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## State's community colleges facing possible year-end deficits

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The present status of California community college funding is in a state of limbo due to an unexpected statewide average increase in 1980-81 fall enrollment.

Depending upon final attendance figures for the current spring semester, the state's junior college program may be facing a year-end money shortage which could conceivably range anywhere between \$60 million to being non-existent.

The reasons for the wide discrepancy in the projected deficit figures are linked to four factors: (1) an unexpectedly large enrollment growth that occurred throughout the system this fall (2) the as of yet unknown change in this increase during the spring (3) system revenue generated from local property tax, and (4) the procedure by which community colleges generate their funds.

Currently, California junior colleges receive the majority of their income from state financing in the

form of Average Daily Attendance (ADA) funding.

Under this format, the state pays each school a relatively fixed amount (the figure varies from college to college) of dollars per ADA, with one ADA based upon 15 units of classes taken during the year. The total ADA per individual school can be derived at by dividing the total number of units taken at the college during one school year by the cumulative number of students who were enrolled

for the summer, spring and fall sessions.

Essentially, the funding problem stems from the fact that this year California allocated approximately \$1.034 billion into the community college system, basing this sum on a projected ADA increase of five to six per cent.

When final figures were in, however, it was discovered that statewide fall ADA had actually grown by about nine per cent, leaving an approximate four per cent deficit.

If this increase remains the same or continues to climb, the system could be facing a year-end gap of nearly \$60 million.

However, if attendance were to decrease this spring as compared to the fall (as generally happens) and/or other revenue sources come in at higher than expected levels, the deficit could be substantially reduced or even completely eliminated.

But as of now, final spring ADA numbers are not expected to be available until May.

According to Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Wilford Michael, however, the state already anticipates that the four per cent shortage will decrease.

Dr. Michael stated that at a conference he and other California junior college presidents/superintendents attended, Gerald C. Hayward, chancellor of California community colleges, stated that he expected the final deficit to be cut nearly in half.

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## VA chief echoes vets' fears on budget cuts

By WANDA EDWARDS  
TM Staff Writer

Cerritos College Veterans Affairs Coordinator Darlene Rogers agrees with Patricia Tippit's fears of hostile veteran reaction should the services of the VA office be discontinued.

Tippit addressed the college's Board of Trustees last week on behalf of a group representing the school's 1,008 veterans.

Rogers echoed Tippit's statements and said that time is running out.

As of June 30, federal Veterans Cost of Instructional Program funds, which support the campus Vet Affairs office, could be cut off.

Rogers said without school certification there will be no G.I. benefit checks.

Coordinator Rogers had hoped to appear before the Board to stress the importance of certification for veteran students.

Certification is a process that is the responsibility of the school, not the Veterans Administration, Rogers stated.

"Certification is total monitoring of classes added, dropped, repeated, and of units carried within guidelines and of a vet's qualifications to receive benefits," she added.

"The V.A. people downtown panicked when they heard the VCIP funds would be cut," Rogers continued. She said the V.A. does not have access to school records and cannot make payments to veterans who are not certified.

Rogers reacted to the news of the proposed cut in federal funding by organizing a mass mailing protest.

Vet students en masse wrote Congressman Wayne Grisham, California Sen. S.I. Hayakawa and Sen. Alan K. Simpson, chairman of the Senate Veteran Affairs Committee.

She says she won't know until June 30 if their action accomplished anything.

Rogers also felt there should be an appeal to the Cerritos Board of Trustees for help in contacting the congressmen, and that the appeal "should come from this office."

When an invitation was not forthcoming, Rogers said Tippit and the others took it upon themselves to organize informally. Approximately 50 Cerritos veterans attended the Board meeting to cheer Tippit and another veteran who spoke to the Board, Tony Smith.

The appeal to the Board was not an effort of the now-inactive Vets Club, explained Rogers.

"Most veteran students also work and have little time left over to attend club meetings," the Veteran Affairs Coordinator said.

Benefits that veterans receive for educational purposes are not enough to live on but they do make it possible for them to stay in school.

