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TM finds new fee story ungrounded

By MARGARET CANTELON
TM Executive Editor

Contrary to the rumor kicked off this week by a story in the local papers, Cerritos College is not breaking laws and its administrators are not on the chopping block.

A Los Angeles Times article said that Cerritos College, along with five other community colleges, was being investigated for charging what the

state called "unauthorized registration fees."

Cerritos reportedly was being specifically questioned about the \$3 material fee levied across-the-board on all general education classes.

Although the state has, for years, allowed instructional material fees, those had been limited to charges and deposits for equipment, instruments, and materials in shop classes.

Cerritos Controller Judi Christensen said the fee is intended to cover such costs as handouts the students receive.

State Chancellor's Office spokesman Charles Klein, source for the Times story, told the *Talon Marks* "Cerritos College was not singled out during my interview. I had said that in the spring all 70 community college district fee practices were to be sur-

veyed because there are illegal actions, such as pre-paid drop fees and material fees taking place all over the state."

"Any colleges charging across-the-board material fees could be doing so illegally."

"Understand," he continued, "there is no Chancellor's Office legal interpretation of that yet. It's a sticky issue and will undoubtedly be an area

of discussion in the spring."

Cerritos College President Dr. Wilford Michael said, "I know nothing about any investigation. No one has contacted us in regards to the fees."

"However, we have no real problem because we spent more in material costs than we charged."

Klein stated, "The material fee cannot exceed the actual cost of

material used. Every student does not use all the materials and yet they are being charged for them."

"That is the legal issue. The ramifications must be decided when identification of specific uses are given," he added.

Indeed, Cerritos is in violation, a warning will be given to them by the Minimum Standards Division (MSD).

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Calendar elections end today

By TERRY SPENCER
TM Staff Writer

At noon tomorrow, the Board of Trustees will hear the student body's voice on the early calendar proposal, when results of the referendum are posted at the Student Activities Office.

A turnout of over 2,000 student voters is expected by 9 p.m. tonight, when balloting closes on the controversial faculty committee plan that would begin the fall term in August of each year.

The committee's proposal calls for a calendar that is similar to those now in effect at Cal-State and UC campuses.

The fall semester would begin the third Monday in August, according to the plan, and would end the week before Christmas.

The spring term would then commence during January and would close by June.

Those in favor of the plan claim that there would be advantages for those students who are transferring to four year schools, as well as eliminating the "lame duck" period after Christmas during the fall term.

