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TON OF GLOOM

Handicapped services face cuts in funds

By AGNES HERBOLD
TM Staff Writer

A 33 percent cut in state funding next year.

Drastic reductions in services. How would these changes affect the handicapped program at Cerritos?

According to Bob Hughlett, campus Program Coordinator for the Disabled, "It's all in a state of limbo."

He was referring to the report, commissioned by the State Legislature and issued by the Department of Finance, concerning its study of postsecondary education for the disabled.

Hughlett called the report, "a ton of gloom and doom material."

The Finance report was given to the Legislature after an advisory committee to the Finance Department conducted its study on all three segments of postsecondary education. It was to review the programs offered the disabled, and develop a long term funding model for their support.

Hughlett believes it fell short on both counts.

The committee proposed eleven recommendations. They range from a definition on who should be considered eligible, to suggested elimination of some services.

The report proposed that a common "intersegmental standard" for the definition of "learning disability" be adopted by April '82.

It was further suggested that the developmentally disabled needing remedial help be referred to the adult educational program.

Another idea was to eliminate some of the special classes, counseling and services now available. Transportation, except for field trips, would no longer be considered part of the educational program.

Hughlett pointed out that the 33 percent cut in the state allocation would amount to \$6 million.

He stated that if the report is accepted and acted upon it could mean many less special classes and

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TM Photo by DEBBIE WALTMAN

Cispes representatives shown here organizing material, some of which was deemed illegal by Publicity Comm. Louie Martinet.

Martinet charged with censorship

College administration sides with Publicity Code ruling

By CLAYTON ALVARENGA and BILL ROBERTSON

Two politically active student clubs whose publicity for an activity was turned down for not meeting ASCC publicity code standards have charged Publicity Commissioner Louie Martinet with censorship and personal bias.

However, Martinet's position has been supported all the way up the ladder to the office of Don Siriani, Dean of Instructional Support Services.

The Coalition for International Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) and the now defunct Persian Club had requested permission to circulate posters and handbills advertising a slide show and speaker in the Lecture Hall Wednesday afternoon.

CISPES vice president Jorge Comacho charged Martinet with "preventing us from educating the stu-

dents of Cerritos College to the problems in El Salvador and Iran."

"This is the same kind of reaction we've been getting for years," Siriani said, referring to frequent complaints and charges of censorship and unfair restraint when such requests are turned down or otherwise do not meet code requirements.

Citing fear of "possible riot," Martinet refused to allow the "undocumented accusations" on the poster to be placed around the campus. He cited section 6.39 of the Publicity Code which states: "The commissioner may refuse to register publicity which is libelous, slanderous, or promotes any activity that would disrupt the college from performing its stated objectives."

"Martinet was well within his bounds," said Craig Georgianna, ASCC President, referring to the Publicity Code. "Anything not explicitly mentioned in the Code is left to the discretion of the commissioner."

In support of Martinet's decision, Dean of Student Activities Dick Robinson said, Cerritos College has a significant number of pro-Khomeini students. To talk about their religious leader in such a degrading manner would surely offend them."

Many of the pamphlets passed around accused Khomeini of cold-blooded mass murder.

The use of the Lecture Hall was approved for the presentation, but after having a small turn out the club began moving outside and setting up tables, displaying graphic photos depicting the alleged situation in Iran and El Salvador, and distributing unregistered literature to passing students.

Comacho said, "I do not believe we were violating any codes, we were

just promoting our own beliefs."

Although CISPES officers claim they were told by Georgianna, that posters are only for the announcement of upcoming events on campus — no pictures, no opinionated statements — they decided to appeal.

Club leaders admitted their posters did convey a strong political message. "We are a political and humanitarian club," said Club Advisor Cecilia Medina. The organization went on to challenge the ASCC by showing Georgianna pictures and

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College faces \$ million suit for Nov. row

By WAYNE WURZER
TM News Editor

A \$1.1 million insurance claim, filed by three Cerritos men arrested here after a November football game, was denied Monday by the Board of Trustees and turned over District Insurance Agents.

Attorneys for Clifford Wayne Lewis, 23, Roy Sidney Lewis, 42, and Roy Sidney Lewis, Jr. 19, submitted the claim Feb. 22 against Campus Police Officers, the college district, and the College Board of Trustees for what the report termed, "damages arising from battery, false imprisonment, and negligent infliction of emotional distress."

According to District Insurance Officials, an investigation is currently underway to determine the valid-

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Instructor, student fracas produces college expulsion

By WAYNE WURZER and KEITH SHARON

The Board of Trustees voted Monday March 8 to expel a 23 year old student for his part in a dance classroom altercation recently with head football coach Frank Mazzotta.

David Burgos of Bellflower became only the second student to be expelled in the 27 year history of the school. The unanimous Board vote followed college administration's recommendation that he be prohibited

from attending Cerritos for his "defiance of authority and assault upon college personnel."

The incident occurred on Feb. 17 when Burgos was asked to leave the campus weight room by Lefty Pendleton for failure to wear a shirt, a strictly enforced weight room rule. Burgos reportedly became upset and shouted obscenities at the instructor.

As Burgos left the room, Mazzotta called him back to discuss the matter. According to Burgos, Mazzotta whistled at him in reference to his dance leotards. Burgos by his own admission "flipped Mazzotta off" and made a few comments in return.

Sources later told Talon Marks that members of the weight class had done the whistling.

Burgos continued to shout obscenities and led Mazzotta to the dance class where the altercation occurred.

Mazzotta then reportedly went into the class and asked him to come outside. According to Burgos, he

went to walk away when Mazzotta grabbed him by the arm. Burgos further claimed that Mazzotta grabbed him by the back of the shirt, prompting him to turn and hit Mazzotta.

Other members of the class broke up the scuffle which produced no injuries.

Burgos appeared mid-way through the meeting and spoke briefly with college President Dr. Wilford

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Senate tempers flare for first time this year

By PAUL SIMON
TM Editor-in-Chief

Heated words were exchanged for the first time this year at the March 3 ASCC Senate meeting during a discussion on the proposed purchase of a word processor/computer for the Student Activities Office.

Temperatures rose twice during the floor debate, once between Sergeant-at-Arms Juan Vallejo and President Craig Georgianna, and again between Vallejo and Vice-President Jeff Barr.

Vallejo was concerned about the cost of the computer, estimated by Georgianna to be anywhere between \$3500 and \$7000, and whether or not the Activities Office needed one.

The HSCC president's words with Georgianna were based mainly on the cost, but also on the fact that the ASCC Cabinet, which has 12 members, passed the proposal by a vote of 2-0 with four abstentions. (There were six Cabinet members absent at

the meeting in which the vote was taken.)

Vallejo asked Georgianna, "do you mean to tell me that only one sixth of the Cabinet voted yes to this bill?" The question left Georgianna slightly red faced, to which he later told the Talon Marks, "This was the first time that I can recall that six people were absent at a Cabinet meeting."

Vallejo was also disturbed when Barr called for the Senate vote before he felt that he was through speaking on the issue. Barr later apologized and explained that it was an oversight on his part.

The Senate then voted in favor of the proposal, 18-6, with three abstentions. The bill needed at least a two thirds majority to pass.

