



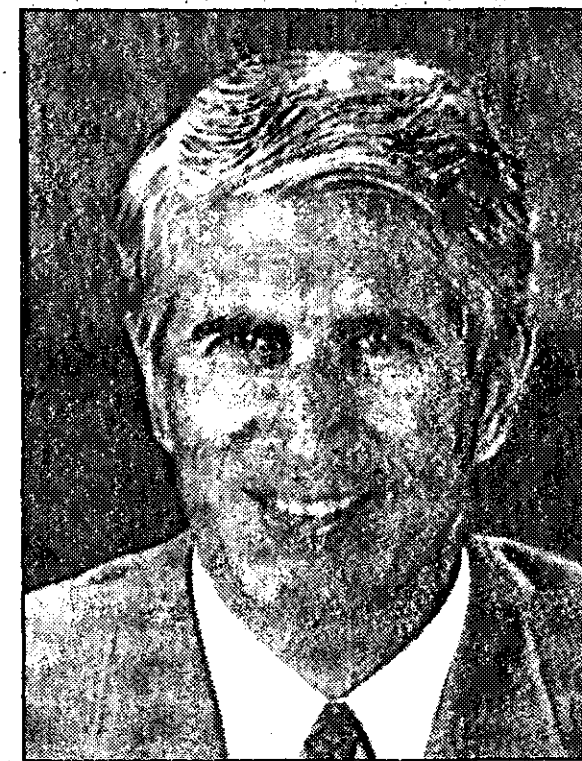
JANE HARMAN



ERLINDA MARTINEZ



MARY SPANGLER



JAMES MIDDLETON

## Four finalists for president

BY BRENDA DURAN  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

After reviewing more than 26 applications and conducting the first round of interviews with 11 finalists, the presidential search committee narrowed their search down to four finalists who will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees, this week.

The four finalists were Dr. Jane Harmon who is currently on leave from Adirondack Community College in New York, Dr. Erlinda Martinez Vice President of Student Services at Cerritos College, Dr. James Middleton current president of the College of Marin, California and Dr. Mary Spangler current president of Los Angeles City College, California.

During the week all four candidates participated in open forums open to students and faculty in the Teleconference center.

On Monday, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dr. Erlinda Martinez of Cerritos College conducted the first open forum. On Tuesday, Dr. Mary Spangler of Los Angeles City College spoke from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the same day Dr. Jane Harmon of Adirondack Community College spoke. The final

forum will be held today with Dr. James Middleton of College of Marin who will be speaking from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Dr. Erlinda Martinez was the first to speak on Monday afternoon where she addressed her colleagues and many students whom she already knows. "It's harder to do this because you all know me," Martinez said nervously. In her five-minute introduction she gave an opening statement about her experience working with the community and underprivileged students over the years whom she says "I can closely relate to growing up."

Martinez was asked a variety of questions about her administrative philosophy, counseling issues, staffing and student concerns. "I'm for delivering, teaching, listening and learning I want to be the best, we deserve stability and I believe I can bring that," Martinez said.

Martinez noted one of her top priorities if chosen to be president is attending to faculty and student needs. She says she would like to advocate for providing tools for student success. "We need to follow up, be prescriptive, monitor our students needs to motivate them to perform well," Martinez said.

At Tuesday's open forum Dr. Mary Spangler of Los Angeles City College was asked how she felt she could change the college if chosen for president. "I don't come with a grab bag I think I bring experience to the campus, I want to work as a campus facilitator I want to talk to the campus to see what they want they think will be their best interest," Spangler said.

Spangler also emphasized employee morale and addressed student and faculty related issues. "I'm all for academic excellence by hiring qualified faculty to teach as the first step," Spangler said.

Spangler also addressed other issues like private funding which she says she is supportive of. "The less that we depend on the state the better," she said.

Spangler ended her forum by encouraging students and faculty to "do background checks and find if she is the good fit" for the college. "If I am offered the opportunity to be president I will gladly accept," she said.

On Wednesday, Dr. Jane Harmon from Adirondack Community College said she was interested in coming to Cerritos for the position because this institution holds the same values she does in education.

"Everything this institution values I value, success,

excellence and diversity," Harmon said.

Harmon who is currently on leave from Adirondack was also asked a series of questions from the audience regarding her leave of absence to which she replied had to do with "overwhelming the current board of the college."

Spangler said she admires Cerritos's current governing structure and would like to, if given the opportunity "be part of a team working for the same common goals," she said.

When asked what her vision was for the future of Cerritos College Harmon responded, "We have to look to the future always, it is a learning community the vision has to be created by the institution not one person, we have to create excitement for what we will be doing," Harmon said.

One of the most asked questions of the forums was the issue of Cerritos College being targeted in the Press Telegram as having one of the lowest transferring rates.

Each candidate responded in positive manner saying that issue was "bad science" or that it was inaccurate information that does not represent the college in any way.

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## ASCC Fall Awards recognize efforts

BY HELEM MAYORGA  
FEATURE EDITOR

The Associated Students of Cerritos College presented the 44th annual awards banquet, this past Friday.

The 2000 fall awards banquet took place in the Student Center at 7 p.m. where a number of students received prestigious academic awards for their excellence in participation.

The purpose of the event was to recognize outstanding students who have shown leadership and service to the college in different campus activities during the course of the semester.

Special recognition was given to the ASCC committee members who have also contributed their time and energy to the college over the years.

Different awards were given to students, advisers and committee members.

The Service and Leadership Certificate recognized students for

service and participation in programs sponsored by the ASCC.

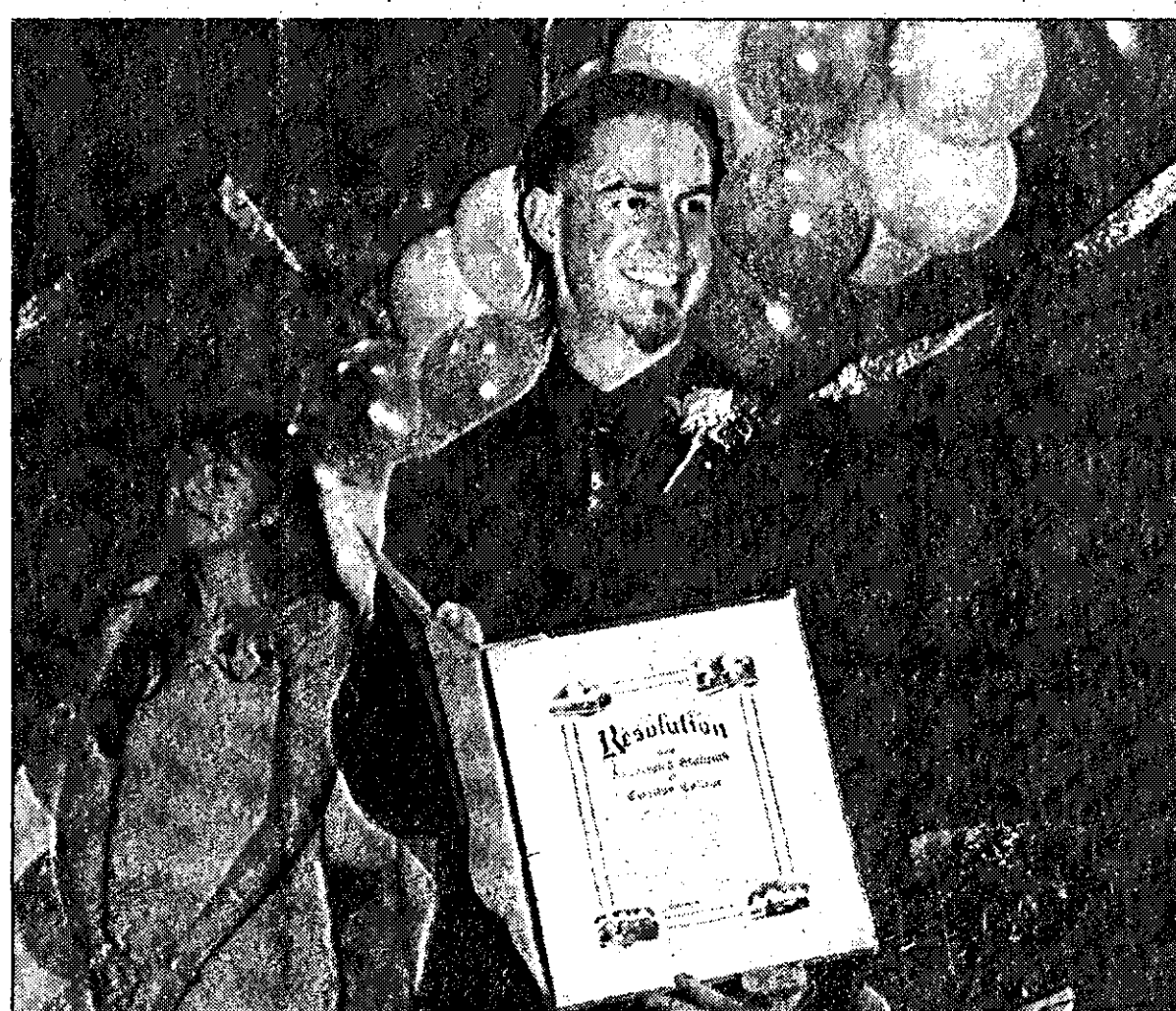
The Bronze Falcon was given to students who have excelled in services and have participated in programs sponsored by the ASCC.

