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Cast of "Little Mary Sunshine"

'Little Mary Sunshine' opens Friday

By KATHY MITOBE
TM Staff Writer

Rehearsals are in their final stages for the Cerritos College 25 Anniversary gala production of "Little Mary Sunshine," opening March 19-21 and 25-28.

A type of vaudevillian musical comedy, "Little Mary" deals mainly with properly educated schoolgirls who fall for handsome mounties.

Director Fred Fate commented, "This is one of the finest casts for a musical. They are industrious, hard-

working and have good futures ahead of them."

Male lead Chuck Wagner commented on Linden Waddell who plays the part of Little Mary Sunshine, "Linden is quite an excellent comic actress. She has a good strong voice, very intellectual and is just a doll to work with. She makes a good Mary Sunshine. She's a different type to play it, but I find it in her favor."

Wagner, originally from Tennessee, attended the University of Alabama where he was named outstanding freshman in theatre. He then came to

California and graduated from USC with a full two-year scholarship. He is currently living in Hollywood where he hopes to have an aspiring film and stage career.

The character he portrays is Captain "Big Jim" Warrington. The reason Wagner enjoys his part is because he can identify with the mountie. "Rangers have a feel for the outdoors. They are more conscious of nature. I can identify with him in this sense because I spent time in the mountains and I'd rather be outside than inside."

Randy Newell, assistant director, plays the part of Corporal Billy Jester stated, "We have a good comic cast. Everyone is very bright when it comes to handling comedy and comic timing as far as style goes. I find my part simple and bright. It's just a fun show to do."

Ron Manual, a USC faculty member, is the musical director. Newell described Manual as "excellent, very professional." He continued, "Vocally the show is superb and he (Manual) is taking us that much higher."

As far as the job that Fred Fate is doing with "Little Mary" Newell remarked, "Fred does excellent work. I know him from LACC Theatre Academy and I like his work a lot. He's perfect for this type of show that's bright sunny and silly."

Fate remarked, "The community will see the quality that Cerritos College has and consistently has been doing."

Tickets are available at the Burnight box office, Monday through Friday from 12-3 p.m. General admission is \$6 and \$3 for students.

Board tables competency test Sees extensive counseling, pre-testing as solution

By WANDA EDWARDS
TM Staff Writer

Are Cerritos students proficient in the "3 R's"?

That elementary question is one administrators, faculty and trustees of this college have grappled with for several months now.

At last night's Board meeting, the issue of competency testing to ascertain student levels of achievement were discussed at length but did not come to resolution.

Not ruled out was the idea of a stiff, comprehensive "blanket" test for Associate of Art degree candidates just prior to graduation.

"We would rather do more pre-testing," explained Olive Scott, vice-president of instruction, in an interview prior to last evening's meeting. Scott authored the competency ascertainment reports and memos presented to the Board over the past few months.

Up-grading the classroom experience to assure quality education as students go along in their studies seems a better plan of action, she said.

Certain recommendations include additional placement testing for new students, more guidance counseling and the inclusion of "3 R" subjects in division Certificate programs was approved by the Board.

A review of requirements for students receiving degrees from Cerritos was initiated last fall when media reports indicated a trend toward the "watering down" of quality education in California and the nation.

Changing requirements of California state universities and colleges were also noted by school administrators. Unless requirements at Cerritos were up-graded to correlate with the four-year schools, transferring could become difficult, they said.

Initially, Instruction's V.P. Scott felt grade-point averages were sufficient in themselves in "tracking the success" of Cerritos graduates. A "self-study" of each department was set in motion by the Board's persistent concern, however, and the result was the "plan of action" approved at last evening's Board of Trustees meeting.

The plan deals with these vital areas:

More guidance counseling. Currently, only first-time, full-time students are required to see a counselor. Almost 90% of Cerritos' new students each semester, however, are part-time. Unless they choose to see a counselor, part-time students could complete several semesters without guidance.

The new plan will require students to see a counselor after acquiring a specified number of units—a number yet to be determined by the curriculum committee.

