitors cleaning up all the time," Wine added.

STUDENT CENTER EVENTS

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not get through college once she transfers, Guevara says that she needs to look for opportunities and not wait for them to come around.

Guevara wants to continue her studies in accounting and, in her opinion, people like Quiroz provide the vital information about scholarships she needs.

"Scholarships are competitive," Guevara says. Guevara is aware that she needs to work on her community service, but her GPA is higher than a 3.0.

She is glad there are places like the Financial Aid Office where she can have a one-on-one talk with someone regarding scholarships.

Among the resources available, Quiroz mentioned the Cerritos College Foundation, the Re-

Entry Resource Program and the Scholars' Honors Program. Depending upon each student's situation, one of these could be the right fit.

In addition, counselors are always there to help students and guide them.

There are also workshops available throughout the academic year. Students can stop by the Writing Resource Center to have their essays checked or, as Quiroz points out, students can contact their former or current English professors.

Basing her insight on the experience she has acquired by working closely with students, Quiroz states that students sometimes skip over information in applications to later learn that they are "not meeting (the scholarship's) requirements."

"Another pitfall is procrastinating," Quiroz adds.

Over at the library, Lorraine Gersitz points to a section within the reference area that pertains only to scholarships.

"We do get a lot of students," Gersitz says. She points out that while the books in the reference section are current and cannot be checked out, old versions of these are available to students in the stacks.

Nearby the reference section, Susana Lopez, second semester student, uses a computer for research.

"Scholarships," she says, "have a lot of requirements..." However, she adds, "at the university level, scholarships lessen the loans."

Bookstore vendor in financial trouble

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any minute now. They are no longer being extended credit by their publishers."

Hardash stated that the Lexington headquarters have not notified the Cerritos College bookstore that they are in bankruptcy.

Wallace's contract with Cerritos College expires on Feb. 28.

Hardash has contacted Barnes and Noble College Bookstores and Follett Corporation and will meet with representatives from both on Feb. 21 in San Francisco.

Dr. Erlinda Martinez, vice president of student services, has confirmed that Cerritos College is in the process of hiring a Kentucky attorney in the matter.

Martinez stated the campus signed a three-year contract with the bookstore, with an option

to extend the contract an additional two years.

One of the concerns is that books for the fall semester need to be ordered in March and April.

"We are trying to have them go on a month-to-month agreement until this matter is settled," Martinez said.

Bookstore manager Corrie Thibodeaux stated, "There are some problems with a company that files for bankruptcy of having money available to get things in, but I have plans in place to at least keep on hand things we are selling every day."

"Corrie and his staff are doing a fabulous job," Hardash stated, "And I have talked to the competitors to see if they would be willing to pick up the current staff as their employees and have them continue."

Beverly McChesney, a Wallace's College

Book Company employee in Kentucky, said that students at Cerritos College would not be affected by the bankruptcy.

"It's business as usual," she stated.

Hardash stated that Wallace's was originally chosen by the school because it was a small business and felt "we would mean something to Wallace."

He also stated that the impending bankruptcy filings came as a surprise to officials on campus. Also affecting the bookstore is the fact that the campus owes Wallace's Bookstore money for the bookstore remodel three years ago.

Wallace's amortized the cost of the improvements over a five-year period. The campus still owes the bookstore money for the last two years of the agreement.