"I would like to thank the academy. It is a honor and a privilege to receive this award," said John Kitano who received a Bronze Falcon for his contributions at WPMR radio and the Talon Marks.

The Silver Falcon recognized students who have been outstanding in leadership, service and participation in the programs sponsored by the ASCC. Also, the students who received this award showed scholarship and personal integrity to the college.

"I enjoyed helping the students activities office because it gave me the opportunity to collaborate in different activities this semester," student Evgeny O. Li said, who received a Silver Falcon.

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RESOLUTION AWARD-James Schwimmer proudly receives his award after four Gold Falcons.

## Forensics team takes awards at tournament

BY KEVIN OSBORNE AND  
JOYCE KELLY  
SPECIAL TO THE TALON MARKS

The Cerritos College Falcon Forensics team competed in the annual PSCFA fall Championship held this year at Cal State Long Beach on December 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

This was one of the most difficult tournaments the speech and debate team must face each year.

One of the reasons this tournament is difficult is the three-day period. Another reason is that the

rounds start at 8 a.m. and end approximately at 8 p.m., making it an all-day event.

The events are usually scheduled for the competitors to perform back to back.

There were 35 schools (both two-years and four-years) competing in various events at this tournament, and they include top nationally ranked teams from the region: USC, UCLA, CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, CSU Northridge, CSU San Diego, Biola, Chapman, Azusa

Pacific, Point Loma Nazarene, Cal Baptist, CSU Los Angeles, CSU San Bernardino, and La Verne.

There were 150 debate teams and over 450 individuals who competed in other events like: impromptu, drama, poetry, prose, extemporaneous, informative, duo, speech to entertain, and duo speeches.

Speech participants said that to understand just how much time it would take to hear all the speeches individually, would be 24 hours a

day would take 52 days.

The tournament started on Friday with debate and Reader's Theater. The teams who participated in parliamentary debate were: Novice teams: Jon Maddron/Sharon Choe, Karla Laverde/Hugo Esparza, Mathew Dodd/Denver Mason, and Kevin Osborne/Brian Vos.

Joey Andrade and Maria Estrada were members of the senior team. Katrina Taylor, the only junior member, and member on the team

to receive and award in debate, was teamed with a member from Mt. Sac.

Saturday, the competition continued with debates. It was also the beginning for the team members to compete and receive awards in individual events.

Members of the forensics team, Armando Roman and Christopher Day received finalists' awards for their senior duo.

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## Jazz recital introduces new course

BY JOYCE KELLY  
SPECIAL TO THE TALON MARKS

An intimate gathering of students, staff, and relatives were in attendance for the Cerritos College Jazz and Popular Singer Class recital on Nov. 28, at 11 a.m. in BC-51.

The audience was treated to renditions of songs sung by the students of Ellen Johnson's class that included well-known jazz performers like: Jim Snidero, Sigmund Romberg, George Gershwin, Simon and Marks, Van Morrison, Hoagy Carmichael/Johnny Mercer, Harry Connick, Jr., Rodgers/Hart, Henry Mancini/Johnny Mercer, and Morgan Lewis.

The songsters were accompanied by Clinton Rusich on the piano, Angel Moreno, bass, and Xavier Guilford, drums who volunteered their time.

The opening number was sung a cappella by eight students. The recital continued with several of the students Earlene Walker, April Anderson, Susan Picking, David Donley, and Xiomara Esteban singing solo.

Resembling a young Jerry Lee Lewis, Clint Rusich "tickled the ivory" of the piano and belted out the song "Come By Me," with a voice sounding like that of Harry Connick, Jr.

Ellen Johnson also extended an invitation for any to take part in the jazz class, The Jazz and Popular Singer, which meets M W 3:30 to 5 p.m.

## Finals start Friday

LAST DAY OR EVENING FOR CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7.

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## Bilingual program awards students

BY HELEM MAYORGA  
FEATURE EDITOR

The welding and plastics department and the adult education and diversity programs featured their first annual award reception last Thursday, in the student center in celebration of excellence in their bilingual programs.

The event gave special recognition to the business partners that had collaborated and worked in partnership with the college by giving strong support to the industry of plastics and welding.

These companies also offer jobs to students in these fields, who have a double advantage because they

are Spanish speakers and do not know the English language to a full extent. "We are excited about our event because it gives students the opportunity to display the projects that they have worked so hard on all semester," Adult Education and Diversity Programs faculty member, Darybuth Martinez said.

To name some of the companies recognized from the plastic department are Cambro Manufacturing Company, Omni Plastics Inc. Medway Plastics Corporation, and Calmar Inc.

"There is people that have very little knowledge in working in these fields, and I think that all these peo-

ple should come to improve their skills," stated Juan Rosa, supervisor from Medway Plastics Corporation.

"We encourage our workers to go study and work at the same time. This way they are improving their work skills and can get better pay," Minson Corp. said.

Human Resources Manager, Maggie Velasquez said. These companies have supported the welding and plastic department, by given the students the opportunity of working at their companies at the same time they are attending to school.

Brosky Bellina, student from the welding department said that what his studying right now, had helped him in his current job.

"I am going to continue with my classes here because I want to learn more to have my own business and do not depend from anyone," Bellina said.

A student display was followed

after the awards reception. The projects displayed were those that the students created this semester. This is the first exhibition displayed of this kind.

"I am satisfied for all the achievement that I have obtained. I want to get more experience to open my own business," welding student, Andres Begazo said.

Cerritos College has always sought to institute programs that provide quality education aimed specifically at those learning English as a second language.

"Students take the courses in Spanish if they are not fluent in English, but in the future they have to retake the course in English to get credit for the class and also to learn the terms in English," stated plastics advisor, Luis Mendoza.



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SMILING PROUD-Director of adult education programs, Graciela Vasquez with classified member Suzy Heapy at the ceremony.

## Forums introduce potential presidents for next year

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Each one offered solutions for a more successful transfer outcome as well.

Each candidate also stressed the issue of technology in the classroom and acknowledged the stability that Cerritos has in that area. Each candidate also expressed their admiration for the organizational aspects of the curriculum at the college and the advanced improvements in the college throughout the years as well. The issue of student success as well as faculty issues also stood as one of the main topics of discussion to which every candidate named the priority issue in their agenda.

Once the hour-long forums

were through the audience had the opportunity to write down comments that would be made available to the Board of Trustees for review in the following weeks.

The Board is expected to come to a decision by February, presidential search liaison Steve Helfgot said.

In the meanwhile the Board will visit the candidates' campuses and continue further research on each candidate and take into consideration each forum for in depth review.

"The president is the institutional leader that person will set the tone and the value of the college this process is important because we all need to know who the next person we will live and work with will be," Helfgot concluded.

## Forensics team receives numerous debate awards

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Christopher Day was also a recipient of a finalist award for his senior prose interpretation. Jon Maddron received a finalist award for junior prose. Armando Roman received his finalist award for senior poetry.

Other Falcon Forensics members who participated in individual events at the tournament were: Andrea Larios, Luz Uribe, Abril Perez, and Dora Mendoza.

All students are welcome to join the forensics team. It will present a reader's theater class in spring semester. Please contact Bill Sparks or Cynthia Arellano LaVare in the speech department, or extension 2845.

## Awards granted to active students

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The Gold Falcon recognized students who are superior in leadership, service and participation in programs sponsored by the ASCC.

"I really enjoyed this experience. It is fun and it gets me off from doing school work and also encourages me to do team work," said poetry and arts president, Claudia Valdez who received a Gold Falcon.

The President's Award was given to a student in lieu of that student receiving a third Gold Falcon.

"I am deeply honored to receive this award, but I am more honored to see some other students receive awards," said ASCC Vice President Tim Stavakis.

