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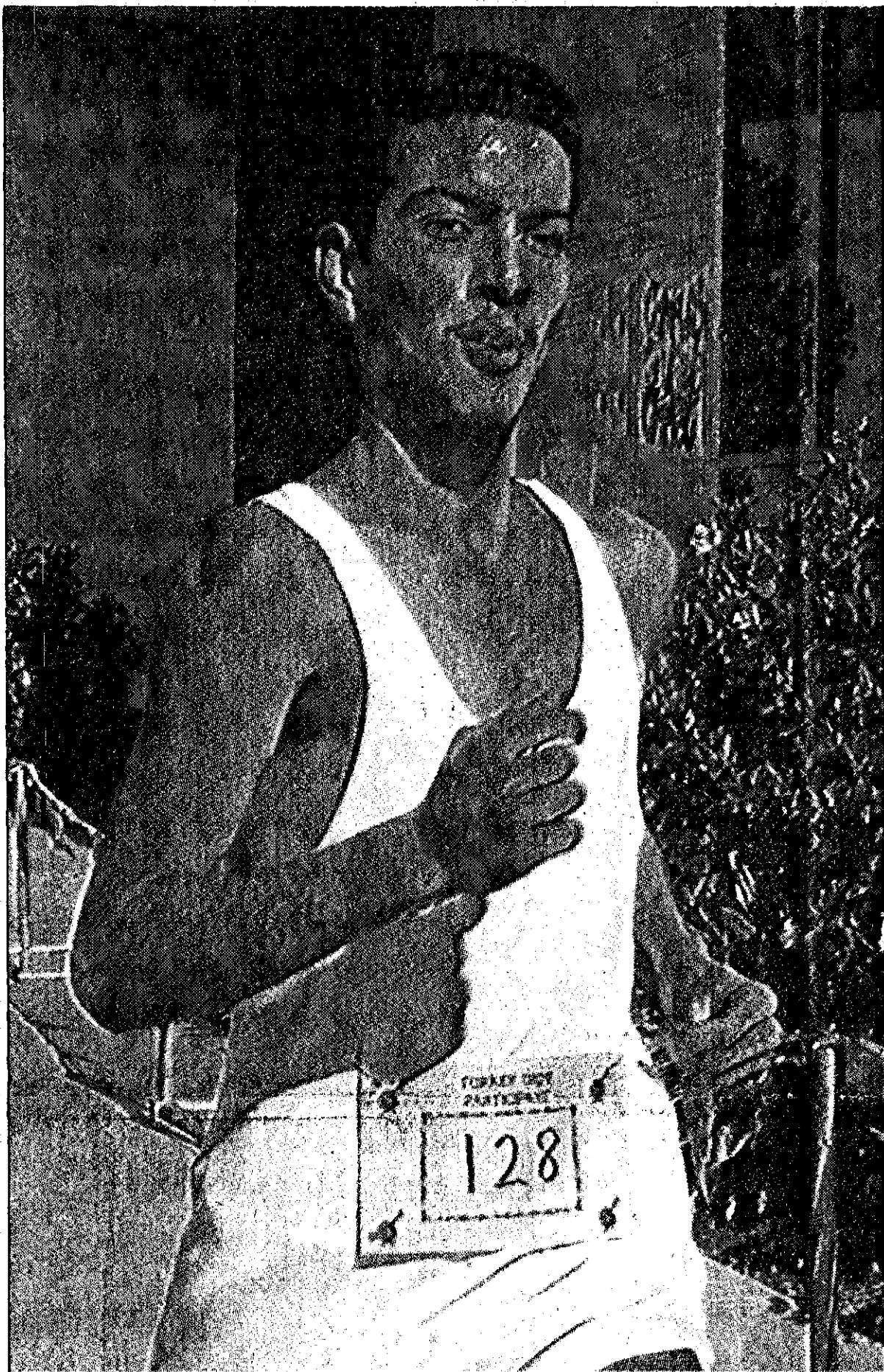
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TROTGING TO FINISH LINE - Male winner Macario Lara arrives at the finish line in 10 minutes.

Turkey Trot

Annual charity race provides
canned food for the needy

BY HELEM MAYORGA
FEATURE EDITOR

Cerritos College's Physical Education Department featured the third annual Turkey Trot last Tuesday.

The two-mile run and walk around the entire campus event was held at the Falcon Square from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The race officially started at 11:15 a.m. when all the participants were ready to hear "on your marks, get set and go," to start their race.

The race had two first place winners, one male and one female. A spirit award was given to the division or group with the most participants, and four turkeys were given to the four participants that got closest to their estimated time guess.

The division winning the spirit award was the English Department that had 42 participants in the race.

Macario Lara, who was wearing number 128 and is member of the

Cerritos College cross country Team, took first place male winner and had a finishing time of 10 minutes 40 seconds.

Second place female was Edith Ortega, who was wearing number 245. She made the two miles in 14 minutes 27 seconds. She is member of the Cerritos College women's soccer team.

Lara said that he ran in last year's race but that he did not get first place and that this year he was going for first place.

"I decided to do it because I wanted to help with the cans for the Norwalk families," Lara said.

Ortega said that she was participating because she wanted to help the needy families for Thanksgiving.

Ortega also said that she participated in last year's race and that she got second place. She also said that she was feeling proud of her-

self for having won first place this time around.

"I am surprised to have been the winner. It is the first time I've won a first place," Ortega said.

Susan Mejia, who was wearing number 195 and is also member of the woman's soccer team said that she was happy about Ortega coming into first place because she is a great person and a great student that supports school a lot.

The purpose of the event was to raise canned goods for needy families for the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council's Holiday Food Basket Program.

Participants started arriving at 9 a.m. to register and also to donate their required canned goods to participate in the race.

Staff, faculty members and students had the opportunity to participate and show support to the needy families and to the support school.

Some other students said that it

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Turkey Trot Tally



Additional photos and race
results online at
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		Estimate	Actual	Difference
First Place (Male)	Macario Lara	0:10:45	0:10:41	00:04
First Place (Female)	Edith Ortega	0:20:15	0:14:27	05:48
Best Guess (Male)	Omar Castro	0:30:00	0:29:58	00:02
Best Guess (Female)	Griselda Toscano	0:30:00	0:29:58	00:02

Math club to compete

BY FABIAN DUARTE
STAFF WRITER

Cerritos College will once again be in the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges.

The annual competition for two year colleges only, is also known as the Student Math League Contest. The contest consists of three different tests given on pre-calculus material.

The first test will be administered on Thursday at from 4 to 5 p.m. in BE 3 and again from 5 to 6 p.m. in BE 8.

As mentioned before, the contest will consist of three parts.

The first will take place on Thursday and the other two will not

be conducted until February and March.

"I am intrigued with the possibilities of our school in the competition," Professor Sally Sestini stated.

