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Board chooses Harmon

BY ALLYN MATTOX
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Dr. Jane Harmon, the sole remaining candidate in the search for a new Cerritos College president, has been selected to fill the position, Board of Trustee President Cheryl Epple announced at Tuesday's board meeting.

After almost four hours of a closed session meeting, Epple announced to a sparse audience, "The board has met in closed session and voted 6-0-1, with one abstention from Mary Loya, to make an offer to Jane Harmon."

"We have directed Steve Helfgot to call her and advise her that we would be making her an offer. She accepted subject to our negotiations and negotiations will be starting tomorrow between our attorney and her attorney."

The board then announced that six board members and Student Body President Constantin Rosenbauer all voted in favor of offering the position to Harmon.

Board Member Loya abstained. Once the matter is negotiated, the board will call a special meeting and make the formal announcement that Harmon has been hired.

"We will have another meeting to discuss the contract. We don't know when that will be," Epple added.

Earlier in the evening, the board acknowledged that Harmon did make the trip to California as planned to meet with the board members she had not previously met.

During her visit Harmon had a variety of breakfast and dinner meetings with individual board members.

The entire board met with Harmon for a dinner meeting at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel on Feb. 27.

Board Vice President Bob Verderber acknowledged that he spent a day at the Long Beach Aquarium.

The selection process started last June. Harmon was one of four finalists selected from a pool of approximately 25 applicants.

The board narrowed the field to two finalists, Dr. James Middleton, current president of College of Marin in Northern California, and Harmon.

Middleton withdrew from the race in January, stating personal reasons for his withdrawal.

Harmon had come under scrutiny for being ousted from her position as president of Adirondack Community College in Queensbury, N.Y.

She has been on leave from the college since last April, when the Board of Trustees placed her on administrative leave after an investigation.

The board found that although Harmon had followed the board's directives for the college, she needed to improve her relationship with the faculty.

People were unhappy with Harmon's "top-down autocratic style of leadership," according to Michael Kerman, the faculty president.

Administrators, faculty and support staff all complained the Harmon didn't acknowledge disagreement with her ideas and failed to treat employees with respect.

A student at a board meeting also criticized Harmon for using students only for photo opportunities and not having an open door policy with students.

In April 2000, the faculty association and support staff union both cast votes of "no confidence" in her and all nine ACC division heads called for her ouster.

At a meeting in August 2000, the Adirondack Community College board stated unsatisfactory job performance as the reason for failing to renew Harmon's contract.

Harmon was placed on administrative leave until August 2001.



DR. JANE HARMON



Hoe Down Days set next week

BY CLAUDIA VALDEZ
STAFF WRITER

Students will have the chance to participate in the 22nd annual Hoe Down Days on next week in various locations around campus.

The campus quad will be transformed into a western-like carnival on Tuesday beginning at 10 a.m., and everyone is welcome to enjoy the entertainment.

There will be about 20 campus clubs in the quad participating in this event. The money raised by each club is theirs to keep.

"We are doing this to have a good time. It's a good fundraiser and at the same time we socialize with other organizations," said Maria Delara, president of Alpha Gamma Sigma.

The clubs will be involved in a variety of carnival booths, such as the lime-a-lime, duck races and a popcorn booth.

The cosmetology, department will be providing inexpensive ser-

vices to the students and a dunk tank will also be at the carnival with all of its proceedings going to the Associated Students of Cerritos College scholarships.

There will also be a couple of climbing rocks that are about 50 feet high, character artists, musicians and a puppeteer.

"Also on Tuesday, in the evening there will be entertainment and Arby's sandwiches in the social sciences quad at 6 p.m.," said Dean Ackland, coordinator of student activities.

On Wednesday, there will be the chili cook-off and the Mr. Cerritos contest.

The cook-off is a chili contest that all students are encouraged to participate in. Judges include faculty and past administrators.

The participants of the cook-off are encouraged to be in the Student Center with their chili at about 10 a.m.

The judging will begin at about 10:30 a.m. After the judging is completed, everyone is welcome to go and try out all the contestants' chili.

Also on Wednesday, there will be the Mr. Cerritos contest. Clubs choose a male member to represent their club and the "lucky" man will participate in a variety of categories, including a swim suit competition.

The contest will begin at 11 a.m.

To finalize the yearly event, the ASCC will be providing a luncheon and a concert on Thursday. Students with a valid I.D. will receive a lunch made up of chicken, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans and a drink.

A concert will also be held at the Student Center.

"Hoe Down Days will be a great opportunity for all students to socialize and enjoy a few days of activities," said Tim Stavakis, vice president of ASCC.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 'Women play big role in society'

BY CARMEN ALVIZURES
FEATURE EDITOR

Vicki Ruiz gave her keynote address titled "Claiming Public Space: Mexican American Women at Work, Church, and Neighborhood" Tuesday.

"I'll tell you a few stories," the award winning author Chair of the Chicana and Chicano Studies at Arizona State University, began, "stories that we often don't hear about in U.S. history textbooks and those are the stories about Mexican-American women and their colleagues."

The emphasis of Ruiz' address was that Mexican-American women have been active at work, church, and neighborhood.

Ruiz began by talking about Elsa Chavez, a garment worker in the 1970s from El Paso, Texas.

El Paso, Ruiz told the audience, was known as "a minimum wage town."

Chavez, 26 years old in 1972, left her post and joined 4,000 work-

ers to become part of a 22-month strike for seniority rights, higher wages, pension issues, and union recognition.

"Imagine," Ruiz told the audience, "that you have been hired to sew belts."

"In order to get a raise, you must fill a quota of 3,000 belts per day which translates into sewing six belts per minute."

Chavez and her colleagues went through what Ruiz referred to as "collective struggles" where solidarity was key.

As the historical narrative unfolded, Ruiz commented that by picketing, Chavez and other women were exposed to worse treatment than the one they had been faced with before.

In addition, as a result of an 1880 law regarding picket lines, protesters were arrested and given a \$400 bail instead of \$25.

The case became national and the Supreme Court ruled that

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Jocelyn Sampedro, a nurse practitioner, listens to the lungs of Cindy Gamboa, Psychology major.

Health fee increase gets first approval

BY CARMEN ALVIZURES
FEATURE EDITOR

The Student Services Committee approved a proposal for a \$2 increase of the health services fee on Thursday.

As of now, students pay \$10 for their health fees during fall and spring semester and \$5 during the summer session.

The proposal, if implemented this summer, would equal a \$12 charge for fall and spring semesters and \$9 for summer session.

The proposal needs to be approved by the Executive Cabinet and the Senate before going to the Board of Trustees which will be the final group to review the proposal before the approval is made.

California Chancellor of Community Colleges Thomas Nussbaum sent a notice last Monday to Cerritos College stating that the new maximum fee for health services would be \$12.

As for the misinformation circulating about the exact amount of the raised fee, Director of Student

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SENIOR PREVIEW DAY - At the Second Annual Senior Preview Day, Ornamental Horticulture Professor, Frank Yee entertains high school seniors with a magic trick or two.

SENIOR PREVIEW DAY

Volunteers needed for April event

Cerritos College is sponsoring its third annual Senior Preview Day and is seeking participation from clubs and looking for volunteers to work on April 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

The event is an open house, which will introduce high school seniors to academic and vocational programs, student services and student activities on campus.

Divisions, departments, athletics, student activities and student services areas will have two oppor-

tunities to promote their area by staffing a booth in Falcon Square.

Volunteers are also needed to work at the event and will receive a free T-shirt and a free lunch. Students, faculty and support staff are encouraged to sign up as volunteers.

The first year of the preview day, 700 students participated in the event. Last year over 900 students participated.

Students participating are from local high schools such as Norwalk

High School, Whittier High School, Huntington Park High School, Warren High School and John Glenn High School.

Last year's events included mini-classes and tours such as Introduction to Court Reporting, Career Services Center tour, a tour of WPMD - the Cerritos College Radio Station, a Cosmetology Tour and Chef's Training and Professional Baking in the Culinary Arts Division.

In order to participate or to sign

up to volunteer, please contact Shirley Arceo, school relations specialist, by March 16.

She is also available by calling (562) 860-2451 ext. 2129.

...Health fee

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Health Services Charles Gale said, "There might be some confusion."

"Initially, when we presented this [proposal] it was to go to the maximum which at that time was \$11."

"Since we received word last Wednesday and since we received now the official statement which came out on Monday we are to proceed at \$12."

There is also the misconception that the fee is going to be raised as a side effect of the Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waivers.

"We don't really want to align ourselves in saying that this is all directly related to BOGG waivers."

"It's not directly related to BOGG waivers. BOGG waivers are a good thing. Without them, many people couldn't go to school."

"What this is about is having quality student health services and to maintain that and improve our services and add more services that is where that money is going to be used."

"It's going to cost us roughly between \$45,000-\$50,000 a year to have the mental health services here

for 24 hours, Monday through Thursday, six hours a day."

"Those are real numbers. The only way we can do that is to increase the fee," said Gale.

The center has already started additional services since fall of 2000, including walk-in services, routine physicals, immunization programs, and prevention units that promote activities centered on health issues.

The memorandum sent by Chancellor Nussbaum states that "based on calculations the Implicit Price Deflator Index has now increased enough to support a one dollar increase in the student health fees."

"Effective with the Summer Session of 2001," the memo reads, "districts may begin charging a maximum fee of \$12 per semester, \$9 for summer session, \$9 for each intersession of at least four weeks, or \$9 for each quarter."

"I think if people want our services to improve," Gale says, "the way to do that and the way to have a better health center is to raise the fee."

Senior Care on the way

BY FABIAN DUARTE

STAFF WRITER

The Chancellor Village, that broke ground in November of 2000, is continuing to progress. Chancellor Village is the senior care facility that is being built on the northern section of the Cerritos campus.

The spot chosen for the care facility is currently a pile of dirt that seems to be getting bigger and bigger. Trucks loaded with fill are constantly bringing dirt to raise the ground level approximately three feet to meet specifications.

According to Peter Hardash, vice president of business services, some legal matters still need to be taken care of. The developers need a title clearance.

Although it doesn't seem that much is being done on the project, construction is set to begin later this month. Hardash said, "the architects are finishing up the drawings and we are ready and eager to get this milestone construction underway."

Ruiz: 'Women play big role'

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"unfair labor practices" had been practiced in the factory where Chavez worked.

The strike, Ruiz added, led to reveal other deeper issues such as class and race by which the women became aware that the economic value of the case was above their human rights struggle.

Protestant preachers, members of the press, people from the community where hesitant to support them in their struggle because they, according to Ruiz, did not see the urgency of the workers' situation.

Like this story, Ruiz went on to talk about Helen Chavez, wife of United Farm Workers founder Cesar Chavez, who took on a traditional role as a woman by being part of the behind-the-scenes work.

Nevertheless, Ruiz emphasized, contributions made by women such as Chavez, are vital although unrecognized.

The nontraditional role would be that of Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the UFW, she added.

Both roles, however, led women in social struggles to find strength and comfort amongst each other.

For them, there was no separation between family and union.

The Mothers of East Los Angeles, a group that grew out of a local parish in 1984, has had 3,000 supporters, cleaned up graffiti, raised money for scholarships, and changed their families' images by sustaining their beliefs.

Women such as the Mothers of East Los Angeles, Ruiz argued, have achieved economical survival by resisting and taking concrete action in regards to their situations.

For Ruiz, Mexican-American women have been able to be part of their communities and their families without losing their sense of self in the process.

"I learned a lot about Latino women," said Norma Navarro, a Chemistry student. She was one of the students who raised her hand to ask Ruiz a question after the speech.

"Ruiz shared with us that we can make a big impact too."

"I am a parent...I took a lot of notes, I am going to take them to heart," she said smiling.

"My children are going to be the future and at the same time I am going to be their history and I want to make sure I leave an impact or (make) some kind of a change that is going to benefit them."

When Ruiz talked about the manufacturing workers, "I had a little bit of a flashback because my

mother used to work for a garment factory back in Arizona. A lot of women were in sweatshop (conditions)."

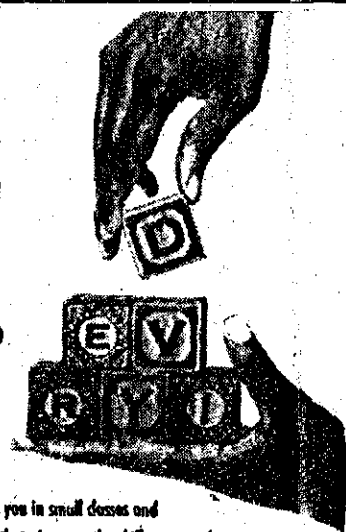
"Being able to speak publicly is amazing."

Professor Ana Torres Bower, coordinator of the Learning Communities Program stayed after to talk with Ruiz.

"I hope that our students become more motivated in examining this history that is beyond the traditional history of textbooks and that it is alive and well," she said.

"I believe that we need to eliminate those paradigms of history that we have from the past and open new books and these books are our lives."

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'Room Service' delivers Thursday

K.C. CARTER
A&E EDITOR

The Theater Department will proudly present its next play production "Room Service" starting Friday. The play will take place in the Burnight Studio Theatre here at Cerritos College.

Other performances will take place on Saturday and March 15, 16, 17, and 18. Evening performances begin at 8 o'clock while the closing performance on March 18 will begin at 2 p.m.

Admission for the play will be \$10 for General Admission and Students and Seniors will be \$7.50.

The play is being directed by Robin Huber who has directed many other plays here at Cerritos College, he is also a staff member here at Cerritos College.

"Room Service" is a hilarious hide and seek comedy, full of physical humor; a typical sitcom today. The play was written in 1937 and has been a crowd pleaser over the years. It is one of those plays that seem to never lose its edge with an audience.

The story line of the play is a Broadway producer and director who are trying to create a new play during the height of the Great Depression. In order to get the play afloat they decide to go to a hotel that is being managed by the producer's brother-in-law.

The brother-in-law lets them stay there based on credit. While they're staying there they decide to hire actors and let them stay in the hotel since they have no way to pay them.

Things are going well until the producer's brother-in-law is going to be audited due to all the people staying there on credit. Now that this has come up the producer and director must find a way to get the play started and come up with the money to save the hotel.

Auditions were held at the beginning of the Spring Semester and ever since the actors and actresses have been rehearsing. This Thursday a special dress rehearsal performance will be put on for anyone who would like a sneak preview of the performance.

Huber says, "These actors have worked really hard for this and we are anticipating a full house; especially for opening night."

Kevin Hoggard a faculty member here at Cerritos College has this to say: "I look forward to seeing this play because everyone has worked really hard for this performance."

The cast of "Room Service," suffered one set back. Lori McCartney a student here at Cerritos College will not be performing.

According to Huber, McCartney declined from the role due to certain circumstances. Carol Manu also a student here at Cerritos College will take her place in the role of the Bank Messenger.

Huber says, "This was just a minor set back, but the show must go on and hopefully with great success."

Martinez spins music around campus

ARMANDO BROWN
ONLINE EDITOR

Have you been to any of Cerritos' basketball games this semester?

How about "Club Information Day" or "Welcome Day?"

If you have, then you probably noticed Ray Martinez, a DJ, who is always at those events playing music for the student's entertainment.

At the college's outdoor events, Martinez can usually be found on the Falcon Square stage, near the Burnight Center Building.

There he can be found playing a wide variety of music that may include disco, oldies, rap, and salsa.

Whenever he is out there, students always seem to hang around talking, mingling and sometimes dancing.

When this particular DJ is here for an event, it becomes much more festive.

On one particular day, Cerritos College student Angel Moreno grabbed a seat near the stage, kicked back, and enjoyed the music.

Moreno said that he liked the wide variety of music the Martinez plays because it's kind of represents the school because it's ethnically diverse.

A little while later, Moreno was pleasantly surprised to hear a salsa song that he recognized.

And said, "This band is from Japan. I like that he chooses international music."

Originally from New York, Martinez has been a DJ for 26 years and says, "I really love what I do."

He says he really enjoys coming to DJ on the campus because "Cerritos College is where I got my start."

Martinez attended Cerritos College and graduated in 1977.

As he tells it, "I got started as a DJ by accident."

As a journalism student, and sports director at the campus radio station, Martinez' job was to read sports results and sports stories over the radio between songs.

One day while at work in the radio station, the manager asked him if he would fill in for the DJ who was going to be out for a few days.

Naturally Martinez said yes, and he was on his way.

During those few days, a buzz started to develop around campus about the new DJ.

The student activities director, who just happened to have a mobile DJ business, liked Martinez and offered him a job.

