

Impending 'delimiting date' biggest threat to veteran

By PAT GRIFFITH
TM Staff Writer

The problems concerning veterans on campus are as varied as the individuals involved, according to Bob Hillie, coordinator of the Office of Veteran Affairs at Cerritos College. In addition to the long standing complaints of "late payments" which Hillie claims are not "unique," the vet on campus is facing a more pressing threat to his education — the impending "delimiting date."

Hillie said late payments are not a major problem. Usually the individuals own special situation causes the inconvenience.

The most common setbacks involve late application for benefits, mistakes in facility codes, and credit changes, all of which involve a eight to ten week "processing period."

The vet will then receive proper payment at the end of this period, "with few exceptions" according to Hillie.

Hillie expressed genuine concern over the

delimiting date which may change the tune from "late benefits" to "no benefits."

According to a newsletter for veterans, "On May 31, 1976, approximately 9,464,000 veterans will be eligible for educational training under the GI Bill. On the following day, June 1, almost 3,658,000 of those veterans will lose their eligibility because the delimiting date of May 31 for the GI Bill will have been reached."

This means loss of entitlement to 1200 Cerritos students.

The delimiting date affects those who separated from the service from Jan. 31, 1955, to June 30, 1966; "Vietnam Era" vets.

Veterans separated before this era received benefits under the Korean Bill.

According to Hillie, new funds were released to provide funds under the GI bill in 1966, but few eligible vets were informed.

"What we have is a lack of communication," said Hillie. "A veteran has ten years to take advantage of his benefits," he said, "... but no

formal program was organized until late 1973."

This means veterans eligible under this bill knew little about their eligibility until the Outreach Program was initiated to inform the vets. The vet was now left with only three years to complete his education using benefits.

"Most veterans involved in this program have started school since 1973," said Hillie. "It usually takes a veteran longer to complete his education," he added, "because of the restric-

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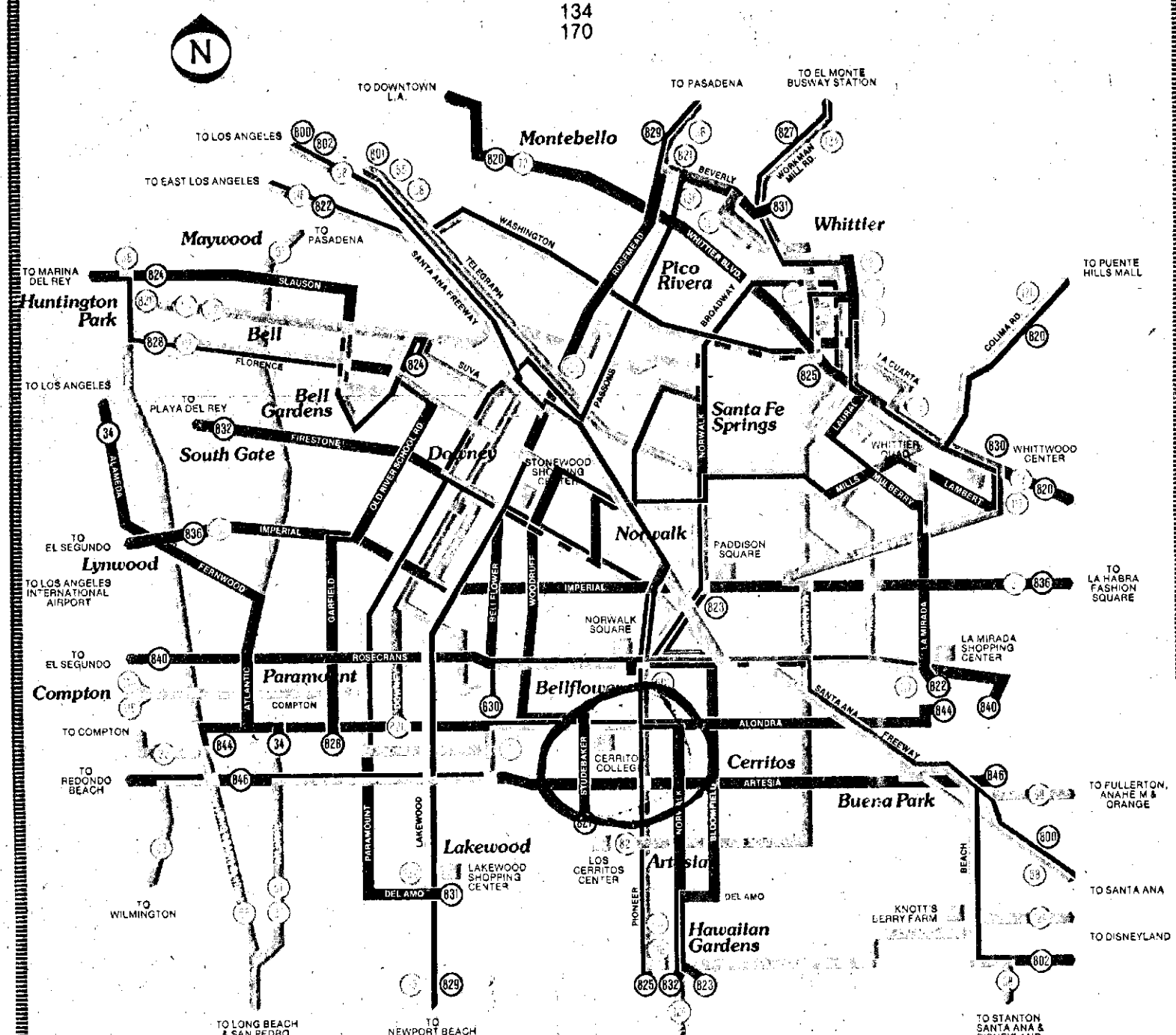
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MORE RIDES TO COLLEGE—Transportation for students to Cerritos College has been more than doubled with RTD's new expanded transit system which includes a 19-line, 400-mile

program in the area. Community leaders from the Mid-Cities area and RTD officials were on campus recently to kick off the new operation. College officials urged students to take advan-

lage of the increased service which has been some three years in the developing. Specific route details will be published in future editions of the TM.

