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New grading policy hits droppers hard

By PAUL SIMON
TM Managing Editor

Failure to drop a class after the fourth week of the semester could result in a failing grade, according to Olive Scott, Vice President of Instruction.

This is part of a new state mandated grading policy which also includes revisions in student grade report symbols, a new program called progress probation and changes in the credit/no-credit class program. These changes took effect July 1st.

In the past, Cerritos students have been able to rely on teachers to drop their names for them if they stop attending class, not any more.

According to Scott, if students fail to show by the fourth week their names will be submitted to the Office of Admissions as no-shows. However, if a student stops attending after the fourth week, it is up to the individual to drop the class.

Said Scott, "It makes the students more responsible for their own actions."

Teachers are now instructed to assign either a grade of "F" or a grade of "I," the latter being given only if a minimum amount of work has been done, such as completing most of the work assigned but not taking the final.

Another highlight of the policy is the new "Progress Probation" program.

Students will be placed on Progress Probation when the amount of "W" (withdrawal), "I" (incomplete), and "NC" (no-credit) grades received reaches or exceeds 50%.

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Ron Tabor Memorial Fund set

By JEFF MARIFIAN
TM Staff Writer

A Memorial Fund for the Ron Tabor family has been established following the death of the popular Cerritos College speech professor Sept. 20.

Tabor, a 16-year veteran of the Cerritos faculty, suffered an apparent heart attack two days before his 48th birthday.

The flag was flown at half mast here Tuesday following his death.

Special memorial services were conducted for him in Burnight Center. He is survived by his wife Judy and eight children: Mike 24, Ramona 21, Curt 17, Michelle 16, Laurie 14, Claudette 12, Carol 5, and Lynn 2.

Donations to the special fund are being accepted in the Speech Department.

Wendall Hanks, a close personal friend and associate of the well-known and well-liked teacher, said, "It takes something of a tragedy like this to make us realize that anything can happen."

He praised Tabor as a teacher and as a dynamic individual.

Instructor Julie Venitsky called his death "a personal loss to all of us in the Speech world."

A prominent figure in national speech communication, Tabor was former president of the National Community College Speech Association. He coached three Cerritos Speech teams to national championships.

Board cracks down on parking violators with stricter citations

By KIMBERLY BEAUDRY
Co-Campus Editor

A new hard-nosed Board policy calling for stricter enforcement of parking violations is now in effect.

In the past, Cerritos College could take little action against parking offenders who neglected to pay their fines. However, under the new policy, students with outstanding parking citations will be subject to administrative action taken against them.

Students having three or more unpaid tickets run the risk of:

1. Having grades withheld.
2. Having transcripts withheld.
3. Being excommunicated from Cerritos College.
4. Not being able to register for classes the following semester.

Fall Senate elections end today

45 students in race for 35 open seats

By JEANETTE NOCEDA
TM Features Editor

Election of Fall semester senators concludes today with over 50 candidates seeking one of the 30-plus Senate seats in the Associated Students of Cerritos College.

Voting began yesterday for the student government law-making posts. Voting booths are located at strategic places around campus.

Both day and evening students who have Associated Student Body cards are eligible to cast ballots.

Most observers are expecting this to be one of the ASCC's better years in some time, even though a relative few incumbents are included on the ballot.

ASCC President Craig Georgianna predicts a "phenomenal year with the many new people anxious to serve in student government."

Candidates for senate are presently enrolled in at least 10 units and have a GPA of at least 2.0 for the preceding semester. Former senators who fell under the 10-unit mark during the semester are not eligible to run.

Any student not meeting all the qualifications, even though winning by popular vote, is not eligible to serve, and will be dropped so the next highest vote-getter can move in, officials said.

Office seekers may run as independents or as a representative of a club or group on campus. Each club may have as many as 10 representatives. Largest particular bloc running this year is the LDS (Latter Day Saints/Mormon) Club.

