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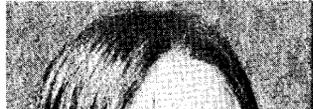
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TM's Martel chosen for Washington post

Talon Marks columnist and sports editor Pat Martel is leaving for six months in Washington, D.C., as a member of Congressman Del Clawson's staff.

Martel, 20, a Journalism and speech communication major, was picked by a special college committee to participate in Congressman Clawson's special work-study program beginning in January.

The program was begun by Clawson last year when House Rules Committee members received additional staff positions. Rather than



hiring a full-time aide Clawson elected to hire temporary aides for six-month periods from each of the four colleges in his district including Cerritos, Rio Hondo, Whittier and Biola.

Clawson requested each campus to consider maturity, research ability, communication, interest in government service and the willingness of the person selected to return to the campus following the assignment to serve as a resource person.

A resident of Cerritos, Martel was selected over 12 other applicants including students, staff and faculty. In her application she said, "... as an aspiring political correspondent, I look upon this educational opportunity as one which will provide first-hand knowledge as well as practical experience in my chosen field."



Kid Stuff

Child center needs viewed

By DAN CABE
TM Staff Writer

Lowering the minimum age limit as well as the cost of service at the Child Care Center has been proposed as an area where some reform is needed by Senator Mercedes Ventura, speaking for the ASCC's Child Care Committee.

The committee outlined some other areas they said called for some reform.

One thing the committee suggested was a survey to determine student opinion on the center and how many students know of its ex-

sisted that this time be kept track of and used in the form of credit.

Discounting the present rate of 75¢ an hour is another possibility being looked into.

Jess Reese related that he has been receiving three to four letters a week concerned with the center.

The purpose of the senate committee is to single out of these problems, inform the senate of their existence and correct them if possible. Committee members are Reese, Chairman; Ventura, Robert Cadena, Ray Martenz, Roy Okimoto, Kathy Jones, and Liz Palo.

Foster parents for CATHY...

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foster parent. When this has been done it then becomes the responsibility of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and CATHY's job is finished.

The foster parent then requests the age group and the sex of the child or children he wants to accept. An interview between the child and foster parent takes place before he accepts custody of each child.

CATHY often requests various campus clubs to help them in programs in bakery sales and fund raising programs.

CATHY regularly holds workshops on campus. The last foster parent workshop took place two weeks ago and another is scheduled for next week.

Dr. Ernest Smith is to speak at the next workshop. Smith comes from Martin Luther King Hospital and Drew Medical School. After his appearance at the last workshop he was asked to speak again.

At the next workshop 16 representatives from the DPSS are also scheduled to appear and the workshop is to deal mainly with the problem of discipline.

The County of Los Angeles is divided into four separate districts. Paul Speru is coordinator of the 13 cities in the Southeast Area.

There are about 1600 licensed foster parents in the Los Angeles area and CATHY is seeking more volunteers to help meet the demand. When a parent is licensed the county pays the living expenses monthly for each child.

Five years ago there were 3000 workers in various volunteer programs. In 1972 the county phased out financial aid to these groups. The federal government then gave CATHY a mandate stating that all cities sponsoring a CATHY program must help finance it.

The county pays half and the federal government matches that amount. CATHY is now the only volunteer program in Los Angeles county attempting to find foster parents.

Semester plan, students rights heard ...

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Council Commissioner, Reese related that collection boxes can be found in the student activities office, student lounge and at the Vets Desk located in the Admissions Office.

Each student is asked to bring one can of food. All donations will be given to needy families in the local area.

Mike Popovich, senate Pro-Tempore, reminded senators that the deadline for nominations of service and leadership awards is Dec. 10(today). Forms and further information are available in the student activities and student affairs office.

Dave Ruston, bookstore manager, addressed the Senate on graduation announcements. Ruston said an overlay depicting a bicentennial theme is now available free of charge.

Images such as the Great Bald Eagle and Independences Hall are two of the choices. Ruston was seeking student interest on the proposal and suggestions as to which of the nine drawings to accept. Interested students should contact Ruston in the Bookstore.

Also seeking senatorial opinion, Reese, questioned the body as to their choice of menus for the Fall awards banquet. The senate was reminded that the ASCC pays for half of the dinner price. The Jan. 23 event will take place at the Queensway Hilton, Long Beach.

Senators not present at the meeting were Ray Martenz, not excused; Joanne Sundberg, not excused; Marty Campbell, not excused; Joe Reza, not excused; Anne Benson, not excused; Ronda Von Ravensburg, excused; Frank Spehar, excused; and Jose Manso, excused.

Proposed changes in the college calendar with ramifications extending into the community and other schools composed the bulk of the Nov. 26 student senate meeting.

Dr. John Randall, Vice President of Instruction, prepared the proposal which he submitted to the administrative council. Before acting on the proposal, the council wanted to determine what student opinion would be on such an issue.

Student opinion on proposed changes in the college calendar will be sought in the form of Senate bill 1334 which will set up an election so students may voice their opinion.

The four options of the proposed calendar change are as follows:

The present system starts Sept. 13, 1976, and runs through Feb 1, 1977. The spring semester starts Feb. 7, and goes to June 17. The disadvantage of this system is the decreased rate of productivity on the part of students and teachers following Christmas vacation. An increased drop rate also tends to follow the holiday season.

The second option is an early semester plan which includes 41 weeks. If implemented, this system would begin Aug. 16, 1976 and last through Dec. 23. School would resume Jan. 17, 1977, following a three-week break. The spring semester would end May 27.

A one-week spring vacation is included.

Option three is the same as number two, except that it doesn't include a spring vacation and the last day of school should by May 20. The benefit of this system is the 40-week instructor contract and a 12-week summer session.

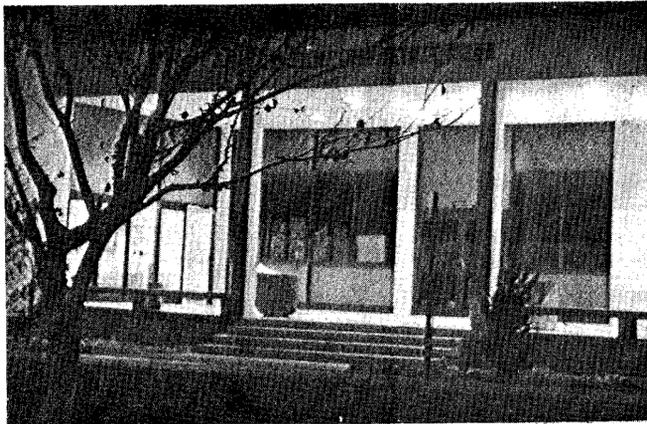
Jess Reese moved that a committee be established to look into the many facets of the proposed calendars.

The committee will be composed of three members from the senate, cabinet and court. Senate members are Kathy Jones, Heather Paterson and Mercedes Ventura.

Cabinet members are Charles Adams, Karen Falcon and Cathy McCoy.

Court members are Joe Butler, Dan Fox and Tom Hutchinson.

A system of maintaining student rights as written in the 75-76 student handbook is one step closer to completion. The student segment



NIGHT OWLS — A late night look at the student activities office. The majority of Cerritos students are more than familiar with this view of the building that houses the student

government offices and the bookstore. Over 14,000 of the schools 23,000+ students are enrolled in night classes.