Senators discuss parking privileges

No mention of students made; new policy restricts lot use

By J. R. RUIZ
TM Managing Editor

A discussion of the parking problem here at Cerritos led off the first senate meeting of the semester, along with the selection of senate officers and discussion of the fourth draft of the student grievance policy.

During a 15-minute session on the parking situation, the only talk centered around what parking privileges the senators would get. No word was mentioned about what kind of parking the students would get as a result of the opening of the new parking lot, C-11, near the Paramed. building.

The reason for the discussion is a new parking proposal, which, if approved by the administrative council and carried into effect, would limit the student government personnel to only 40 parking spaces in lot C-10.

As the situation stands now, the senators park in lots other than C-10 if the lot is full and then notify the campus police.

However, under the new proposal no switching of lots would be allowed. This would mean that on a crowded day or during a senate meeting, when all the officers of the ASCC must be present, if the parking lot were overcrowded at least five of the ASCC personnel would be forced to park in the open lots.

In other senate business, Mike Popovich was presented a Mickey Mouse pocket watch for his service in the senate. Popovich is transferring to the University of Utah and will be leaving Cerritos for the Spring quarter there sometime in March.

Also brought up at the meeting was a bill, passed last semester, which changes the absence/drop policy of the senate.

In the past a senator was allowed to have an unlimited amount of excused absences.

The new policy calls for expulsion of the senator after six absences, excused or otherwise.

Another point of business at the meeting was the election of the Senate officers. Jess Reese was elected to serve as President Pro Tempore and the Sargeant-at-arms was Scott Bradley.

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Faculty rues insufficient parking stalls

By J. R. RUIZ
TM Managing Editor

Parking and its attendant problems were the main topic of discussion at the Faculty Senate meeting held Feb. 24 in the Board Room.

John Jackson, an auto-tech instructor, raised questions concerning the acceptability of new parking proposals which, according to him, have resulted in a net loss of 24 parking spaces for the instructors in the electronics and metal tech buildings.

He is also concerned with the new traffic flow which will result from the opening of the new para-med parking lot, C-11.

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Counseling offers variety of student services, aid

By MIKE O'ROURKE
TM Staff Writer

Transferring to a four-year college is of major concern to many Cerritos College students, since Cerritos is only a two-year institution.

Accordingly, Cerritos Counseling Services has scheduled California College and University Information Day, Wednesday, March 24, in the Student Center.

Graduation advice, transfer information, and a variety of other considerations may be discussed with 42 Southern California four-year college representatives.

Brochures containing the list of independent colleges and universities scheduled, may be obtained at the Academic Advisement Center in the Administration building.

This is only a part of the opportunities made possible through Counseling Services, under the direction of Dr. Robert Bos, Division Chairman of Counseling.

Either by appointment or on a walk-in basis, Academic Counseling is provided for students seeking progress evaluation, test in-

terpretation, or any type of help in determining where one is now, academically speaking, and where one hopes to be, Bos said.

The Academic Advisement Center is open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and (Continued on Page 2)

KCEB best Kept campus secret; plans to cover entire college area

By NASH CONTRERAS
TM Staff Writer

For nearly four years, KCEB had been one of Cerritos College's best kept secrets. But Monday, Feb. 23, the campus radio station, after much litigation, finally came above ground and was unveiled to the students of Cerritos College.

Bookstore in search of appealing authors

By KIM KEARNS
TM Staff Writer

The Cerritos College Bookstore, which is totally funded by the student body, is checking out guest authors for this semester. Manager of the Bookstore, David Ruston says he would like to know which authors would appeal to the students. "It's too bad Fonzie hasn't written a book," someone quipped. Ruston said more feedback from the (Continued on page 2)

Broadcasting daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the station is transmitting via live wire direct from the studios and offices of KCEB located in BC 47.

The campus station is now heard in the Student Center, Bookstore and Activities office.

"So far, the venture has been a very favorable one. But, the reactions have been mixed because all of the students have a certain taste in music," said Ray Martinez, one of ten KCEB announcers. "However, to find out what the musical tastes of the students really are, daily surveys are being taken.

"I don't believe that this will be a major problem," said Martinez, "because the KCEB DJ's are all very different, covering the whole music spectrum from middle of the road contemporary to glitter rock."

KCEB is now in the process of gaining its FCC FM license.

If this goes through, KCEB will go on the air and cover the whole Cerritos College district, transmitting to the community a variety of special programming including sports events, music, and others.

Health lecture

Dr. Keith Reimer will speak on "Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease" Wednesday, March 3, in the Student Center at 8 p.m.

Reimer is currently an instructor in the Department of Pathology at Northwestern University Medical School. He has also written on the subject of new methods and experiments in the therapy of cardiovascular disease.

Student admission \$1.

Bicentennial honor; calendar, films highlight celebration

By SUSAN RINKLE
TM Staff Writer

Cerritos College is now officially a Bicentennial College after Congressman Del Clawson presented President Wilford Michael a Bicentennial flag Friday night.

Clawson was on campus for the presentation and for the production of "The Story of Davy Crockett" by Cerritos College Junior Theatre.

Other contributions to the celebration include a calendar for the 1975-76 school year, featuring a different city each month and

highlighting upcoming Bicentennial events, and a documentary film series provided by the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.

Also an exhibit of all administrative and academic divisions of Cerritos College will be displayed at Los Cerritos Mall. The highlights will be the presentation of colonial, bicentennial, and U.S. flags to cities and schools by local congressmen.

Finally, as a lasting reminder in honor of the nation's bicentennial year, three trees will be planted on the Cerritos College campus.

News Items

Noon Concert

"Runaways," an all female band, will perform Thursday, March 4, on the south stage in the Student Center. The concert begins at 11 a.m. Free admission.

Ear Bender

Bruce Mount of the City of Hope Medical Center will speak on "Career Opportunities in Biomedical Instrumentation" Thursday, March 4, in the Bookstore Building Room BK-111 at 11:00 a.m.