Price, Monnin resign posts

By PAUL SIMON
and
WAYNE WURZER

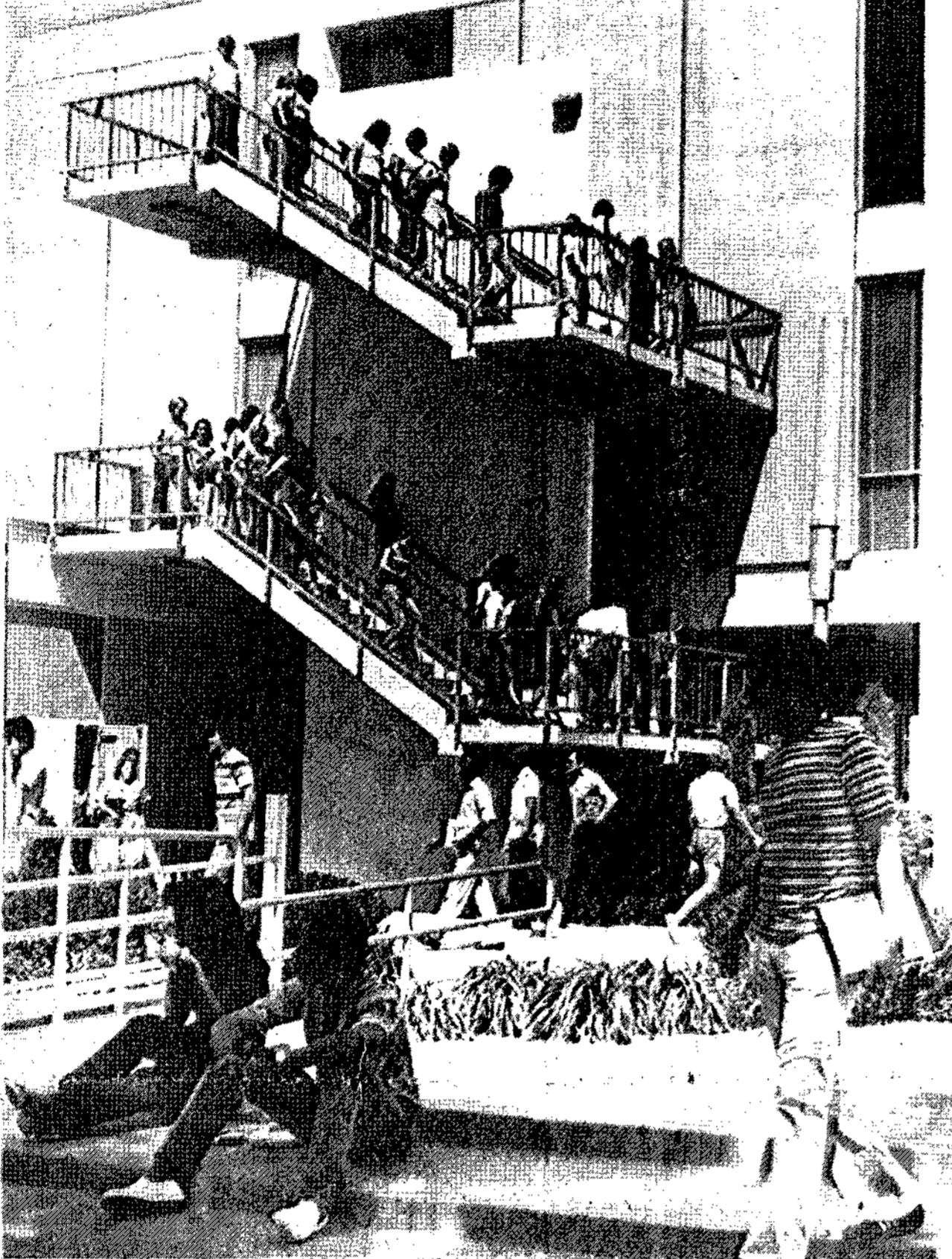
The Student Activities Program, widely regarded as one of the best in the state, is currently operating with two major positions unfilled.

Seven year Co-ordinator Norm Price and special secretary to the program Mary Monnin both resigned their posts over the summer.

Price is currently working as the Dean of Student Affairs at Palomar College in San Marcos.

Monnin, who came to work in the Student Activities office over 16 years

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HERE WE GO AGAIN—Students file out of classes in the Social Science building with the Fall semester in full swing. Enrollment is up some 3 percent over last Fall.

Community Services Opening Rescheduled for November 5th

By PAM MERGER
TM Assoc. News Editor

Formal ribbon cutting and opening ceremonies for the new, long-awaited Community Services building have been postponed to Nov. 5, due to construction delays.

According to Nello DiCorpo, dean of community services, the 10-member staff will vacate its current offices within two weeks and move into the new center, which is located on the Southeast side of campus.