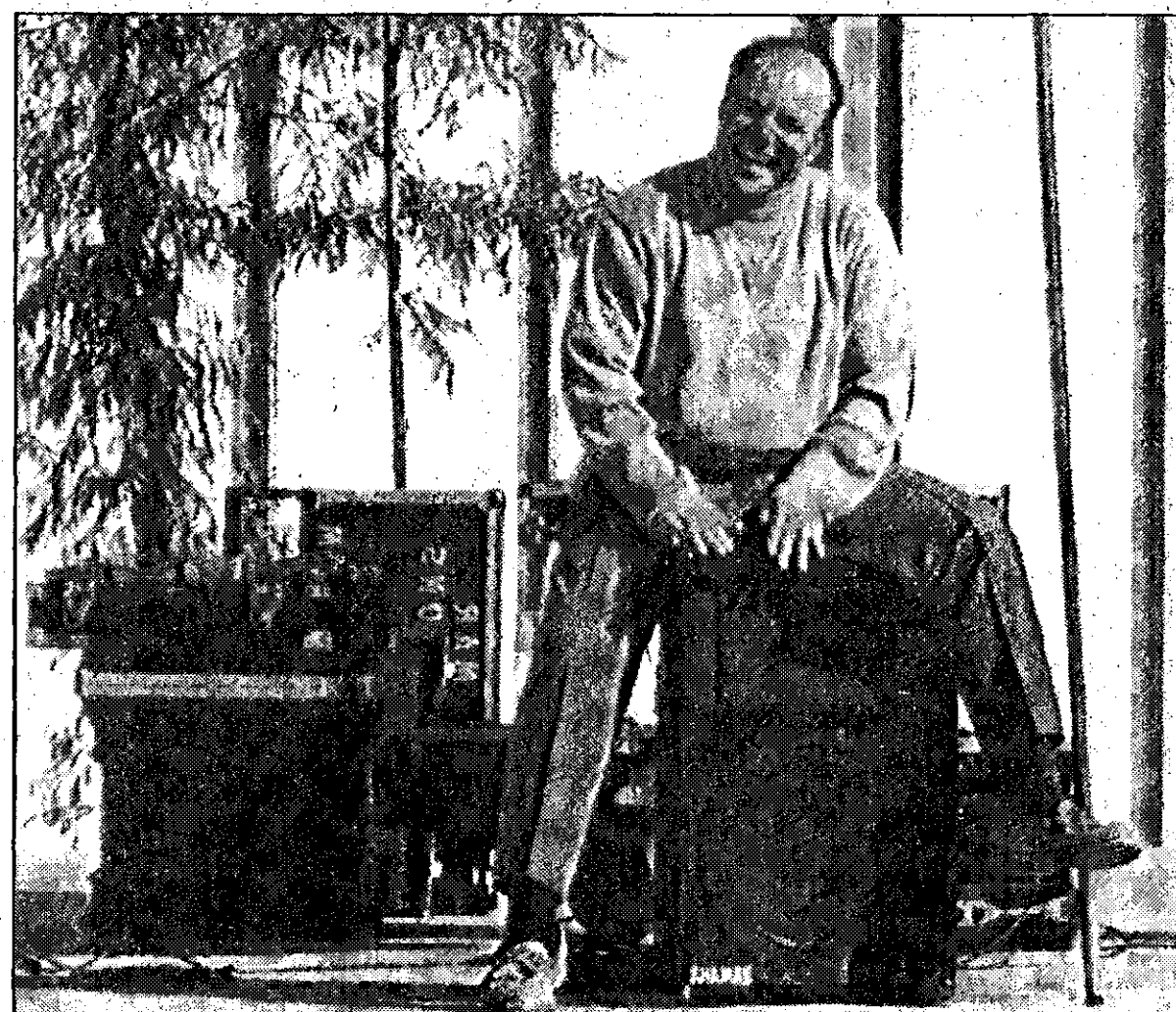
At \$35 a night, Martinez says, "I was working over at Knott's Berry Farm for four dollars an hour... the DJ money was great."

So Martinez took the job, and the rest as they say, is history.

He has come a long way since those days.

Martinez now owns his own DJ business, and he has become known for his work nationally.

Among his many accomplishments, he has served as Vice President of the American Disc Jockey Association, Southern California Chapter, he is the Press Secretary for the American Disc



Armando Brown/TM

PARTY TIME - Ray Martinez smiling and jamming to the beat of the music.

Jockey Association, and he also writes a syndicated column called "Ray's Reviews" in the ADJA News Magazine.

He has also hosted the television broadcast of the American Disc Jockey Awards in Las Vegas.

Martinez says his biggest compliment is when he travels to DJ

conventions around the country, and people come up to him and say, "Hey, Ray Martinez, I've heard of you."

Martinez gives Cerritos College a lot of credit for making him the person he is today.

He says whenever Dean Ackland, Melissa Swank or Trudy Foster from Student Activities call,

he's more than happy to come to the campus.

He even gives them a discount on his regular price, and says, "When I come back here I feel like I'm giving back."

If you would like to contact Martinez, call: (714) 632-9202 or visit his web site at www.djraymar.com.



Courtesy Disney Enterprises

The Recess Gang stake out Third Street School for new info.

Recess bell rings in new Disney flick

BY CARMEN ALVIZURES
FEATURE EDITOR

Think back to your childhood. Looking back, you will circle around for a bit until you land at the playground. You will think of recess.

Recess was that sacred time during a school day when you could be free. But the ultimate recess you would undoubtedly think of is summer vacation right? Well, what if there was no summer vacation?

With that question in mind, Disney launches "Recess: School's Out."

Based on the popular cartoon "Disney's Recess," the movie "Recess: School's Out" has the same idea of adventure we see in the half hour series; only bigger.

Vince, Mikey, Gretchen, T.J., Gus, and Spinelli bring their audacious personalities to the big screen. There is nothing too out of range character wise as it sometimes happens with other movies that are based on cartoons.

T.J. Detweiler, the leader of the pack, is ready for summer until he finds out that all of his pals have plans; that do not include him.

Spinelli, Mikey, Vince, Gretchen and Gus go to camp separately. T.J. is left alone in the town. Detweiler is definitely not having the summer he had in mind.

One day passing by the school, T.J. spots an eerie green light coming from the main building. In trying to get an adult to listen to him,

T.J. gets laughed at by every adult. After tracking Principal Prickly down as his last alternative, the principal and T.J. head down to the school, but after Principal Prickly gets dematerialized, T.J. is back at square one.

Here, one unbearably thinks once more about the gang. Clearly, T.J. needs his buds back in order to investigate further.

This is when the action begins. The gang decides to break into the school and investigate, but they are caught by the bad guys, led by a disgruntled ex-principal, Dr. Philliam Benedict, (played by James Woods), who will stop at nothing in order to get rid of summer vacation once and for all.

In the Boudesque chase that develops, T.J. gets caught and all seems lost, until the gang looks for a leader.

This is what one likes to see, all the kids pulling together and displaying their various abilities. Even Gus puts into practice the leadership skills he never knew he had in him.

There is the issue of the disgruntled ex-principal trying to obliterate summer by repositioning the moon. Though one does have to wonder just how far the imagination has to reach in a situation like this.

The dialogue is there however, and at its best. If you are a kid at heart, go see this movie.

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Cultural Club fund raiser Wednesday

BY ANNA WILINSKI
STAFF WRITER

There is a great opportunity to pick up unique pottery, paintings and literature from distant lands, while support the diversity on campus.

The Cultural Affairs Club is holding a fund raiser in the liberal lobby this Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be arts, crafts, and books for sale at a variety of prices. Donations are also welcome.

The money raised will fund field trips and other club expenses.

Gayle Parks, club president, is very enthusiastic about Cerritos College students getting in touch with the diversity on campus.

She said, "We have so many separate clubs on campus, and I thought it would be good to combine all of the students into one club where they can share with each other."

When asked if she thought the students on our campus segregated themselves from one another, she answered, "No, I think we all work together. It's just that we need to do a lot more of it."

"It is important to learn about our neighbors so that we can understand different customs, and then we are not critical of each other when we come together."

Parks has learned that as our community becomes more diverse, it is helpful, to know about the people who surround and interact with you.

If you would like to share and learn with other Cerritos students, come check out a meeting.

Every first and second Thursday of the month, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in room LA-24.

Lady Falcons advance to State Tourney

BY JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

"Second year in a row."
That was what Falcons' guard Monet Andrews said about a return to the State basketball tournament by the Cerritos women's basketball team.

The Falcons (28-5) are headed to Stockton after defeating College of the Canyons, 77-72 Friday in the third round of the Southern California Regional.

"This time we're going to come home with a ring," said Andrews, who scored 22 points and grabbed eight rebounds. "It was close, but we've got heart and we came out on top."

The Falcons will play San Jose City College, the No. 1 seed in Northern California, Thursday at 8

p.m. at San Joaquin Delta College.

They will make their second straight appearance in the state tournament and third in the last four years.

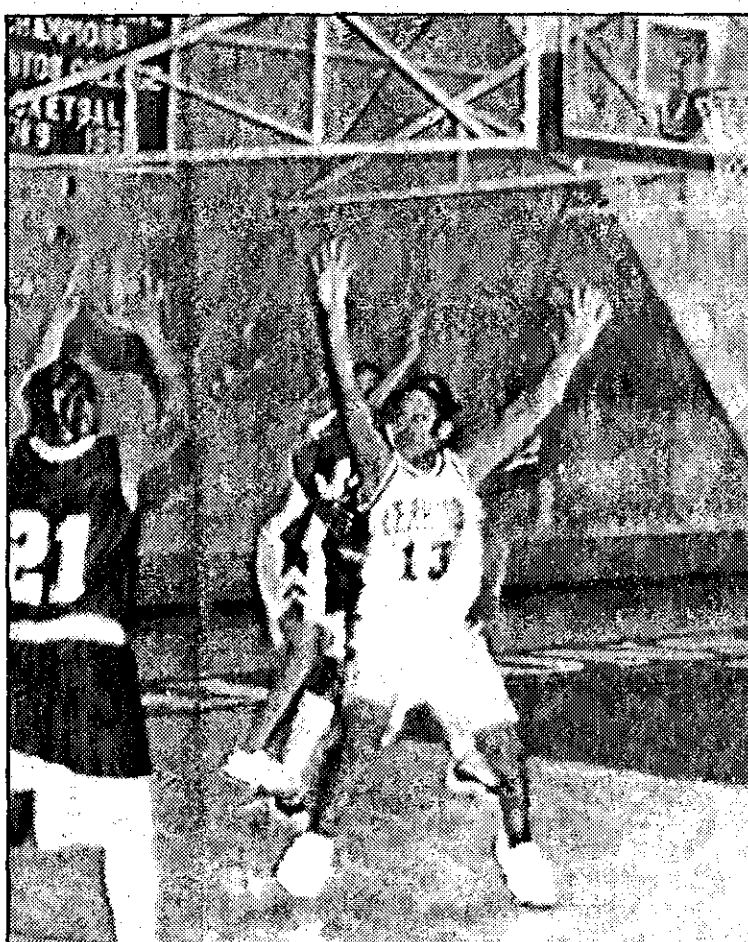
Cerritos used its athleticism and speed to offset the height advantage of the host Cougars (26-7), who had five players 5'11" or taller and scored most of their baskets from inside the lane.

By comparison, the Falcons' tallest player is Monique Harian, who is 5'11".

Falcons' coach Karen Welliver said about going back to state, "It's always a thrill."

"I'm really proud of this team. The effort they showed tonight, and the mental toughness,

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HANDS UP ON DEFENSE - Monet Andrews defends against Ida Abrams of Los Angeles Trade Tech.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REGIONAL Cerritos outlasts L.A. Trade Tech

BY DAVID AMEZCUA
STAFF WRITER

The Cerritos women's basketball team sent Los Angeles Trade Tech packing by beating the Lady Techsters 61-58.

The Falcons went into halftime losing 31-23.

In the second half Andrews tied the score at 41 a piece, and she scored again making the score 44-43.

Falcons' forward Singleton made the score 55-48 Tech, and Tori Stewart scored to bring the Falcons to within one point, 56-55.

Andrews went all the way to give the Falcons the lead, 57-56. Nicole Bryant made the score 61-58 on two free throws.

Coach Karen Welliver said that Camille Singleton did a great job in keeping Danielle Rainey of the Techsters under control.

"I was pleased with the team's performance at the free-throw line. The team started off slow, but as long as they played hard that was good."

Guard Monique Hall said, "We had a bad first half. We were just not hitting our shots."

"In the second half we [were] more concentrated on finishing our shots."

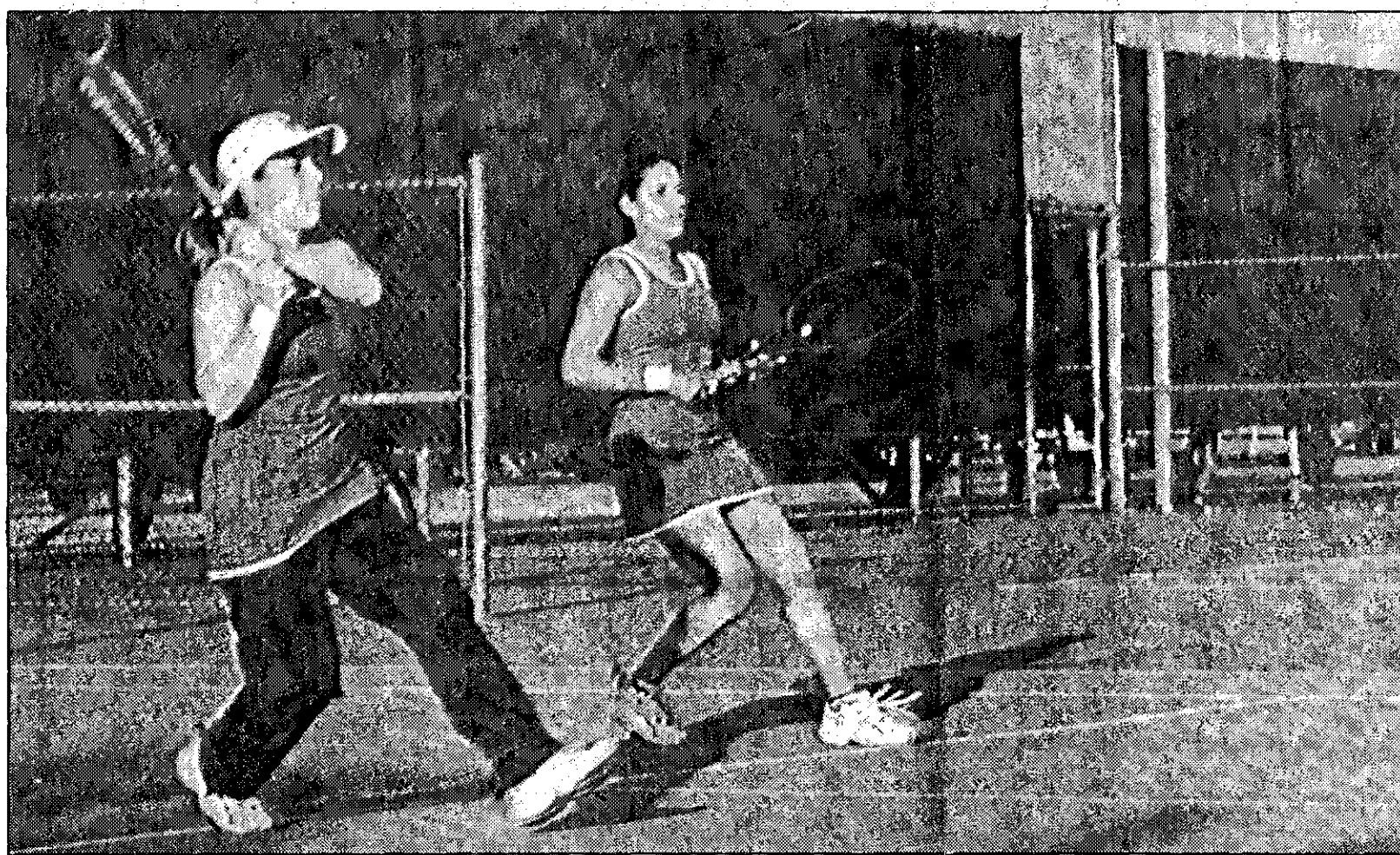
Stewart said, "Our defense kept us in the game. That's what won the game for us."

"In the second half we just had to get going, meaning we needed to slow down and hit our shots."

Bryant said, "We started off slow, meaning we were not making our shots."

"In the last ten minutes we wanted it more, meaning we out played them."

"We controlled the game."



Armando Brown/TM

DOUBLES MATCH - Dora Prado (left) and Mayra Mariscal, Cerritos' No. 1 doubles team, compete against El Camino.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team drops first match of season

BY ARMANDO BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The Cerritos College women's tennis team has been defeated.

After soundly beating its first seven opponents, the Falcons ran into a very strong El Camino team that was also undefeated.

And handed Cerritos its first loss of the season, 5-4.

In a close match that saw players from both teams battle, even when it appeared it was impossible to pull out a win, El Camino showed it was the tougher of the two teams by taking the match from Cerritos.

Before even setting foot on the courts, the coaching staff knew El Camino would be a big-time challenge.

Assistant coach Tim Parchman had even said that El Camino might have one of their strongest teams in recent memory.

As the six singles matches got under way, it became apparent that Cerritos would not beat up on this team.

The Falcons were being seriously challenged.

As the matches progressed, in what is usually a given for Cerritos, Parchman said, "We are going to need to win four out of the six singles matches. If we do that, I don't think anybody could beat us in three doubles matches."

With three doubles matches played in a contest, a 4-2 lead would definitely give Cerritos the advantage, as they would only need to win one out of the three doubles matches to win the overall match.

However, according to El Camino's No. 1 player, Roxanne Mashhadi, her team also feels that if a match came down to doubles, her team would take it.

After five singles matches had been completed, Cerritos held a 3-2 advantage.

However, a real battle was taking place in the final singles match of the day.