Pulse of the Campus

The "Campus Diet Workshop" has been extended to Tuesdays from 11 a.m. until noon in place of the Pulse of the Campus Health Seminars. It will be held in BK 111. Free admission.

Art Gallery

Last week to view the exhibit "Women Painters, West." The Art Gallery is open daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. On Fridays the hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Impending threat to veterans

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 tions imposed by family life."
 Statistics from the Fall 1975 semester support Hille's contention. Of the 6,559 vets enrolled that semester, 5,082 were married. Male enrollment was placed at 6,339 of the total.
 Hille explained by saying, "Although legislation has been initiated, no legislation has been passed as yet to extend benefits. The legislature has become warmer and more receptive towards the problem in comparison to unemployment payments, which afford lesser positive results."
 He stressed the need for continued communication between the veterans and the VA

office on campus. He said although late payments are in the minority, complaints should be brought to the office's attention.
 Hille suggests the veteran apply in December of January, as 50 percent of the veterans do, in order to have a check waiting at the beginning of the school year. He added the importance of submitting the correct information in regards to the veteran's facility code and the number of units registered for.
 It is not uncommon for a vet to complain "late check" and find the check was sent to the address designated in his facility code upon discharge.
 This often results in the check being sent to another state, or in some instances another country as many vets change residence upon separation from the service. Also, the dropping and adding of units can result in an eight to ten week delay to allow for payment alterations.

Hille commented that the delay can't be avoided because of the "great volume" of claims sent to the regional office in LA. He added that no-interest loans are usually available to "... help the vet meet his living expenses" until the delayed checks arrive, but the rate of payback is so low that little money is now available.
 According to Hille, "There are 2,000 outstanding loans from the past two semesters in the "veteran supported fund" at this time. Money in the loan fund is donated by veterans at registration each semester.
 Hille encourages vets to take advantage of the services available in the Office of Veteran Affairs located in the Administration building. Literature and personal counseling are available by contacting the office in person or by telephone at 860-5451.

Calendar

- WEDNESDAY**
 • ASCC Senate Meets: Bookstore Building, Room BK-112, 2 p.m.
 • Lecture: Student Center, 8 p.m. Dr. Keith Reimer, "Cardiovascular Disease."
THURSDAY
 • ASCC Court: Office of Student Activities at 11 a.m.
 • I.D.C.: Bookstore Building, Room BK-112, 11 a.m.
 • Noon Concert: Student Center Stage, "Runaways" band, 11 a.m. Free admission.
 • Diet Workshop: Library Room 26, 11 a.m. (Thursday Class).
 • Film Lecture: Burnright Theatre, 8 p.m. "Poland."
 • Ear Bender: Bookstore Building Room BK-111, 11 a.m. "Biomedical Instrumentation."
 • Baseball: Cerritos vs. Compton, 2:30 p.m. there.
 • Tennis: Cerritos vs. Orange Coast, 2 p.m. here.
 • Volleyball: Cerritos vs. L.A. Valley, 7:30 p.m. there.
FRIDAY
 • Wrestling: All day State Championships, West Valley College near San Jose.
 • Track & Field: Cerritos vs. Mt. San Antonio, 3 p.m. there. Maps available.
 • Golf: Cerritos vs. Fullerton, 1 p.m. there.
 • Swimming: Cerritos vs. San Diego Mesa, 3:30 p.m. there. Maps available.
SATURDAY
 • Baseball: Cerritos vs. College of the Canyons, 1 p.m. there.
 • Wrestling: All day state championships, West Valley College near San Jose.
ATHLETICS
 • Women's Softball: Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. Cerritos vs. East L.A. there.
 • Women's Volleyball: Cerritos vs. Cypress, Wednesday 5 p.m. here.
 • Coed Badminton: Cerritos vs. Orange Coast, Thursday 3 p.m. there.

Faculty auto meeting

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 Also involved, says Jackson, are 54 student or open parking spaces which are located along Falcon Way between the new lot and the crosswalk by the electronics building.
 These spaces will be removed so that Falcon Way can be turned into a four lane street from Studebaker Rd. to the electronics building.

Jackson believes the college planners "missed the boat" when they didn't turn Falcon Way into a one-way street, flowing out of the campus. The flow should be routed around the school, to 166th Street and into the C-10 parking lot, then out Falcon Way, according to Jackson.
 Although the parking item was not on the Senate's agenda, they spent nearly half an hour on the subject.
 Other discussions centered around sick leave and extended leaves of absence though there was no action taken.
 New business in the senate was institutional direction on growth versus no growth of enrollment. Discussion centered around forming a consistent policy on the increasing enrollment and attempts to put a lid on spending by the state.
 The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 2, at noon, in the Board Room.

Transfer advise

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 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.
 Two other areas in which guidance is offered at Cerritos are Personal and Career Counseling.
 When personal decisions or problems arise that do not include a review of transcripts and academic assessment, immediate attention can be obtained in the Counseling Office.
 A daily schedule is posted, indicating the counselor on duty.
 If reconciliation related to career interests and opportunities is required, Career Counseling is available on a walk-in basis at the Career Center or through a nine-week class ("Career Selection as Personal Development").
 Counselor schedules are found in the Career Center, Administration Building, Room 8.
 The Counseling Office is open twelve months a year, with a staff of 14 full and part-time counselors.
 However, the number of students wishing services becomes quite huge about six weeks before registration periods. For this reason, it is wise to visit the Advisement Center early or schedule an appointment well in advance of registration, Dr. Bos said.

Senators' lot . . .

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 Dan Buckley was pulled from the Freshman ranks this semester to be the Majority leader and Sophomore Tim Devine was elected Minority leader.
 Also, Karen Falcon was named Inter Club Counsel (ICC) Commissioner.
 Further discussion was held on the fourth draft of the Student grievance policy.