Carmen Alvizures and Claudia Valdez contributed to this story

Women's tennis team now 3-0

BY ARMANDO BROWN
STAFF WRITER

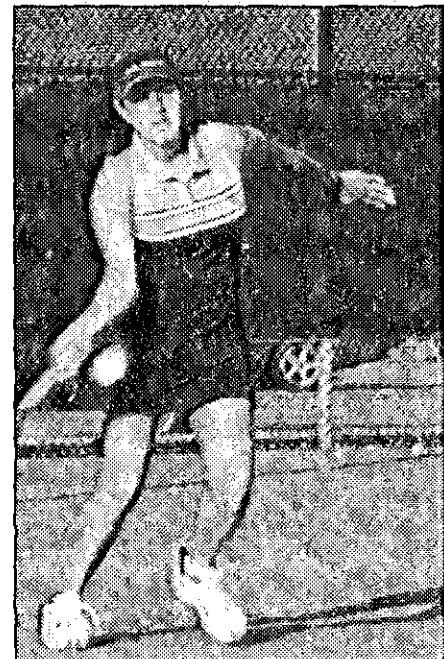
The women's tennis coaching staff is very excited about this year's team.

In their first three matches of the season, they have waged like an uncontrollable wildfire destroying everything in its path.

So far, they have burned Ventura 9-0, downed Mt. Sac 8-1, and smothered Compton 9-0.

They are ranked fifth in the state and blazing toward number one.

By coach Terry Button's own admis-



Armando Brown/TM
Mayra Mariscal gets some practice time in after Cerritos defeated Compton. Along with Dora Prado, she won her doubles match, 8-0.

sion, she describes herself as "usually a modest person," and not prone to make overly optimistic predictions about her teams.

However, after having coached at Cerritos for 10 years, she says, "potentially, this is my best team."

Going into their first match of the season against Ventura, Button says that she knew she had a good group of players, but she just was not sure how they would perform during competition.

But as she, and assistant coach Tim Parchman observed the match, she said, "It just hit us that, 'Hey, you know, this is our first match, and our team is good.'"

Button always talks about her team's toughness, and it was on display as her number one player, Dora Prado, who has a wrist injury, insisted on playing, and was able to persevere long enough to defeat Ventura's number one player 6-3, 7-5.

According to Parchman, the whole team played great, but he could not hide his excitement over the play of Mayra Mariscal saying, [She] could have played in the Australian Open that day and beaten anybody. Mariscal won in straight sets.

He also said that Lara Yutriaga's match "was unreal. It was less than 30 minutes, when I looked up I was like 'what happened? How did the match turn out?'"

Actually, it was 55 minutes, and she won 6-1, 6-0.

In describing her performance, Yutriaga said, "I noticed that [my opponent] couldn't return her backhand, so when I found her weakness, I just tried to

put the ball there, and she couldn't return it."

Jeanette Manzo, Jessica Colacho and Kowani Collins (who won 6-0, 6-0) rounded out the destruction.

The doubles teams of Prado and Mariscal, Yutriaga and Arrogante, and Manzo and Colacho also won.

Coach Button has good reason to be excited about this year's team.

Button explained that as a norm, tennis players are slotted into six positions, with the best player being slotted number one, the next best player being number two, and the rest of the players slotted according to their abilities in descending order.

"At the community college level, your number six is a real beginner, your best player is number one. But our number six is not even a beginner."

"We could take our number four, five and six... they're all number fours. Our one through three, are all number one players."

"So it looks pretty good when you've got your top three players all at number one ability, and your four through six are all at number four ability."

By the time the Falcons had defeated Mt. Sac in their second match 8-1, the coach's enthusiasm had grown.

Only Prado, who was still struggling with an injury, lost her match.

Although, with the help of Mariscal, Prado picked up a doubles win.

Manzo and Colacho also won their matches, while Mariscal at number three, and Yutriaga at number five both won 6-0, 6-0.

Arrogante and Yutriaga won their doubles match 8-3, and Collins and

Jennifer Herzog paired up at the number three spot and won 8-5.

In their third match, the Falcons hosted Compton, who was fielding their first team in over ten years, and only brought four players.

In about an hour-and-a-half, Prado, Manzo, Yutriaga and Collins had all won their singles matches 6-0, 6-0, and the doubles teams of Prado/Mariscal and Arrogante/Yutriaga had both won their matches 8-0.

In singles play, Colacho and Herzog each won by default, and in doubles the team of Manzo/Colacho also won by default.

