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MUD MADNESS-Slippery Grapplers Diana Ballard (HSCC), Bart Jones (Food Services), Trish De Armond mix it up in Hoe Down Days highlight. See Page 3.

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Mudsurfaces during Hoe Down Days

By GAYLE STALEY TM Staff Writer.

Last week's Hoe Down Days raked in a total of \$2,000 for some 15 participating clubs. The Handicapped Club alone netted one quarter of the profits with the popular dunk booth.

Approximately 2,000 students turned out for the free beef and chili lunch and dinner Thursday while country-western entertainer Jeff Pearson performed on the Student Center stage.

Night students enjoyed the same

Country-western star Hoyt Axton was featured in a high-energy two-hour concert Thursday night.

Winners of the Best Dressed Contest received plaques at the Thurs-

day evening concert. Gabe Sanchez from Sigma Phi won Best Dressed Cowboy while Rose La Rosa and Carol Davis from the Instruction Building tied for Best Dressed Cow-

The main event Friday was the 11a.m. Frog Jumping contest. Out of 10 entrants first, second and third place prizes were awarded, along with "Most Enthusiastic Trainer."

Representing the Steve Club, Scott, Harvey and Dave Meadors' frog, "Mr. Steve II," jumped an astonishing eight feet to take the portable AM-FM radio-cassette player for top prize. Richard Bacquerra from Gamma Rho Delta won a walkman radio when his home-grown frog jumped 7'10", placing him second.

In third place, not far behind was ASCC President Craig Georgianna winning a calculator for "Big Buck's" 7'9" jump. The Bookstore provided the prizes.

Student Activities Secretaries Casey Rankin and Susan Varella both won digital watches for "Most Enthusiastic Trainer."

Going on all day were the games, booths, art show, sidewalk sale and blue grass music. Only a few people were able to conquer "Jacob's Ladder" to win \$10.

Professional square dancers gave a demonstration in the Student Center Friday night. There was trout fishing in the fountain by the Student Center. According to Steve Gray, Commissioner of Student Activities, "The trout fishing was a big success. I was glad to see so many parents bring their kids who had never caught fish before. It was good to see them happy after having caught their first fish."

In addition to the games and booths, a mime performed Saturday. "Peanut Squares," a professional square dance group, also performed.

Drawing the largest crowd was the mud wrestling event. The beauty pack facial mud was supplied by Universal Studios. Journalism professor C. Thomas Nelson, also TM Advisor, emceed the event, calling for "good,

clean matches from all the contes-

Diana Ballard, representing the Student Vocational Nurses, wrestled the first match against Trish De Armond, representing HSCC. It was a stand-off.

The second contestants were Candy Kane, a deaf student from the Handicapped Club, and Ray Esquibel Who is blind, also from HSCC.

Esquibel went aggressively for the pin in the first round, but couldn't get a good hold on Kane. In the second round, Kane was more prepared, causing Esquibel to resort to mud-slinging. Referee Rich McCloud soon put an end to that. Esquibel finally managed to pin Kane in the

first minute of the third and final round.

The third pair of contestants were Cindy Brown and Michelle Rodriguez, but they gave up early.

Ballard and De Armond then put out a challenge to the crowd which Bart Jones of Food Services accepted. After three rounds and no one getting pinned down, referee McCloud called for a 15 second sudden-death tie-breaker. The final outcome saw Jones declared the winner.

All in all, Hoe Down Days proved to be a big success, according to Steve Gray. "All the hard work was worth it, but I'm just glad it's over "he commented." Now I can get some normal sleep and concentrate on my classes."



SONG SQUAD—The 1982/83 Cerritos Song team. Front from left, Marlene Johnson, April Nebergall. Middle, Shirley Wong, Judy Buchmiller, Saundra Wehneyer, Lisa Santangelo,

Judy Buchmiller, Saundra Wehneyer, Lisa Santangelo, Tasia Cook. Front, Marlene Johnson, April Nebergall. Not pictured, Linda Moshler.

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Bonds held on \$100,000 bond

By KIMBERLY BEAUDRY and CLAYTON ALVARENGA

Former Cerritos College Campus Security officer James Bonds will face the Superior Court on Monday, May 17, to answer charges of burglary, grand theft, and receiving stolen property, Norwalk Sheriff's officials have announced.

Bonds, 25, is currently being held at the Orange County jail on a \$100,000 bond, up from the previous \$80,000.

He was arrested here on Saturday, April 10, by Norwalk officers, a few days after the Cerritos Campus Security dispatch office had been broken into. Radios, keys to unlock campus buildings, and miscellaneous objects were reported gone.

Bond's is also believed to have been involved with several other campus break-ins during the past few months.

When apprehended by Norwalk police, Bonds had in his possession two missing keys believed to have been taken in the dispatch burglary, officers reported.

According to Gene Cella, Campus Security Coordinator, approximately. \$25,000 worth of stolen Cerritos College property has been recovered at Bonds place of residence, including a microwave oven reported missing from Community Services, audio-visual material, and a safe belonging to Health Sciences.

Bonds two younger brothers, both minors, whose names are being withheld by officials, were also taken into custody by Norwalk Sheriff's officers and charged with receiving stolen goods. Detective Pat Hunter of the Norwalk Sheriff's Station stated that both boys were taken to juvenile hall, but have been released. Hunter stated their cases are still pending.

Hunter commented that Bonds entered a plea of not guilty in his preliminary hearing which started last week and continued on Monday. "Bonds does not have to take the

stand during his Superior Court trial," Hunter remarked. "The burden is on the people to prove him guilty."

An investigation is going on to de-

termine if Bonds has been involved with any off-campus burglaries, Cella stated.

If found guilty, Bonds faces up to five years in state prison on each count for which he is convicted.

Trustees place Rancho Program on hold; consider move to campus

By WAYNE WURZER TM News Editor

A proposal for major reductions in the college satellite program for the handicapped at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital was tabled for the second time in as many Board of Trustee meetings April 26, allowing members to check the status of other departments on campus during the school's current financially troubled

The Board expressed general support of the administration proposal to move the bulk of the 12-year old program and leave a skeleton of classes for resident patients at the rehabilitation center. But a vote was delayed when members requested budget information on other areas of the school in order to, as Trustee Hazel Scotto put it, "make sure that we're making the best possible cuts."

Before motioning to table the issue, Board President Rich Goul asked, "In a lifeboat type situation, what kind of criteria are we going to use to decide who gets off the boat and who stays?"

Board Vice-President Harold Tredway also requested that the Board be shown the money difference in the program if the changes were implemented.

Cinco De Mayo

A week-long "Cinco de Mayo" program sponsored by the Chicano Studies Bilingual Program and MEChA at Cerritos College will be highlighted by a flesta tonight at 6:45 in the Student Center.

Campus psychology teacher Antonio Lopez will open the program tonight by speaking on the topic "Pscyhology of the Chicano." Soladad Alatorre, of the Community Base Organization to improve conditions for Mexican-American women, will also speak. The evening will be rounded off with folk dancing and

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"There is nothing showing us the exact dollar amount that would be saved by the district if these modifications were adopted," he stated.