Last year's woman of the year, Angela Kelly said that she felt honored representing the re-entry students here at Cerritos College.

Kelly also said that she was honored that the college has awards like these to give to the students

that are coming back to school or are doing it for the first time.

"When I received my first Gold Falcon, it made me work harder to make differences in other people's life," Kelly said.

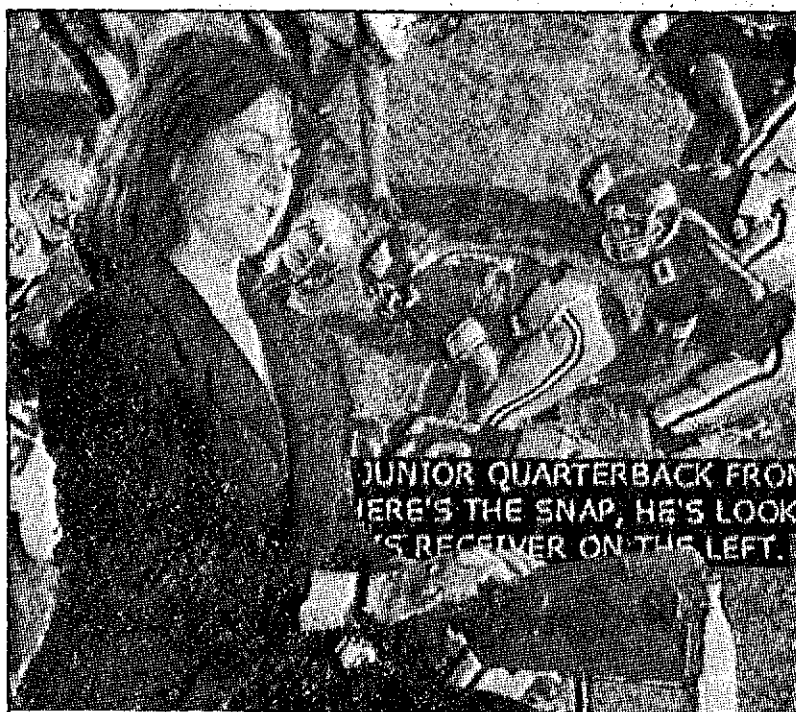
One of the final awards was the Resolution award which is given to a student who has received four Gold Falcons over the years.

The recipient was James Schwimmer who served as chief justice in ASCC over the past years.

The Awards Committee designates special awards for students and faculty deserving outstanding recognition.

ASCC Scholarship Awards and Curricular Club Awards were also given to students involved in different clubs on campus.

Homecoming, Outstanding Advisers, ICC Scholarships and the Food Drive were recognized as Inter-Club Council Awards.



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## ART DEPARTMENT

# Art sale raises big funds with ceramic work

BY CHARLES PURNELL  
STAFF WRITER

The Cerritos College Art Club presented its annual student art sale last Wed. from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and continued on Thu. from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., in the Fine Arts Gallery located in the Arts and Crafts building.

A prodigious diversity of art-work was available in ceramics, jewelry, wood, drawings, paintings, printmaking and photography.

"We had jewelry made of a precious metal clay, it's a whole new technology. It's quite interesting," Steve Portugal Art Department Chairman said.

Part time Cerritos College instructor Melody Cooper, who teaches beginning ceramics (Art 150), supplied and sold the jewelry. The jewelry was vendored at the art sale on Wed. only, because Cooper had to display the jewelry at a different affair on Thursday.

The sale was open to the public on both days. "Last year we did the sale over a four day period, it was Wed. night, Thu., Fri and Sat.

This year we decided to just condense it to two days. We weren't getting a lot of people coming in on Friday and Saturday.

So we just thought 'well if that's the case let's just do it all in one day. It requires a lot of people to keep the sale open,' Portugal said.

On Friday, there was a great reception with a variety of food and refreshments, free to the art sale attendees. Saturday, there was punch, coffee and cookies from the Culinary Arts department accessible to the art sale shoppers. According to Portugal, the art work for sale was primarily student art work.

About 50 students entered art work into the sale. Faculty mem-

bers Melody Cooper,

Casey O'Connor (Art 150 instructor) and Steve Portugal contributed art work to the art sale.

Students from Art 130 (fundamentals of painting), Art 134 and 135 (Water Painting), Art 112 (life drawing), Art 136 (Painting for Art Majors), Art 50 (Chinese Spray Painting) and an array of ceramics classes entered their art work into the sale.

*"I think this is a great learning process for the students in many ways. In some cases They're learning that there is a potential market for their work. Two, they learn how to market their work," Portugal said.*

"This takes them through the whole process from how to organize a sale from the very beginning, to advertise it to produce a flyer, to put together a display and sell it. We have a whole advertising campaign," Portugal said.

In addition to that, students go away with some money from the sale of their work and they can use that toward next year's sale or next year's tuition and supplies.

On Wednesday, prices ranged from a few dollars to one million dollars.

On Thursday, prices extended from \$3 to \$3000. The proceeds from the art sale went to the artist, to each discipline represented and to support the Art Club and its programs. Portugal said 75% of the proceeds go to the student artist, 20% go to the discipline and five

percent go to the Art Club.

Ed Zimmerman, accomplished water color painter and ceramics student, who works full time a computer programmer, designed a fairly simple system using excel to keep the books from the art sale and he cashiered for a few hour on Sat.

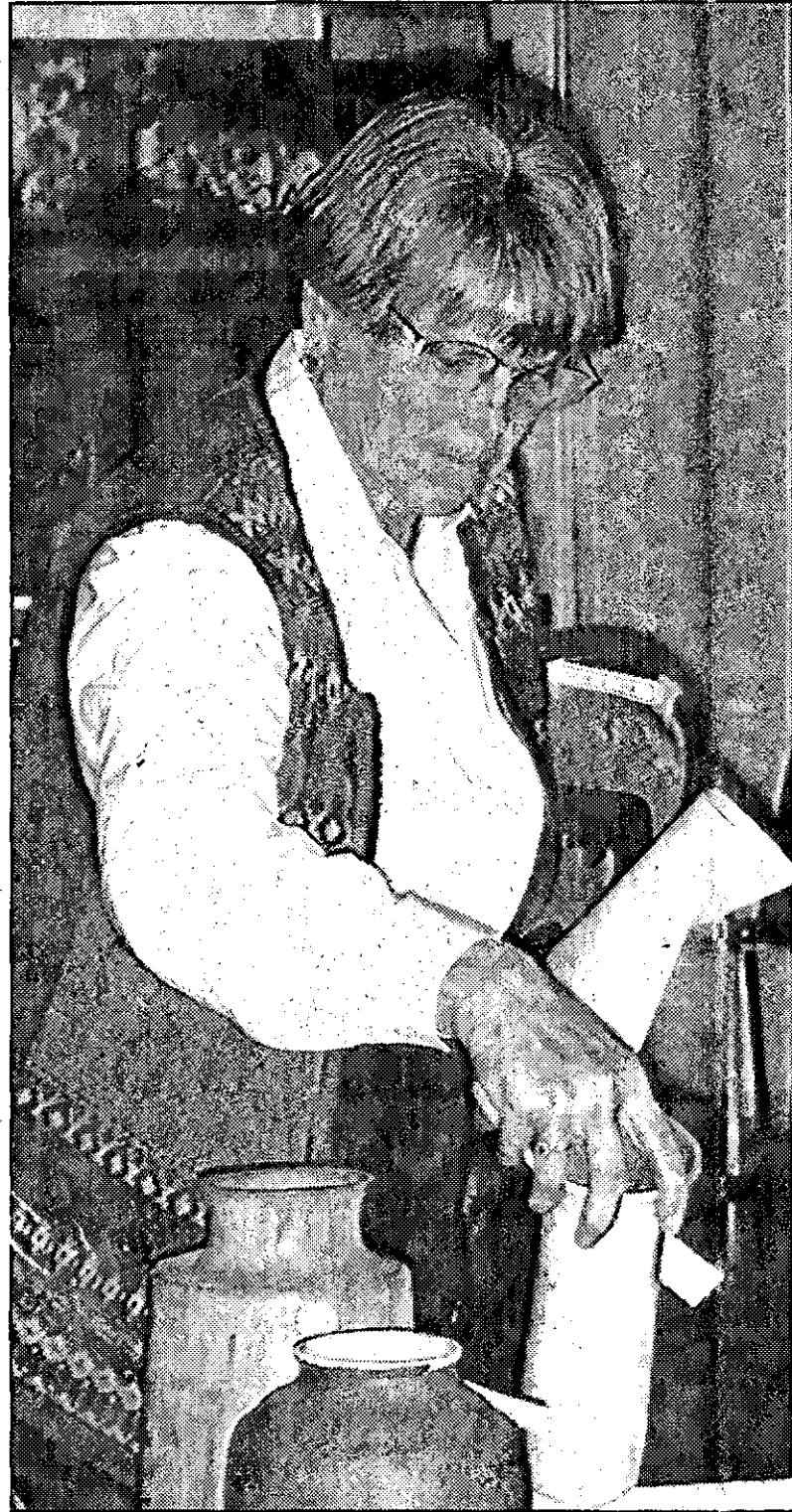
Cash and checks were accepted. Cerritos College student Josh Jordan 19, said, "What I liked best about the art sale was the prices. I bought a custom hand-crafted purple jar for \$27. I had \$3 in change and that was enough money for me to make it through the night. I had bus fair and money to buy something to eat with."