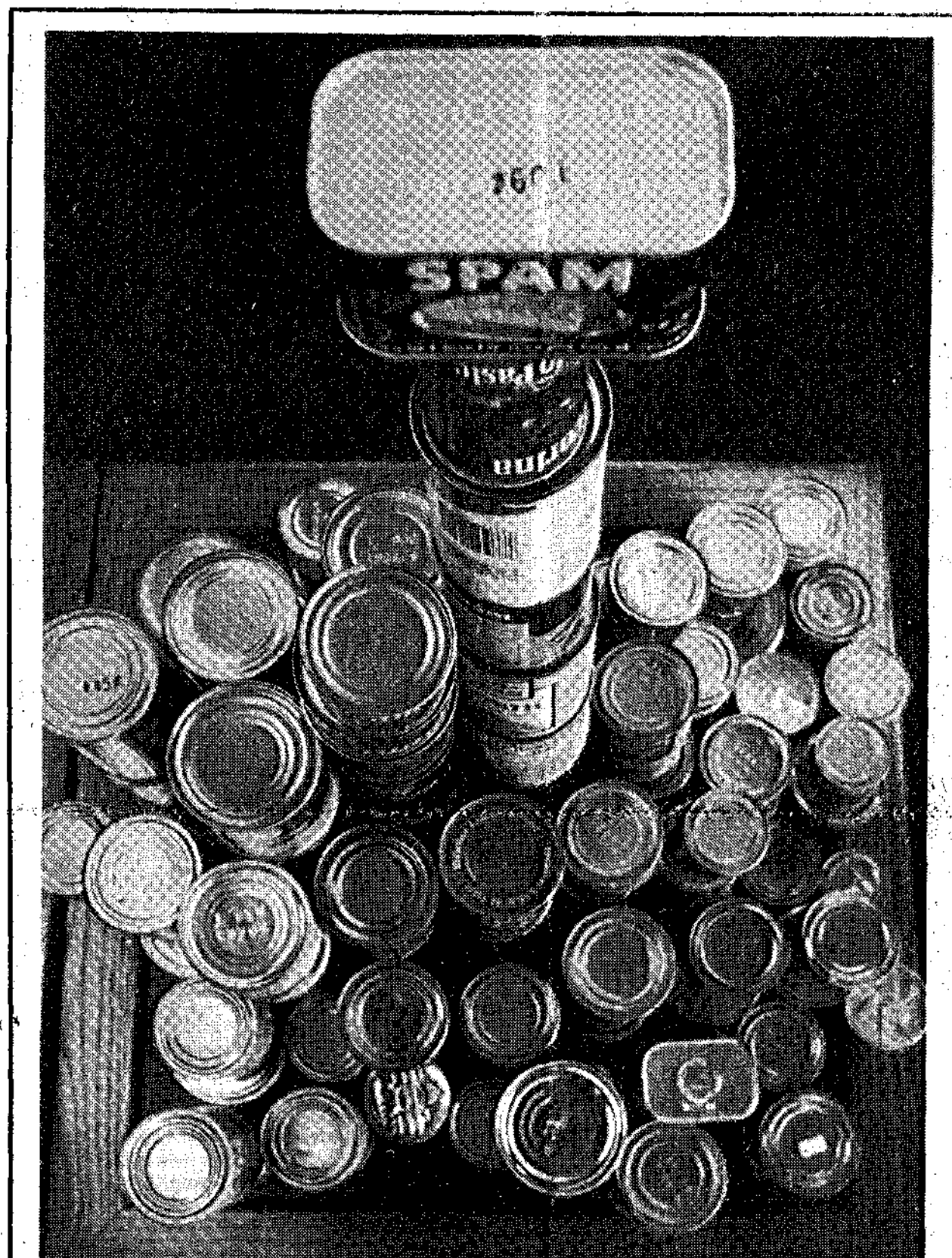
Those opposed cite problems for those students with elementary age children, who will not be in school when their parents are, creating supervisory problems.

They also have concerns about what effect the plan would have on the athletic and vocational programs.

The polls will be open today from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. They are located at the Elbow Room, Health Science Building, Athletics, and the Student Center.

Drop date

Friday, Dec. 16 marks the last day for students to drop classes. No student may drop a class for any reason after this date.



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Reach for the sky

I.C.C.'s annual Canned Food Drive has thus far met with little success, compared to last year's turn-out. However I.C.C. Commissioner Gwendolyn Bays expects a larger showing by the end of drive this Friday. All contributions will be sent to the Norwalk Social Services Center for distribution to needy families.

Classified split awaits hearing

By GERARD MOYA
TM Staff Writer

A second collective bargaining unit is holding up negotiations and clouding the classified labor picture on campus.

Torres says CC's need better PR

By MICHAEL J. BARNES
TM Editor-in-Chief

It is time that the public realizes that the community colleges are not merely an extension of high schools, but an institution of higher learning comparable to the four year colleges and universities.

United States Congressman Estaban Torres (D-37th District) stated, at a conference Thursday, that the key to the survival of the community college system is public relations.

"We have to do something to move this issue of community college tuition," said Torres. "We (the public) react to demand."

Torres commented that people really don't realize the plight of the community colleges. He attributed this fact to the lack of public relations on the part of the colleges.

In the Nation's Capitol, elected officials are not concerned whether students pay fees or not, according to Torres.

"They (the legislature) see it as a big political fight with reapportionment in the middle. I don't see it that way, I know the value of the community colleges," said Torres.

Torres is a graduate of East Los Angeles Community College before he went on to receive his Bachelor's in Political Economics.

He stated that the tuition issue prevails throughout the nation. The problem is stronger from California.

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An 11-member group headed by Don Pendry, athletics locker room and equipment manager, is trying to break away from the 280-member California School Employees Association (CSEA) over "professional representation" and job classification issue.