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11:00	Nash Contreras		Contreras	Vallejo	Contreras
12:00	Bob Harris	Joe Blume	Harris	Joe Blume till 2	Harris
1:00	Wayne Mitchell	Jesus Vallejo	Mitchell		Mitchell
2:00	Frank Ray White	Alicia Flanary	White	Flanary till 4	White
3:00	Dennis Singleton	White	Singleton		Singleton
4:00	Ken Garlatta	Guerrero	Guerrero	Garlatta	Garlatta

Guest authors sought . . .

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 students is definitely needed, and he'd like suggestions.
 "When students think of a book, we want them to think of the Cerritos College Bookstore. Our prices are set by student needs. We are a community service," Ruston says.
 The Bookstore is currently setting up a greeting card department, and has added a clerk service desk in the art department.
 In the past eight months, the Bookstore has

seen a 30-40 percent increase in paperback sales. With the current television series of Rich Man Poor Man, Ruston says it is almost impossible to keep the book on the shelf.
 The Bookstore tries to fill everyone's needs and is willing to special order any books. The only reason a book is unavailable to a student is because it hasn't been ordered in advance.
 Ruston says sales are up and he predicts a leveling off in prices and sales in the future.
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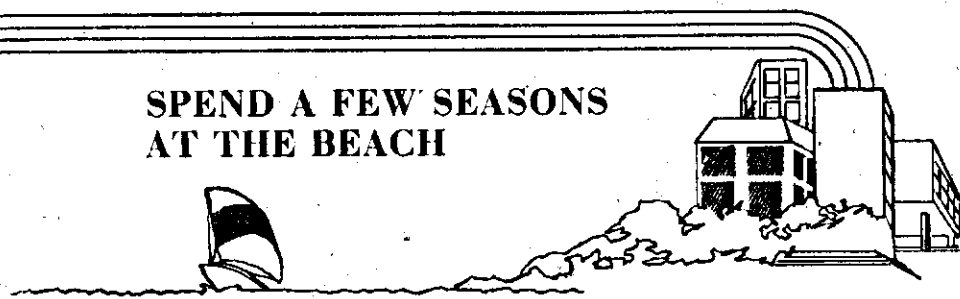
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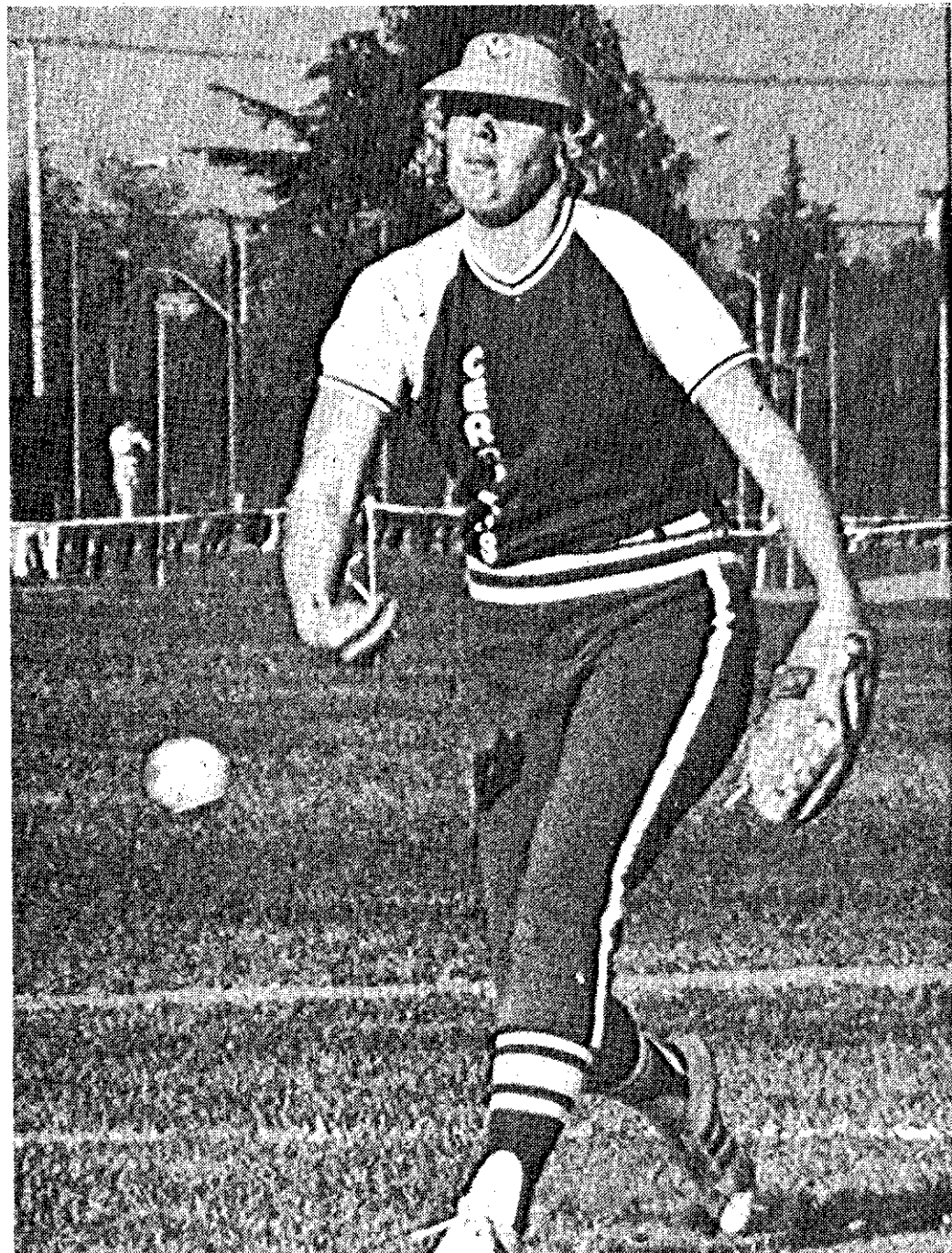
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STRIKE — Barbara Reinalda delivers another fast ball in a recent game against Cypress College. The Falcons won the contest 15-0 as

Reinalda allowed only one hit while striking out eight. She is considered one of the best pitchers in women softball in the state.