From previous art sales, the art department has been able to purchase much needed equipment and supplies.

"What the proceeds do is give us a little more money to spend on much needed supplies because we have limited supply budgets. So what we have been able to do is add to it a little bit with the proceeds we get from the sale.

"In the past we have done \$5000 worth of work, and so 20% of that is \$1000. That's a lot of money and if I save it for a few years that's a lot of money and I can use it to buy something that I really need.

"I've been able to by a kiln in the past and we have been able to put some towards the purchase of a clay mixer, which we've been trying to purchase for the past 10 years. We finally bought it about a year ago, and it cost \$4,000," Portugal concluded.



STOCKING UP - Staff child development Linda Roberts browses for some presents at the art sale last week.

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## Bilingual program awards students

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The Cerritos College Adult Education and Diversity Programs department is offering an opportunity to learn English in vocational setting while at the same time

expanding ones knowledge in the different programs offered.

"These programs motivate the students because they are learning English at the same time as they are learning a valuable trade," Director

of the Adult Education and Diversity Programs, Graciela Vasquez said.

The welding course offers technical and practical instruction on the oxyacetylene, arc and inert gas welding process, and the plastic course highlights and introduction to a basic understanding of occupations, manufacturing processes and materials used within the plastics industry.

All the students that are interested in learning the English language and wants to expand their knowledge in the plastics technology, welding, mechanic, computers, pharmacy technicians and computer designer are invited to join the classes next semester.

These programs are offered on Fridays and Saturdays over nine and 15 weeks classes. The courses are supplemented with employability component.



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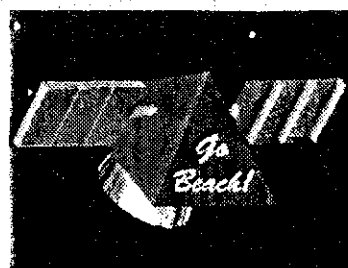
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## Partnership created for athletic funding

BY BRENDA DURAN  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In an attempt to provide student athletes with much needed financial resources, the Cerritos College Foundation decided to partner with Cerritos Auto Square car dealership, Moothart Chrysler Plymouth/La Mar Hyundai and the Pepsi Bottling Group to support funding in the athletic department.

The partnership involves the dealership donating a portion of their vending machines proceeds from three Pepsi machines, one coffee machine and two snack machines to student athletic programs. "We were looking for ways to contact people in the community to donate money for student success," Athletic Director Mike McPherson said.

Through the partnership, Moothart will be able to gain publicity and Pepsi will benefit in terms of receiving promotion and advertisement and the college will gain monetary support.

"The proceeds the college can receive from this partnership are significantly more than we could earn and it goes to an extremely good cause," Vice President and General Manager for Moothart Chrysler Plymouth, Steve Goldman said.

"The athletic department will be using the proceeds for facilities all geared toward student success. We will be looking toward future scholarships as well," McPherson noted.

Each machine that will be installed will feature a sign indicating that a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the college. McPherson says that the partnership is an example of Cerritos College coming out once again as a leader in improvement ideas.

"We have tremendous resources at this college and the best part is, when other colleges want to know how we can help them do the same, it puts us ahead," McPherson mentioned.

McPherson says that he hopes to expand the partnership idea in the future with hotels, businesses and any place that wants to contribute to student success.

"If we are going to accomplish anything of great significance its going to involve a lot of people. It takes partnerships like these with a lot people involved to be successful," McPherson said.



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NEW PARTNERSHIP Mike McPherson, Steve Richardson and Steve Goldman pose next to the new fundrals-ing machine.

### New Calligraphy courses

BY JOHN HUTCHINSON  
PRODUCTION EDITOR

The Cerritos College is now offering to its students the unique experience of learning calligraphy in a nationally recognized letter arts program.

This spring semester, three classes will be offered.

Art 180 is a class in basic roman lettering and will explore the basics of calligraphy through mono-linear forms, sans serif and humanist book hand using traditional lettering tools and media.

The class will cover things like use of color, flourishing and bookmaking technique.

Also, Art 181 this is a class

that covers the italic hand and the using of the broad pen and skeletal mono-linear forms, sans serif and traditional italic letters.

Using the dip pen the students will also explore color flourishing and book structures.

Finally, the Art 287 A and B, this class cover black letter, uncial and formal roman letters. For the advanced lettering student, this class will direct the artist to expand their abilities using historic letterforms and traditional tools.

These classes are recommended for art and graphic design students.

### MICROSOFT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

## Computer prodigy aces tests

In eighth grade, when Sankalp "Sean" Sachdev began to take computer classes at Cerritos College, professors were surprised to say the least.

To add to the shock, Sachdev began scoring 100 percent on many of his class tests.

By the time he turned 14, he became one of the youngest people in the world to complete the courses required to become a Microsoft Certified System Engineer (MCSE).

This certification process is extremely difficult because the companies, such as Microsoft, want to make sure the certificates are credible.

Sachdev's curiosity about computers started when he was a young child. "Technology has always fascinated me," Sachdev said.

"I was always asking my dad how things worked." Because of his strong motivation and

support from his family, Sachdev was able to complete the demanding 10 months it took him to reach MCSE status. While those completing the program usually go right into a lucrative career, for now, Sachdev's status more represents his curiosity about computers.

In addition to earning his MCSE certification, Sachdev has also completed the even more challenging Microsoft Certified Database Administrator (MCDBA) certification.

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In the future Sachdev hopes to open his own software company. For now, he enjoys building web sites for small businesses. "Mostly I do it as a favor," he comments. This summer, he plans on taking more computer courses at Cerritos College.

Sachdev looks to his bother, Sambhav, 19, as inspiration not only because it was he and his father who introduced Sachdev to computers, but also because Sambhav works in the computer industry and was one of the youngest people to have an article published in a scientific journal.

Sachdev's life consists of more than just studying computers. His many interests include writing poetry, playing the harmonica, and playing soccer. He also enjoys a side hobby of following the stock market with his dad.