The building is divided into two sections: office and classroom wings.

The office wing will house the registration and staff offices of the community services department, in addition to the security coordinator's office.

The classroom section consists of one large multi-purpose room equipped with three movie screens and movable wall partitions.

These petitions can be divided into a number of smaller classrooms, if needed.

"There is no other facility on campus that can give us the flexibility of this room," states DiCorpo.

Various lectures, seminars and workshops are slated to be held in the multi-purpose room, in addition to luncheons and dinners.

Community Services classes are mostly of the non-credit, self-improvement or cultural type and each student must usually pay a fee.

The Center is also equipped with a kitchen, outside eating areas and vending machines to provide food services for health science and vocational ed. students.

Other advantages of the new Center is that it will be better able to serve those who participate in the community service classes, DiCorpo said. Students can now register for com-

munity services classes in the new Center, instead of the administration building. For easier access to the building, it has its own small parking lot to be used only by the community services staff and students.

Community services is self-supporting. The new facility cost \$699,436.

DISABLED AID SOUGHT

The Disabled Students Program needs aides to help with lab and participation courses as well as to share notes with disabled students.

Volunteers who wish to participate in this on-campus program should call Alice Collins or Kay Jester at Ext. 336, or drop by the Resource Center in BCI.



SOME DANCE? ... "Dancers" got a little carried away at yesterday's Pilmsool concert in the standing-room-only Student Center at noon. During the frenzied performance, un-

ruly students broke several general conduct rules regarding campus concerts. Some climbed up on the tables while others rushed the stage. One student suffered a busted lip during

the potentially riotous meleé. Officials indicated that concerts will continue to be staged, but that strict crowd control will be enforced. (See other photos inside.)

—TM Photos by DEAN NAKAMURA

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The pain of it all

'Tis the season to make much ado about what's really nothing — at least compared to practically any other college around.

It's parking.

Oh, the pain and agony of it all.

Life is tough enough as it is . . . without having to go through the agonizing, laborious task of parking here at Cerritos College.

Apparently, the problem is that we just can't all park directly in front of, adjacent, or in the front door of our classrooms.

Sometimes we have to walk a couple or so blocks.

With all the complaints we hear around campus and get in the Talon Marks office, you'd think everybody is being forced to climb the stairs to the top of the World Trade Center.

It's due time the problem was put in perspective . . . in its place in the waste basket.

First of all, it only takes some 7.5 minutes to travel afoot from the deepest reaches of the furthestmost parking lot parking space to any class the greatest distance from that spot.

Second of all, try attending a University and facing the parking odds. The eight minutes or less we stroll now will suddenly turn into a 20-30 minute expedition — along with the added fun of climbing numerous hills and staircases.

And, don't forget: parking in the big-time costs money.

You have to pay to park.

A noteworthy aspect of parking here at Cerritos is that often all the reserved spaces are not filled all the time. A good example are the spots reserved for elected student government representatives in Lot C-10.

