

Cancelled China trip 'monsoon' may only be shower

By MARGARET CANTELON
TM Executive Editor

The uproar over the cancelled China trip and the Community Services tour program appears to be something of a tempest in a teapot rather than a full blown scandal.

Compared to other colleges' tour involvements, Cerritos has only a miniprogram which not only pays for itself but makes money.

However, it did get stung on the China trip, and officials say that steps have been taken to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Dean of Community Services

Nello DiCorpo remarked, "Other community colleges have much larger staffs and travel programs. We are trying to meet the needs of the people over and above the credit programs."

DiCorpo then referred to the Board of Governors of the Community Colleges Statewide Mission Statement which says, "Community college districts may respond to the unique local needs by providing locally supported... community and cultural events."

"We gave only 13 overnight tours during all last fiscal year in

contrast to other community colleges with large tour programs."

Catalogs from some other colleges show Santa Ana College offering 20 during Fall semester and 17 during Spring semester, and Orange Coast college with 42 tour offerings for spring.

"We find," said DiCorpo, "that the people who go with us would not usually go on individual trips. They like the security and safety of traveling with the college."

"Also," he continued, "We do

not go through travel agency except for occasional air travel reservations. We package the tour ourselves because we know what the people want to see and we work to keep the cost down."

Ilean Rabens, Community Services Assistant, added "Our trips always have some kind of educational merit that people wouldn't otherwise get. For example, we try to give lectures and slide shows of the history of the area we are going to or the importance cultural aspects of the tour."

"When we send out a tour from

the school there is a troubleshooter from the college who escorts the tour group from site to site and makes sure the people have satisfactory accommodations and care," said DiCorpo.

"If someone gets sick or if the accommodations don't work quite right, this person helps smooth the way for the tour, and often it is a tiring and demanding job," he continued. "That is why our tours are so popular and we have people signing up already for tours that have not even been advertised."

The money to support these

tours does not come from the Community Services budget. Those who go on the tours pay their whole way and even some extra to pay for any professional guides.

The tours make enough money to help support other Community Services programs.

Often times the response from the tour group is so positive that another tour is planned from suggestion given by the group. In this way tours are planned which meet the needs and wants of the community, officials said.

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Capitol Rally

A delegation of nine members from Cerritos College were among the disappointing turnout of 500 plus protesters at the rally by community colleges on the State Capitol Monday. Accompanying the student officials was Faculty Senate Chairperson Sherrill Moses (political science professor). ASCC President Filsma Tadesse (Center) lead the delegation of ASCC Senators Gianne Canale (left), Ben Pendleton (right, behind Moses), Dan Steenhoeck, Brian Holland, ASCC Vice-President Ray Vallejo, ASCC Treasurer Jeanne Alicante, and TM Editor-in-Chief Michael J. Barnes.

College tuition, funding settlement near — maybe

By MARGARET CANTELON
TM Executive Editor

Tuition for the Community Colleges, an issue long stalemated by indecision between Governor Deukmejian and the California Legislature, seems to be in the process of being solved through compromise.

According to Cerritos College President Dr. Wilford Michael, the Chief Executive meeting which Michael attended last Friday in Sacramento was held to discuss any possible new changes in the tuition issue.

Dr. Michael said, "Chancellor Jerry Hayward was very optimistic about a solution in the near future and said the legislature was working very hard to resolve the problems and pro-

pose compromises to ease the situation."

Among the compromises being discussed is the possibility of restoring the \$108 million base which was cut from the budget for this year. Only \$96 million would be replaced since \$12 million was involved with property tax.

Also, an additional seven to ten percent inflation rate might be built in for 1984-85 on top of the restored base. The governor is considering six to seven percent increase while the legislature is trying for ten percent.

A "hold harmless" clause for the loss of attendance due to a cut in

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INTENT TO REGISTER CLOSED

Permit sign-ups open Jan. 25; open registration week later

By ARLEEN DAUBER
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With Spring Registration beginning on Jan. 25th and the intent to register ending yesterday, Cerritos College students will still be permitted to obtain classes during the spring semester registration.

Open registration, which does not require an appointment card, will run from Feb. 2 until Feb. 10th.

Students who filed an intent to register will receive appointment cards through the mail and registration for these students will be held Jan. 25-26 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Jan. 30-Feb. 1 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Handicapped students filing an intent to register will receive their appointment cards for Jan. 24th.

According to Linda Strange, Admissions secretary, approximately 17,000 students have already filed their intent to register. The process for registration will be conducted in the same manner as last semester — with a student's grade point average, and number of completed units determining the appointment card date and time. A maximum of 90 units is permitted before a student reverts back to a zero unit considered total for registration purposes.

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Officials leaning to early calendar

Classified announce opposition; Students, faculty favor move 2-1

By B. MICHEL MILBANK
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You may very well start to school at Cerritos mid-August this fall instead of the traditional September opening.

College officials are leaning more and more to the early calendar concept.

ASCC plans 3-day confab on leadership

By CORRINE FIMBRES
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The Cerritos College Leadership Conference, being held at Vacation Village in San Diego on February 1, 2, and 3, will provide a three day work session on what it takes to be a leader.

The conference consists of special workshops designed to aid students in leadership abilities and activities students are sure to enjoy.