An informal hearing is pending on a petition filed with the Public Employees Relations Board (PERB) requesting separation from CSEA.

The 11 want to be represented by AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) which is the largest public employee union in the nation, with more than a million members.

CSEA is expected to be without a contract until June or July because of the split, according to campus classified president Justice Roese who opposes the action.

"The group is precluding the possibility of signing any contracts at this time," Roese said.

In the meantime, classified are working under a "memorandum of understanding" which will continue present medical, dental, and life insurance coverage effective Jan. 1 when the existing contract ends, according to Roese.

"The understanding was reached in order to maintain harmony between the District and employees," said Roese, who added, "Hopefully, things will function smoothly until PERB makes its determination."

Pendry's group includes instructional aides 1 and 2 levels, locker room attendants, and locker and equipment managers.

The petitioning employees have called for a study on the wages and classifications of all jobs.

Pendry said his group has no argument with CSEA as such.

He emphasized that the dissatisfaction comes from the classification

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NO FLEXIBLE CALENDAR OPTION

Lack of leadership vision charged

By MICHAEL J. BARNES
TM Editor-in-Chief

As both the Associated Students of Cerritos College, and the faculty members of this institution vote on, whether or not to approve an Early Academic Calendar, one option of this issue never seemed to be brought out to the public's notice.

The Flexible Calendar, one which allows 160 days of instruction to the students and 15 for staff development, never passed through the Faculty Senate's Staff Development Committee.

"The college has a lack of leadership vision," stated Liberal Arts Department Chairman John Dowden, referring to the absence of exploring this option.

Since the California State Legislature passed a bill allowing the community colleges to have only 160 days of instruction — instead of the 175 days used by this college — this gave the colleges the opportunity to look into other calendar options.

"This was one option that was never explored," said Dowden.

According to Dowden, who is a member of the Rancho Santiago Community College District Board of Trustees, Santa Ana College has gone to the flexible calendar system and thus far students and instructors have been in favor of the new system.

Santa Ana's fall semester began on Aug. 29 and ended yesterday. Spring semester will reconvene on January 23 and will end May 24. This

gives the students an entire month between semesters and instructors 15 days for staff development.

At present, eight colleges have gone to the flexible calendar system, 63 colleges, including Cerritos, are still on the traditional calendar, and 15 are on a quarter system.

Out of these colleges, 83 have stated that they will stay on the same system. While eight colleges said they want a change.

Out of those eight, three colleges said they will be going to the flexible calendar system, two to the early calendar, and four will be returning to the traditional calendar.

Cerritos is one of the colleges that

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Cobb Olympic jumper...

By ARLEEN DAUBER
TM Copy Editor

Andre Cobb is an Olympic hopeful.

With a triple jump of 52'2", the improving Cerritos star has a good shot at it. Cobb, who joined the track and field team this semester, is fresh from a four-year stint in the Marines where he held Corps triple-jump record — equivalent to All-American status.

The high flyer chose Cerritos after being scouted by "every community college in Southern California."

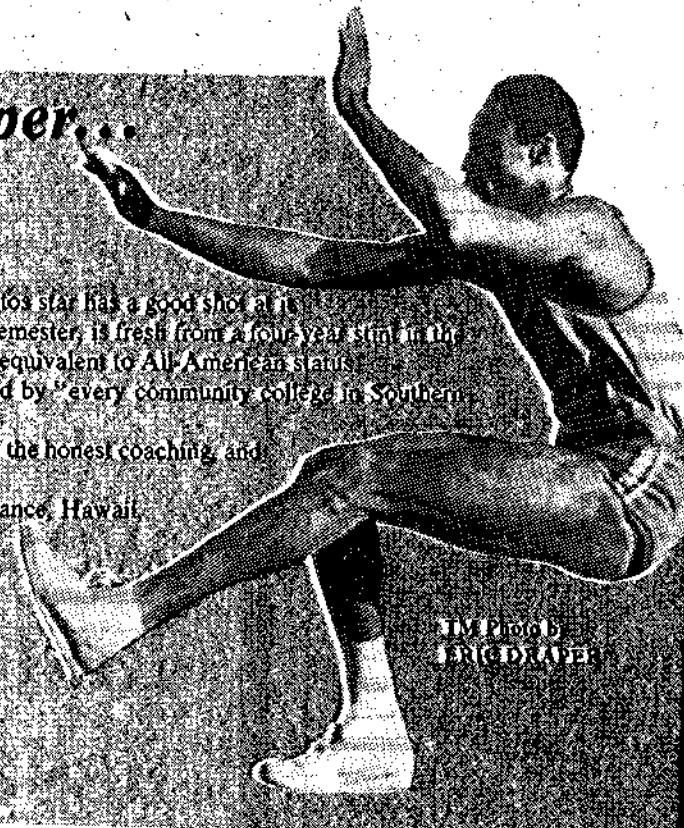
He decided to come here "because of the classes, the honest coaching, and the track facilities."