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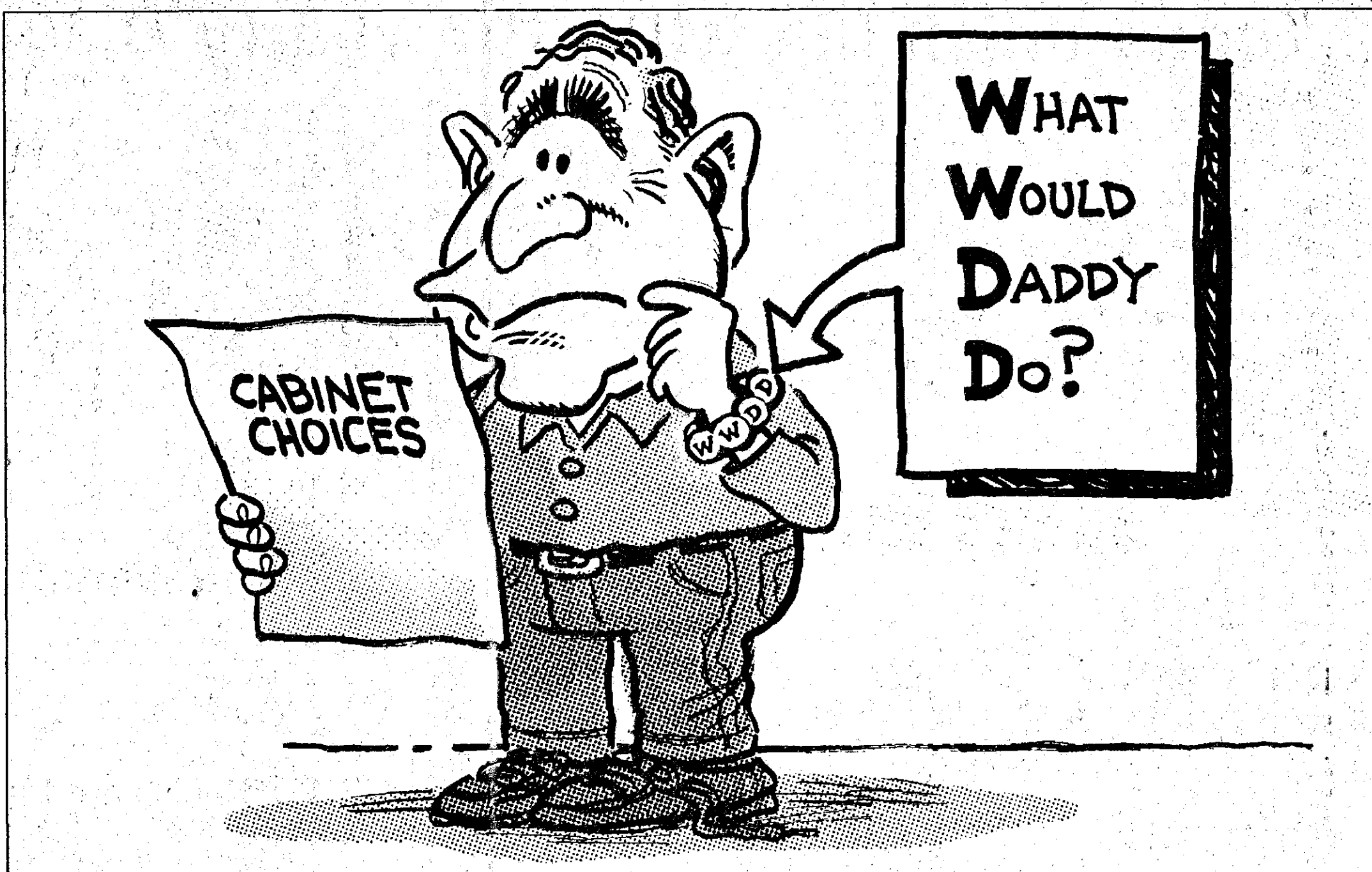
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## Nonprofit Group Continues Push to Review Ballots

PAULA MCMAHON  
JON BURSTEIN

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** The conservative nonprofit group, Judicial Watch, is continuing to push for access to disputed ballots from Broward and Palm Beach counties as part of what the group says is a project to explain how questionable votes were handled. On Wednesday, a judge halted the Washington, D.C.-based watchdog group's inspection of Palm Beach County ballots so the punch cards could be sent to Tallahassee where they may become evidence in a lawsuit. They need to be transported (to Leon County) as

quickly as possible, said Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Jorge Labarga. The group is also trying to force Broward Supervisor of Elections Jane Carroll to give it speedier access to Broward ballots. It has filed a lawsuit in Broward circuit court to push up the date when its representatives will be allowed to review the ballots. James Cherof, an attorney for Carroll, said the ballots will be made available to Judicial Watch on Dec. 7, a day after the deadline expires to contest the election. Cherof said the ballots may become evidence and officials are worried they could be damaged by further inspection. But Tom

Fitton, president of Judicial Watch, said that is not good enough. That delay would be unacceptable to us, Fitton said. Judicial Watch observers would only be allowed to look at the ballots under tight security because the law does not permit anyone other than election officials to handle the ballots, Cherof said. We are not going to damage them by just looking at them, Fitton said. The group plans to intervene to try to get access to the Palm Beach ballots that are being sent to Tallahassee where they may become evidence in a court case. Judicial Watch will also ask Broward Circuit Judge Patrey Larry

Klayman, that has got involved in some of the country's most controversial issues such as Filegate, the Monica Lewinsky controversy and possible political fundraising overseas. Klayman filed an invasion of privacy lawsuit against federal officials who he said misused FBI files of some former Reagan and Bush administration appointees. He also represented Linda Tripp, the former confidante of Lewinsky, in a complaint about the Pentagon's release of embarrassing information from Tripp's personnel file about her arrest on a minor charge as a juvenile. In the five hours that Judicial Watch observers

inspected the Palm Beach ballots Tuesday, they found problems, Klayman said. They reviewed about 1,000 disputed ballots on Tuesday at the Palm Beach County Emergency Operations Center and wanted to look at up to 4,000 more, he said. Among the allegations made by Judicial Watch were that Palm Beach officials taped chads to ballots, recreated ballots they said had been damaged or destroyed by counting machines and that there appeared to be no standard to evaluate the ballots, Fitton said. Assistant Palm Beach County Attorney Leon St. John said allegations made by Judicial Watch were frivo-

lous. Leon County Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls will consider at a hearing Saturday what to do with about 14,000 under votes in Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties. He ordered the disputed ballots be brought to his courtroom by 5 p.m. Friday. Attorneys for both the Democratic and Republican parties had opposed Judicial Watch's inspection, saying that the ballots are evidence in the ongoing legal battles and any further handling could damage them. Judicial Watch could examine the ballots after the court fights are resolved, both parties' attorneys argued Wednesday.

## Correction

In the article entitled Tradition commemorates deceased in the Nov. 1 issue of Talon Marks, McCha club president Alejandro Lopez's reference to Latin-Americans as Hispanics was misquoted. He correctly said, We want everyone to feel welcomed to the event and to know that it is not only for people of Latin-American descent. It is a universal theme regardless of your skin color.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
I would like to compliment you on the cover of your November 15, 2000 issue. It was really appealing to the eyes.  
Do you think it is fair for people to pay for a product and not receive it? How many students on this campus are aware they are NOT receiving STARBUCKS COFFEE after paying the price for it?

It is true. Zebra Coffee (in the social Sciences building patio) has signs posted, we proudly brew Starbucks coffee, yet when I asked if it was really Starbucks coffee (after receiving a tip from a concerned member of the campus), I feel the information should be shared!  
Sincerely,  
Joyce Kelly  
ASCC Senator

Dear Talon Marks,  
I am an avid fan of Talon Marks, our school newspaper. Through this medium I keep myself abreast of important school events and happenings, as well as being kept informed of events that affect my school life. For this reason, I see an ever-increasing need to have a column dedicated to the Spanish speaking school population whose English language skills are still devel-

oping.  
I feel that this consideration towards this segment of the school population would result in positive outcome for this educational institution and its publication.  
First of all it would keep those struggling with language better informed on school events, events that would normally be overlooked and unattended. Secondly, but most important

it would serve to encourage these students to participate in their civic school life, thus developing life long skills of being an involved community.  
I thank you in advance for your consideration and look forward to the implementation of such a vital service to our school.  
Sincerely,  
Daryabuth Martinez

## CAMPUS COMMENT

What characteristics do you feel would make a good Cerritos College president?

By Adrianne Adkins  
Photos by Adrianne Adkins

"Someone who is responsible and cares about the campus."

DAVID WILLIAMS,  
BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION

"One that knows what they are doing and takes the students and faculty into consideration as one."

ALBERT DELEON,  
GENERAL STUDIES



"They'd have to be outgoing, honest and loyal to the school."

AMBER MING,  
ENGLISH

"Someone who knows what they're doing and can keep the school intact."

DAVID DONELY,  
MUSIC



"They play well with others."

DAWN JONES,  
THEATER ARTS

"Lots of discipline. It's key in being successful in anything."

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"A president that would throw a rave at Cerritos College."