"It's an excellent opportunity for students to obtain some leadership skills and information that they might not otherwise obtain," said Coordinator of Student Activities Phil Houseman, "because of the outstanding speakers that we bring in from

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The proposal, supported by a 2-1 margin in both faculty and student body surveys, received a thumbs down from the Cerritos College chapter of the California School Employees Association (CSEA) at Monday night's Board of Trustees meeting.

They are the first group to formally oppose the move.

A sampling of over 600 students by the Office of Institutional Research, as well as a faculty survey, saw two-thirds favoring the new schedule.

A special student election, called for by the ASCC Senate — who is against the plan — resulted in a nearly 2-1 vote for the early start.

This surprised top student leaders.

Nearby Long Beach City College is going the early route this fall. Cypress and Fullerton are said to be seriously considering the same path.

CSEA Board Representative John S. Steele presented a memorandum to Board President Bob Epple listing six points that the Executive Committee of the college's branch of CSEA said were unacceptable to the classified employees.

Their major contention is that employees with either a spouse employed by, or children attending, other educational institutions, could be "subject to a decline in morale."

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Newsbriefs

Awards banquet to be held Friday

The 28th Annual ASCC Awards Banquet held January 13 at 7 p.m., will provide a prime rib dinner in the Crystal Ballroom at the Golden Sails Inn in Long Beach.

Tickets are available at the Office of Student Activities. The cost is \$7.00 for recipients, \$10.00 for ASCC members and \$12.00 for guests.

The deadline for purchasing tickets is January 12 at 4 p.m.

Cong. Patterson speaks

The congressman in whose district Cerritos College will be with the reapportionment, Jerry Patterson, will be on campus tomorrow and will speak in the Board Room at 11 a.m.

He will entertain questions from faculty, staff, and students.

Congressman Patterson has been asked to discuss federal legislation that will effect Community Colleges.

After lunch, he will be given a campus tour.

Job reps here today

California Highway Patrol will be on campus recruiting Wednesday, Jan. 18, in the Job Placement Office for positions.

The next day, Thursday, Transamerica Occidental will be recruiting here.

Any Cerritos College student interested should check with the Job Placement Office.

A number of job reps from various companies are being scheduled on campus. Placement official Madge Hudson urges students to take advantage of these contacts which have positions available now.

Dance concert begins next Thursday

Jazz, ballet, and modern dancing including "Breaking", will be featured at the Cerritos College Dance Concert to be held Jan. 19, 20, and 21 at 8 p.m. in BC 31.

The cost is \$2.50 for students and \$3.50 for all others.

Thirteen student choreographed and performed numbers are slated for presentation.

□ **Women Achiever Week**
Women's Center head Vera Eckles is asking area cities to join in Women's Achievement Week celebration March 8 (See Page 2)

□ **State champs edged**
Last year's State Basketball Champions were barely defeated by Fullerton in the league opener 71-74. Host Cypress today (See Page 3)

□ **Light streams**
Night students come to classes in dramatic traces of light (See Page 4)

Speech team places third at Cal State

By LeJEUNE VAUTERS
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Cerritos College Speech Department took 3rd place in Sweepstakes, Dec. 2, 3, and 4, held at Cal State Los Angeles.

"Considering that they were up against various community colleges and universities," Gloria Hassen, speech instructor, said, "we were very proud of their achievement at this competition."

Winners include: Don McCone, 3rd novice Lincoln Debate; Manuel Rodriguez and Todd Tarley, 3rd Team NDT Debate, Jr.; Brian Holland, 1st Jr. LD Debate, finalist Expository, semi-finalist in Persuasion and 1st in Communication Analysis.

Also receiving awards were: Amelia Sanders, semi-finalist in Novice Persuasive, Sammi Ramirez, 1st Jr. Prose, Finalist in poetry; Lester Barrie, semi-finalist in Novice Poetry.

Honors go to Blaine Bolin, semi-finalist in Novice Impromptu; Steve War, semi-finalist Novice Impromptu and Kim Faustina, semi-finalist Jr. Impromptu.



WOMEN'S WEEK PLANNERS—Women's Center head Vera Eckles and Jackie Smith display copy of Hawaiian Gardens Proclamation of week of March 8 as Women's Achievement Week. Eckles asked eight cities in college district to so proclaim the special recognition for contemporary women, and expects all to participate, along with selecting the city's Woman Achiever of the Year to be honored at luncheon here.

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Disabled Students program gets \$450 from local clubs

By MELANIE GRAY
TM Staff Writer

The sum of \$450 was donated to the Cerritos College Disabled Students Program by the Artesia/Cerritos Soroptimists and the Cerritos Optimist Club to help cover the cost for repairing twelve electric and manual wheelchairs used by the disabled students.

According to Dr. Bob Hughlett, Coordinator of the Cerritos College Disabled Students Program, the donation will not cover the entire cost for repairs which totals \$1272.

However, IBM is expected to cover the additional sum of \$822 to complete the project.

Hughlett explained, "Over the last three years, there has been a gradual erosion in the special monies allocated to operate special programs such as ours."

...Registration

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This year's fees, which are subject to change, will be as follows:

- ASB — \$8.00
- Parking — \$12.00 for more than 6 units
- Parking — \$8.00 for 6 units or less.
- Materials fee and/or insurance if applicable.
- Non-resident tuition.
- California non-resident or International Student Fee is \$71.00 per unit.