For this reason, Rogers fears what may happen if the government cuts off the method set up in 1973 for distributing educational benefits.

Veteran enrollment here at Cerritos increased by 11% this semester alone, and Darlene Rogers feels the school's services to the almost 1,100 veterans on this campus has attracted and kept them here.



SMALL FRYER — Little fisher Justin Heileman displays his prize — a trout caught in fountain fishin' hole

during Hoe Down Hoopla. Several sizable 'planted' fish were hooked, but there was some question as to

what to do with them.

— TM Photo by DEAN NAKAMURA

## A niche in time

Highlighting Community College Week, May 10 through May 16, Cerritos College will seal a time capsule Thursday, May 14, at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Center.

The capsule, provided by Rockwell International, will store memorabilia from 25th Anniversary Celebration and will hang in the library for 25 years until 2005 A.D.

The state-proclaimed Community College Week revolves around the colleges' demonstrating services and opportunities available to the community.

"Over the years, countless Californians have benefitted from the educational opportunities provided by community in junior colleges. These schools offer a variety of programs and services helpful to people of all ages and backgrounds," said Governor Brown.

## 'Leroy' leaps to 1st in 2nd Hoedown hop

By LINDA BARHOUSE  
TM Assoc. News Editor

Leroy Brown jumped 9'2" at Cerritos College last week — and that's not easy with 4" legs.

Coaxed on by trainer Bob Miranda, Leroy the frog came in 1st in the "Incredible Frog Jumping Contest" at the 2nd annual Hoe Down days. Bruce Weber's frog "Sputnik" won 2nd with 8'3" and Steve Gray's no-name frog won 3rd at 5'2".

The "entire frog population" of Long Beach was captured for this contest, but next year, according to Alan Beaulieu, Bookstore manager, "we will try for Eastern frogs, they're bigger."

The 2600 pieces of chicken were all eaten, and next year we'll have to

order more," says Mary Kachelmeyer co-chairman of the affair.

The cowboy dress contest was won by Craig Georjanna and Sherri Bell.

Some of the trout managed to escape the many fisherman, but some were lucky enough to have fish for dinner.

The bake contest, managed by Marge Hudson in Job Placement, awarded a 1st place to Chris The, a 2nd to Donna Sabis and 3rd place to Bertha Rivers.

The Filipino Club won the Storefront contest and donated the effort to the school for future Hoe Down Days. The Fashion Club won 2nd.

The dunking booth was one of the most popular booths of the day.

Kurtis Rupprecht reports that night time students between 500 and 1,000 strong turned out for the mini-version of Hoe Down.

"Next year, we'll expand that part of the festivities," he says.

Hoe Down was deemed a downright success.

## Reader's Theater will present 'Father' May 15

By DAISY WARMAN  
TM Staff Writer

In the past, the Cerritos College Reader's Theater has performed such well-known productions as "Death of a Salesman," "Mr. Roberts," and "The Glass Menagerie." Students and faculty have also collaborated in renditions of "Spoon River" and "Taming of the Shrew."

Now, after a "number of years," the Cerritos College Speech Department will present Robert Anderson's "I Never Sang for My Father" on May 15 at 8 p.m. in the Burnight Center.

Rehearsals are "coming along beautifully. No problems," according to James Dighera, the play's director. He describes the production "as a very powerful play."

"It's a type of play that doesn't need any action," Dighera explains.

The main difference between conventional theater and Reader's Theater is that the latter appeals to

## Petition Deadline Friday

ASCC Prexy, VEEP hopefuls

By MICHELE WALTON  
TM Staff Writer

Students who expect to run for 1981 ASCC President and Vice-President have until this Friday, May 8, at 4 p.m. to file a petition in the Student Activities office.

Candidates for offices must possess a full-time ASCC membership card and be registered students at Cerritos College at the time of their candidacy.

In addition, they must be currently carrying a 2.25 grade point average.

To qualify for the ballot, candidates must submit a petition signed by 100 members of the student body, each name accompanied by a valid ASCC sticker number (not student number).