Button thinks this year's team could be better than last year's, and that could mean big things for this group.

Last year's team finished the regular season tied for first in conference with Pasadena and Marymount.

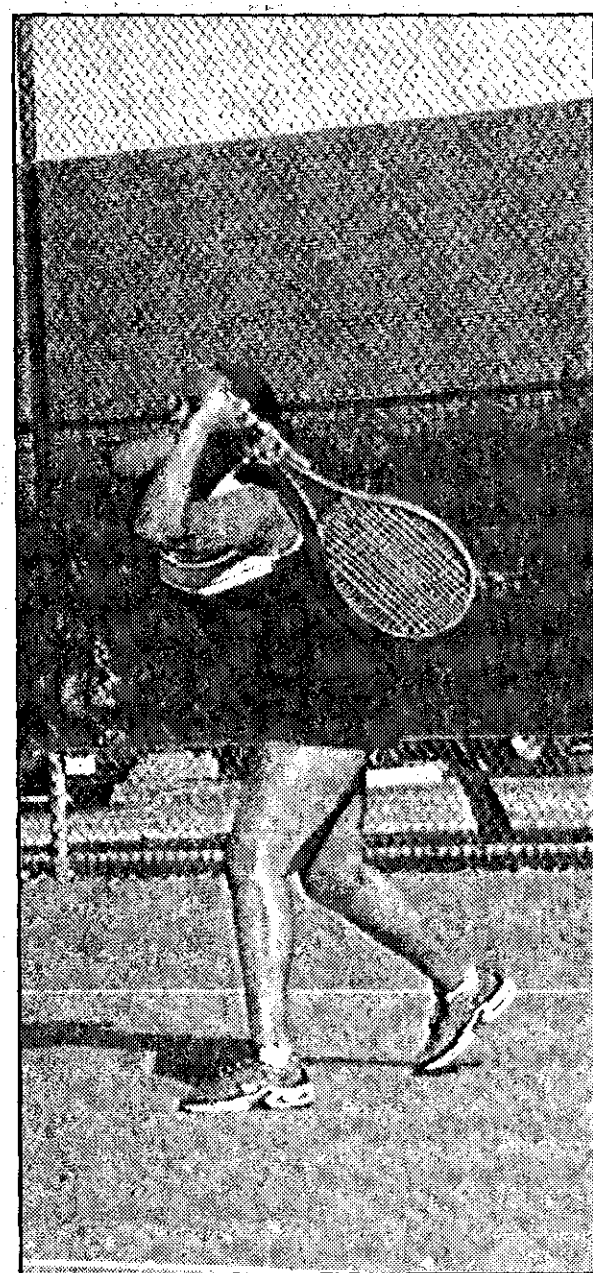
In the post season, the unranked Falcons made it all the way to the state championships, where they defeated seventh ranked Riverside in the first round.

It finally took number two-ranked Cuesta to stop Cerritos in the second round.

In doubles, it took the number one ranked pair from Southwestern to stop Prado and Mariscal.

Assistant Coach Tim Parchman said, "I knew when Mayra and Dora first got here (last year) that we were going to win conference, and I challenged them to do it. This year the challenge is to go to state."

Parchman completely shares Coach Button's confidence it this year's team. He said, "I'll take these girls against anybody."



Armando Brown/TM
Kowani Collins returns a serve by Tamika Brown of Compton. Collins went on to win her match, 6-0, 6-0.

Track: SCC relays

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Women's discus thrower Charrell Bennett placed seventh when she threw for 96 feet and three inches. Sitilai Fransella threw for 96 feet and placed eighth.

Brian Cresser ran the men's 500-meters in 19:34.52.

In the women's 4x800 the Falcons placed second with a time of 11:07.10.

In the men's 4x800 the Falcons placed fifth at 8:59.

Cerritos won the women's 4x200 at 1:52.08.