—TM Photo by STEVE DAVIS

Recycle center

Last gasp for GAP

By DEBBIE BANCROFT
TM Managing Editor

The last GAP Day (Glass, Aluminum, Paper) for the fall semester is this Saturday, Dec. 13.

Up to this point, Phi Kappa Zeta is leading in all three categories with Lambda Phi Sigma and Theta Sigma following a close second.

GAP is part of the Financial Aids program at Cerritos. Campus clubs and organizations compete through the semester for this project.

Each club's donations are tabbed and recorded by Keith Adams, Coordinator of Financial Aids. The club's efforts are then recognized at the semester Awards Banquet.

Clubs are acknowledged on the basis of ser-

vice (the most volunteer man hours) and the donations brought in.

Zeta has broken the record for aluminum cans set by the Vets Club with 6,500 cans in 1973. As of the last GAP Day on Nov. 22, Zeta's have turned in 7,500 aluminum cans. The record does not officially hold until this Saturday's results are tabbed.

GAP days are days set aside during the semester for clubs to bring in their collections. Volunteer clubs will be at the reclamation center on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circle K sponsored the last GAP day.

The general project brings in \$2-3,000 during the nine-month period. This depends on the market for the materials.

of the Ad Hoc committee on Student Rights, has completed their second draft of the grievance system.

Mike Popovich, senate Pro-Tempore and member of the committee, told the senate that the bill will go before the committee composed of students, instructors and administrators, Dec. 12.

Karen Falcon, Commissioner of the Inter-Club Council, notified the senate that Dec. 17 at 11 am, in the room adjoining the student activities office, there will be a one hour brainstorming session.

All students are invited to attend the session which will feature the college president.

The purpose of the meeting is for students to

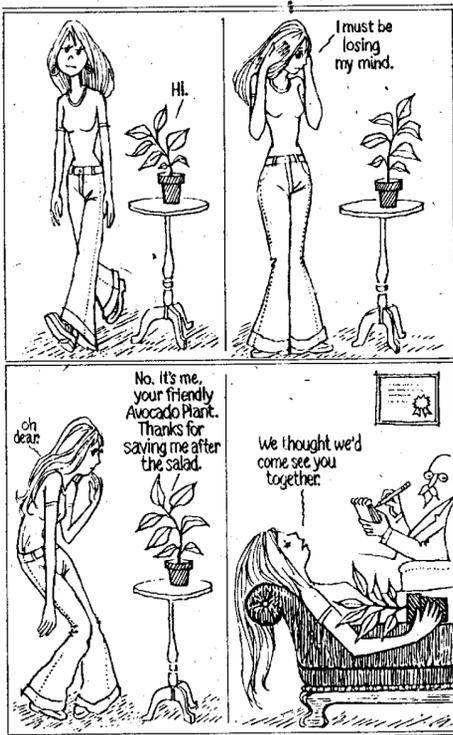
air their gripes or praises of the college.

Falcon asks that students wishing to see a particular instructor or administrator at the meeting leave a note in her box located in the student activities office.

Senators not present at the meeting were Ronda Von Ravensburg, not excused; Karren Turner, not excused; Marty Campbell, not excused; Nancy Saunders, not excused; Joe Reza, not excused; Colleen Collins, excused; Ray Martinez, excused; Kathy Anderson, excused and Brenda Schooler, excused.

All students are invited to attend the next senate meeting today at 2 p.m. The meeting takes place in the senate chambers adjoining the student activities office.

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Instructional evaluation

Students scrutinize faculty performance

By RICK RUIZ
TM Feature Editor

Last week was student evaluation time, and students throughout the college were asked to fill in cards which would be sent to a computer for compilation.

Accompanying these punch cards were question sheets with ten questions designed to give an indication of an instructor's teaching abilities.

This year saw a new hitch to the standard procedure.

In the past, student evaluation was performed in a very similar manner but, according to Dr. John Randall, Vice-president of Instruction, "There was some concern that the student evaluation wasn't taken seriously because instructors were the only ones to see the results."

But this semester students handled the administration of the tests during class. A student was then sent over to admissions with a sealed envelope containing the evaluation cards, thus by passing the instructor completely and "removing doubt of any indiscretions." Randall also said that the new procedure was working fine, but that "the logistics" were something of a problem.

There now seems to be some concern that the students are the ones who don't take the evaluation seriously. Randall pointed out that the student evaluation plan is set forth by state law—not specifically, but as a part of the overall evaluation.

The cards filled out by the students are tabulated and presented in the form of a computer readout which well documents the average response to the instructor by the students.

These then are used as a part of the self evaluation of the instructor, and also by the administrative faculty evaluation which occurs every four years.

Faculty self-evaluation is conducted every four years on an alternating basis so that there is some type of evaluation every two years.

The administrative evaluation is conducted by the Office of Instruction, but the request of the instructor, he may have a committee evaluation, with the committee consisting two

instructors and one administrator which he will choose himself.

There are four criteria for basing evaluation judgements: a) Knowledge in subject matter or in field of service, b) Technique of instruction and performance, c) effectiveness of communication and d) acceptance of responsibility.

Randall says of the new system, "It removes any suspicion on the part of the students" although some of the instructors were a little perturbed by the fact that the administration didn't seem to trust them.

The biggest problem, however, is that the "students are just too kind" to their instructors, Randall said.

Study 'guides' for students in finals fix

Cerritos College offers free tutorial service to any registered student seeking assistance. By filling out a brief form, one may qualify for ten hours of tutelage per semester, in his particular weak spot.

All tutors are Cerritos students employed by the College, and have received recommendations from subject teachers. Schedules will be arranged for tutees to meet privately on campus at the appropriate area.

Over 150 tutors participate in the program, covering almost every course studied at Cerritos.

"There are always openings for more tutors," said Judy Foster, Tutoring Services receptionist, "and we've been highly successful in raising a lot of GPA's," she added.

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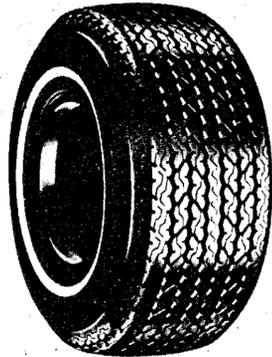


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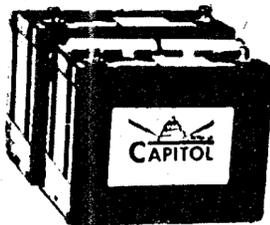
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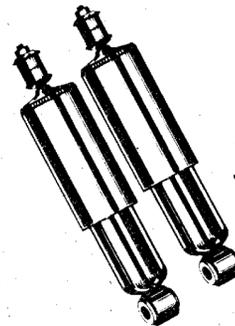
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Personal victories highlight season

CC boasts 6 All-SCC picks

By PAT MARTEL
TM Sports Editor

Six Falcons were selected for the All-South Coast Conference football teams while three others were given honorable mention during a special meeting of SCC coaches.

Heading the roster on the first team defense were All-American candidate Don Holmes and linebacker Bo Larson, both Cerritos sophomores.

A unanimous first team choice at middle guard, Holmes just missed being voted South Coast Conference Defensive Player of 1975.

Don Holmes, Falcon football team middle guard was an honorable mention selection for the 1975 JC All-America team released last week by the JC Gridwire.

An outstanding performer for the past two seasons, Holmes has been the object of praise by opposing coaches and Falcon fans alike.

