

Follett choice for bookstore

Student Services recommends vendor, board may act March 20.

BY CARMEN ALVIZURES
FEATURE EDITOR

The senate members of the Associated Students of Cerritos College approved the Follett proposal on Wednesday.

In his executive report, Student Body President Constantin Rosenbauer asked the ASCC senators to support the bookstore contract proposal. Having been

part of the budget committee, Rosenbauer has reviewed the proposal in more than one meeting.

"This is an excellent contract," Rosenbauer told the senators while pointing out that the campus would have a better bookstore than the one it already has.

Vice President Tim Stavrakis agreed. "[Follett's] offer is generous," Stavrakis said after the senators had agreed to recommend Follett's proposal to the board of trustees.

Stavrakis was also part of the budget committee as was Rosenbauer and had attended meetings concerning the future of the bookstore.

According to Stavrakis, Follett can benefit the campus because it has "higher financial expectations" than Wallace's had.

The proposal has yet to be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Vice President of Business Services Peter Hardash had stated at a separate meeting with the budget committee on March 1 that the Follett proposal could very well be ready for the board by March 20.

If the board approves Follett's proposal, Wallace's would be out by March 30. The transition would take place on March 31, and on April 1 Follett would be in

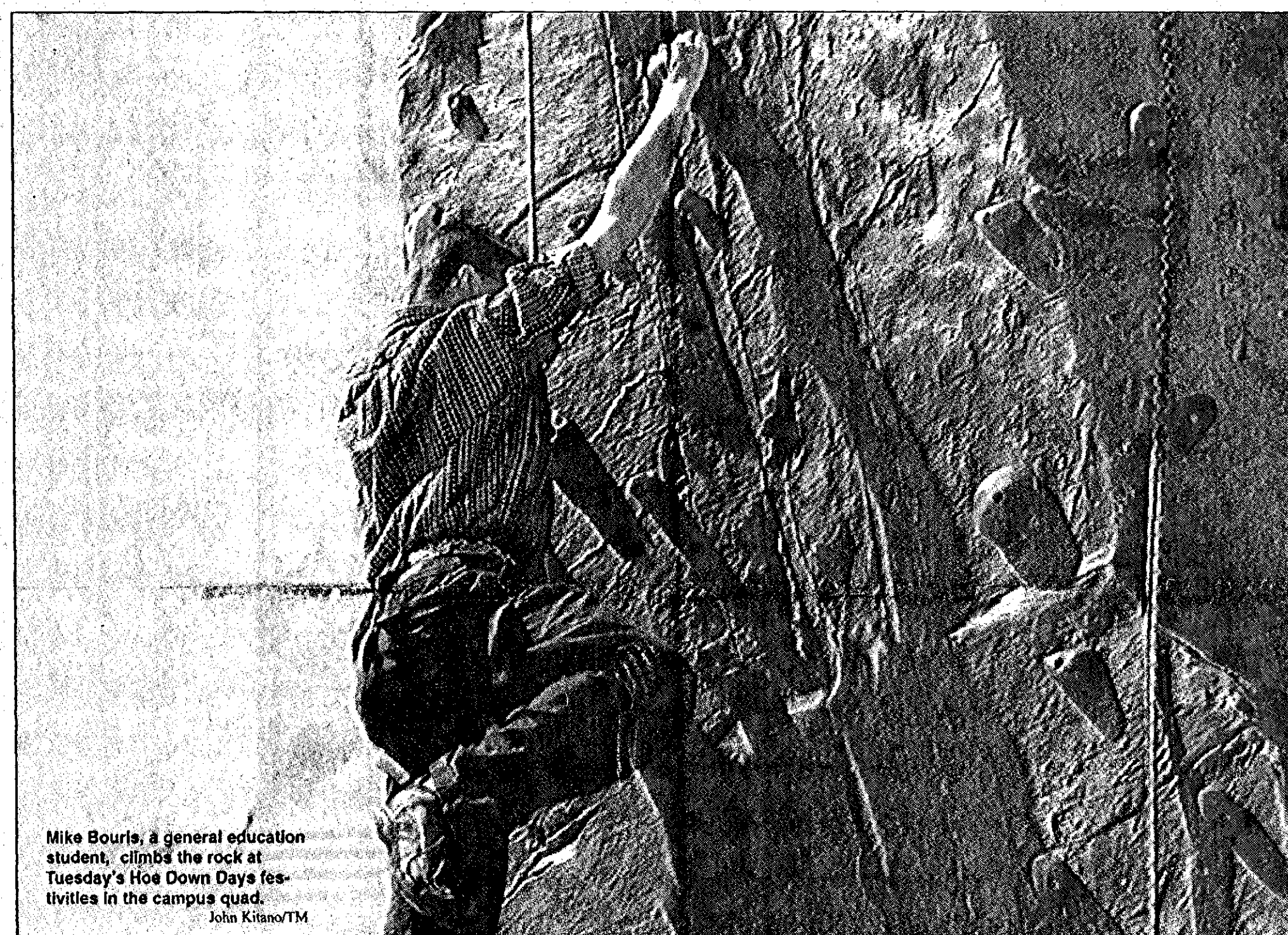
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charge.

This, however, is a preliminary timetable and dates may change.

Dean of Student Activities Philip Houseman, when

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Mike Bouris, a general education student, climbs the rock at Tuesday's Hoe Down Days festivities in the campus quad.
John Kiano/TM

Mixed reactions about new president

BY ALLYN MATTOX
EDITOR IN CHIEF

While contract negotiations are in the final stages with new Cerritos College President Dr. Jane Harmon, there are mixed reactions on campus to her being hired.

Harmon was chosen as the new president at a Board of Trustees meeting Mar. 6.

At that time it was announced that Harmon had been offered the position and had accepted, pending successful contract negotiations.

A special board meeting has been announced for Friday at 7:30 a.m. for the board to approve the contract.

The board will meet in closed session for consideration of approval of the president's contract.

Reactions to Harmon's selection as the new president have varied.

At a Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday, Carlos Arce, a liberal arts instructor, stated that he believes the present state of Cerritos College is good.

He believes that over the past two to three years, the faculty has been strong, there has been a strong sense of direction, and lots of innovation.

He also feels that this has been reflected in the increased number of students who have enrolled at Cerritos College.

"I feel great about serving students," Arce said.

Arce also stated that he does not feel that the faculty was part of the decision-making process that hired Harmon.

Bob Chester, faculty senate president, announced at the meeting that Harmon had signed a contract on Monday, pending board approval on Friday.

"I would have lost my house (betting against the decision the board made to hire Harmon)," Chester commented.

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Hoe Down festivities continue, yee ha!

ARMANDO BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Students at Cerritos College kicked off their 22nd Annual Hoe Down Days with a variety of activities in Falcon Square on Tuesday.

Falcon Square looked like a carnival with a variety of booths, music and entertainment for students to enjoy.

The three-day festival will in-

clude a carnival on Tuesday, a chili cook-off and Mr. Cerritos contest on Wednesday, and a western luncheon and concert on Thursday.

The first leg of the festival was a smashing success. At around 10 a.m. the quad came to life with carnival booths, a rock climbing wall, and a DJ who was playing country music.

There was a big turnout of stu-

dents who came to have fun. They seemed to enjoy all of the booths, but the rock climbing wall and the dunking booth seemed to be the most popular.

The cosmetology club was also there, and there were a lot of people getting haircuts and manicures.

The booths consisted of dart throwing, basketball shooting, pick up the bottle with a ring attached to

a string, duck races, football throw, ball roll, knock the frog into the trash can, throw a hoop over a stuffed animal, hit the hockey puck into the hole and a variety of other fun activities.

It was only a prelude to the "big day." Wednesday's activities include the popular chili cook-off, and the always-wild and entertaining Mr. Cerritos contest.

At 10:30 a.m., the chili cook-off will begin. Judging will take place while male students competing in the Mr. Cerritos contest entertain students. The winner of the chili cook-off will be announced after Mr. Cerritos has been selected.

The winners of categories such as "best chili" and "hottest chili" will receive a plaque.

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Bloomfield commencement speaker

BY ALLYN MATTOX
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A Cerritos College philosophy instructor has been chosen to be the commencement speaker at the Cerritos College ceremony, which will be held on May 12.

The commencement committee selected Dr. Edward Bloomfield, a philosophy teacher on campus for the last 32 years.

Patrick J. Callahan, coordinator of judicial affairs and part of the selection committee, stated that Bloomfield was selected partly because he has been an instructor on campus for 32 years.

He has also always maintained contact with the students and learning.

His roots are here in the community - Bloomfield Avenue is named after his family - and he has touched the lives of thousands of students.

"I think the community felt that sometimes we ask 'Was he in charge of this, was he head of

the faculty senate, was he vice president of the college?' Callahan said.

"Those are all nice, but they really all interfere with the day-to-day interaction with students."

Bloomfield's parents first moved to Norwalk in 1932. His 90-year-old mother still lives in their family home.

Bloomfield attended all local schools and graduated from Excelsior High School.

Bloomfield met his wife, whom he calls, "an Artesia girl" in his 10th grade geometry class.

They were high school sweethearts who parted ways to attend different colleges, but later got back together and married.

"I went to Whittier College for my undergraduate work," Bloomfield said.

"In those days, there were 900 students and tuition was \$30 a unit, which we thought was outrageous."

Bloomfield has an impressive resumé.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Whittier College with a triple major in history, philosophy and religion.

He was awarded the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, a prestigious award that paid for his master's degree at Harvard University.

After graduating from Harvard, Bloomfield returned to California, where he earned his second master's degree and his doctorate at Claremont University.

Bloom teaches a variety of classes in the philosophy curriculum including Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Ethics and Critical Thinking.

He especially enjoys teaching the World Religions course and the Philosophy of the Bible course because students, while wanting humanity units, take the class for self-enrichment.

"We teach it from an academic, historical,

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Philosophy teacher Edward Bloomfield discusses a paper with student Ricky Negrete.
Allyn Mattox/TM

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

Friday, March 16
Essay Contest Deadline
Re-Entry Resource Program
by 4 p.m.