A computerized student history file begun two years ago will be up-dated to aid both students and counselors in keeping tabs on individual progress also.

More basics for Certificate candidates. Basic skill subjects requirements will be added to division Certificate programs.

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Three plea-bargain in counterfeiting case

By FRED GOFF
and KURT PETERSON

Sentencing has been set for three former Cerritos College students who pleaded guilty to lesser charges after facing six counts of manufacturing and passing over \$1 million in counterfeit bills.

The three, Calvin Lindsay, 33, of Bellflower; Mark Sorg, 21, of Bell; and Donald McCone, 18, of Cerritos, were arrested Nov. 21 of last year by the U.S. Secret Service following a 13-day investigation into the manufacturing of \$1.225 million in bogus bills.

The defendants, who are all former members of Cerritos College fraternity Alpha Phi Beta, face sentencing next month.

Lindsay, who pleaded guilty to one count of passing counterfeit bills, will be sentenced in Federal District Court in Los Angeles April 14.

Sorg, who allegedly printed the fake notes, pleaded guilty to one count of manufacturing and faces sentencing April 15.

McCone also pleaded guilty to one count of passing and will be sentenced April 13.

All three come under the jurisdiction of Judge A. Wallace Tashima who presided over their cases earlier this month.

Lindsay pleaded guilty to the passing of three counterfeit \$20's and is expected to draw probation.

Sorg, who has been arrested on

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Decision due tomorrow in A Phi B court trial

By WAYNE WURZER
TM Associate Sports Editor

Verdicts are expected tomorrow afternoon regarding the charges of fraud, misrepresentation and float-building rule violations against currently inactive Alpha Phi Beta Fraternity.

The ASCC Supreme Court went into executive session Thursday March 5 to begin deliberations of the multiple charges filed by panhellenic members Kathy Gabel and Mike Warren.

Final testimonies concerning the case that stems back to last semester's homecoming were given Thursday, March 5, before another large crowd of students.

President of A Phi B, Bob Anderson, began the hearing by reading and

presenting a signed statement from Lambda Phi Sigma that said the sorority's name shouldn't have been on the court complaint because a formal vote was never taken among its members.

He continued by firing a series of crisp, sharp questions at Gabel to determine if she had seen or taken part in the chicken wire transaction between A Phi B and D Phi O.

She answered, "no" to both queries. Upon further questioning of Gabel, Anderson established that part of D Phi O's float was brought in from a different area after being welded by a non-member.

Regarding Gabel's answers,
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EFFECTIVE JULY 1

State mandates grading policy

By PAUL SIMON
TM Staff Writer

A new grading policy which includes revisions in student grade report symbols, a new program called Progress Probation and changes in credit/no-credit classes will go into effect at Cerritos College July 1, 1981.

The general plan will be implemented in all community colleges throughout California. The Cerritos College Grading Policy Committee is in charge of putting the plan into operation here.

One of the highlights of the policy is the new Progress Probation program.

Many students at Cerritos are familiar with academic probation, the status assigned a student when his cumulative GPA falls below 2.0.

Academic probation may be cleared by raising the cumulative GPA back to 2.0 or above.

Beginning July 1, a student will be put on progress probation when the amount of "W" (withdrawal), "I" (incomplete) and "NC" (no credit) grades received reaches or exceeds 50 percent.

Students who have been on either academic or progress probation for two consecutive semesters may be dismissed from college.

Olive Scott, Vice-President of Instruction, calls this and the other revisions "overdue."

In the past, Cerritos College has maintained a policy restricting a student from taking more than one credit/no-credit class per semester.

But, mainly due to the large amount of these classes, the Grading Policy Committee has proposed to raise that number.

The credit/no-credit class program is optional to Community Colleges and thus colleges which offer this program must adopt and publish appropriate regulations.

According to Howard Taslitz, faculty senate chairman, the proposal would allow students to take as many credit/no-credit classes per semester as they want, however only one may be used for transfer credit.

Also, students can now take more than 15 units of credit/no-credit classes under the new plan, provided that the number of transferable units does not exceed 15.