—TM Photo by RICK MARTINEZ

Unbeaten women's softball to enter Southern League

Barbara Reinalda's pitching near perfect; Coach Kelly confident on winning season

By RICK MARTINEZ
TM Associate Editor

Women's softball coach Nancy Kelly has to feel pretty good about her teams' chances in the Southern League this year.

In the teams first two practice games this season, pitching ace Barbara Reinalda — who is considered one of the best women pitchers in the state — has thrown a perfect game against Santa Monica, a no-hitter retiring each batter she faced in succession, and a 1-hitter against Cypress.

On the other hand, the offense has knocked in 21 runs in the two encounters: 6-0 vs. Santa Monica, 15-0 vs. Cypress.

Although it's the teams first year in the league, Kelly is confident her team has the talent needed to have a winning season.

The team travels to East Los Angeles College today in the 3:30 league opener against a team that Kelly describes as a "good group of athletes, if their basketball team is any indication. I'm sure most of the same girls are also out for softball."

"It's the best player-for-player group I've had," said Kelly in describing her 1976 ball club. "They play year around in California and most of these girls grew up playing Bobby Sox softball."

The team played Fullerton Monday, and after that game Kelly said she would decide on her starting line-up. For the most part only two

positions are undecided. Bernice Sequiera and Cheryl Johnson are third base candidates and Debbie Edquist and Jennie Vandermaarl are left field tentative starters.

The final decision may balance on who can hit fast pitching the best.

"Fullerton has won the California title the last three years... they'll be a real test for us, but they're not in our league."

The team will meet Mt. SAC at home March 8, at 3:30.

Though the women play two games a week, Kelly is confident that Reinalda can pitch both

contests. "I think Barb is strong enough to pitch 12 games a week" she said.

If Reinalda gets in trouble, Kelly will probably call on Norma Jackson for relief duty. Jackson has pitched one inning this year and struck out the three batters she's faced.

"We have good balance... I'm satisfied with the way they've come along and their understanding of game situations," said Kelly in analyzing the teams progress. "They're eager to learn. I think we're on the verge of something here and the only thing that can inhibit it is ourselves."

Falcon's win streak display solid pitching

By CRAIG MOZLEY
TM Sports Editor

Cerritos' number one rated baseball team is living up to all pre-season expectations.

The defending 1975 state champions who also captured the title in 1973 and 1974 are currently on a nine-game winning streak to open this spring campaign.

The Falcon's have put together 112 victories and only 16 losses in its last three title seasons for a winning percentage of .88.

In last Tuesday's action, the Falcons hosted Cypress College in the first meeting ever between the two neighboring schools.

Dave Patterson recorded his third straight win as Cerritos nipped the Chargers, 3-2.

Limiting Cypress to only five singles, Patterson struck out nine and assured the victory by picking off a Charger baserunner with two outs in the ninth inning.

The Falcons were held to four hits. A 400-foot

triple by third baseman Bob Volk and two singles by Mike Sammons, which accounted for all three runs, paced Cerritos' offensive attack.

On Thursday, pitchers Pat McGehee, Randy Mullins, and John Gordan recorded the Falcons first shutout of the year, blanking Compton 8-0.

The Falcons exploded for nine singles and a double as all but one starter got at least one hit.

Outfielder's Jim Wilson and Mike Whipple led the Falcons with two hits a piece and three RBIs while Compton allowed two runs to score on errors.

Frank Vilorio kept his stolen base tempo intact as the shortstop stole two bases upping his season total to a perfect 10 out of 10.

McGehee pitched a perfect five innings as relievers Mullins and Gordan held the Tartars to just two singles.

On Saturday the Falcons kept their streak alive by recording a 7-1 victory over Ventura College.

Tim Olivarez, a sophomore from Westchester, pitched a complete game allowing just four hits. Olivarez now 3-0 on the year, continued the fine Falcon pitching that has allowed just 14 runs in nine games.

Keith Lupo with three singles, a double and 2 RBIs led the offensive attack.

In the first nine games so far, Cerritos has scored 77 runs for better than an eight tallies a contest average.

Tomorrow, the Falcons travel to Compton for a rematch of an earlier game.

Cagers stayed close with razor-edge season

By CRAIG MOZLEY
TM Sports Editor

Cerritos' basketball squad finished South Coast Conference action in third place, even though they lost their last two league games.

Ending the year with an eight and four record, the Falcons were in the title race until the final week.

Losses to Santa Ana, 69-96, and to

Grossmont, 79-86, eliminated Cerritos hopes. They ended up with an overall mark of 19 wins and only nine defeats.

"Highs and heartbreaks," were the words coach Bob Foerster used to sum up this season.

The turning point seemed to be when guard and playmaker Mike Wysong was hurt early in league play. "His injury just might have cost us two games," said Foerster.

A highlight in the year was the winning of the Modesto Tournament.

"A tourney that is as difficult as state competition," remarked Foerster, saw the Falcons emerge with the first place trophy.

Joe Damm, named by the coach as his most consistent performer, tallied 28 points in the season finale at Grossmont.

Cerritos is the winningest basketball team in SCC history. The Falcons have won 60 of 76 games since the conference began in 1969-70.

"We went as far as we could go with what we could. The season was on a razor's edge. Last year we won the crucial ball games; this year we didn't," remarked Foerster.

The absence of strong bench play seemed to be a factor, as the team mainly consisted of six players.

As for next season, Foerster is looking for a key post player to be the nucleus of his team.

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Sports

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TARTAR TAG — Co-captain Tim Welsh dives into third base safely against Compton College. Cerritos winning the game 8-0 is currently un-

defeated in nine games. The Falcons have won the last three state titles and beat the nations top honored coach, Wally Kincaid.

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Possible support to widen murals

By PATTI KENNEDY
TM Staff Writer

Intramurals may be expanding this semester, says Rhea Gram, intramural coordinator. More financial support and gym time will be discussed in a meeting with school administrators on Friday.