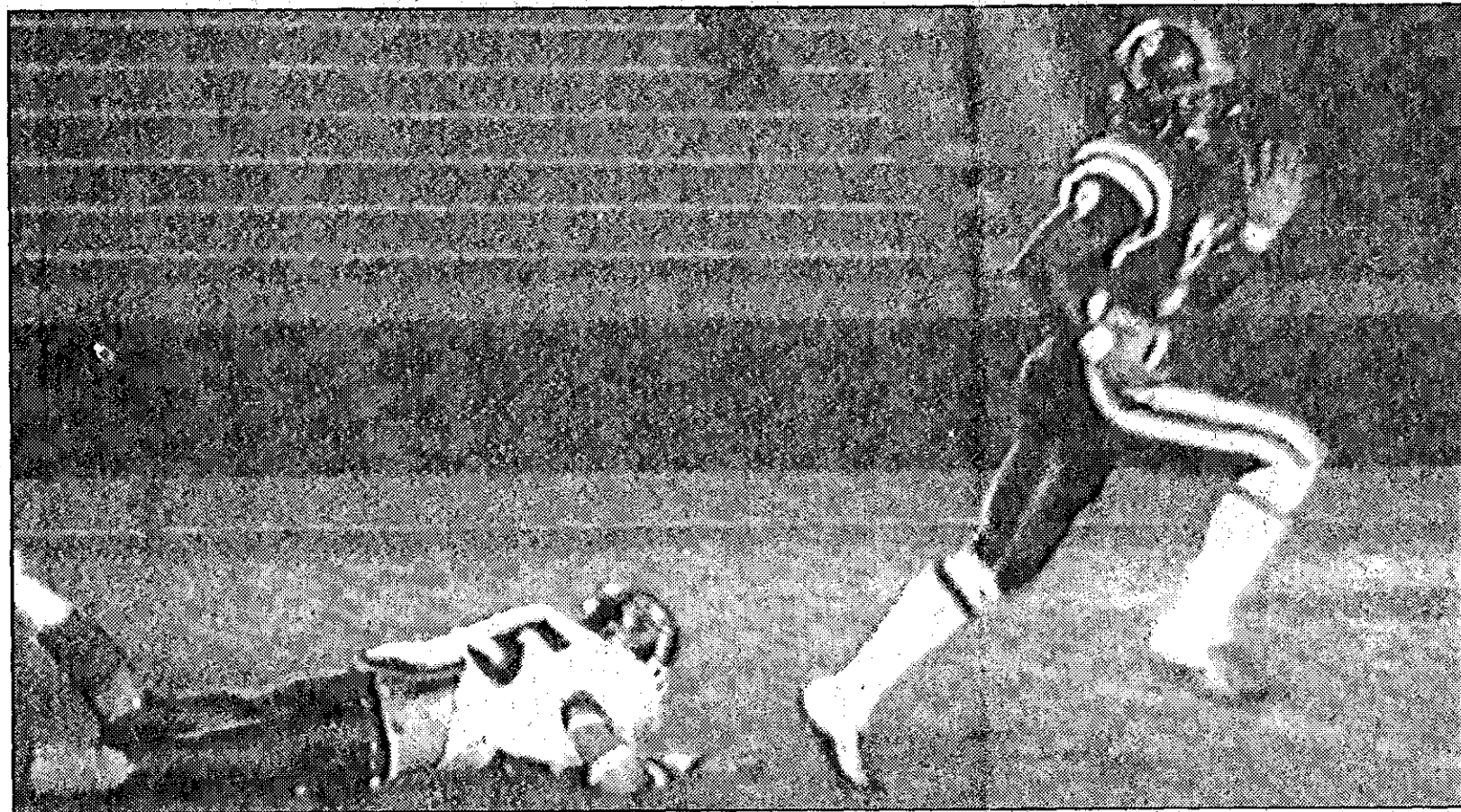
JUAN HERNANDEZ,  
COMMUNICATIONS

"If only they had the same characteristics as Bill Clinton."

ALLEN JOHNSON,  
THEATER ARTS &  
COMPUTERS



# Falcons finish big with Strawberry Bowl win



HE COULD GO ALL THE WAY - Cerritos wide receiver Sirquon Hardy runs past an Orange Coast defender for a touchdown after catching a pass in the first quarter of the Strawberry Bowl. The Falcons won the game 31-17 to finish with an 8-3 record.

BY DAVID AMEZCUA  
STAFF WRITER

"I'm proud of my teammates," Cerritos wide receiver David Mack said, "I am proud to end the year on a good note."

The Falcons beat Orange Coast College 31-17 in the Strawberry Bowl Saturday at Falcon Stadium.

The win gives Cerritos its third consecutive win in the bowl game, and fifth overall.

Mack said that the team came out very excited. "We played a game without making that many mistakes. We need to play like that more often."

The Falcons (8-3) opened the game with a 52-yard touchdown pass from Doug Baughman to Sirquon Hardy (four receptions for 98 yards) to go up 7-0.

The Pirates (6-5) did their best to come back, but all they got was a field goal from Rod Pate, making the game 7-3.

The Falcons scored in the second quarter on an eight-yard run from Manuel Murillo (39 yards rushing) and a 9-yard field goal from Ezequiel Arevalo.

Cerritos scored another touch-

down on an 18-yard pass from Baughman to Chris Chatman (seven catches for 77 yards) to make the score 24-3 at halftime.

Baughman, who completed 21 of his 33 pass attempts for 346 yards, was named Player of the Game.

He said that it was a fun game. "I used to play against these guys in high school. I finally got a chance to beat them."

"This is a great way for the sophomores to end the year."

The Falcons scored one more touchdown in the third quarter on a 64-yard pass from Baughman to Justin Anderson.

The Pirates finally got a touchdown pass from Nick Higgs to Ben Fredrickson, and scored one last touchdown on a three-yard run from James Dawkins to cut the Falcons' lead to 14.

Falcon coach Frank Mazzotta said that being young really hurt the team with mistakes.

"I am really proud to win. I told the team that I saw some teams give up, like El Camino."

"The team never gave up all year."

## Volleyball team makes 2nd round

Falcons bow to Vikings in three straight games

BY JOHN KITANO  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos College volleyball team would see a familiar opponent in the second round of the Southern California Regionals.

That team was rival Long Beach City College, a taller team that is undefeated and ranked second in the state.

Facing the Vikings for the fourth time this season, the Falcons' season came to an end in three straight games Saturday at Long Beach.

Even though they played hard, the Falcons (15-4) would score consecutive points only twice in the first game and once in game three.

Middle blocker Takeela Beal said, "Long Beach had a really good game. We had a really good game. It just wasn't our game, but it was a great game."

Both teams frequently traded sideouts, but Long Beach (18-0) got the points and won game one, 15-4.

In the second game, Katherine Graff scored a service ace to put the Falcons up 1-0.

But Cerritos would only score two more points as the Vikings won, 15-3.

The Falcons took a 2-1 lead in the

third game.

But that was all they would get as Long Beach took the game and match, 15-2.

Coach Teresa Velazquez-Ortega said that the team played very well, but the Vikings played an even better game.

"They're (Long Beach) very good. We tried our best."

Outside hitter Stacy Dietz said, "We just had a really off day. We couldn't put it together."

"We were fired up at the beginning, and we just fell apart a little bit."

Beal said, "We had a really great season. They (Long Beach) had a great season as well."

"I'm proud of us and I'm sure that they're proud of themselves, too."

"I hope they have a great time at State, and I hope they do well."

It was a successful season for the Falcons, who finished second in conference play.

Dietz said, "We did a lot better throughout the season than we thought we would."

Graff said, "We had a lot of adversity to come over. And we worked hard."

"We worked with nothing and built something."

"To lose to a good team (Long Beach) like that, that had good players, it's an honor."

Team comes out on top against a tough Grossmont team

BY DAVID AMEZCUA  
STAFF WRITER

Cerritos beat Grossmont and its hostile crowd three games to one Nov. 21 in a first round Southern California regional match at Cerritos.

Now the Falcons will try to take out Long Beach in the second round at Long Beach.

In the first game Katherine Graff's serve helped the Falcons tie the game at three points apiece.

Stacy Dietz's Jig helped the Falcons comeback to tie the game at four.

Takeela Beal's block helped make the score 7-6 Falcons.

Despite the effort Grossmont put up, they came up shy, 15-7.

The second game featured a kill by Tiffany Tolentino that helped the Falcons tie the game at five. The Falcons came up shy losing 15-11.

Beal and Ivone Aleman came together to stop Grossmont from cutting into

their 7-3 lead in game three, and the Falcons won 15-13.

Beal's kill increased the Falcons lead to 5-2. The effort that the Cerritos women gave helped the Falcons win the fourth game 15-9.

Falcon coach, Teresa Velazquez-Ortega, who was named the South Coast Conference coach of the year, said that she thought this game was going to be easy, but they were tough. She said that she hopes to have a good match against Long Beach.

Outside hitter and middle blocker Graff, who was named to the First All-Conference team, said that all the team has to think about is playing Long Beach. "This will be our game against Long Beach."

Dietz who was named to the All-Conference second team, said that the team came together at the end.

Howell who named to the All-Conference first team, said that she knew that the team wanted to win, and that the Grossmont playoff game was a warm-up for Long Beach.

"We played with our hearts."

## Football team tames Tigers

BY DAVID AMEZCUA  
STAFF WRITER

Despite the effort by Riverside to give Cerritos a run for its money, the Falcons managed to dish out a 38-17 whipping to the Tigers Nov. 18 at Falcon Stadium.