However, students would still have to carry at least a 2.0 GPA to be able to take a credit/no-credit class.

Another policy change centers around student grade report symbols.

Under the old plan, the school decided what definitions to use for each grade symbol. Under the new plan, however, colleges are given a set of definitions by the state, which will be uniform to all schools.

Grades "A" and "F" will still represent "excellent" and "failing." Letter grade "B", which previously stood for "above average" will now say "good." Grade "C" will now read "satisfactory" while it used to read "average," and "D," which was "below average" has been changed to "passing, less than satisfactory."

"CR" (credit) and "NC" (no-credit) are grades given in credit/no-credit classes.

Before, "CR" was written as "credit earned." Now it will read "credit, at least satisfactory, the equivalent of a 'C'."

"NC", which previously said "no-credit," will now say "no-credit, less than satisfactory or failing."

The biggest change within the revision concerns the letter grade "I" (incomplete).

An "I" given to a student now must be accompanied by a written document, included with his report card.

The statement will contain conditions for the removal of the grade and must also show the grade assign-
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Companies on campus today for 12th annual Job Info Day

By BARBARA ANDERSON
TM Staff Writer

"Happiness is getting hired."

That's the theme of today's 12th annual Job Information Day. Nearly forty companies will be on hand here, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to discuss present and future job opportunities.

Madge Hudson and Wilma Maughn, job placement interviewers and coordinators of the program are very enthusiastic about its success. Hudson said, "Every year, there is a waiting list of companies wanting to get involved, but the Student Center can only hold so many people." Approximately 700 people attended last year's program.

Hudson encourages students to come out.

"I think this is a wonderful opportunity to see and talk with top company personnel and find out what opportunities are waiting for them, this is their big chance."

Her one suggestion was that people may want to bring resumes. In past years, representatives have collected up to 53 applications.

Firms that will be represented include Automobile Club of Southern California, Bank of America, Bechtel Corporation, Bradshaw Incorporated, Cahn Instruments, California Highway Patrol, Chief Auto Parts, City of Cerritos, Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Denny's Inc., Deutsch Co., Flour E & C, General Telephone, IBM, Knotts Berry Farm, Lockheed,

Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Los Angeles City Fire Department, Los Angeles Police Department, L.A. Department of Water and Power, L.A. County Clerk, L.A. County Marshal's Dept, Los Angeles Times and Market Basket.

Other firms that will be represented include Occidental Life of California, Pacific Telephone, Rockwell International Space Business, Safeway Stores, Inc., Security Pacific National Bank, Department of Social Services, Southern California Edison Co., Straw Hat Restaurant Corporation, Teledyne, TWA, U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, Winchell's, Van Waters & Rogers, and Millers Outpost.



SHOW STOPPER—Co-ordinator of Student Activities Norm Price puts an abrupt halt to a performance by "Strange Daze" Thursday in the Student Center as the group's lead

singer looks on. Price stepped up on the stage and brought an end to the concert after the group used "vulgar" language which Board policy prohibits.
—TM Photo by DEAN NAKAMURA

Tests

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are not one and the same," Vice President Scott explained. The A.A. degree is terminal for some students while some attend only to become certified in a certain area. These students need to be proficient in the 3 R's also, she said.

More placement tests in the "3 R's."

READING — A new reading test will be given along with English and Math placement tests to all new students.

Long-range plans include department final exams to standardize English student's proficiency in all fundamental areas.

According to Vice-President Scott, a University of Texas survey recently stated that the majority of high school graduates have a 3.0 GPA but read below an 8th grade level. When they enter grade 13 and are required to read at that level, they can't function.

"Students cannot function reading two grade levels below the grade they are in," Scott said.

The problem is that high schools do not require enough reading or writing.

"Very large classes present a logistical problem for teachers," Scott added. Consequently, they fall back on multiple choice testing that allows students to get by without upgrading these skills.

WRITING — A one-hour lab will accompany Eng. 50.1, 50.11, 50.12, 55.1 and 55.2 effective this fall.

At the core of the competency controversy is the fact that the average high school student cannot express himself or herself in the written word, an ability Cerritos educators place in high priority for A. A. degree candidates and those transferring to four-year schools.