Sestini added, "We (Sestini and the other math professors) will soon find out who will be on the team when the test is given."

The students with the top five scores are the collective team in the competition.

"Students whom their teachers believe have a chance to do well in the competition are given sample tests in preparation to see if they have what it takes for the contest."

The one-hour test with 20 ques-

tions is calculator-encouraged.

"That is how you know that the test is hard, when calculators are not only allowed but encouraged," Sestini joked.

The test will involve over 145 community colleges in 30 states.

There are benefits to taking the test. Awards are given by the AMATYC and the grand prize is a \$3000 scholarship for the highest score for participation in all three rounds.

Consequently, Cerritos College students may also win various prizes donated by the Math Club which will be awarded at the end of the third round.

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Interviews start this week

BY BRENDA DURAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

After months of ongoing meetings and intense review, the presidential search committee will conduct the first round of interviews for the first 11 candidates beginning today through Friday.

The committee reviewed 26 applications from Oct. 20 to Oct. 30 and from there, they chose the 11 candidates, which include six men and five women. Eight of the candidates are from California and the other three come from out of state.

According to Executive Director of School and Communications, Relations, Steve

Helfgott, the candidates include former senior academic administrators, seven who are currently serving as community college presidents.

The interview process, according to Helfgott, will include a series of formulated questions pertaining to a variety of issues concerning the college.

"The series of questions represents all the different perspectives of what concerns the college. We will specifically be looking at how the candidates reply to those perspectives," Helfgott said.

The presidential search committee itself will also feature a diverse

set of campus and community representatives.

"We have representatives from every group on campus. We have representatives from the faculty and classified employees, to the students, to the board members and even the community," Helfgott noted.

One of the student committee members, ASCC President Constantine Rosenbauer said the diversity in the committee will help give the search a well-rounded point of view.

"It's good to have a student on the committee. The search process

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ART EXTRAVAGANZA - A sample of items from last years' art sale: the variety of ceramic items sold out in hours.

Art sale offers big gift ideas

BY BRENDA DURAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

With the holidays approaching, students and faculty in the art department will be offering some last minute unique gift ideas at the upcoming annual art sale.

The art club will be presenting the sale this semester for only two days, Nov. 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery.

"We've condensed the sale into two days this time so I would highly recommend to students that they get there soon, preferably the opening night, Wednesday," Art Department Chairman Steve Portugal said.

The sale will feature various types of student art work from photography to paintings to jewelry and ceramics.

"We mainly feature ceramics, cups, plates and sculptures that are great for Christmas presents because they are handmade and inexpensive," Art Gallery Director Geoffrey Allen said.

Most of the art work that will be sold comes from the various art classes in the department. Each art instructor has chosen individual pieces from their department for the sale.

"The art work that will be featured represents in a sense the

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Ceremony held to break ground

BY FABIAN DUARTE
STAFF WRITER

The groundbreaking for the new senior citizen center, Chancellor Village was held last Thursday out on the strawberry field.

In attendance were newly re-elected Councilwomen Grace Napolitano, interim president of Cerritos College Morgan Lynn and numerous members of the Cerritos and Norwalk City Councils.

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees and many other were also present for the event.

"This is a milestone investment for all sides involved," Lynn said. She added, "I'm excited this day has arrived."

Lynn said she also feels the project is a win-win situation for the community and the college.

"It offers affordable senior housing and annual revenue for Cerritos College. Our Cerritos College students will learn first hand, how to treat the elderly," Lynn said.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Bob Verderber said at the ceremony that when he expressed his thoughts about the project by saying, "Win-win-win all the way around for everyone. From the students to management, all will benefit."

The groundbreaking included speeches from all involved and ended with a lunch courtesy of the Cerritos College Culinary Arts Department.

Councilwoman Grace Napolitano gave a short speech at the groundbreaking and then had this to say, "The Chancellor Village is a great partnership. Most importantly

the students will learn about taking care of the elderly."

Napolitano also addressed other aspects that she thought were positive about the project by saying, "I am also looking forward to the high-tech labor the student will be taught and the \$8 million grant received will help students learn how to do a four-year tech job in about one year."

All in attendance for the groundbreaking agreed that the partnership of a senior citizen home and Cerritos College makes for a winning combination.

Trustee member John Moore said, "Overall, I think it's a great partnership that will provide opportunity to be part of a senior congregation."

Moore said the monetary benefits are also good, "revenue received will assist the students because the revenue reverts back to the college. This will be a tremendous opportunity for Cerritos College, I believe it is the first type of venture of this kind in the state of California and maybe the nation."

He continued by saying, "The board has been patient with the use of the acres, and it seems we finally found a project that benefits everyone."

The ceremony ended with board and faculty members, along with the mayor of Cerritos, Bob Hughlett breaking ground with shovels.

"This is something we can all be proud of. Chancellor Village is definitely something to be proud of," Moore concluded.



SHOVELING NEW GROUND - Interim President Dr. Morgan Lynn, Board member Mary Loya, Board member Cheryl Eppe and Cerritos Mayor Bob Hughlett with faculty members attended the ground breaking ceremony held on Thursday afternoon.

Turkey Trot brings out high spirit in runners

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was a good chance to work out and get in shape.

Dennis Diaz said that she was doing it for fun and also to get some exercise.

"I walk every day, so it is part of my every day workout," student participant Denase Starkey said. Juanita Ortega said that she was participating just for school spirit.

"It is a fun way to compete with my self," Ortega said.

Deborah Jensen, coach of the woman's soccer team said that she asked her soccer team to participate at the Turkey Trot because it is a great time to share for all of them.

"I wanted them to do community work. It is a really fun exercise activity that shows support for school," Jensen said.

"I am very happy about Ortega winning first place. She is a home worker, and is a very dedicated person. We would like to have many students as dedicated as she is," Jensen said.

Most of the participants said that they were competing for a good cause and also to show support to the needy families.

Jeanine Prindle, instructor from the HPER Athletic Division said that this event was a good cause to promote fitness.

"It is a unique opportunity to get students, staff and

faculty members to do an event," Prindle said.

Thomas Dobias said that his friends encouraged him to participate and that he was doing it for fun, not to win the Olympics or for money.

"It is a good way to get inspired to do exercise and get in shape," Lisa Gonzales said.

Vice President of the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council's Holiday Food Basket, Gordon Steffenhagen, was present at the event and showed support to all the staff, faculty and students participating.

"I would like to thank all of you for the support given to us because thanks to this donations we can help about 200 families in the Norwalk community," Gordon said.

Gordon also thanked Carrie Gleckner and all the people who made this event possible.

Following the race, a raffle was held for the participants. Carrie Gleckner, who is the promoter, of this event was in charge of giving away the prizes for the raffle.

Prizes vary from tickets to Disneyland, Magic Mountain, Long Beach Aquarium and movie tickets, as well as T-shirts donated by the athletic teams.