The game was scoreless until the Falcons (7-3) got the ball on the Tigers' 38-yard line and scored on a touchdown pass from Doug Baughman to Kenny Bell.

The Tigers came back in the second quarter on a touchdown pass from Scott Shepard to Rod Bräniger to tie the game at seven.

The Falcons scored twice in the second quarter on touchdown runs by Manuel Murillo and Justin Anderson to pull ahead 21-7.

Murillo said that the team had to win in order to get into a bowl game.

That kept the Tigers quiet until they scored on a one yard run by Marcus Guzman.

Mark Baltagi then kicked a

field goal that made the score 21-17.

The Falcons answered back with a touchdown on an interception return by Philip Perry.

Perry said that he had lots of fun, and that he thinks that this was the best game the team has played all year.

In the third quarter Ezequiel Arevalo kicked a field goal giving them a 31-17 lead, and Hendrick Robertson picked off another Riverside pass and returned it for a touchdown that gave them a 38-17 lead.

Falcon coach Frank Mazzotta said that he felt that the team didn't make any big mistakes.

He said that defensive backs are young, and that the team did a good job defending against the Riverside running game.

Falcon quarterback Baughman said that the defense stepped up and that "the game was pretty good."

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## Men's Basketball off to slow start

The Cerritos College men's basketball team fell to 3-6 over the weekend.

Four Falcons scored in double figures in a 67-57 loss to L.A. City Friday.

Tony Booker and Curtis Williams scored 12 points each, while Miguel Bennett added 11 and Marcus Harvey scored 10.

In the 82-74 loss to Fullerton Saturday, Bennett scored 16 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

The previous week, Cerritos recorded road wins over L.A. Trade Tech and College of the Canyons.

In the 75-40 win over Canyons Nov. 25, Bennett scored 14 points and had five rebounds, and Booker added 10 points.

Antoine Smith pulled down seven rebounds.

## Hoops Schedules

### MEN

Thursday - 2 p.m.

Vs. Sequoias/Lassen game winner

At Modesto Tournament

Friday and Saturday - TBA

At Modesto Tournament

Dec. 16 - 7 p.m. At Mira Costa

Dec. 20 - 7:30 p.m. Home vs. Santa Ana

Dec. 28-30 - TBA

At Allan Hancock Tournament, Santa Maria

Jan. 3 - 7:30 p.m. Home vs. East L.A.

Jan. 5 - 7:30 p.m. Home vs. Pasadena

Jan. 10 - 7:30 p.m. Home vs. Mt. San Antonio

Jan. 17 - 7:30 p.m. At Compton

Jan. 19 - 7:30 p.m. At El Camino

Jan. 24 - 7:30 p.m. Home vs. L.A. Southwest

### WOMEN

Friday - 7 p.m. Home vs. Fullerton

Dec. 15-17 - TBA At Orange Coast Tournament

Dec. 20 - 5:30 p.m. Home vs. Orange Coast

Dec. 22 - 6 p.m. At L.A. Trade Tech

Dec. 29 - 5:30 p.m. Vs. Chaffey at Orange Coast

Dec. 30 - 7:30 p.m.

Vs. Rio Hondo at Orange Coast

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## Falcons rout Moorpark

BY JOHN KITANO  
SPORTS EDITOR

"No matter who we bring in, (the players) function and play well."

Coach Karen Welliver said as all her players got in the game Saturday against Moorpark College Nov. 18 at Cerritos.

The Falcons remained undefeated with a 78-45 thrashing of the Raiders.

Cerritos led in the first half by scores of 24-3 and 34-7, and went into the locker room with a 41-12 lead.

Monet Andrews led the Falcons with 20 points, 15 of them in the first half.

She said, "We beat them last year by 20, and Coach was kind of hesitant because we've been playing kind of bad even though we've been winning."

She added that the team's outlook is "pretty good for the rest of the season" and that the players hope to keep the intensity going.

Camille Singleton added 14 points.

With a huge lead, the reserves got plenty of minutes of playing time.

Freshman Monique Harian scored all of her 14 points in the second half.

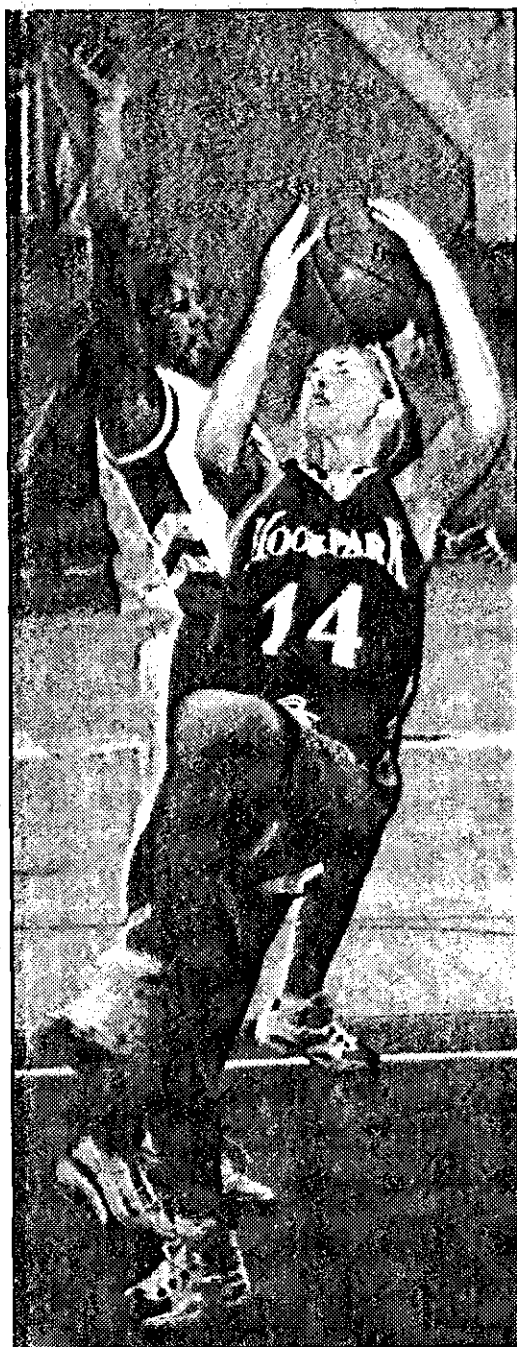
Welliver said she is "real happy with how we've done so far," and that Andrews' play "really opened up the shooting for us."

"That's our strength, the depth of our team."

"I'm real pleased with how unselfish they are."

### UPDATE

After recording opening round wins over Fresno and De Anza in the College of the Sequoias Tournament in Visalia, the Falcons were defeated by Ventura 74-52 Saturday.



Adrianne Adkins/TM  
**IN YOUR FACE - Camille Singleton of Cerritos blocks a shot by Krissy Winther of Moorpark.**

In the third place game, Cerritos (9-1) beat Sacramento 68-55 Sunday.

The Falcons made more than 74 percent of their shots and defeated L.A. City 104-22 Nov. 28. Six players scored in double figures for the Falcons, who led 53-5 at the half.

## Falcon wrestler takes state title

BY JOHN KITANO  
SPORTS EDITOR

"This is the second time that I've been state champion." Cerritos wrestler Hossini Oshani said, "I feel so good."

At the state championship meet at Golden West College Saturday, Oshani scored a pair of two-point takedowns and held on to record a 5-3 decision over Ben Flores of Moorpark to win the heavyweight division title.

Oshani finishes his career at Cerritos undefeated. Last season he won the state title at 197 pounds.

He and Antonio McKee are the only Falcon wrestlers not to lose a match. McKee won state titles in 1988 and 1989.

Oshani, who also won the junior world championship twice, said, "I'm 197 (pound weight class). So next open match I'm going to (wrestle at) 197."

"I'm so happy. It's so good."

Falcons' coach Greg Gascon said that Oshani's performance was outstanding. "I believe he should have gotten the Outstanding Wrestler award."

That honor went to James Guizar of Palomar, who won the 141-pound title.

Moorpark won the team championship with 110 points. Cerritos finished in eighth place with 58 points, just four and one-half behind Golden West.

Gascon said, "Just outstanding. I'm not only proud of him (Oshani), but I'm proud of a lot of the guys who placed in the tournament today and yesterday."

Seven wrestlers from Cerritos competed in matches Friday and Saturday.

Juan Revuelta (133 pounds), Josh Johnson (149 pounds) and Brian Burnett (174 pounds) each finished sixth in their respective weight classes.

Sam Lopez, who finished second in the Southern California Regional meet at 157 pounds, was injured in his consolation match after being defeated in the quarter-final round and had to default.