Classes for the spring semester will be offered during morning, afternoon and evening hours. The first day of classes is Feb. 6 and the spring semester ends on June 15. A list of all courses are available in the Spring Class Schedule, which was mailed to all district residents this month.

Additional copies at 25 cents each, are available in the college Bookstore.

Saturday classes that were removed from the college's program due to budget cuts, have been reinstated for the spring semester because of an increase in demand.

Grade cards will be the only change in the Administrations normal procedures. Beginning this semester report cards will no longer be mailed out to each student, but rather handed out on Monday Feb. 27 until March 9th.

The college decided on this new system due to the estimated \$25,000 that were being spent on postage.

The cards will be distributed Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays in the Administration patio. Students will still be able to pick up grade cards after the March 9th deadline and self-addressed envelopes will also be accepted.

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Culture Club features King

The Culture Club, a new organization on campus, which was organized November, will be presenting a film festival honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Tuesday, Jan. 17. The festival will take place in the Burnight Center from 11 to 12 Noon and an evening show will take place from 7 to 9 in the Student Center. The show is free of charge and is open to the public.

The main purpose of the club, which is sponsored by Professor of Architecture George Williams, is to involve more minorities in school activities, with a goal of adding a vast array of different cultures to the club.

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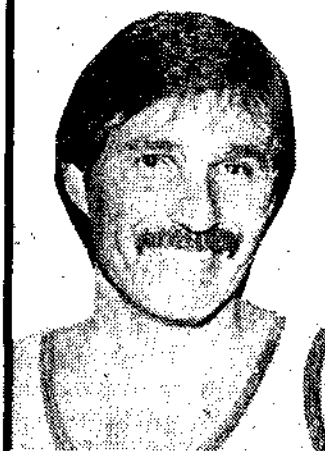
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Student assessment tests scheduled

BY MELISSA HERNANDEZ
TM Staff Writer

Cerritos College students who are enrolled in 12 units in a semester or have a total of 15 units must take the Assessment Battery Test before enrolling in the next semester if they have not already done so.

The Assessment Battery, which is mandated by the Board of Trustees, includes tests in reading, english, and mathematics. Algebra and trig tests are also offered. There is no cost for the test.

Students who possess an AA degree or higher and have their degree

verified by the presentation of official documents will be exempt from the test.

Following the Assessment Battery, a 20-30 minute orientation will be given to the students. Then, students will receive their Assessment Result Forms. Test scores determine what courses are available to the student.

It is advised that each student discuss this information with his counselor. Names of counselors who are assigned to the individual students' major will appear on the Result Form.

The Assessment Battery scheduled dates are Jan. 12 at 1:15, Jan. 14 at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 for algebra and trig, Jan. 19 (algebra and trig only) at 10:45 a.m., and Jan. 19 at 6:15 p.m.

It is necessary to make appointments for these dates with the Counseling Office. Tickets are required for each of these testing dates.

... 'Hold harmless'

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classes after the budget cuts is being considered.

Dr. Michael said, "We lost about 4,000 students this last semester. We know that 2,700 was due to classes which we cut but the other 1,300 we're not sure about."

"Possibly the loss was due to confusion over tuition, new fees or the new testing process that caused the drop."

The "hold harmless" clause will not penalize the finances of the Community Colleges for this drop.

A tuition fee of \$50 per semester or \$5 per unit up to six units seems imminent for the Fall semester but there is a proposal for a sunset provision that would end the bill in 3½ years with a flat cap rate or ceiling on the fee that can be charged. Indexing on income per student fee is also being considered.

Early in gets CSEA no

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because of the different work/time off schedule created by differing calendars."

The CSEA memorandum claimed that it is better that Cerritos College support the needs of the feeder high schools in the district, rather than cater to the students (some three percent, according to the letter) transferring to a four year institution.

Other points they list include:
"The number of changes made at Cerritos College over the past year to year and a half is tremendous compared to the previous eight to 10 years, so much so that perspective students from the community no longer know the how or when of many aspects of the college they formerly understood."

"The apparent initiation of tuition type fees will probably add to the declining enrollment caused in part by the above mentioned changes."
"We have received information that several districts which had switched to the early type calendar have since returned to the traditional type."

They also said that "proposals of this ilk have previously been rejected as not in the best interest of the Cerritos College District."
Steele, the classified employees' voice to the Board, stated that in addition to the listed arguments to the early calendar proposal, there was concern among the classified employees that the reduction in the number of school days (six weeks), would mean at least a month less work — a reduction of 1/12 of their salaries.

Leadership Conference set

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other colleges and private industries."

Ted Dawson, ABC Television sportscaster, will be directly involved in the workshops by discussing the importance of time management.

"I strongly encourage as many students as possible to attend because not only will they be able to sit in on the seminars and gain some valuable insights, but will also have the opportunity to meet with individuals on an informal level," Houseman added, "students can also meet our college student government officials and start exchanging ideas and maybe come up with some new ones that will make

Cerritos a better place for all of us."

Ice skating, a dinner cruise followed by a dance and volleyball and tennis tournaments are only a few of the highlighted activities featured at the conference.

Registration cards are still available and are to be turned in to Casey Rankin in the Office of Student Activities. The \$45 fee covers transportation, meals, lodging and all activities.

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State champs here tonight after opening 3 point loss

By MIKE HEINRICH
TM Assoc. Sports Editor

Keeping their apparent jinx over Cerritos alive, Fullerton College beat the defending State Basketball Champions, Cerritos 74-71 in Saturday nights down-to-the-wire South Coast Conference season opener.