On the No. 5 court Cerritos' Lara Yturriaga had won her first set against El Camino's Seiko Yokomizo.

However, in a very tough second set that Yturriaga had the early command of, Yokomizo fought her way back to win it 7-5.

In the longest match of the day (2 hours, 15 minutes), Yturriaga was forced to play a third set.

In another tough set, El Camino's "psycho," as her teammates called her - jumped out to an early 4-1 lead.

But in this battle between warriors, Yturriaga battled back to even the set at 4-4. However Yokomizo relentlessly fought Yturriaga, and eventually won 6-4.

Yturriaga would later say, "It was a tough match. [Yokomizo] was getting all the balls. No matter where I put it, she was there (to return it). She just didn't give up."

The overall score was now tied at 3-3, neither team had an advantage, and they both felt that in doubles play, their team could not be beaten.

This was going to be a thriller!

In the No. 1 doubles match, Cerritos' Dora Prado and Mayra Mariscal were defeated 8-6 by El Camino's Mashhadi and Karin Entner.

With Cerritos now down 4-3, the No. 3 doubles match was going to be completed next, and Cerritos was looking to the pair of Manzo and Jessica Colocho to even the overall score back up at 4-4.

Conversely, El Camino was looking to their pair of Kim Ahasa and Jade Tran to win the game for them.

In the match, Cerritos' Manzo and Colocho jumped out to a commanding 6-1 lead, and it was looking like they would tie the overall match a 4-4.

That would force the match to be decided by the final doubles match, and Cerritos had their always-reliable team of Arrogante and Yturriaga playing in that one.

But El Camino had other plans.

Ahasa and Tran dug down deep, and found the will to come back on Manzo and Colocho.

They tied the score at 7-7, and then continued their relentless comeback, winning the match 9-8.

Arrogante and Yturriaga went on to win their doubles match, but it did not matter, El Camino had won the match, and excited players from its team began cheering and applauding.

They knew they had been in a tough match, and were excited about being the team that was still undefeated.

Karin Entner, El Camino's No. 3 player, said, "This is the toughest match we've played as a team."

Parchman said, "We couldn't handle the pressure. It's easy to play when you're ahead, but when you have to put it on the line you have to step up."

"That's what shows whether or not you're good enough to be a champion, whether or not you can win. And they weren't prepared when it came time to put it on the line. The other team was more willing to put it on the line."

Coach Terri Button agreed that it was the first time her team had faced any real pressure, but said that a team has to experience pressure to be able to handle it.

Having now faced some adversity, Button said, "There's some other teams that are good too. We have to go the second round and beat the same teams."

UPDATE

The Falcons faced Grossmont College in the Southwestern Tournament over the weekend.

Mariscal won the No. 3 singles title in straight sets, 6-2 and 7-5, while Pradolost her No. 1 singles match, 6-3, 6-4.

Yturriaga and Colocho lost their No. 3 doubles match, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Swim teams split meets at Pasadena

BY DAVID AMEZCUA
STAFF WRITER

There are high hopes this season for the men's and women's in swimming teams of Cerritos.

The teams met Pasadena in a dual meet Feb. 23.

The women beat Pasadena City College, 64-50, and the men lost to the Lancers 78-43.

Coach Hal Simonek said, "The main goal for the women is that we have a chance to be in first or second in the conference."

"I say this based on the times the women had against Pasadena."

"The men have to work to improve themselves."

Katrina Kimble made the 50-butterfly event.

Don Weyrick said, "She should make the 100-butterfly event and 100 freestyle event, because she has speed and is working hard."

"Once she gets endurance, meaning that she needs to get more strength."

Weyrick added, "Laura Luevano should be one of the top three in state in the 100-fly event and 200-freestyle event, and individual medley event."

"Both Kimble and Luevano carry the women's team."

Weyrick also said that Danny Garcia should make state in the 100-free style, 100-beast stroke and 50-freestyle events.

"He has always worked hard."

"He hasn't been able to practice because of his shoulder injury. He just got back into shape."

Garcia said that he wants to get started with the season.

"We are tough. We are ready for the season, because the swimmers on the team are strong in their events. And that together we will cause good performance for the team."

Against Pasadena, the women won both of their relays, and Luevano, Kimble, and Jill Strickland swept their events.

Swimmer Jose Pacheco said, "Hopefully we will have a good season, I say this because the type of training we been having. The coaches want the best from us."

"We see ourselves matching up with all the teams in the conference, because we have good swimmers."

Strickland said, "If the women beat Long Beach, they should know where they stay in the conference."

"I think we are ready for the season, because in our last meet most of the women took first place. I say this based on the times in our last meet."

Swimmer Jessica Colunga said, "I think is going to be a good season, because we have fast swimmers."

"We have a good coaching staff. I think we have a good chance of matching up with all the teams in the conference."

SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Thursday - 8 p.m.
vs. San Jose (State Tour.)
Friday-Saturday - TBA
at State Tour. in Stockton

BASEBALL

Wednesday - 2 p.m.
at L.A. Harbor
(postponed from Mar. 5)
Thursday - 2 p.m.
at L.A. City
Saturday - 2 p.m.
Home vs. Long Beach
Tuesday - 2 p.m.
at Compton

GOLF

Wednesday - 12 p.m. vs. Santa Ana at Los Serranos GC
Thursday - 12 p.m. vs. El Camino at Palos Verdes GC

SOFTBALL

Wednesday - 3 p.m.
Home vs. Pasadena
Friday - 3 p.m. at East L.A.
Monday - 3 p.m.

at East L.A.
Mar. 14 - 3 p.m.
Home vs. El Camino

SWIMMING

Friday - 2:30 p.m. vs. Mt. San Antonio and Long Beach at Mt. San Antonio
Mar. 15-17 - All Day
at Cuesta Invitational

MEN'S TENNIS

Thursday - All Day Flight
Tournament at Mt. San Antonio
Tuesday - 2 p.m.
Home vs. L.A. City

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thursday - 2 p.m.
Home vs. Mt. San Antonio
Tuesday - 2 p.m.
at Compton

TRACK AND FIELD

Friday - 12 p.m.
vs. Pasadena and East L.A. at Pasadena
Mar. 16-17 - 9:30 a.m.
at Bakersfield Relays

MEN'S TENNIS

Cerritos serves up a win

BY ARMANDO BROWN
STAFF WRITER

After starting the season with three wins in a row, the Cerritos College men's tennis team has won only one of its last five matches.

According to Coach Gerry Ellis, the first three wins came against non-conference opponents, while the losses were mainly against conference foes.

He said, "Our conference is very strong. El Camino, Marymount and Mt. San Antonio all are [at the top] in the rankings, so it's a tough year to come up with all freshmen."

All six of this year's starters are freshmen, and according to the coach, they will have to gain playing experience this season.

The Falcons' wins have come against Mt. San Jacinto, 6-3; Fullerton, 6-3; Orange Coast, 7-2;

and Long Beach, 6-3.

Their losses have come against Los Angeles City, 6-3; Southwestern, 9-0; Marymount, 6-3; and El Camino, 9-0.

In their win against Long Beach Feb. 20, KiYoung Kim, Carlos Vasquez, Mike Moore and Jarol Garcia won their singles matches, while the team of Luz Orejel and Vasquez won their doubles match.

Cerritos picked up another doubles win by default.

In the battle between No. 1 players, Cerritos' Eric Capistrano had the early lead on Long Beach's Lenard Deguzman. However, a very emotional Deguzman roared back to record the victory over Capistrano.

Deguzman would later say, "Your No. 1 (player) gave me trouble."

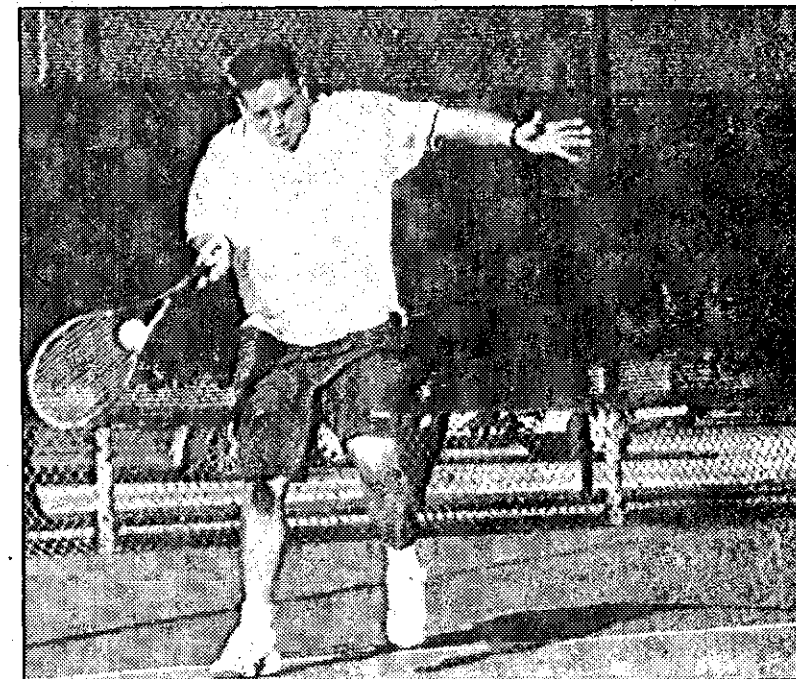
Orejel was the only other Cerritos player who was defeated in singles, and the first-time team of Capistrano and Garcia were defeated by Deguzman and Colin Moulton in doubles.

Kim, who usually plays at the No. 3 spot, but played at No. 2 against Long Beach, said, "The first game I kind of got scared because right away he aces me."

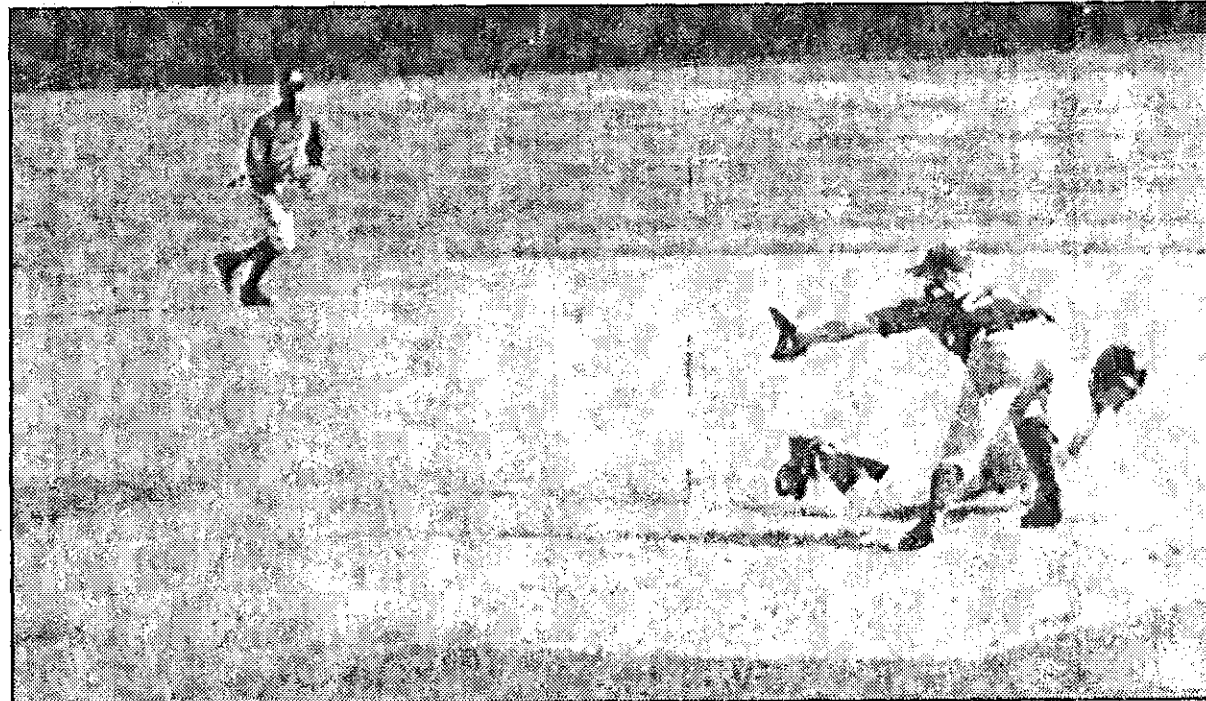
"The first serve, I couldn't return it, and the second, he aces me."

"But after that he wasn't able to get his serve in. He had a weak back hand, so I just pushed it over there."

The Falcons still have to make up a rain-delayed match against Mt. SAC, and if the weather permits, they will play in the "Flight Tournament" at Mt. SAC, this week.



FOREHAND - Luz Orejel returns a serve against Long Beach.



BACK!!! - Brett Clayton of Cerritos is safe on an attempted pickoff throw from the Pasadena pitcher. The Birds defeated the Lancers, 1-0 as Joseph Lakey pitched a four-hit shutout.

BASEBALL

Lakey shuts out Pasadena

BY DAVID AMEZCUA
STAFF WRITER

Falcons' pitcher Joseph Lakey struck out six batters and gave up only four hits in nine innings as the Cerritos baseball team improved its record to 7-6 with a 1-0 win over Pasadena Saturday at Kincaid Field.

The game was scoreless until the bottom of the eighth when Bryan Baker of Cerritos drove in teammate Thomas Bruce.

Lakey said, "I just kept the them (Pasadena) down and let the defense do their job. The defense came to play."

"We came through when we needed to come through, meaning we scored when we needed to score."

Coach Ken Gaylord said, "We've got a long way before we are fundamentally sound."

Bruce said, "We came out slow. I have no clue of why we came out slow."

"We had chances to score, but we swung at bad pitches."

"I think our defense is starting to come together."

We're starting to gain confidence."

Rightfielder Doyle Washington said, "Joseph Lakey threw well. He made pitches during crunch time."

Designated hitter Carl Johnson said, "We should have had more runs and more hits. The reason for not having more hits and more runs is lack of contact."

Leftfielder Joseph Ammirato said, "We need to hit better or put the ball in play."

"One of the reasons for not hitting better or not putting the ball into play, is because we swing at bad pitches."

UPDATE

The Falcons used 14 hits and 11 walks to defeat Mt. San Antonio, 20-7, Friday in a game rescheduled due to rain.

Monday's game at L.A. Harbor was rained out and rescheduled for Wednesday.

Tuesday's home game against El Camino was also rained out and will be rescheduled.

Second year in a row for Falcons

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"I just couldn't be prouder."

The game was tied eight times and had four lead changes in the first half.

Canyons' forward Rasheeda Gray scored after an offensive rebound with one second remaining to give the Cougars a 38-37 lead at halftime.

With 15:23 left in the second half, the Cougars went ahead 44-41 on a three-point basket by Kristie Umemoto.

That was the only three-pointer out of 16 attempts in the game for Canyons.

The Falcons then scored nine unanswered points, with Nicole Bryant scoring five of her 17 points in that time.

Vonetta Lanier of Canyons scored with 8:05 remaining in the second half, and the Cougars led 58-54.

But the Falcons went on a 12-2

run over the next 2:15, with three baskets from Bryant and two from Tori Stewart (11 points) during that span.

Stewart was fouled while scoring a basket with 4:40 remaining, and made the free-throw to complete the three-point play, to give the Falcons their biggest lead of the game, 71-64.

The Cougars got consecutive baskets from Siosi Tuli and L'Tonya Robnett to cut Cerritos' lead to three, 75-72 with 55 seconds remaining.

But after getting the ball on a turnover, Canyons could not score and lost the ball back to the Falcons with 23 seconds remaining.

Camille Singleton was fouled, then sank two free throws to clinch the contest, 77-72.

She said, "We had to come out and play hard."

"It was a close game. Every possession was important."

"Those free throws. I had to put them in."

Falcons' guard Monique Hall, a freshman, said, "It's my first year, so I'm feeling good right now. Feeling real good."

"Camille made some clutch free throws."

Stewart, who was a member of the Cerritos team that advanced to state last year, said, "We're just excited that we're going back up."

"They (Canyons) played a real hard game."

Harian scored 11 points and pulled down nine rebounds.

Singleton, who was also on last year's team, scored eight points and led the Falcons with 13 rebounds (nine on offense).

Bryant grabbed 10 rebounds, including seven on offense.

The Falcons out rebounded the taller Cougars, 51-39, and made 15 free throws out of 25 attempts.

The Cougars were nine for 19

from the charity stripe.

Welliver said that it was a great ball game. "Canyons is a very good team and we really battled hard."

"We had a close one Tuesday (against L.A. Trade Tech) that I think helped prepare us for it."

"We did a nice job, made our free throws again and we just really fought hard."

The last time Cerritos and San Jose met was in the semifinal round of the 1998 state tournament at UC Irvine.

San Jose won the game, 91-77.

If the Falcons defeat San Jose, they will play Friday at 8 p.m. against the winner of the Contra Costa-Mount San Antonio contest. That game will also be at San Joaquin Delta College.

The championship game will take place Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at the Spanos Center on the University of the Pacific campus.

SPORTS BRIEF

The Cerritos softball team (1-13, 0-1 in SFC) has had all of its games for the past week postponed because of rain.

The game at East L.A. that was scheduled for Feb. 23 will be played Friday at 3 p.m. The Falcons were scheduled to play L.A. City College on that date, but L.A. City has dropped its program.