While most of the Board expressed an inclination toward approving the proposal, Ada Steenhoek, who recently visited the program, showed her disapproval, calling it a situation

of "money versus life."

She pointed to the unique needs of the students in the program and said, "We really are saving lives."

According to Steenhoek and other hospital officials, many of the students lack the proper self-esteem to attend the main campus and most "shudder" at the thought of it.

According to Olive Scott, Vice-President of Instructional Services and Assistant Superintendent of the college, and Board member Katie Nordbak, the new structure will serve a greater number of the hand-

Steenhoek called it, "A question of quantity over quality."

The fact that the program draws students from all over Los Angeles County, coupled with the recent turning away of students at the main campus, brings up the question of boundaries and who the Board is responsible to serve first.

Student Board representative Craig Georgianna suggested closing off the open entry privilege to other districts, "instead of turning away our own students who pay taxes in this area."

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Board screening candidates; decision may come Monday

By WAYNE WURZER TM News Editor

The Board of Trustees will complete interviews Friday of the 19 persons seeking to fill the vacant Board seat created by the departure of recently elected Norwalk City Council Member Lou Banas.

The Board will interview 10 applicants in a special meeting Friday at 7:30 in the Board room after completing reviews of nine of the candidates in a special Monday night session.

According to Rich Goul, successor to Banas as Board President, an appointment could come as early as Monday, at the regular scheduled Board meeting.

Each applicant was interviewed in 10 minute sessions Monday on topics ranging anywhere from college budget cuts to the current Reagan administration's proposal to give tax credits to parents of students attending private schools. Five of the nine questioned were from Bellflower and most have had past involvement with the college.

Heading the list of former Cerritos students and employees was nine year Director of Publications and Information Services, and former parttime instructor Jay Malinowski.

Malinowski, the Assistant Director of Public Information for the Southern California Metropolitan Water District expressed an interest in strengthening the teacher evaluation process and the possibility of placing a limit on the number of tenure positions available.

"The evaluation process comes to late in the semester and is not strong enough, it really doesn't have much meaning," he commented when asked about areas he considered to need improvement.

When asked if he would be able to deal with irate people in the face of (Continued on Page 5)

Rancho program may reorganize

Academic awards highlights

Community College Week

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The program was built and grew at a time when the college was in excellent financial condition. Due to the recent cuts in state funding, the college can no longer bear the load of the other districts, officials said.

"It was great when we didn't have a cap on ADA (average daily attendance), but we're going to pay for our increases out of the reserves," explained Scott.

ADA is the state funding mechanism employed by the state to fund the over 100 community colleges, Recent cutbacks in the allowances have caused Cerritos, and other schools with large enrollments, to turn students away.

Scott opened the meeting by stressing, "We are not deleting the program; we're going on with a core program that was originally flagged as a need by the hospital."

Under the proposal, one instructor would teach resident patients of the hospital four classes, four days a week. The courses would be remedial math, English, typing and multiclerical skills.

By putting two of the current program instructors into two recently vacated business teaching positions, the administration says the college would save up to \$60,000 in salaries

Both Scott and college President Dr. Wilford Michael suggested that transportation would pose no prob-

By BRENDA DOYLE

College Week.

Program.

TM Assoc. News Editor

California Governor Jerry Brown

Each Community College in Cali-

fornia is free to celebrate this week

in any way they choose. According to

Dr. Ed Bloomfield, Cerritos is emph-

asizing the week by tying it in with

the Academic Excellence Awards

According to Bloomfield, Com-

munity College Week is "A week

that the Governor of California

has dubbed May 9-15 as Community

lem to the students if the changes were adopted.

"If they are transported to the hospital already, we are assuming they will be able to get transportation here," commented Scott.

Dr. Michael said, "What we're talking about is 35 students who are on hospital grounds who would still

named to acknowledge the import-

ance of Community College to the

life of people in California. It is a sort

The Cerritos Academic Excellence

Awards program will be held May 12

at 7:30 p.m. in the Burnight Center

and a reception will follow at 8:30

being honored with a 3.5 or higher

G.P.A. They are the top students in

their fields," said Bloomfield. "They

are who we choose to honor this

"This year there are 52 students

of conscience awareness thing."

be served, and some other students who already have to provide transportation from within the district." But according to Marjorie Vigue,

Vocational Rehabilitation Services Chief at Rancho, transportation would pose a problem to many of the students. Vigue pointed out that many of the students live within a two-block area of the hospital, in two different apartment complexes with handicapped facilities, and currently travel independently in wheel chairs to hospital grounds.

She also pointed out recently that students would have difficulty in scheduling their days, which currently divide time back and forth from the country-run hospital vocational training facilities and the college classrooms, which are currently located just buildings apart.

Arlene Myers, director of the program, urged the Board not to lose sight of the vocational education aspect of the program.

"I think our tax payers would like to see their money going to train people to get them off welfare," she said. "I think we all have that on our minds," responded Nordbak.

SCCT SLATE ANNOUNCED

Cerritos College Southern California Conservatory Theatre has announced this year's productions which include "Oklahoma,"

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Three cosmetology students were entered in the Pasadena Hairshow on April 4 and 5, at the Pasadena Convention Center. All three came home winners.

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Trial date set for coed charged with assault

By WAYNE WURZER TM News Editor

A June 1 trial has been set for a Cerritos College coed charged with attacking a fellow student with a crow bar and a car in a February dispute over a campus parking space.

Karen Michelle Pamplin, a 24 year old shorthand student from Cypress, continued to maintain her innocence of the assault with a dead-, ly weapon charge at an April 5 Downey Municipal Court pre-trial

She is accused of assaulting Ruben Rosas, 22, of Norwalk, in Parking Lot C-10 (near the Auto Technology Building) on Feb. 18 as he attempted to save a parking spot for a friend.

Rosas, an Administrative Justice major, claims that Pamplin ran into him from behind with her car as he stood in the stall.

The 5'6" 170 pound Rosas claims that Pamplin knocked him to the

ground twice with her car and then attempted to hit him in the head with a crow bar. In addition, Rosas claims that she threw a bottle of perfume at him.

When questioned by a Talon Marks reporter days after the incident, the 5'8" 130 pound Pamplin bluntly stated, "I don't even own a crow bar."

Police records show that Rosas suffered minor abrasions on his wrists. The Campus Security Department later told TM that a bottle of perfume was found at the scene the evening of the incident.

Pamplin also contends that her leg was "all scraped up" due to Rosas slamming the car door on it, and said that she has a witness to back her allegation.

She was arrested a few hours after the incident, when she returned to her car following class, by Norwalk Sheriff's Deputies. She was released the following morning on a \$1,500 bond.

News Briefs

COSMETOLOGY CONTEST **WINNERS**

The recent Cosmetology Hair Styling Contest held in the CC Student Center was a huge success.

Over 500 people watched 110 students do their cuts and comb-outs in five different divisions.

First place winners in the five divisions were: Fantasy, John Murphy; Daytime, Jasmin Kim; Evening, Justina Herrera; Artistic, Marina Lidner; Haircutting, Jenette Bangar.