The approximate number of students participating was 160 people. There was more than 600 canned goods collected up to that point, however Gleckner said that it was going to be more canned goods brought to the P.E. Department over the day.

Presidential search under way

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gets every point of view of the different people on campus. For me, it's an honor to be on this prestigious committee representing the student body," Rosenbauer said.

Rosenbauer also noted that as a student representative he has a set of key ideas in regards to what to look for in each candidate.

"I, as a student, am looking for someone who will be accessible to the students on this campus when needed. Someone who is in touch with students on a regular basis. Someone who will expand the services offered on this campus," Rosenbauer said. "And most importantly is finding someone who fits

in our diverse campus community."

Once the presidential search committee has finished the set of interviews, a list of names ranging from three to five finalists will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees on the week of Dec. 4, when a second round of interviews is said to be conducted.

In that same week the committee will also invite the finalists to the campus to participate in a series of open forums.

"Each finalist will be able to say a few words to the students in about an hour to hour and a half session, where they will also answer questions and let students get to know who they are," Helfgott said.

Although students do not get to vote formally in the process, Helfgott said this would give the campus a preview look at the presidential finalists and their qualifications.

"Students ought to feel free to talk with the candidates at that time and if they have any concerns they should address them to their committee representatives," Helfgott said.

The process is tentatively scheduled to run until February 2001, according to Helfgott, when a final decision will be made to whom the next college president will be for the following years to come.

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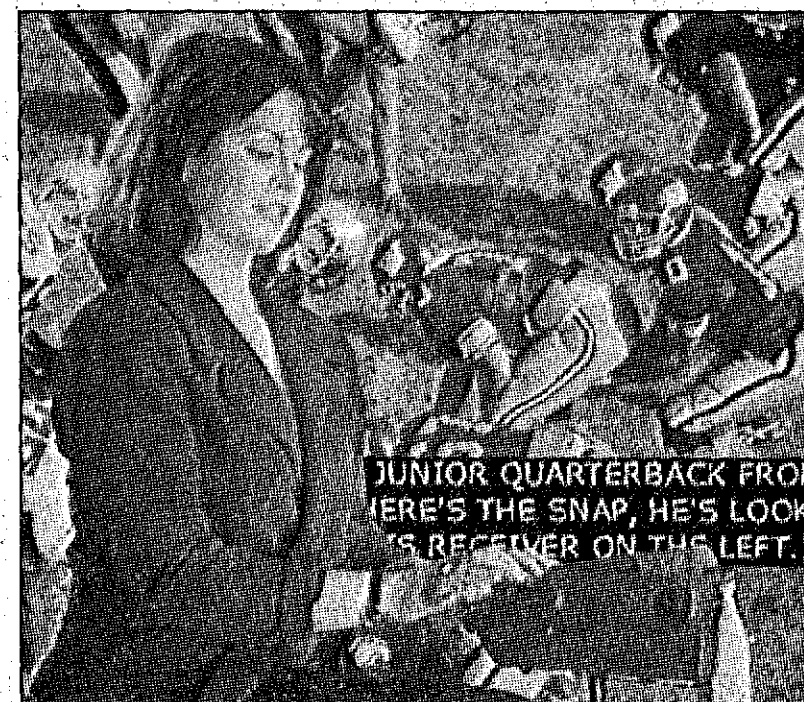
Court Reporting

An open house orientation session will be held on Dec. 6 at noon and on Dec. 9 at 9 a.m.. Students can inquire on Spring 2001 classes in the department.

Scholar's Honors

The Scholar's Honors Program is now accepting \$4.00 or more donations for the Feed the Children fundraiser. Those who donate will receive a gift in return.

The deadline is Nov. 30. Donations should be left in the Scholar's Honor's Program mailbox #57 in the Admissions office.



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Art sale to be held 2 days

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teaching curriculum. All of the art is ensured a certain level of quality. It's all quality handmade work," Portugal said.

The prices will range from a few dollars up to \$100 for many of the items. Proceeds will go to the art club, the individual artist and each art discipline.

"The money we receive helps the art club fund a lot of the events we have like the annual art show and the different opening receptions we have at the art gallery," Art

Club President Anthony Gonzales said.

The art department will also use the money for supply and equipment purchases for the semester.

"We usually sell \$5,000 to \$6,000 worth of stuff in each sale, with 5 percent going to the art club, 75 percent to the individual artist and 20 percent to each discipline," Portugal said.

"This sale is a great experience for young artists, they can be proud to see that people are paying for their artwork," Portugal concluded.

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'Three Penny Opera' set to return for an encore



STEALING SCENES - Characters Mrs. Peachum (Geraldine Barela) and Mr. Peachum (Joseph Wise Sr.) in a scene from the Three Penny Opera.

BY CHARLES PURNELL
STAFF WRITER

The American College Theatre Festival has inspired the Cerritos College Theatre Department to present an encore performance of "The Three Penny Opera."

The play has been featured in previous semesters including spring 2000.

The department hopes that bringing the performance back for an encore presentation, that it will be selected to be performed at their annual theater festival in Fresno.

According to Gloria Manriquez, theatre production specialist, the Cerritos College Theatre Department delighted audiences last spring with performances of the commentary on bourgeois capitalism and modern morality called "The Three Penny Opera."

The opera will be presented in an epic theatre style and is a movement musical full of calamity, humor, irony and familiar songs such as "Mack the Knife."

Many students who no longer attend Cerritos will be

back for the encore presentation a second time around.

This bitter tale of the predatory outlaw "Mack the Knife" is set in the Victorian era in London.

The revision of the opera has resulted in the addition of two new cast members and a shortening of the overall performance.

Manriquez said, "students are happy to have the opportunity to act once again in a show so well received."

In addition, they are excited about possibly moving on to the regional competition.

"I love doing shows here and I love working with our directors," comments Jamie Hann, Cerritos College alumna returning to play the part of Polly Peachum.

Three performances of "The Three Penny Opera" will be presented on Friday and Saturday, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, at 2 p.m.

General admission is \$15 and \$12.50 for students, staff, and seniors.

For tickets, call the Theatre Arts office at (562) 467-5058.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK Students display culture on campus



Photos by AdrienneAdkins/TM

CULTURE DANCE - From top to bottom students Natchanon Sakejirapong (Thailand), Varangana Punchihew (Sri Lanka) and Gigi Jang (Korea) danced in the Student Center Monday.

White receives prestigious lifetime award

BY BRENDA DURAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Cosmetology Department Assistant Professor, Brenda White had the honor of receiving a highly prestigious award this past month for her achievements in teaching and personal business development.

On Oct. 27, White received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Women Business Owners from the Orange County Chapter. She was recognized in a public ceremony with over 550 women commemorating the success of business women in the surrounding community.

"I was shocked. You do things in your life, never thinking you'll get an award or be recognized, but

now I know that is not true," White said.