To be able to use any campus facility or area for campaign purposes, candidates must file a facility request after they have declared their candidacy and filed a formal petition. Facility requests can be filed no later than Friday, May 8.

Facility requests are good for one day only, however, a request for consecutive days may be submitted. Questions regarding the use of campus facilities should be addressed to the Student Activities Office.

In addition to submitting petition forms and facility requests, office seekers must sign a Code of Ethics form accompanied by a \$15 bond. The bond is refundable if the candidate commits no infractions of the ethics code.

Candidates' pictures will appear on the election ballot provided they submit a photo by Monday, May 10, at 4 p.m. Photos must be a minimum of 3 x 5 inches and a maximum of 8 x 10 inches, glossy or matte finish.

### FALCON AWARDS

Nominations sheets for the Spring Falcon awards are available in the office of Student Activities.

Gold, silver and bronze Falcons will be awarded at the Spring Awards Banquet in June, along with certificates for service and special and departmental awards.



'CINCO' FIESTA FLAIR — Young ladies perform traditional dance in 'Cinco de Mayo' celebration this week. Festivities fete end of French

rule in Mexico.  
— TM Photo by WILLY SANTOS

## Spring Carnival opens 4-day ride tomorrow

By KIMBERLY BEAUDRY  
TM Staff Writer

The 12th annual Cerritos College Spring Carnival will begin this Thursday.

Thrill rides, kiddie rides, games, food and concession booths, run by campus clubs will be featured at the four-day event, which ends on Sunday.

"As many as 22 clubs have participated in past carnivals. Clubs can finance their whole year's program with money they take in," says Dick Robinson, associate dean of student activities.

Robinson said he feels originality is the key to success. "How much money each club makes depends upon the type of booth they choose, how much imagination they have and how well they run it."

Clubs are able to keep all the money they make at their booths, but must pay all their own expenses. They are also allowed 35% of the profits of pre-sale tickets they sell. Each club had to sell at least \$100 worth of pre-sale tickets to be eligible to run a booth.

Robinson estimates the booths made between \$3000-\$4000 from last year's carnival but admits "they'll skim a lot off the top and not make a deposit."

He continued, "We have tight ticket control but there's no way we can police the booths."

The student body receives 30% profit of every ticket sold during the run of the carnival, all of which goes toward Financial Aid. Last year's student body profit was approximately \$3500.

The carnival is put on by B & B Amusements Corporation which is run by brothers Buddy and Bobby Marten. This is their ninth Cerritos College carnival according to Buddy, who has been involved in carnival life for 22 years.



# ...State-wide deficits possible

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"At a meeting at the first of this month," said Dr. Michael, "he (said he) thought it would be nearer a two per cent deficit by the end of the year with a lesser ADA than what had been shown in the fall and with some additional monies that we might be able to get from state agencies that had not been put into the budget."

"We're pretty sure it won't be a 4% deficit," Michael said later.

Though final enrollment figures won't be available until June, Dr. Michael commented that the state "will know pretty well by the middle of May" what year-end ADA totals will be because second period (June 1-April 15) reports should be out by that time.

One factor that seems to support the state's optimism is that community colleges traditionally undergo a drop in enrollment during the spring semester.

However, Dr. Michael stated that a poll taken by the Chancellor among those in attendance at the meeting apparently indicated that Cerritos was the only college to experience a drop in spring enrollment.

Dr. Michael later said that those polled may have misunderstood the question.

Another indicator that appears to lie in the colleges' favor is that of local property tax revenue.

Aside from money allocated by the state, community colleges generate the remaining majority of their income from local property tax.

In October of last year, the Chancellor's Office estimated that these revenues would increase by 8.8% this year when compared with figures from 1979-80. But as of February of this year, that projection was revised to represent a 16% increase.

Any growth in local property tax revenue can only benefit the community college system. However, an increase in these funds in one district (there are 70 within the state) does not mean an increase in funding for the individual schools within that district.

For example, Cerritos presently receives \$1645 per ADA. Of this figure, nearly 80% comes directly from state money and the remainder

is generated from district property tax.