Vallejo later defended his position by saying, "I was and still am worried about the cost and they just didn't convince me that a computer is needed."

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Student built house bids start at \$80,000

By BILL ROBERTSON
TM Staff Writer

A student built house, appraised at \$94,500, should be open for public bidding in June.

It is expected that \$80,000 will be the minimum bidding price set at the Cerritos College Board of Trustees meeting March 22.

The three bedroom, two-bath house is being constructed by Cerritos students under the supervision of instructor Harvey Keacher.

The house located one mile east of Cerritos at 11854 Alondra Blvd., has a solar water heating system and is fully insulated, making it energy efficient. Set on the third of four consecutive lots bought from the city of

Norwalk, the house is made up of 1456 square feet.

With completion expected in June, the fifth house in as many years, features a living room with a hand-built fireplace, family room, built-in kitchen, attached garage, patio cover, and walkways.

The kitchen cabinets were built by hand and are of a very fine quality not found in most new homes. Other kitchen features include ceramic tile counter tops, a dishwasher, trash compactor and a free-standing oven.

For the first time, the two-car garage has a completely finished interior.

Carpeting in the house was laid by

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Rush activity highlights campus clubs

By BRENDA DOYLE
TM Assoc. News Editor

Cerritos College is presently going through the semi-annual tradition of pledging and rushing for campus clubs.

Rushing for college fraternities and sororities began this semester during Club Booth Days. During these two days, the clubs set up booths and do some general recruiting. They pass out rush books with various events in them and answer questions about their clubs.

Pledging started on March 5 and will continue until March 28. Cerritos Panhellenic Club division has five fraternities and four sororities. Alpha Phi Beta, Gamma Rho Delta, Phi Kappa Phi and Upsilon Omicron make up the fraternities. Delta Gamma Nu, Delta Phi Omega, Lambda Phi Sigma and Phi Kappa Zeta are their female counterparts. This semester there is a new club, Sigma Gamma Chi that chose to be a service club as opposed to Panhellenic.

The new Coordinator of Student Activities, Phillip Houseman, is keeping a close watch on all pledging activities. "Everything is working out fine," explains Houseman. "There is a willingness by everyone involved to make things work and I am very pleased."

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50 businesses represented from So Cal area

Job Info here today

By JEFF MARIFIAN
TM Staff Writer

Which direction am I headed? What career offers the most chance for success?

Where do I go to look for a job? Questions such as these and many more will be answered at the 13th annual "Job Information Day" being held today in the Student Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On hand too will be representatives from approximately 50 companies to discuss present and future career opportunities. Hosted by the Cerritos College Job Placement Office, "Job Information Day" is aimed at furnishing students with a greater understanding of the overall employment picture, and an awareness of career opportunities.

"This is the big event of the year for us," stated Wilma Maughan, who

along with Madge Hudson are the Job Placement interviewers here at Cerritos.

"Tomorrow we start preparing for next year," she enthusiastically added noting that they have to start lining up prospective companies for the annual event. "Most large corporations, especially of the caliber we have coming here are booked up a year or more in advance."

Although they have many companies interested in coming here for the event, the Job Placement Office is limited to about 50 the number of businesses they can accommodate."

Among the 50 or so companies making up the impressive list will be representatives from Coca Cola Bottling Co., Rockwell International, Security Pacific National Bank, IBM Corporation, Eastman Kodak, Lockheed, Pacific Telephone, California

Highway Patrol, Prudential Life Insurance, Knotts Berry Farm, and the four branches of the U.S. Military.

Students seeking entry-level jobs or wishing to make a career change may take advantage of this to contact potential employers. These representatives are here to provide students with answers about the multifaceted world.

"Job Information Day" is open to the community as well as students enrolled and a large turnout is expected. "We have sent out letters to all graduates, and many area people will see us on the marquee," said Maughan.

There is no charge for the program and students are encouraged to attend this event.

"Last year was one of the best we ever had, so we're looking forward to this one," concluded Maughan.



TM Photo by GABE WURZLER

BIG ED'S — Students and faculty jam the dance floor to the sounds of "Evergreen." Right, Supreme Court Justice Scott Harvey greets "Touch of Class" guests at the nightclub door. The dance was deemed

a huge success by organizer Wendell Hanks. Profits went to the March of Dimes. Hanks credits the Cerritos faculty and the Circle K Club, among others, for their help in making the evening a success.

CISPES loses battle over Publicity Code violations

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opinions on posters by several other campus clubs.

Martinet found the posters to be unacceptable, but handbills with the same illustrations, plus a detailed list of Khomeini's "atrocities," were given thumbs up by Georgianna before a meeting with Martinet.

The poster in question displayed a firing squad taking aim at a pregnant woman. When posted on the Lecture Hall, this illustration was covered, but was revealed to inquiries.

Since flyers are normally hand distributed and not posted on school property, they are not subject to the same scrutiny a poster is.

While CISPES hassled with the Student Activities Office over publicity, the Persian Club hassled over an advisor.

Instructor Medina, who is Coordinator of Bi-lingual, Bi-Cultural and Chicano Studies, and advisor of MECHA, CISPES, and the Persian Club, was notified she was advisor of one organization too many. One of

the clubs would have to lose Medina and find a new advisor. The Persian Club drew the short straw and scrambled to look for someone else. This meant the club was unable to co-sponsor the "Crisis" lecture with CISPES.

The Persian Club also had membership problems to deal with. The club not only lost its advisor, but also discovered they did not have at least 10 full-time students on their club roster — the number needed to charter a club at Cerritos.

Comacho's appeal to Phillip Houseman, Co-ordinator of Student Activities, had little effect on the Publicity Commissioner's decision. Houseman was very eager to help CISPES work a compromise and proceed with their program. When the club leaders realized that Houseman was not planning to over-rule Martinet, they appealed to Robinson, who also sided with the Commissioner.

With time running short and the lecture still unpublicized, CISPES

continued with the appeals process. The Student Supreme Court now had to either side with the Commissioner and face discrimination claims from club leaders.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Drasso was to meet with Comacho early last Tuesday morning, but Comacho was not able to keep the appointment. Drasso sent the club a letter with the court's decision, which had ruled in favor of the Publicity Code and the Commissioner. When interviewed by the Talon

Marks, Medina seemed concerned that the school was out to "deal her a bad hand." She revealed her feelings about this article, saying, "I'm convinced that censorship was involved."

She also felt her organizations were often the target of "bad press."

Siriani explained that there was not any discrimination toward CISPES by anyone involved. But Medina feels that "anyone who can see straight should know that unfair censorship was involved."

Squeeze on funds prompts college crackdown on student attendance

By Paul Noboa
TM Staff Writer

Heavy emphasis is being placed on attendance this semester at Cerritos College.

The overflow enrollment this spring, plus the funding squeeze has prompted the crackdown.

Cerritos is a state funded college which receives funds solely on student attendance. Instructors are required to turn in records of attendance on the first week, the fourth week, the 12th week, and on the final record.

For nine week courses, funds payments are based on a day-by-day basic attendance which causes even a tighter situation for students and faculty.