FIRE DEPT. OPEN HOUSE

If you've always wanted to peek under the hood of a shiny red fire engine or find out if fire fighters really do wear red suspenders, here's a great chance.

All fire stations in Los Angeles County will hold open house on Saturday, May 8, as part of Fire Service Day. Visitors will be welcome from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WRITER'S DAY WORKSHOP Experts in journalism, romance

novels, television writing, children's literature, and literary agents will gather together to offer lectures and advice, when Community Services hosts "All That's Right About Writing," Writer's Day Workshop on Saturday May 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Health Sciences 102.

What makes a successful writer? How does one go about getting a book published? What do editors really look for in a writer? These and other questions will be answered by a distinguished list of speakers made up of Jack Smith, L.A. Times columnist; Joan Talmage Weiss, free-lance writer, and author of four children's books; Romance novelist Linda Wisdom; television writer Susan Mary Stewart; Robert Howaland; Aquisitions editor for Reston Publications, and literary agent Pat Teal.

This workshop has been designed to benefit writers of all experience levels - from the novice, to those whose work has alredy been in print.

Included in the day's events will be seminars on the special tricks of writing for children, how to break into television, why the romance novel has become such a hot item, plus much more.

The fee is \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. Coffee and doughnuts will be served, and participants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch.

For more information, or to make phone reservations by credit card, contact Community Services at Ext.

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BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

This year's blood drive, on April 20, was partially held for head bas-

ketball coach Bob Forrester. Of those who signed up, over 90 percent donated. Donators included students and a great number of staff members,

ICC MEETING

The ICC meeting is on Thursday, May 6, at 11 a.m. in BK 112. All, clubs are required to have a representative present.

'LIGHT UP THE SKY'

The Moss Hart comedy, "Light Up the Sky," will be presented by the Cerritos College Theatre Department May 14-15, and 19-22 in Burnight Center at 8 p.m.

BARGAIN BOOK SALE

Book lovers will find thousands of books, magazines, records and games at bargain prices at the Friends of the La Mirada Public Library's semi-annual book sale to be held Saturday, May 8.

The event will take place in the community room of the library and on the adjoining Civic Center courtyard from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The popular "buck a bag" sale will be featured as a close-out event beginning at 3 p.m. The La Mirada Library is located at 13800 La Mirada

NEWSPAPER PHOTO LEC-

TURE Hearst Community Newspaper staff photographer David H. Wells will speak on the subject of newspaper photography and photojournalism in the main lecture room on Thursday, May 6 at 11 a.m.

Wells will speak on getting started in the field, including how to start working at his paper.

See Michael Coppenger if you have any questions.

HONOR SOCIETY MEETS

Campus honor society Alpha Gamma Sigma will meet tomorrow, May 6, at 3 p.m. in SS 136.

SPRING AWARDS

Nominating sheets for the ASCC Spring Awards are available in the Office of Student Activities,

Deadline for turning in the forms is Monday, May 17, at 4 p.m.

ASCC PETITIONS

Petitions will be available on Monday, May 3, 8 a.m. for students interested in running for the 1982-83 offices of Student Body President and Vice-President.

Petitions can be picked up from Casey Rankin in the Office of Student Activities. Deadline for filing will be Friday, May 7 at 4 p.m.

BAKE SALE

Circle K will have a bake sale on Thursday, May 6, at the Elbow Room from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The Cerritos College Foundation cordially invites you to attend the Third Annual Academic Excellence Recognition Awards program, Wednesday, May 12.

The Awards Ceremony, is 7:30 p.m. in the Burnight Center Theatre. The reception will be at 8:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

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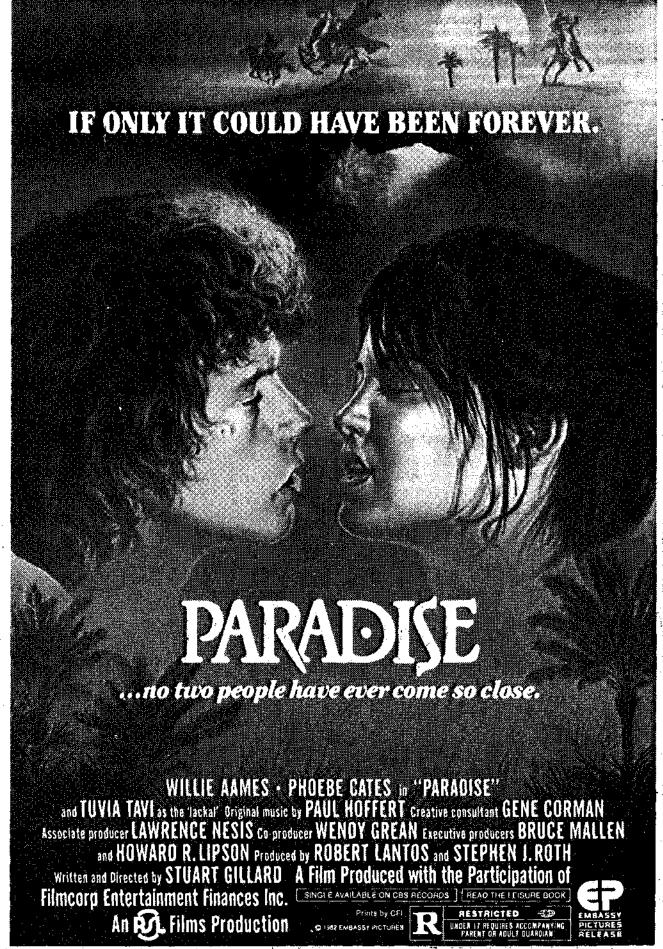
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Falcons run to title; score in all events

By KAREN da SILVA TM Staff Writer

A month ago, the Cerritos women's track and field team dethroned for the first time in three years the defending champion Orange Coast Pirates to become the new dual-meet titleholders.

Last Saturday at the Conference finals hosted by Grossmont at San Diego State, the lady Birds put together yet another dominating team performance, with someone qualifying in each event for this Saturday's So. Cal prelims, to literally run away with the overall South Coast Conference championship.

The individual effort of Falcon Marty Cowan highlighted the men's competition for Cerritos and the entire meet, as he compiled 3314 points for high scorer for the afternoon.

In the women's competition the outcome was: Cerritos-150, Orange Coast-90, Grossmont-66, San Diego Mesa-51, Mt. SAC-48, Fullerton-36, and Santa Ana-22.

The men's results were: Mt. SAC-235, Grossmont-85, San Diego Mesa-82, Orange Coast-70, Cerritos-63. Fullerton-45, and Santa Ana-8.

The men and women who qualified for the So. Cal prelims by placing fifth or higher in their events, will compete Saturday at Bakersfield in what Cerritos' women's coach Gary Gaudet terms, "the toughest meet we'll have all year long."

"The level of competition will be the highest it's been with everyone wanting to make it," he explains of the athletes' determination to advance to the So. Cal finals being held the following weekend again at Bakersfield. The Cerritos women are the defending So. Cal co-champions with Santa Monica.