If using the 16% figure, the college was to bring in an additional \$50,000 above that which had been projected in October 1980, the state would simply reduce its allocation to the school by \$50,000.

Therefore, with this reduction in apportionment, the state would have additional funding to spread throughout the entire system.

"They don't give you more money because of property tax, they just keep you at the same level (of ADA) but they pay less into it," said Dr. Michael. "So that gives more money on the state to pick up the new ADA that came in because of increased enrollment."

"The state has a pool of money up there," he continued, "and so it doesn't matter where the property tax changes are... they readjust that pool to help the districts where you didn't get the help they needed."

"But no place will they go over the \$1654 for us... or \$2000 for some other school..."

Even this seemingly large increase in local property revenue per centage can be misleading, however, in terms of substantially relieving any year-end money shortage.

For instance, based upon the originally projected eight per cent climb in property tax revenue and assuming the nine per cent growth in ADA for the fall remains constant through this spring, the final year-end deficit is estimated to be \$58.8 million.

Last year California community colleges received \$268 million in local property tax funds, excluding interest. Even if this figure were to increase by the now expected 7.2% margin, this would mean an increase in funds of about \$19.3 million, excluding interest.

The actual per centage of reduction in the final deficit amount that this increase represents, however, would mainly depend upon the status of ADA enrollment for the spring.

Regardless of the size of the eventual shortage (if there, in fact, is one), the state would simply reduce its share of ADA support by the cor-

responding per centage of the shortage.

Therefore, if the current 4% projected deficit remains, each college would receive 4% less money from the state in ADA financing.

Schools that would be hurt most by these cut backs would be those whose ADA totals decreased, not only would these colleges be receiving less money per ADA, but their financial problems would be compounded due to the fact that they would have less ADA to draw needed income, from in the first place.

"In this situation (pending deficit)," said Dr. Michael, "you want to keep your ADA because that is your biggest fund-getter."

Commenting that most of a community college's budget goes toward salaries, Dr. Michael said, "We already have our teachers hired, so if we decrease our students we get less money to pay the teachers we already have."

Speaking on Cerritos' outlook for the year, Dr. Michael said that the college is in "very good shape" when compared to other schools.

"Right now," he said, "I estimate that we may lose about \$400,000."

He stated that the deficit would have to be made up by tapping the college's reserve fund, which he said was currently at about \$4 million.

But are there colleges that don't have reserves," he said. "There are some districts that will actually be broke as far as operations if the state doesn't help them out some way if this deficit factor isn't cleared up."

He stated that these districts will either have to borrow money on next year's payments or receive advanced apportionments from next year's funds, if the shortage remains, meaning they will have less money to operate on the following year.

Cerritos underwent a 3% ADA increase this fall, but Dr. Michael said that no ADA growth had been projected.

Regarding the preparation of community college budgets and the current bind facing the system, Michael seemed to sum up a solution to the problem.

"The ideal," he stated, "is to have it exactly as you planned it. That's the ideal thing."



EASY AS PIE — Members of the winning crew of the Masterbaker's Award are (left to right) Gregg

Deems, Sacha Cillers, Shelly Green, Steve Hall, Jillisa Willis, Donna Kulleck and Gary Main.

— TM Photo by DEAN NAKAMURA

## Cerritos finds Baker Award piece of cake for 3rd year

By LINDA BARHOUSE  
TM Assoc. News Editor

If women have known for centuries, "that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach," then why do you suppose most of the master chefs and bakers of the world are men?

Cerritos College has a master chef in Rudy Rosier and he and his student kitchen crew have walked away with the Master Baker's trophy for the third straight year.

At the Retail Baker's Association of

Southern California championships last week, Cerritos bakers won seven out of eight first place awards.

The contest — held at Cerritos College and judged by professional bakers — awarded the college four 2nd place ribbons and three 3rd place ribbons.

First place winners were: Jason Savacool, breads and dinner rolls; Terrence Blewer, cake decorating; Donna Kulleck, layer cakes; Sacha Cillers, puff pastry; Charlotte Milan,

cookies, and Miguel Murillo, Danish pastry.