Monday, March 19
Bots and Automotons
Frankenstein's
Descendants Film Festival
3:30-5:30 p.m.
At LC-155
Plight of Women
Internationally
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
At LA-23

Tuesday, March 20
Insights into International Business
11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
At LC-155

Wednesday, March 21
Zenobia: Real Warrior Princess
11 a.m.-12 noon
At HS-105
Plight of Women
Internationally
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
At LA-23

Thursday, March 22
Sexual Assault Crisis Agency
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
In front of the library

Friday, March 23
Susie Hansen Latin Band Concert Event
7:30 p.m.
Student Center
\$10.00, \$5.00
Students/Seniors

Saturday, March 24
AAUW Scholarship Presentation
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Administrative Quad
At Boardroom

Monday, March 26
Gothic Monstrosity and Genetic Engineering Film Festival
3:30-5:30 p.m.
At LC-155

Tuesday, March 27
Su Casa Book Sale
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
In front of the Library
Women and Money
11 a.m.-12 p.m.
At LH-1
Basic Resume Writing Workshop
11 a.m.-12 noon
At SS-138
Mary and the Goddess Archetypes
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
At LA-25

Wednesday, March 28
Su Casa Book Sale
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
In front of the Library
Musical Tribute to the Women Soldaderas of the Mexican Revolution
11 a.m.-12 noon
At Administrative Quad Boardroom
Basic Resume Writing Workshop
6 p.m.-7 p.m.
At SS-311
Tribute to Women Writers
6:30-9:30 p.m.
At LC-155

Announcement of Essay Winners
During the Tribute to Women Writers
At LC-155

Thursday, March 29
Celebrate and Educate: Breast Cancer Awareness Walk
11 a.m.-12 noon
At SS-138
Su Casa Book Sale
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
In front of the Library
Health Fair
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
At Falcon Square
A Look at Teenage Sex
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
At LC-155

Oral history interviews offer insight

BY CARMEN ALVIZURES
FEATURE EDITOR

Cerritos College students were able to share with Vicki Ruiz, the keynote speaker for Women's History Month, their interest in oral history in a student forum that took place last Wednesday.

More than one class got a chance to hear Ruiz' academic as well as personal accounts on what it is like to conduct an oral history interview.

The event took place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the boardroom.

BACKGROUND

"What is oral history? She began.

"Why is it important to record people's memories, their accounts? What is it about it that makes it so vital and certainly to me very exciting?"

"To me," Ruiz told the audience made up of students mostly, "oral history puts you in their place; you are seeing history from their eyes, from their world."

"In terms of doing oral history," she explained lightheartedly, "you just don't sit in front of someone, turn on the tape recorder and say 'tell me about your life.'"

In a forum that was unassuming and engaging, Ruiz stressed the necessity there is for an interviewer to be prepared.

"There are basic things that you

need to check because, believe me," she said smiling, "I have done my share of very horrible history interviews."

At the onset of the forum, Ruiz shared a scholarly article of her authorship and told the students they could read it at their leisure.

TIPS

The more practical piece of information, she pointed out, was a handout of interviewing tips and sample questions that would help the students prepare themselves.

"There are things you want to do to be able to ensure that you get an interview (where) the person has the opportunity to say what they want to say, but also respect them."

You don't push on issues that they won't talk about."

Among the tips Ruiz presented to the students was the issue of good tape recorders.

She shared a personal story to illustrate her point. "I had the opportunity to interview someone who had been involved in CASA," she began.

"CASA was a very leftist Chicano movement group that organized immigrants. They were to the left of MEChA," she explained.

"People are very secretive about being involved in CASA. It's not something people are going to wear on their sleeve and say 'I'm a member of CASA.'"

"She was going to tell me about the organization."

"It was a great interview."

"I went back to Claremont all happy, I sat down, I went to turn on the tape and I violated my first rule in oral history, I didn't, after five minutes in the interview, rewind what it was taping."

"I got dead air. I was not able to interview her again," she said in an unfulfilled tone.

Having mentioned tape recorders, Ruiz went on to remind students about the importance of batteries.

She referred to one interview where she realized her children had taken out the batteries for their Game Boy.

In a similar fashion, Ruiz got the audience to laugh by telling another story where a student of hers did not pay attention to one of her other tips, researching.

"I had a student who was going to take the easy way out and so he began to basically go down a list of questions and he asked this elderly Mexican who had worked as a bracero in the railroad during World War II if he had been sexually harassed."

The audience immediately laughed.

"Pobrecito," Ruiz said while placing one of her hands on her forehead. "The guy was dead silent; he goes 'mande?'"

"In terms of doing oral history, you just don't sit in front of someone, turn on the tape recorder and say 'tell me about your life.'"

"It was not appropriate."

"Do your research," she told the students, "know a little about the person."

"Always have a conversation. Know your questions well enough that you could have a conversation."

"Don't expect to say 'ok, we talked about your childhood, now we are going to talk about your life as a teenager.' Let it flow," she told the students.

"Nothing is more mind numbing," Ruiz said in an emphatic manner, "than to listen to an oral history in which the interviewer is bored with the person or goes through the motions as though he or she is conducting a supermarket survey."

She laughed as she said this.

AUDIENCE

As part of Women's History Month, students in the audience had done assignments that focused on individuals from their families. Some had interviewed their mothers.

"With family members, have a Kleenex and make sure it's quiet," Ruiz told the students.

"Make sure that you are both in

a good mood. You will learn things."

"Don't contradict. It's important to record this history. It's important for your children and grandchildren."

"Interviewees have control of what they say or don't say," Ruiz reminded the audience.

"Oral interviews are not about arguing. They offer insight."

Board of Trustees member Mary Loya was among the audience members present.

When Ruiz asked if anybody had anything to share, Loya got up and walked to the front of the room.

"I have a little story," she said standing away from the podium.

"I thought my dad was 10 feet tall but I found out that he was 5'6," said Loya who is also petite.

We were raised in a little mining town, very poor but I didn't know that we were poor because my mom and my dad took care of us."

"But I was very ugly."

"My brothers told me that," she explained.

"They said 'esta negra, esta samba y esta fea. You're black, you're bull-legged, and you're ugly.'"

"I would run to my dad and say 'dad, they said this.' He said 'You come with me.'"

"He took me one day to a September 6 celebration. We walked down the hill and he had me by the hand and there were these beautiful princesses, all Mexican young ladies and I'm like, 'Papi, que bonitas! They're pretty.'"

And he said, "Si, estan muy bonitas," so he sat me on the bench as we were walking back."

"He said 'They're like a bud and they'll blossom. They're very pretty, but if they don't take care of that blossom, the blossom will die.'"

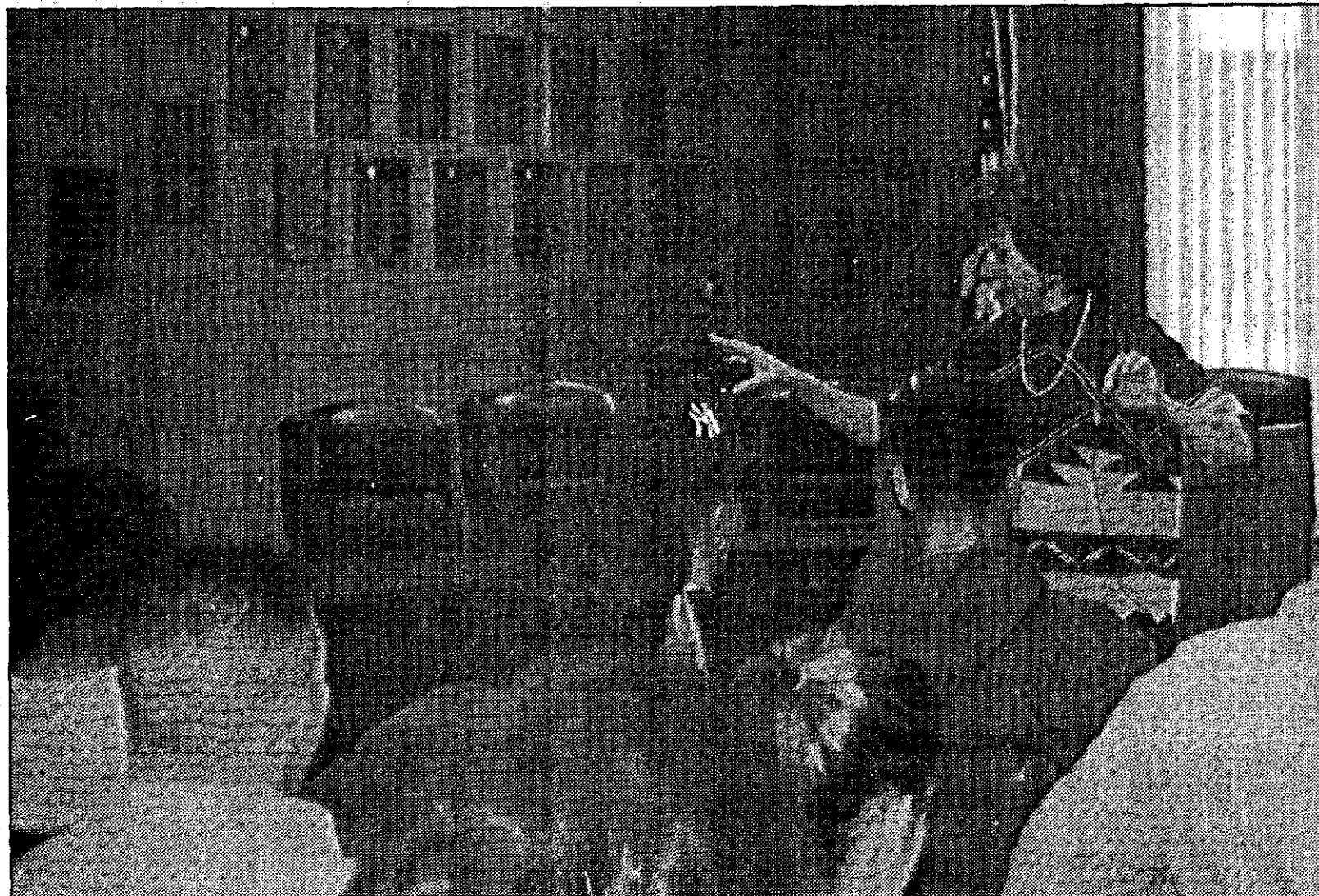
"I want my little girl to have a rose 'en su seno' in your soul," said a visibly teary-eyed Loya.

"You feed that rose information, learn something new everyday, of your life, and you feed it kindness and goodness and it will never die."

"That was my dad who couldn't read or write, but he was a philosopher," Loya finished off saying before heading back to her seat.

This was the last event that Ruiz directed. She had a previous student forum on Tuesday of last week and her keynote speech was on the same day.

In this last forum, Ruiz announced that she will join the faculty of the history department at UCI in the near future.



Vicki Ruiz discusses the techniques needed to develop and accomplish a successful oral history interview with students.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The 'F' word and its overpowering influence

BY CARMEN ALVIZURES
FEATURE EDITOR

"Look at the stanzas," our professor would say. "How are they depicting women in general?"

I would read through the poem, locate the verbs and the adjectives and come to the conclusion that there was no depiction, only fragments.

The poet was depicting the women by pieces- eyes, lips, breasts, legs, and faces.

"Ah," the professor said. "The fragmented woman, never a whole being, only an object."

We would read about red lips bursting with sensuality.

The eyes would always have that seductive look.

In classes such as this one, we would analyze the role assigned to women.

We would first make the clarification that women were assigned the roles, they did not voluntarily raise their hands and say "me!"

The difference between being the subject and the object of a sentence was a critical one I soon found out.

In time, I learned to appreciate the critical thinking skills we were being taught.

I could now apply them to real life. I was reading Ms. Magazine the other day, looking through the articles online to give me an idea of what Women's History Month is like nationwide.

I stumbled on something I had learned in that literature class.

The word "feminist" is a bad word. The connotation is even worse, and being branded with this label is pretty much like having a neon sign on the forehead stating, "Beware."