Cerritos head coach Ernie Johnson has called Holmes "one of the finest players I have ever coached."

An El Rancho High School graduate, Holmes was voted Most Valuable Lineman in 1974. The Cerritos Bench Club further honored him with the prestigious Tiny Bates Player of the Year Award.

Having been named an All-SCC first team defensive player along with All-America honors, Holmes will be a likely candidate for the Most Valuable Player Award for 1975.

Announcement of the recipient will take place tonight Dec. 10 at the Nineteenth Annual Cerritos College Football Awards Banquet to be held at the Anaheim Sheraton Hotel.

Displaying considerable talent at linebacker, Larson had an impressive season which included three pass interceptions.

Ironically, Cerritos was not represented on the first team offensive squad, despite the fact that the Falcons gained an imposing 300 yards per game throughout the season. Holding the two worst records in the SCC, San Diego Mesa College and Mt. San Antonio College each garnered an offensive selection.

Named to the second team offensive squad were Falcon center George Beadell, offensive guard Larry Oliver and Bill Vincent, wide receiver. Defensive back, Bill Whitford, was selected for the second team defensive group.

Receiving honorable mention were split-end, Ken Devore, runningback Marty Campbell and Ronn Hand, defensive end.



CONDUCTOR — Ernie Johnson, Cerritos College head football coach, orchestrates team play from sidelines during practice session. Johnson is a five year coaching veteran in South Coast conference competition. —TM Photo by DANIEL A. CABE

Falcons end season with 4th place spot

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Completing this year's football season with a 4-4 record, the Falcons football team had its share of glory and pain. Finishing fourth in the SCC, Cerritos still had an impressive overall mark.

Cerritos opened the season with a near upset of third ranked Bakersfield College, falling to the stunned Renegades by a scant 24-23 margin after falling on a two point conversion try and missing a field goal by inches in the final seconds.

With the help of a dramatic 91-yard bomb, the fired-up Falcon squad went on to defeat Long Beach City College 21-17. Compiling 411 yards total offense, the gridders were able to accumulate the necessary touchdown to bring the number of Cerritos-Long Beach games decided by a touchdown or less to nine.

The Falcons clipped the Cypress College Chargers 23-7 in the first ever meeting of the two teams. The Chargers were no match for

Cerritos as the Falcons chalked up 231 yards total offense against a mere 134 yards by Cypress.

Fullerton College proved too formidable an adversary for the Falcons as they defeated Cerritos 31-20 in the conference opener.

The most recent Cerritos-Fullerton clash brought to six the number of games won by the Hornets. With the exception of a 13-13 tie in 1972, Fullerton has been victorious in every meeting since 1969.

Utilizing awesome defensive and offensive tactics, Cerritos came back with a stunning 31-13 win over Mt. San Antonio College. Bringing in 368 total offensive yards, the Falcons had the most productive rushing performance of the season against the Mounties, with 234 yards.

Defeating San Diego Mesa College for the sixth consecutive time, Cerritos slipped to the Olympians 17-14 in the third conference battle.

Lagging behind 14-10, the Falcons rallied on a fourth down and goal play at the Mesa 21 yard line.

Quarterback Jim Conley fired a TD pass to wingback Kirk Diego on the eight yard line. Whirling past two Mesa tacklers and speeding into the end zone, Diego captured the vital TD to give Cerritos its second conference victory.

Hosting No. 1 ranked Orange Coast College during Homecoming 1975, the Falcons had their work cut out for them. In spite of losing 28-7, Cerritos did an outstanding job of holding the nation's undefeated, top-ranked team.

Defensively, Cerritos was just too much for OCC. The Falcons recorded respectable performance against what is termed the best offensive unit in the nation. Holding OCC to its lowest season average by 96 yards, the Falcons also kept the Pirates to the lowest point standard during the season.

In the Santa Ana skirmish, Cerritos seemed to lack the competitive spirit which was evident in previous conflicts. Mistakes were attributed to the disappointing 13-3 loss suffered by the Falcons.

Wrapping up the season against Grossmont College, the gridders met in their first SCC clash. In a 28-28 draw, both teams turned in their only ties of the '75 season.

Though a Falcon victory appeared imminent early in the fourth quarter (28-21), the Griffins poured it on and managed to pull in a decisive final TD.

A relatively young and inexperienced team offensively, the Falcons still averaged 322 yards offense in each clash this year, Cerritos also boasted the No. 1 defensive team in the SCC.

Bakersfield 24 -	Cerritos 23
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*Santa Ana 13 -	Cerritos 3
*Grossmont 28 -	Cerritos 28

* Denotes South Conference games.

Coach aids team spirit with total commitment

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Someone once said that "football is not everything, it's the only thing." Such forceful words are indeed apropos when speaking of Cerritos head football coach Ernie Johnson's feelings toward his work.

Johnson's total commitment to coaching, his team and superior ball playing has made his job all encompassing.

"I've spent my life trying to produce outstanding football players and teams," he stated recently. "It is very gratifying to see young men I have had the pleasure to coach succeed in life. This gives me all the more reason to devote all my time and energy to football." Johnson further stated.

Although he was born in Texas, Johnson spent most of his youth in Fullerton. While attending high school his love for sports was nurtured through participation in football, basketball, baseball and track.

Upon his graduation from high school Johnson entered the Merchant Marine and became a deck officer.

After one year he returned to Fullerton J.C. where he continued his athletic career in football, basketball and baseball. His athletic prowess while at FJC garnered him lifetime passes to all sporting events.

Receiving a football scholarship, Johnson then took his talents to San Jose State. During his first spring training he suffered a knee injury that rendered him incapable of further football action.

"Knee surgery at that time was not popular so I quit playing football," he reflected. "I decided I didn't want to go through my entire coaching career with a stiff leg."

In 1951 Johnson was graduated from San Jose with a B.S. in physical education.

Subsequently he was called into the army during the Korean conflict for two years. Johnson's duty was carried out in the counter-intelligence corps as a plainclothesman. No doubt, some of his strategic football tactics were blossoming during this period.

Following his discharge Johnson began graduate work at UCLA. His studies were cut short, however, when one year later he was offered a coaching position at El Rancho High School.

"For two years I acted as assistant coach and then in 1956 I became head coach," mused Johnson.

This was the beginning of a distinguished, if not outstanding, coaching career. Few coaches can boast about a career that Johnson quietly reflects about.

While serving as head coach Johnson guided his teams into 10 consecutive playoffs (1959-1968). His teams went to the finals 5 out of 10 times. He watched as they won two CIF championships and tied for a third.

In the 15 years spend at El Rancho Johnson developed teams the likes of which have not been seen since.

Long Beach State was the next step up the ladder as Johnson became a member of the coaching staff in 1968. Interestingly he found the four year college was not for him.

"Sports, especially football, are not just extracurricular activities, they serve an important function," he noted. "The problem with the four year schools is that many coaches don't realize how much work must be devoted to develop a good program," he further stated.

Another disillusioning aspect of his stay at Long Beach was the recruitment practices.

"Recruiting tactics really hurt the boys," Johnson admitted. "It makes them statistics. It gets to the point where everything happens just for the program and not for the players. Incorrect handling and special privileges ruined some otherwise good boys."

Football is for the players, according to Johnson. If the game becomes more important than the individuals the program is bound to weaken.