Payments tend to dwindle as the semester goes on. Last spring, 26 percent of Cerritos students had dropped out of their classes by the end of the school year.

Once the records are in, rollbooks become legal document for payment and auditing purposes. Attendance

sheets are randomly chosen by hired district auditors who evaluate the data gathered. Sacramento also sends in auditors to check attendance also.

Teachers are constantly reminded of the importance of accurate records, for it is the sole responsibility of the instructor, says Don Siriani, Dean of Instructional Support Services.

Excessive absences can lead to drops. Many faculty members are on

a point elimination per absence system; others will just flat drop students after missing seven classes, for example Siriani said.

"The enrolled student is expected to be there — they are not learning if they do not attend," according to Dr. Louis Wilson, Dean of Academic Affairs. A lot of students were turned away because of heavy enrollment, — and it is the student's obligation to be there to attend the class, he said.

College plays host to Grand Land Singers

The LDSSA sponsored Grand Land Singers will perform on Saturday, March 27, 8-9 p.m., in Student Center. The pulse of America's proud heritage beats with enthusiasm when these 40 dynamic and talented entertainers burst on stage to present their all-new show for 1982, "America in Song."

Since the Grand Land Singers sang their first song in the summer of 1967, the group has skyrocketed to national prominence. Performances include the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington D.C., the World's Fair in Spokane, Washington, and an invitation to participate in the World's Fair at Knoxville, Tennessee, in July of 1982.

They have performed for presidents, and appeared with television and movie personalities, and recently completed taping for a television show that will be aired nationally in 1982.

Home-based in Cerritos, the group is under the auspices of the Cerritos Institute of Religion of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Five time winners of the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundations at Valley Forge for their program of "God, Family and Country."

Tickets are available at the Institute of Religion, 16025 Studebaker Road, Cerritos. (213) 860-8151. Cost is \$3.50 per person, \$10 per family.

Faculty to honor student excellence

By BARBARA EKNOIAN
TM Staff Writer

Cerritos College faculty is in the process of selecting honorees for the 1982 Academic Excellence Recognition Awards.

According to Dr. Edward Bloomfield, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, the faculty and administrators wanted "to award the most outstanding student academically in each major area of the college."

Bloomfield said, "Funding is always a problem, therefore, the Cerritos College Foundation has again agreed to underwrite the awards."

The students honored will have to meet the following requirements: completed a minimum of 45 units of college work with a 3.5 GPA or higher; completed a minimum of 30 units of the 45 at Cerritos with a 3.5 GPA or higher; completed nine units in the area of recognition with a 3.5 GPA or higher, and received the recommendation of a faculty member in their area by March 29.

Expulsion

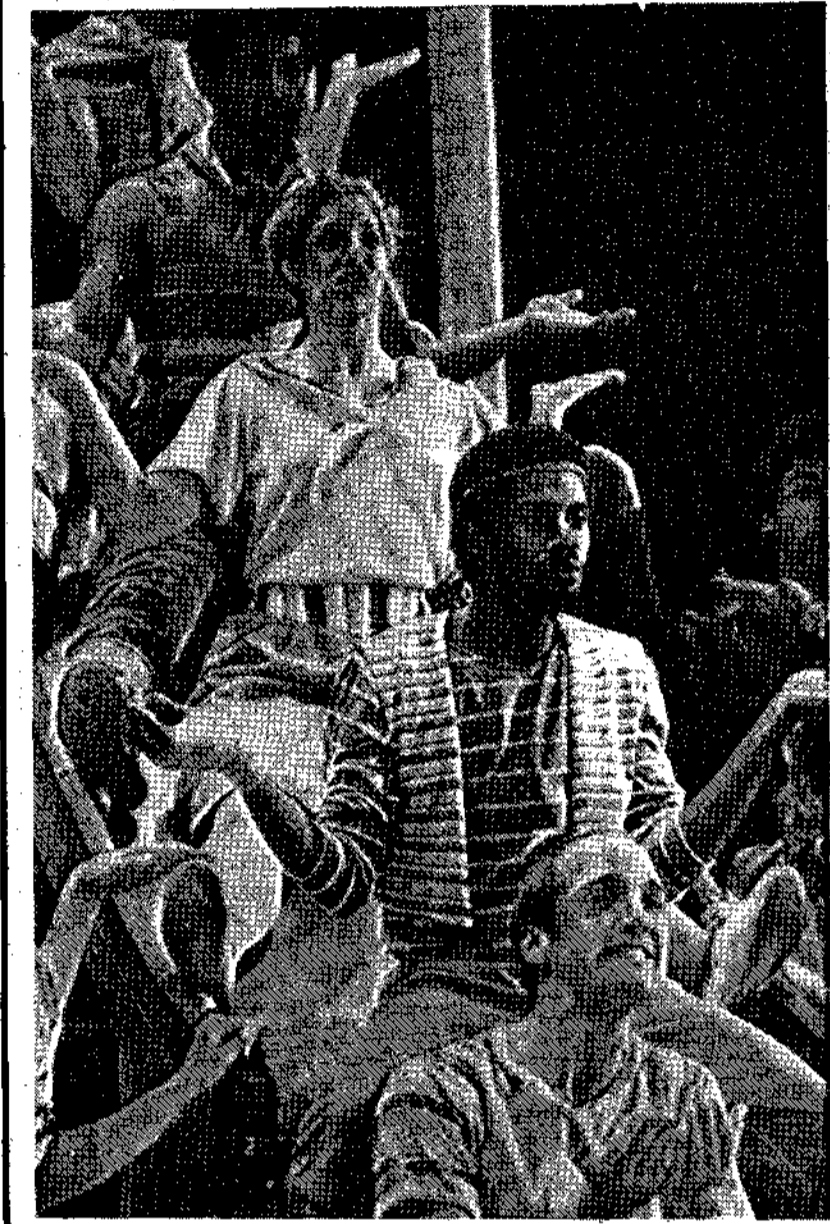
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Michael, asking for the matter to be continued in order to obtain counsel before personally speaking with the Board.

The Board denied the request because, according to Dr. Michael, members of administration had already spoken with both parties involved.

According to college officials, Burgos could possibly return to the school, but only after making a special appeal to the Board of Trustees.

'Godspell premieres Friday



'LOVE THY NEIGHBOR'— premiers Friday and runs through March 27. Tickets are musical Godspell, based on the available at the Burnight Center gospel of St. Matthew. The show box office.

Life of Christ featured in rock musical

By Paul Noboa
TM Staff Writer

"Godspell," a rock-n-roll vaudeville type musical based on the gospel of St. Matthew, opens Friday night in Burnight Center.

It is described as a riotous romp with a "love thy neighbor" message. It shows Jesus and his disciples in a high-spirited, minstrel show type atmosphere, sprinkled with humor, sensitivity, and poise — a musical that proclaims God, and people and possibility.

John Michael Tebelak, who wrote the play over ten years ago, received the inspiration on a snowy spring Easter Sunday sunrise service, when Tebelak was stopped and frisked for drugs by a Pittsburgh policeman in the nave of St. Paul's Cathedral. The play was an instantaneous hit that almost measured a test on the Richter scale.