Up to this point, I had thought about the ramifications of the word "feminist," but I had never thought about Women's History Month as being about and for women only.

While covering Women's History Month for the college's newspaper, I have observed the intention of celebrating the courage and vision of women in general, but I have also seen how coordinators emphasize that these events are open to everybody on campus.

I hope that these emphasis has not been skipped over.

However, I think the misconception behind Women's History Month is still there.

Maybe not because there has not been any

clarifications, but because there have been so many of them.

"We are threatened by that which we do not know," a psychology professor used to say in lecture.

That is so true.

I thought about the times I was taught to question the status quo and got a headache as a result.

I remembered the times I was to write an essay in which I stated my opinion and not that of the teacher's.

The misconception about this month being for and about women is there, I think, because not too many are willing to do their homework.

How much of this month is really making an impact on people, I ask myself.

A classmate of mine joked about the idea of having a Women's History Month. "Why don't we get one?" he asked.

"Well," I replied. "You have had a couple of thousand years, don't you think?"

I was telling a professor some weeks ago that Virginia Woolf had written about Shakespeare's dead sister.

I had always been interested in literature that offered an alternative to an already written history.

Woolf was, in my opinion, ahead of her time.

She wrote about women living and thinking outside the box.

Her writing was inspirational.

When she wrote about Shakespeare's dead sister, I could just imagine myself sitting in the audience when she gave this speech.

In her writing, toward the end of the piece, she talks about a man and a woman getting in a cab together.

Both are taking the action, the woman is no longer a passive being who is accustomed to being divided into pieces.

Most importantly, the man is there next to her.

The importance and interpretation of such an event comes back to me as I am writing this now.

There is still a chance I will see my classmate at a Women's History Month event in the near future.

The month is not over yet.



STUDENTS PERFORM — Dave Wrathall, Nick Laris and Kat Johnson star in the comedy "Room Service"

Courtesy of Theatre Department

Checking in for 'Room Service'

BY SERGIO RAMIREZ
STAFF WRITER

"Room Service" a farce about producing a play and the lengths that some will go to see it done, is the latest production by the Cerritos College drama department.

A special dress rehearsal performance was put on last Thursday in the Burnight Theatre.

Other performances will take place this Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in the Burnight Theatre. Thursday through Saturday's performance will begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday's at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission. Students with I.D. and seniors pay \$7.50.

Robin Huber, the director and also a faculty member at Cerritos College, regards it as a good way for people in drama to get experience for how show business really works.

Huber says, "Putting on a production is always hectic, but it's good experience for the actors. Huber continues, "A few of them want to act for a living, so this will let them know what to expect."

Huber has long experience with play production. He has directed a dozen plays at Cerritos College, including "Candide", "Boy's Life", and "Butterfingers Angel". This is his first play in two years and he said he has missed directing.

The players on the other hand, are relative amateurs, but that doesn't dampen their enthusiasm for acting.

"I'm just hoping the audience likes it!" confesses Yezinin Bernal, who plays Hilda Manney. "I'm just doing this for fun, so either way I'll enjoy myself."

Chris Alvarado who wants to act professionally, however, takes it more seriously.

"This is what I want to do. When I step on stage, it's like I become someone else. You have no idea what it's like unless you do it. Besides, it's cheaper than therapy."

Nick Laris, who portrays a playwright Leo Davis, has his own method for preparing for going onstage, he does wind sprints backstage before going on.

"It's a great stress reliever. It's a good way to

psyche yourself up. Once you're out there, focus is important."

The play is set in New York during the late 1930's. It features the misadventures of three producers trying to get a play produced, despite being heavily in debt and being on the verge of being kicked out of their hotel for not paying their bill. With a suspicious hotel owner breathing down their necks and funding alternately offered and snatched away, they have to use their wiles to present a play that they are sure will be a hit, if they can only get the public to see it in the first place.

The three leads, Alvarado, Dave Wrathall, and Tony Paniagua all portray their characters with the right amount of frustration and desperation that men in their shoes would feel. The supporting character Frank Bellejos, does the very embodiment of a southern politician in a brief role. Jennifer Tunulak as a flustered potential backer, and Jon Butcher as the constantly exasperated hotel owner, make it a worthwhile way to spend an evening.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Student Concerts

March 14

Evelyn Alegria
Sings Classical
11 p.m. - BC 51

March 14

Brenda Castillejos
Room 51 - 6pm

March 21

Wanda Diggs
Violin Recital
6 p.m.

March 23

Susie Hansen Latin Band
Student Center-7:30 p.m.
Adults \$10 Students/Seniors \$5

Concerts

March 24

SAI Scholarship
Burnight Theater-12 p.m.

March 28

Cerritos College Jazz Combo and Vocalists
Burnight Theater 7pm -Free Admission

March 30

Scott Henderson Scholarship Concert
Burnight Theater- 7:30 p.m.
Adults \$10, Students/Seniors \$5

WPMD hosts 100.3 DJ

WPMD, the Cerritos College radio station, will be having a guest visitor on a show on Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Kevin, "Slow Jammin'" James, from radio station 100.3 FM, The Beat, will be interviewed by host D.J. Cashmere.

He will be a guest on "The Back in the Day Old School Show," talk-

ing about his "Slow Jams, The Timeless Collection CD Set."

The show will be broadcast both on Station WPMD, which is 1700 on the AM dial and on the Internet.

Listeners may tune in at WPMD@www3.cerritos.edu/wpm d or may call (562) 860-2451 ext. 2626 for more information.

Unique concert style showcased

K.C. CARTER
A&E EDITOR

In celebration of Women's History Month the Cerritos College Music Department presents "The Susie Hansen Band."

The concert will take place in the Cerritos College Student Center on March 23. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and General Admission will be \$10 and Students and Seniors will be \$5.

Susie Hansen is an electric violinist who has been leading her own Latin Jazz band in Los Angeles for ten years.

As a violinist she has her own individual style of Salsa and Latin Jazz.

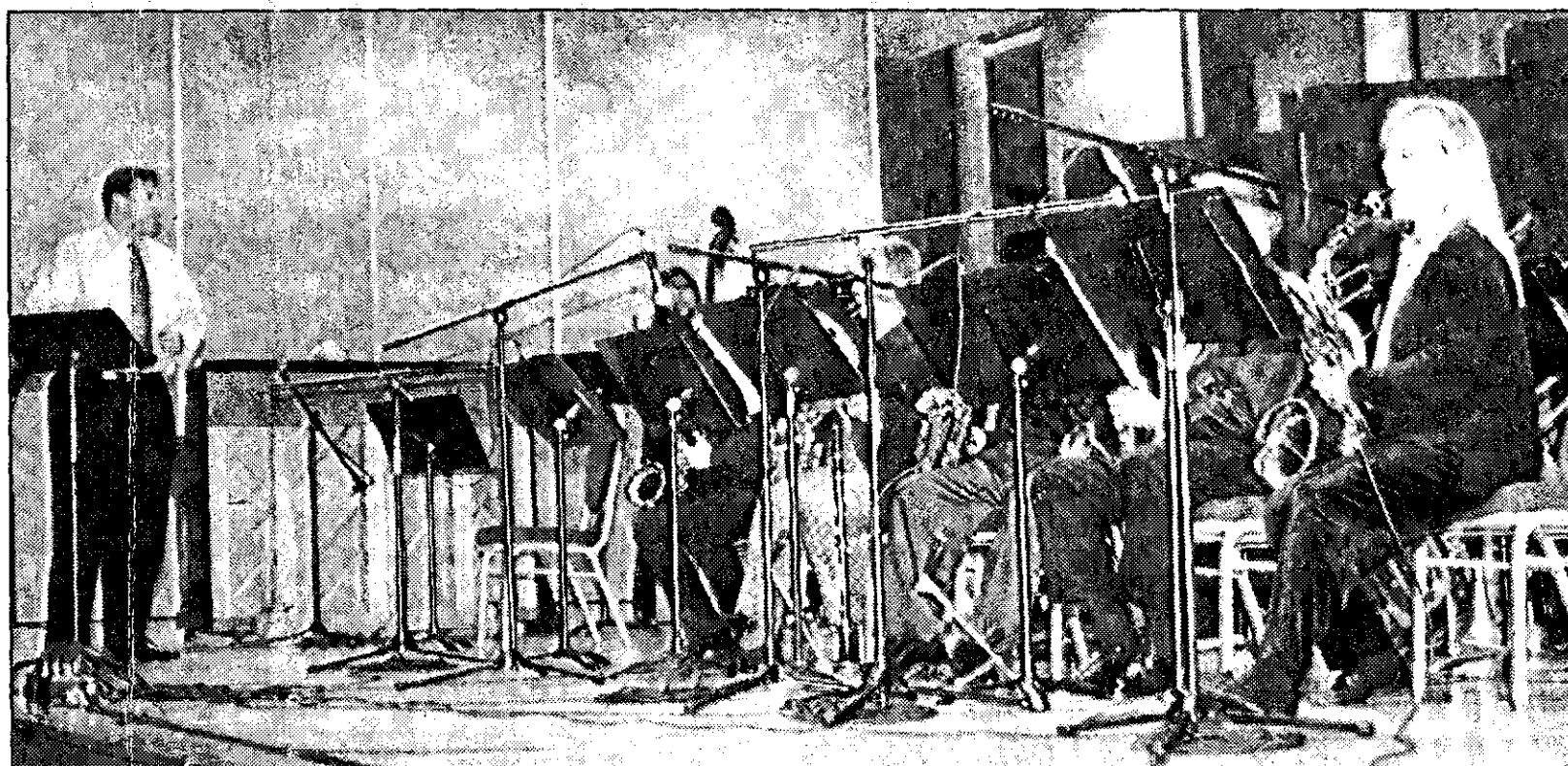
She began studying classical

violin at the age of six with her father. When she reached college she studied jazz and bebop.

After four years into a musical career, she formed and led her own jazz group in Chicago for several years.

Dr. Christine Lopez a faculty member here at Cerritos College in the Music Department had this to say, "It is such a honor to have Hansen come to Cerritos College and represent women for Women's History month."

Lopez continues and says, "She also showcases her ability to combine Jazz and Latin music together, not many artists have the ability to do this and it will be just remarkable to here her talent."



Armando Brown/TM

KEEPING THE BEAT - The Cerritos Jazz Ensemble entertains in the Student Center.

Jazz Ensemble together with Swing Band

K.C. CARTER
A&E EDITOR

After the successful concert of the Clayton Brother Jazz concert, The Cerritos College Music Department and the Associated Students proudly presented the Cerritos College Jazz Ensemble Concert on March 7.

The concert, which took place in the Student Center, began at 7 p.m. and admission for the concert was free.

The concert was put together by David Betancourt, who has directed other musical concerts such as the Honor Band Concert and the Honor Band Orchestra that took place Feb 2 and Feb 3.

Like all Betancourt's productions, he has once again invited another talented musical group to perform with Cerritos College students.

The musical group he has invited is the Blue Pacific Swing Band.