ARITHMETIC — Math proficiency is seen as crucial to the advancing technology of our age, but levels of proficiency for students pursuing math-related subjects are not lagging as are word skills, educators have found.

The availability of micro-computers at school — even at home — has altered the state of math requirements for students, Scott indicated. And transfer requirements do not always include math.

"We don't need math quite as much to get along in the world, but we do need the ability to communicate."

Emphasis on up-grading the "3 R's" of Cerritos students have zeroed in on competent communication, she said.



CAMPUS VISITOR—Colorful green dragon was part of a menagerie of performers sponsored on campus recently by the Crusade for Christ club. Club meets on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in LA-26.
—TM Photo by DEAN NAKAMURA

Speech squad busy preparing for state, national tourneys

By LINDA BARHOUSE
TM Staff Writer

The Cerritos College Forensic Speech Squad has competed in four events in the last four weeks.

Feb. 12-13 Cerritos hosted the annual Julie Venitsky tournament.

First place honors went to Pamela McKown and Craig Philbrook — Team Debate; Pamela McKown — Open Persuasive Speech; Stephanie Lopez — Open Impromptu, and Kim Campanella — Novice Oral Interp.

In team sweepstakes, Cerritos College came in 2nd to Orange Coast, only 9 points less than the leader.

On Feb. 14, the team traveled to Biola College for the Eagle Classic.

Craig Philbrook won a first in Expository and Pamela McKown a first in Persuasive. In Speech to Entertain, a second went to Russell Barker and a third went to Maureen Klapperich.

In Team Sweepstakes again Cerritos College was second.

In these two tournaments, a total of

Declining enrollment closes high schools

By JEANNETTE NOCEDA
TM Staff Writer

Declining enrollment and overhead costs have led to the closure of Norwalk/La Mirada high schools Excelsior and Neff as of June 30.

The 1494 students from Excelsior will be attending Glenn and Norwalk High Schools. The 1307 students from Neff will be transferred to La Mirada High.

In the past 15 years, the school district has lost approximately 1000 students per year and enrollment stands at half of what it was 15 years ago.

In losing so many students, the overhead costs have risen sharply. It increases every year, and as inflation goes up, and the student enrollment goes down, the economics of the schools have risen vastly, officials say.

In addition, with such a small number of students in the schools, the number of programs, both educational and vocational that were offered in previous years, are no longer available since it is too expensive to have a class for just two or three students.

The closing of both high schools, plus Rancho and Mesa Elementary, is helping the school district project a savings of 1.6 million dollars. This savings will help keep the school district from going in the "red."

According to Terry McAlpine, public information officer for the district, the students from Excelsior will increase Glenn's population to 2155,

Norwalk to 1997 and La Mirada's population to 2534.

The decision to close the high schools came from the district office administration. A committee of 14 people are designated to work in the project of closing the high schools. They recommended at first that both La Mirada and Excelsior close down, but after further discussions and investigations it was determined that Neff, instead of La Mirada, would be closed.

The school board made the final decision on the facts that La Mirada High is in a residential area and is in the center of the city. Neff's industrial area was not suitable for a high school.

To answer any questions that the parents and students might have about the closing, the board held a meeting at Excelsior high with a panel of students and a panel of board members. One of the questions raised was of transportation for the students. The district will be providing transportation for any student that lives 2.5 miles or further from the school. The boundaries of walking were lengthened after Prop. 13 cut out funds needed for the busses.

The board also informed the student that a transition committee has begun to help the new students get adjusted to the change. This transition committee will help determine problems such as new school colors and also if the students coming from both Excelsior and Neff High will be permitted to wear their letterman jackets on the new campus. The committee will help set up judging panels for activities such as cheerleading and cabinet elections for the new students.

The teachers of the schools closing are going to be offered teaching positions in the three schools receiving the new students.