The show is being directed by Georgia Matthews, dance instructor at Cerritos College. Music will be coordinated by Marge Poe of Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Matthews said the show is a joint effort between the cast and herself. The "ensemble show," as she puts it, consists of 13 members. The role of Jesus is portrayed by Michael Meine. Dress rehearsal began this week. The performance will run again the following weekend March 24-27.

Advance tickets are now on sale in the Burnight theatre box office from 12-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets are \$6 for general admission. Students and senior citizens are \$3.

March 23 begins bids

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students. The cementing of the driveway and foundation also was done by students.

Bidding will open March 23 to public agencies for 60 days as set forth in the Educational Code. If after this period an acceptable bid has not been made, bidding will be opened to the public for a three week period in June.

All four previous houses sold by Cerritos have been bought by private parties.

The money made on the house is put into the district general fund, which finances the program.

Many classes are participating in the completion of the house. Building the house from the ground up is the task of the Construction Technology Department.

The kitchen cabinets are being built by the Furniture Technology Department. Interior decorating will be handled by the Home Economics Department and iron work on the house, to enhance the appearance, will be made by the Welding Department.

"All groups involved should be proud of a job well done," said Bob Loeffler, Cerritos College Director of Purchasing.

"Next year's house is already on the drawing board and it will be unique," said Keacher. It is being designed by the Architecture Department. One change will be a walk-in closet in the master bedroom. This will be the first time this department will be involved in the school's construction project.

Handicap funding

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services for the disabled Cerritos students. The Speech Clinic could be in jeopardy, along with adaptive PE and many handicapped people would be denied educational help.

He thinks it is inconsistent with the community college's open enrollment policy.

Last year, 923 handicapped students were aided by the Cerritos Resource Center, the Speech Clinic, and Rancho Satellite campus. So far, this semester there are 299 disabled students in the Resource Center alone with a total of 923 this year also.

And as for next year? It's "very possible we will have to limit our number of students."

Where's the money coming from? Will there be services enough to really help all these students? This worries Bob Hughlett.

NOON CONCERT

Next Tuesday's noon concert will feature the "Unknowns," a rock/surf band.

The bash will take place in the Student Center at 11 a.m.

SWEET THURSDAY!

Mu Omega Alpha Bake Sale—Wednesday and Thursday, March 16-17, all day at the Health Science Building.

Cosmetology Bake Sale—Health Science Building, all day, Thursday, March 18.

L.A.E. Bake Sale—Bake sale at the Elbow Room, Thursday, March 18.

TRAVEL ANYONE?

"Interested in Travel? Explore Our World," is a series of six two-hour sessions which travel writer/photographer Jason Rubinsten, begins April 22 at the Community Services Center.

The session will explore Europe, Africa, Australia and North and South America through slides and lectures.

Cost is \$15 per person for the entire series, \$3 for a single session. To enroll call Community Services, ext. 521.

LEARNING WORKSHOP

Want to learn more in less time?

Cerritos College's Community Services program is offering a six-hour workshop on Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on "Learning with Greater Ease and Confidence: Studying Smarter Not Harder."

The workshop will be hosted by Learning Skills specialist Betty Kurkjian. The fee is \$10 per person. To sign up call Community Services, ext. 521.

AUDIO/STEREO WORKSHOP

A workshop on "How to Shop Intelligently for Your Audio/Stereo Equipment" is being offered by Cerritos College Community Services.

The three-hour workshop, conducted by a professional communications expert, will be held on Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to noon in the campus Lecture Hall.

Fee is \$10 per person. For further information, call (213) 860-2451, Ext. 521.

ICC MEETING

An ICC meeting is scheduled this Thursday at 11 a.m. in BK 112. All clubs and organizations are required to send a representative to each ICC meeting.

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ity of the charges that could ultimately lead to the lawsuit.

The claim stems back to a parking lot altercation after a Nov. 14 football game between the Lewis men and Campus Police Officers Stephen Davenport, James Webb and David Sossman. After the incident, the Lewis men were arrested by Norwalk Sheriff's Deputies and booked on assault charges.

The Downey District Attorney's office later dismissed the charges saying, "The D.A. believed there was no probable cause for security people to approach the Lewis family after the incident and apparently been resolved."

Senate

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The Senate then unanimously approved Pam Ervin as the Senate Whip. The Whip serves as a communication line between the Senate and Georgianna.

Campus pledging

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Houseman has arranged scheduled hours for pledging activities, most of which take place on campus. The evening events on campus during the week are ending by about 10:30 p.m. and all pledging parties and activities between clubs and limited to week-ends. Houseman said, "We are limiting pledging to Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. I felt that having too many late night activities during the week might disrupt classes or the students may find it difficult to achieve as well." He continued, "These are clubs of high caliber and primary service." The groups will have morning line-up activities on campus March 8-12.

All off-campus activities must be sponsored and have an advisor present. They must also turn in an off-campus form to Student Activities.

"We are really following up on all the off campus activities," states Houseman. "We are following college rules. There is a very fine line

between students getting together and a formal college gathering. Anything formally advertised must be sponsored. It is all going very good; there have been no big problems."

The requirements for pledging a campus club state that a student must have 10 units or more than a previous semester G.P.A. of 2.0 or better and hold an overall G.P.A. of 2.0. They must also sign and turn in a hazing code to the Office of Student Activities.

According to Danette Greva, Panhellenic chairperson, "Things are going really good." She added, "Our only problem is that it is hard to get set up and keep up with tradition due to the set-up time schedules."

Houseman concluded by stating, "The fraternities and sororities are to encourage students in all aspects; to get them involved and to teach the rules and regulations of the campus and college."

News Briefs

TV COMMERCIALS ACTING

Former Cerritos College instructor Squire Fridell, now famous for his many television commercial acting roles, will return to Cerritos on Saturday, April 24, for a special workshop on "Acting for TV Commercials."

Sponsored by the college's Community Services program, the workshop will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Arts and Crafts Building.

EASTER SKIING

Ski the way it used to be in Crested Butte, Colorado, with the CC Ski Club.

Bus package for April 2-9 includes five nights lodging, round trip charter bus transportation from campus and lift tickets for five days.

The cost is \$269 per person. Make trip payments at Ski club meetings or contact Mike Matyus at (213) 944-0495.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

A four-on-four "round-robin" half court basketball tournament will begin at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 23.

Entry forms are in the P.E. office or from coach Ernie Johnson. Turn in forms by Monday, March 22. T-shirts will be awarded to the winners.

FINANCIAL AID DANCE

A Schwinn "Beach Cruiser" will be raffled off and door prizes given at the Financial Aids Dance, Friday, March 26.

Tickets are \$2 with current ID and \$3 without.

All proceeds will go toward student aid at Cerritos. Entertainment will be supplied by "Raven."

The dance is open to non-students.

ART EXHIBIT

An exhibit is now open in the Cerritos College Art Gallery featuring the work of technology students, faculty and local industry.

The exhibit will be open until Friday, March 19, in the Art Gallery. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5-9:30 p.m.

Women score season high; men win over Dons

By KAREN da SILVA
TM Staff Writer

A decisive 98-23 victory over Santa Ana last Friday keeps the Cerritos women's track and field squad perfect in league competition and on top at 4-0.