"This will enable interested students not currently in the athletic program, as well as those that are, to participate in a sports activity," she said.

Sign-ups are still open for volleyball, karate, and social dance, and interested students are encouraged to join. Volleyball sign-ups will be taken until tomorrow from 11 a.m. to noon in the gym. Six volleyball teams have organized, but sign-ups will continue until there are seven.

So far the largest turnout has been for weight training. Gram noted that this activity is not just body building for men, but women can adjust the machines for their own use.

On Friday afternoons, golf will be played at Norwalk Golf Course. Cost is 50 cents and trophies will be awarded at all levels of play. According to Gram, an all-campus tennis tournament is being planned for April or May, and basketball gets under way with the first game of league play tomorrow.

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LIGHTNING SPIKES TWICE
Coach Gene Martin's Cerritos College volleyball team has a 2-0 record after handing Pasadena College back-to-back losses last Wednesday and Friday on the Cerritos home floor.

The Falcons won the first encounter 14-16, 15-4, 15-5 and 16-14. On Friday the scores were 15-13, 15-6, and 15-7 in favor of Cerritos.

TENNIS TEAM LOSES
The tennis team lost its conference opener 7-2 to Fullerton College last week to run this year's record to 2-5.

Against Fullerton the two Cerritos victories were won by Jerry Del Valle in a singles match, and the team of Mike Gamboa/Larry Gray in a doubles contest.

GOLFERS WIN AGAIN
The golfing team, stretched its winning streak to five in a row by defeating East LA College 44-10 last week. Falcon Rick Meyer was low man with a 74. Earlier in the week, the Falcons defeated Pierce College 39-10 and Rio Hondo 29-25. The team average has dropped from an early season 85 to a present 77. The team squad travels to the Old Ranch Country Club Friday for a 1 p.m. match with Fullerton College.

NEW TRACK RECORD
Jeff Clingan topped two records on Feb. 20 at the South Coast Conference Relays, at San Diego Mesa College.

Clingan's leap of 47 feet two inches broke the Cerritos standard of 45-11½, established back in 1969 by Steve Sutton, and erased the SCC Relay mark of 46-3¼.

SHARP HOSTS
Coach Joan Schutz's archery team will once again host both the State and National Intercollegiate Archery Championships this spring.

FEMININE LOVE
The Women's tennis team blitzed Moorpark College 7-0 last week. The ladies achieved their shutout by winning four singles matches and three doubles.

DISTRICT GOLF
The 1976 annual Cerritos College District Golf Tournament for all school personnel in the district was headed by Don Watson of Rio San Gabriel with a 72 and Dave Sheppard of Faye Ross with 73. Tom Nelson and Carl Specht from Cerritos College won the B Flight Dean's Trophy.

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Is student apathy something the card carrying members of Cerritos generate, or is it partly a reaction to student government procedures?

Apathy on campus is caused by many factors, including uncomplimentary schedules and the area which a student frequents. In the last election a four per cent voter turnout was the largest in recent years.

Accompanying the ballots for the vacant senate seats was a questionnaire concerning the time span of future semesters. Unfortunately, the "calendar change" questionnaire was totally void of details or explanation of the proposed changes.

A voter could mark two boxes, 1) I feel a

change is needed, 2) I prefer the present calendar.

According to Activities Coordinator Norm Price, the calendar ballot was not an election as such, but merely a poll to gather student input for the Board of Trustees to consider.

As a barometer of student opinion the questionnaire is of no meaning or use to anyone, especially the Board of Trustees.

If a few minutes would have been taken to print a paragraph explaining the effects of the proposed changes, the end purpose of the poll would have been achieved and the vote tally would truly reflect student opinion.

However, in the case of the "calendar election," student apathy is more than understandable—it's justified.

Rational room numbering

For almost countless semesters here at Cerritos, the Arts and Crafts building has been a source of mystery and amazement for all those who attempted to attend class there. It seems, however, that this is about to change.

The ASCC campus beautification committee, it seems, baffled as to how they should post the directional signs which will soon be posted.

The mis-match of room numbers prevented any rational plan (for guiding the students) from being implemented.

But now, the Community Services Dept. has come up with two new numbering plans which seem to finally have made sense out of the AC labyrinth.

Both new plans call for designating the four wings of the building, the North-east, North-west, South-east, South-west wings, as 10, 20, 30 and 40 respectively.

This would allow the rooms to be numbered in a coherent, orderly fashion, with a continuity of room numbers apparent from the outside of the building.

The only difference between the two plans is that the second plan loses some of its outside continuity in favor of students who must enter the building from the hallways.

Both plans are much better than what we have now. TM would like to see either go into effect as soon as possible.

Threat of contingencies

In the Jan. 14 issue of the Talon Marks an editorial called attention to a situation that the Editorial Board of the paper considered dangerous. The article brought to light the Talon Marks Contingencies, or conditions, for publication that are a part of the student government manual.

We feel that these contingencies could lead to the demise of both the newspaper and the ASCC if certain conditions arose in which there was not the degree of cooperation that now exists between the two.

A recently published editorial in the Fullerton State Daily Titan pointed out that such a problem came about with the San Diego State campus paper, The Aztec.

In San Diego, the situation took several years to develop, but in the end turned the school paper into little more than a house organ for the ASC.

To quote the Titan article: "The paper predetermined its fate years before when it failed to oppose the approval of ASC bylaws that gave the student government control over the Aztec's content."

TM believes there is the same danger imminent as long as the contingencies exist in their present form.

In San Diego, what finally happened is the Editor-in-Chief was fired for refusing to publish some ASC bylaws changes which the AS Counsel required be published.

Could the same thing happen here? We hope not, and we like to think that the ASCC sees the possible danger in turning the students publication into nothing more than a rap sheet for student government.

Who could believe that the paper was actually doing its best to keep the news out in public view, instead of some back room somewhere on campus?

And would this not affect the credibility of the student government itself by revealing the petty and uncooperative nature it would take to do such a deed?