Along with the contest, a seven-course meal was prepared by the Cerritos College food service students. This year they served 170 dinners.

"The contest has been held at other institutions," says Rosier, "but Cerritos has hosted it more times because of the excellent meals the Food Services have provided in the past."

Participating in the contest were several colleges as well as some prison institutions.

Rosier came to Cerritos in 1972 on a part-time basis and was urged in 1973 to become a full-time instructor in the Baker's program.

Originally from Holland, he left his own bakery in Long Beach after 11 years and now heads the college bakers training with 29 students this semester.

"When the 12 units are finished, each student is presented with a Certificate of Baking," explained Rosier,

"and he is well equipped to tackle any baking assignment or to run his own bakery."

## Hygienists clean up

By DAISY WARMAN  
TM Staff Writer

Cerritos College walked away with first place at the recent Southern California Dental Hygiene Convention in Anaheim.

Ina Rydahl of Norwalk and Carla Gherna of Pico Rivera captured the championship trophy for an oral presentation entitled "There's More To Life Than People." The presentation focused on dental procedures for animals — from exotic to household pets.

"We're really excited about it," said Rydahl. "We worked on this project for three months." One day after the award was presented, Rydahl and Gherna were asked to address the California Dental Association Convention group.

For the first time in eight years, Cerritos College students took top honors at the competition.

The dental hygiene program at Cerritos College is under the coordination of assistant professor Ina Zive.

## Cosmo's \$1600 still unrecovered

By PAUL NABOA  
TM Staff Writer

Still unrecovered are some \$1600 in cash and around \$100 in equipment stolen from the Cosmetology Department early in April.

In the second such break-in in three months, a safe containing the money was stolen, along with over \$100 in curling irons and blow dryers.

The unsolved burglary was discovered the morning of April 6 by department secretary Margaret Clayton. Campus police and the Norwalk Sheriff's Office were notified.

STEWART TRIBUTED

"Lightning Rod," a tribute to Rod Stewart, will perform at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Student Center. Michael Lacko is featured as the "Rod Stewart look-alike, sound-alike, jump-alike."

'BLEACHER BUMS' PLAYS

The final play of the Cerritos College theatre season, "Bleacher Bums," is a safe bet.

Opening May 22, the production concerns a group of Chicago Cubs fans who bet on their home team consistently—and lose just as consistently.

Tickets are available now at the Burnight Theatre box office for the performance run, May 22-30.

Seats are \$5 for Friday and Saturday nights, \$4 for Wednesday and Thursday productions. Students and senior citizens are half-price. All performances begin at 8 p.m.

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Don Ball, coordinator of campus police, said the doors to the Health Science Building were found open on the morning of the 6th at 1:15 a.m., and the building was checked out and secured.

Officials said that due to illness, one of the officers scheduled to come in did not show, and no replacement was available.

Norwalk sheriffs believe the thief entered through the door of the freshman area where glass was found hammered out. Hammer marks were found on the glass of the door of the senior room where the burglar had

entered the first time. The glass had been replaced with flexiglass and did not break.

Once inside the building, the thief broke into a cupboard, tearing down several windows and stealing several curling irons and blow dryers.

The safe stolen was located in the main lobby under a small refrigerator which sat on a stand. The burglar took a fire extinguisher and broke the window of the office.

Some \$200 of the money had been saved by Cosmetology students to buy flowers for their models in a recent contest.

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# Wheelchair Tourney deemed a 'success'

By KAREN da SILVA  
TM Staff Writer

The Wheelchair Basketball Tournament began a new Cerritos College tradition last weekend. But it was more than a new tradition. It was a success.

"It was a success. Good participation and highly competitive," states Bob Hughlett, Coordinator of Activities for the Handicapped.

"It's a great start for next year," he adds.

Those involved in organizing the tournament emphasized the efficiency with which everything was run.

"Everything went on schedule," basketball player Paul Laurence said. And in his opinion that "was the key to the success of the tournament."