The Falcon men claimed their first win of the season last Friday with an 85-56 victory over the Santa Ana Dons.

The meet was decided in the field as the Cerritos men dominated every event except one. The Falcons showed impressive depth and strength as they allowed the Dons only nine points in the field events

with over half of them earned by a first place finish in the pole vault.

The sole record of the meet came from Falcon high jumper Marty Cowan. Cowan leaped 47'5 1/2" in the triple jump to break Cerritos' triple jump coach Jeff Clingan's mark of five years.

Teammate Pat McDermott finished behind Cowan in total points with 10.

The Cerritos track and field squads have byes this Friday, but host the Grossmont Griffins the following week.

"We've been just real close," Coach Dave Kamanski comments on frustrating losses earlier in the year. "Hopefully this win will provide a type of incentive, the extra we need to win the close ones," he remarks, looking forward to the upcoming meets against Grossmont and Fullerton. The Falcon men need both victories to even their season at 3-3.

Although scoring their most points of the season last Friday, the lady Birds' biggest victory came two weeks ago over the defending league champion Orange Coast Pirates.

Ever since the beginning four years ago when the women's track

and field program was installed into the community colleges, the Orange Coast Pirates have dominated the South Coast Conference.

For three years (currently in fourth season) the Pirates never lost a league meet. They were unstoppable. Beating Orange Coast was the dream every SCC coach and team chased.

Last year the Cerritos women got their first taste of what it was like to lead instead of follow the Pirates. In post season play at Southern Cal and State, the Falcons finished ahead of everyone including their league rivals to capture both titles with Santa

Monica City College. The only title Cerritos didn't now hold was their own conference championship, possessing the title was Orange Coast.

Two weeks ago in Falcon Stadium, the Cerritos women took control over this year's SCC dual-meet title race when they handed Orange Coast their first league defeat ever.

A series of sweeps in the intermediate and high hurdles and the 400 meter race provided the lady Birds with an impressive 87-47 victory over the defending league champs. It also makes Cerritos the favorites for the overall SCC championship held in a couple of months.

(The overall SCC title is held at the end of the season when all conference teams compete together for the championship). "They all wanted it, they gave it the best they had," Coach Gary Gaudet proudly describes the winning reason behind the Falcon women.

They gave it the best they had as the entire Cerritos squad, except one, turned out their best marks of the season against Orange Coast. The one exception was freshman field event wonder Celeste Carrington who threw the shotput far enough for first, but not her best effort.

Women cagers lose conference opener

By WILLIAM AUTREY
TM Staff Writer

Behind by only two points, Falcon basketball player Karen Humphrey took an outlet pass from teammate Carla Pope that would have assisted in sending last Friday night's game into overtime had her shot gone in.

It didn't. And the Cerritos women's basketball team ended a game at home against Fullerton College on a devastating note, losing the conference contest 61-59.

Next, the women players will be challenging Grossmont at home tonight. Starting time is set for 7:30. Cerritos hopes to improve its 0-2 conference and 4-7 overall mark.

Coach Jeanine Prindle commented afterwards, "We played very good ball, our press was effective, but we didn't adjust well when Fullerton switched to a man defense, we committed some costly turnovers to lose our lead."

The team shot a struggling 36 percent from the floor but salvaged some self-respect by dropping in 33 percent of their attempts from the free throw line. "We shot poorly from the

floor, but made up for it at the free throw line," added Coach Prindle.

Karla Recker tossed in 18 points and assisted the Falcons with 8 rebounds along with Humphrey's dominance of the boards; coming away with 13 rebounds for Cerritos.

Mary Lary also enjoyed some success in the loss with her 12 points and 6 assists.

The whole scenario was finally decided in the closing moments, though shortly after a 15-foot field goal from Recker brought the Falcons one point away from identical scores.

But Fullerton stepped up to the charity line and sank the front-end of a one and one situation, missing the second; clearing the way for Karen Humphrey's "final-second" attempt to save the fort. Coach Prindle reflected on her highest scorer's last bucket, noting "We made a good comeback with Karla Recker hitting a 15-footer to bring us to within one."

Cerritos wound up with some impressive statistics for its second conference game, but must now face Grossmont College with an open, empty hand.



TWISTER—Lady Falcon Karen Humphrey twists for a shot along the baseline in recent conference action. Birds lost a close one to visiting Fullerton Hornets 61-59.
TM Photo by BRIAN BECKER

Falcons open loop with win

By KEITH SHARON
TM Sports Editor

The Southland's number one baseball team continued its winning ways at Mt. San Antonio College on Saturday.

No, the L.A. Dodgers didn't stage an exhibition. It was the Cerritos Falcons that exhibited their power, downing the Mounties 9-2 in the South Coast Conference opener.

Yesterday the Birds traveled to San Diego Mesa for an afternoon contest with the Olympians. Results were unavailable at press time.

On Saturday Bret Gordon got four hits, scored two runs, and made spectacular plays in the field, as Cerritos upped its record to 14-2 overall.

"We got good pitching, good defense, and we put the ball in play," said second year head coach Gordie Douglas. "Mt. SAC didn't play catch and we took advantage."

And offensively, Cerritos did a little more than just put the ball in play. Matt Sferazza, Tom Thomas, and Rod McCarver had two hits each as the Falcons collected 13 total.

But the hitting star of the day was Gordon. The switch hitting infielder was inserted into the line-up when injuries forced Douglas to move reg-

ular third baseman Scott Raziano to the outfield.

Cerritos blew the game wide open early scoring five runs in the first two frames. Thomas led off with a walk and Steve Moses got on on the first of the Mounties four errors. After a line-out McCarver hit a deep fly to center field that scored Thomas from third.

In the second with two outs, Dan Clark walked and Gordon singled. Thomas was promptly plucked by a pitch to load the bases.

Moses tried to push a bunt past the mound, but the ball bounded directly toward the pitcher. The Mountie hurler juggled the ball and then to add to the mistake heaved it into right field. Two runs scored on the blunder, but the play wasn't over.

Thomas hustling all the way from first drew a throw from the rightfielder who graciously tossed the ball by third allowing Thomas to score. Sferazza then doubled to knock in Moses giving Cerritos a five run lead.

McCarver added his second sacrifice fly of the game after two more runs had scored on an error in the fourth.

In the sixth the Falcons scored their final runs on a two run homer by McCarver.

Birds on top after Pirate defeat

KAREN daSILVA
TM Staff Writer

Falcon history was made a week ago last Monday when the Cerritos women's tennis team defeated the defending State and league champion Orange Coast Pirates 6-3 for the first time since entering the South Coast Conference six years.

The victory which Cerritos had practiced for and worked towards throughout the season, places them in sole possession of first place in the conference standings.

The Falcons closed out the first round of league play this week

against Grossmont and Fullerton (scores were unavailable at press time). They begin the second round of conference action tomorrow at Mount San Antonio College.

Coach Tom Spence was very pleased about the match as he happily grinned, "It felt great to be on the winning end for a change against Orange Coast." But he is trying to maintain a realistic perspective. "I don't want us to get carried away with the excitement of beating Orange Coast. We need to concentrate on each match."