In the women's 4x400 the Falcons finished at 3:29:33 for fifth place.

The Falcons' "B" team placed second in the men's 4x400 at 3:28.91.

Coach Jeff Clingan said it was an outstanding performance in the team's first meet. "We came out injury free."

"Helen Leau made an outstanding mark that put her in top of the South Coast Conference. Lilly Perez improved in javelin. All the coaches are pleased with the team's performance."

Leau said, "We are going to have a good season."

Runner Karen Espinoza said that the team is strong. "I love this team."

"We are going to rock."

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(Casey Stengel Tournament)

Saturday - 12 p.m.

Home vs. Bakersfield

(Casey Stengel Tournament)

Sunday - 11 a.m.

Home vs. El Caimino

(Casey Stengel Tournament)

Sunday - 2 p.m.

Home vs. Mendocino

(Casey Stengel Tournament)

Feb. 21 - 2 p.m.

at Glendale

Feb. 22 - 2 p.m.

Home vs. Oxnard

Feb. 23 - 2 p.m.

Home vs. Glendale

GOLF

Wednesday - 12 p.m.

vs. Orange Coast and Cypress

at Rio Hondo CC

Tuesday - 11 a.m.

vs. Mt. San Antonio

at El Prado CC

Feb. 21 - 12 p.m.

vs. Long Beach and Cypress

at Navy Course, Cypress

SOFTBALL

Thursday - 3 p.m.

at Long Beach

Tuesday - 3 p.m.

at Mt. San Antonio

Feb. 22 - 3 p.m.

Home vs. Irvine Valley

(Dedication of Nancy Kelly Field)

Feb. 23 - 3 p.m.

at East L.A.

Feb. 24 - 12 and 2 p.m.

at Santa Barbara

Feb. 26 - 3 p.m.

Home vs. Mt. San Antonio

SWIMMING

Tuesday - 12 p.m.

Southern California

Conference Diving at El Camino

Feb. 21 - 12 p.m.

Southern California

Conference Relays at El Camino

Feb. 23 - 2:30 p.m.

at Pasadena

MEN'S TENNIS

Thursday - 2 p.m.

at L.A. City

Tuesday - 2 p.m.

Home vs. Long Beach

Feb. 22 - 2 p.m.

at Marymount

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thursday - 2 p.m.

Home vs. Marymount

Tuesday - 2 p.m.

at Pasadena

Feb. 22 - 2 p.m.

Home vs. Long Beach

Feb. 23 to 25 - All Day

at Southwestern Tournament

Feb. 27 - 2 p.m.

at L.A. Southwest

TRACK AND FIELD

Saturday - 12 p.m.

Long Beach Relays

at Long Beach State

Feb. 24 - 9 a.m.

Cerritos Invitational

at Cerritos

TRACK AND FIELD

Falcons' goal is to get to state meet

BY DAVID AMEZCUA

STAFF WRITER

To find out how the men women are going to in track and field, you have to look at last year's performance.

Last year the Falcon relay team finished second.

Falcons' long distance runner Hugo Torres said, "I want to give 1000 percent of what my body can offer."

"The team is ready for the season. The reason why I say this is because, we work hard, we practice hard, and meet our goals, what ever they might be."

"The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary."

"We will not lose faith, meaning within ourselves, because without faith there is no hope."

Coach Jeff Clingan, who works with the jumpers, said that a key Falcon returning from last year is long jumper Derrick Anderson.

Anderson was a finalist in the state meet, where he jumped 24 feet, one inch. He also competes in the triple jump.

Other long jumpers to watch, according to Clingan, are Chrystle King, Isaiah Thomas and Victor Alcala, who jumped six feet six inches in high school, and Andrew Phillips, who also competes in the high jump.

Clingan said, based on the team's experience, "I see a lot of potential on this team. They have been around track a lot."

King said, "I feel a lot of potential on this team for this season. I think the team is ready for the season."