Also doing a good job at court-side were the volunteer referees, who learned the rules only the day before.

Laurence and teammate Roger Dixon stated that some of the paid officials "don't do as good a job."

The only thing not living up to expectations was the crowd.

"The crowd was not as good as hoped for, but in the Saddleback game it filled out pretty good," Laurence remarked.

The highlight and most intense game of the tournament was the Cerritos College - Saddleback confrontation.

The two teams had a good rivalry going after competing against each other in scrimmages throughout the year.

A key Falcon player, Dixon commented, "The rivalry was part of what made the Saddleback game so exciting."

Laurence amplified, "It was one of the most exciting games I've ever played in."

With the score tied 33-33 in the fourth and final quarter, Saddleback had possession of the ball, scoring with 38 seconds left on the clock.

Cerritos made a last chance effort, but to no avail, losing in what Dixon called "a highly emotional game."

The weakness holding back the Falcon team, which finished third in the tournament 1-2, was their "lack of game experience," according to veteran Dixon.

The team hopes to correct their disadvantage by next September and are entered in the South Coast Conference (not the intercollegiate league) Wheelchair Basketball Association.

"A lot of our players are new to the game," Dixon explains.

He also adds however, "Monty Zmuda (one of the new members) will be one of the better players in the tournament next year with more experience."

"With his improved effort Cerritos will be a much bigger contender."

The Falcons' other loss went to the Whittier Wings 48-41, the eventual champions of the tournament.

The game was highlighted by a Cerritos come-back to within three points after being down by 19.

"We started pressing and got 'em flustered, producing some turnovers," Dixon stated.

After all the excitement was over, Laurence voiced his hopes for the second Annual Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. "We plan on inviting four more teams and including 18 instead of 12 games. We would like to expand now that we know what we're doing."



'RAYDOG' ON 'D'—Ray Moore of the newly formed wheelchair basketball team keeps watchful eye on unidentified player from the Whittier Wings. The Wings won the four-team round-robin tournament while Cerritos finished in a three-way tie for third.  
—TM Photo by WILLY SANTOS

# Ladybirds lead qualifiers for SCC finals

By WAYNE WURZER  
TM Assoc. Sports Editor

The Cerritos women tracksters dominated the South Coast Conference preliminary meet Thursday, leading all schools in qualifiers for tomorrow night's finals at Mt. San Antonio College.

Returning state 400 meter champ Vernicia Smith looks a cinch to take two conference titles after setting SCC records in the 200 (24.39) and the 400 (55.2) meter sprints in the prelims at Mt. SAC.

High jumper Deon Villa also set a conference record for the Falcons by leaping 5'4" in her specialty.

Coach Gary Gaudet was especially pleased with his squad's performance in the 400 meter sprint.

"With Smith, Susie Medina (59.1), Sarah Scott (60.1) and Jenice Thompson (61.0) we looked exceptionally strong in the 400," he said.

The lady Birds also dominated the 800 meter run, placing Julie Tison (2:20.86), Pat Lopez (2:21.68), Lorina Hovarter (2:23.3) and Denise Rodriguez (2:23.5) in the finals.

Sonya Briscoe led all qualifiers in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles while Karen Humphrey and Julie Carney also reached the finals.

The only sad note for the Falcons came when sprinter and relay runner Dimitri Fuller suffered a groin injury. She's listed by Gaudet as doubtful for the finals.

Orange Coast and Cerritos are the favorites this Thursday, with OOC given a slight advantage because of its strength in the field events.

The Cerritos men followed the women's lead and showed up at Mt. SAC on Friday to place 16 athletes in Friday night's finals.

Sophomore sprinter Jimmy Wilson highlighted the mens prelims with a Southern California leading time of 20.94 in the 200 meters. The speedster out of Dominguez High School missed the conference record and the state's top mark in the event by four-tenths of a second. Larry Goldston, UCLA's premier sprinter this year, set the SCC record for Mt. SAC last year with a 20.9 clocking.

Wilson also led all qualifiers in the 400 with a blazing time of 47.9.