The game at Mount San Antonio, originally scheduled for Feb. 13 and postponed to Feb. 20, will be played Apr. 16.

The Falcons will host a doubleheader Saturday against Mount San Jacinto College. The games will begin at noon and 2 p.m. at Nancy Kelly Field.

The team has added a game at home against Chemeketa College of Oregon on Mar. 27 at 3 p.m.

No date has yet been set for the doubleheader at Santa Barbara scheduled for Feb. 24.

TRACK & FIELD

Falcons fly in meet

BY ARMANDO BROWN
STAFF WRITER

In their first conference meet of the season, the Cerritos College's track teams hosted Long Beach City and Los Angeles Southwest Friday.

WOMEN

The women's team defeated Long Beach (143-64) and Southwest (143-14), to start their conference portion of the season 2-0.

Freshman distance runner Julie Stewart won the 1500 and 3000 meter races in 5:17.86 and 11:55.33 respectively.

Georgina Mojica placed third in the 1500 in 5:38.94.

In the 400-meter relay, Cerritos relay team recorded the top two times at 49.86 and 50.76.

In the 100-meters, Shatoya Williams won with a time of 12.87, followed by teammates Chrystle King (12.95) and Melissa Allen (13.29).

In the 200-meter, Orenda Talton placed second (25.24) and Shatoya Williams finished third (26.69).

In the 400-meter, Talton placed second (59.10) and June Martinez placed third (61.21).

In the long-jump, King was the winner with a jump of 16'2", Chanel Cryer came in second at 14'11" and Williams placed third at 14'8".

In the javelin, Liz Cardiel was

the winner with a throw of 86'3", while Cryer came in second with a throw of 58'8".

Cerritos' Ileen Leau took second place honors in the shot put (34'), hammer (122'1") and the discus (115'2").

Lilly Perez placed second in the pole vault (6'6") and third in the high jump (4').

MEN

The men's team is now 1-1 in conference after defeating Southwest, 120-8, but falling to Long Beach, 195-120.

The main man for Cerritos was sophomore Andrew Phillips, who won the javelin with a throw of 175'5", placed second in the pole vault (13'6"), third in the high jump (5'6") and third in the long jump (21'1").

Freshman Jake Chavira won the discus with a throw of 136'11" and placed third in the shot put at 39'8".

In the 1600-meter relay, Cerritos won with a time of 3:17.65.

In the 1500 and 3000 meter, Maracio Lara finished second in both events with times of 4:16.12 and 9:33.73 respectively.

In the 100 meters Cerritos' Emanuel Marshall placed second and Jason McMillan finished third.

In the 200 meter Charles Allgood placed second with a time of 22.06, while Marshall finished third at 22.16.

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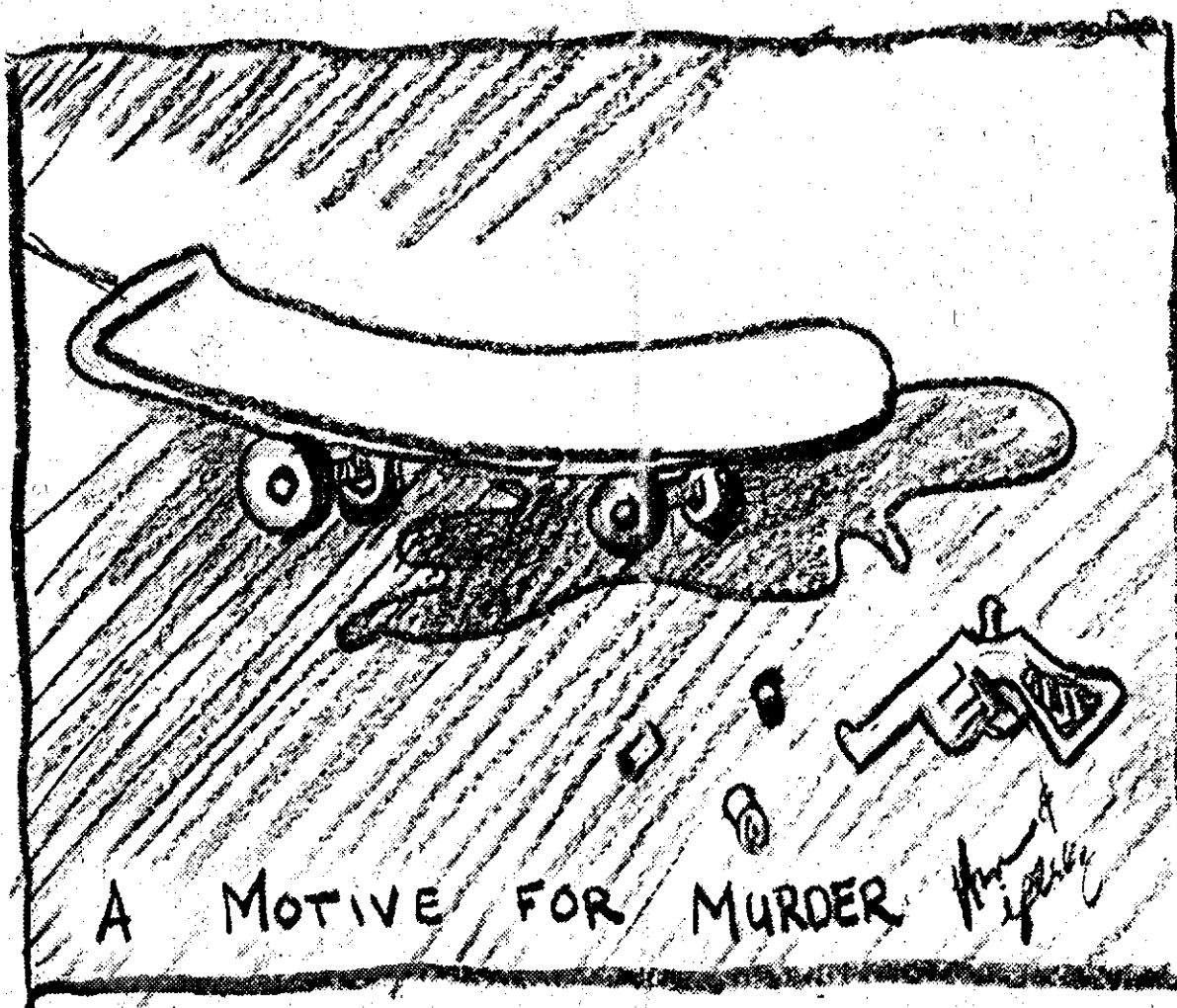
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Week of violence is what we earned

BY ALLYN MATTOX
EDITOR IN CHIEF

This was a week of television violence, but not in the usual shoot-'em-up suspense-thriller sort of way.

Channel Four's "Dateline NBC" featured a program that showed the effects of gun violence on children across the United States.

The show uncovered 35 cases of gun violence over a period of one week that affected children nationwide.

According to Dateline NBC correspondent Maria Shriver, government statistics show the actual number is around 70 per week.

The program did not concentrate on any one kind of gun violence.

It showed a promising college student from Los Angeles that was shot by a gang member, when he was mistaken for someone else.

- There were suicides.
- There were accidental shootings - kids playing with a parent's gun and then killing or hurting a playmate.
- There was a case of a mother who shot her three-year-old son, because a judge ordered custody of the child to be changed to the father.
- And there were murders.

There was also a two-night special on Jackie, Ethel and Joan Kennedy.

This program showed the strengths and weaknesses of the three women as they struggled to cope with the assassinations of John and Robert Kennedy.

The show also touched on the assassination of Martin Luther

King.

Three more senseless murders, and all were the victims of gun violence.

Then we see the news coverage of a 15-year-old San Diego boy who killed two students and injured 13 more on Monday.

The boy was upset that someone had stolen his \$125 skateboard. He got the revenge he sought.

One of the dead was the person who had purportedly stolen his skateboard.

I could go on and on naming more and more instances of senseless gun violence.

Night after night we are bombarded with news reports that show how gun violence hurts children.

I can't help thinking of gun advocate bumper stickers.

**Guns don't kill people.
People kill people.**

Or

**You can take my gun when
you can pry it from
my cold dead fingers.**

I attended the Million Mom March last year at the Federal Building in Westwood.

There was a pretty fair turnout of grandmothers, moms, kids and even some men.

Across the street lining the sidewalk outside of the Veteran's Cemetery stood hundreds of NRA members.

The contrast was striking.

On one side of the street women quietly marched in protest, some pushing baby strollers, some carrying photos of dead friends or relatives.

White and pink were the colors of the day.

Everyone was wearing Million Mom March T-shirts and hats.

There were grandmothers who were struggling to walk with the crowd, but did so because they felt this was their way of making sure that their child or grandchild was not the next victim of a random shooting, a gun accident or a school incident.

The NRA members stood across the street in their jeans, boots and cowboy hats holding huge placards while booing and yelling at the marching moms.

Cars drove up and down Wilshire Boulevard, honking their horns in support of the message on one side of the street or the other.

I grew up in a family of gun owners. Both of my parents and my brother hunted. I have shot a gun a couple of times. I never enjoyed the thrill of the hunt. The power of a gun in my hands frightened me.

I know others do not feel the same way.

Hunters do enjoy the thrill of the hunt and the taste of the kill.

A gun is a powerful weapon.

When I hear platitudes like "Guns don't kill people; People kill people," I can't help but think of a scrawny 15-year-old boy in San Diego.

Without his access to a gun, would this tragedy have occurred?

When the police found him at the school, he was crouched in a restroom.

He told the police, "It's just me."

Just a 15-year-old boy. With a gun.

EDITORIAL

Harmon selected by Board; Cerritos has new president

We have been notified of the selection of Dr. Jane Harmon as the new president of Cerritos College.

Harmon was the last remaining candidate.

Between 25 and 30 people applied for the job when the search was announced. A committee made up of various interests on campus, including three board members, faculty, support staff and students, reviewed the applications and decided on the four finalists.

The four finalists that were selected in December were Dr. Mary Spangler, president of Los Angeles City College; Erlinda Martinez, current vice president of student services at Cerritos College; Dr. James Middleton, president of College of Marin; and Harmon.

Harmon, who was on leave as president of Adirondack Community College in Queensbury, N.Y., did not disclose to the committee that she was on paid leave at the time of her application.

Evidently she was not legally obligated to disclose this fact to the original search committee. As a matter of fact, she hid this fact, probably on the advice of an attorney.

The only way the search committee found out that she was on leave was the company representative that Cerritos College hired to conduct the search told the committee after the decision to select her as a finalist had been made.

We question whether Harmon would have been selected as a finalist if the committee had known this information.

The final selection committee, which consisted of board members, the faculty senate president and the student body president, conducted a site visit to ACC.

There are reports that only two support staff members would speak to our committee.

Many people on the ACC campus were afraid to speak out against Harmon.

Harmon had an attorney and had made it known she would sue anyone and/or the college for speaking out against her.

In a brochure soliciting applicants for the Presidential Search Committee, there is a section that states what personal and professional characteristics are desirable in a candidate.

Some of the characteristics desired are:

A politically sophisticated leader who works effectively with political, community and media organizations, and is confident of his/her ability to lead effectively in a multi-cultural, urban environment.

A credible organizational leader with skills in conflict resolution, a sense of honesty, ethics, integrity, and is committed to the success of the Board of Trustees as the elected representatives of the community.

An ethical, adaptable leader with a sense of honesty and personal integrity.

We question whether Harmon possesses these qualities.

She has shown that she is not a leader, her skills in conflict resolution seem to need some honing, and her honesty and personal integrity we can't investigate while she has an attorney standing behind her.

So how did Harmon win the job as president of Cerritos College?

We are still trying to figure out why the board, knowing what little people would say about this woman, would want to offer her the job.

If this is the best Cerritos College can do to recruit a president for this campus, there is a serious problem.

Jane Harmon has attorneyed her way into being the president of our campus.

We hope that Cerritos College, and its attorneys, are up to the challenge.

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CAMPUS COMMENT

**Do you feel
race relations
have changed
since Rodney
King's
beating 10
years ago?**

By Claudia Valdez
Photos by Claudia Valdez

"It's still the same,
nothing has
changed."

ANDREW DIAZ,
ARCHITECTURE



"They probably
have, but the verdict
of the trial was
unfair."

BRIAN ADELIZI,
NURSING



"No, I have not
seen changes."

EVINA LIMARDO,
COMPUTERS



"No, it hasn't
changed, specially
with the LAPD
scandal. People are
being charged
unjustly."

KELVIN LOVE,
PHYSICAL
THERAPY



"I don't really
think so."

EDWARD INDA,
ADMINISTRATION
OF JUSTICE



"It will never
stop, everyone is
racist even if they
try to hide it."

VICENTE
MACIAS,
UNDECIDED



"I think they
have changed, we
are able to relate
with more types of
people. People are
less prejudiced."

MARIANA
SANCHEZ,
PSYCHOLOGY



"Not that much.
Everyone is trying
though."

MELISSA
CANCHOLA,
THEATRE ARTS



ASCC applications available

The Associated Students of Cerritos College announce that applications are now available for 2001 ASCC Presidential Elections.

Applications will be available beginning March 5 at 8:30 a.m. at the Office of Student Activities.

Deadline to submit applications will be Mar. 30.

Elections will be held on April 18 and 19.

For further information, please contact the Office of Student Activities at 860-2451, ext. 2475.

Softball field named after former coach

BY JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

"There are really no words to express a moment like this.

"There are really no words or lists, for me to list everybody here, who has contributed to this and made this happen.

"I don't want to slight anyone. I want to say thank you. I think I'll do it this way."

And Nancy Kelly waved to everyone in attendance at the ceremony Thursday honoring her for her years of service to Cerritos College.

The purpose of the ceremony was to dedicate the renovated softball field as "Nancy Kelly Field."

Kelly, who teaches health education classes at Cerritos, served as coach of the softball team from its inception in 1976 until she retired in 1998, winning more than 500 games along the way.

Athletic Director Mike McPherson served as master of ceremonies for the event, which featured several speakers.

Dr. Morgan Lynn, interim president of Cerritos College, called the ceremony a "happy occasion."

Bob Verderber, Board of Trustees vice president, said that if

"the board of trustees agrees that some facility on the campus should be named for someone, it's a decision that will last a lifetime, and even longer.

"But there's no hesitation at all by the board when they learned of the proposal to name this field for Nancy."

He added that while winning had always been important to Kelly, the well-being and success of her students in school, life and sports was most important.

"And that is what has made her so valuable on the part of our community college and so deserving of this honor," Verderber added.

Bob Chester, president of the Faculty Senate, said, "Those of us who have gotten to know Nancy over the years we've been here, have come to see the many roles that she plays here.

"Nancy is a great coach, (and) a dedicated teacher. She's been honest, (and) loyal to the college.

"Nancy has done it the right way."

He also talked about the fact that there was no field when Kelly arrived at Cerritos.

"While the phrase is commonly

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ACCEPTANCE SPEECH - Nancy Kelly gives her thanks as Esther Chang, ASCC Commissioner of Athletics, watches.

College seeks new vendor for campus bookstore

BY ALLYN MATTOX
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Peter Hardash, vice president of business affairs, has notified Wallace's Bookstore, the Cerritos College bookstore, that we are opting to end our contract with them this Wednesday.

Wallace Wilkinson, owner of the bookstore, has filed a bankruptcy petition and is reportedly over \$300 million in debt.

Hardash is soliciting new vendors and is expediting the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, which usually takes six to nine months, so it will be completed in a matter of a few weeks.

Hardash is currently communicating with Follett Corporation and Barnes and Noble Bookstores.

The campus has a deadline for accepting proposals this Wednesday at 4 p.m.

"The deal is shaping now. I am talking to them now, so when I get the RFPs, I'll know 95 percent of what their response is unless they make any last minute changes," Hardash said.

There is quite a bit to negotiate and Hardash needs to come to agreement with the two companies on quite a few issues.

One of the most important issues is the transition from one company to another and how it will proceed smoothly.

Hardash is discussing a variety of these issues, such as how existing inventory will be handled, what will happen to Wallace's existing fixtures, what will happen to shelving and registers, and staffing.

"It is our intention to have the existing staff maintain the consistency and the integrity of the bookstore," Hardash said.

"Corie Thibodeaux and his staff have worked their tails off at that bookstore," Hardash continued.

"It is the poor business practices of Wallace's corporate office that have let our students down."

Both Follett Corporation and Barnes and Noble are familiar with the Cerritos College bookstore.

Both companies responded to RFPs four years ago, before Wallace's was chosen to run the college bookstore.

Because of what happened with Wallace's, Hardash is also checking into the financial stability and creditworthiness of

both companies.

After the proposals are received today, Hardash believes he will have a pretty good idea of the intentions of both companies.

Wallace's has notified Hardash that they will work with the campus, so that the transition will proceed smoothly.

"Wallace's is more than willing to cooperate with the new vendor," Hardash stated.

A main concern for the campus is getting fall textbook orders placed.

"If we don't do something by the end of March, then we jeopardize our ability to have textbooks on the shelves for fall," Hardash said.

At last week's Board of Trustee meeting, Board Member Dorothy Carrae, opened discussion that rumors are circulating

that the campus is guaranteeing payment of Wallace's bills and that the college is "floating" salaries for bookstore employees.