"We have fresh minds, fresh bodies. We have been working very hard."

Thomas said "the team is going to be going to

be surprising, because we got a lot of talent on this team."

Assistant coach Darryl Gilliams, who works with the 400 and 800-meter runners and the hurdlers, said, "If the team stays focused we will have a great season."

"I think the team is ready for the season, because our training was great."

"On the women's side we have a 4x4 relay team that took second place last year, and we are returning three people (Aisha Harris, Orenda Talton, and June Martinez) from that team."

"We also added a very talented group of freshmen."

Charles Allgood, who runs 200 and 400-meters and the relay, said, "I think we are going to start off slow, because we need to build up, meaning we need to get stronger. The freshmen need to get more practice."

Coach Doug Wells works with the sprinters in the 100, and 200-meters, and the 1600 and 400 relay teams. He said the team should be one of the best in the state.

"I say this based on their performance in practice. We are not 100 percent ready for the season based on the performance in practice."

"The women should be in the top seven statewide. The men should be in the top seven in the state."

Charrell Bennett competes in the shot put, discus, and hammer. She said, "Our women are very competitive and are prepared to throw far, because we are mentally prepared and we have high confidence to go all the way."

Jason Rudison, who runs in the 100 and 200-meters and the relay, said, "We've got good freshmen. We have a lot of speed."

"What makes me think that the team is pre-

pared for the season is their work ethic, meaning everybody gives 100% percent in practice."

"That's what we need in order to win."

Antonio Hyman, who runs the 100 and 200-meters, said, "I think the team is ready for the season, because we work hard, and we're always in the weight room four times a week."

"We help motivate each other in practice, and we push each other."

"We've got to keep our heads up, meaning staying positive. For example, not getting upset when we lose."

Coach Danny Tapia works with the pole-vaulters. He said, "I think we are going to have good pole-vaulters this year, because they are strong. But I will not be able to tell how good they will be until the second week of the season."

"The team will be ready for the season, because in the fall the training was good."

He added, "Andrew Phillips will be in the top three in the state."

He also said that he has two good women pole-vaulters, "Lily Perez being one of them. In practice she has jumped nine feet."

"Diana Polomara is the other one. Her performance is good. She will get to the state meet."

"It's her first time pole-vaulting, but she has no trouble learning. Patrick Enquist jumped 14 feet six inches in high school."

"I think by the fourth week of the season he will be in the state meet."

Coach Michael Allen, who works with the women, said, "We have a young team, but I am having the young people on the team step up."

"We are 60 percent ready for the season, because we got a lot of things to work on. We need the school to support us."

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Take a campus expedition

BY CARMEN ALVIZURES
FEATURE EDITOR

I want to be part of an expedition. No, I do not watch "Survivor" and I am not talking about actually hiking to some far-off place. I am talking about our campus. Cerritos College. The one you and I come to every day (or almost every day).

Being a reporter for the Talon Marks has helped me discover some places of the campus I had no idea existed.

I was trained, if you will, to walk to my classes, the library, the food places, back to my classes, and home...no, not home...sorry.

But you know what I mean, I believe that term in Psychology is called "classical conditioning."

We, as a society, have been accustomed to certain routines. The more we repeat these routines, the harder it is to brake them or do anything outside of them.

To paraphrase Britannica Online our responses become more frequent and/or more predictable in a given environment as a result of reinforcement. (That environment = our campus).

Have you walked from the parking lot to your class without even realizing it? That is just what I am talking about.

When I took Psychology, I thought that the whole theory of classical conditioning was just meant for some people.

I was wrong. The other day, I went to the library to "study" and glanced at the clock every so often to see when to get up and go to class.

The next thing I remember, I walked out of the library and before you knew it, I was in my seat ready for lecture to begin.

Of course, there are some days when you do not want to look around and see what is happening.

I have had ostrich days myself, but, when we do have time to stop and actually see our surroundings, we may be pleasantly surprised.