Cerritos will host Cypress College tonight at 7:30 in the Falcon gym.

Poor shooting and a key turnover down the stretch by the Falcons helped Fullerton to once again knock off a top rated Cerritos sports team.

With approximately four seconds remaining in the game and the Falcons down by a hoop, forward Andree Greer had a chance to tie the game and perhaps send it into overtime.

But Greer, the Falcon leading scorer with 17, was whistled for traveling and the Birds turned over the ball and the game as they never had another chance to tie it.

"We had the game and we had the tempo...and we let it get away. And you just can't do that away from home," said Head Coach Jack Bogdanovich.

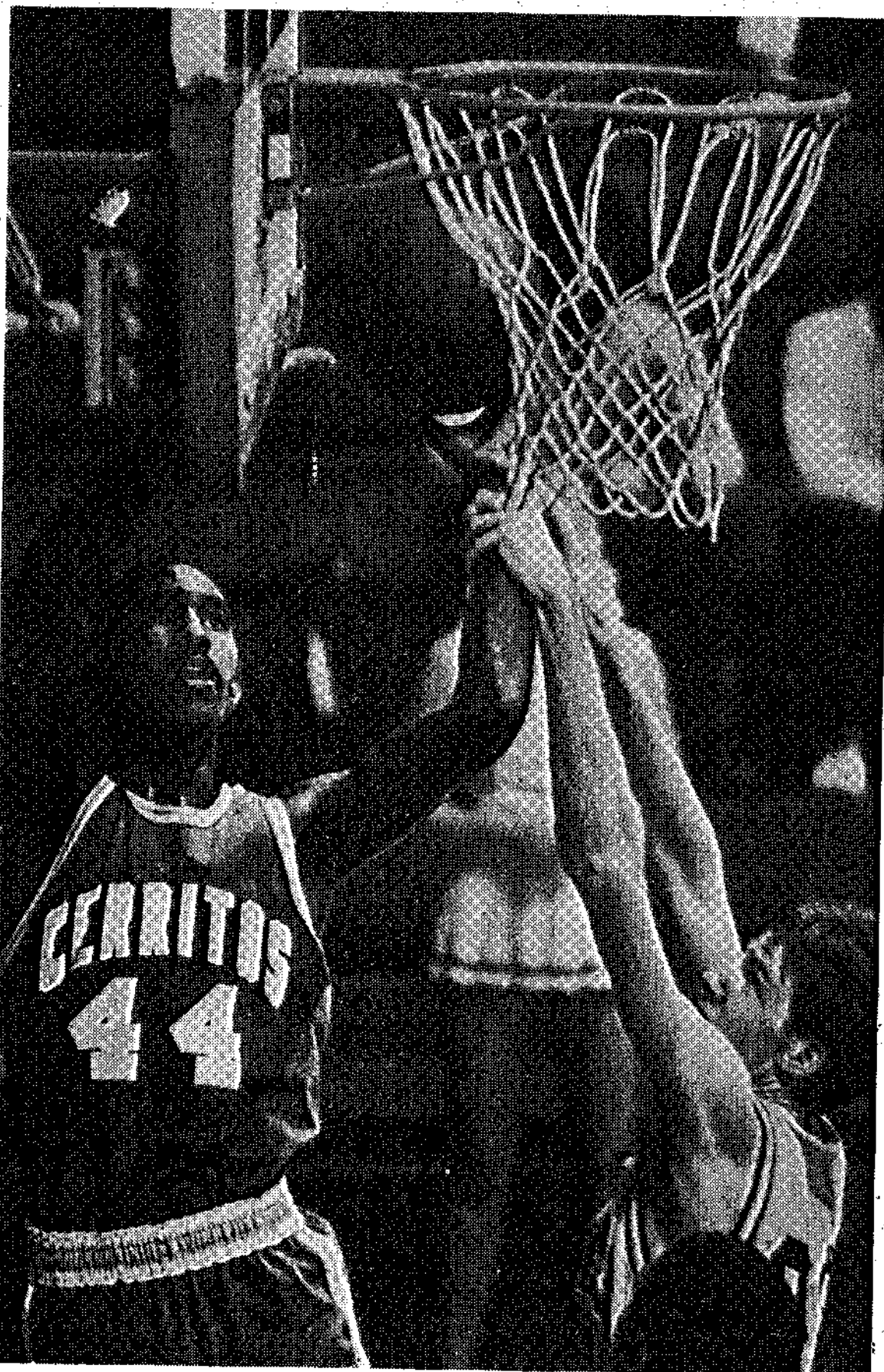
Both teams appeared to be sluggish and tight at the beginning of the game as the Hornets took a 39-37 lead into the half.

A more determined Cerritos team took the court in the second half. Russel Otis' slam dunk mid-way through the second half seemed to turn the momentum around as it staked Cerritos to a four point lead at the time.

But the pesky Hornets just kept battling back.

The lead changed hands several times after Otis' dunk, and the Hornets out-shot the Falcons in the second half from the field. Fullerton shot 60.7 percent and the Birds only managed 56.9 for the game. "I told the team after the game that it was one of the best junior college basketball games that I've seen in a long time," commented Bogdanovich.