"Sure we're in the driver's seat

now," Spence says, "but Orange Coast will be tougher the second round," he adds taking nothing for granted as one of the Pirates was out of the line-up Monday due to injury. Her presence in the second round will move each player down a position to give Orange Coast added strength.

The Falcons however played tough when they needed to in the first round as they executed good consistent tennis to take the match in singles competition.

Top Falcon player Terri Spence

continued her undefeated singles win streak at 9-0 by thumping Orange Coast's Becky Reed 6-1, 6-0.

"Sandy Woo played good tennis," Coach Spence confirmed. "I knew her match would be one of the deciding factors against Orange Coast. And she put in the extra effort to make it a winning one," he commented.

The Falcon men continued a streak of a different kind however, Cerritos dropped two more league matches to Santa Ana 1-8 and Orange Coast 0-9 to bring their losing record up to 0-4.



Brenda Cook is about to lash a line drive in conference action.
TM Photo by DEBBIE WALTMAN

SPORTS IN BRIEF

The Cerritos College Wrestling team led by John Vega and Phil Dunford took 3rd place in the state championships held at San Joaquin Delta Jr. College in Stockton. Although the first place finisher Chabot ran away with the team score piling up a 127 points easily outdistancing second place College Of The Sequoias who nipped the Falcons by a mere point and a half (72 1/2).

Both Vega and Dunford won the state title in their respective weight divisions, Vega in the 134 lb. class and Dunford in the 177 lb. bracket. In addition to the two firsts, Cerritos received help from teammates Ron Amaya (8th) in the 126 pound class, Scott Sneider (6th) in the 118 pounds, and Doug Ruiz (6th) at 142 pounds.

In getting to the state finals, Cerritos swept the Southern California Regional Championships held here at Cerritos. The Falcons placed all ten grapplers in the finals - a feat the Birds have now accomplished two years in a row.

Cerritos also won the conference tournament in fine fashion going undefeated in all of their league dual matches.

Pulling off one of the big surprises of the year, Clark Cavanaugh, a part-time starter most of the season, qualified for the finals and wound up the state runner-up at 150 lbs.

—JEFF MARIFIAN

The Cerritos College womens softball team started the year off hot, winning ten of their fifteen pre-season contests, but the conference season has not been kind.

With Fullerton waiting on Friday afternoon on the Falcons home field, the Cerritos women will be sporting an 0-2 conference record. A sudden disappearing act by the Falcons bats, and a base running mixup cost Cerritos a 1-0 loss at the hands of Mt. San Antonio College last Wednesday.

On Friday the Falcon women dropped a 3-2 decision to Santa Ana. In the Mt. SAC game, the Mounties were holding a 1-0 lead late in the game with Cerritos at the plate. There was one out and a runner on first base. The Falcon batter nailed a pitch up the alley in left-centerfield.

The runner on first was waved around third base by coach Nancy Kelly allowing the batter to try and reach third. But in the middle of the play Kelly halted both runners and sent both runners back to their bases. The lead runner got back to third with no problem but the trail runner was caught in a rundown between second and third.

In the ensuing run-down the runner on third tried to sneak home but was thrown out at the plate. The runner originally trapped in the rundown found herself standing on third with two outs. The next batter was retired by the Mt. SAC defense and the scoring threat was stopped. The Mounties eventually held on to win it 1-0.

The lack of hitting has to have Kelly a bit concerned her top three hitters are, Chris Pope at an even .400, Kelly Teegardin at .383, and Deanna Stubblefield at .365. Unfortunately none of the bats are making much noise now that it counts, the conference.

—GARY WALKER

The Cerritos College golf team finished sixth in its first South Coast Conference tournament of the season, shooting a team score of 433 on the Via Verde Country Club course last Tuesday.

John Gatzke, the highest placing Falcon, shot an 80 for a tenth-place tie. K.S. Kochar had an 85 (23rd) and Scott McDonald an 87 (25th). The tournament, hosted by Mt. San Antonio, was the first of six in conference play.

Fullerton hosted the second tournament on Monday (results not available at press time) at the Western Hills Country Club. Mt. SAC's 388 was best, followed by Orange Coast 397, Fullerton 400, Santa Ana 408 and San Diego Mesa 414.

—DARREN HINSLEY

The Cerritos College badminton team pounded East Los Angeles 16-8 in non-conference play to improve the Falcon record to 2-3.

Cerritos will open South Coast Conference play today at Pasadena before coming home to match up with Mt. San Antonio Friday at 3:30.

—DARREN HINSLEY

LETTER: Fan challenges comment on 'apple' ball

In your commentary "Looking for An Answer" (March 3, 1982, Page 4, Column 1), it was apparent that research, thoughtfulness and professional journalistic style were missing from your writings.

As sports editor for our campus award-winning newspaper, you apparently have failed to recognize the important element in all good and bad sports stories — "Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose."

You ask in your commentary, "can this season go down in the record books as just a 'bad year'?" You also say that "anyone with knowledge of the game will tell you that when a previously successful coach can no longer be successful, something is wrong." You say the team "should" have been a winner, it had the talent to win, that Foerster took the "air" out of the offense, and that he was "oblivious" to the fact that the "apple" was suddenly fruitless. And to add insult to injury, you say that Foerster had a "lack of confidence" in his players.

Obviously, you measure success by the won-loss column. Coaches here at Cerritos College are not that narrow-minded. Some of the finest athletes that have been trained at this college did not compete on championship teams. It is not a prerequisite on being a "winner."

Let's take a look at Mr. Foerster.

- He is the only coach to win 200 games at Cerritos College.
- He holds the all-time highest winning percentage in the 13-year history of the South Coast Conference.
- He has won four conference championships in the last nine years.

Sincerely,
Paul B. Rubalcaba
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EDITORS NOTE:

We're shocked. The commentary emphasized that Coach Foerster was a great coach who this time around wound up 14-15 for the year. It can happen to anybody, you know — ask the Notre Dame coach and/or play-off plagued Ray Meyer of DePaul.

All season we gave glowing reports and extensive laudatory coverage to the Falcons. After it was over, we simply looked at it in retrospect.

In our opinion — obviously — something was wrong enough not to win — and to lose the close ones. But it does not a dastardly, incompetent coach make. Was it lack of height, quick-

ness, confidence, talent in general? Over-coaching? Under-coaching? Building year strategy? Any number of things

Success to Mr. Foerster is measured in many other ways than his 14-15 season record. He, and Mr. Bogdanovich, measure improvement of individual players from that first game against Cypress to the season finale at Santa Ana. They measure attitude, on and off the court, and stress academics so that higher education can lead to professional employment. And, most importantly, they possess this attitude during a time when other coaches are wheeling and dealing to create or buy a winner (by the won-loss record) regardless of how well one may fare in the classroom.

Bob Foerster is a winner. And every player on that team is a winner in one way or another. It may have been a lack of "chemistry," but when you lose 12 games by five points or less, you don't go on a witch hunt and attack the integrity of one of the state's finest community college basketball coaches and his program.

The lack of "chemistry" that I see in this matter is a lack of sensitivity on your part. The attitude expressed in your story is in exact contrast to the coaching philosophies of this institution.