Newport Harbor High School enticed Johnson to accept the position of head coach in 1970. Once again he managed to accomplish what others could not.

"As a member of the Sunset League, Newport had to compete with Santa Ana who had won the league title year after year," Johnson pointed out. "It just so happened that the head coach at Santa Ana was a good friend of mine so it became a subtle rivalry. That year we won the league for the first time in 28 years," he continued.

Immediately following his season at Newport Johnson came to Cerritos. What has happened since is a further tribute to his talent as a coach.

During his second year, in 1972, Coach Johnson took his team to the South Coast Conference championship and state playoffs. He was also named South Coast Conference Coach of the Year by his coaching colleagues.

In the last two seasons, under Johnson's wing, the Falcons have lost four of five games by a field goal or less. Obviously, his coaching finesse is unquestionable.

One may wonder what motivates an individual to continually seek to become better at any given task. Candidly Johnson speaks of influencing factors.

"When I was a young boy my family didn't have much insofar as material possessions are concerned, but I was always told that a person could get ahead by always putting forth your best effort. That's the basis for me doing what I do."

Often times people think about how they would change their lives if they were given the chance. Being completely satisfied with what he has done, such is not the case for Coach Johnson.

"If I had the chance to do it all again I would do it the same way and in the same places," he conceded.

The secret to Johnson's contentment with his work and his past experience is that he truly enjoys what he is doing. Football is not merely a job, it is a way of life.

"No amount of money or anything else could have, in the past or presently, lured me away from coaching," he stated.

Indeed his enjoyment of work has caused him to miss only 1 1/2 days of school during his 21 year career.

"When you're happy doing something it even makes a cold feel not so bad," he quipped.

It is impossible for some to fathom how anything could provide as much satisfaction. Yet Johnson has ample justification for his feelings. His philosophy goes beyond simply throwing the old pigskin around the field.

"As has been said many times by just as many people, there is definitely a parallel between sports and life that makes it all worthwhile," he pondered. "The same is true with coaching. One must constantly strive to be better while at the same time being able to accept defeat."

"I'm forever trying to figure out the way to have a better and smarter team, constantly trying to improve. It is this same thing that I attempt to convey to my players, do your best on the field, in class and in your studies. The main thing is never to be sloppy, always put out the best effort," he stated further.

Ironically, winning is not the most important thing for Coach Johnson, although it is more than acceptable.

"Losing isn't the worst that could happen because it is going to happen somewhere along the line and you have to be big enough to accept it," he acknowledged. "If you do your best and lose you can live with that. Disappointments, on the football field and all through life, are much easier to accept if you've laid it all on the line," Johnson admonished.

Coach Johnson's preoccupation with football leaves little, if any, time for outside interests. However, he frankly admits he has no hobbies, except sports, that he would enjoy spending time on.

Perhaps it is because of the total support that his wife, Gina, provides that Johnson can be totally absorbed in his work.

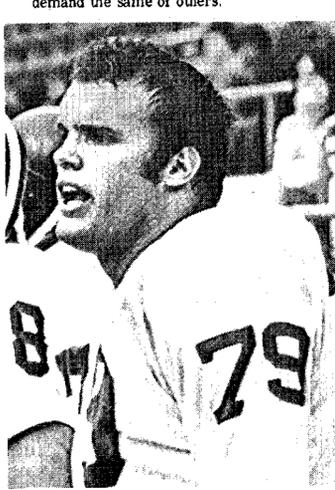
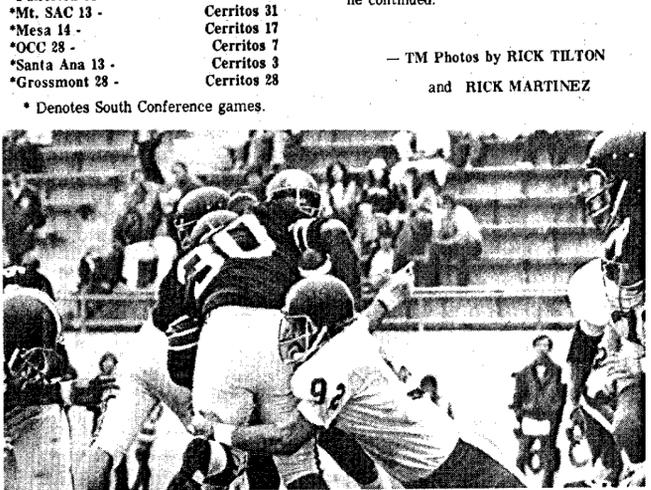
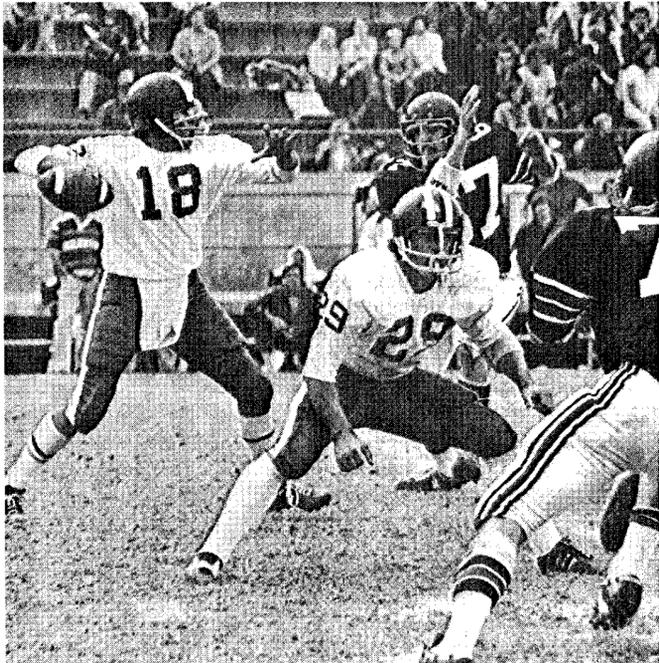
"It takes a special breed of woman to accept the demands of being a football wife," he observed. "Gina is very important to me since she is a great fan and is willing to do anything for the team."

A secretary at Cypress College, Johnson's wife is totally capable of doing what her husband cannot. Surprisingly, her mechanical abilities are far greater than his.

"Gina's strengths make up for my weaknesses," he remarked fondly.

Ernie Johnson's goal in life is to become the best football coach that ever lived. While he admits he may never accomplish this end, the iron willed, energetic and enthusiastic coach will never give up trying.

At times Johnson may appear to be too involved in his work, yet this is only true in so far as he has a conviction to do the best job and demand the same of others.



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Sports

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1975

Basketball takes 2nd at Citrus

By PAT MARTEL
TM Sports Editor

Los Angeles Valley College will have to be on guard as the 1975 Falcon basketball team visits their court tonight, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The Falcons, 3-3 for the year and coming off a second place finish in the Citrus Tourney, will be rebounding with energy as they seek to overpower LAVC.

Even more challenging for the Falcons will be the Saturday night (Dec. 13) rematch with the ever strong adversary, Los Angeles Harbor College.

Meeting for the first time since the 1974-1975 state championship finals, the Falcons will shoot to even the score which left them in the runnerup spot last year.

Forcing all-state center Willie Howard into foul trouble, the Seahawks bounced over the Falcons 77-58 for the state crown.

In recent action, the Falcons dropped in a 90-82 win over East Los Angeles College in the opening round of the Don Edwards Memorial Tourney at Citrus.