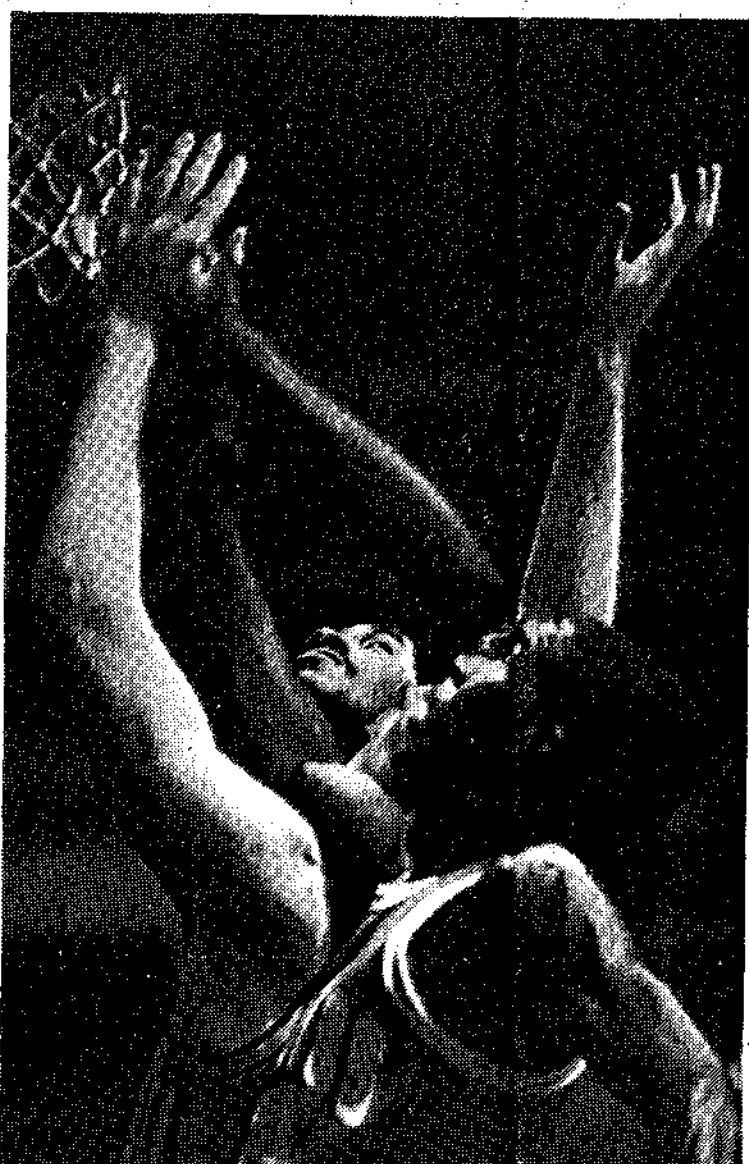
Cerritos rolled up a 12-4 pre-season record with a major win in the Modesto Tournament. Being picked to capture the SCC title for the second year in a row, Cerritos will be looking to turn things around when they attack Cypress tonight in front of the home crowd at 7:30.



TM Photos by ERIC DRAPER

Falcon Bruce Hannan (44, above) goes up for a shot only to be greeted by unfriendly hands in fierce hoop action. Far left, Russel Otis (42), and Hannan tangle with extra hands on offensive rebound, while in center, same two try handling hands in defensive effort. At 12-5 overall, Birds play for home crowd tonight at 7:30.

(W)HOOPS AND HANDS(OFF)...



11 football stars get scholarships; Teafatiller, Johnson choose Illinois

By MIKE HEINRICH
TM Assoc. Sports Editor

As one of the best football seasons in Cerritos College history came to a close a few weeks ago, 11 members of the number two rated Falcons received scholarships from several major universities and state colleges.

The highest recruited player in the country was defensive noseguard Guy Teafatiller. Teafatiller had his choice from any school of his liking including nearby USC and UCLA. But he decided to attend the University of Illinois, with USC as his second choice.

"I chose Illinois because they have proved that junior college transfers can fit into their program," commented Teafatiller.

Also deciding to play with the fighting Illini was runningback Jackie

Johnson. Johnson set the school's single season and single game touchdown records last season.

"I'll play football as far as it takes me, but I'll let my destiny rest in fate," said Johnson.

Record setting quarterback Steve Steenwyk will be the only Falcon headed for the PAC-10, playing for Oregon State.

"I'll have a good chance to start for that school. Last year, their third string quarterback came on to start most of the games," explained Steenwyk.

Scott Duarte, Cerritos' leading tackler at linebacker, and offensive tackle Greg Lovering are planning to attend Fresno State.

Duarte will be used as a tightend at Fresno.

Headed for Louisville University are wide receiver Eric Vaughn and offensive tackle Kevin Hatcher.

Fullback Steve Mitchell and offensive guard Steve Panagos will be attending Reno University, Nevada.

Kansas has signed offensive guard Guy Gamble, and Mississippi State will be receiving offensive guard John Fitzgerald.

This was one of the most highly recruited Cerritos football teams in many years.

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Golfers tee up for District tourney

By MARK TODD
TM Staff Writer

Enjoy hitting a few balls?

For all of those who do, Cerritos College will be having the 18th Annual Cerritos College District Golf Tournament Feb. 13, at the Fullerton Golf Course.

Those eligible to play will include Cerritos College personnel, Foundation members, Alumni Association members, and retired employees from the Cerritos, Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk-La Mirada, and A.B.C. school districts.