Let's face it, Mr. Sharon... sometimes you win and sometimes you lose.

Sincerely,
Paul B. Rubalcaba
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Former Sports Editor (Talon Marks)

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Knowing Foerster and Jack Bogdanovich, next year will probably be different. However, it is a recorded fact that this year wasn't... for whatever reasons.

You win some, you lose some. You get the glory, you take the slack.

If you can't stand the heat of a little Monday morning, after-the-fact quarterbacking and some reasonably "expert" press coverage of the good AND bad...

Coach Foerster doesn't need defending. He knows how the game is played. And so do we.

Opinion

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Gracious exit

Lynette Beaver, a member of the ASCC Senate, has resigned due to a change in her work schedule.

When work schedules collided with Senate duties in the past, all too often, the usual course of action has been for the Senators to hang on to their seats at all costs.

This philosophy has often led to frequent absences and a genuine lack of enthusiasm on the student Senate.

However, Miss Beaver decided to choose a different, better course of action. She wrote the following note:

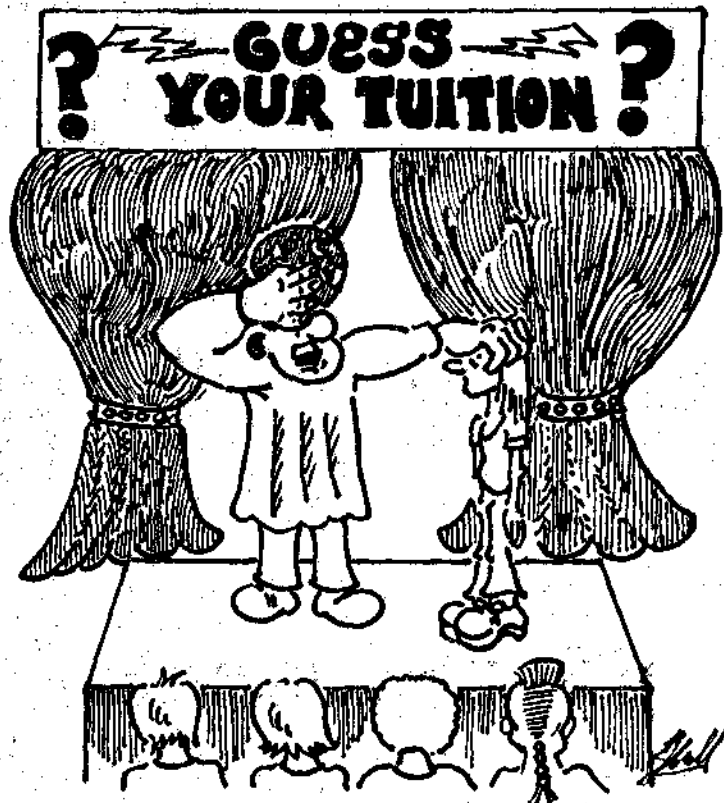
*To the Student Senate, Faculty and Student Body,
Thank you for your support and participation in the elections. Due to an unexpected change in my work hours, I will not be able to fulfill my position as Senator this semester.*

I continue to support you all in your efforts to make a difference. Please call on me if I can be of assistance in furthering our goal of having quality education available to all people.

Lynette Beaver

Miss Beaver obviously made the decision that a resignation — along with the loss of her parking permit — was better than continually missing meetings, not being informed enough to vote intelligently — and abstaining a lot, and otherwise not fulfilling the commitment made to the voters.

We commend her — and suggest her example as one to follow, if and when . . .



Squatter prods wave of the future

By JULIE GALLEGOS
Assoc. Features Editor

They're everywhere these days. They're in supermarket parking lots, they're in the ambulance zones of hospitals . . . they're in Cerritos' Lot C-10.

They're parking lot squatters. Parking lot squatters are a crafty breed of men and women who stake out prime parking spaces on foot and take them over when nobody is looking.

Picture this: You're cruising lot C-10 and wishing you were a member of student government when you think you spy an A-1 space in Row J. You only have half an hour to get to class, so you wreck the shocks on your Datsun going over the speed bumps.

You're just about to pull into the spot when you see it's been occupied — by a squatter staring smugly up at you.

Is there nothing you can do? You could always run them over. Pretend you never saw them or that your foot just slipped off the brake and onto the accelerator. But, that would be messy and you just washed your car.

Isn't there anything else? Not likely. First of all, squatters are hard to deal with.

They always have an excuse. "I'm saving this spot for my aged granny who's taking a backpacking class."

Or . . . "I'm saving it for my pregnant wife . . . she's due any second now."

After this, they'll probably squat defiantly and then you might as well try talking to a 13-year-old playing Pac-Man.

There's really nothing more you can do except drive away. And maybe hope that someone invents an electric squatter prod for cars.



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JACK JEPPESEN — retiring prof

Jeppesen to retire for playing time

By C. CORI LOPEZ
TM Features Editor

When Jack Jeppesen retires this June, he plans to play his guitar. "I also play tennis and bridge, but I never had time before," he smiles.

Jeppesen, who teaches economics and political science, is an 18-year veteran of Cerritos College, and has been teaching for the past 21 years. In addition to his work at Cerritos, he also taught geography at his alma mater, Long Beach State.

However, economics is his specialty. In fact, it was the "economy" that prevented Jeppesen from retiring last year.

"I have a son who's a senior at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and that's primarily the reason I stayed an extra year. I stayed because of inflation."

Currently Mr. Jeppesen is taking three data processing classes (in addition to a guitar class) here at Cerritos.

Why? "You never know what's going to happen. I may become hungry after I retire, so I want something to be able to fall back on."

Unlike many retirees, Jeppesen doesn't plan on "just vacationing and growing fat." He plans to keep learning, although he admits he's concerned about the price of education these days.

"Everyone should have the chance to go to college. California is unique in this respect. I'm concerned with financing an education; it shouldn't just be available for those who can afford it. All people should have the opportunity to earn at least two years of college," he explained.

According to Jeppesen, Cerritos College has become much larger in the past 20 years, as far as the faculty is concerned.

"I never see anyone anymore. I remember when the entire staff saw each other at lunch," he recalled, "but the larger any organization grows, the more impersonal it becomes."

Is this fact detrimental? "No, not necessarily. This occurs anywhere, be it at school or work. If an individual truly desires to succeed, they'll do so under any circumstances," he commented.

Not only a veteran of the education system, Jeppesen is also a World War II veteran. He is a Pearl Harbor "survivor." On December 7, 1941, Jack Jeppesen was aboard a repair ship called the "Dobbin."

"The only thing that saved our necks was the fact that we were along side five destroyers," he grins. Since then, he's visited Hawaii, but he's never visited the memorial.

Jeppesen is going to miss many things about Cerritos College. For example, he'll miss the classroom.

"I'm not concerned with convincing the class that I'm right, or they're wrong. It's hearing what everybody else thinks. This is very important, in light of all the problems facing the world today," he admits.

But what will Jack Jeppesen, the teacher, the war veteran, and the guitarist miss most about Cerritos College?

"The kids. Working with young people has kept me young," he answered.