Betancourt says, "I enjoy inviting other musicians to come and play with us because it shows them what we can do, as well as showcasing another talented group of musicians to Cerritos College students and the community of Cerritos."

The Blue Pacific Swing Band is directed by Chuck Drinkworth, who has been with The Blue Pacific Swing Band for two years.

Drinkworth says, "I was very excited when Cerritos College invited us to be their special guest performers and I was even more excited to here that we would be working with Betancourt."

The concert began with The Cerritos College Jazz Ensemble performing first.

The Cerritos College Jazz Ensemble was absolutely inspiring, one could tell that a lot of hardwork and determination went into this concert.

Once the Cerritos College Jazz Ensemble finished the "Blue Pacific Swing Band" took the stage to perform. The Swing Band performed musical numbers that were not well known.

The Swing Band was less traditional than the Cerritos College Jazz Ensemble. The Swing Band had more of a contemporary feel of music.

The performance ended with both of the band coming together and playing together, which was extremely worth while to see. The both of bands blended their own style to create a heart-pounding finale.



Courtesy of Theatre Department

Susie Hansen Band performs for Women's History Month.

Letters to the Editor

'Stunning' choice

I am stunned. How can an elected body whose responsibility it is to protect the public interest in their local college choose a new leader who comes to us under such a cloud. Are they so desperate to fill the seat that they had to make a choice from a list of one? This was really not a choice at all, just a process of elimination—the last woman left standing got to be president.

I am not sure who will be more poorly served by this "choice," Cerritos College or Dr. Harmon. How can she be expected to govern effectively in a setting where she is so widely regarded as damaged goods? Her honeymoon is over before it even starts. On the other hand, one Board member has a history of suffering for being associated with damaged goods, which may explain some sympathy for this candidate.

On the other hand the opportunity that this Board has given Dr. Harmon to rehabilitate her career is a true gift to her.

One can only wonder how willing she will be to take any kind of independent stand against the Board to whom she is now so utterly indebted. Perhaps that is just what this Board had in mind. It has been admonished in past accreditations for its proclivity to interfere with the management of the College.

This situation does nothing to convince me but that they have found more than one way to skin that cat.

One thing is very clear. If Dr. Harmon's presidency fails, there is only one doorstep upon which that failure can be laid. And you know what? Should that occur you can bet that members of this Board will go before the public come election time to shamelessly dodge or deny any responsibility for their bad decision.

I hope the public is smart enough to make them accountable. Only Board member Mary Loya had the courage to sound a note of caution by abstaining from an otherwise unanimous vote.

I will be the first to admit that I was wrong if time proves Dr. Harmon a worthy and successful President. If not, what a shame for us all.

Name withheld by request.

Lynn was better

Cerritos College was beginning a new renaissance with Dr. Morgan Lynn as interim President of the College District. She helped generate positive creative energy. The morale was higher than it had ever been. Staff, faculty and management were collaboratively building the premiere community college in the state.

How could our board of trustees have settled for Dr. Jane Harmon. When Dr. James Middleton withdrew his name, leaving Dr. Jane Harmon as the finalist, our "all-knowing" Board of Trustees had the opportunity to have ended the Presidential Search. They could have reopened the process, or better yet, deservedly appointed Dr. Morgan Lynn.

Anonymous

Classified ignored

The choice of a new president at Cerritos College started out as a shared governance selection. At the time when the Board was not obligated to include all constituency groups on campus, a conscious choice was made to not involve classified employees but include everyone else. This is just another example of classified being treated as second class citizens. Board President Eppele was quite vocal in stating that she could include or not include anyone she pleased.

While in New York to visit the site of Ms. Harmon's former employment, the group was treated to dinner at Ms. Harmon's home. She was then invited back to Cerritos College to meet again with the other Board members that didn't

make the trip. All Board members had the opportunity to meet and question Ms. Harmon at the same public sessions that the rest of us did.

During Ms. Harmon's trip the Board members met individually and together with her over the span of a few days. One Board member also took her sightseeing.

Is this another case of the Board being charmed and bought by a president? One would hope not. We would ask Ms. Harmon to reserve judgment on the classified employees until she has a chance to meet and work with us and not adopt the Board's attitude.

Name withheld by request.

Harmon a puppet

Hiring Dr. Harmon seems to be an obvious self-serving attempt at hiring a puppet to become the next president of Cerritos College.

A concerned student

Board is right

First, I would like to thank Dr. Aldolph Johnson, dean of academic affairs, for his role in presenting speakers to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday and Black History Month.

All the events in which he was instrumental in bringing to this campus were well received. He saw the need and he rose to the occasions. Thanks also to Mary Loya, Board of Trustee member, for her continuous support of the activities.

I also wish to thank Brenda French, student senator and vice president of the Black Student Union, and Roger Ernest, English teacher, for helping me decorate the display windows in the library for Black History Month.

Secondly, I would like to know what all the commotion is about Jane Harmon coming to Cerritos College? Everyone is running around and acting like they are upset about her being chosen to lead this "no fault-pure college campus."

I really can't see what the problem is. Everyone reads the newspaper articles and assumes (without any tangible evidence, that I can see) that the woman is a "big time crook."

I question the value of the information, especially after the article said, "Harmon... would sue anyone and/or the college for speaking out against her." I am sure she is aware she can't win a lawsuit for slander, unless the comments were with malice intent to defame her character. Which would be her right!

I wonder how many people have actually talked to her? Aren't there two sides to every story? Just whose side is everyone listening to? I know, from my own experiences here at Cerritos College, that all it takes is one person to plant "the seed."

Maybe some are afraid that Harmon will "rock the boat." I hope she will "turn the boat over," because there needs to be changes made.

Think about whom is telling the stories.

Could it be middle-aged men (some old "farts" or "good old boys") who think she will be a better leader and player than a man? I know there are many men who do not wish to have a woman for a boss. But they need to "get a grip" and realize this is the 21st century and a change needs to come!

Realize this, some men on this campus have been using their power to practice unfair employment procedures, satisfy their "zippers," and manipulating others for years, and they have only received a slap on the wrist, if that!

But, I suppose that is politics.

Isn't it time to let a woman have a chance at performing the job which entails helping to educate and build positive and productive citizens of society (the students)? Some of you are forgetful of the real reason you are employed at this college, the students. Students are the ones who are instrumental in funds being brought to this campus. It is time for some of you who are fearful of a change to consider the well-being and welfare of the students.

I suggest that if you are one of those who are threatened with the idea that you must now start to work and earn your salary. Just start to actually work for those "big bucks" and do the right thing!

Joyce Kelly, Journalism major

Shame on Board

Shame, shame on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees. After all the time and effort by the campus wide screening committee, what a pathetic choice the Board made in hiring candidate Harmon by default.

After listening to the four semi-finalists on campus in the teleconference room back in December, it was very clear that the least qualified was Dr. Harmon. It is likely that after two years of on the job training that she may still be overwhelmed.

I find it disgusting to think that the Board is gambling with the future of this institution.

Disappointed

Mission important

If the Board were more interested in hiring a president committed to the success of the college instead of the success of the Board, Cerritos College would be better served.

When the school's successful, the Board is successful; not necessarily the other way around. In order to be successful, the college needs a clear vision of its mission, with each part cooperating to meet those goals.

Increased attendance, retention, graduation, and transfer to four-year colleges, and successful graduates equipped for life-long learning and possessed of integrity make for a successful college.

Thurber D. Proffitt, III, Ph.D.

Class of 1961

Former Faculty, History, 1995-99

Letter Policy

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There are three ways to give us input 1) Write us a letter, 2) Send us an E-Mail at TMeditor@cerritos.edu or 3) Post a comment at the end of one of our stories online at www.talonmarks.com. To do this scroll down to the bottom of the story and click on "Post a comment."

EDITORIAL

Was shared governance followed?

Was there shared governance in the selection of Dr. Jane Harmon as the next president of Cerritos College? The Board of Trustees would probably say "yes."

We think there is enough evidence to suggest that the process fell apart.

According to the Cerritos Community College District's "Shared Governance" handbook, shared governance is a "collaborative decision-making process in which the members of each of the major campus constituencies - the Board of Trustees, the Administration, the Faculty, the Classified/Confidential Staff and the students - play an appropriate role."

It goes on to state that "this collegial decision-making process encourages the campus community to work together to find the best responses to issues the college must address."

A committee that represented different factions on campus reviewed the applications for the presidency. It made the selection of the four finalists, whose names were submitted to the Board of Trustees.

The board then narrowed the pool of candidates to two.

When Dr. James Middleton of College of the Marin withdrew as a candidate in January that left only Dr. Jane Harmon, currently on leave as president of Adirondack Community College in New York.

Some members of the campus community became concerned when the fact that Harmon was ousted from her last position became known.

While Harmon had some problems getting along with the campus community, she was successful in her dealings with the community leaders, business leaders and elected officials in the college district.

The fact that she had problems working with people on her New York campus concerned people at our Cerritos College campus. There are other concerns of members of the Cerritos College community.

- Harmon has only served as a president of one college for less than two years, a position from which she was ousted.
- The enrollment at ACC was under 3,000 students compared with an enrollment of approximately 23,000 students at Cerritos College.
- Harmon's contact with minority students is minimal, while Cerritos College has a large minority population.
- Harmon's prior campus is located in New York and Harmon is not familiar with California law.

There were rumblings on campus that Harmon should not be selected and the process should be re-started.

The Board of Trustees' attempt to make the selection of the new president a matter of shared governance fell apart when CSEA President Ed White, who represents support staff on campus, was unable to make an on-site visit to Middleton's Northern California campus. Support staff on campus still don't understand why a replacement was not allowed to travel in White's place. White was then not invited to participate in the visit to Harmon's campus.

Even faculty became concerned about their role in the process. Although Bob Chester, faculty senate president, will not disclose what his advisory recommendation was due to confidentiality rules surrounding the selection of the president, it is our conclusion that the faculty was against the selection of Harmon and that Chester recommended against Harmon's selection.

Did the campus community work together to make the decision as to who would be the next president of Cerritos College? Or did the Board of Trustees make the selection without the input of support staff and without considering the recommendation of the faculty?

We think there are problems.

CAMPUS COMMENT

What do you think of the hiring of Jane Harmon as the new president of Cerritos College?

By Armando Brown
Photos by Armando Brown

"It's been a while since I've read the Cerritos College newspaper."

Gilbert DelRio,
Computer Engineering



"I've heard that name before."

Karen Bradford,
Undecided



"I really don't know who she is. They should think more about what students think before hiring her."

Shirley Mayen,
Computer Engineering



"Jane who? I'm too busy in other subjects to worry about that."

Daniel Morey,
Dance



"I don't even know who that is."

Michael Roberts,
Computer Animation



"I don't think she's qualified to be a president. She has so many skeletons in her closet, and anyone with so much to hide can't always be honest about having the best intentions in mind."

Anne Williams,
Music



"I don't know who she is, but I think she should make herself known to students."

Sami Habboushi,
Web Designing



"I like her a lot."