Hardash has denied that the district has paid any bills on Wallace's behalf.

"We are not floating any salaries or paying any salaries of Wallace's employees."

"We have one employee, Sandy Beuster, the secretary and office manager, that is a union district employee."

"She gets paid by district check and her benefits are paid by the district. Wallace's reimburses us. They are currently in arrears in those reimbursements."

"It is only one employee. As of today, the amount is \$32,233.97 in salaries and benefits, which covers a period from July 1

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Ugochukwu checks others in chess meet

ARMANDO BROWN
ONLINE EDITOR

Obl Ugochukwu was the winner of this semester's chess tournament that was held in the Student Activities Center.

He was winner of the Advanced Level, one of three categories in the tournament.

Kyle Waldie was winner of the Intermediate Level after winning a tie-breaker over David Keo. John Ybanez captured the Beginners Level. Corey Thibodeaux won second in the Advanced Level and Eugeny O. Li was second in the Beginner's Level.

Winners won \$100 each and will receive a trophy.

Put on by Student Center Manager, Melissa Swank, with the help of Diana Durham. "The chess master who can put these things on," Swank said about Durham.

It was the second tournament in as many semesters.

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CHECKMATE - Obl Ugochukwu ponders a winning chess move.

Board seeks more info on president candidate Harmon

BY ALLYN MATTOX
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees made no decision whether to offer Dr. Jane Harmon the position of college president in closed session meetings that lasted almost four hours last Wednesday.

Harmon, currently on leave as president of Adirondack Community College in Queensbury, N.Y., is the sole remaining candidate in the selection process since Dr. James Middleton withdrew as a candidate on Jan. 29.

The board convened at approximately 5 p.m. and met in closed session until 7 p.m.

The board then held an open session and addressed the agenda, reconvening in closed session from 8 p.m. until 9:50 p.m.

Cheryl Eppler, Board of Trustee president, then addressed the audience stating, "We have no answers for you."

"The board has chosen to invite

Jane Harmon out to California on Sunday, this coming Sunday and Monday, to meet with individual members of the board, as well as the board as a whole for dinner, because there are four board members who have not had the opportunity the three of us had to meet with her.

"They would like to have the opportunity to meet with her a little more closely and personally before they make a decision."

"She has accepted our invitation to come out to the area."

"She will arrive Saturday night, and some board members will meet with her Sunday and Monday."

As to if negotiations were started with Harmon, Eppler added, "We never discussed anything with her other than to invite her to come out and let the board members get the chance to meet her."

Steven Helfgot, presidential search liaison, added, "There is

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Politics loom in energy fines debate

BY ALLYN MATTOX
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The fines that have been imposed against Cerritos College by Southern California Edison Company are being put to the test as politics starts to play a part in their suspension.

While local politicians like Sally Havice are trying to make an impact, it is the big oil companies that are making the difference.

The California Energy Commission has released a report that states that oil companies are responsible for the suspension of penalties imposed by Edison on its customers that had committed to 1-6 rates, according to Peter Hardash, vice president of business affairs.

"It took two oil pipeline companies to bring the PUC to its knees. If you read the ruling, the PUC suspended the 1-6 (rate) because of the threat of two oil pipeline companies saying they were shutting off pumping oil into California," Hardash stated.

The two oil companies, SFP, Inc. and GATX, threatened to stop pumping oil into California due to the soaring cost of electricity and the cost of the penalties for exceeding power allotments during Stage Three alerts.

"It wasn't education. It wasn't public safety. It was two oil pipeline companies," Hardash said.

Penalties are not now being incurred due to the amount of available power.

"We ended our 30 days of Stage Three earlier this week," Hardash added, "so we then went for a day or two on Stage Two."

"We're now in Stage One, or actually what's called a 'warning'."

Every year the State requires that Cerritos College set aside 5 percent of its budget in a reserve for emergency situations.

The campus has paid over \$250,000 in penalties to Edison from July to October last year.

Money for the penalties comes from campus reserves.

Once the money is taken out of the reserves, it needs to be replenished the following year.

Hardash feels that making the decision to agree to the 1-6 rate was the best thing to do at that time for the campus.

There was a total of six hours of interruption when the campus agreed to the rate.

Edison was promoting the rate and convincing the campus that they could potentially save the campus quite a bit of money.

Interruptions were supposed to be very infrequent.

But Edison could not foresee the high rise in electricity prices.

"It's a supply and demand issue," Hardash stated.

Sally M. Havice, Assemblywoman from the 56th State Assembly District, had Gloria Pulido, a field representative from her office, speak at the Board of Trustees meeting last Wednesday to ask for support of Assembly Bill 14X.

According to Pulido, Havice has introduced AB 14X, which allows schools to opt out of power contracts that have interruptible rates.

The interruptible rates save electricity customers approximately 20 percent off their monthly bill, but in return these customers must agree to "interrupt" or turn off their power when asked to do so by Edison.

If the school does not turn off the power, it incurs penalties.

Havice's bill passed the Commission on Energy Costs and Availability with a bipartisan vote of 13-0 on Feb. 20.

help protect children, educators, and school staff.

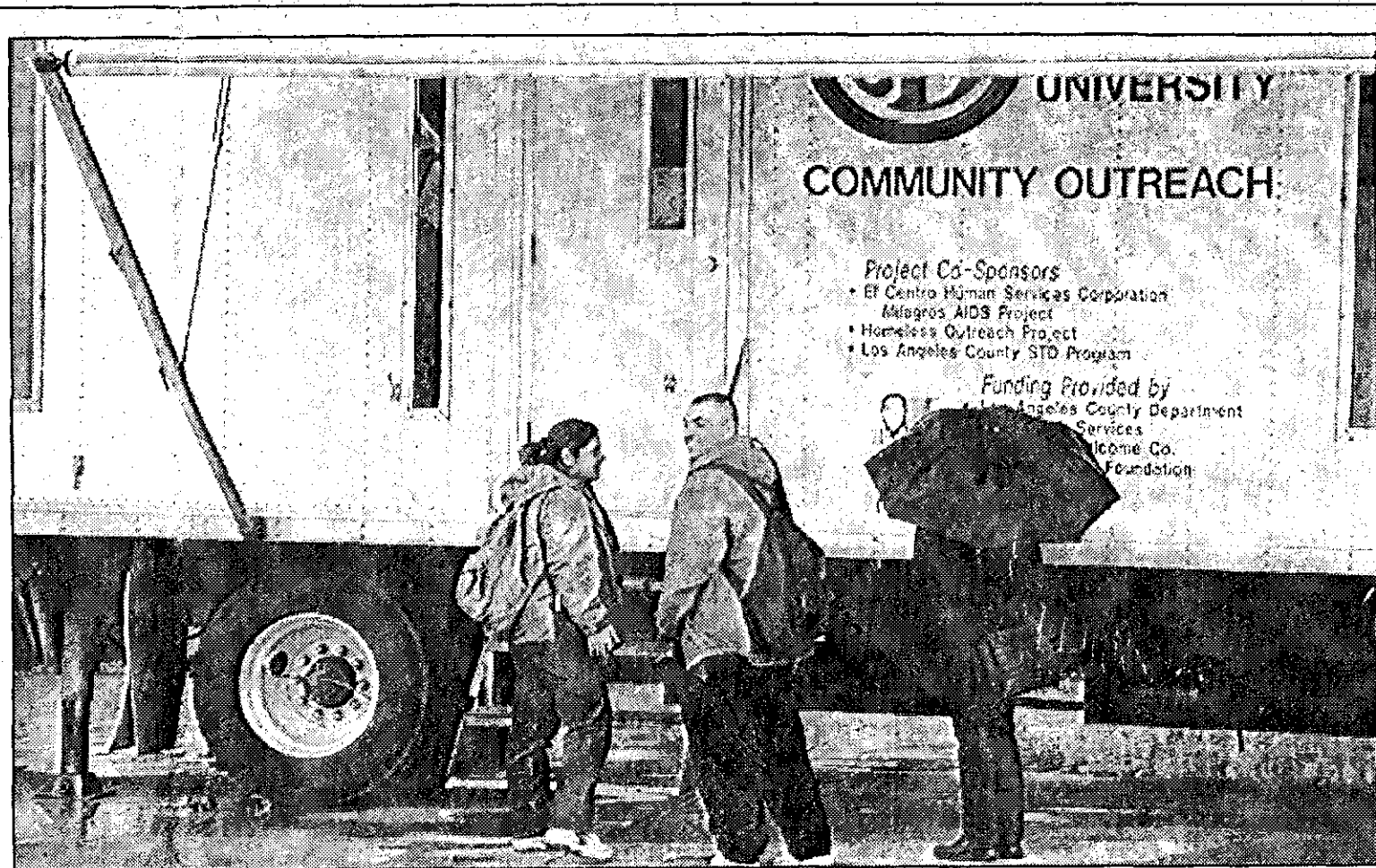
She also believes that students and educators should not have to sit in cold, dark classrooms wondering why the power keeps going off.

Some board members have previously contacted Havice to look into fines imposed against the school by Edison.

Fines incurred have exceeded \$1 million at Cerritos College.

Pulido asked the Board of Trustees to send letters to legislators supporting AB 14X.

California State University, Long Beach, and the California Federation of Teachers are also supporting the bill.



Three students take advantage of free HIV testing at the Drew University mobile testing station on campus Wednesday.

Board seeks more info on candidate Harmon

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nothing in what's been done that should be construed as an offer or even an intent to make an offer."

"I can tell you there will be no offer made while she is here," Epple said.

The board will also consider recommendations made by Constantin Rosenbauer, student body president, and Bob Chester, president of the faculty senate. Ed White, president of CSEA, a union representing support staff on campus, will not be making a recommendation.

Chester, Rosenbauer and White were

scheduled to visit the campuses of the two finalists along with Epple and board members Ted Edmiston and John Moore.

One visit was to Middleton's campus at College of Marin in Northern California.

The second visit was to Harmon's campus in New York.

According to White, when the site visit plans were made, plans were made to visit both campuses at the same time.

White was hospitalized at the time of the Marin visit and unable to go.

CSEA requested another representative replace White, but Epple refused.

Since White did not attend the Marin visit, plans for him to travel to New York were not made.

White believes that it is nice that Rosenbauer and Chester are making recommendations, but realizes it is still the board's decision.

White also believes that not having CSEA participate in the visits has caused a rift.

"What the board is really looking for in a president is the question," White said. "We just don't want a leader with a bad past."

Harmon did arrive for her visit on Saturday. Board members met with Harmon

for dinner at the Cerritos Sheraton Hotel on Monday.

As to what activities Harmon participated in on her visit, Helfgot, would only comment, "There was a schedule of activities for her with board members these last couple of days and I assume that schedule has been kept."

"We will meet again at our next regularly scheduled board meeting on Mar. 6 at 5 p.m.," Epple said "to go into closed session to discuss the results of this meeting."

College seeks replacement vendor for bookstore

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According to Phillip Houseman, dean of student activities, the students of Cerritos College receive a commission on bookstore profits, which goes directly to the Associated Students of Cerritos College budget.

A base minimum payment of \$270,000 is guaranteed to be paid to the students by Wallace's, but the amount could be more depending on sales. So far this year, the bookstore has paid students only \$67,000.

The amount is figured over a

fiscal year that runs from July 2000 to July 2001.

The money that is contributed by the bookstore is roughly 25 percent of the entire ASCC budget.

According to Houseman, the lion's share of the budget goes toward student activities, instructional programs and athletics.

It includes paying for the In-and-Out hamburger days, programs such as the debate team, the school newspaper, the Student Center, the game room, school registration, security and all athletic events.

The money also helps pay for the employees, equipment and sup-

plies needed to support the programs.

The failure of Wallace's to pay the remaining \$203,000 of its minimum base payment leaves students without this money in their budget.

"We have reserves, and this is what reserves are for - emergencies," Houseman stated.

As to if the bookstore will recoup any of the losses, Houseman added, "We may at sometime receive something, but at this point, I just don't know."

Some of Wilkinson's creditors are purportedly owed over \$100 million. In bankruptcy proceed-

ings, Cerritos College would have very low priority for being repaid.

Houseman also stated that some of the things the campus is looking for in a new bookstore company are customer and student service, faculty service, used book policy, new book policy, buy back policy, how well the bookstore has worked with other campuses, and commission structure.

"We are contacting other colleges to see how Follett and Barnes and Noble have worked out at other campuses," Houseman stated.

As for now, Wallace's will remain open for student's needs.

Sandy Beuster, bookstore office manager, stated, "It's business as usual. We will be here our regular hours."

Houseman adds that the transition to a new bookstore is being done as quickly as possible.

"We are going to have a Student Services meeting at 1 p.m. on Thursday."

"(We) will be reviewing bookstore proposals and making recommendations as to which company we should go with."

A selection of a new bookstore company could be made at the Board of Trustees meeting Mar. 20.

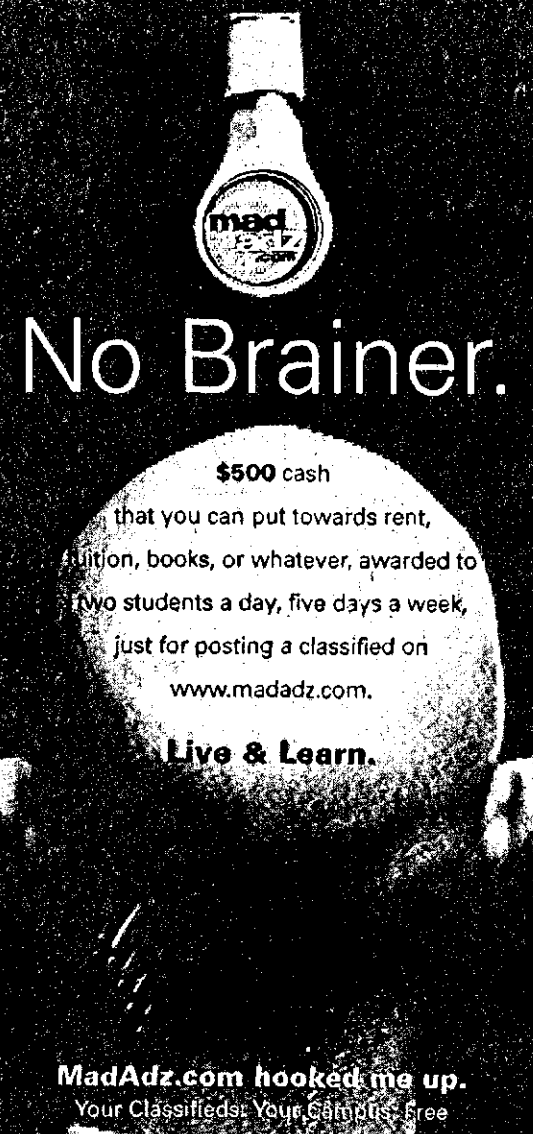
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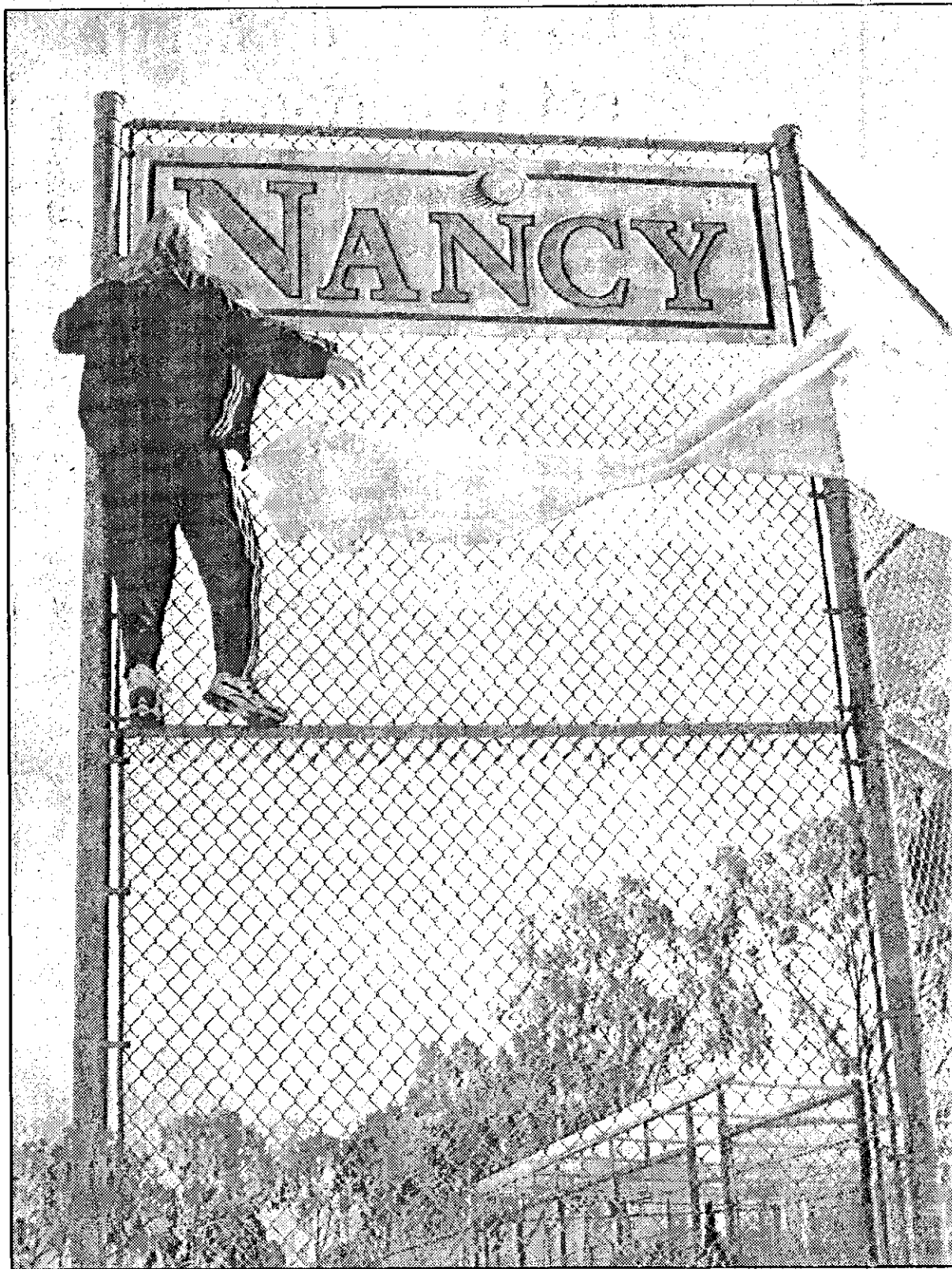
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Women's basketball coach Karen Welliver shows athletic prowess when strings designed to reveal the new Nancy Kelly sign failed. She and another coach had to climb the backstop fence.