In route to scoring over half of the

Cerritos effort and earning the most points of the meet, Cowan captured a first, two seconds, a third, and a fourth, not placing in only one of his

Men's coach Dave Kamanski teased Cowan after the meet, "Why didn't you do better in your events? We could've caught Orange Coast

Falcon Celeste Carrington easily became a prelim qualifier when she hurled a new conference record of 41'71/2" in the shot put for first place. Her mark was almost a foot over the old record held by Cerritos' Michelle

Carrington tied with teammate Cathy Ledesma for 20 points as the lady Birds' high scorers. Ledesma earned half of her 20 by leaping 16'51/2" in the long jump to capture

Showing their ultimate dominance in the league, Cerritos blew by their competition with a 1-2-3-4 sweep in the 400 meters. Loretta Jordan, Sarah Scott, Jenise Thompson, and Linda Thomas respectively, combined for the sweep and also a first place in the mile relay. Their first place time of 3:56.7 however was well off their top state mark of 3:49.6.

"We qualified more this year than last," commented Coach Gaudet on Saturday's performance.

"But the quality of athletes is a lot tougher this year," he stated referring to a possible repeat So. Cal championship. "We won't be one of

the favored teams," Gaudet admits. Cerritos' tough competition over the title will come from strong West L.A., Ventura, Santa Monica, and El Camino colleges according to

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By KEITH SHARON TM Sports Editor

When San Diego State recently offered a track athlete from Cerritos College a scholarship, a few friends went out for a beer to celebrate, but no one stood and cheered. Fans didn't beat down his door; in fact, not many people really cared.

Marty Cowan cared.

A year ago Cowan and a few friends were traveling by car to a meet. He had given his buddy Pat McDermott his cap to wear for the trip. The blue cap, an ordinary sort, happened to be Cowan's favorite. But a gust of wind claimed the beloved headpiece for the side of the road.

Cowan cared then, too. Little things like that, a \$500 scholarship that will barely cover the cost of books, and a favorite blue cap are important to Cowan, who runs track at Cerritos because it is fun.

Cowan is a blue collar athlete. When he wins an event, the average American should scream, yell, and raise a little hell because he is one of them.

The success he enjoys can be appreciated by anyone. Cowan is working his way through school. He works at Penny's and doesn't even have a car. But he still has time to have fun and that means running

Cowan is a track man; more fittingly a decathlete. A guy who does a little bit of everything. He is the super of the track team. Need a lot of different jobs done right? Go to the super. Need points on a lot of different events? Go to Cowan,

In track and field, it seems Cowan simply has the knack. The one-time wide receiver from St. Paul High has simply done it all for the Falcons in the past two years. He not only competes, he is no slouch as far as winning goes either:

Over the weekend at the South Coast Conference, Championships, Cowan was super. After qualifying in four events the previous week, he had a pretty fine Saturday. He took a third in the triple jump (usually one of his better events), a couple of seconds in the 110 and 400 hurdles and the conference's top spot in the high jump, All in a day's work.

Cowan: A man whereares

Marty Cowan was named SCC Track Athlete of the Year by the leagues coaches, it was learned mo-

ments before press time yesterday. It is the second consecutive year that a Cerritos athlete has won the honor. Jim Wilson was named a year

"I was very happy with my marks overall," said Cowan of his weekend performance. "I wish I could have done better in the high jump and triple jump."

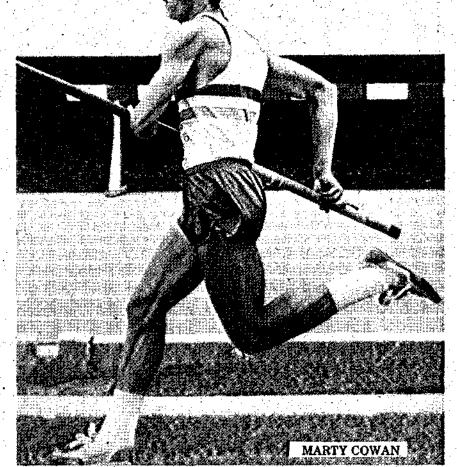
When all those scores are put together, it makes for a pretty good decathalon. Cowan is a pretty good decathlete.

Believe it or not, he has only run the ten events twice in his life. As far as records go, he's made the most of his two chances. He holds the Cerritos College record and is the owner of the state's best marks in the decathalon with 6789 points.

A shoe-in to win the SCC decathalon, Cowan has chosen to back out of the grueling two-day competition.

"The meet comes too close to the state decathalon, which I already qualified for," Cowan said.

He has remarkable statistics for the little experience he has in the event which takes some athletes years to learn. The talent has always been there, though. It has just taken some refinement. In a year Cowan



has gone from a pretty good decathlete and the progress doesn't figure to stop there.

He gives the credit to the coaches who have taught him the finer points to help build on the natural talent. A year ago he didn't even know how to throw the shot, or javelin, or even run the curves properly. He still isn't able to pole vault well. It is these finer points that he works on every

"All my coaches have contributed a lot," explained Cowan. "They've 🖟 taught me how to run properly and explained the other events that I was

Cowan's success is almost a necessity in his track career. Being just an average student, he has to rely on a scholarship to continue running in school. If not he will still go, but just to get an education. He knows where his priorities lie.

The youngest of seven children, Cowan still says family ties come first in his life. And since both his parents passed away, he has learned how important a close family can be.

Donning a new red hat, the easygoing athlete will probably have a lot to celebrate in the future . . . when he learns how to pole vault.

Cerritos vs. Cerritos for singles title

By KAREN daSILVA TM Staff Writer

Some of Cerritos' women's tennis team, who had been eliminated in the previous rounds of the conference finals, traveled down to Orange Coast College Saturday to cheer on the remaining Falcon members in true team spirit.

But as the morning progressed and the semi's were completed, the Falcon cheering squad faced a problem who should they root for?

It was an all Cerritos singles final Saturday at the women's South Coast Conference tennis championship hosted by Orange Coast. Number one, undefeated Terri Spence vs number three, undefeated Maria Lesch.

The crowd applied the rules of court etiquette to their dilemma, clapping only for the winning shots. It turned out they were rooting mainly for Spence, as she defeated Lesch 6-1, 6-2 to become the conference singles champion.

Spence, Lesch and eight other SCC players, including teammate Lynn Peterson, qualified for the So. Cal singles competition to begin tomorrow at Long Beach City College with the finals on Saturday.

The top ten doubles also advance to So. Cal. Among them are the Cerritos teams of Lesch-Peterson and Pat Contreras-Cindy Chuang.

But their performances were not enough to clinch the overall team championship. The Orange Coast Pirates defended their title with 22 points, Cerritos finished second at 19 with Fullerton third at 12. Cerritos and Orange Coast are co-champions for their previous league action.

"Overall our league, school for school, is one of the toughest," Spence stated on the Falcons' preparation for So. Cal. "We also had tough non-league competition."