He's jumped in such places as Spain, Britain, France, Hawaii, and Japan, receiving nothing less than 2nd place in most competitions.

A vigorous European workout program involves running three miles a day in the pool and doing 10 200-meter sprints at 24 seconds each.

He says it takes a positive attitude, and thinking competition on a "world class level" to win.

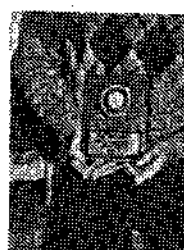
He also long jumps for Cerritos, and runs a leg on the mile relay.



THE PHOTO BY ERIC DRAPER



□ **Barefoot in the Burnight**
Neil Simon's comedy *Barefoot in the Park* opened Friday (See Page 2)



□ **Sports awards banquet**
Fall sports teams award honors to valuable players (See Page 3)



□ **Christmas frame-up**
Grinch claims he was set up by FBI to hide big cover-up (See Page 4)



BAREFOOT TRIO Crawford, Pierce, and Peltier — Corie (Peltier) and husband Paul (Crawford) assist Mrs. Banks (Pierce) into the newlywed's apartment in college students 'Barefoot in the Park' Burnight Presentation.

'Barefoot' ups 'n downs rates a 'B'

By MELISSA HERNANDEZ
TM Staff Writer

The Theatre Department is presenting *Barefoot in the Park*, a Neil Simon comedy. The play premiered on Friday night, Dec. 9th, and will continue through the 17th.

The play starred (in order of appearance) Julie Peltier, as Cori Bratter, K.C. Goodridge as the telephone repair man, Baldwin Sykes as the delivery boy, Billy Crawford as Paul Bratter, Barbara Pierce as Corie's mother, Mrs. Banks, and Edward W. Green as Victor Velasco.

Barefoot in the Park, performed in three acts, was directed by Sydeell Weiner.

All the players worked with each other and produced a result that was enjoyable. However, there were moments when the acting left something to be desired. The characters were not fully developed and some parts tended to be overacted.

In spite of this, though, the same characters that did poorly in one scene came through on the next, thereby creating an overall good production.

...Torres' talk

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because it is known for its public education system.

"When funding is made by the Federal Government in grant form, the four year colleges usually receive the funds. The community colleges receive nothing," said Torres.

Though Torres primarily spoke on the issues of the International Monetary Fund, he did express concern on the problems of the California Community College System.

...Fee investigation

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Once the college responds, the MSD will evaluate the response and decide on the course of action to take. It could accept the response, or be enough to take a portion of the state funding from the college.

It was the seven percent budget cuts to the community colleges that has made the search for available revenue to keep curriculum cuts to a minimum.

Current additional funds are stalemated in Sacramento.

Speakers spoon up 'River' reading

By MELISSA HERNANDEZ
TM Staff Writer

Over 60 spirits from the past haunted BC 31 when the Speech Department of Cerritos College presented *Spoon River Anthology*, a Readers Theatre on December 9-10 at 8:00 p.m.

Readers Theatre? What on earth is a Readers Theatre? It is a comparatively new idea in theater production although the concept has existed since the Greeks. It entails the group reading of material dealing with characters in such a way that the action is not physically taking place on stage, per se, but in the minds of the audience — a type of "reading between the lines," if you will.