We do not mean to suggest that there is anyone involved with the ASCC presently who would even consider this.

But senators can stay here only so long, as with the TM staff, and it is conceivable that

sometime in the future there might be an unbalanced combination of the two, hence turmoil.

We don't want this to happen. Our job is to provide a free flow of information to the public and it is much easier for us to do that job with the cooperation of those who run the ASCC and the entire college.

But the job must be done—regardless—and it is better for all involved if it is done well.

We like the air of cooperation that now exists between this newspaper staff and this senate, but if cooperation means sitting idly by while a blade is poised above our necks, then there can be none.

We welcome the opportunity to have a part in seeing that this situation be taken care of fairly, and hope that the senate will take action on the matter as soon as possible.

Letters to the Editor

Witnesses sought in C-3 parking lot incident

Dear Editor:

We are anxious to find anyone who might have witnessed an incident involving Sheriff's officers and a Cerritos student, his wife and their four children in the C-3 parking lot here Wednesday, Jan. 28, around 7 p.m.

Maybe it would help clear the air about several aspects of the situation which resulted in the father, a disabled Korean vet, and his wife being booked at the Lakewood Sheriff's station and charged with felony assault and battery upon a police officer—and interference with the duties of a police officer. Fortunately, these charges were plea bargained down to a misdemeanor of disturbing the peace.

The children are still to make a juvenile court appearance. As a result of the experience, the family had to be examined for internal injuries and the mother had to be hospitalized.

Apparently, the picture is something like this.

Several students were trying to find parking places in time to make 7 p.m. finals. This particular vet, trying to get to an Administration of Justice class, found the narrow traffic lane blocked by a black-and-white and an unmarked police car. They were both stopped about halfway into the lot, and several cars apparently had stacked up behind the vet's car, and were honking for the police cars to clear the way.

Anxious to get to the final exam on time, the vet approached the officers, one of them a plain-clothes, to ask permission to get by. The police insisted on doing their job—looking for a burglar—and did not clear the way. The student insisted on getting by. One thing led to another, both parties became frustrated, and the cars kept honking.

The plain clothes policeman arrested the student. As stated earlier, the student is a disabled Korean War vet. He was wearing a neck brace and had a bandaged left hand. His wife drove the family car which included four of his five children.

The family, knowing of the father's physical condition, panicked when they saw the situation. They got out of the car and engaged the policemen first in a verbal confrontation—then the thing got physical.

During the altercation, a 14-year-old girl had an eye swollen shut from a policeman's fist. The 12-year-old had her neck bruised from a tight arm hold. The mother, in shock, and another daughter, 10, and a son, 8, were also involved.

The police had been scratched and beaten. From out of the crowd that gathered, a young man had jumped into the fight on the side of the family and tried to release the 12-year-old from the policeman. By now, five squad cars had arrived.

As a result of the unfortunate incident, the student was unable to get to his class and his grade suffered. But this is not the point. The intent of this letter is to see if there are witnesses who might help the children. (Plea bargaining apparently short circuited justice for the parents.)

More importantly, it would be worthwhile—for sake of truth—to get the picture from an unbiased observer.

Obviously, it was a touchy situation. Scared and excited 12 and 14 year-old girls can do a lot of clawing and scratching. It was doubtless a difficult situation for the police.

A very big concern, though, is whether the police conducted themselves in a professional manner. Did they use mature judgment? Was ample restraint used in controlling the family. Indeed, were they unduly or unnecessarily provoked? (They claim, by the way, that vulgar language and ethnic slurs were used by police.)

Who provoked them? Was there consideration given to the real need to unnecessarily interfere with the normal flow of school affairs. Maybe there was, as a matter of fact. But even giving the police the benefit of the doubt—and assuming that the children or the whole family was to blame—was this excuse enough to resort to such physical remedies?

It could be that the police were correct in using physical force to the extent that they did. Maybe the frightened children did attack ferociously, as sometimes can happen, and thereby placed the policemen's safety in

jeopardy. That being the case, the police were justified.

The distinction here is crucial to the youngsters. If they were sufficiently at fault, then justice should take its course. If not, then without witnesses, injustice might prevail.

It was a touchy and unfortunate incident for both sides. But the haunting question still lingers: were the police just a little too anxious to let people know they were the "police."