The overtime contest saw Howard pump in 33 points while Falcon teammate forward Darrell Lane hit 21.

With the score 76-76 at the end of regulation time, the Falcons manipulated 14 pts. at the free throw line compared to a mere 5 for ELAC.

Cerritos was far from being the powerhouse against SCC opponent Grossmont College in the semi-final round. At one point the Falcons trailed by 12 points before sinking a 65-52 victory.

Coming off the bench, sophomore forward Steve Guderian promptly pushed the game in the right direction for Cerritos.

In a retake of an earlier loss, Cerritos met Cypress College in the tournament finals.

The Chargers' swift attack proved too much for the Falcons as they lagged by as many as seven points in the bout. A single point gap, 48-47, made the difference as the Falcons handed the Chargers their third consecutive win.

Just before Christmas vacation the Falcons will migrate to Modesto J.C. for its annual tournament; Dec. 17-20.

Co-ed sports rally ahead

By BERNICE SEQUEIRA
TM Staff Writer

The nationally televised \$150 thousand co-ed tennis match Sunday which saw favored Billie Jean King and Marty Rissen upset by hard-playing Chris Everett and Jimmie Connors was a shot in the arm for co-ed sports, according to Rhea Gram, Cerritos Co-ordinator of Women's Athletics.

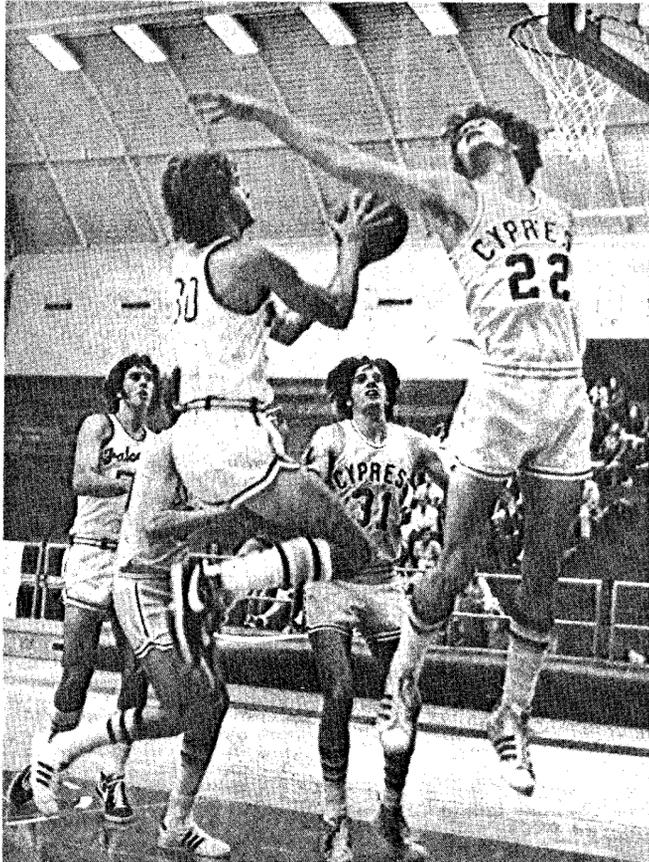
Co-ed sports are making a strong bid on the community college level, and Cerritos fields four strong co-ed teams in tennis, volleyball, badminton, and archery.

High schools and four-year colleges are not yet involved in co-ed sports, but most observers predict they will be soon.

"That tennis match proved to the whole country that men and women can participate in sports together and do an outstanding job," Gram said. "It can indeed be worthwhile for both the players and the spectators."

Running this semester are co-ed tennis coached by Dick Juliano and volleyball coached by Jeanine Prindle. Archery and badminton are scheduled for spring.

All are played according to the eligibility rules and standards governing the women's



HESITATION LAY-UP — Hustling Falcon Joe Damm takes to the air on a shot under pressure from Cypress forward Steve Jessier (22) who attempts to block effort. Damm got the shot off as Mike Van Holland of the

Cerritos five and Cypress's Tyrone Branan (31) move in. Falcons are off and running again this year, with conference action several games away.

—TM Photo by RICK TILTON

Poloists and runners honored at banquet

By PAT MARTEL
TM Sports Editor

Members of the 1975 Cross Country and Water Polo teams were honored recently (Dec. 3) at a banquet culminating this year's competition. Friends, family, administrators and coaches gathered to honor the outstanding athletes participating in these sports.

Serving as Master of Ceremonies, Don Siriani, Dean of Student Personnel, reminded

those present that "Cerritos would be an academic desert without sports."

Among special guests attending the banquet were Cerritos College President Dr. and Mrs.

Wilford Michael; Olive Scott, Dean of Academic Affairs; Rhea Gram, Coordinator of Women's Athletics; Director of Athletics and Mrs. Don Hall; Louise Hastings, Cerritos College Trustee; Cross Country Coach Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kamanski; and Mr. Pat Tyne, Water Polo Coach and wife.

Former Cerritos College athlete Robert Schupp served as guest speaker for the event. Presently, Santa Ana College swimming and water polo coach, Schupp was a Falcon letterman in both of these sports. He was also named Most Valuable Player for two years in both activities while at Cerritos.

Cross country coach Kamanski recalled the record and highlights of the '75 season. "Although we placed sixth in the conference and eleventh in the state, it should be understood that we competed against some of the toughest teams in the state."

Members of the cross country squad include Gilbert Acedo, Jim Powell, Hugh Villegas, David Lizardi, Mark Carusa, Royce Fernando, Steve Moran and Steve Schultz.

Acedo was named Outstanding Cross Country Runner by virtue of his moving from the number 11 position on last year's team to the number 1 position this year. He was beaten only twice by fellow Falcon runners.

Team Captain and Co-Captain awards were presented to Acedo and Villegas respectively. Kamanski praised both athletes and commented that "Hugh and Gil were the most improved distance runners. They have tremendous desire and dedication."

Recognizing the water poloists, Coach Tyne indicated that he was fortunate to have "a very dedicated group of individuals." Indeed, the poloists were devoted enough to participate in 6 a.m. practices five days a week over the entire season.

The water polo team this year included Robert Doeve, Michael Graf, Timothy Hooper, Mark Montgomery, Jack Parmelly, Vance Parmelly, Allan Sammartano, Richard Scoggins, Walter Tayenaka, David Van Leeuwen, Ron Woodruff and William Stone.

Water Polo Team Captain, Scoggins, was presented with a special award for his leadership abilities. A graduate of Santa Fe High, he is a sophomore.

Most Valuable Player was attributed to Montgomery for his outstanding talent. In his second year at Cerritos, he previously attended Artesia High which does not even have a water polo team.

Life time passes were given to Hooper, Montgomery, Sammartano, Scoggins, Tayenaka and Woodruff, all graduating sophomores.

Football to be feted

The 1975 Cerritos College football awards banquet will be held tonight at 7. Tickets are still available in the campus box office for \$8 per person.

Sheraton Anaheim Hotel will be the site for the banquet which is sponsored annually by the Cerritos Bench Club to honor the Falcon football team.

Falcons visit LBCC for league championship

Women's team overpowers SBVC 73-45

By PAT MARTEL
TM Sports Editor

The Cerritos College women's basketball team will utilize psychological warfare tactics as they battle Long Beach City College today, Dec. 10 at 3:30 on the Viking court, for the league title.