Dennis Ferreira,
Reading and Writing



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Opinion

Should juvenile offenders be tried as adults?

CON

Children deserve a second chance

BY ARMANDO BROWN
ONLINE EDITOR

The American public has been confronted with some troubling issues lately.

Increasingly, acts of violence are being committed by children who seem to be getting younger and younger.

Last week, a 15-year-old boy in San Diego took a gun to school and went on a shooting rampage that left two students dead and 13 wounded.

Two years ago, in a case that was just settled last week, a 6-year-old girl was beaten to death by her 12-year-old playmate in Florida. The boy claimed he accidentally killed her while "imitating wrestling moves."

Prosecutors in the high school shooting case say they will seek to have the 15-year-old tried as an adult. As an adult he faces the possibility of being sentenced to hundreds of years in prison.

In the beating death of the 6-year-old, the now 14-year-old defendant was tried as an adult, and convicted of murder this past week. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

These children have taken the lives of innocent people, and a price has to be paid. They are children, and they should be tried as juveniles, not adults.

Before they committed these murders, these kids were classified as juveniles. They were treated like children, and there were laws that prohibited them from partaking in adult activities.

They were not allowed to drive, vote, smoke, drink or even quit school if they so chose.

If these kids were not old enough to partake in any of these adult activities, there is no way they are old enough to be given the same sentence that an adult might receive for the same offenses they committed.

Childhood is a time of trial and error. It is the time when a child makes mistakes, and hopefully, learns from them, and never repeats them again.

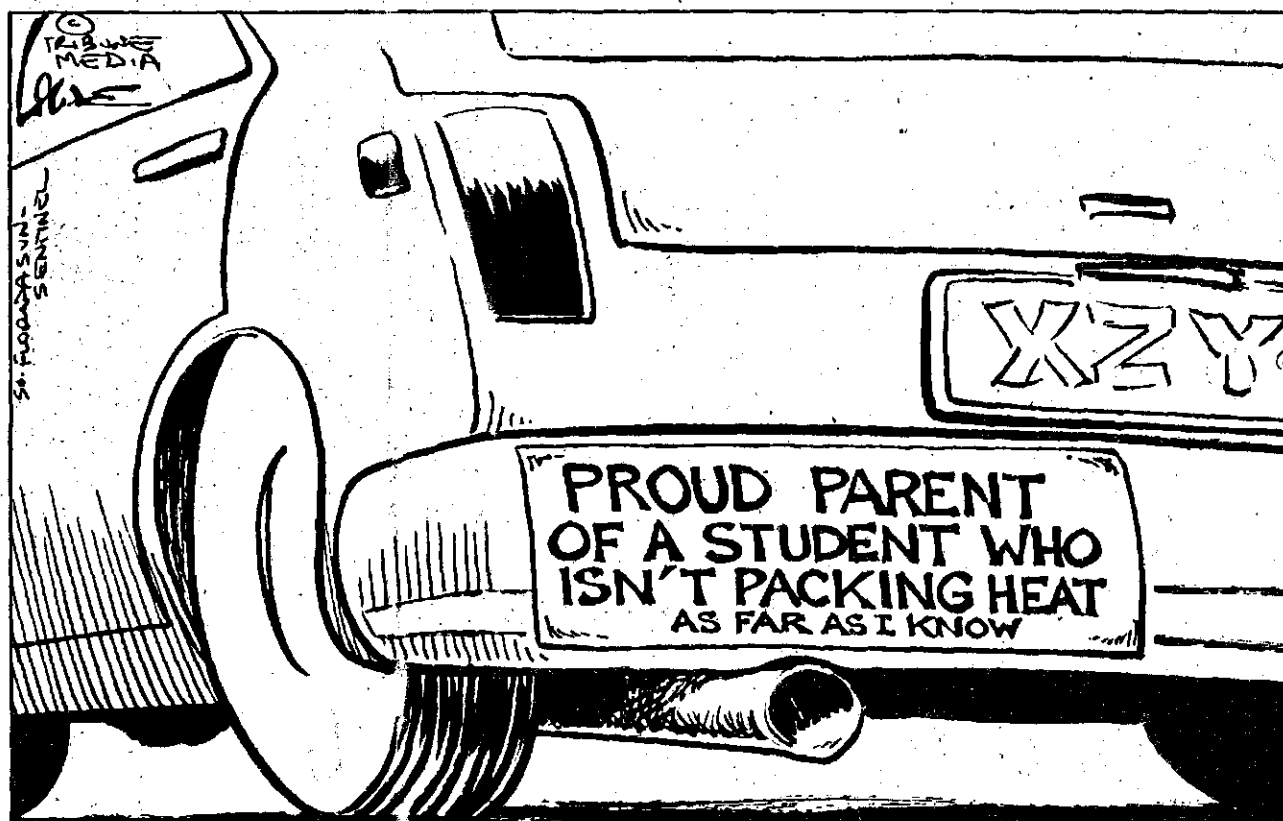
These two kids made the ultimate mistake. They took lives. However, they are kids, and they did make a mistake.

Yes, they should be punished just like any other kid would be for a particular offense.

These kids have to be made to understand the seriousness of their crimes. However, they are kids who are still in the trial and error period of childhood.

They need to be given another chance.

All of us made certain mistakes as kids. What kind of world would this be if none of us were ever given a second chance?



PRO

Minors or not, no excuse for murder

BY K.C. CARTER
A&E EDITOR

For the past weeks the American public has been confronted with young children taking part in heinous crimes in America. These crimes that these young children are participating in are taking lives of other young children.

One case that has been very much publicized in the media is the young 14-year-old boy who killed a six-year-old girl. According to his mother and his lawyer, the boy was imitating wrestling and it was an accident. He did not mean for this to happen.

Well, that's nice and all, but that is not going to bring that little girl back or ease her parent's suffering. Why is the only controversial topic in this case whether this boy should have been tried as an adult?

The law now is that if you are 13 years old, you can be tried as an adult.

Some people would argue that these kids were playing and that it just went too far. It does not take a genius to know when another person is in pain. At the age of four, children understand what pain is and what it looks like. This little girl suffered injuries on the outside of her body and the inside of her body.

Some people think just because this boy is a kid, he

should not be punished. He should just get a slap on the wrist and told not to do it again. This was an adult crime. This girl was hit and body-slammed repeatedly.

Boys and girls are different, so a boy should be taught not play roughly with a girl. It is a proven fact that women happen to be weaker in strength than men are. When boys are young, they are taught not to pick on girls and not to hit girls.

Yes, it is sad to hear that this boy will spend the rest of his life in jail and that he will not stand a chance in jail. Too bad. What chance was this little girl given? Her life is cut short due to this boy who was just out of control. To have to die that way, to be beaten to death, would be a terrible death.

Now there is the case in San Diego of a boy who killed students because they picked on him and stole his skateboard. So many people in this world have had something taken from them or been teased without turning around and killing someone.

So what gives this person the right to pick up a gun and blow someone's head off? Then after the person is dead, the person expects to be a kid again?

No, you did an immoral adult thing, and now you must pay. No one said life was easy, and if someone is bothering you to the point where you think you must kill him or her, seek therapy.

Minors should be tried as adults to stress the point that if you do a crime, you are going to be punished, regardless of your age. By saying that minors should not be tried as adults, we are allowing minors to keep killing.

We're suffering from information overload

BY CARMEN ALVIZURES
FEATURE EDITOR

There is an ad that usually gets printed in a business magazine, I forget which, that has a person with a post-it-note on the forehead standing at a corner.

The ad reads, "Your message here."

Although it is a marketing ad I can't help but think of its accuracy in our daily lives.

We are busy people in busy times trying to digest information on a daily basis.

You might say we are suffering from con-

stipation, but not the kind that gets treated with a laxative.

It seems we are all suffering from an information overload.

Although this term, "information overload," pops up in information technology magazines, I think we can all agree that the amount of information we get on a daily basis is sometimes too much to handle.

We get bombarded with information by phone, e-mail, magazines, billboards, and the

ads on the benches, trucks, buses, school walls, and even t-shirts.

A study on the side effects of the information age on a national level would show, if it doesn't already, that, even if you try to sort through information and process the facts you are more interested in daily, you may not be successful.

There are so many facts to be processed that you start dismissing a large chunk.

Even if we live in an information age and

we deal with information overload I still think we are capable of being informed and acquiring information that is adequate to our needs though.

We should be selective and critical of what we see; we may want to take a second look at the message behind the message.

By reading between the lines, we may learn to recognize the quality of data.

Think about this next time you walk by someone offering you a "free" cellular.

CAMPUS COMMENT

Should minors, such as the one who recently killed two students at Santana High, be tried as adults?

By Armando Brown.
Photos by Armando Brown

"I feel they should. Anyone who kills, and is in the right state of mind at the time should suffer the consequences."

J.C. YOUNG,
VIDEO EDITING

"Yes, a high school student should definitely know the difference between right and wrong."

CHARLES
ALLGOOD,
PSYCHOLOGY



"In a situation like this everyone loses, victim and assailant, regardless of age."

ROBERT
CAMPOLO,
FILM PROFESSOR

"No, kids are kids, they aren't adults. They don't have the sense that adults have."

BONNIE
DOMINGUEZ,
COMPUTER
SCIENCE



"Yes definitely. If they're going to do adult things, then why not try them as an adult."

LILY PEREZ,
INTERNATIONAL
BUSINESS

"Yes, because if they can make that big of a decision to take someone's life, their life should also be taken."

JENNIFER RAMOS,
PSYCHOLOGY



"I think they should because if they're old enough to get a gun, they're old enough to suffer the consequences."

MACARIO LARA,
AUTOMOTIVE
TECHNOLOGY

"Yes, because by high school they should know the consequences of their actions. They made an adult decision, so they should get an adult punishment."