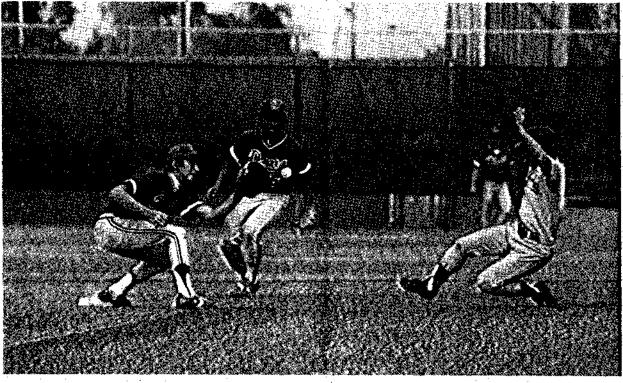
Cerritos' main competition will come from Palomar and L.A. Pierce Colleges. Pierce's top player is June Angus, Santa Barbara and OJAI tournament champion. She is also Terri Spence's long time rival.

I think it's great," quirped coach Spence on the Cerritos vs Cerritos final. "Anytime you can get two girls from the same school in the final, it's great."

Player Spence took early command over the match. With the score tied 1-1, she reeled off nine games in a row before Lesch won her first game of the second set.

Lesch however was not without her moments as she hit a couple of service returns for winners.

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PEGGED-Tom Thomas is about to become the victim of an extremely accurate throw at second base in recent action. The Birds are in second

place in the SCC, one game back of Orange

—TM Photo by Steve Roule

SHARON MY VIEWS

Birds fall to Coast again

Call it a "jinx." Call it a "fluke." Call it "one of those things." But when someone asks "who won the conference?" Call it Coast,

Since Cerritos won the SCC baseball crown in 1979, a drastic change has taken place. Orange Coast just said "excuse me" and pushed it way straight to the top of the JC baseball

The year 1982 has been no different. The Falcons kept winning and winning, but Coast hung tough. Cerritos was ranked number one. Coast was number two. Then, as it has happened in the two previous years, Coast overtook the Falcons.

"Both games we played this year our defense broke down in one inning and we lost, but that wasn't the exact cause. You just can't put your finger on one thing," explained Coach Gor-

Accredited by

die Douglas whose two year record with Coast is 2-4.

In a showdown between the perennial powers, Coast took the game (3-2), the conference (by one game), and the air right out of the Falcon balloon.

Over the past three years, since 1980, Cerritos has won just two of the ten games the two teams have played. Sure a second place finish qualifies Cerritos for the Shaunessy playoffs, but for the Falcons going into the playoffs without an SCC title is like a bird without a beak. It just doesn't seem right.

Still Cerritos played a fine year that included winning the Casey Stengel and Allan Hancock tournaments. The Falcons led the conference and were ranked number one in the Southland for six consecutive weeks. But it wasn't enough to break the spell.

Overall for the Birds, it was a banner year without the banner.

Offensively the statistics speak for themselves. A team batting average of .332 tells a lot of the story, but the book doesn't close there.

Cerritos has a team on base average of .408, scored 135 runs in 16 games (over eight per game), stole 46 bases, hit 23 home runs, and averaged 12 hits per game. Not bad for second place.

. The pitching has been just as impressive. A team earned run average of under two, allowing only four home runs in conference, and losing only four games in conference makes for a pretty good pitching staff.

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Falcons to Mesa win Dodson helped her own cause Freshman pitcher Becky Dodson against Mesa by going 3-3 at the tossed a three hit shutout and catcher Connie Brickman hit a solo home plate, scoring two runs and driving run to lead the Lady Falcons to a 6-0 in another. Dodson is sporting a

Dodson, Brickman lead

win over San Diego Mesa last week. The win improved the Falcons &

playoff hopes for next week's Southern California Championships. Under softball rules only the first and second place teams in the conference qualify. Due to the midseason weather trouble many teams still have games to make up that will affect the standings.

Cerritos will play its final regular season game today at 3:00 against Orange Coast College at OCC.

healthy 250 batting average. Head Coach Nancy Kelly, in her

eighth year at Cerritos, says she is pleased with her team's 19-16 record (5-9 in league play). "We have a very young team this

season" says Kelly, "we will lose only three players to graduation so we have the prospect of a very fine season next year as well as a shot at the playoffs this season."

With a career record of 159-53 at Cerritos, Kelly's teams have never had a losing season.

Kuyper tabs Huskies

After a very successful two year career at Cerritos College, standout basketball player Tim Kuyper has accepted a scholarship to the University of Washington.

The 6-7 sophomore had been recruited by such schools as Stanford and the University of Hawaii, but eventually decided to attend Washington.

With an average of over 19 points

per game in the South Coast Conference this year, Tim was voted ALL SCC in both his freshman and sophomore seasons. His total point production in those two years were 1,008, which puts him in fourth place on the all time Falcon scoring list.

A graduate of Mayfair High in Lakewood, Kuyper was an All-CIF player for the Monsoons in his senior



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Bird cagers suffer again

By WILLIAM AUTREY TM Staff Writer

Cerritos' women's basketball team hosted San Diego Mesa last Wednesday night and the Olympians left behind a reminder that only aggravated an already afflicted, bruised

A reminder that giving up halftime leads doesn't help too much down the final stretch.

Ahead by two, 27-25, at halftime, the Falcons allowed San Diego Mesa to turn the tide, producing an ending score of 59-53 in their favor. Ending the season.

And finally, ending a dismal overall season record of 6-17, with 2 wins and 10 losses in the conference record column.

Coach Jeanine Prindle called the game an intense one as both teams played very aggressive defense, both

opting to work a man-to-man strategy.

S.D. Mesa controlled the boards, but Cerritos'stayed alive with several steals and effective shooting by Lori Robarge and Karla Recker.

The Falcons completed conference play averaging 56 points a game and allowing their opponents an average of 63.

For the season, Karla Recker led all Falcon scorers with her 17.3 point average; this pans out to be a 40% field-goal percentage.

Karen Humphrey assisted her team's efforts with 10.6 rebounds per

Mary Lary (4.5) and Carla Pope (4.4) share honors of most assists averaged during the season. And Robarge sank 69% of her free-throw attempts overall, giving her the highest team percentage in that

By BARBARA EKNOIAN TM Staff Writer

By WILLIAM AUTREY

"Some Kind of Hero" is Richard

'Home" is the U.S.A., and at times

After five grueling years in a

stench-filled jail cell (courtesy of the

South Vietnamese), he is released at

war's end - released to trials and

tribulations of a totally different na-

ture that create for him the same

His wife has fallen for another

man and wants to leave him. She and

her "friend" lost Pryor's small busi-

ness that served as his only real hope

of financial strength. His mother's

suffered a stroke and, finally, he

can't collect his earned back-pay

from the Army because of treason

Pryor as a Vietnam veteran return-

Pryor probably wishes he were any-

TM Staff Writer

where but there.

type of pain.

ing home.

Cerritos College re-entry student Sharon Travis recently won a \$500 Bank of America Scholarship.