Consuming numerous Hershey chocolate bars before the match, the Falcons hope to repeat their 73-45 victory over San Bernardino Valley (Dec. 8).

"I fed them all Hershey bars an hour before the game and they went wild," recalls Coach Nancy Kelly. "It had been brought to my attention that the candy bars might give them some added energy during the late afternoon games. Whether it's psychological or not I don't care, if it works that's all that counts," she noted enthusiastically.

If the Falcons are able to perform as they did earlier in the season against LBCC (59-52), Hershey bars may not be necessary.

With second place standing in the league and a sure chance to enter the state championship tournament, Cerritos must clinch this game in order to have a shot at first place.

Should the Falcons lose against the Vikes, Cerritos will remain in second place. However, if LBCC loses, both teams will replay Fri. Dec. 12 (5:30 p.m.) on a neutral court at El Camino College, for the league title.

Should the recent San Bernardino Valley conflict be any indication, Cerritos will be in complete control against the Vikes.

With a comfortable half time lead 39-22, Coach Kelly warned of becoming too lackadaisical.

"When you get ahead, the team tends to become non-chalant," she admitted. "After the half we tried to overcome this so that we would be better prepared for the LBCC game. We practiced a number of new plays in preparation," she continued.

Far from one of the most artful games, the Falcons played "sloppy and rough."

"Actually we didn't play great, but it was adequate," mused Kelly. "It was a type of jungle ball with lots of contact," she quipped.

Pouring it on during the second half, the strongly unified Falcons had a clear edge over the unorganized effort displayed by SBV. There was an excellent show of defense in the 73-45 win.

"As with many teams we've played there was no real show of team work," noted Coach Kelly. "Five individuals cannot accomplish what a well unified team can, even if there is one or two great players."

San Bernardino Valley was not without talent. One player sunk 19 points while a teammate scored 17 in the game.

Although the Falcons pride themselves on their imminent team work, individual talent is clearly visible.

Equalling a team record set by Norma Jackson, Barbara Reinalda hit 27 points against SBV. She also administered a remarkable 3 tip-ins, which is alone an accomplishment.

MarTelling Sports

Spelunkers for CC add depth to sports

By Pat Martel
TM Sports Editor

As I was leaving through the schedule of athletic events the other day, it occurred to me that Cerritos has a blase sports program.

Think about it. What does our old Alma Mater have to offer the daring, courageous physically fit person who can't make it in football, basketball, wrestling, badminton, track, water polo, swimming, tennis, boxing, social dancing, racquetball, volleyball, cross country, golf, archery, or gymnastics? The answer is nothing.

Granted, anybody who can't find his niche in this varied program would be considered less than the average great American boy or girl. After all, what boy or girl doesn't want to play football, basketball or baseball?

These sports are institutions in our country. Monday night football is as American as Colonel Sander's Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Baseball, as Madison Avenue has informed us, is as down home as the hot dog.

So, who cares if some poor, misguided Falcon can't make it on these traditionally accepted teams? Nobody—that's the problem.

What we need is a team for the shy, unassuming athlete who doesn't care for the recognition of spectator sports.

An organized, intercollegiate spelunking (spee-lunk-ing) team would be great. Consider the implications.

The first-ever competitive cave exploring team... It could be the opening of a cavernous activity.

Many people are in the dark when it comes to spelunking. Actually, cave exploring is one of the oldest known sporting activities.

As early as Peking Man, cave exploration was a widely accepted sport. The Chinese even beat us at spelunking.

With the progression of time, cave exploration became an even greater competitive sport. The first known record for spelunking was set in 1876 by John Beaumont de Conque.

After reaching the then unheard of depth of 210 feet, de Conque was said to have noted, "this hole thing is depressed."

Reinalda has been averaging 52.8 percent shooting, with 15.9 points per game. To date she has been top scorer with 186 points for 11 games.

Sinking 18 points in the SBV game, Jackson has been among the top five scorers. Averaging 32.1 percent for shooting, she has scored 135 points for the Falcon cagers. Jackson has garnered 11.7 points per game.

Janice Viano has averaged 50 percent for field goal shots while gaining 103 points for Cerritos. Dropping in 10.3 points per game, she has picked up 73 rebounds and has the highest average for assists at 4.4 per game.

Coming back off a knee injury suffered in the East Los Angeles battle (Oct. 22), Carla Lokus has turned in admirable performances. Against the Mt. SAC Mounties, Lokus sunk 5 to 6 shots from the floor and averaged 83 percent while scoring 14 points. At the free throw line she shot 4 for 4 with the only 100 percent average. She also administered 5 assists throughout the game.

Offering all the Falcons cagers the opportunity to see action against SBV, Coach Kelly was prepping for the forthcoming state championship tourney to be held Dec. 15, 16 and 17 at Fullerton College.

Cerritos falls to El Camino

By PAT KENNEDY
TM Staff Writer

The young and quickly improving Cerritos wrestlers lost a narrow 20-18 match to the No. 1 ranked team in the state, El Camino, in a battle that was undecided until in the last second of the contest.

After over-powering Rio Hondo, 36-7; Bakersfield, 36-3, and Southwestern, 45-2, the Falcons ran into a polished El Camino squad who successfully defended their state ranking when Cerritos heavy-weight Charley Cheek was denied a pin in the last match.

Cheek handily defeated his opponent 8-0, but under the point system of wrestling, a superior win was needed to over-come El Camino.

Cerritos highpoints were provided by Robert Jones and Tony Fuertsch who defeated CIF champions Don Zeller and Ted Kelly respectively. Steve Hart and Marty Marciel, who coach Hal Simonek described as a team leader and an inspiration, were also victorious.

The Falcon team is scheduled for three tournaments before the Christmas recess. However, Simonek erases any mystery as to his long range plans.

"I believe we have one of the top two teams in our conference, and perhaps one of the top six in the state. In January, our conditioning will pay off and everything will be going our way... I feel we owe it to the school to bring home a conference championship."

Since 1876, 20 world records have been set for spelunking. The greatest known depth record set occurred in 1969. After having recessed 3,850 feet in the Gouffre de la Pierre Saint Martin, Speleo Crater aighted speaking these historic words. "I have reached the depth of my career."

There are numerous people who have given the thought of spelunking grave consideration. These cave dwellers have helped to keep the sport alive.

Aside from mere exploration, endurance is considered to be of cavernous importance in this sport. The only record of duration was set from June 24, 1969 to September 30, 1970 by Milutin Evac.

Evac's successful bid to remain underground for more than a year was greater than miner importance.

Commenting on this feat, Evac stated, "My deepest feelings have been hollowed."

Realizing the historic significance of spelunking, it would be safe to assume that cave exploration would have countless enthusiasts as well as participants here at Cerritos.

One small problem might be encountered as far as facilities are concerned. To date there is no cave within the Cerritos College district that may be utilized for this sport.

As interest continues to grow in the area of cave exploring, perhaps it will become possible to borrow another school's spelunking facilities just as some schools use football stadiums.

At any rate, the idea of adding more competitive activities to the list already established is not bad.

With pride, varsity spelunkers could display their agility, resourcefulness, and strength against other caverns.

No doubt, with the onslaught of new and challenging athletic events, Spelunking could become the sport of the century.

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Hear ye, Hear ye ...