Thus, a separate, individual mental picture is conjured up in the minds of each viewer. It is this element that marks the difference between a Readers Theatre and conventional theater. Unlike conventional theater, the actor is free to look at his audience and establish eye contact with them as he speaks his lines, thereby creating a more personal feeling throughout the presentation's entirety.

Many pieces of literature were intended for reading rather than acting. Readers Theatre is the solution for those works, since the characters might prove difficult to portray in a play.

It may have been the unfamiliarity with the subject of Readers Theatre which was a contributing factor to the sparse attendance on Friday's performance. Add to that the fact that the Theatre Department's *Barefoot in the Park* premiered on the same night. Throw in the ASCC's

Christmas Dance also scheduled on Friday evening and the Speech Department had a lot of competition. Perhaps it was a combination of all these events that prevented *Spoon River Anthology* from receiving the recognition it deserved.

Spoon River Anthology, by Edgar Lee Masters (conceived, adapted, and arranged by Charles Aidman), was quite a program. It was a melange of ethereal ghosts and quaint tunes. Spirits of people who once lived in the town of Spoon River stood in no usual order and related their life — or death — story in a few eloquently lyrical lines. But they didn't just tell! No, they lamented, they pondered, they scolded, they expounded, they rationalized and raged, all in different character. The 60 some parts were played by six actors and actresses.

Applause to Phil McNear, Monica Price, and Teresa Paz.

Multi-faceted Phil McNear's characters included Wally George, Osgood Snodgrass, and Enoch Dunlap. Monica Price, who came through with her lines admirably in a mere few weeks, was Mrs. Purkapple, Nellie Clark, and Emily Sparks, in addition to many others. Teresa Paz adroitly became Dora Williams, Rosie Roberts, and Mabel Osborne, to name a few characters.

Ovations to Russell Baker, Sammi Ramirez, and Robert Baker.

Russell Baker displayed his talent for acting in characters such as Walter Simmons, Hamilton Greene, and

Harry Williams. Russell interpreted his parts sensitively. Especially memorable was his role as a raving, fiery politician. Baker sees images happening as he speaks his lines: a sure sign of a good actor and the only way to allow the audience to empathize and accept one as credible.

Sammi Ramirez has a great gift for foreign sketches which she incorporated beautifully and liberally. She spoke with German, Cockney, Russian and Southern accents. She turned into an old, decrepit woman and a bitter, wistful wife. She breezed from one character to another effortlessly. Some of her pieces were Ollie McGee, Russian Sonja, and Lucinda Matlock.

Robert Baker (you may recall him as John Merrick in *The Elephant Man*) is an excellent actor. His talent is natural, his acting believable. He performs in depth and becomes, truly, each character he plays. He is free from the awkwardness that sometimes accompanies intense, emotional character portrayal. George Cray, Indignation Jones, and Willie Metcalf lived as Robert gave them character. Commendable effort was clear on the part of all those who participated.

Special notice is given to Speech Instructor James A. Digheira, who directed *Spoon River Anthology*.

Spoon River Anthology was entertaining and well worth the time. If you saw it, move one space ahead.

Calendar debate by faculty still rages

By JOE GIBBS
TM News Editor

Friday's faculty poll revealed that a 59% majority of the 162 who responded favor a change to an "Early" calendar.

According to Faculty Senate Secretary Hy Finkelstein who tabulated the ballots, two-thirds of the entire faculty administration participated.

The voting went as follows: 59% of the voting faculty stood tall with an early calendar while 35% prefer to continue with the current "traditional" calendar. 6% remain undecided.

A few problems continue to confuse some faculty members. One being the conflicting hours for teachers who have children in elementary schools which are on a traditional schedule.

The Board of Trustees holds the key in making the final decision on any calendar changes.

The Board will take into consideration the outcome of the student poll, combined with the faculty survey, and decide in early January.

Other Faculty Senate agenda items included a proposal to stop mailing report cards to students.

Senate member Bill Lewis said, "The college has spent a considerable amount of money mailing report cards." He questions, "Who is to say that the distribution of the report cards through personnel wouldn't cost nearly the same amount? In other words, the college might spend the same amount of money for the clerks' assistance in passing out the grades."

**Fall grades available
February 20, 1984**

Lewis suggests that an answer to this dilemma would be to tack an extra dollar on to the usual registration fees. This added fee would cover mailing costs.