White took three of her students from the cosmetology department to the awards ceremony to represent Cerritos College. One of them was cosmetology student, Evette Riley.

"It was very inspirational to see our teacher getting honored for all of her accomplishments as a woman. She has made a good impression on all of us to advance in our own lives," Riley said.

White has taught at Cerritos for 18 years and serves as a cosmetology instructor for freshmen, sophomore and junior classes. She also has developed her own cosmetology career by owning her own salon for the last 19 years.

White said she

hopes her award will help inspire her students on campus to progress in the cosmetology field and strive for high goals in life.

"I hope that this award will be inspiring to my students in the sense that they will see an example of their teacher climbing the corporate ladder and succeeding at it. They will know there is a way for them to go as well," White said.

"We're very proud of her to receive such a high honor for all the efforts in keeping up her salon and teaching. She is a fabulous teacher," Cosmetology Department Chair J. Johnson said.



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BEAUTY MENTOR - Cosmetology instructor Brenda White critiques her student's hair design in one of her many classes.

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CULINARY ARTS DEPARTMENT Holiday bakery orders now available

BY HELEM MAYORGA
FEATURE EDITOR

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and the Cerritos College Culinary Arts Department is featuring a Thanksgiving dinner this Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center cafeteria.

The Culinary Arts Department is inviting all the staff, faculty members, students and the public to come and enjoy the annual celebration.

The traditional Thanksgiving dinner is offered every year one Thursday before the actual holiday.

"This dinner will be open to the public, staff, students and to everybody interested in coming and enjoying," head cashier from the Culinary Arts Department June Crisp said.

The menu features roast turkey, dressing, whipped potatoes, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, petite peas,

a roll and butter, waldorf salad, a fresh baked pumpkin tart and beverage for the low cost of \$5.25.

Along with this celebration, the Culinary Arts Department would like to make other people's Holiday easier.

The people interested in ordering fresh baked pies and dinner rolls from them can do it for a very low cost.

The department is offering pumpkin, apple and cherry pies for \$4.75, pumpkin cheese cake for \$10 and three dozen dinner rolls for \$5.25.

Orders can be placed from now to Friday until 3 p.m. and will be available for pick-up on Nov. 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center cafeteria.

To place an order, call ext. 2456 or 2455 or send a request to the Culinary Arts Department, attention Amber or June.

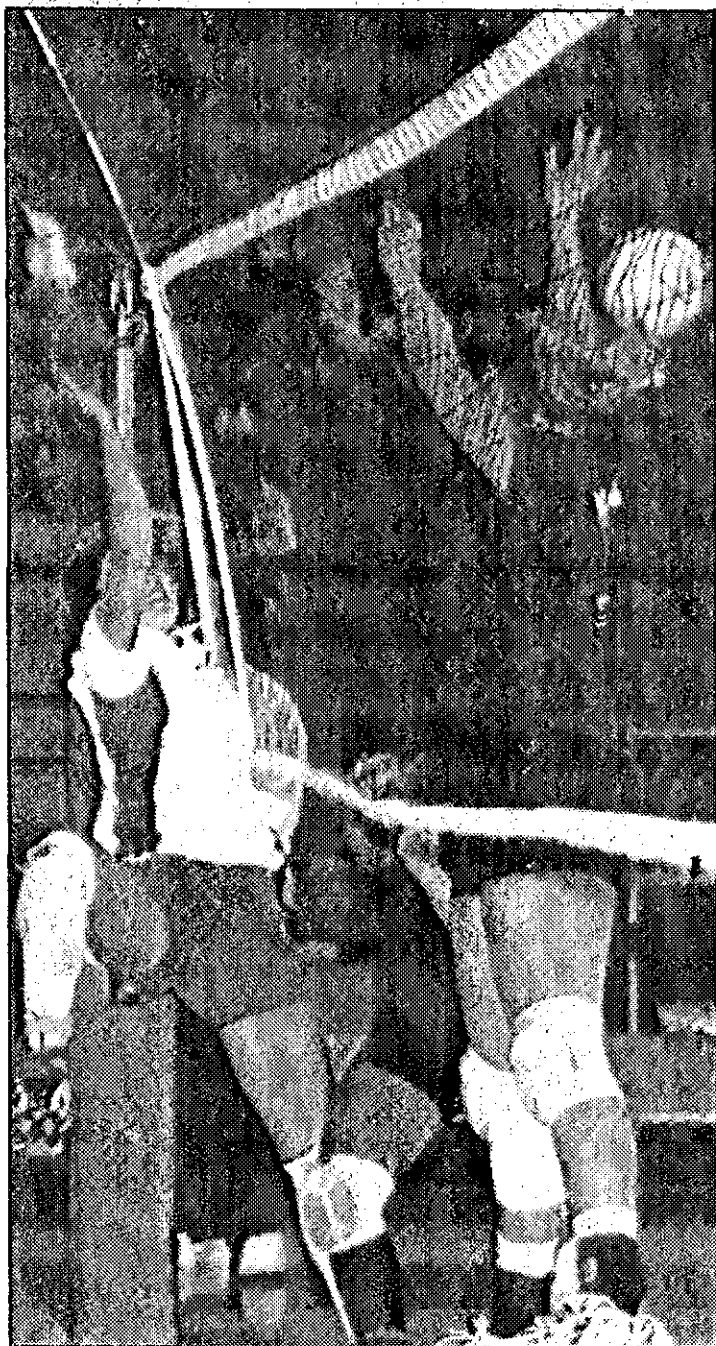
The Culinary Arts Department will be also presenting on Nov. 30, the Caribbean Island Cuisine, from 11 to 1 p.m. in the Student Center cafeteria.

The buffet will be featuring different plates from the Caribbean Islands, and which carry the name of Caribbean Island Cuisine.

This buffet is also open to the general public and will be featuring four different entrees that vary from fillet of red snapper ala Chambord, roasted caribbean style pork, sautéed boneless chicken breast, to braised ropa veja.

A salad buffet will be offered and will have a selection of more than 20 different salads.

Student, Michael Sprague said that there will be a large stand all across the student center cafeteria offering a variety of salads.



UP AND OVER — Setter Emma Howell of Cerritos hits the ball past a Mount San Antonio defender. The Falcons won the match three games to none.

VOLLEYBALL

Falcons sweep Mt. SAC

BY DAVID AMEZCUA
STAFF WRITER

In its final home game, the Cerritos volleyball team proved to be unstoppable for Mount San Antonio College.

The Falcons won the match three games to none Friday.

Cerritos whipped the Mounties 15-1 in the first game.

Falcon teammates Staci Dietz and Cindy Alailefaleula stopped the Mounties from cutting the Falcons 2-0 lead. Alailefaleula helped the Falcon's increase their lead to 9-1.

Outside hitter Alailefaleula said that the game was easy for them. She also said that the team "was just working on our plays." She added that the teams next game against Pasadena will be hard.