CANDICE WARREN,
PSYCHOLOGY



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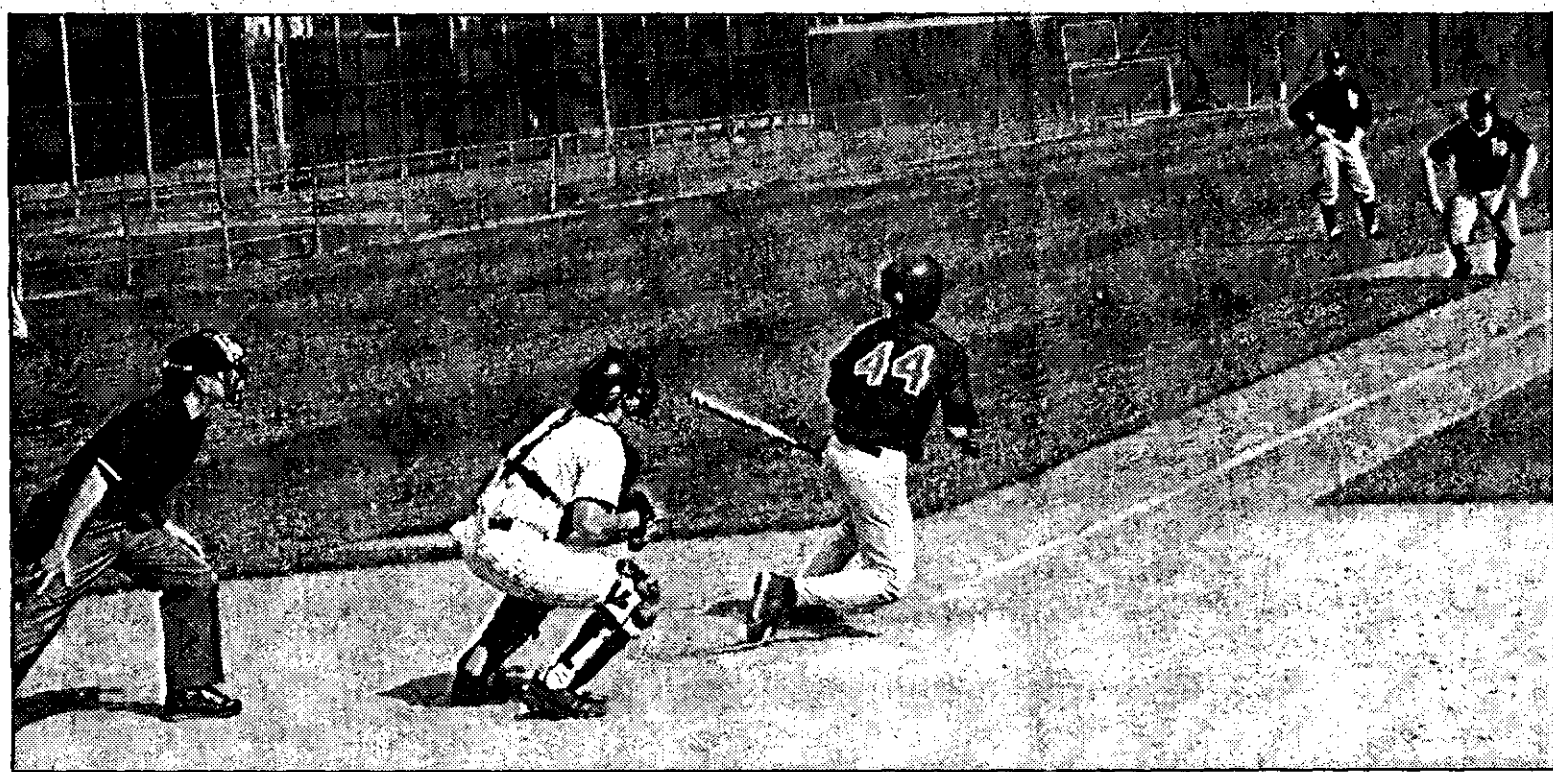
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KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL - Long Beach City's Zachary Cort (44) grounds to Cerritos pitcher Derek Feenstra for the last out of the third inning.

BASEBALL

Falcons stopped by Long Beach

BY DAVID AMEZCUA
STAFF WRITER

Falcon outfielder Ruben Salazar said, "They (Vikings) were ready to play."

"We didn't come ready to play. We struck out looking and left too many guys on base."

The Cerritos College baseball team lost to Long Beach City College 7-1 Saturday at Kincaid Field.

The game was scoreless until Viking first baseman Billy Gwinn brought in Fernando Cortez to make the score 1-0.

In the top of the third inning, Luis Trinidad brought in Matt Kennison making the score 2-0. Randy Hyta then brought in Gwinn making the score 3-0.

Long Beach didn't stop there.

The Vikings scored again in the top of the seventh inning.

After the Vikings' Todd Marshall brought in Greg Wasick to lead 4-0, Gwinn drove in Cortez, Marshall and Stephen Pedroza to make the score 7-0.

The Falcons scored their only run in the bottom of the eighth, when Jesse Lugo brought in Joseph Ammirato.

Falcon outfielder Doyle Washington said, "We don't play up to our potential. We didn't put the ball in play."

"This team has so much potential. We have to play with the same intensity at every game."

Falcon outfielder Carl Johnson said, "We

got out played, because of our lack of intensity."

"We don't come to play. We've got to come ready to play every game."

NOTES

The Long Beach game was the fourth in as many days for the Falcons due to the rescheduling of games that were postponed because of rain.

L.A. Harbor recorded a 10-2 win over Cerritos Mar. 7.

Erick Morales and Joe Lakey pitched complete games in the Birds' victories over L.A. City, 6-3 in 10 innings Wednesday, and El Camino, 9-3 Thursday.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Falcons lose in semifinal

BY ARMANDO BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The Cerritos College women's basketball team came so close to playing for the state championship Saturday.

But in the Falcons' semi-final game Friday against Contra Costa, they were defeated 70-53.

The Falcons, who finished the season 29-6, were the No. 4 seeded team from Southern California, and took on Northern California's No. 3 seed, Contra Costa, at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton.

For the second consecutive game, Cerritos' consistent forward duo of Monique Harian and Nicole Bryant led their team in scoring with 14 and 13 points respectively.

Sophomore Tori Stewart added 10 points.

However, the team's leading scorer, Monet Andrews was held to only eight points, and was 0-8 from the three-point line.

By comparison, Contra Costa's top two scorers had 24 and 21 points in their team's win.

In their first round game Thursday, Cerritos beat northern California's No. 1 seed, San Jose City, 90-79.

In that game, as in Friday night's loss, Harian and Bryant led the Falcons in scoring. In that one Bryant had 21 points, while Harian complimented her with 19.

Stewart also scored 19 points, and Andrews added 16.

Contra Costa had defeated

Southern California's No. 3 seed, Mt. San Antonio to advance to the second round against Cerritos.

In the championship game, Ventura defeated Contra Costa 70-66.

Two weeks ago, when the Southern California regional playoffs began, the Falcons earned a first round bye, then hosted Los Angeles Trade-Tech in a second round game in which they defeated the Techsters 61-58.

The No. 6 seeded Falcons then traveled to the Santa Clarita Valley to take on the No. 3 seeded College of the Canyons.

Cerritos beat them 77-72, and earned themselves a berth in the state championships.

For the second year in a row, the Falcons were going to Stockton.

Last year they lost in the first round to Foothill College, 73-59.

They finished last season with a 27-6 record.

The state championships are a three round elimination tournament that consists of California's top eight teams: southern California's top four, and northern California's top four.

They culminate with the last two remaining teams playing each other for the title.

This year's participants - in order of seeding - were Ventura, Mt. San Antonio, Riverside and Cerritos from the south.

From the north the teams were San Jose City, Fresno City, Contra Costa and Lassen.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Back on the track

BY ARMANDO BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The Cerritos College women's tennis team has resumed its winning ways.

After suffering their first defeat against El Camino on Mar. 1 - seven matches into the season - the Falcons have come back with a vengeance.

With only the Southwest match needing to be made up because of a rain out, the Falcons completed the first half of conference play by wiping L.A. Harbor out, 9-0, on Mar. 6.

They began the second half of conference play Thursday by defeating Mt. San Antonio College - a team they had already defeated earlier in the season - 8-1.

The Falcons then won their third match in a row Tuesday by defeating Compton for the second time this season, 9-0.

The loss to El Camino really turned out to be a reality check.

Before that, some of Cerritos' players might have been guilty of being a little overconfident.

According to various members of the team, Coach Terri Button told them to start taking one match at a time.

Many of them agree that they might have only been thinking about certain teams, or only about the playoffs.

The coach also shook up the lineup a little bit by changing doubles partners around.

Dora Prado, who used to be paired up with Mayra Mariscal will now be playing with Charese Arrogante.

Jeanette Manzo, who used to be paired up with Jessica Colacho will now be playing with Mariscal.

And Lara Yturriaga, who used to be paired with Arrogante will now be playing with Colacho.

The singles lineup will remain the same.

Arrogante, who is one of the Falcon's most consistent players said, "We had our pride really up high, and then [it was] lowered because of the loss."

This week, the tennis team hosts Los Angeles City on Thursday.

FROM THE SKYBOX

Basketball galore

BY JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

It's been a month since my last column, so here's a new one.

When the Cerritos women's basketball team entered the College of the Canyons gym Friday for its regional game against the Cougars with a berth in the State tournament on the line, a good number of Cerritos fans made the hour-long drive up to Santa Clarita to cheer on the Falcons.

A sports writer for the local paper said that Cerritos "brought fans into 'our' house" who berated the refs, and "then turned their wrath on Cougar fans when the latter started questioning the refs' calls."

I was sitting near the Canyons fans and they appeared to be complaining the refs more than the Cerritos section was.

Actually, the Cougar fans were gracious after the game, some congratulating the Falcons for a great game.

The Falcons were able to hold their own against a taller Canyons team, getting 13 more rebounds than the Cougars.

It shows that rebounding is not just about height, but also about positioning. Case in point: Charles Barkley's rear end.

The Canyons team no doubt felt the disappointment of having

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Armando Brown/TM

SAFE AT FIRST - Elaine Martinez of Pasadena beats out the throw to Cerritos first baseman Julie Angel to ignite an eight run Lancer rally in the top of the sixth inning.

Softball team getting its game together

BY JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos College softball team showed signs of life over the past week.

The Falcons (2-14), who lost to Pasadena, 11-0 Thursday and split their doubleheader with Mount San Jacinto College Saturday at Nancy Kelly Field, made some solid plays on defense and showed timely hitting.

Falcons' catcher and third baseman Jennifer Dorado said, "Everyone is coming along, and we're playing small ball, getting the bunts down and stuff."

"But now that we're working together we'll probably have a lot more wins."

In the first game Saturday, the Eagles took a 1-0 lead in the first inning.

But catcher Jennifer Moore was hit in the head on an errant throw to first base by Cerritos shortstop Brenda Con. After the game was

stopped for several minutes, Moore was able to continue in the game.

In the bottom of the sixth inning and trailing 7-1, Ariana Contreras singled in Janet Jensen from third, with Con taking third.

Con scored on a wild pitch to cut the Mt. SJC lead to four.

Contreras then scored as Dorado reached first on a fielder's choice, and Cerritos was down 7-4.

The Falcons made one last threat in the seventh inning.

Julie Angel reached first on a bloop single.

The next two batters grounded out, while Angel advanced to third base.

But Jensen struck out to end the game, and the Eagles took the first game.

In the second game, Cerritos was the visiting team and Mt. SJC the home team.

Going into the third inning with the score tied at two apiece, the Falcons took the lead.

With one out, Con doubled home Cindy Perez.

Con scored from third on a wild pitch while Contreras, who had reached first on an error by Eagle shortstop Amy Christie and stole second base, took third.

Contreras scored on a ground out by Jaclyn Kowalski to make the score 5-2.

In the bottom half of the inning, the game was called with one out as Moore, who was at bat, was unable to continue playing in the game and the Eagles had no reserve players.

Perez said that the hitting is getting better. "We have more power. We're a stronger team now."

"We're playing as a team, and as the family we are."

CERRITOS VS. PASADENA

After five innings, it looked like the Falcons were staying close to Pasadena.

Then the dam burst.