By reinforcing our habitual practices, we will never know what this campus has to offer. And I am not saying we should all start right away and do it all at once.

No, that would be counterpro-

ductive and rather tiring.

I am saying, the next time you see that dance class step in unison to the rhythm of a Celia Cruz song, why not stop and look?

How about those music people rehearsing over by the Music Department? Have you heard the way they rehearse? You would think you were in a concert, sitting in the front row, listening to Bach himself.

If you ever walk by Lot C-10, you will think you are part of an ER episode, but that is just all the Nursing Department students trying to make our world a healthier one, thank you.

In which case, if you happen to pass by AC-42 and see a lot of red-eyed people working like there is no tomorrow with their attention fixated on the Macs in front of them...that's just the newspaper staff.

If I did not mention your department that is because I am still exploring.

EDITORIAL

Give us a chance

Every week it's our job to comment to our readers about what is going on around campus.

Today we're doing something different. We want to talk to our readers about us, the Talon Marks Staff.

This semester it is our goal to provide you, the readers, with accurate news on current topics.

We can't do it without your help.

There are those on campus who, when we try to interview them, will tell us, "I don't want to talk to you. You misquoted me the last time I talked to you."

Many of us are new to the paper this semester.

We haven't talked to many of you in the past. If you were misquoted before, reporters this semester did not do the writing.

We do, however, understand why you are upset.

We would like to ask for another chance.

We also ask for your feedback.

If we get our facts wrong or if we misquote you, we want to know.

Stop by the Talon Marks Office and we will be happy to speak with you. If you write a letter to the editor, we will print it.

We are students and we are learning, while we are trying to give you a quality newspaper.

So the next time we ask to speak with you, please give us the courtesy of an interview.

If we do something you don't like, let us know, and if we do something you do like, let us know that, too. Remember it is our job to report the news, not make the news.

Letters to the Editor

Good coverage on president search

To Talon Marks Staff:

You are to be commended for your coverage of the fiasco that has become the Cerritos Presidential Election.

Your dedication to our

school is greatly appreciated.

Keep up the good work.

I look forward to the next issue.

Respectfully,
Richard Arias

Letter Policy

All letters must be accompanied by the writer's name, signature, address and telephone number. If the letter is from a student, the Talon Marks prefers to know the student's major and year in college or any other significant identification, such as president of the honor society.

CAMPUS COMMENT

Do you think Valentine's Day has been turned into a money making holiday?

By Armando Brown
Photos by Armando Brown

"Valentine's Day is just another day. Love comes every day. There shouldn't be just one particular day that you love someone."

CLAY SHUFORD,
MUSIC



"It's only a money making holiday if you have a partner who is materialistic."

JUAN HERNANDEZ,
COMMUNICATIONS



"Because people buy things for the ones they love, I don't think it's a money making thing."

JENNIFER GARBBER,
WEIGHTLIFTING



"It's a little bit of both. On average, most people do it for show. For those who mean it, it will really mean something."

RAVINDAR BRAR,
COMMUNICATIONS



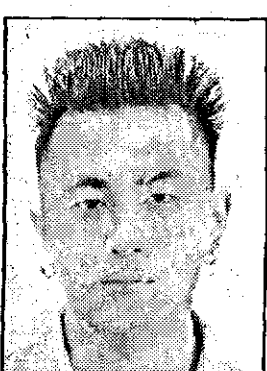
"I think it's a money making holiday. But I think it has a little bit of inexpensive romanticism."

SHAMARA SEALES,
NURSING



"I think it's a money making [holiday] because the ladies expect expensive gifts and want us to take them to expensive places."

WILL KIM,
UNDECIDED



"I think it's a big money scheme. But I still see the meaning behind it. It's up to the person."

GEORGE GRANADOS,
ART



"Yes, it's just to make money. You can show love everyday."

LETICIA BARBOSA,
UNDECIDED