Guests other than school personnel are also invited.

Tournament awards will be given to team and individual players within the first three flights. Door prizes will also be given at the tournament.

Entry forms are available in the Community Services Building. For

entries received before Jan. 27, the fee is \$20 per person, anytime after Jan. 27, the fee will be \$25 per person.

Entries are limited to 30

foursumes.

All payments received will go to benefit the Cerritos College Foundation. Entry fees are tax deductible.

Falcon wrestlers have three All-State selections; Holmes JC All-American

By MIKE HEINRICH
TM Assoc. Sports Editor

The Falcon wrestling team had three members selected to the All-State team at the State Wrestling Championships held December 15-17.

Placing sixth in the 158 pound category was Anthony Holmes with impressive victories over Moorepark and Bakersfield wrestlers.

Holmes was also named to the All-American JC team.

Derek Kartchner finished eighth in the state in the 142 pound division. He also made the All-State team.

Ron Sturges finished seventh in the 177 pound class with victories over Sierra and a pin against a tough Diablo Valley matman.

Coach Jeff Smith was disappointed with his team's showing, but was optimistic about next year's chances. "We have a lot of guys returning and some that redshirted that will make a big difference," said Smith.

ZORN, WERSCHING OUT IN PLAY-OFFS

Alumni Joe Gibbs in Super Bowl...again

By BRYAN MADRID
TM Sports Editor

Joe Gibbs, a former Cerritos College football star and now coach of the World Champion Washington Redskins, has his team Super Bowl bound for the second consecutive year.

In what is being hyped as the Super Bowl, Gibbs will be in for his toughest coaching assignment when his Redskins fight it out with the Los

Angeles Raiders to unveil the real 1984 heavyweight champion of the world on Jan. 22 in Tampa Bay, Florida.

A graduate of Sante Fe High School, Gibbs came to Cerritos, and was a two year starter in the 1959-60 Falcon teams, then coached by Don Hall. Those teams had combined a two year record of 16-3.

After being named the Most

Inspirational Player by his teammates in 1960, Gibbs went on to play at San Diego State University.

From San Diego State, Gibbs was picked up by the San Diego Chargers, and from there, he was acquired by the Washington Redskins.

If Gibbs can manage to beat the Raiders and Tom Flores in Tampa Bay, he will become only the third coach in the NFL history to win back-to-back Super Bowls.

But Gibbs wasn't the only Cerritos College football star who had a chance at this year's Super Bowl. In fact, former Cerritos greats were a part of three of the four teams that had a shot at a Super Bowl berth.

Joining Gibbs was Seattle Seahawk, Jim Zorn.

Zorn played for Cerritos in 1971-72 and led the Falcons to their first outright South Coast Conference title

in 1972. He went on to play for Cal Poly Pomona where he broke many NCAA records.

And along with Gibbs and Zorn, San Francisco 49er placekicker Ray Wersching also played for Cerritos, where he set many kicking records, only to have them broken by this year's freshman All-leaguer Robert Barone.

Wersching prepped at Warren High and played for the Birds in 1968-69. From Cerritos, he went on to play for UC Berkeley and now ranks as one of the top place kickers in NFL history.

Cerritos College has had three graduates participate in the Super Bowl.

Joe Gibbs, last year and this year, Ray Wersching, two years ago and Ron Yary of the Minnesota Vikings, who was named the Super Bowl Line-man of the Game in the late seventies.

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Editorial

Time to compromise

The state legislature convened its 1984 session this week and its main issue to confront is the budget, which includes funding for the community college system, Cerritos included.

Last session, Governor Deukmejian blue penciled \$108 million from the CC's budget, due to an expected deficit and that those funds should be made up by the system charging its first ever tuition, \$50 for full time students, \$30 for those with less than 6 units.

The legislature balked, saying that the CC's should not be suffering 10% of the total \$1 billion in cuts being made, when they represent less than 2% of the total state outlays.

After much politicking, a compromise was reached between the governor and the solons that would have restored the \$108 million and would also have imposed the \$50 tuition.

The State Senate passed the compromise, but through last minute maneuvering by Assembly Democrats, the Assembly failed to pass the bill by two votes. The stalemate was on.

Some in the Assembly opposed it on principle saying that they are opposed to any CC tuition. Others felt that the \$50 fee would open the door to future increases that would force the system to change its mission to provide open post secondary education to all adult Californians. They have indicated that they have no intention of budging from this position.

But the governor has repeatedly stated that he has no intention of restoring the deleted funds without an accompanying tuition.

We at the *Talon Marks* are opposed to tuition and wish the governor would reconsider.

But we are more opposed to the prospect of additional classes being cut for the sake of a principle.

We would like to recommend to our readers the following plan:

1. An increase in student aid funding for those students who cannot afford the increased fees.

2. A provision to phase out the tuition in three years, unless voters approve an extension through the referendum process.

3. And most of all, accompanying legislation that addresses the inequity of some community college districts receiving up to twice as much money per student in state funding as other districts. We at Cerritos are among the lowest in per student financing at slightly less than \$1,800 per student while districts such as Los Angeles receive over \$2,300 per student.

It's time for our political leaders to get down off of their soap boxes and prove that politics is the art of compromise.

A dream come true

No great man lives in vain. The history of the world is but the biography of great men.