The Lancers scored eight runs in

the top of the sixth inning to beat the host Falcons, 11-0.

The Falcons were held hitless, getting on base only twice.

In the bottom half of the first inning, Perez walked, but was thrown out trying to steal second.

In the bottom of the fifth, Contreras reached first on a fielding error by Pasadena pitcher Elaine Martinez. Contreras stole second and reached third on a sacrifice bunt.

The next two batters struck out, and the inning ended with Contreras left on third.

Falcons' catcher Marina Gonzalez said that the players caught the ball well and made good throws.

She added, "We have to work a little bit more on our batting."

Pasadena scored three runs in the top of the first inning, but the Falcons held the Lancers scoreless for the next four innings.

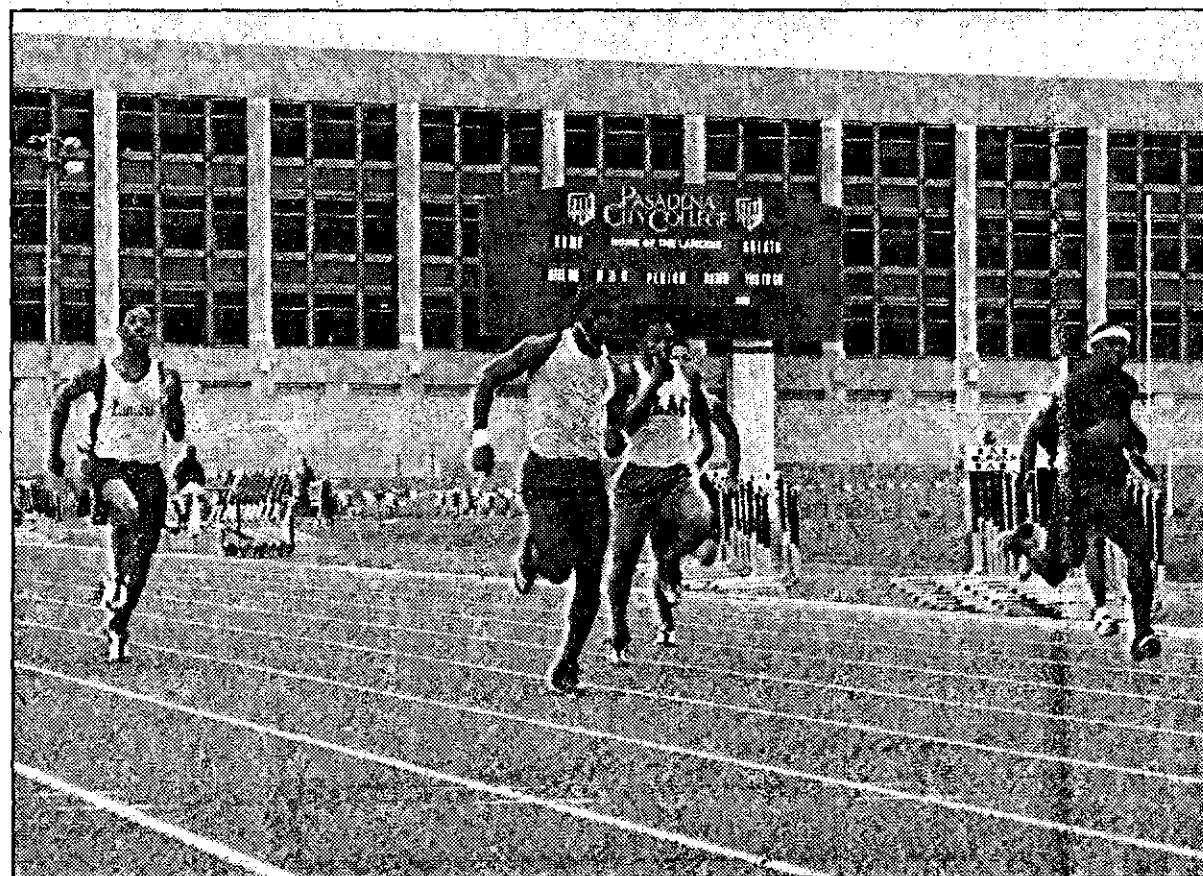
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Falcon track teams soar at Pasadena meet

The men's and women's track and field teams won the 4x100 relay races in Friday's three-way meet against Pasadena and East L.A. at Pasadena City College.

Both Falcon teams also placed first in the 4x4 relays.

Darnell Anderson finished first in the 400 with a time of 49 seconds.

Other men's winners were Charles Allgood in the 200 (21.6 seconds), Andrew Phillips in the 110 hurdles, Marco Lewis in the 400 hurdles and Jason Rudison won the 100 meters with a time of 10.6 seconds.

Orenda Talton and June Martinez finished first and second in the women's 400 meters.

They also finished in that order in the 200 meters. Talton recorded a time of 25.2 seconds and Martinez 25.5 seconds.

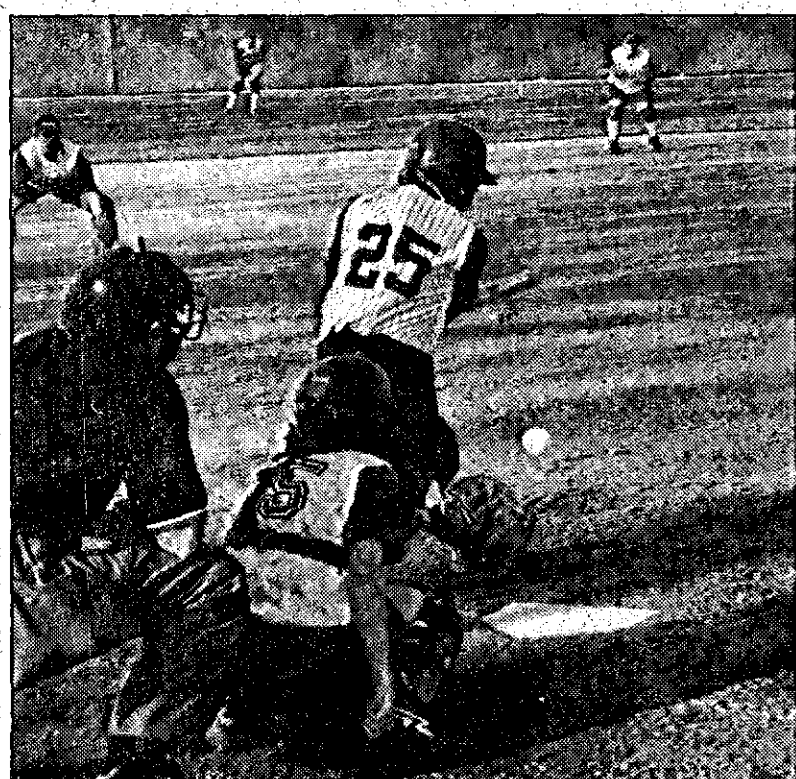
Takeela Beal finished first in the women's 100 meters at 12.5 seconds.

TOP LEFT: Beal (center) also won the 100-meter hurdles. Lily Perez (far right) finished third. Talla Carter (far left) fell on the last hurdle.

TOP RIGHT: Georgina Mojica (front) placed fourth in the 1500. Diana Palomar (behind Mojica) finished sixth and Betty Sanchez finished last.

Gary Gaudet, who coaches the distance runners, said that all three runners had their best marks of the year. "As long as they keep improving, that's what it's all about."

LEFT: Jason Rudison finished first in the 100 meters. Aaron Poker is on the right.



NOT THE DESIRED RESULT - Jennifer Dorado grounds to third for the final out of the fourth inning.

Cerritos softball team

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Then the Lancers increased their lead to 11-0 by way of five hits, four walks and two Cerritos errors.

The Falcons went down one-two-three in the bottom of the sixth, and the game was called due to the mercy rule (a lead of ten runs or more after five or more complete innings).

Coach Lynn Laughon said that the team played defense a lot better in this game. "We only had the two errors."

"Our bats are kind of dead right now. We gave up more hits than we like to give up."

She added that the team happens to be in a huge slump.

"Obviously we got no-hit, and our kids need to come alive."

"And they will, they're a young team. They need to get those bats roaring."

UPDATE

The Falcons and East L.A. College played for nine innings Monday at Cerritos when the game was called because of darkness.

Both teams had chances to score in the ninth.

With two out in the top of the inning and the bases loaded, Maria Pieto hit a fly ball to center field, where Perez made a diving catch to end the inning.

In the Falcons' half of the ninth, Perez singled, but was caught trying to steal second.

The umpires stopped the game just after 6 p.m.

The game will be completed on a date to be determined.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

Saturday - 1 p.m.

Home vs. East L.A.

Tuesday - 2 p.m.

Home vs. Mt. San Antonio

Mar. 22 - 2 p.m.

at Mt. San Antonio

Mar. 24 - 1 p.m.

Home vs. L.A. Harbor

Mar. 27 - 2 p.m. at L.A. Harbor

GOLE

Tuesday - 12 p.m.

SCC Tournament

at Palos Verdes CC

Mar. 21 - 12 p.m.

vs. Saddleback

at Rio Hondo CC

Mar. 22 - 12 p.m.

vs. Santiago Canyon

and Golden West

at Rio Hondo CC

Mar. 23 - 12 p.m.

vs. College of the Desert

at Palm Springs GC

SOFTBALL

Wednesday - 3 p.m.

Home vs. El Camino

Friday - 3 p.m.

Home vs. Long Beach

Monday - 3 p.m.

at El Camino

Mar. 21 - 3 p.m.

Home vs. East L.A.

Mar. 23 - 3 p.m.

Home vs. Mt. San Antonio

Mar. 26 - 3 p.m. at Pasadena

Mar. 27 - 3 p.m.

Home vs. Chemetka (OR)

SWIMMING

Thurs.-Sat. - All Day

at Cuesta Invitational

Mar. 23 - 2:30 p.m.

Home vs. El Camino

MEN'S TENNIS

Tuesday - 2 p.m.

at Mt. San Antonio

Mar. 27 - 2 p.m.

Home vs. Marymount

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thursday - 2 p.m.

Home vs. L.A. City

Tuesday - 2 p.m.

at Marymount

Mar. 22 - 2 p.m.

Home vs. Pasadena

Mar. 27 - 2 p.m. at Long Beach

TRACK AND FIELD

Fri.-Sat. - 9:30 a.m.

at Bakersfield Relays

Mar. 23 - 11 a.m.

Easter Relays

at Santa Barbara City

Mar. 24 - 10 a.m.

So. Calif. Heptathlon and

Decathlon, Chula Vista

Skybox: NCAA Tournament picks

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its season end after getting so far.

The Cerritos men's basketball team also felt disappointed after its first round, last-second loss to Glendale the week before.

With a minute to go, it looked like the Falcons might pull off the upset. But it didn't happen.

Glendale, by the way, went on to defeat top-seeded L.A. City to make it to State.

L.A. Southwest won the men's basketball title. That means that four of the past five state champions are from the South Coast Conference (L.A. City in 1997, Compton in 1998 and Cerritos in 1999).