The Falcons managed win the second game 15-9 despite a comeback by Mt. SAC.

Katherine Graff helped the Falcons break a 2-2 tie with a block, and Danielle Saldavia's serve increased their lead to 5-2.

Francella Silitai helped the

Falcons increase their lead to 8-2.

The Falcons dished out a whipping to the Mounties 15-4 in the third game.

Emma Howell's serve helped the Falcons increase their lead to 5-2. Graff's serve made their lead 6-2.

Dietz's kill was just what the Falcons needed to increase their lead to 7-2 in the game.

Falcon coach Teresa Velazquez-Ortega said that the women played a pretty good game. She said that "the team needs to work on ball control for the next game against Pasadena."

Maria Serrano, defensive specialist for the Falcons, agreed that the team played a good game. She also said that, "the team had lots of fun."

Outside hitter/middle blocker Graff said that the team was ready to win this game.

She also said, "if the team beats Pasadena" that they "will be in second place." She added that the team is looking forward to the state tournament.

Falcons stunned by Lancers in 3 OT's

BY JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

"I am my own worst enemy."

-Lit

The Falcons may have found their toughest opponent of the 2000 season.

Themselves.

This season, the Cerritos College football team has both won and lost close games filled with penalties and mistakes.

Playing their second overtime game in as many weeks, the Falcons (6-3, 1-3 in Northern Division) saw a field goal attempt blocked and returned for a touchdown in the third overtime by Pasadena City College in a 51-45 loss Saturday.

"We do make some errors," Falcons head coach Frank Mazzotta said. "The trouble is that the errors we've made are things that everybody can see."

"We've just got to keep working on not having the penalties. The one roughing the punter cost us a touchdown."

"We snap the ball over our guy's head on the extra point. We get two

field goals blocked.

"And we're still good enough to win."

FALCONS COME BACK

Late in the third quarter, Cerritos tied the score at 17 when Justin Anderson scored his second touchdown of the game.

In the fourth quarter, Pasadena (5-4, 1-3) had first down and 10 at the Cerritos 15-yard line.

Quarterback Nathan Chandler was sacked twice and called for intentional grounding, and the Lancers found themselves on the Cerritos 45 with fourth down and 40 yards to go.

But the Falcons were penalized for roughing the kicker on the punt, and Pasadena went ahead, 24-17 on a 13-yard run by Chandler.

Manuel Murillo scored two touchdowns to give the Falcons a 31-24 lead.

Pasadena's David Crockett returned the ensuing kickoff 47 yards to the Cerritos 45.

The Lancers, facing fourth-and-22 on the Cerritos 37, tied the score when Chandler, replacing injured starter Josh Knight, found receiver

Gary Coleman.

After making the reception, Coleman raced by his defender for the touchdown with 35 seconds remaining.

Mazzotta said, "Our kid just went up and tried to bat the ball down."

"Instead of getting under the football he jumped in the air and missed it."

"It came right down in (Coleman's) arms."

"The thing that bothers me is, we had another guy coming over that could've made the tackle, and he didn't make it."

"The kid made a couple of great plays earlier."

"We've just got to hope we learn from those mistakes."

OVERTIME AGAIN

With Pasadena leading by seven points in the second overtime, the Falcons were down to their last chance with fourth-and-two on the Pasadena 18.

Doug Baughman's pass to Sirquon Hardy fell incomplete.

But Hardy was taken down on the play, and the pass interference call gave the Falcons first and goal

on the three.

Two plays later, Murillo scored his fourth touchdown, and the extra point tied the game.

With the first possession of the third overtime, the Cerritos drive stalled at the Lancers' 12.

Ezequiel Arevalo, who had one field goal attempt blocked and missed another earlier in the game, lined up to try to give the Falcons a three-point lead.

But Pasadena's Curt Lowther blocked the kick and Crockett returned the ball 75 yards for the game-winning touchdown.

"The snap was high," Mazzotta said. "The (holder) had to reach up and get the ball."

"We didn't have anybody fast enough to catch (Crockett)."

"That's just one of those unfortunate deals, and in overtime, that kills you."

"Our goal now is to beat Riverside. It's going to be a great game because they have the same record that we have."

"I think our kids are ready to play."

The Tigers are coming off of a surprise 28-17 win over El Camino Saturday.

Softball vs. alumni Saturday

BY JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

It's never too early to prepare for the season.

Lynn Laughon, in her first season as head coach of the Cerritos College softball team, is holding tryouts this semester.

She said that she will "accept good quality athletes with a good attitude."

The team will play two games with an alumni team Saturday.

The 11 a.m. game will be a "friendly" game with a mix of players and alumni on each side.

The 1 p.m. game will pit the team against the alumni.

Nancy Kelly, who retired as the Falcons' coach after the 1999 season, will coach the alumni team, which will include Falcon players going back to 1978.

Falcon pitcher and first baseman Julie Angel said that the event "gives the alumni a chance to come back."

She said that the games give the team a chance to "develop and become a strong team by the time the season comes along."

Laughon says this gives her "a chance to evaluate the athletes."

The team's home field has been renovated, with new infield and outfield surfaces, bullpens and covers over the dugouts.

The field, which Laughon calls "a top notch facility," will be dedicated as Nancy Kelly Field on Feb.

22 before the team's game against Irvine Valley College.

Laughon said she hopes a lot of people will come out on that day because it will be a "tremendous honor" for Kelly, who had "done a lot for the game of softball and for Cerritos College" and "put in many years of hard work for the program."

She added that the softball program appreciates the administration and the Facilities department for their support in renovating the field.

Laughon acknowledged director of operations Wayne Nunnery, dean of Physical Education and Athletics Pam Walker, and athletic director Mike McPherson.

"Without their support it wouldn't happen for the softball program."

Second baseman Shanetha Winn also returns for the Falcons.

Winn made second-team all-conference in 2000 but is sidelined with a knee injury.

Laughon says that the Falcons will be "a very young team this year, with a lot of new faces. This will be a freshman-driven team."

Two of those freshmen are middle infielders Brenda Con and Arianna Contreras.

The coaching staff features three former Falcon players. They are Lisa Hernandez, Liz Cardiel and Tippy Borrego, a pitcher on the 1978 state championship team.

Cerritos Sports Briefs

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cerritos finished fourth in the Saddleback tournament after losing to Long Beach 68-66 Sunday.

Tony Booker scored 27 points, and Jontae Vinson had six rebounds to go with his 15 points.

In the opening round, the Falcons defeated Chaffey, 75-63 but lost to host Saddleback 68-56 in the semifinal.

Their next game is Thursday at 4 p.m. against Southwestern in the Irvine Valley Tournament.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Monet Andrews scored 19 points in the game and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player as Cerritos defeated Bakersfield, 70-62 to win the San Diego Mesa Tournament Sunday.