Travis, a psychology major, was chosen to represent the Humanities & Social Science Division, and she Re-entry student wins \$500 bank scholarship was among four students who represented Cerritos College. "Three out

of the four students were re-entry women," she said. Students who competed were chosen from five areas of Southern California and the competition was held at the Ramada Inn, Santa Ana. There were ten participants and

Sharon said, "The two of us chosen to

go on to the next level were re-entry

women."

At the competition, the judges asked the following question: "In America, we say, 'I'm okay, you are okay." The Japanese say, 'We're okay. Therefore, I'm okay.' Is this a problem in America and how do we

She had a half hour to write a response, one minute to present a statement and 20 minutes to answer

Some Kind of Hero features Pryor

Most of the humor surfaces around

his theft of Treasury notes he uses to

keep himself financially stable and

pay for his mother's mounting

Ray Sharkey co-stars as his wordly

Army buddy who sees him through

the tortures of the P.O.W. camp until

his untimely death. Margot Kidder

is a high-priced hooker who renews

Pryor's worth and self-esteem during

The pieces to this story fit and

seem to carry across the screen well,

but the director failed to realize the

importance of prolonged camera

time involving the P.O.W. camp

scenes; they seem absolutely neces-

sary to form a solid structure on

which the uncontrolled antics of the

We should've spent more time

with Ray Sharkey. He's a good actor

as proven in the fairly recent "Idol-

rest of the film can be based.

maker." He's believable.

Board; decision due soon

all his internal madness.

as Vietnam veteran come home

medical costs

further questions from the judges.

Besides having a 4.0 g.p.a., Sharon had to be involved in community and service work to qualify for the scholarship.

Sharon resides in Lakewood with her husband, Gary, and daughters, Jaymie and Janis. She returned to college when her daughters were in high school.

Presently, she is finishing classes here at Cerritos, and is also carrying nine units at Long Beach. In addition, she works at the Writing Lab on campus and tutors.

Her future goal is to be an industrial psychologist, to alter people's working environment. "If you help people at work so that by making it a more positive situation, you can hopefully improve the rest of their life," she said.

Margot Kidder - we need to know

her more intensely than we do. Does

she really want to see Pryor through

"thick and thin"? How easily could

she give him up to all his craziness

and illegal maneuverings? Is she

willing to quit her "profession" for

To answer these types of questions

Overall, the movie's timely and

controversial subjects are handled

with taste and realistic dialogue, but

we needed to see more than just

Richard Pryor playing a returning

We needed to see much more of Sharkey and Kidder, and we didn't.

analysis, carries itself well but it

needs some kind of additional char-

acter developments to move it across

a feinting, distant finish line.

"Some Kind of Hero," in the final

in the film would greatly accentuate

its final impact on an audience.

We don't know for sure.

him?

Vietnam Vet.

Tennis

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But it was Spence's all-around strong court game that won the match and the championship.

Spence, who earlier in the week was honored as the SCC women's tennis MVP, gave up no more than three games on her way to the conference singles title. '

When asked if Cerritos' successful year meant more to him with his daughter doing so well, Coach Spence replied, "Yes, I guess you're always partial,

But it means more with two (Cerritos) girls in the finals. I never anticipated that from the beginning of the

Lesch, seeded number seven, had a tougher time in reaching the final as she came up against the number two and four draws.

"My feet hurt," she tiredly but contentedly said after a satisfying

The Falcon tennis squad ended their bid for a team So. Cal or State championship when they lost to Santa Barbara 2-7 in the first round last

"Yes I'm disappointed in the loss," stated Spence. "I knew we would have to play tough to go far and we didn't. We were flat,"

Track scores all around on way to Southern Cal

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Cerritos' Penny Miller turned in a school record of 10:32.58 in the 3000 meters over the weekend to take second behind Orange Coast's Barbie Ludovise, who raced to a new conference time.

It looked like Miller would fade into fourth as exhaustion seemed to take over in the final laps of the race. But, staying close behind the eventual third and fourth place finishers with Ludovise way out ahead, Miller summoned up her second wind to sprint ahead of her opposition in the final straight away and capture second.

Teammate Deon Villa tied the conference high jump record Saturday at 5'6" and she currently holds the second highest state mark this year

Sharon

column

and getting on base.

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pionship, as she compiled points to Two personal records in the shot put and discus were turned in by Fal-

Dimitri Fuller also contributed a

large part to the Falcon Cham-

con Mike Bolden. Bolden threw 51'3 34" for third in the shot put and 154'10" for fourth in the discus to qualify for So. Cal prelims. Gary Palmer tied for second in the

high jump at 6'6". The Falcon freshman had the height in all of his 6'8". attempts, but narrowly displaced the bar with his heels at the last mo-

Richard Trombley ran a 54.84 400 intermediate hurdles to finish third. McDermott was the final men's So. Cal prelim qualifier with a fifth in the 110 high hurdles at 15.40.

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singing by students from local

will be sold by MEChA.

Program host is Rudy Lopez. Tomorrow in Lecture Hall I, Nativo Lopez of One-Stop Immigration "Immigration."

The celebration will end on Friday when students from local high schools will be given a tour of the campus. Students will be provided,

the French army at Puebla in 1862.

Cinco

Individually, the Falcons have stars that most four year schools would be proud to have. Rod McCarver, destined for all-state is rewriting the Bird record books. Mike Pinckard has already won nine games without a loss. Tom Thomas is

among the league leaders in hitting

The list could go on and on. Eight alcons, 300 or better and four pitchers have ERA's under two.

For some reason it was the Orange Coast Pirates again winning the crucial game and the league title. As the two strong teams enter the Shaunessy, the Falcons would like nothing better than to "coast past coast". Clinically speaking of course.

elementary and high schools.

Alfredo Estrada of John Glenn high will perform the traditional Mexican rope dance. Refreshment

will be here from 11-12 speaking on

with a free lunch and entertainment. Cinco de Mayo is a national holiday in Mexico which commemorates the victory of the Mexican forces over

awaited budget cuts; the 37 year old

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charges awarded him.

Artesia resident said, "I'm right in the middle of the Peripheal Canal and we deal with a lot of irate

Former Cerritos student and parttime instructor and current Bellflower Attorney Edward Drayer told the board that, of the three types of students at the college (vocational, transfer and enrichment) he would support "a pay as you go basis" for students attending the college for personal enrichment.

The former Bellflower mayor with an extensive history in law and community service, cites his "ability to get along with people" as a mediator as an attribute that would help him deal with concerned citizens over budget cuts.

Also interviewed Monday was four year member of the Bellflower Unified School District Board of Education Jay Gendreau,

Gendreau was immediately con-Board member Harold Tredway about the "turmoil" that surrounded the district during his term and subsequent calming upon his departure.

"When you try to close half the schools in the district you're going to create turmoil," he told the Board.

"We had to cut close to 3 million dollars from the budget during my years on the Bellflower School District Board of Education" he said.