Overall Mt. SAC dominated the evening placing 37 athletes in Friday's finals. Grossmont qualified 28 closely by Fullerton's 25.

Besides Wilson, other bright spots for the Falcons were the performances of Rod Dickerson and Marty Cowan.

Dickerson was the top qualifier in the 110 meter high hurdles with a

14.8 in addition to qualifying in the 200 meter sprint with a 22.31. Cowan also scored a double, qualifying in the triple jump with a personal best of 45'2" and the 110 meter high hurdles with a 15.4.

"I was tremendously pleased with the fine efforts put out by my men — we had many top quality marks," said coach Dave Kamanski.

The Falcons also had their share of disappointments. Cowan unexpectedly failed to qualify in the high jump, after soaring to 6'8" only two weeks earlier.

Pat McDermott jumped the gun and was disqualified in the high hurdles, after being a strong performer in the event the entire year. Frosh half-miler Richard Trombley ran a season best of 1:55.65 but placed only fourth, out of the money for the finals.

# SoCal bound Bird golfers wind up 2nd

By PAUL SIMON  
TM Assoc. Campus Editor

By virtue of a strong-second place performance in the South Coast Conference Championships, the Cerritos College Golf Team finished second in the SCC and qualified for post season championship play.

Fullerton College, behind the hot shooting of Joe Timpone and Pat Sharpe, won the two-day tournament which was held last Sunday and Monday, by a slim four strokes and finished 12 conference points ahead of second-place Cerritos for the SCC crown.

Both schools now advance to the Southern California Championships which will be held this Monday at Santa Maria Country Club and Rancho Maria Country Club. The golfers will shoot 36 holes on Monday alone.

The Falcon squad also placed two golfers, Dirk Johnston and Bob Anderson, on the all-South Coast Conference team which has six members.

Last week at this time the Falcons were just concentrating on finishing second in the Conference, as only the top two schools advance to post season play. At that time, only two conference points separated them and Orange Coast College.

But after last Sunday, the first day of the SCC Championships, the Falcons had set their sights on first-place Fullerton.

Behind Johnston's 74, the Birds came out on top (Sunday) and trailed the Hornets by only seven conference points.

Anderson, Mike Johnson and Scott McDonald also had fine afternoons, shooting 77, 78 and 79, respectively.

Fullerton's Timpone shot a 73 to place at the top of the leader board for the day.

Said Cerritos Coach Frank Montero, "This was a very important win for us, it put us in a position to win the Conference Championship."

The win on Sunday did just that, but only for the time being as Fullerton, behind Sharpe's 72, shot past everybody to put the lid on the conference championship.

# Tennis competition 'no match'

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Tennis rackets in hand, eager to avenge its fifth-place finish in the South Coast Conference, the Cerritos College Women's Tennis team was lacking only one thing — someone to play.

Due to a misunderstanding on the part of Women's Tennis Coach Tom Spence, the ladies were forced to default the majority of their matches in the Women's Conference Individual Tournament last week at Mt. San Antonio College.

In all probability, the mix-up cost the squad's top players a chance at further post-season single's play.

"It was just a bad mistake and I accept the responsibility for it,"

stated Spence, who also made apologies to the entire team.

"Of course we're disappointed," some players said, "but we don't hold anything against Tom."

The tournament was scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. last Thursday, but Spence mistakenly thought the three-day competition was to start the following day.

On account of the error, Cerritos was forced to forfeit seven out of nine matches (six singles and one doubles).

Of the two doubles teams contacted in time to reach the tournament, the pairing of Carmen Gomez and Kelly Floyd, ranked No. 1 and No. 2, on the squad respectively, made it to the quarter finals before being eliminated.

"We should've won," said Gomez. Ahead 5-2 in the third and deciding set, Gomez and Floyd went on to squander their lead and ultimately lose the match in a tie-breaker.

By making it to the quarters, however, the pair advanced into the Southern California tournament set for tomorrow in Ventura.

The top eight finishers in the SoCal will compete in the state tournament — May 14-16.