Softball field named after former coach

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known, Nancy built this field from the ground up, by herself.

"There was a time when athletic programs and women were not widely seen as connected.

"She's worked long and hard to make this happen."

Kelly Beach Stanley, who played on Kelly's 1978 state championship team, spoke about her two years at Cerritos.

"I came on this field as an 18-year-old know-it-all, and soon found out that I was going to be influenced for the rest of my life.

"I feel that you, when you are playing with her, need to realize that our lives are being touched by somebody who can make us self-confident, persevering, eager, (and) self-assured.

"We are women, and 23 years ago as a woman and a teen, it was rare to play sports.

"But now in the workforce, I have an edge. I am a team player, I know what it's like.

"Men have been on teams, men know what it feels like to be on a team.

"And as a woman who played for a coach who understands what it's like to be on a team and be a cog in the wheel of something that's very important, that goes through your whole life."

Then it was time to hear the guest of honor speak.

Kelly spoke about being born in North Philadelphia, a very bad area.

"My birthplace, was about a block from the great Temple University, but in those days you would never dare think that you could get to go there.

She also talked about when she was in the tenth grade, "somebody grabbed me and threw me into the gym and said 'Here, take over. She can be someone.'"

"And my point is, one person in this world makes a difference, not crowds of people. This is how you change the world.

"Where would I be today without my coach, who gave me the ability to really believe that I could be something, and then to go on to Temple University.

"But there's not a day that goes by that I don't appreciate that where I am today had to do with someone else.

"And I say to you today, wherever we live, whatever our age is, whatever our vocation is, what can we do for someone else?"

"That never ends. You don't retire from that.

"Thank you. God bless you."

It was then time to unveil the signs with the name, "Nancy Kelly Field" on the top of the backstop.

Kelly and McPherson would pull the strings to bring down the covers off the signs.

But the strings snapped off of the covers.

Women's basketball coach Karen Welliver and Assistant Athletic Director Jeanine Prindle came to the rescue and climbed the backstop to unveil the signs.

The employees from the Facilities department who worked on the renovation of the field were honored with softball jackets.

Wayne Nunnery, director of operations for the Facilities department, praised their work.

"I just can't compliment the

groundspeople enough for the amount of work that they put into this place.

"It's a first class facility for a first class school. And it's named after a first class lady.

"Nancy Kelly did a lot for this institution, and she deserves all the credit in the world.

"Right now, we have some of the best athletic facilities of any community college in the state of California, if not the nation. And the reason we have it is because we have guys like Rocky and Victor that maintain it."

Rocky Born said, "It's a great facility. Thanks to our director for giving us all the equipment we need."

Victor Childress added, "It's been a real honor to work on it for the dedication. The field has turned out really nice.

"It's very deserving for Nancy for this to be dedicated to her."

Nunnery added, "We're looking forward to many, many years of softball being played on this field.

"And it's not done yet. There's going to be some other improvements made here in the future."

Kelly, on seeing the new field and remembering when there once was none, said, "I wouldn't have even, ever thought the thought that this was possible. It was all obstacles that you have.

"I would have never ever thought that I would be standing here looking at this. This is the number one facility in the state of California, maybe in other states, too, but for California.

"This is beyond words."

ASCC leaders review proposed health fee increase

CARMEN ALVIZURES
FEATURE EDITOR

A proposal for a \$2 increase of the health services fee was presented at the Executive Cabinet meeting this Monday.

The increment, if implemented, will be a total of \$2. As of now, students pay \$10 for their health fees.

The review and approval process will begin at Student Services, according to Administrative Dean of Student Activities Phillip Houseman, and proceed to the Executive Cabinet.

Once approved by the Executive Cabinet, the proposal will proceed to the Senate before going to the Board of Trustees which will be the final group to review the proposal before the approval is made.

If approved, the \$12 health fee will be implemented during the summer session.

California Chancellor of Community Colleges Thomas Nussbaum sent a notice on Monday to Cerritos College, stating that the new maximum fee for health services would be \$12.

In 1991, the health services fee was \$7.50 for fall and spring semester and \$5 for summer sessions. When the Health and Wellness Center was built in 1996, the fall and spring semester health fees went up to \$10 and \$7 for summer sessions.

The proposal, if implemented this summer, would equal a \$12 charge for fall and spring semesters

and \$9 for summer sessions.

Cost of living, a higher usage of services, an increase of service hours as well as an increase of employees are among the areas where the \$12 charge would cover costs.

Director of Student Health Services Charles Gale is aware of the hindrance this fee may have on some students.

He does, however, point out that the budget will improve, and enhance services the Health Center is offering while introducing others such as health e-pages where students can find resources and support groups online.

Gale also plans to increase the hours of mental health service from two days a week with 10 hours total to four days a week for a total of 24 hours.

"I came from Cal State University of Dominguez Hills," adds Gale, "and I saw what they did there and it was at a much more intense level, so when I came here I thought 'why shouldn't these students get the same thing?'"

"We are trying to focus on basically giving as much as we can within the confines of our budget. The success is not so much the numbers, but it's having people leave here knowing they have gotten quality care and that we are a professional organization."

Ugochukwu checks others

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"Thank God [I won]," Ugochukwu said after defeating four players over a two-day period.

The match was held last Thursday and this Tuesday, and according to Ugochukwu, each match took approximately 45 minutes.

He did not know the names of the players he defeated, however, he said, "I just know one, Tim Stavakis." As he grinned.

"He was the first one I beat, but it was a tough one."

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SERVING UP FUN - Playing cards is only half the fun for Rosa Alegre on Monte Carlo Night.

Photo courtesy of Cerritos College Foundation

Annual Monte Carlo Night to be held in Long Beach

CHARLES PURNELL

STAFF WRITER

This year's Cerritos College Foundation's annual Monte Carlo Night will be held at the Long Beach Yacht Club at 6201 E. Apian Way in Long Beach on March 17.

Termed as the third annual Monte Carlo Night, the event, taking place at 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., is promised by the foundation to be a fun evening of music, dancing and gaming.

"We chose the Long Beach Yacht Club because it was close. It's a private club and we were able to secure it because of a board member that was able to get it open for us. It's expansive. It's beautiful, especially for an evening event," said Janice Cole, Foundation Secretary and Monte Carlo Night Planning Committee member.

"It's at the harbor, behind the Marina, and when the Marina is lit up it is very pretty. It's not a place that people would ordinarily have an opportunity to go," she said.

To give ams to the event's attempt at raising money for student awards and scholarships, silent and live auction items will be available for bid. Among the items up for bid is a two-bedroom suite for three days and two nights at the Four Seasons Resort Aviara, as well as golf at the Aviara Golf Club in Carlsbad, Calif.

Cole said the foundation desires to raise more than \$25,000 dollars to apply toward a variety of programs, including the Academic Excellence Program, the Honors Program, a book voucher

program, student scholarships in honor of a variety of people (whether they be faculty members who are deceased or current honorary people) and a variety of other programs that will need funding throughout the year.

Former La Mirada Mayor Wayne Rew will emcee the evening's festivities.

The Leon Guide Orchestra has been hired by Cole to bring to life the harmonious sounds from the Big Band era for partakers to enjoy music and dancing.

Sumptuous hors d'oeuvres will be served and the Cerritos College Culinary Arts department will cater the desserts.

Gaming will also be available for those in the mood to test their luck. According to Cole, roulette, crap tables and black tables will be ready for play. "There will be no money exchange. That's illegal," she said. Play money will be given to those who want to gamble. More imitation money may be purchased and the proceeds will be allocated to the fund raising effort.

Tickets will be given to the victorious gamers that will enable them to turn them in for prizes from the prize baskets.

Tickets for Monte Carlo Night are \$100 per couple, or \$75 per individual.

The foundation is a nonprofit organization that supplements what the college cannot cover with state mandated funds.

This year's committee was made up of 8 active persons: Chairperson Mary K. Johnson, who is the general manager of AT&T Media

Services, Margaret Pashko, with the Gas Co., Sheridan DeBellis, who is secretary of the library, Gloria Cathy, council member of the city of Cerritos, Loreta Rew, the wife of the former mayor of Cerritos, Wayne Rew, Dr. Bob Hughlett, Mayor of Cerritos and director of the Disabled Students Program, Gloria Kappe, Council Woman for the city of Cerritos, and Kim Rangell, who works with Coldwell Banker Real Estate and is on the Foundation board.

According to Cole, this year's Monte Carlo Night will differ from its predecessors by presenting entertainment by Cerritos College Horticulture instructor Frank Yee, who will present a magic show. There will also be a silent and live auction and the venue will be different.

"I loved Monte Carlo Night! I really liked that it was a formal affair. It was an excellent opportunity for Cerritos College faculty to meet people from the community," exclaimed Megan Richardson, community relations' specialist at Cerritos College.

"This year it's going to be a wonderful celebration and I hope everyone will attend," she added.

The Foundation is hoping to have a lot of faculty and classified staff support this year's Monte Carlo Night because it will, in return, benefit the students.

"And that's the reason why we are here, to help students," Cole said.

For ticket information call the foundation at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2526.

Band and orchestra set to perform

BY K.C. CARTER

AME EDITOR

The Cerritos College Band and Orchestra will perform at the Burnight Theatre, this Wednesday.

The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and admission will be free as well as parking.

The concert is being directed and conducted by David Betancourt who directed the Honor Band Concert on Saturday Feb. 3. Betancourt is also a faculty member here at Cerritos College.

"Our last performance brought in a full house; many people had to stand in the back of theater in order to watch the performance. So I am anticipating a full house once again," Betancourt says.

Betancourt continues and says, "I advise anyone, who is coming to the performance to get there early."

Not only will the Cerritos College Band and Orchestra perform but also Betancourt has invited the Whitney High School Ensemble and Mayfair High School to perform with the Cerritos College Band and Orchestra.

"This is going to be a totally different concert, this performance will not be showcasing any Honor students like last time," Betancourt says.

Betancourt also says "This is going to be a collaboration with the community; we want to show people what the Cerritos College Band and Orchestra can do, as well as show the community what the local high schools can do."

The Mayfair Concert Band will perform first; followed by the Whitney Ensemble; and then Cerritos College Band and Orchestra will take the stage and

perform last.

For the finale all the bands and orchestras will come together and perform together.

Though the performance is going to be different, it however is going to be a continuation performance. The performance is going to pick up where the Honor Band and Honor Orchestra left off, in terms of music.

Unlike the Honor Band and Honor Orchestra concert there was no requirements involved in order to be part of the concert. The concert was an open invitation.

The response to the open invitation was so well received that Cerritos College Music Department is definitely thinking of doing it again.

Auditions were held and those who were prepared with their music and sure of themselves were chosen to participate for the concert.

The Bands and Orchestras will be performing very 'obscure' unknown selections; however Betancourt claims that the selections will be well-received selections.

For anyone who was able to see Feb. 3, concert will be able to recognize musical pieces by John Philip Sousa and David R. Holsinger.

Brian Munson, a Cerritos College student who saw Honor Band and Honor Orchestra concert had this to say, "I saw both of those concerts and I was just amazed."

Munson continues and says "Betancourt did a wonderful job with his last concert and I look forward to seeing his next concert; because he showcases such brilliant musicians."

Upcoming Events

ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 7

The Cerritos College Jazz Ensemble and Long Beach Community Jazz Ensemble will perform in the Burnight Theater at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free.

ROOM SERVICE

On March 9, 10, 15, 16 & 17, The Theater Department will present its latest presentation "Room Service" these performances will begin at 8 p.m. and on March 18 there will be a performance at 2 p.m. The play will take place in the Burnight Theater. General Admission is \$ 10 and Students/Seniors are \$7.50.

Lecture focuses on artist's perceptions of the world

BY K.C. CARTER

AME EDITOR

On Feb. 27, Marie Thibeault gave an artist lecture on her artwork. Thibeault's artwork is being displayed in the exhibit called "Meet You at Coalanga," in the Art Gallery here at Cerritos College.

The lecture began at 1 p.m. in the Art Gallery and lasted for an hour.

Thibeault discussed her artwork and also explained why she collaborated with Linda Day. Day's artwork is also displayed in the Art Gallery along side with Thibeault.

During the lecture Thibeault showed slides of her artwork that was displayed in the Art Gallery as well as artwork not shown in the Art Gallery.

Thibeault's artwork is abstract art; her artwork shows a variety of moods that she is feeling such as happiness, joy, anger, or sorrow.

Thibeault says "My artwork is a reflection of how I see the world; basically it is my condensed way of stating my opinion to the world."

Thibeault is a very driven artist, who takes great pride in her artwork. Thibeault will work and work until her artwork is to her satisfaction.

Thibeault states "I am not one of those artists who can do some work and then take a break; when I start working on an art piece I work on it for six hours straight."

Thibeault continues and says "After six hours have

gone by, I may be tired but I feel good because I am getting ideas for my next art piece. It is like planting flower seeds and watching them bloom; there is always something new to behold."

Thibeault also says "I listen to various types of music to inspire me such as rock and jazz, but I love to listen to world music. Like African music or American Indian music."

Geoffrey Allen who is the head coordinator of the Art Gallery here at Cerritos College and the coordinator of the exhibit "Meet You at Coalanga" has this to say about Thibeault's artwork, "The color in her artwork is so remarkable."

Allen continues and says, "I study her color combination; in order to guide myself to improve my own artwork; she is just an extremely talented artist, I was just fascinated with her artwork slides."

Allen also says, "Since Thibeault is such a talented artist, we asked her would she give a lecture on her artwork; in order for students to ask questions about her artwork, understand her artwork, and as well as learn some art techniques that could use towards their own art."

Thibeault's along with Day's artwork will continue to be displayed in the Art Gallery until March 8. The Art Gallery is located in the Arts and Craft building, Room 50 next to the ceramics lab. You can also find more information about the artists at the Art Gallery website at www.cerritos.edu/gallery.



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ART TALKS - Artist Marie Thibeault lectured on her art and the show at the Art Gallery.

Women's history IS U.S. history



Speaking out- Vicki Ruiz will be the keynote speaker for Women's History Month. She will be conducting two student forums aside from giving a speech to the campus community.

Keynote speaker sets theme for Women's History Month March 6

BY CARMEN ALVIZURES
FEATURE EDITOR

"U.S. Women's History is U.S. history," says Vicki Ruiz over the phone from her office at Arizona State University.

As the keynote speaker for Women's History Month in Cerritos College, Ruiz is interested in letting students know that history is something to be looked at and questioned.

Around the kitchen table when she was growing up, Ruiz heard stories from her mother and her grandmother, which were different from the history she learned in school. Now, years later, after graduating from Stanford University with a Ph.D. in history and acting as the Chair of the Chicana and Chicano Studies at Arizona State University, Ruiz emphasizes that the stories she heard at the kitchen table are also part of history.

Ruiz will be on campus March 6 and 7 conducting two student forums and addressing the college community on Mexican American women claiming public space.

The student forums will be on separate days, "Mentoring Relationships between Mother and Daughter" will be on March 6 in LC-155 at 9 a.m. and "Oral History Narratives- Recording Your Family's Past" will be on March 7 in the Boardroom at 11 a.m.

Her keynote address entitled "Claiming Public Space: Mexican American Women at Work, Church, and Neighborhood" will be on March 6 at 11 a.m. in LC-155.

For Ruiz, Women's History Month helps "expand our knowledge." She talks of an active process where history is something yet to be discovered by raising questions about women's history and the part it plays in incorporating an integrated history where men, women and children each have a role.

That is why Ruiz wants the stu-

dents who attend her forums to walk away with a "sense of their own history." For her, history is "the telling of stories" where not just one side is told.

"We made a commitment a year ago to get [Ruiz] because she is someone that is constantly being asked (to speak)," says Professor Susan Butler of the Social Science Department. Butler teaches courses such as History 202, a course that focuses on women's studies.