Another former Cerritos student, Paul Mangan or Magnan and Associate Realtors, told the board that the college must take a "leadership role" in preparing students for the job

The Cerritos resident with extensive involement in community and civic affairs said the transfer portion of the college should be given top: 100

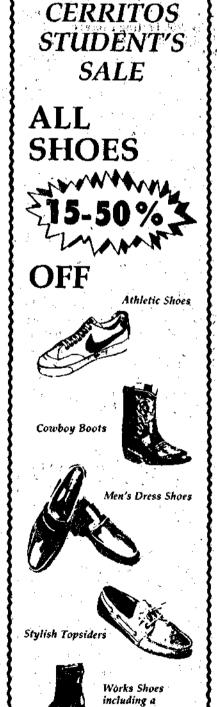
"All others are going to have to" ' take a back seat to developing the future leaders of this state and coun-

Also speaking Monday was Louis Zucker, a 27 year professional educator with the Bellflower Unified School District.

The La Mirada resident, and current Thomas Jefferson School principal, praised the college and said, "My only goal would be to keep Cer-

ritos as great as it is." The three other applicants interviewed from Bellflower were former Bellflower mayor Mary Lewis, 25 year educator Dr. Myron Brown and Bell Gardens Youth Center Project Director, Charles Basso.

Also applying was Norwalk resident Belle Chesler, former college history student.



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Dropping the withdrawal habit

Marilyn 'Grant-ed' full position

By BARBARA EKNOÏAN TM Staff Writer

In the Liberal Arts building last month, a white and gold banner was draped above the staircase to welcome Marilyn Grant to the English Department. Grant, who has been teaching English and creative writing at Cerritos for six years, parttime, is now a full-time faculty

"I was elated when I heard the news," she said, "and I haven't crashed yet."

She received her B.A. at Kean College in New Jersey and the very next day Marilyn and husband Arnie packed up their 1957 yellow Ford convertible with their few belongings and headed for California.

Her first job was teaching fourth grade in Long Beach. After she was at home with her small children, she decided to return to college and gravitated towards American literature and writing classes and eventually completed her M.A.

The Grants now reside in Seal Beach with daughter Caryn, who attends Long Beach State, and son Steve, who is in high school.

Teaching creative writing is her first love. Her eyes light up when discussing creativity. She believes the artist or writer must "listen with the spirit" and become a "see-er."

From the moment a student steps into her classroom, he is inspired to write every day. Grant insists a writer should keep a journal to become perceptive. She also encourages her class to jot down bits and pieces of conversation heard throughout the day to understand how to write natural dialogue. Since she possesses the rare combination of sensitivity, creativity and energy, she even manages to inspire procrastinators to write.

"I learn a lot from my students," she said, explaining how the creative process is generated, "I feel flexible enough to take off on other subject matters when it is needed, and just go with it."

Her future goals include writing poetry and fiction, but she is also interested in writing a teaching manual. "I would like to research how the beginning student learns to write."

Grant is enthusiastic and, while she was on a part-time basis she pursued other interests. She recently took photography classes and also

studied accupressure and swedish

With regard to teaching, she feels it is very exciting when a student "breaks through his limited ideas to a broader perspective and discovers his potential is far greater than he ever imagined."

Another strong belief of Grant's is that the community college is the most challenging place to be because it is focused on teaching instead of research and she loves it because of the diversified student body.

"If I had my choice of teaching anywhere else, I would really prefer the community college. At this point in my life, I am doing exactly what I. want to do."



PROFESSOR GRANT TM Photo By BRIAN BECKER

Though the administration cannot be blamed for a student's lack of

The deadline date to withdraw from classes at Cerritos is May 14 an option provided for those who may decide to withdraw for whatever

This option should not be misused. Some students choose to drop for fear of losing their 4.0 GPA. Others take courses only as a whim.

But there are legitimate reasons for dropping a class — such as illness, personal problems, or perhaps, some took on too heavy a work load.

Education doesn't come as cheaply anywhere else in these financially trying times, and we simply cannot afford to abuse the option to

It is still not too late to file a withdrawal with the Admissions Office -- if you really need to. And if you do, instead of thinking of May 14 as a deadline, consider it to be a lifeline extended to those of us who may need to keep our heads above water.

-BARBARA EKNOLAN for the Staff

Taking a 'W'

Retreat is sometimes considered a strategic move.

Dropping back, in order to advance later, can be a wise move. The same can be applied to withdrawal from classes.

There can be many and varied reasons for dropping a class or two. Illness, some other family emergency, or just too full a class load. Whatever, the cause there should not be a feeling of failure on the student's part.

Instead, it should be considered a type of waiting/holding pattern. Just a temporary move. Not surrender.

If the procedure for dropping a class is followed, there will be no harm done to the Grade Point Average, either.

Petitions may be obtained at Admissions, they must be filled out and then submitted back to Admissions for processing. A simple process, but failure to comply could mean an F on the record.

An official withdrawal may be made until the last day of the 12th week for a full semester course, or, any day of the week which represents 2/3 completion of a course less than one full semester.

A poet once said, "A good retreat is worth more than a foolish abiding." It makes the grade, sense-wise.

- AGNES HERBOLD for the Staff

Dropping a class? Think twice

If your record is full of withdrawals and you're thinking about dropping again, think twice. All those "Ws" are being placed on your permanent record — the one that will transfer when you do.

A few "W's" on a record may not do any harm, but an over abundance may make the difference between being accepted or denied entrance to

If you are having trouble with your class, withdrawing may be the easy way out, but not necessarily the best. Maybe all you need is some extra help and that can be found in the Tutoring Center located in the lower level of the Learning Center and is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.to 4:30 p.m. on Friday. But if you have missed too many classes to catch up, or have a work

schedule that changed, it's your responsibility to withdraw.

May 14 is the last day that you will be able to withdraw from a class. No longer will the teacher withdraw you from the class, even if you haven't been there for two months. If you don't make the time to go to the Office of Admissions and

withdraw, you may end up with an F in the class.

You signed up for the class, and you are the one who must drop the Don't depend on the teacher to do it for you.

CHRISTINA PERSOON for the Staff

Beyond the basics . . .

The purpose of any school is to educate -- and education includes many things that extend beyond the basics.

A school can promote qualities. Qualities like discipline.

How can such a valuable commodity as discipline be impressed upon a student when he or she is allowed to bail out of a class when the going gets a little tough?

This practice of withdrawing from a class, commonly known as "dropping," is supposed to help a student avoid failing a class. Unfortunately, it also allows a student to avoid taking responsibility for assignments missed because he or she overslept, or because the course has lost all interest and it is easier to "drop" than to stick it out and perhaps learn something.

discipline, it can help avoid the chances of the student's withdrawing from a course by instituting strict guidelines for "dropping" a class. For instance, a strong excuse for not completing a class should be required . . . such as prolonged illness, work, or a teacher's recom-

Actually, the amount of time in which a student may drop a course should be cut by half. In this way, a student would not have so much time to consider or "test" a course before dropping it.

Lastly, maybe there should be more penalties imposed on a student who has too many "W's" and not enough credits.

Ultimately, a student allowed to drop a course here and there, wastes much more than time or money - and misses much more than the

- JULIE GALLEGO for the Staff

What is being accomplished?

A very relaxed rule allows students three months into the semester to decide whether or not they can stick it out.