On Nov. 18, the Cerritos College Board of Trustees approved plans to hold a public hearing on the question of whether to build or not to build a 2,000 seat auditorium and cultural center complex in cooperation with the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

Talon Marks supports the idea of this complex, but there are many questions about the nitty-gritty of the proposed agreement that must be answered before it is too late.

The public hearing scheduled for Jan. 13 is everyone's chance to raise questions to the Board directly. Everyone means faculty, community, staff and perhaps most importantly, the students of the college.

It is the student here that will bear the ultimate impact of a \$4 million expenditure now and a \$7.5 tax income forfeiture over the next

20 years, whether it is positive or negative. As was mentioned by the President of the Faculty Senate, Howard Taslitz, is this the best use of the land and the money?

We support the concept of an auditorium of adequate stature here on campus. Is the CRA proposal the best way to accomplish this end?

The best way to have these questions answered and to present others for consideration is to attend the Trustee's public meeting.

This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1976. It is not that far away and this will be the only opportunity for direct input to the Board on the matter of the CRA auditorium/cultural center proposal.

Here's your chance.

Letters to the Editor ...

The Editor, Talon Marks:

In the interest of student body understanding, I would appreciate your publishing of the remarks below which were prompted by the Karen Altman written piece titled IN REVUE (sic) which appeared in the November 28, 1975 Talon Marks:

Edward Kaye-Martin who directed the show "The Rainmaker" is a distinguished acting teacher who headed the UCLA acting program for some five years. He also has an outstanding reputation as a private acting coach and has among his students various professional actors and graduate students of theatre.

Some of his students and others who knew of his work enrolled at Cerritos in Theatre 29 in order to be eligible for participation in "The Rainmaker." Mr. Kaye-Martin and I discussed this situation before the casting and during the casting of "The Rainmaker."

Mr. Kaye-Martin assured me that ALL students who auditioned for the play were screened, interviewed and given due consideration for parts in an OPEN casting situation.

In numerous talks with Cerritos students enrolled for our full program, I explained that working with more advanced and professional actors would be of benefit to them, and that the production would benefit both Cerritos acting students and others of the audience.

Since Cerritos Theatre Arts now provides students four Theatre 29 productions, two to four Theatre 31 Children's Theatre productions, four nine week experiences in Community Touring Theatre 30 productions, and a summer musical production work far exceed those at almost all two year colleges and are equal or better than the offerings at many four year institutions.

As to the success or failure of "The Rainmaker," I can only point out that writer Altman is entitled to her opinion, and if she exercises integrity and good judgement, is entitled to her Talon Marks published opinion. I must add that I attended the show on two occasions and found it an excellent and engrossing theatre experience and as apparently did the full houses when I attended.

I have had numerous unsolicited comments from those in other theatre departments, both students and instructors, and from American College Theatre Festival evaluators and advisory council members.

They have unanimously praised "The Rainmaker" and the brilliant performance of Gail Bryson as Lizzie and that of Damon Douglas as Jimmy.

Many have also praised the work of Robert Parsons as H.C. Curry.

Others, including Professor G. Edward Hearn of UCLA who is a nationally known technical theatre expert, have been quite complimentary as to the technical design and operation of "The Rainmaker."

Thus it appears obvious that the cast, director and technical staff of "The Rainmaker" provided the Cerritos community with a superior production.

Sincerely,

Lee Korf
Chairman, Theatre Arts Department

Dear Editor,

In one scene of the Cerritos College production of "The Rainmaker," the elder son Noah, has just rudely and without sensitivity imposed his views upon his brother Jimmy. When their sister Lizzie criticizes his harsh methods, Noah's defense is in essence, "These things are always unpleasant, but someone has to do them." Whereupon Lizzie retorts "Maybe so Noah, but you enjoy it."

That's also the feeling I got while reading reviewer Karen Altman's comments about the play in the Nov. 26 issue of the "Talon Marks".

Faults were to be found in the production of "The Rainmaker," but not as many as might be expected in a play having a relatively short rehearsal and run schedule.

Something else the reviewer failed to grasp was the fact that the play's Lizzie was no immature girl, but a woman on the threshold of spinsterhood, certainly a tragedy in those times. Therefore, when Robert Parsons as Lizzie's father seems to placidly accept her liaison with rainmaker Starbuck, it's actually a reluctant acknowledgement of reality.

The decision was his daughter's, and perhaps her only chance for a glimpse of the rainbow. So the criticism of the father's reaction should have been directed to the play's author—not to the actor who has the freedom to interpret lines but not to rewrite them.

Parsons as the father was excellent, fashioning a steadfast man of warmth and perception, while at the same time conveying parental frustration at his inability to solve his children's problems.

Of the play's two lawmen, anyone who has been fortunate (or unfortunate) enough to have known a rural sheriff, would realize Ron Janssen's easy going but testy characterization had the authentic drawl of truth to it. Bob Baumier portrayed with pragmatic tautness the deputy File, whose yearning for Lizzie he rigidly denies to everyone, including himself.

At the same time he keeps us aware of a man's passion to trust and love again. It was a controlled performance that might be misinterpreted by a novice, if they haven't been in the "thespian" kitchen very long.

I agree Damon Douglas zeppered in as the younger brother Jimmy, and breezed away with every scene he was in.

The whole cast's dedication to believability was exemplified in Dan Payne, when as Noah, he dutifully swallows two raw egg yolks during the breakfast scene.

The scenery enhanced the production, and the attention to detail and authenticity was evident.

Lack of a curtain, no novelty in these days of theatre-in-the-round, might have been a draw-back to some, but most of the audience managed to cope quite well with the help of an ability called "imagination."

In retrospect, "The Rainmaker" might have warranted reviewer Altman's thunder, but not the lightning shaft.

Elizabeth Harrison
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Dear Editor:

I am writing you this letter to express my dissatisfaction on the matter of an article that

CHET STRAND

Feels best yet to come as age proves no bar to learning

By RICK RUIZ
TM Feature Editor

There are some people in this world who never seem to get enough learning whether it be book learning or just learning about life. They seem to make a habit of going to school and traveling, even if it means hopping a freight train or two.

At least one man on campus that fits this description well. His name is Chester Milo Strand — Chet to his friends, and that can include just about everybody.

Chet was born in Ada, Minnesota, in 1904 to the owner of a small grocery store, but before he reached five he and his family moved to Grand Harbor North Dakota.

Chet used to work in the post office section in his father's store, and whenever he felt like a little candy, he would walk around the counter and grab some. His uncle, however, came up with a plan to break him of his habit.

The Uncle and Chet's father locked him into the store one night and told him to eat as much of the candy as he could by morning, hoping this would make him sick of the stuff.

Chet's dad changed his mind a little later and

went back to let him out. The next morning when he and his father went back to the store, they found it had been blown apart that night by some thieves trying to get into the post office safe.

When Chet started high school, he began to get a little different version of the spring fever. Although he had a reputation "for being something of a smart alec," he was a very good student and had little trouble at school, academically speaking.

But that old spring fever would latch hold of him and he knew it was time to explore the world. When he got that urge he would look over across the room at one of his buddies, put up his hand and reach for an imaginary train whistle that signaled his mood.

Next day the two would meet on a street corner somewhere and head out of town to catch the first freight train going their way.

Now you have to understand that these trains didn't just stop and pick them up, — these adventurers had to jump them at full speed. There is, however, a science to this practice.