At the State tournament in Stockton, the Lady Falcons defeated San Jose, avenging a 91-77 loss in the 1998 semifinal at UC Irvine.

But they came up short against Contra Costa.

Still, both of the Falcon basketball teams can be proud of the fact

that they represented their college well with their hard work and hustle all season.

Although the record doesn't show it, the softball team is showing improvement from where it began the season. The Falcons are hitting the ball well and making plays on defense.

It's NCAA Tournament time, so here are my picks.

These are strictly opinions, so don't hold me responsible if you don't win your office pool.

East Regional first round: Duke over Monmouth, Missouri over Georgia, Ohio State over Utah State, UCLA over Hofstra (Steve Lavin survives for at least another season), Oklahoma State over USC, Boston College over Southern Utah, Iowa over Creighton and Kentucky over Holy Cross.

Second round: Duke, Ohio State, BC and Kentucky.

Regional semifinal: Duke and Kentucky.

Regional final: Duke in a rematch of that exciting 1992 East

regional final.

West Regional first round:

Stanford over UNC-Greensboro, St. Joseph's over Georgia Tech, Cincinnati over BYU, Kent over Indiana,

Wisconsin over Georgia State, Maryland over George Mason, Arkansas over Georgetown, and Iowa State over Hampton.

Second round: Stanford, Cincinnati, Maryland and Iowa State.

Regional semifinal: Stanford and Maryland.

Regional final: Stanford. They're for real.

Midwest Regional first round:

Illinois over Tuesday's play-in winner, Tennessee over Charlotte, Syracuse over Hawaii, Kansas over Cal State Northridge (great season, nonetheless), Xavier over a fading Notre Dame,

Mississippi over Iona, Wake Forest over Butler, Arizona over Eastern Illinois.

Second round: Tennessee, Kansas, Ole Miss and Arizona.

Regional semifinal: Kansas and 'Zona

Regional final: Arizona. Just like in 1997, Roy Williams falls short against the Cats.

South Regional first round: Michigan State over Alabama State, Fresno State over Cal, Gonzaga over Virginia, Oklahoma over Indiana State (if only Larry Bird had some eligibility left), Temple over Texas, Florida over Western Kentucky, Penn State over Providence and North Carolina over Princeton.

Second round: Michigan State, Gonzaga, Florida and North Carolina.

Regional semifinal: Michigan State and North Carolina.

Regional final: Defending champion Spartans over Tar Heels.

Final Four.

Semifinal: Michigan State over Arizona, Duke over Stanford.

Championship: Duke over Michigan State.

Again, these are just my opinions. I could be wrong.

University reps here next week

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The Transfer Center on campus is open and available to help students who are interested in transferring to four-year colleges and universities.

There are a variety of ways for students to receive help at the Transfer Center, which is located in the Admissions and Records building.

There are a variety of research books to help students research campuses.

Some of these books rank schools by majors and others help students find scholarships and financial aid information.

Jan Connal, a counselor and Transfer Center coordinator, does walk in counseling on Transfer Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. without an appointment.

Cerritos College sponsors a variety of trips to other campuses. This month a trip to University of California, Santa Barbara, is planned for Mar. 16, University of California, Los Angeles, is planned for April 27 and University of California at San Diego is planned for May 4.

Representatives from a variety of colleges will be on campus to meet with students who are interested in transferring to their colleges this week.

According to Jorge Campos, a clerk at the transfer center, representatives will meet with students to talk to them one-on-one.

The representatives will evaluate transcripts and tell students what classes need to be taken for admission to their campus.

They will also give students an educational plan and answer questions students may have.

The following colleges will have representatives on campus this week:

- California State University, Los Angeles, will be on campus on Mar. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon.
- California State University, Pomona, will be on campus on Mar. 14 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- California State University, Fullerton, will be on campus on Mar. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are available in the transfer center.
- California State University, Los Angeles, will be on campus Mar. 15 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- University of California, Riverside, will be on campus Mar. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Concordia University will be on campus on Mar. 15 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the library.
- University of California, Santa Barbara will be having a Transfer Day on Mar. 16 from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Signups are available at the transfer center.

Students may contact the transfer center at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2154 or www.cerritos.edu/transfer for more information.

Bloomfield will be commencement speaker

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philosophical point of view," Bloomfield said.
"There is no attempt to present one particular point of view or interpretation as the only right one."

"It is a safe environment for students who have very little background about the Bible or who are curious and just want to know."

Bloomfield also tries to teach students that thinking is a lot of hard work.

On the door of his office is a wooden plaque engraved with the Latin phrase, "Vivere est Cogitare," which translates "to live is to think."

"I am a great believer in the pleasures of learning," Bloomfield said.

"I think if you don't learn something new about yourself, someone else or the world in

which you live, that you have wasted that day."

Bloomfield also believes that our culture teaches students to go to college in order to get a good job.

Bloomfield believes that after students learn how to make a living, they should learn how to live the best life that they can.

As to if Bloomfield feels that his commencement speech will make an impact, he stated, "I like the old Chinese proverb, 'When the student is ready, the teacher will come.' I am a great believer in readiness."

Bloomfield has been considering different topics for his speech and thinks about the topic before he goes to bed each night.

He wants to convey a message to students on either the joy of learning or the continued joys of learning in one's life.



Tom Jorgenson (left) makes a balloon hat for Brandon Zarrilli at Tuesday's Hoe Down Days celebration.

Hoe Down festivities continue

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After the winner of the chili cook-off is announced, students may taste the various chilies.

The Mr. Cerritos contest has been one of the most popular events in recent years.

The winner carries the title of "Mr. Cerritos" for the next year.

It is a spoof on women's beauty pageants, where men participate in a variety of categories, including a personality competition, a swimsuit competition and a talent competition, where participants lip sync to popular songs while strutting their stuff for campus voyeurs.

The event will take place in the student center at 11 a.m.

To finalize the event, on Thursday ASCC will provide a free lunch to students with a valid Cerritos College I.D. that includes fried chicken, corn on the cob, barbecued beans, bread, and a drink.

Mixed reactions about new president

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Chester believed that the board would come back with a 7-0 vote to extend the hiring process.

That did not happen. Instead the board announced the hiring of Harmon.

In an e-mail to senators on campus Chester wrote, "I am not pleased with the board's decision, to say the least, but intend to get past this as quickly as possible, as I urge all of us to do."

"I will sincerely attempt to work with her based upon what I learned from my direct observation and dealings with her. Cooler heads must prevail."

Chester wanted the senate to be aware that the five faculty members that served on the board worked diligently to try to find a suitable replacement for Dr. Fred Gaskin, who resigned last year.

Chester also wanted the senate to know that the decision was made behind closed doors, and that all faculty can do is speculate

as to reasons the board made the decision that it did.

Chester also felt it was a positive thing that the board asked the faculty to be represented in the selection of the new president.

He appreciated being asked to travel to the on-site visits and being asked to report to the board.

"I felt it was my job to report the positives and negatives (to the board)," Chester said. "When I left that room, that was my last involvement."

He also is trying to garner some support for Harmon.

"I am going to try to make this fly," Chester said. "We have no other choice."

"The faculty will do what the faculty has always done at Cerritos."

"We will deal with the decision of our Board of Trustees in the most professional way possible until we are convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that this is no longer in the best interest of the college," Chester said.

He indicated that Harmon could assume the presidency as early as May 1.

He also advised the senate that Harmon would be present for the Monte Carlo fundraiser on Saturday.

Hugh Wilkoff, a business education instructor, stated, "I have seen presidents come and go."

"They have all come under a cloud of controversy. People come into this position causing controversy."

"I think it's time we accepted this person. Let's pretend this person got a 7-0 and the support of the faculty."

Toni Ann Sallade, vice president of CSEA, the union representing support staff on campus, said the support staff on campus has accepted that Harmon will be the new president, but many feel that they also were not part of the decision-making process. "We are adopting a wait-and-see attitude," she said.

"We will give her a clean slate and hope

for reciprocity that she will do the same thing."

Steven Helfgot, presidential search liaison, said, "I think that the board was very, very impressed with what they heard from community leaders, business leaders and elected officials in New York about Dr. Harmon's ability to work effectively with the community that supported the college and is supported by the college."

"I think the board did what they thought was the best thing to do for the college."

Board of Trustees President Cheryl A. Epple issued a Presidential Search Update on Mar. 7 that stated in part, "The Board is well aware that Dr. Harmon comes to the job at Cerritos College with some history and that there is real and valid concern about her on campus."

Epple continues, "We do believe, however, that she has some real potential and that she can help move Cerritos College forward."

Follett chosen as new vendor for bookstore

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presenting the executive summary to the senate, a summary of the highlights presented in the proposal, expressed that Follett overall impressed him.

Having reviewed Follett's proposal, Houseman even pointed out highlights that were not in the summary to the senators.

Student internships becoming available once Follett becomes part of the campus was one highlight Houseman mentioned first.

Internet wise, the online site Efollett.com, Houseman expressed, offers a lot of used books.

With two million used books in inventory, "that's where the real saving is," Houseman told the senators. "That was a real plus for us."

"We have students from all over," he continued. Students involved in distance learning, Houseman told the senate, could take advantage of the online services in a more efficient manner.

One of the benchmarks the campus was looking for in a future bookstore contractor was customer service. This is an area Houseman felt that Follett had met and possibly exceeded the college's expectations.

With Follett, there will also be monthly programs where the bookstore will present books that deal with that month's theme. As an example, Houseman cited African-American History Month.

These monthly programs, he believes, will establish a "good con-

nection" between the campus community and Follett.

Due to Wallace's financial history, the college was also looking for stability.

The period of time Follett has been with educational institutions is a "good track record," Houseman said.

"Looking at what we have," he concluded, "[Follett] is a better company than the company we had."

Director of Operations Wayne Nunnery attended this meeting as well. As part of the Student Services Committee, he was also part of the process involving the approval of Follett as the next bookstore contractor.

As part of a campus, Nunnery

believes that in a bookstore "the big thing is the used book market. The store makes less money on a new book than on a used book."

Before Wallace's, "we were a mom and pop operation," he said. "We were losing money. We were steadily going downhill. Wallace's was a quantum leap for us."

"At the time, Wallace gave us a good deal."

Nunnery feels that is now time for a better deal. "Now we're get-

ting involved with the Wal-Mart of bookstores, the largest college bookstore in the entire United States."

"In fact," Nunnery emphasized, "Follett is giving a better deal this time than they offered to us three years ago when we negotiated our first contract."

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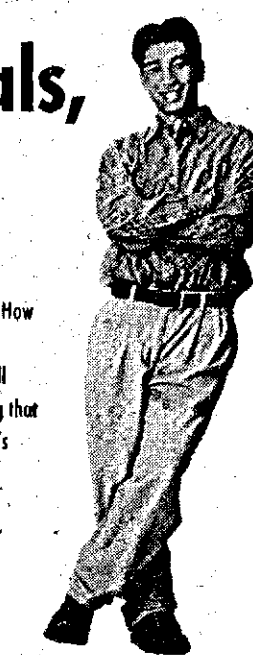
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