# Little Gomez plays big in 'Wimbledon'

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Although small in physical stature, Cerritos College's Carmen Gomez places high when it comes to tennis ability, as demonstrated by her recent second-place finish at "Wimbledon" — the Wimbledon of the West, that is, according to Women's Tennis Coach Tom Spence.

His statement refers to the Ojai Tennis Tournament held two weeks ago, the most prestigious college amateur tournament in California.

Colleges from all over the state participated.

Players entered competed at either the two- or four-year level, depending upon the type of college they attend. And this year, Gomez almost took it all.

After blazing through all her opponents, never losing more than one game during a set, the 5-11, 100 lb. Gomez reached the women's singles finals.

Against Pasadena City College's No. 1 ranked player, Ann Marie Berstein, however, Gomez came up short, losing 5-7, 0-6.

Gomez didn't try to make any excuses for her defeat.

"I didn't play as good" as in the rest of the tournament, she explained.

"I played badly," she said. During the regular season, Gomez was Cerritos' No. 1 ranked woman's singles player.

She attributed her being shut out in the second set to a change in her strategy.

"I started playing too conservatively," she stated.

"She was very consistent," Gomez said of Berstein, "and a more experienced player."

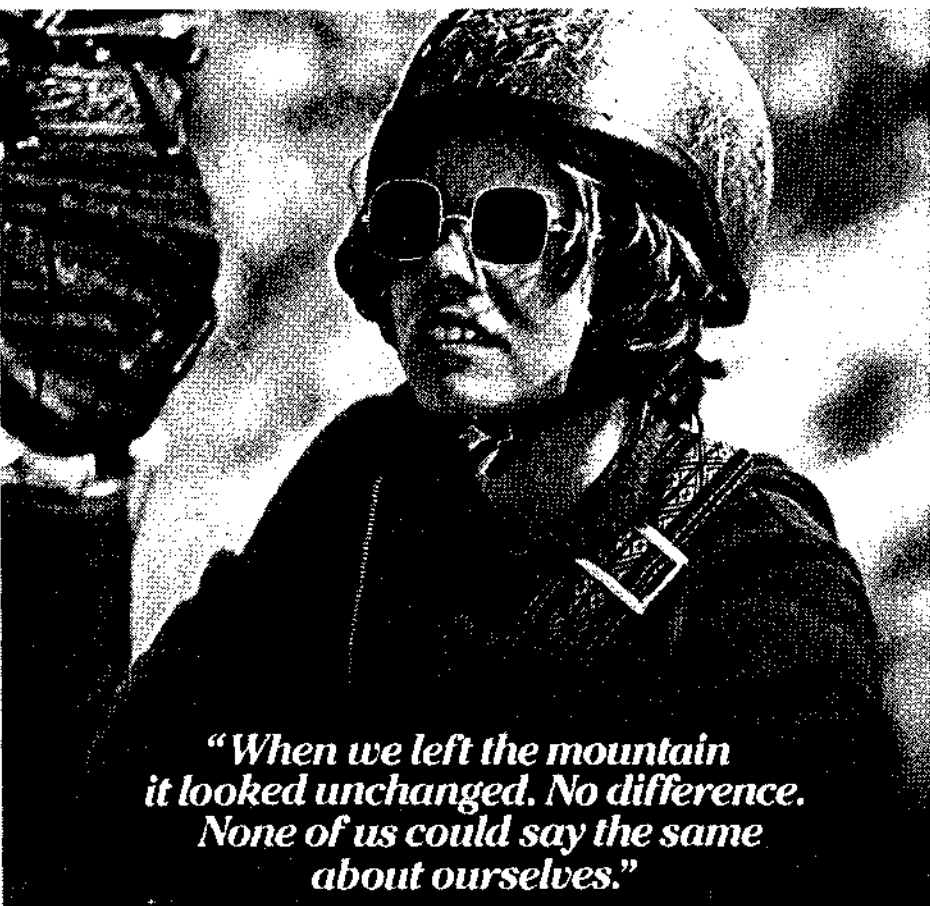
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