— Thomas Carlyle

Sunday, Jan. 15, is the birthdate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, Jan. 16, is the first "official" observance of what President Ronald Reagan has proclaimed Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 1.

Although this memorial day will not become an official federal holiday until 1986, Reagan left the decision of any observance prior to 1986 to local government.

While Los Angeles city employees will enjoy this day off, Cerritos College — its students, faculty, administration, and employees — will not. Not this year, anyway.

However, Jan. 16 is occasion to reflect upon the reasons that Dr. King is being so recognized.

King, through his selfless efforts in the human rights arena, serves as a shining example of what can be accomplished through peaceful demonstration. He was the culmination of over 100 years of bitter effort in the emancipation and equality struggles.

An end that was the goal of many of America's notables, among them — Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, John F. and Robert F. Kennedy, Ralph Abernathy. The list is a long and impressive one.

So this "holiday," while a tribute to King's greatness, is also a tribute to all who have fought for the rights of humanity. It is a day to remember all those who strove to make America a land of equality and justice unparalleled in the world.

King said, "I have a dream..."

And through his efforts, the dream has become more of a reality.

Dr. King — know that others, too, have seen your dream and made it their own.

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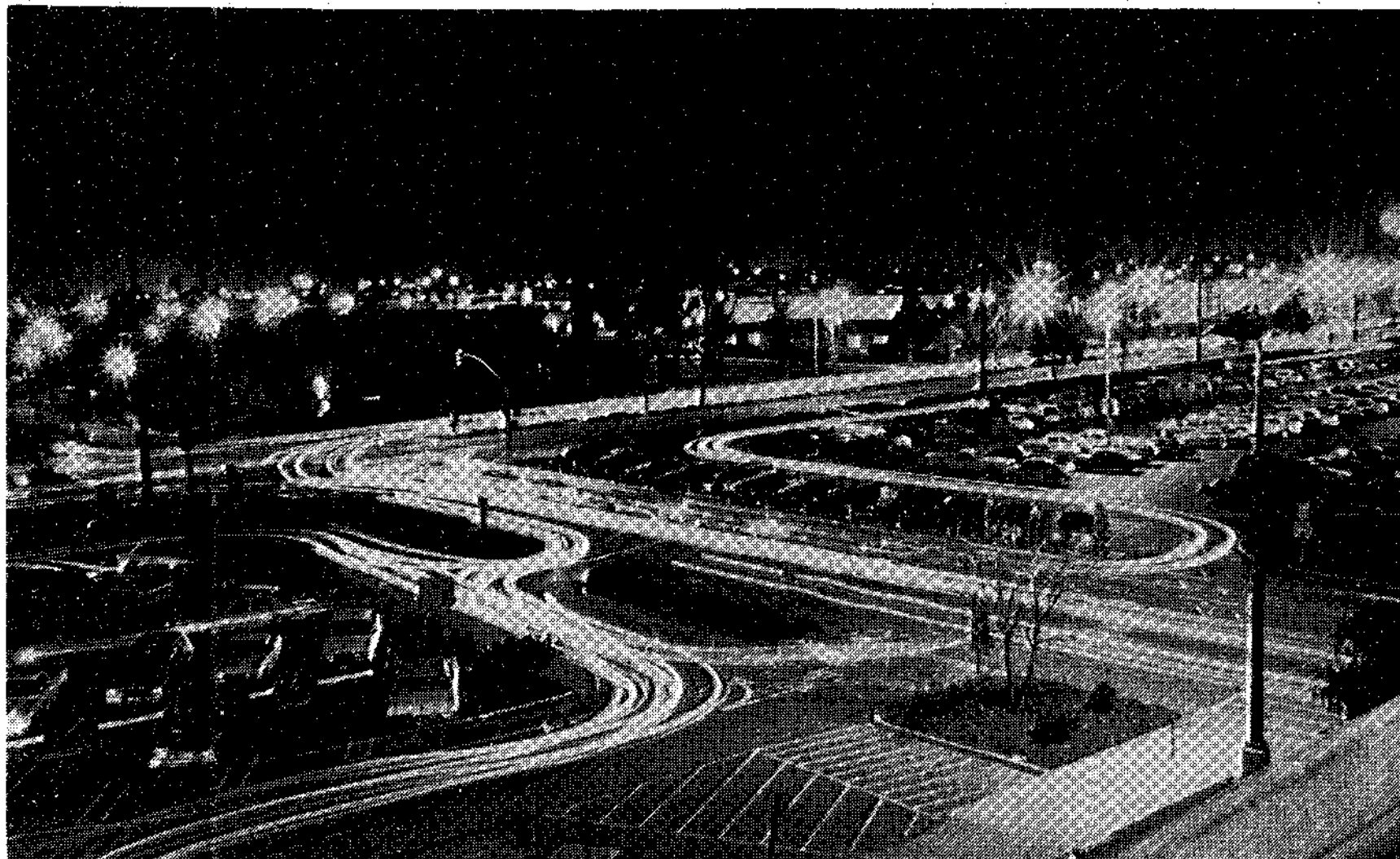
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Light does a many "splendid" thing as students drive to classes off Falcon Way.

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VISITS JUNIOR BLIND FOUNDATION CAMP

Circle K reaches out with holiday spirit

By BARBARA EKNOIAN
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What were you doing New Year's Eve?