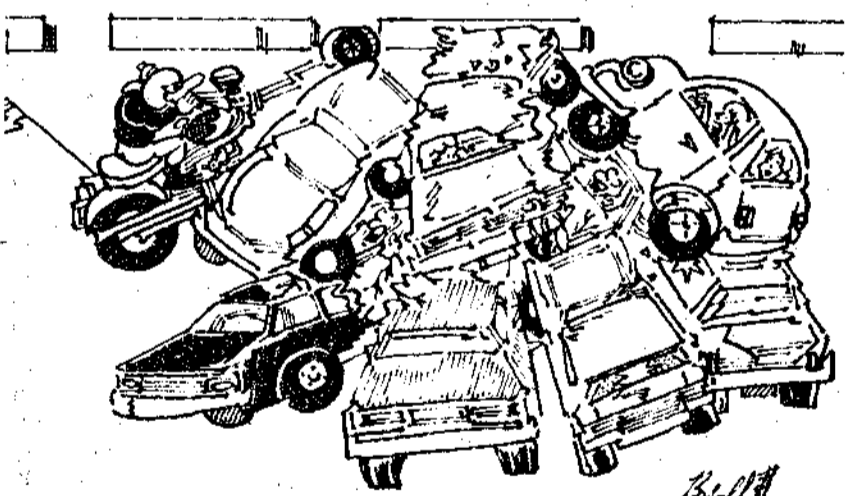
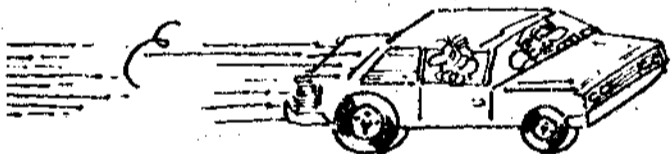
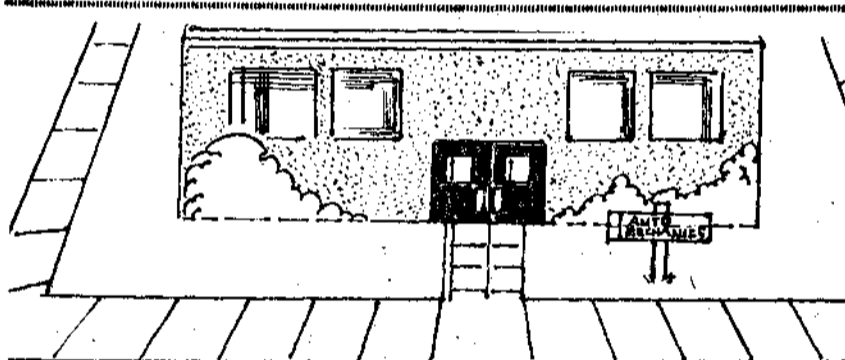
It's appalling to some hectic parking place seekers that they can't park in those inviting empty spots. The reality is that if those reserved areas in C-10 were opened up, they would obviously be taken by the early birds — thus we'd still be out of luck. All that would do is make us one row closer — or one row further from — class, which amounts to a couple of seconds at the most.

Traditionally, parking is pretty much considered a "problem" anywhere you turn in America. Even on the streets in front of our houses. In reality, we really have no parking problem here at Cerritos, relatively speaking.

However, the "problem" for some is so desperate as of late that the idea of a "tram" has been kicked around in the form of suggestions to help salvage the legs of walk-weary students.

Because of the cost, scheduling, and the short distances, the idea hasn't gone too far.

If anybody really wants to ride a tram, the one at Disneyland usually has plenty of space.



"Do you see an opening, yet?"

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Creator, Bear 'Barely' Survive

By C. CORI LOPEZ
Assit. Features Editor

The bear survived. The giant, clay bear created last semester in Bill Finner's ceramics class has survived the kiln firing and is reportedly doing well outside of the new Cerritos College art gallery. The monolith escaped the heat of the kiln and looks great. However, the most interesting feature this particular sculpture has, is the story behind its origin.

Originally started by Finner's entire class, the project was completed by one student, Emilie Esquer-Goss stayed with the project, and although she was often frustrated by it, she saw the bear to the finish.

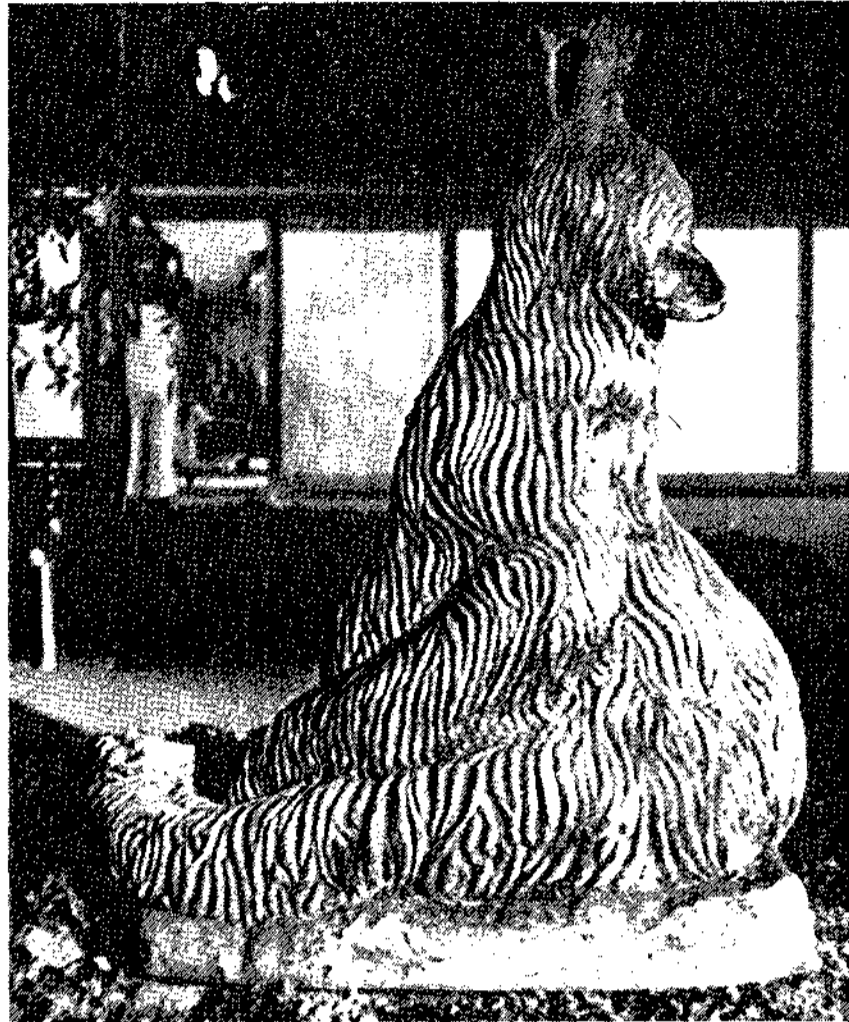
"I really didn't think it (the sculpture) would make it," she confessed.