Cerritos College is an institution of higher learning. It is supposed to have the same academic priorities as four-year colleges and universi-

Yet, how can the college retain these priorities when students are allowed to flake off until the 14th week of the semester?

If students enroll in school only to miss classes, do poorly on homework and tests, then drop out late in the semester . . . what is being

This is only a waste of school funds spent on students who halfheartedly attend the college.

It is also especially noteworthy this semester when students were turned away due to a lack of room and over-filled classes.

-PAM MERGEN for the Staff

Choosing your options

Here it is mid-term — and your grades aren't something to write home about. What do you do now? It's a sink or swim situation. But you do have an option.

When it becomes necessary to drop a class rather than receive a failing grade or an incomplete, it is to the students advantage to do so.

If you drop that class you're not doing well in, you can maintain your GPA. It could remain within the scholastic limits the college requires. If your GPA drops below 2.0, you will be put on scholastic probation. If you fail to raise your average, you could be denied permission to

Dropping a class is a relatively simple procedure. Go to the admissions window in the Administration Building.

Ask the clerk for a drop slip and fill it out. Return it to the clerk. She will put it into the computer and give you a copy of the readout showing you the class has been officially dropped.

If you wish to stick it out, there are peer tutors available at no charge. Check in the Counseling Office for information. Or just stop by the tutoring counter in the lower level of the library.

Consider the deadline for dropping a class - especially since a failure or an incomplete could determine whether or not you receive a diploma.

It's your future.

-MYRA L. MOORE for the Staff

A closer look to the future

Cerritos College students should take a closer look at the new guidelines formulated for dropping a course.

Effective this semester, students must either drop the class or face the consequences of an "Incomplete" or "F" grade on their permanent records.

With this in mind, it's possible some students may plummet into some unsafe waters as their graduation or transfer time arrives. The only question to answer is: to drop or not to drop?

If a person "terminates his enrollment," he can always take the class again. On the other hand, should he decide to keep the class and fail to pass; he must now deal with the slightly unsightly blemish inflicted upon his records.

The decision to drop a class is the sole responsibility of the individual student.

That "closer look" should also see somewhat into the future. - C. CORI LOPEZ for the Staff

GALLEGO LETS GO

HARD CORI

It's the pressure



By JULIE GALLEGO TM Assoc. Features Editor

Recently I attended a journalism conference for community college students. Part of the fun and games were writing "competitions."

Some Fun.

Competition. The very word sets my face to scowling; my spirit cringes and my stomach goes through a series of knots any boy scout would be proud of.

I started sweating three days early and by the afternoon of the competition I'd lost all semblance of humanity, and sanity.

At 4 p.m. Friday my time had come. During the torture they called "Feature Writing" I ran the gamut of emotions from fear to anger to terror. Anxious thoughts flashed through

my mind: "What if I don't win? . . . I'm not" good enough to win ... I might as well become a keypunch operator . . .

I might as well kill myself." Then I exploded with indignation as I ripped my first attempt from the jaws of a portable Remington:

"What nervel Subjecting ME to such sadistic practices!" It was all I could do to keep myself

from ramming my paper into the face of the judge. Sometime later my mind went blank, but my fingers kept trying. I

think I came to at around 9:00 that. The next night brought the awards banquet — just what I needed to

cheer me up. I couldn't eat because I was afraid I'd lose — or win. Yep, winning: scares me just as much as losing:

"What if I win? I'll trip on the way" up to get my trophy." (When winning does occur to me, it's in the form of third, second or first place trophies. No paper certificates for me -- give me metal every time.)

Besides, if I win once I might not win again,

That means losing ...

Probably the only thing that bothers me more than winning or losing is the person who loves to compete but doesn't care about winning.

"Doesn't this bother you? Don't you want to win?"

She shrugged her shoulders, "No. I think it's the experience that matters, not ...", I hit her before she could finish. No sense in listening to rubbish.

I don't know, maybe I just place too much importance on winning ...; Nah, I don't think so.

By C. CORI LOPEZ TM Features Editor

The tension mounts as I look at my anxious TM colleagues in nervous anticipation of the awards part of the dinner.

Seated among journalists from 70 other community colleges throughout California, I notice that "the competition" can't concentrate on their prime rib entree either.

Each competitor is certain he has the perfect angle, or timeless photograph the judges are looking for. The dishes are cleared.

The announcer proceeds, "Sixth a place for best investigative news story is awarded to . . ." there's a sigh of relief from the audience. After all, nobody wants sixth place.

But when the fifth, fourth and third place awards are presented, sixth place doesn't sound so bad. The crowd becomes restless and critical. "I can't believe she won, her lead

was a discredit to the entire journalistic profession." Or "He couldn't even spell 'archive' correctly." One photographer even growled,

"That girl didn't even use her own

It is a well-known fact that tension and competition are occupational hazards of journalism. There are deadlines to meet, editors to deal with, and someone always vying for . your job. Besides "you can't win 'em

In an effort to cheer myself up, I began to repeat, "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again." But the realization that I had just attended my final JACC conference overshadowed my optimism, What did the judges want? Was I

too wordy? Too dramatic? Am I wasting my time in journalism? I refuse to give up.

Competition is a necessarý evil. It inspires a person to work harder and reach his goals, no matter how un-

attainable they may appear. Competition - as one famous journalist insists, "It's the price of glory."

Grad petitions still being taken

The commencement ceremony for the Cerritos College 1981-82 school year will be held on Sunday, June 13 at 5:30 p.m. in Falcon Stadium.

The deadline for filing applications was April 2, but students may still petition at the Counseling Office until June 18, although there is a possibility that their names may not appear on the commencement

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Water 'suits' me fine

By PAUL SIMON TM Editor-in-Chief

THE DAY was Friday, April 30. 1 have done my best to record the events which took place that day. This is a tough school and I report it.

It's my job. 9:40 a.m. - I leave Logic, an ironic twist to an illogical day.

10:53 a.m. — I begin the embarrassing task of dressing for the dunk booth (old suit, new tie) in the Arts and Crafts mens room. A man comes in, blows his nose and leaves, somewhat perplexed. I make a note never to wear a hawaiian shirt with a suit again.

11:10 a.m. - TM Staff meeting. How can a staff have confidence in a lousy dresser? 11:42 a.m. — The frog Mr. Steve leaps the farthest and wins the frog

jumping title for the Steve Club, one

of their highest achievements. (Note:

12:05 p.m. - The first dunkee gets into the booth and leaves dry. (Scouting report on the crowd — lousy arms). One glance at this report and I feel confident. 12:21 p.m. — Cerritos instructor climbs in booth and leaves wet;

People begin to eye me suspiciously)

crowd warming up. 12:33 p.m. — I climb into booth looking like a fool, feeling like an idiot, and questioning my own in-

crowd, calling them all ragarms, and made a joke about a TM Editor which drew a heavy response. 12:37 p.m. - TM Feature Editor's boyfriend puts me in the drink.

12:38 p.m. -- Obviously with wa-

ter on the brain I climb back into the

12:35 p.m. -I begin to taunt the

booth — with expected results. I'm not going to say that I ended

the day with a splash, but rather that I do a dirty job, which someone has to