Displaced administrators will be offered, if they so chose, teaching positions in the schools. Some of the principals will be changed because of the closing of Neff and Excelsior. Principal Les Billinger from Neff will become La Mirada's new principal, Elias Galvan will remain Glenn's principal and Erl Eberhard from Excelsior will go to Norwalk High. Both Norwalk and La Mirada's principal will be offered other positions in the district.

Club sponsors dance for funds

Gamma Rho Delta is sponsoring a dance at the Student Center on Friday, March 20 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The band featured will be "The Shuffle."

The fraternity is holding the activity as a fundraiser, and a charge of \$2.50 will be collected at the door.

Vet's Club rolling; new members sought

By PAM MERGEN
TM Staff Writer

After several years of being non-active, the Veterans Club has been revitalized. It is not a fraternity, but rather a self-help or service group for the 1070 Korean and Vietnam veterans attending Cerritos.

Darlene Rogers, Veteran Coordinator, states, "The purpose of the club is to reunite the vets and assist them with their educational goals."

The organization's first project is to raise money for a book exchange. The aim of such a project is to help the vets deal with soaring textbook costs. Books may be borrowed and exchanged for the duration of a semester with little or no cost to the veterans.

Members must be either veterans or dependents of veterans. Rogers adds that the club, "is not just for men, and women are welcomed."

Meetings begin Thursday, March 5

at 6 p.m. in BK 112. Thereafter, meetings will be every other Tuesday and Thursday.

Club officers will be elected in April.

Vandals pique berry farmers

By KIMBERLY BEAUDRY
TM Staff Writer

Acts of vandalism have caused an estimated \$1000 in damages since January to the strawberry farm located on "South 40" of the Cerritos College campus.

"It's getting to be a big problem," says field supervisor Stan Kohatsu, whose brother Mike leases and manages the land.

"Two or three times, as many as thirty plants have been pulled out of the ground and taken," Kohatsu says.

The irrigation system has also been damaged. But the main problem is the fence that surrounds the area. It has been found several times with portions torn down.

The vandalism, which has been taking place since January, occurs at night and is discovered early in the morning.

"We sometimes drive by late at night to make sure that everything is okay," states Kohatsu. "We don't really think this is done by students. Sometimes we find the fence torn down and no plants are missing."

The Kohatsus have thought about installing barbed wire, "but the school won't allow it."

"Even if they did, they (the vandals) would still find a way to get in. We have another farm in Brea and have never had this kind of a problem."

Kohatsu says they would not hesitate to press charges if anyone is ever caught destroying the property.

Facilities open for student use

The intramural sports program has announced that the weight room, swimming pool and gymnasium are open to all students, faculty and staff each Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon for all those interested in exercise, games and self improvement.

Cerritos will not be responsible for injuries and towels will not be furnished unless students have been assigned a school locker.

... Sentencing

(Continued from Page 1) counterfeiting charges previously, pleaded guilty to the manufacturing of the false \$100's, \$20's and \$10's, and is the only one of the defendants expected to receive a jail term.

McCone pleaded guilty to one count of passing a single \$10 bill in Seal Beach last August and expects to receive a suspended sentence.