The major problem Esquer-Goss and Finner faced was moving the huge bear from the ceramics room to the kiln. Emilie admits, "I was really sick, I thought for sure it would crack."

With the help of several men from Joe Girtner's jewelry class along with Finner, the bear sculpture was carefully moved—but it wasn't easy.

"When they finally got it inside the kiln, there was only one inch clear on the top," explained Emilie.

"Firing" the bear was a slow process.



To prevent cracking, the monolith was fired at a very low flame. In addition to this, the door of the kiln was left open and the entire process took approximately two weeks.

When the sculpture was finally finished, Emilie was surprised to discover that her sculpture had actually survived the firing.

"Each step could've been a disaster, even Mr. Finner was doubtful, but it made it," beamed Emilie.

The bear sculpture was presented to Cerritos College Monday. It was ceremoniously unveiled, then displayed on a lot just outside of the art gallery.

The gallery is a new addition to Cerritos College. Open only a year, the gallery displays outstanding art work in an outstanding atmosphere. Currently on display are paintings, drawings and sculptures by artists William Finner and Manuel DeLeon.

The art gallery is located south of the Student Center and east of the Children's Day Care Center. The art department has worked very hard to bring the gallery to Cerritos College and invites all students to come by and view some beautiful art work such as the amazing clay bear.

When asked why she thought the clay bear survived all the hardships, Emilie Esquer-Goss paused, then continued laughing, "Beginner's Luck?" she said.

Theater season opens with 'Blithe Spirit'

By GAYLE STALEY
TM Staff Writer

"We've got four great shows for the upcoming 1981-82 season that are just super! Each one is family-oriented, providing entertainment for the whole family. Tickets are on sale now."

Prof. Fred Fate was referring to the schedule of shows at the Burnight Center.

"Blithe Spirit," a comedy about death, opens the season. The play is about a man whose first wife has died, and he has remarried. He contacts a medium to gain a better understanding of the occult, but, to his dismay, the medium summons back Charles' first wife Elvira.

Elvira plots a car accident in which Charles dies, so that he may be with her. As circumstances change, it is Ruth, the second wife who dies. The two women team up to gain Charles' spirit.

How Charles manages to extricate himself from these two women makes a hilarious conclusion to this satirical comedy.

"Blithe Spirit" opens October 23 and closes October 31.

The second show is "Strider," a musical adapted from Leo Tolstoy's story of life seen through the eyes of a piebald horse.

This is the familiar "Ugly Duckling" or "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" story of a spotted horse, who, although is a champion thorough-bred, has trouble gaining acceptance from his "peers."

"Strider" tells his story to other horses in the stable. It is a story of undeserved despair, and unexpected triumph.

The New York Times says, "A play to be cherished, . . . moving . . . a theatrical experience not to be missed."

This heart-warming tale has been scheduled for the Christmas season, running December 4 through the 12th. The third show is "Godspell," the story of Christ. It is based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

This musical will be a celebration of life with a lot of dance and full of color.