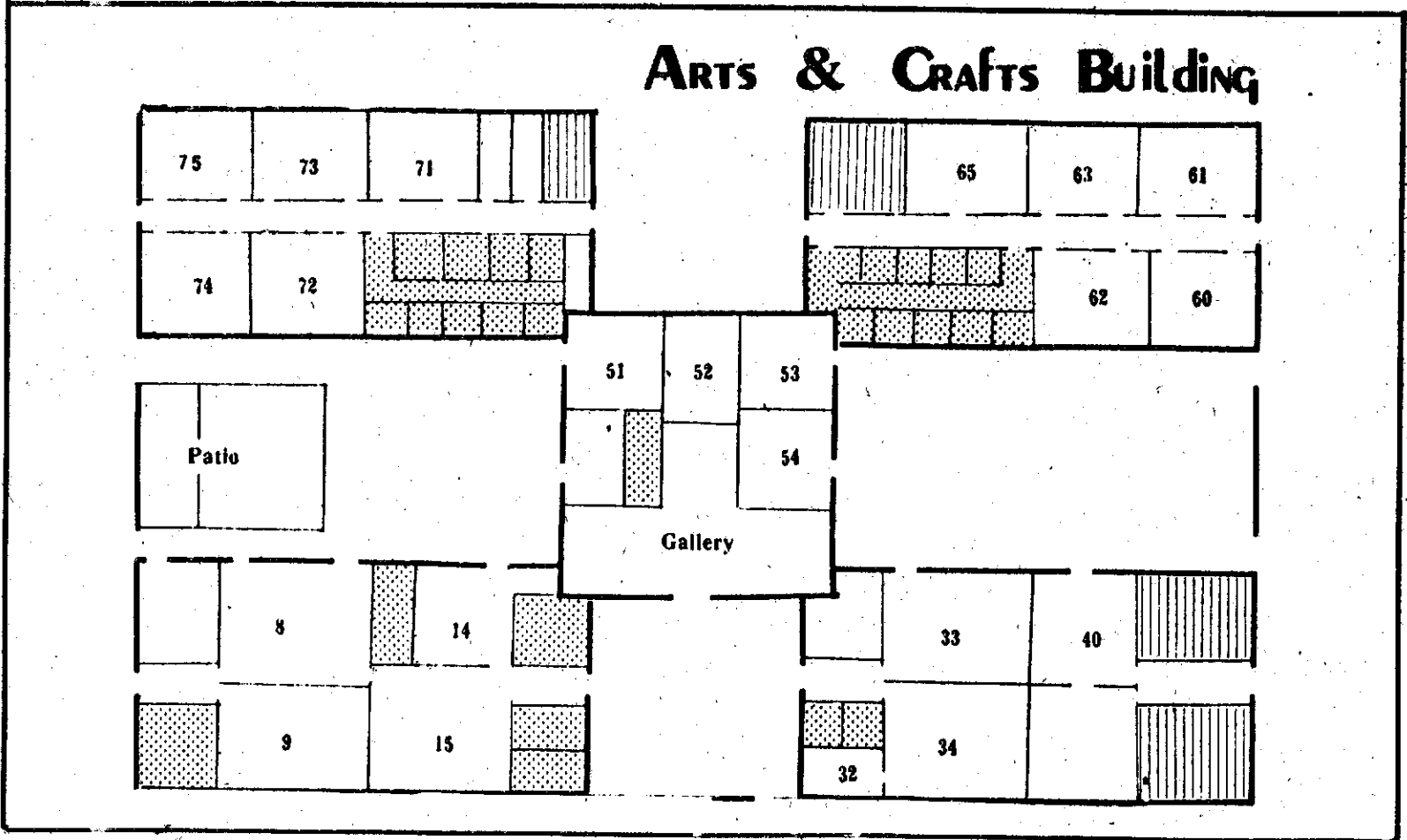
Couldn't they have handled the situation a little differently, considering the situation? Experienced, mature professionals who are trained to react coolly and calmly... especially on a college campus during the height of the rush to get to class on time.?

As I said, at least a witness might help the kids in juvenile court.

If you saw the incident, regardless of what or how you saw it, please contact me where I work on campus at Ext. 533.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The preceding letter contains no specific allegations, on either side, nor draws any conclusions; it only questions. TALON MARKS intends to answer with a follow-up story in a later issue.



A-MAZE-ING — On the Cerritos campus lies a vast and uncharted wilderness filled with things of beauty and perhaps an occasional pearl of wisdom. The Arts and Crafts building to many is like a maze, carefully constructed

to hide all academic and cultural treasures within. This mis-match of room numbers, however, may be changing soon (see Editorial). Meanwhile, we suggest carrying the above map with you when venturing into

the area. It is our hope that this will save many a lost soul from having to ask the nearest instructor where they are — an instructor who may have to admit that he too is, for all intents, lost.

Hearst Harbinger?

Fifth Amendment still needed

By COY STEWART
TM Staff Writer

The time is the near future—not tomorrow, but soon.

You are being arrested and the police officer, reading you your rights, is saying "... and anything you say, or do not say, can be held against you in a court of law."

In court, after taking the oath to tell the truth, the judge cautions you that "... the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has determined that silence is hazardous to your case."

Can anyone doubt that the time is near (almost here) after seeing and hearing newsmen twisting into an admission of guilt the fact that Patty Hearst took the Fifth Amendment?

What phrase or clause in the Fifth, or the Constitution itself, provides for the taking of the Fifth as being synonymous with a confession of guilt?

Taking the Fifth means silence, and silence means... nothing.

And if we destroy the Fifth Amendment because of this stupidity, will not the right to privacy go with it?

People take the Fifth to avoid "incriminating" themselves and they "incriminate" themselves in the eyes of people by taking the Fifth. Does this make sense?

But there is a paradox. Because she stood on the Fifth, and will not perjure herself, then, if we are to assume anything, we must infer that she is no liar and that everything she has said thus far is true—and if it is true, how can she be guilty?

If my reasoning here seems simple, it is cer-

tainly not as simple as assuming automatic guilt on the grounds of silence.

Is Patty Hearst guilty? Frankly, I don't know.

Toward the end of Robert Bolt's play "A Man For All Seasons," Cromwell charges that Sir Thomas More's very silence proved his

guilt and More defends himself with:

"The maxim of the law is... 'Silence gives consent.' If, therefore, you wish to construe what my silence 'betokened' you must construe that I consented, not that I denied."

Certainly Patty is not Sir Thomas More, but... is our society more responsible and our sense of justice better than that of Henry VIII?

Children of Jr. Theatre seen, heard in 'Crockett'

By PATTI KENNEDY
TM Staff Writer

Children should be seen and heard. At least that's the philosophy of the Jr. Theatre program here at Cerritos.

The purpose of Jr. Theatre is "to acquaint children in the community with theatre," according to Ellen Amestoy of Community Services.

Jr. Theatre is open to all local children, and they are put on a mailing list after parents express an interest in the college's programs for children.

Amestoy said the Community Services office then sends each family information regarding try-outs, and news on the music conservatory, which is also part of the children's program.

Little people, however, are not the only ones involved in Jr. Theatre. Adult students play an

important part in acting and production, and a Children's Theatre Production class is offered each semester for those wishing to enroll.

Following a successful engagement of "The Red Shoes" last semester, the Jr. Theatre is presenting a musical salute to Davy Crockett now through March 7. Performances, staged in Burnight Center, are \$1 for children and adults, with group rates available.

Auditions begin in September for "Cinderella," which will open the Fall semester season.

Normally, one play is presented each semester, but three are tentatively being planned for the next school year. Both children and adults are invited to participate in a unique learning experience designed to benefit, as well as entertain, the community.

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