First, you have to make sure that you grab the box-car on the dead run—if you caught it standing still it would pull your arms off. But even more important is that you catch the car in the front.

When you catch a train going 30-40 mph, it picks you up off the dead run and "slaps you against the side of the car like a wet rag."

If you caught the tail end, it would throw you in between the cars and cut you in two, he said. Because of these and similar adventures, it took Chet seven years to finish high school. But don't be fooled, this man is definitely no dummy.

Chet first came to California in 1925, at the age of 21. He came with his family, partly because his father suffered from rheumatism and partly for the opportunities.

From 1925 to 1926, he attended McKay's Business College. He also leased his own college of business in San Pedro, the Standard Secretarial School, and has taught in some other business schools in the San Pedro-Long Beach area.

After this string of jobs, he landed with the Shell Oil Company where he worked as the supervisor of shipping clerks, making what he termed a "bundle," or about \$200 a week. You have to remember that this was 1927-1928, and there hadn't been too much inflation.

He saved his "bundle" and in 1932 enrolled at Arizona State University as a pre-med major. He finished three years of pre-med and then came back to L.A. where he enrolled in Los Angeles City College's chiropractic courses.

He had decided to become a chiropractor while in high school. After a football game one evening he and a friend were involved in an auto accident which severely injured his neck. The father of the boy who was driving the car he was in just happened to be a chiropractor. When the doc was through with him he was as good as new, and "this sort of straightened him out."

appeared a month back. The article I am referring to was on the subject of GAP.

First, I'll give you a quick history of what happened. A week before the article was printed, I came to your office to express my views for an article to be written on the recycling center. Maybe I should have stressed those words.

As it turned out, the matter was muffed up but good. When I read it, it expressed a totally different idea than I had in mind.

I went to the author to convey my displeasure at the manner in which she wrote the article. It had never occurred to her to interview the person who had asked for the interview about the recycling center.

I don't feel that GAP got an accurate portrayal of its main purpose, but rather, was made to look like a money oriented project only. The last few lines typified the article completely.

I think it would be of immense pleasure to hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours Truly,

William R. Busuttill

Problems Consuming

If you have a problem involving yourself as a consumer, and you don't know exactly where to go you might try CPP. Their phone number is (213) 825-2820. They are located in the office of Environmental and Consumer Affairs-UCLA.

Reporter's rights guaranteed through constitutional shield

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In the last issue of Talon Marks, I advanced both the pros and cons of the current issue of shield laws, more often known as newsman's privilege, and gave examples of what can happen to the seemingly unalterable first amendment rights in regards to a free press.

In regards to the possibility of a national shield law, I feel that this may become a reality quite soon, perhaps it will not be an absolute guarantee of freedom of the press, and thereby freedom of information, that many would expect.

It would rather be a qualified shield which would only protect the reporter under certain qualified conditions, and when these conditions are not met or if a member of the judiciary or investigative body feels that a reporter has information that is considered vital to the protection then fails, whether or not it is in the best interests of the many as opposed to the few.

This, and the legislative prerogative to take away as well as to grant privilege, are serious flaws in the shield law thought.

I feel that special laws are not needed to protect news reporters from contempt of court. As I stated before, the first amendment to the constitution is the only, and the most complete defense for privilege.

The first amendment states that, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free expression thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, or to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

"Secrecy in government is fundamentally anti-democratic, perpetuating bureaucratic errors. Open debate and discussion are vital to our national health. On public questions there should be uninhibited, robust and wide-open debate," according to Justice William O. Douglas in the U.S. Supreme Court case of New York Times v. Sullivan in 1964.

Arguments for protection? Yes, but the protection is already there.

While it is true that the judiciary has the power and the right to interpret the law, it cannot interpret the constitution, only the Supreme Court can do that.

It has also been stated that in the last twenty

years all major government scandals were discovered by the press.

It is in this vein where a shield law would most likely fail, for a shield law passed by congress would only cover the jurisdiction of the federal courts, leaving the reporter in states which have no law unprotected.

Again, in both the case of the federal law and in states where there may be a shield law, the courts could still interpret or perhaps go as far as to overrule such a measure, thereby voiding both the intent and spirit of the law to gain a specific end.

The final factor in determining the value of a shield law is that only a minute percentage of news stories are generated through secret sources and even fewer are of the magnitude that would warrant protection from anything other than the Canons of Journalism, the ethics that guide all but the unscrupulous reporter.

I had hoped when I began this column that I could generate some comments from the student body in regards to this issue, and to formulate what could be considered a representative sample to reflect the views of the area.

Though not unexpected, but to my dismay, Cerritos College seems to be all too typical of the community and the nation as a whole in its silence on a very vital issue, one that could affect the very foundation of our society.



There were problems however. Because of some of the "un-ethical practices" of some of his chiropractic cohorts, Chet decided to leave the study behind for awhile.

He did have a family to support, so he contacted some old friends in the merchant marine and the next thing he knew he was piloting an oil tanker through the Panama Canal.

The life of a seaman is hard, and there was more than one fight in which he scarred his knuckles.

One time, some of the inhabitants of a city in Central America warned the crew of Chet's vessel that white men didn't walk about the street alone. Chet doesn't like to brag, but nobody ever told him he couldn't do anything, so with his knife hidden up his sleeve the 6'4" sailor walked the length alone.

He had other adventures, of course, like the time he was at the wheel of his ship during a hurricane.

Waves would wash completely over the ship and, he could "see the waves breaking over the bow, then over the first mast then over the second." Then with a "roar," the wheel house would be swept by a huge sea.

This kept him occupied for a few years, but in 1942 he was drafted into the Army. After initial testing, it was learned that he had an IQ of about 150, which automatically made him eligible for Officer's Candidate School.

Unfortunately, however, they discovered he had bronchitis and put him into a limited service category, which excluded him from being commissioned, so after less than a year he left the service.

After that, he bought a commercial fishing boat out of San Pedro which was equipped with one of "Joe's Famous reverse gear shifters." Shark and albacore were the main catches for the three seasons he operated it.

Then, he landed a job with a team from Cal Tech which was studying rockets in the China Lake area. More problems with his heart, due to the heat of the region, prevented him from keeping the job for long. There used to be a thermometer hanging in the tent where they worked," he said, "and I can remember seeing it hit 130 degrees many times."

Afterwards, he was offered jobs as a chiropractor, a carpenter, and he even taught classes at LACC, almost. He actually never got past the first day because the dean told him they wanted him to drop one of his classes, something he couldn't afford to do, so he quit.

He was even appointed to the Internal Revenue Service once, but declined.

It wasn't until he found a job with the Good Humor Company (remember the ice cream bars?) as steam and refrigeration engineer that he settled down. That was around 1957 and he worked there till he retired in 1969.

Since his retirement, he has just been taking it easy, attending classes at the Harbor Occupational Center, and at Cerritos College where today he is taking a metal finishing class and a wood finishing class where he makes cedar chests.

During his entire life, there has been only one objective to Chet's life — to learn as much as he could and to love as many as possible.

"Never forget a friend," he says, "because you never know when you're going to need one."

Some people just don't seem to understand, he thinks. "Some tell me, 'Why don't you take advantage of people more often?', but I believe in the brotherhood of man and I'm big enough and smart enough to make a living at anything I want to do, so I don't have to take advantage of people."

"And that's why my wife loves me so much," he quipped.



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