Auditions are scheduled to be held

in January. The show runs at Easter, March 19-27.

"Light up the Sky," a comedy by Moss Hart, ends the season.

This play revolves around a group of actors in New York, putting on a show. At the end of Opening Night, everyone feels the play was a flop, and comes down hard on the director, blaming him. He decides to leave town.

The next morning when the reviews come out, to everyone's surprise, the critics loved the show. Now the cast

must search all over New York for the embittered director, and persuade him back.

Auditions for this Broadway hit are set for February. The show runs May 14-22.

The Theatre Dept. is running a special student discount. To the general public, admission for the four shows would be \$18. But right now you can get tickets for all four shows, and pay only \$7.50 for the Wednesday-Thursday series, and \$9 for the Friday-Saturday series.

...Activities resignations

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ago, resigned abruptly because she, "was denied the opportunity to apply for the Co-ordinator's position."

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees voted in late August to uphold the existing job qualifications that calls for a person with a Master's degree and administration credentials (which Monnin doesn't have.)

The job will be advertised through Oct. 6. An appointment is expected to be made in late October or early November.

In the meantime, Speech Professor Wendall Hanks is assisting with the Co-ordinator spot on a part-time basis.

...New policy hits droppers

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This new plan should not be confused with Academic Probation, which is assigned to students whose G.P.A. falls below 2.0.

Scott calls this and the other revisions "overdue."

Student grade report symbols will take on a new look this year also.

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

Grades "A" and "F" will still represent "Excellent" and "Failing." Letter grade "B," which previously stood for "Above Average" will now say "Good." Grade "C" will now read "Satisfactory," while it used to read

"Average," and "D," which was "Below Average," has been changed to "Passing, Less Than Satisfactory."

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

Before, "CR" was written as "Credit Earned." Now it will read "Credit, at least Satisfactory, the equivalent of a C."

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

In the past, Cerritos College has maintained a policy restricting a student from taking more than one credit/no-credit class per semester. But mainly due to the large amount of these classes, the Grading Policy Committee has raised that number. The credit/no-credit program is op-

tional to Community Colleges, so schools which offer this program must adopt and publish their own regulations.

This year students at Cerritos can take as many credit/no-credit classes as they wish, but only two may be used for transfer credit in one semester. Only 15 units may be used as transferable from the college.

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

One of the more important changes in the new policy concerns the letter grade "I" (incomplete).

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

The statement will contain conditions for the removal of the grade and must also show the grade assigned to the student when the conditions are met.

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

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

Student group dinner

The first annual Student Organizational Dinner will be held in the student center on Thursday October 1 from 7-10 p.m.

In past years it has been known as the Panhellenic Dinner, but, according to Casey Teague of the Student Activities Office, it was changed so the more clubs and organizations could become involved.

There will be a chicken dinner served and a bluegrass band will

provide the entertainment for the evening.

All clubs and organizations will be permitted to set up tables.

Any club interested must contact Casey Teague in the Student Activities Office by noon today.

'Super freaky' squad takes first place

By KEITH SHARON
TM News Editor

The Cerritos College cheerleaders turned in a most impressive performance in a highly competitive camp session held in Santa Barbara this summer.

The Song Squad garnered first place in the large dance division which pitted Cerritos against eight major universities from around the country. Cerritos was forced to compete in this division because of the unusually large size of the squad.

The winning routine, which featured the music of Rick James "Super Freak," stood the crowd on its ear, according to observers.

"When I saw them perform, I knew we had a chance for first," said ad-

visor Virginia Romero. "That performance was the best I had seen us do."

The whole Cerritos squad, both song and yell, was awarded a "spirit stick" for outstanding enthusiasm on the first and fourth days of camp.

The Yell Squad was classified superior as a result of excellent performance in the daily workshop sessions.

"I thought it was between us and Cal State Fullerton for first place," said Carina Deischer, head Song Leader, "and when they announced El Camino third and Fullerton second, we went nuts."

The camp, who's theme was "Better Than Ever," featured daily workshops, competition, and a concert.



APPLE FOR THE—Any good administrator has to be able to relate to the teacher. Cerritos President Dr. Wilford Michael recently got a real

taste of an old classroom tradition with a whole row of polished apples. —TM Photo by Hart Ponder