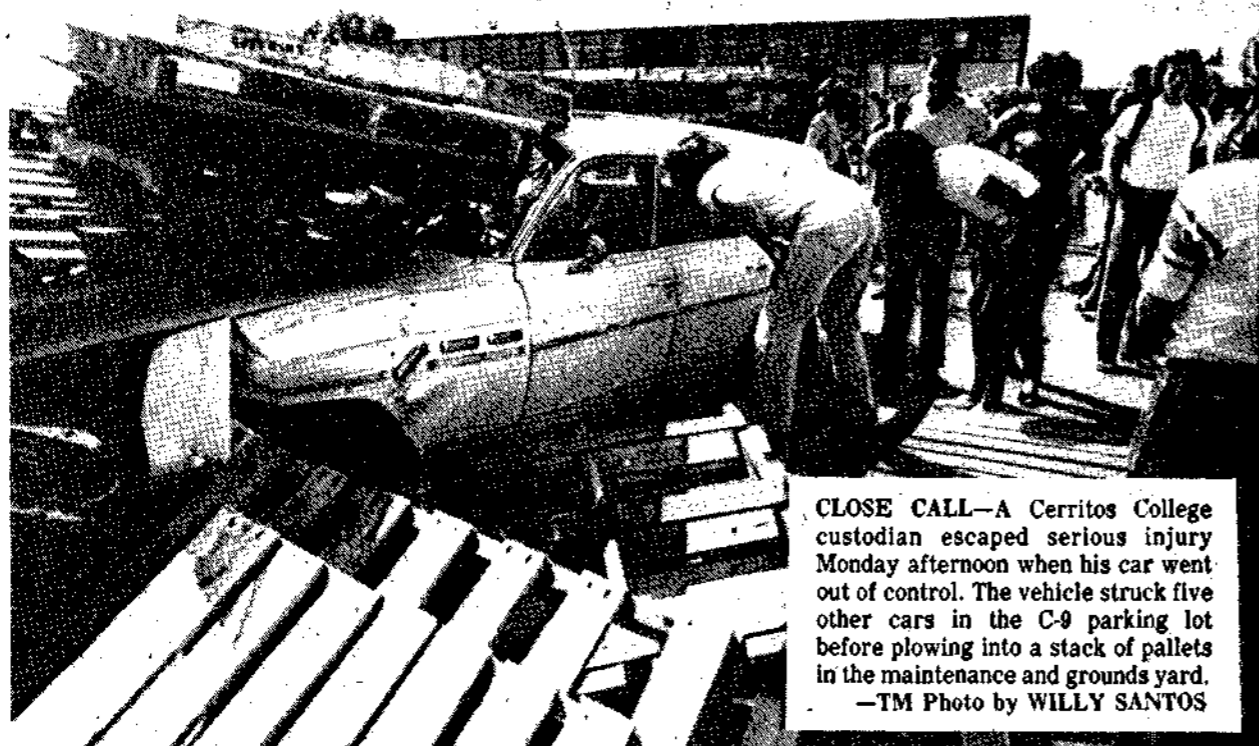
(Editor's Note: Next issue, Tailor Marks will feature interviews with the three defendants.)

... Grading

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One copy of the document must be kept by the instructor and another must be given to the Office of Registration.

The incomplete grade may be made up no later than one year following the end of the term in which it was assigned and the "I" symbol shall not be used in calculating units attempted or grade points.



CLOSE CALL—A Cerritos College custodian escaped serious injury Monday afternoon when his car went out of control. The vehicle struck five other cars in the C-9 parking lot before plowing into a stack of pallets in the maintenance and grounds yard.
—TM Photo by WILLY SANTOS

... Court to decide frat fate

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Anderson said, "We did the same and I don't see a difference."

Advisor to D Phi O Pat Regan was called by Anderson for questioning concerning the driver of the vehicle that brought part of A Phi B's float into the building area. She restated that she had seen Cal Lindsay driving which prompted Anderson to call A Phi B member James Young to the stand.

When asked who was behind the wheel Young said, "I was."

After Anderson rested his case, Gabel called former ASCC president Russ Wood to question the validity of the Homecoming committee, which decided not to investigate the charges.

Wood stated that he "never called or appointed anybody to a homecoming committee. They were appointed by Mr. Price," he finished.

Bookstore sends books back ...

Bought all your textbooks yet? Beginning Wednesday, March 11, the Bookstore began the process of returning textbooks. Textbooks must be returned in order to meet the obligations made to the publishers and distributors of the texts. The Bookstore staff requests that all students who have not yet bought their books do so immediately.

Gabel concluded the presentation of the case by reading a lengthy summation that outlined each charge.

She ended by saying, "We ask that the ASCC court take justice in this matter."

Anderson concluded the open portion of the trial with a well-delivered defense summation.

"Justice is what I'm after, I think it would be unfair to punish this organization for a great float just

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because somebody didn't get what they wanted," he said.

He concluded the trial an "ordeal," and concluded by saying "I hope you (the court) can come to a quick decision — a just decision and something that is suitable for all."

Asked later about the current status of A Phi B he said, "We're inactive, I guess we're proven guilty until innocent."

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