Six members of Circle K, Thelma Juarez, Noel Torres, Nancy Kim, Anna Cortez, Carrie Gerard, and Suzanne Seager spent five days of their Christmas vacation at Camp O-Ongo in Running Springs near Big Bear serving as volunteer counselors for the Los Angeles Junior Blind Foundation.

According to Noel Torres, President of Circle K, Mr. Norman Kaplan, Director of the foundation started the organization more than 30 years ago for blind children, and ten years ago he got involved with deaf children.

The camp is free to all children and supported by donations. Director Kaplan came up with the idea of winter, Easter, and summer camps.

Nancy Kim has been involved with the Junior Blind Foundation for the last three years and participates at the different camps. She studied sign language in high school.

About the children at camp, she states, "To me they're regular kids. They just have a problem. They're normal and I like them."

For Noel Torres, President of Circle K, he hadn't any experience with

sign language, yet he was able to communicate.

Torres was in charge of five deaf teenagers. He said, "Within less than a week, you became real close to the kids and counselors."

Torres explained some members of Circle K are afraid to attempt being counselors at the camp "but those that do, find it real rewarding and would like to do it again."

The volunteer counselors were involved with activities such as hikes, a scavenger hunt, movies, bingo, dancing, serving meals, and helping with the dishes.

For the New Year's Eve party, they celebrated a day early and decorated the dining room with decorations and lights, using the dining room as the dance floor.

How did the handicapped manage to dance?

Juarez explained that the person

Spring veterans now registering

The Office of Veteran's Affairs is presently pre-registering veterans for the Spring 1984 semester. Veterans currently enrolled and who are filing an intent to register may notify the OVA so that benefit continuity can be maintained.

Sacramento protest trip report in Senate today

By TERRY SPENCER
TM Staff Writer

A report on last weekend's Community College demonstration at Sacramento, is expected to highlight today's Student Senate meeting at 2 p.m.

Senators Dan Steenhoek, Gianne Canale, Ben Pendleton, Brian Holland, and Senate President Ray Vallejo will focus on the rally they attended, along with over 1,000 com-

munity college students from schools throughout the state.

The event was designed to put pressure on governmental leaders to restore community college funds cut in last year's budget, without imposing tuition.

No other business is scheduled. This follows last week's meeting in fast of the semester. The Senate will then be on hiatus until mid-February, when a new Senate will be elected and installed.

... China tour scrubbed

The ill-fated China tour, which has the college involved in a law suit against Progressive Travel, was cancelled when the wholesaler used by Progressive Travel went bankrupt and would not return pre-paid land costs of \$53,495.

Since the college contract was with Progressive Travel, the college attorneys sued Progressive Travel's error and omission insurance policy to recover the funds.

While this litigation is going on, DiCorpo explained, "Our people were paid back immediately because our Board of Trustees felt a moral responsibility to the community members who trusted us."

"However," said DiCorpo, "if that money is not returned through litigation, Community Services will pay for the loss out of its budget."

"UCLA who was also involved in cancellations has not refunded the money to their travelers."

There is a new default indemnity insurance policy which became available in September of 1983 which would provide insurance protection in the event of a default in the future.

DiCorpo said, "As soon as we have all the facts, we will be applying for it."

"We are trying to provide a well-diversified program that is flexible and open to change. We are not trying to compete, but to fill needs of the community."

Food hours listed

With final exams starting Tuesday, Jan. 24, the Student Center Coffee Shop will be open through Jan. 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. It will reopen Monday, Feb. 6.

The cafeteria and Staff Dining Room will be closed Jan. 23 and reopen Tuesday, Feb. 14 for service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

who was signing would move her hand rhythmically to show the beat of the music. The deaf children put their hands on the speaker, or they feel the beat of the music.

As for the blind children, they have to be encouraged to dance by the counselors.

Kim said, "You have to hold their hands and move them around."

Suzanne Seager was impressed with how well the deaf children could dance. "I almost wanted to take lessons from them," she stated, explaining they could feel the beat from the speakers on the floor.

Although there were some problems with the blind children dancing, she saw some deaf children teaching the blind to dance.

Juarez felt the deaf and the blind were from two different worlds. She explained, "The blind couldn't see the decorations, and the deaf didn't want the noisemakers. They couldn't hear them."

Juarez assisted the blind children and she said, "They are so intelligent. They would memorize how many beds to count. They would do everything on their own."

She added, "It made me see how life is so beautiful and that even though they are limited and handicapped, they enjoy life and make the best of it."

Before the trip, Suzanne Seager had been contemplating working with deaf or handicapped children. After her experience with the teenagers, she expressed, "I always thought of us as being normal." But now she feels, "It's more like a gift that you can see or

hear. We take our communication for granted."

She plans to take sign language next semester.

Seager said she had a lot of misconceptions about deaf people before, thinking they would be quiet. "They are so animated and use expression," she explained, "They pounded on the walls to get each other's attention."

Seager summed it up by stating, "We came back from a different world."

"It would be nice to be with our friends and families for the New Year," but concluded, "What better way to start off the New Year than to give of ourselves."

Financial Aid workshops slated

Financial Aid Workshops, dealing with special problems in completing the SAAC Supplement and any questions regarding financial aid forms, will be held on Jan. 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Jan. 18, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in AC 53.

Students interested in attending these workshops are urged to sign up in advance. For further information, contact the Cerritos College Student Affairs/Financial Aid and EOPS

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