St. Patrick's luck of th' Irish

By Paul Noboa
TM Staff Writer

The wearin' of the green and the hearty toasts of all good Irishmen on this St. Patrick's Day are in honor of a man who didn't have all that much luck of the Irish when he first started out.

At the age of 16, he was captured in what is now Scotland by a band of raiders from Ireland, and sold as a slave to herdsmen in the county of Antrim in Ireland where he tended sheep for six years.

In a dream, he was told to walk to the nearest port where a ship was

waiting to take him home. This presented some small difficulties for Pat because the nearest shore was 200 miles away. But nevertheless he made his journey and found his boat awaiting.

Once back home, Patrick had another dream in which he saw a man handing him a letter that contained the "voice of the Irish" telling him to come back to Ireland. Though discouraged by his parents, he responded to the call.

Back again in Ireland, Patrick ran into other problems. He was accused of lack of education and of spending

COMMENTARY

Un-'fare' service

By C. CORI LOPEZ
TM Features Editor

I lunched — or rather began to lunch — at a certain oriental style restaurant here on campus last week.

Not to be confused with the Elbow Room or the Student Center cafeteria, this particular eatery was elaborately decorated and catered mostly to the culinary pleasures of the Far East genre.

It was 11:10, and although I had a 12 o'clock class, I thought 50 minutes was ample time to indulge in some teriyaki.

Right off, I was given the usual luke-warm tea, accompanied by some luke-warm soup. This didn't discourage me, though, because I was looking forward to the exotic appetizers advertised on the menu — which I got 20 minutes later, after asking the waitress twice.

That discouraged me. I've never considered myself a connoisseur of oriental cuisine or otherwise, but I do recognize decent service when I see it.

But I didn't see it. The restaurant is billed as a "stu-

dent effort, completely constructed, organized and operated by students of the Food Services program." The restaurant is designed to provide the students with an actual restaurant atmosphere.

Customer service is included, but it was slightly lacking for student patrons when I visited.

Particular customers were getting "hand and foot" service . . . customers dressed in suits, ties and other conservative attire. They were all enjoying their lunch tremendously.

Most of these "special patrons" were graying, and probably had tenure.

At 11:50 — some 40 minutes later — I still hadn't been served my teriyaki.

I cancelled lunch in deference to getting to class on time, and asked for my check. The bill was \$5 for soup and tea for two.

I objected. The cash register person sighed something glib like, "O.K., don't pay it . . ." and turned to more important matters.

Maybe next time I'll take somebody important-looking with me. . .



A-PAUL-ING Big Ed's bash big hit

By PAUL SIMON
TM Editor-in-Chief

The worst part about Big Ed's was that it had to end. There was absolutely nothing appalling about it.

The best part of the evening was a tie between having the profits going to the March of Dimes or watching Dr. Michael unload a tray full of drinks on the dance floor. Sorry, Dr. Mike, guess you weren't cut out to be a waiter.

From the limo ride to the endless stream of popcorn the evening was a tremendous success, and you can thank Wendell Hanks for that. Although it was the combined work of well over a hundred people, it's safe to say that without Wendell there would have been no Big Eds and with Wendell there's a possibility that it will be back.

Thank guys, you all helped to add a "Touch of Class" to Cerritos.

COKE, PLEASE — We've got a wild one this week. It seems that a man attired in a white overcoat is the chief suspect in the mysterious disappearance of a Coca-Cola vending machine. That's right — the whole machine.

A campus maintenance worker, who was the last person to see the machine alive, reports that while she was in the Health Sciences building on a break, a man walked up and began to ask questions concerning the machine. When she returned a while later, the machine was gone.

Officials estimate that there was around "500 dollars" in change in the machine.

The name of the machine is being withheld until relatives can be notified. There was no ransom note.

FICTION TIME — I'm sorry to have to say this, but all apparently were good drivers and parkers these past two weeks, so there are no juicy stories to print — that are true — so I'll make one up.

A Cerritos Coped felt that she was in the right when she parked her 88-foot-mobile home in the Student Government lot. This action incensed the ASCC Senators, who gathered for an emergency meeting. Attendance, due to the importance of the issue, was perfect for the first time in Cerritos Government history.

The Senate allocated funds to pay for a reportedly "very big" tow truck, but when the vehicle arrived it was too late. It seems the girl was just temporarily saving the spot for her boyfriend.

BIRD WATCHING ANYONE? — An A-PAUL-ING word of advice to night students. When walking back to your automobiles, be on the lookout for some nasty owls. Recent owl attack reports have been filed.

Ironically, one of the complaints came from the same maintenance worker who was involved in the coke machine case (just wasn't her week). The owls are merely acting out of instinct in protecting their nests. TM advice — wear a hat.

Senator Kane: a 'sign' of the times

By JULIE GALLEGOS
TM Assoc. Features Editor

Candy Kane is a woman of few words. When she does speak, it is quietly and gracefully.

Candy Kane is deaf. She is also a member of the Cerritos College student Senate, and Faculty-Senate Liaison.

Kane, 25, says she "doesn't know" if she's been deaf from birth. "The doctors told me when I was four," she explained through her interpreter.

A Physical Education major, Candy professes to love all sports including surfing, softball, and volleyball.

In 1977, she competed in the Deaf Olympics on the American volleyball team against the Russians in Rumania. The team took second place, losing to the Russians.

However, she plans to make up for the loss in 1985 when the Deaf Olympics are played in Los Angeles.

Kane was born in Hawaii, where she learned to surf and attended some special schools before going on to Lee Ward College.

Kane says she transferred to Cerritos for the Handicap Program.

Lee Ward was " . . . like here," she gestures towards the ground, but



TM Photo by PAUL SIMON

there were only a "few deaf students" in the program. Cerritos' program includes 21 deaf students.

Kane is independent and proud of it. She vehemently shakes her head at the mention of marriage.

"She wants to work," explains interpreter Sandy Kleven.

Kleven also interprets for her during Senate meetings and was a force behind Kane's decision to run.

"Sandy pulled me like a fish on a line," she said.

Campaigning by "passing out papers to everyone," Kane won the 14th seat on senate and made Cerritos College history by becoming the first deaf member of the senate.

Kleven was also responsible for Kane's election to the Faculty-Senate Liaison.

When nominations for the post were brought up, several people declined before Kane's name was called. When it was called, Kleven simply refused to say no for her and she was subsequently elected.

After school, Kane would like to teach the deaf and possibly serve the public in some way, but for now, she just has to get through her first term on Senate.

That isn't always easy. Kane readily admits that she has had doubts about her ability to serve on Senate because she sometimes becomes confused by the differences between signing and the vocabulary of the hearing.

"Hearing people are so different from the deaf—everything is different. The vocabulary is different," she explained through Kleven.

In sign language, there are no symbols for the words "the" and "a" or "-ing" endings.

"It's like pantomime," she signs. "Most people know about 50 signs, they just don't realize it," Kleven adds.

Despite the difficulties, Kane wants to run again. She says she wants "more and more experience."

Kleven says Kane "wants to make good for herself and improve herself."

Kleven would also like to see deaf involvement improve and Kleven thinks she's just the person to lead the way.

"Candy is like a light for them to follow. . . ." Kleven says.

Candy just smiles . . . silently.

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