Andrews scored 13 points as the Falcons defeated Santa Monica, 80-65 in the first round and 23 points in the semifinal win over L.A. Valley, 68-67.

The next game for the Falcons is at home vs. Moorpark Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Falcons will send two runners to the State Championship meet in Fresno Saturday.

Julie Stewart finished 72nd out of 213 runners with a time of 21:36 in the Southern California Championships Nov. 4 in Del Mar. She will be joined by Georgina Mojica, who finished 88th with a time of 22:00.

WRESTLING

In the North/South dual meets Saturday against Embury-Riddle, Josh Pesquera (125 lb. class), Gabriel Barragan (141 lb.), Josh Johnson (149 lb.) and Brian Burnett (174 lb.) won their matches.

The team will compete in the South Regional at Palomar Saturday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Falcons finished the season with a 1-1 tie against L.A. Harbor Nov. 7.

They finish fifth in the South Coast Conference with a 4-10-2 record, 6-11-3 overall.

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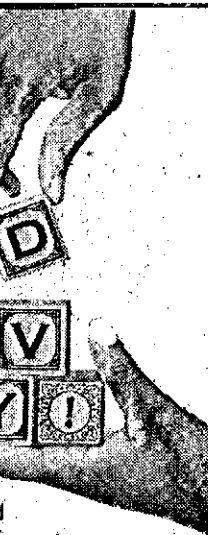
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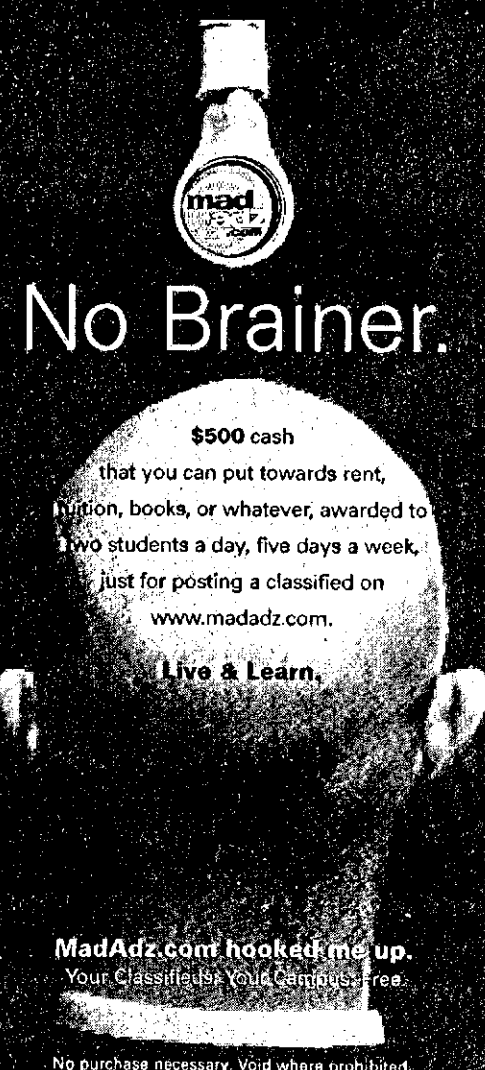
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LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

Smoking pot should not be a crime

BY JON HUTCHINSON
PRODUCTION EDITOR

The issue of legalizing the use of marijuana has once again become popular due to the fact that a few states passed a medical marijuana bill in last week's election.

This bill allows people with certain medical conditions to take advantage of the medicinal effects of marijuana.

MARIJUANA

AS MEDICINE

Marijuana has proven medicinal qualities such as helping relieve the side effects caused by chemotherapy and glaucoma. It also prolongs the quality and length of life for AIDS patients by allowing them to eat. In the same way, it helps people with bulimia to resist the urge to throw up and it helps anorexic people regain an appetite.

However, having proven medicinal qualities does not mean that it is necessarily the right medication to use. There are many other medicines that can possibly treat these illnesses better.

Should medicinal properties really be the deciding factor for the legalization of marijuana?

It has been determined that alcohol and tobacco have no medical purposes today, so why should marijuana be subjected to such ridiculous scrutiny over its possible medicinal effects?

A SAFER SUBSTANCE

Finding a medicinal use isn't what's going to make pot legal, nor does it matter if pot does have medicinal qualities.

The simple facts are that marijuana has less damaging side effects than alcohol or tobacco when it is used properly. More crimes are committed while intoxicated on alcohol alone than with marijuana alone.

LEGAL TOXINS

Alcohol has been proven to cause liver and kidney damage. Tobacco smoke inhalation has been known to cause cancer, heart problems and a variety of other unwanted effects.

Both alcohol and nicotine are readily available for anyone who is old enough to buy them.

Marijuana has virtually no toxicity, according to former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop. So why is marijuana not legal?

SIDE EFFECTS

If legalized, marijuana would provide a safer and less addictive alternative to

alcohol.

Alcohol causes many difficult problems that marijuana does not.

Because alcohol can make a person lose all of his inhibitions, you could end up drinking too much and doing all kinds of things you wouldn't do under normal circumstances.

On the other hand, if you smoke too much pot, you go to sleep a little earlier than usual.

If you drink too much alcohol you could throw up, while marijuana has anti-emetic properties and will actually stop you from throwing up because of nausea. Alcohol is physically addictive and mentally addictive. Marijuana is only mentally addictive and does not produce the same drastic withdrawal effects that alcohol does. Marijuana withdrawal symptoms are considerably less than alcohol or nicotine withdrawal and usually only occur with chronic use.

Alcohol has been proven to kill brain cells.

Scientists are still undecided as to whether or not marijuana actually does kill brain cells.

It is widely known that alcohol promotes violent behavior and actions, while marijuana rarely promotes violent actions; or any action at all for that matter.

Alcohol induces stupidity while marijuana merely promotes the stupidity that you already have.

OTHER USES

If marijuana was legalized it would have a positive effect on the deregulation of growing hemp for cloth and fiber.

The fiber and pulp from the cannabis plant can also be used to make paper. Eighty percent of the stalk of the plant can be used for paper. One acre of hemp could produce as much paper as four acres of old growth forest.

Also, in order to make paper out of tree pulp it must be soaked in a highly acidic compound to break down the lignin, then bleached white. This acid and bleach contaminates our environment. Hemp contains no lignin, and whitens much easier than tree pulp. It takes a lot more time to grow a tree than it does hemp.

Lots of people are not informed or have been given

misinformation about the effects of marijuana.

THE REAL DOPE

The problem is with the term "dope." This term also includes harder drugs like heroin or crack cocaine, and therefore marijuana is often looked at as being just as harmful and detrimental to society as these harder drugs.

Marijuana should not be grouped into the same category with such life threatening drugs as heroin, methamphetamines or cocaine. It is a misnomer.

When used in moderation, marijuana causes less unwanted side effects than moderate alcohol or tobacco use.