Mike Lee (165 pounds) and Andrew Zubia (184 pounds) were eliminated early in the tournament Friday, and Gabriel Barragan, who finished third in the regional at 141 pounds, did not compete.

Gascon praised the efforts of his team. "It was a hard-fought tournament, and some of these guys had the best tournament of their year here today, and I'm proud of the guys. I really am."

### SO. CALIF. REGIONAL

Each Falcon wrestler qualified for state by finishing in the top eight in his weight class at the Southern California Regional Nov. 18 at Palomar College, where Cerritos finished fourth as a team.

At the regional, Oshani finished first in the heavyweight division.

Revuelta took seventh place in the 133-pound category.

Johnson finished third at 149 pounds, and Burnett took fourth place in the 174-pound category.

Andrew Zubia finished eighth in the 184-pound weight class.

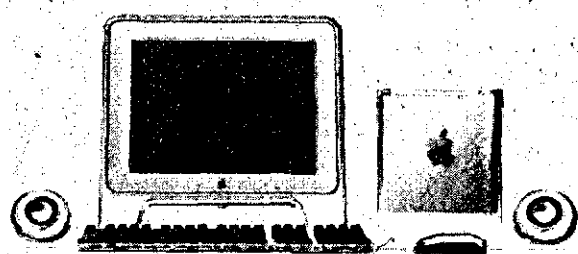
## Cerritos runners compete in state meet

Cerritos was represented by two runners in the women's Cross Country State Championship meet in Fresno Nov. 18.

Julie Stewart finished 93rd with a time of 20:57, and Georgina Mojica, finished 136th with a time of 21:43.

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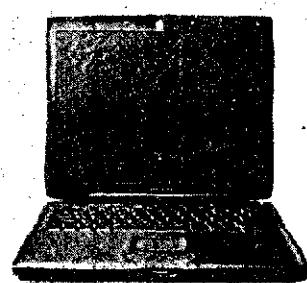
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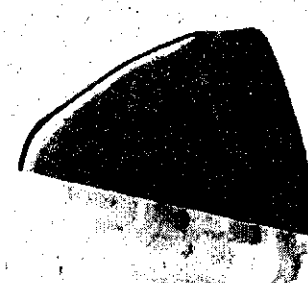
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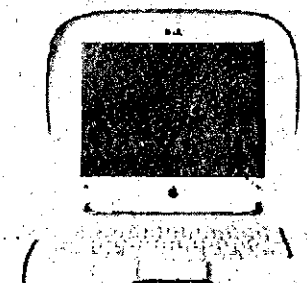
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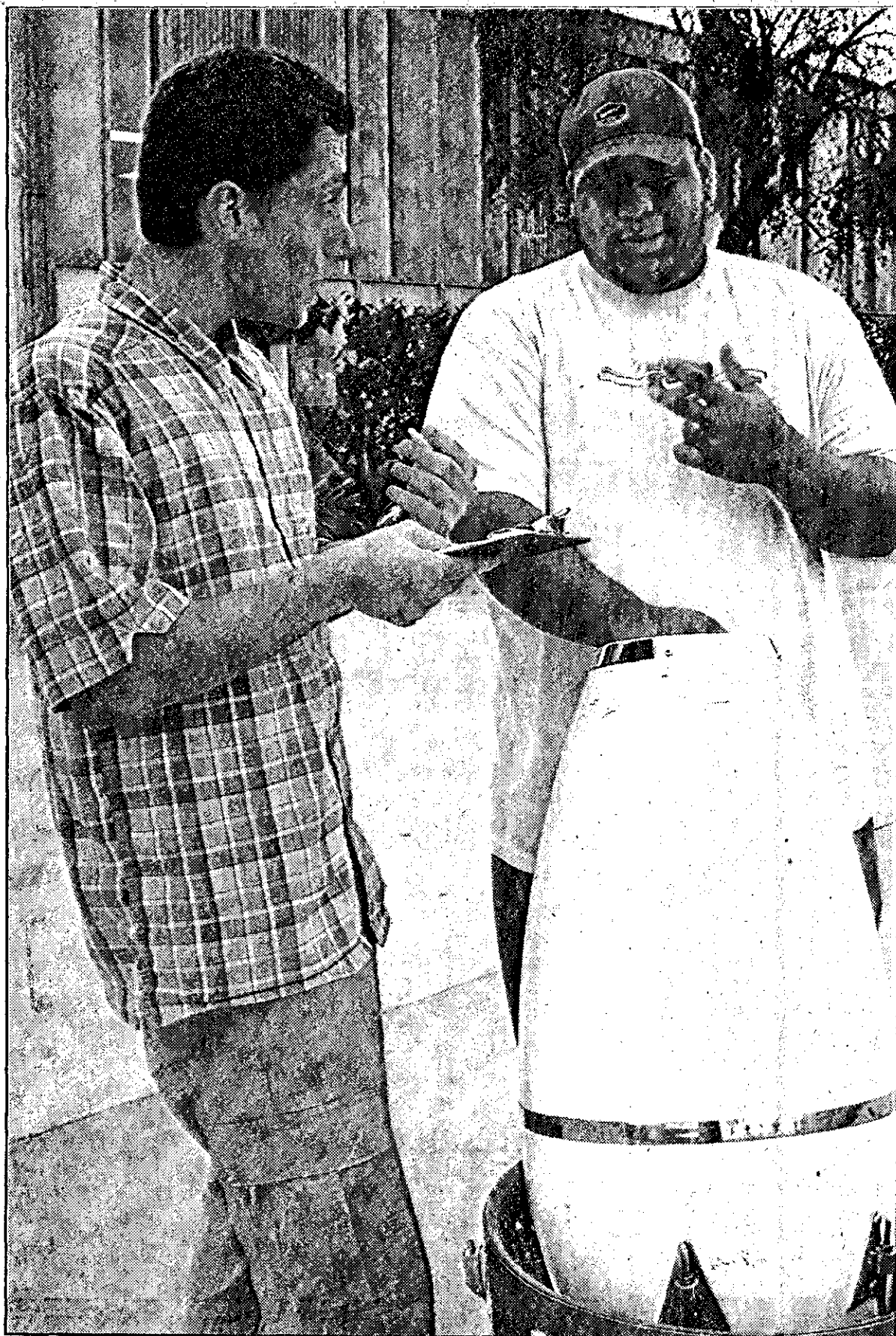
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TALON MARKS

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WHAT'S THE SCOOP? - Production Editor Jon Hutchinson gets the latest from Xavier Cuilford.



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COMPUTER EYES - Staff Writer Fabian Duarte strains at the computer while writing another story for the paper.



PERFECTION - Sports Editor John Kitano pastes up one of the many sports pages he designs.



EDITORS' MEETING - Brenda, Amy and Helem talk about next week's schedule.

## Talon Marks makes news

BY AMY GRONSTRAND  
MANAGING EDITOR

The Talon Marks production team this semester consisted of eight people. This small group is responsible for getting the paper out by Wednesday each week.

The paper consists of many different sections, including news, editorial, sports, feature and arts & entertainment. Writers from the article writing class are assigned stories each week by the editor in chief and are responsible for getting the stories in by the specified deadline.

After the stories are turned in, the copy editor goes over them, looking for grammatical errors and content.

The next step in putting together an issue of the Talon Marks is planning out not only how many pages there will be, but also what will go on these pages.

After all of this is determined, the actual production begins. The desktop publishing tool that the production class uses is QuarkXPress desktop publishing software.

Even if students are not familiar with the program, they can learn it quickly through hands-on experience. Students are also exposed to Photoshop 6.0, which is used for the photos and graphics in the paper. Both of these pro-

grams are widely used in the professional world and are perfect things to put on a resume.

After the pages are designed on the computer, they are printed out and proofread for mistakes. When this is done, the pieces are pasted up on boards which are then sent out to a printing facility where hundreds of copies of the Talon Marks are made and delivered back to the college for distribution.

Some might think that they don't have anything to offer, but actually, there is a lot more to the paper than just writing. People with artistic skills, computer skills, or even people skills are greatly needed on the staff.

According to Journalism Lab Aide, Nancy Ballard, who has been in the program for 15 years, "We're like a family. We eat here, we sleep here, we play here and sometimes we even work here."

Editor in Chief, Brenda Duran said, "The Talon Marks is an ideal place to be for students whose interests involve various aspects of media related work. It gives students the opportunity to have hands-on experience. They also have the opportunity to meet a lot of people and get to know the campus in an intimate way."



THAT'S MY JOB - Photo Editor Adrienne Adkins gets surprised.

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