Ruiz' visit to Cerritos College is significant, Butler says, because "she is a Chicana historian and that speaks to a great number of our students." "She's on several national dialogues (which) takes the issues of women," Butler stresses, and "makes [them] more visible."

Visibility, in Ruiz' point of view, starts with a voice. "Finding a voice as a woman," says Ruiz, "is very important." As a historian, Ruiz is able to facilitate this process by setting "the context for people to reveal themselves in their own words and in their own way."

This, she says, helps her demonstrate that women, particularly Mexican American women, "have made history" in more than one level, U.S. general history, Chicano history, and U.S. women's history. "Women," Ruiz adds, have "claimed public space" by ceasing to be landscape figures. They have moved "out of the shadows" and into the light.

For Butler, the student forum on mentoring relationships between mothers and daughters is something the students of Cerritos College would be interested in since it will be "very interactive" and the students attending will be "able to dialogue with [Ruiz]."

The forum focusing on oral histories "isn't gender specific," Butler clarifies, "it gives you a greater understanding of family, of who they are, but it also gives you a greater understanding of their historical settings." This forum, Butler adds, will develop into a "meaningful discussion."

Ruiz stresses the importance "of understanding the human condition across time, race, class, gender, and sexuality."

Women's History Month: a chance to have a voice

BY CARMEN ALVIZURES
FEATURE EDITOR

With "Celebrating Women of Courage and Vision" as this year's theme for Women's History Month, Cerritos College will launch a month full of activities which will recognize and honor women, past and present, who have set a standard and contributed to history in one way or another.

There will be a film festival, speeches, health forums, international forums, musical events, and book sales among other activities.

In all, Cerritos College has more than 30 events planned. Yet, in order to take advantage of these activities, Professor Susan Butler believes Women's History Month "should get past the stereotypes."

On the wall of her office, there is more than one poster with women as the central figures. Butler, a faculty member of the Social Science Department on campus with a Ph.D. in History from UCLA has an office full of objects that puts in pictures the history of women over time.

From the posters, there is one where a woman is flexing her right arm as she arches her eyebrows. The poster reads, "We Can Do It!" and dates back to World War II.

"Being a feminist is really just being someone who is looking for humanitarianism and looking for equality," she says smiling.

"Being tagged as a feminist," she continues, has a "negative connotation."

"Women who are afraid of women issues might consider coming to some of the events to find that the idea of equality, equity, [having a] voice is only going to be empowering."

The events will "give them a different perspective."

Men and women "being able to collectively close the gap between the haves and the have-nots" is something Butler hopes Women's History Month can help attain.

As she speaks from behind her desk, Butler makes hand gestures and is very animate about what she is saying. For her, Women's History Month is "not just about gender, it's about how society is organized and how different groups get marginalized."

Locally, Butler states, Cerritos College has had a history since 1986 of having different activities during the month of March that reflect Women's History Month for the individuals that are here.

Nationally, she continues, "people who are part of promoting women's rights see that women have been edited out of history, literature, art, music...that their contributions with the unfolding of society have not been given the same attention." So for her, having a month dedicated to women is a chance, in terms of history, to go back and reconsider events by looking at what has actually happened.

"It's important to remember and reflect," Butler points out, "where [women] have come from and what they bring to this [historical] process that is of value."

According to Butler, Women's History Month is an opportunity for people who "have been pushed aside" and whose "voices have been muted" to speak up.

"Many [groups] don't have voices and they have something to say," Butler continues. Women's History Month "is a way to give voice to a particular group," but at the same time, "give way for other groups."

Women and men, Butler stresses, should be able to "recognize that we are entitled to have a right to have a say." Diana Tellez, a Law student on campus, agrees. She comes from Mexico and was involved in her native country with issues that dealt with women. "In Mexico, I was a part of women issues," she says, "it would be interesting to see how [women] work here."

Looking at Women's History Month beyond gender "will make students realize that they are entitled to have a voice and speak up," Butler says.

This year's theme focuses on vision and courage. On a national level, six women are being recognized for their work and achievements in different fields.

For Butler, "vision and courage have to do with a lot of people." "There is tremendous vision and courage about every person that walks into a classroom," she says referring to students who overcome barriers daily and obtain an education.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

Friday, March 2
Interviewing Skills Workshop
2:00-3:30 p.m. at SS-136

Monday, March 5
Disobedient Women
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
at LC-155

One Woman, One Vote
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
at LA-23

Mary Shelley's Frankenstein
Myth/ Film Festival
3:30-5:30 p.m. at LC-155

Tuesday, March 6
Vicki Ruiz: "Mentoring Relationships between Mother and Daughter"
9:00-10:45 a.m. at LC-155

Vicki Ruiz, Keynote Speech
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
at LC-155

The Two Maquilas
9:30-11:00 a.m. at SS-306

Wednesday, March 7
Vicki Ruiz: "Oral History Narratives- Recording Your Family's Past"
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
at Boardroom

Thursday, March 8
A life of Challenge in Poetry
1:00-2:00 p.m.
at Student Center Stage

Friday, March 9
Basic Resume Writing
Workshop
10:00-11:30 a.m. at SS-136

Monday, March 12
Frankenstein's Creature as Abandoned Child/
Film Festival
3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
at LC-155

Tuesday, March 13
Affirmations for Early Childhood Teachers & Directors: From Chaos to Interdependence
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
at HS-104

A Woman's Insight into the Composing Process
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
at BC-51

Dolores Huerta: Grand Lady of Steel
7:00-8:00 p.m.
at LA-20

Wednesday, March 14
Women in Islam
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
at AC-43

Celebrating Women of Courage and Vision/Live Radio Broadcast
1:00-3:00 p.m. at WPMD
1700 AM

Women in Islam in Africa
7:00 p.m.
at Whittier College/
Hoover 100

Affirmations for Early Childhood Teachers & Directors:
From Chaos to Interdependence
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
at HS-105

Thursday, March 15
Interviewing Skills Workshop
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
at SS-138

10 Risky Things Women Do To Mess Up Their Health
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
at HS 105

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TALON MARKS

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Cerritos begins quest for state

For result of Tuesday's playoff game, log on to www.talonmarks.com

BY JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

Now that the Cerritos women's basketball team won easily at L.A. Harbor, 87-49 Feb. 16, it's time for the playoffs.

The Falcons (26-5, 8-2 in SCC South) hosted L.A. Trade Tech Tuesday in the first round of the Southern California Regionals.

Falcons' guard Monet Andrews, who scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds, said, "We're going to play our best."

Cerritos opened the game with a 15-2 run, and led 35-23 at halftime.

The Falcons opened the second half with 12 unanswered points to take a 47-23 lead, and increased that lead to 30 points when Andrews sank a three-point basket with 10:14 left.

The Seahawks shot 29 percent from the field as a team. Tiffany McCollum of Harbor (12 points) was 4-for-26 (one for 11 from three-point distance), and missed her first 14 shots in the second half until she made a three-point basket with two

seconds remaining.

Camille Singleton (14 points and nine rebounds) said, "We played a bad first half, and coach had a talk with us at halftime."

"We had to come back and play a little better."

"Play Cerritos basketball like we know how, together as a team."

Andrews added, "We had a long talk in the locker room at halftime. It encouraged us."

"We came out, played better defense and scored how we're supposed to score."

Monique Harlan scored 20 points and pulled down nine rebounds.

Eteri Wong also had nine boards.

The Seahawks were led by Angel Edmond, who scored 22 points.

About the playoffs, Singleton said, "We have two weeks to get ready, so we're going to be working on stuff that we're weak in, and then get ready for the first game."

"And come out and try to make it all the way to state."

"We've got to take it game by game, though."



GETTING INTO POSITION - Eteri Wong (40) and Monique Harlan (33) box out their opponents on a Long Beach City free throw.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL Season is over

BY JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

The Falcons came so close, but their season is over.

The Cerritos men's basketball team, seeded 25th in the Southern California regional, held a 52-47 lead with three minutes remaining against eighth-seeded Glendale Saturday.

But the Falcons (14-17) were held scoreless for the rest of the game, missing all five of their field goal attempts and lost 53-52.

With 33.4 seconds left and guarding a one-point lead, Cerritos tried to run out the clock or make the Vaqueros commit a foul.

But Glendale (21-10) recovered an errant Falcon pass, and DeJon Lee drove the baseline and scored the basket with 18.5 seconds remaining to give the Vaqueros their first lead in more than 13 and one-half minutes.

Also, Lee was fouled by Marcus Harvey of Cerritos on the play.

Lee missed the free throw, and Cerritos had one last chance to win the game.

Miguel Bennett missed the shot, and time ran out as both teams scrambled for possession of the ball.

Falcons' coach Gary Cain said that the loss was tough. "It's kind of indicative of our season all year long."

"I'm really proud of these kids. They played hard, played all the way to the end."

"I'm just very thankful and I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to coach them this year."

The Falcons showed that they belonged in the playoffs when they took a 17-9 lead at the beginning of the game and led 34-27 at halftime.

But Glendale opened the second half with 11 unanswered points, as Cerritos didn't score until about seven minutes into the second half.

The Falcons went on a 12-2 run

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CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT - Cerritos coach Karen Welliver (center) is presented with a basketball in commemoration of her 400th career victory.

Win number 400 for Coach Welliver

BY JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

"She's real intense this year, but she's a sweet lady," Falcon guard Monet Andrews said about her coach, Karen Welliver.

"She puts academics first, and she really knows what she's talking about on a basketball court. And I really enjoy playing for her."

Andrews and her teammates defeated Long Beach City College 80-68 Feb. 14 at the Aviary, giving Welliver the 400th win of her career.

After the game, Welliver was presented with a commemorative basketball in a ceremony that was

attended by some of her former players.

In this, her 19th season at Cerritos, her teams have won five conference championships and made the state tournament four times.

She said, "It's gone really fast. I can't believe it's been this long because, most of the time it's just been so positive."

"You just have a passion for what you do. It is a really nice feeling."

Forward Nicole Bryant, who scored nine points for the Falcons,

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SOFTBALL Cerritos drops ball and game

BY JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos softball team gave up three runs in the first inning on four errors, and fell short against Irvine Valley College, 6-4 Thursday.

The Falcons, playing on the newly christened Nancy Kelly Field, left nine runners on base, and had four more thrown out at home plate.

After Cerritos scored one run each in the third and fifth innings to cut the Irvine Valley lead to 4-2, the Lasers scored twice in the top of the sixth for the final score.

Falcons' second baseman Ariana Contreras, who was one of the runners thrown out at home, said, "I think some of the calls went (against us)."

Third baseman Jennifer Dorado added, "We also had a lot of errors. We're improving."

The Falcons' game against East L.A. Friday was rained out and will be played Mar. 9 at 3:30 p.m.

The Feb. 20 game at Mt. San Antonio, also rained out, has been rescheduled for Apr. 16

Kincaid's name to be restored to baseball scoreboard

BY ARMANDO BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Approximately one month after being put up, the words "Kincaid Field" were removed from the scoreboard at Cerritos College's Baseball field.

The name which Falcon's baseball coach Ken Gaylord paid to have professionally installed was removed by maintenance crews Feb. 6.

Gaylord, who has been the coach at Cerritos since 1989, and played for former Cerritos baseball coach Wally Kincaid said, "I just wanted to do what I thought was right in honoring a great coach."

Kincaid, who was the baseball coach at Cerritos from 1958 to 1980, is considered a legend.

Over the course of his 22 years as the Falcons' coach, Kincaid's teams won 15 conference titles, six state championships, and at one point put together a 60 game winning streak that spanned three seasons.

When his coaching career was finished, Kincaid had a career record of 678-163.

His winning percentage of .806, is the best for any coach at any level of sports.

In 1986, Cerritos College dedicated its baseball field to Coach Kincaid, and consequently installed a sign that read "Kincaid Field" over its north entrance at parking lot C-1.

In addition, a sign honoring Kincaid was installed near the outfield scoreboard.

Feeling that the outfield sign could hardly be seen, that it was nowhere near the scoreboard, and that the administration was not giv-

ing him much support, Gaylord decided to put the letters up himself.

According to Gaylord, it's standard practice to put a person's name on a scoreboard when a field has been named after them.

However, after having discussions with three of her vice-presidents, interim college President Morgan Lynn decided the letters should come down.

One local newspaper that got wind of the incident published an article about it with a headline that read, "Kincaid dishonored at Cerritos."

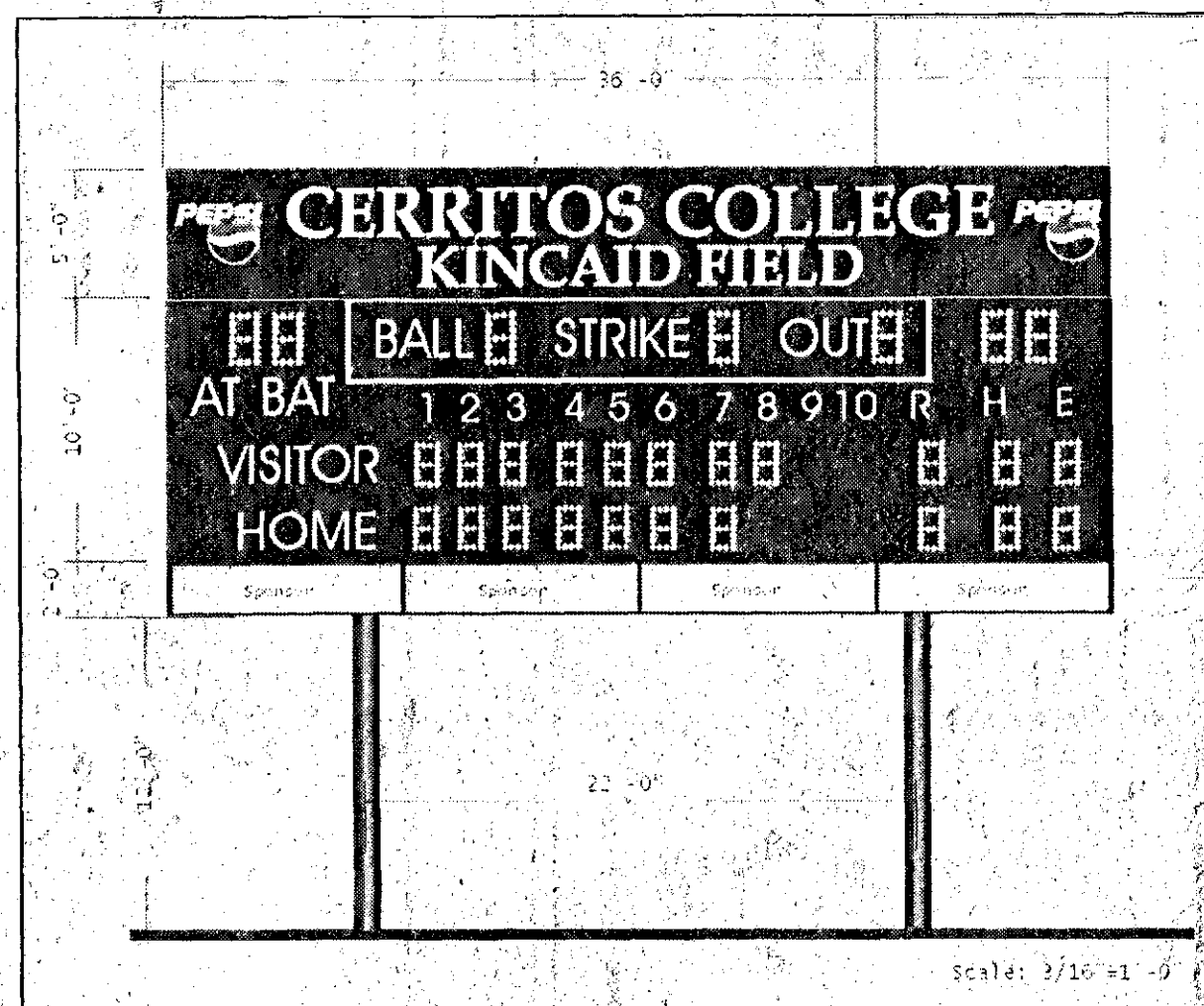
As a result of that story, Cerritos College's interim Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Donna Miller responded saying, "It has never been the intent of anyone to dishonor the accomplishments of Coach Kincaid and what he has meant to Cerritos College."

"There were just some things that weren't handled as well as they should have been. The coaches needed to have permission to put that sign up, and they didn't get it."

Instructional Dean Dr. Pam Walker explained that the school is simply trying to ensure that all of the scoreboards at all of the fields have "the same colors, the same lettering, (and) the same look, Cerritos blue."

The day after the letters were removed, Gaylord met with Miller, Walker and men's athletic director Mike McPherson, and an agreement was made to begin the proper process of getting "Kincaid Field" put back up on the scoreboard.

Friday, after getting all the necessary approvals, Walker told McPherson, who is in charge of the redesign of the scoreboard, to



PROPOSED DESIGN - This is the design for the baseball field scoreboard selected by Cerritos coach Ken Gaylord. The design will also be used for the scoreboard at Nancy Kelly Field.

"order the sign."

According to Walker, getting this sign done has been in the works for some time now.

"It was really just trying to put all the finances together."

Money had been allocated for other things, and when this situation arose, more money had to be raised. McPherson discussed the design options with Coach Gaylord, "and

we went with the option that he thought was the best," Walker said.