Some people are not aware of the proper use of marijuana. Many people hold marijuana smoke in their lungs for a prolonged period of time in order to obtain a higher level of inebriation. In reality these people are simply coating their lungs with many of the same carcinogens found in cigarettes while obtaining no more of the desired effects.

Marijuana, however, when prepared and eaten, contains absolutely no carcinogens or poisons. Tobacco when eaten, does contain poisons.

If marijuana was legal-

ized in the U.S., a large number of changes would take place. The first change would be that of the crime rate. The crime rate would initially drop due to the obvious reason that marijuana possession, use and cultivation would no longer be considered a crime by police.

Then crime would rise because right-wing religious groups would picket, fight, protest and burn fields all over the place.

But once they realize that all the people who would be committing crimes are in their house with a fat "j," they will calm down a bit. Or maybe it's just all the smoke from the burning fields.

MARIJUANA & CRIME

The largest crime associated with marijuana is use, sales and cultivation. When is the last time you heard of someone robbing a liquor store in order to get money for their daily marijuana fix?

The reason you don't hear about crimes like this is because marijuana is not physically addictive when used in moderation.

If there is no addiction, there is no dire need for more of the drug to be consumed, and therefore people do not go to such drastic measures to obtain the drug.

If marijuana is legalized it will be used mainly for the purpose of getting "stoned," just like when alcohol was legalized it was used mainly for the purposes of getting drunk.

I mean, oh yeah, you can blow fire with it and junk, but that won't get you high.

EDITORIAL

Who will it be?

Will it be Gore or will it be Bush? The wait continues as the state of Florida does the dreary hand recount to one of the most bizarre and longest presidential races in history and everyone in the nation, including Cerritos College students, is watching.

The interesting thing about this year's election is that the voting hype thrilled many potential voters who in past elections have not cared to vote.

Among many of those is the high count of unregistered voters from Generation X. It seems this time around, college students were driven perhaps by MTV, radio and television to cast their vote because they realized turning 18 means more than just being able to buy cigarettes and lottery tickets.

That might be due to the large publicity this year's election had, with registration booths set up on every campus urging students to have a voice.

Apparently it worked. The political arena which was previously thought of as an elderly person's issue or your parents' business has become the new hype and hot topic in many students' conversations in and outside of political science class.

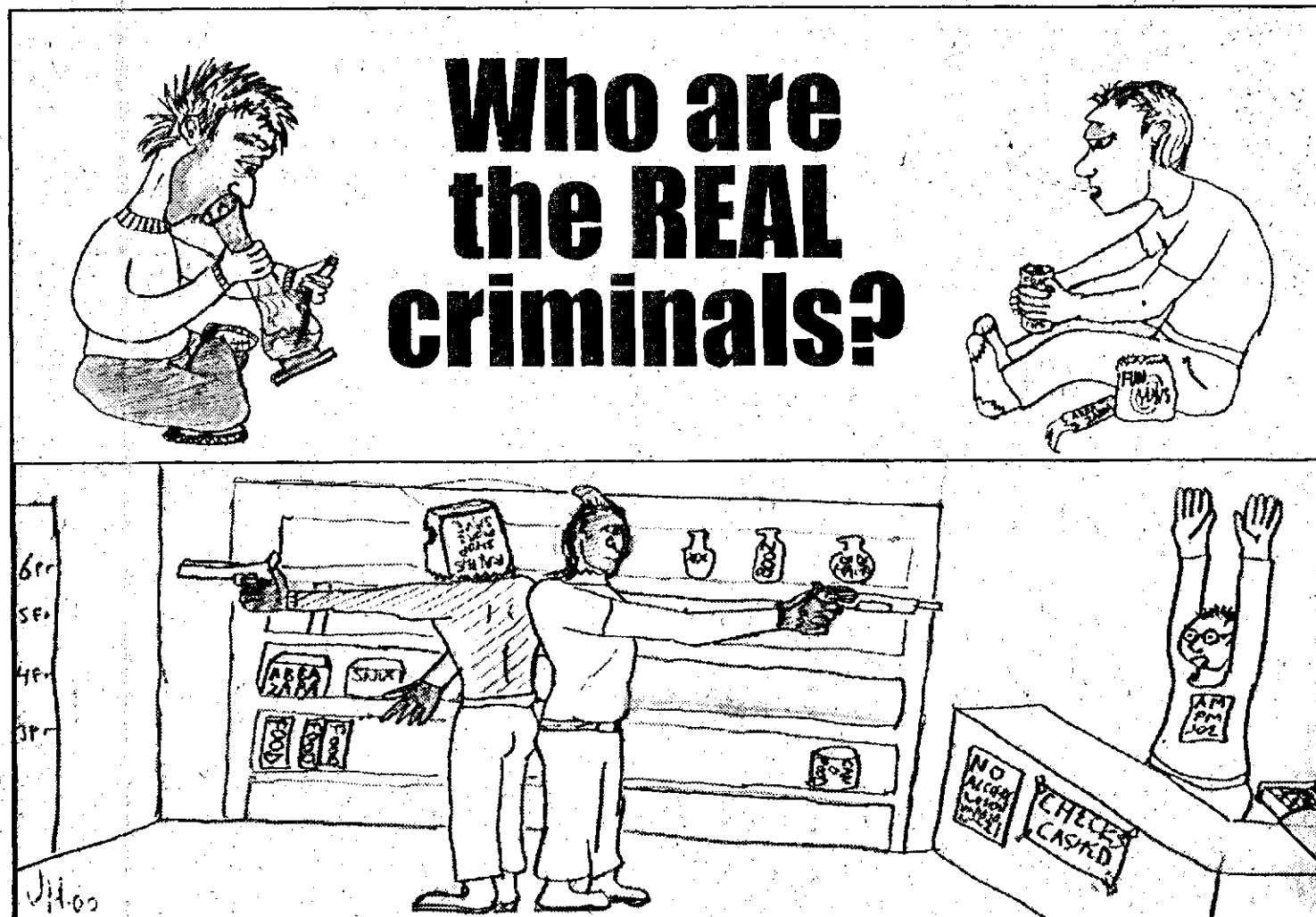
With Rage Against the Machine's performance at the Democratic National Convention and the many participants in recent election protests from universities, politics seems to no longer be viewed as a general education course for three measly credits, but as a real life issue that will determine factors in your life after graduation.

It is comforting to know that this generation is starting to get in touch with the issues that really matter and not just which sorority or fraternity to choose or which beer tastes better.

It is also comforting to find that politics found a place in the minds of a younger generation in this chaos of an election.

Now it's time to see if we can use that position to embrace the rights we have earned this country to the fullest potential and be taken seriously for the future that lies in our hands.

But in the meantime, turn off the Play Station and stay tuned to your television to find out who will move into the White House and determine your future.



CAMPUS COMMENT



Do you feel that marijuana should be legalized?

By Adrianne Adkins
Photos by Adrianne Adkins

"I think it should be decriminalized. It's a choice of personal freedom and I believe in personal freedom if it doesn't infringe on anybody's rights."

JOSHUA PERALTA,
ENGLISH



"It should be legalized. There's nothing wrong with it. The only reason it's not legalized is because it can't be taxed."

ERICK RIVAS,
HISTORY



"It should be legalized because it would solve a lot of problems and save a lot of money for the government and they can use it for catching real criminals."

RYAN JOHNSON,
BUSINESS
FINANCE



"I think it should be legalized because people have the right to self-medicate."

DANTE
D'AMBROSIO,
ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERING



"It should be legalized because it relieves stress and it'll cut down a lot of the illegal crime also."

WILLIE LOPER,
BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION



"If marijuana was legal, we wouldn't have everybody sneaking around trying to hide it."

JACLYN
BARNWELL,
EDUCATION



"Legalize it. Once you make something illegal, people are going to do it anyway, so if you legalize it, you're actually cutting down on the use."

HUGO ZAVALA,
GENERAL
EDUCATION



"It should be legalized because it helps ease the mind."

SHAMARA SEALES,
UNDECIDED



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Turkey Trot 2000



Clockwise from top left
Cross Country team members
warm up for the run.

Carrie Gleckner announces the
Turkey Trot and raffle winners
after thanking everyone for par-
ticipating.

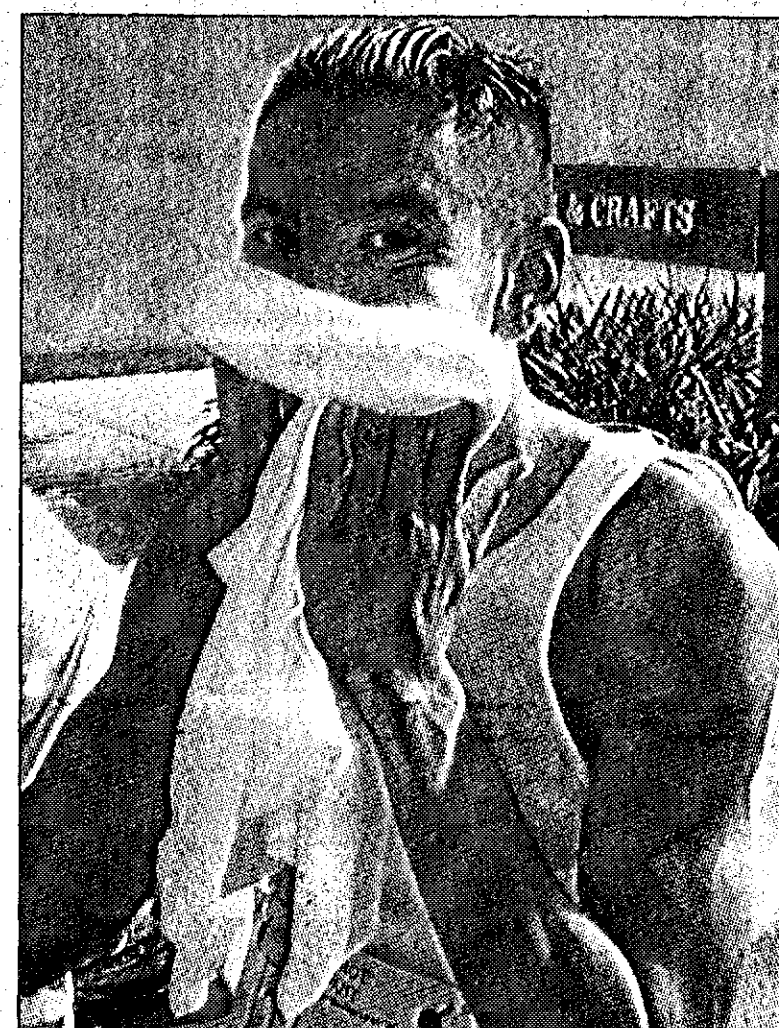
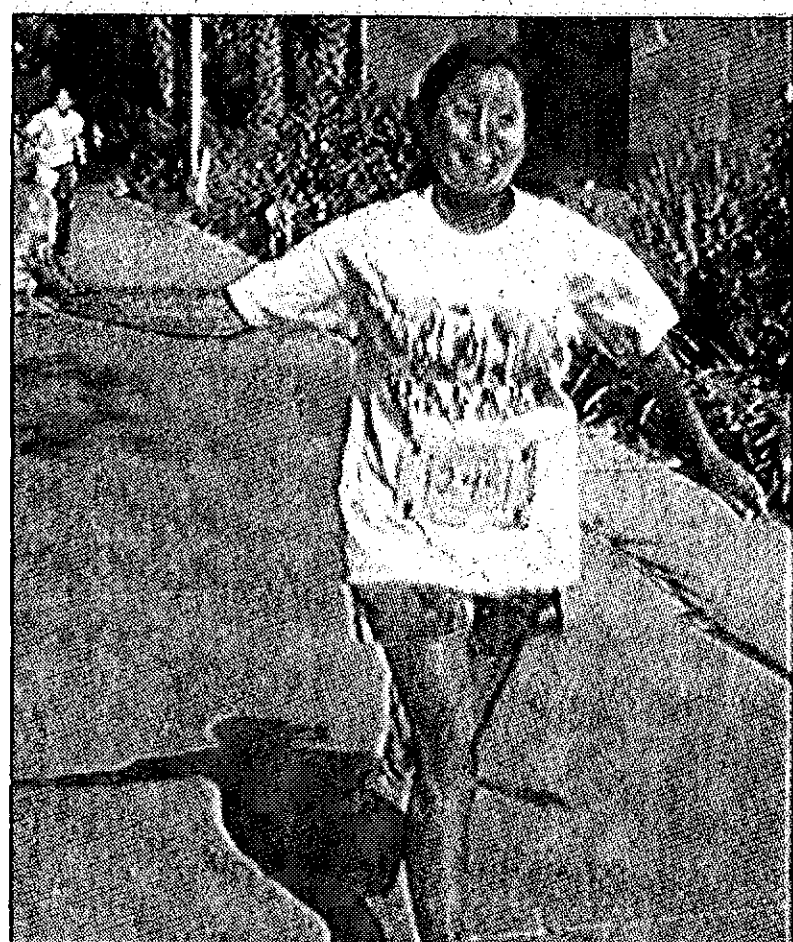
Marco Mata wipes off the sweat
a few minutes after coming in
second with a time of 11:29 in
the run.

Turkey trot participants get ex-
cited for the long run ahead of
them.

Edith Ortega grabs for some
water after finishing first for the
women with a time of 14:27.

Laura Lewinski smiles as she
wins a prize in the Turkey Trot
raffle for participating.

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list of participants online

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