In addition to the redesign of the baseball scoreboard, they are also going to redesign the scoreboard at the recently dedicated Nancy Kelly softball field.

According to Walker, it will take about two weeks to complete the signs. However, because of all the recent rain, they have not been able

to set a start date on the installation.

McPherson said that the signs will be up by the end of Spring.

As a result of these most recent developments, Miller said, "We're just very pleased because we do consider the issue to be resolved, and we want to appropriately honor both Coach Kincaid and Coach Kelly."

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Falcons remain unbeaten at 7-0

BY ARMANDO BROWN

STAFF WRITER

With a record of 7-0, the Cerritos women's tennis team appears to be the team to beat in the South Coast Conference.

In the last two weeks the Falcons have defeated Los Angeles City 9-0, Marymount 7-2, Pasadena City 7-2 and Long Beach City 7-2.

Of their opponents, Marymount was the team that posed the biggest challenge up to that point.

According to coach Terry Button, Marymount is a private community college in the Palos Verdes area that is able to give its athletes scholarships.

Consequently they are able to attract some top-notch talent. They have even been able to

recruit players from as far away as Europe.

Last year Marymount was one of two teams that tied with Cerritos for first place in their division.

In the match, Mayra Mariscal, Jeanette Manzo, Lara Yturriaga and Jessica Colacho were all able to easily defeat their opponents in singles play.

However, Marymount's No. 1 and No. 2 players gave Cerritos trouble.

No. 1 Georgie Dinham defeated Cerritos' Dora Prado, while the Falcons' Charese Arrogante had to go three sets to defeat Maria Pergamolis.

In doubles, Marymount's Dinham and Pergamolis had their team's lone doubles victory, defeating Prado and Mariscal 8-5.

The Cerritos doubles teams of Arrogante and

Yturriaga and Manzo/Colacho won their matches 8-5 and 8-0 respectively.

After the match, freshman Kowani Collins said, "[Marymount is] our equal, but we just put a little more into it today."

Assistant coach Tim Parchman added, "The match against Marymount was the big test. Now we have a gauge of where we are."

According to Parchman, along with Marymount, El Camino has a strong team every year.

And this year is no exception.

They are supposed to have one of their best teams in recent memory, and they clash with Cerritos Thursday.

Parchman said, "This is the next big one."

Golf team looking for its strengths



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BUNKER SHOT - Kyle Penner of the Cerritos golf team hits the ball out of the sand trap on the ninth hole at Rio Hondo Country Club. Penner is a late addition to the team.

BY ARMANDO BROWN

STAFF WRITER

After having its first conference tournament rained out on Feb. 20, the Cerritos golf team is hoping the weather cooperates with its plans to begin conference play this week against Marymount.

Since early January, the team has been playing practice rounds.

Until mid-February, coach Frank Mazzotta had been using those practice rounds to identify his best players, and trim the roster from 10 players to six.

Since early February, when the team started playing practice rounds against other schools, the coach has been measuring his top

six players against the competition, and trying to identify who will be his No. 1 golfer, who will be his No. 2 golfer, etc.

Although he has not quite nailed down the order of his lineup, Mazzotta has decided on who his six players will be. They are Jason Holmes, Alan Clark, Adam Estridge, Adrian Rosales, Min Kim and Kyle Penner.

During a practice round on Feb. 14, Kim said, "Coach is still trying to figure out the players' positions. [For instance], today I'm playing No. 3, but I'm like No. 6."

At the beginning of the season, Mazzotta said that if his players could get their scores into the 70s, they would be able to win some tournaments.

In the Falcons' most recent practice round, only Jason Holmes scored in the 70s (He shot a 77). Everyone else shot in the 80s, except Penner, who shot a 91.

By comparison, Long Beach, who was playing in the practice round with Cerritos, had one player shoot a 68, four players shoot in the 70s, and only one player shoot in the 80s.

According to Mazzotta, "We have six freshmen in the starting lineup right now, and they're all just going to take a little bit of time, but they have shown some nice improvement."

"I think down the road we're going to be right there in contention."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Falcons finish season 14-16

BY DAVID AMEZCUA

AND ARMANDO BROWN

STAFF WRITERS

The Cerritos men's basketball team squeaked into the playoffs by splitting its final two games of the regular season on Feb. 14 and 16.

The first game saw the Falcons lose to Long Beach 67-66, while the second game brought a convincing win over Harbor 97-63.

It looked like Cerritos would have to win both games, as it entered the final week of play on a two game losing streak.

However, when the week was over, the basketball gods had smiled down on the Falcons and let them into the post-season despite a final regular season record of 14-16.

CERRITOS VS. LONG BEACH

In the first half, James Perkins (eight points) made two consecutive field goals, including one in which he went coast to coast, which gave Cerritos a three point lead.

Tony Booker (nine points) also came up big in the first half.

The Falcons went into halftime losing, 33-37.

In the second half, Miguel Bennett, who led the team with 13 points, came up with big baskets every time it looked like Long Beach was gaining momentum.

There were numerous lead changes, but Cerritos seemed to have the momentum toward the end of the game.

With about a minute to play, the Falcons led 66-64.

However, during the last minute of play, the Vikings were able to reel off three straight points to steal the win.

After the game, Cerritos coach Gary Cain said, "The team played tough. They really fought."

Guard Graylyn Reed said, "We played as hard as we could. It's hard to take this loss."

CERRITOS VS. HARBOR

According to freshman Tim Nichols, Cain told the team before the game that if it could beat Harbor, it could still have a chance of making the playoffs.

The Falcons absolutely dismantled Harbor. After the first ten minutes of play Cerritos was dominating the Seahawks, 33-5.

With 6:17 to play in the half, they led 44-8.

By the end of the half, Harbor managed to go on a 15-8 run, and was down 52-23 at halftime.

In the second half, Cerritos continued its dominating play, and led by an average of 30 points the rest of the way.

The play of the Falcons was so decisive, that many of the back ups were able to log precious playing time.

LATE SPORTS

The Cerritos women's basketball team won its second-round playoff game Tuesday night, beating L.A. Trade-Tech, 61-58.

The women will play the winner of Tuesday night's College of the Canyons-Victor Valley game Friday night.

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POST-GAME HUDDLE - Cerritos coach Karen Welliver meets with her team after beating Long Beach for her 400th win.

Welliver: 400th

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said, "We're happy for her."

"(She) worked hard for it. And I'm basically going to keep going and she's going to have good success."

"She's a good coach."

Cerritos led 43-29 at the half, but Long Beach rallied to cut the lead to 61-53 with 9:51 remaining in the second half.

The Falcons made eight free throws in 11 attempts in the half, and took advantage of their depth to pull away for the win.

Welliver said about the game, "Long Beach played really well."

"Nicole Bryant did a great job taking three charges."

"I liked our spirit and our cohesiveness."

Bryant said, "We had a lot of encouragement on the bench. So I think we played well tonight."

Andrews, who led the Falcons with 19 points, and fellow sophomores Camille Singleton, Brenda Ortiz and Tori Stewart, played in their final regular season home game for Cerritos.

Singleton scored 18 points, and Ortiz, Stewart and Monique Hall scored eight points apiece.

About her career at Cerritos, Welliver said, "It's just such a nice place to work, and I just have such supportive people."

"(Assistant coach) Dean Ackland's great to coach with, and through the years I've gotten to coach with great people, and it just makes the job really enjoyable."

Men's hoop season ends at Glendale

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and led 48-40 with 7:25 left.

Baskets by Bennett (16 points, nine rebounds) and Curtis Williams (10 points, nine rebounds) gave the Falcons a 52-47 lead, but that was the end of the scoring for Cerritos.

Cerritos forward Aaron Hamilton (five points, seven rebounds) said that it was the "same thing that's been happening all season."

"(We) just can't put it all together, missing free throws, and we can't get rebounds."

Marques Harris scored 12 points for the Falcons. Harvey scored seven points, and James

Perkins was held to two points.

Cain said, "We didn't have quite the season that we wanted to have, in terms of won-loss. But we were blessed with a lot of wonderful times this year. And I'm happy for them."

"And I just hope that they've learned something from this experience."

Hamilton added, "We all want to win. We're trying as hard as we can."

"Except that the ball doesn't always fall your way. We've got to just keep trying."

"Give us another chance next year. We'll turn it around"

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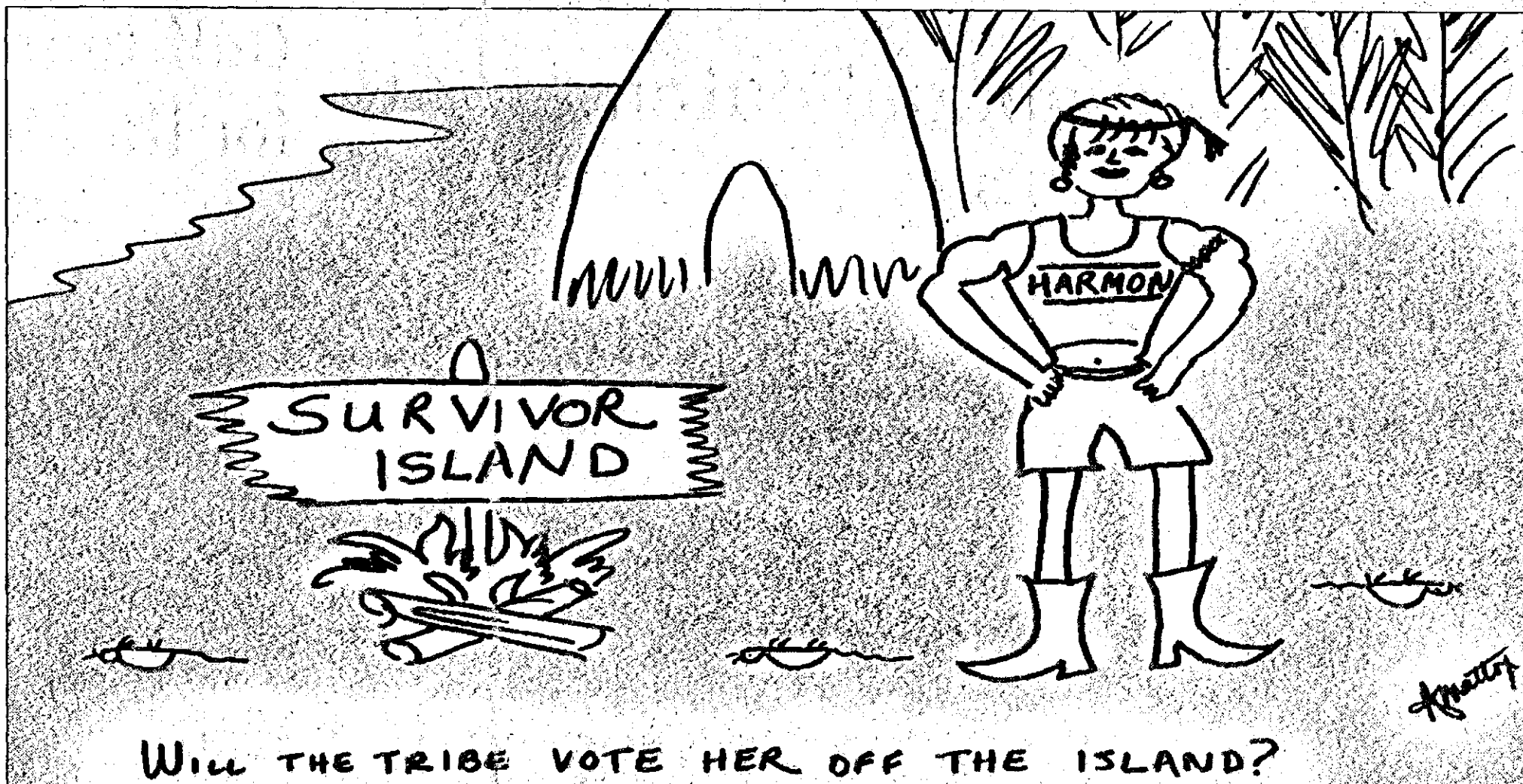
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Your presence will make a difference

BY ALLYN MATTOX
EDITOR IN CHIEF

One thing I learned from working in a courtroom for the years that I did is that physical presence is important.

It's harder for a judge to impose a light sentence on a defendant when the victim's family is present in the courtroom audience.

Defendants who are adamant that they are innocent will often plead guilty as soon as the jury is present in the courtroom.

I've been reminded of this as I sit in a near-empty boardroom while the Board of Trustees meets in closed sessions.

I think to myself that I am just a student. Whoever is chosen as the next president of Cerritos College will have very little impact on my life.

I'll be a student here for the remainder of this semester and maybe next semester.

The people that are going to have to live with the Board of Trustees' decision are the administrators, faculty, and support staff on this campus.

Have you made your presence felt?

Bob Chester, faculty senate president, is at these meetings representing faculty members.

Ed White, president of CSEA, the support staff union, is present representing support staff.

Chester, along with Constantine Rosenbauer, student body president, are making advisory recommendations to the board about who they feel should be the next president.

Are their recommendations making an impact? I don't know.

But one thing I do know is that it will be easier for board members to make an announcement to an empty boardroom.

We are all busy. We all have families to get home to at night, and God knows there will be traffic on the 605 and 91 freeways.

But maybe it's time to take one night out of your busy schedule to sit through a board meeting.

Will it be boring? Yes.

Will it have an impact? Yes.

If you care whom the next president of Cerritos College will be, come by the next board meeting and have your presence felt.

Get up in front of the board during open session and ask a question or make a comment.

If you cannot come, write a letter stating your opinion. Give the letter to Chester or White to physically carry into the boardroom.

Make your opinion count, because frankly it looks like no one cares what decision is made.

I don't care if you say Harmon is the best thing since sliced bread.

I don't care if you say you prefer to see Harmon remain a New York resident rather than a California resident.

Harmon's reputation at her prior jobs has shown that she has had difficulty getting along and working with administrators, faculty members and support staff to the point that she was ousted from her job at Adirondack Community College.

She also has a reputation of being able to do the "cocktail party thing" very well.

She was flown out to California by the board this past weekend to

do the "cocktail party thing" with board members who have not met her.

Our board is anxious to have this process completed.

So if you feel that the board is settling for this candidate, let them know.

If you support Harmon, let the board know that, too.

But if you are apathetic and do nothing, you will have to live with the consequences of their decision.

The next board meeting will be held on Mar. 6 at 5 p.m.

The board will probably go into closed session as soon as the meeting starts.

There is no telling when they will come out for open session. We just have to sit in the audience and wait. Please come, bring a book and make your opinion — and your presence — count.

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The Talon Marks accepts all letters addressed to the editor, but reserves the right to determine the content of its publication, including the letters section.

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EDITORIAL

President's Day loses meaning

Last week the Talon Marks wasn't published due to the four-day weekend holiday.

School was out so we could celebrate the birthdays of two former presidents, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

Remember when we were in elementary school? We would have silhouette cutouts pasted up around the room.

We would learn that Lincoln ended slavery with the Civil War and was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth.

We learned that Washington crossed the Delaware, and when he cut down the cherry tree, he admitted it, because he could not tell a lie.

But now that we are adults, what do we do to celebrate the birthdays of these great politicians?

As far as we can tell, nothing.

Was there any news coverage of Lincoln Day Parades or Washington Memorial Ceremonies? Did the stores have cards we could send to our loved ones to say "Happy President's Day?"

Did anyone go out for a romantic President's Day Dinner?

With the exception of Marilyn Monroe singing to President Kennedy and Monica singing to Bill, when was the last time you heard anyone sing "Happy Birthday, Mr. President?"

So why do we celebrate these holidays? Are we really honoring the memory of these great statesmen?

Are we letting possible president of Cerritos College Jane Harmon celebrate by having two weeks go by where we don't print a story about her and her candidacy?

Is this the government's way of giving us a day off so we can get our taxes filed?

We think that just like 4th of July, Memorial Day and Thanksgiving, we should take time to remember sacrifices that people have made so we can live the lifestyles we have today.

Our country is prosperous. Jobs are plentiful. There is food in our cupboards and we have roofs over our heads.

We believe President's Day is a day we can count our blessings, and remember that we are lucky to be Americans.

So Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Washington, and thanks for everything.

CAMPUS COMMENT

What do you think about the controversy surrounding the performance of Eminem at the Grammys?

By Claudia Valdez
Photos by Claudia Valdez

"It's pretty much just freedom of speech, it's just songs. Get over it."

ERIC ESTRADA,
INDUSTRIAL DESIGN



"It's all based on entertainment, if it causes controversies then it's more power to you."

MIGUEL CRISTALES,
UNDECIDED



"It's lame. If you're against homosexuals, then why interact with them?"

CATHY RIOS,
PSYCHOLOGY



"It was good. I like Eminem and it's just business. He doesn't mean it."

GEORGE MEDINA,
NURSING



"I don't think it's right. He shouldn't be judging people in his songs."

GUADALUPE MENDOZA,
NURSING



"I thought his performance was good and when he accepted his award he didn't act like a fool."

LYNNE WINE,
PSYCHOLOGY



"It got blown out of proportion. It helped him sell more records."

MIGUEL GARCIA,
EDUCATION



"It was tolerant to the intolerant. Elton John was like saying, 'I acknowledge it but I don't care'."

CHRISSANDRA DEL RIO,
SOCIOLOGY