Grades are expected to be available for manual distribution by Monday, February 20, 1984. Students will have two weeks to pick up their grade reports. After that, students will have

to request a transcript through Admissions Office.

Admissions and Records will accept self-addressed, stamped envelopes from students who want direct mailing. Academic/Progress probation students will be advised of their status by special mailing.

Although a particular site has not been chosen, the most logical place would be the Admissions Office. However, concern has been expressed over the amount of traffic in the Administration Building during registration if students must also pick up report cards.

Other locations under consideration are the Student Activities Office or the Library. The decision has not been reached.

CSEA walkouts want upgrading

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relative to relationship with students.

"We work directly with the students," Pendry said, "yet we are placed in the same wage classification as custodians, grouped with blue collar workers. We feel we are just a little above that job classification in terms of professional requirements."

Beverly Sweet, athletic trainer and equipment manager, said, "There is no clear classification of my position. With a great deal of education, my role is considered to be a custodian role."

The group says it is simply seeking professional representation, the same as the district has.

"Cerritos College hired a professional negotiator, Dr. Frank Ramirez, and we feel we should have the same kind of representation."

"AFSCME approached me initially and I approached others, and there was an overwhelming yes," said Pendry. He said questions have been raised regarding the CSEA negotiation representatives who are 75 percent women who "work hand-in-hand with college administrators. They are not primarily family wage earners, and they don't want to upset fellow administrators by their voting."

Pendry said, "There should be professional negotiation on both sides of the table. Through AFSCME, we will be receiving just that."

According to Ramirez, whose title is Director of Employer-Employee Relations, the Board of Trustees can not pass any negotiations made with CSEA, because of the possibility of unfair labor charges which the petitioning group could file under state law.

Salary rates in the Board's initial contract proposal show no new figures compared to last year's contract.

Approved in the so-called "understanding" were five holidays, four of which are required under the Education Code.

The new one is Jan. 2, official observance of New Year's, with Martin Luther King's birthday — Jan. 16 — expected to be on the negotiation table.

College nixes calendar's flexes

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has specified that they will be altering their system.

"They (Cerritos College) haven't even considered the possibilities of a flexible calendar," said Dowden.

According to Dowden, the majority of the colleges refused to switch to the Flexible Calendar because of the possibility of losing ADA (average daily attendance) funds.

Food drive nears end, not top

By MARK TODD
TM Staff Writer

As the Dec. 15 deadline for the Christmas canned food drive approaches, it appears that club contenders for first place in donations are far behind that of last year's first place winners.

As of Dec. 12, first place leaders, Campus Crusade, have a total of 68 (one point for each can), compared to 6000 points gained by the Filipino Club last year.

Although canned food donations by club members appear to be greatly lower than that of last year, ICC Commissioner Gwendolyn Bays contends, "The last week of the food drive will usually bring in the most food." Bays also urges that all students,

whether club oriented or not, participate in the food drive.

Contributions from club members will be received in the Student Activities Office, and all other donations can be placed into specially marked containers located in the Elbow Room, the Student Center, or the Health Science Building.

Food which is contributed by students will be given to the Norwalk Social Services for distribution to the needy throughout the Norwalk area.

An awards banquet will be held Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Golden Sails Inn for the top three clubs contributing to the food drive. Trophies will be given the top three contributors as well as a Certificate of Participation to all clubs involved.

ROTC training at UCLB

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) of California State University, Long Beach announces its winter course in Military Science and Training.

Classes will begin Jan. 9 through Jan. 20 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.

The curriculum will cover the subject of U.S. Defense Establishment and Military History.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive four semester units. The fees are \$68 for the four units or \$17 per unit.

Students who complete the winter course are eligible to enroll in the Army ROTC Advanced Course and to receive two-year scholarships to attain Bachelor Degrees.

For additional information or to enroll, contact the Army ROTC offices at California State University, Long Beach at the following numbers: (213) 597-1853 or (213) 498-5766.

Santa's coming...

Tell Santa if you been good or not and have your picture taken too!

Santa will be in the Student Center for photos today and tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Health Science area from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., and at the Elbow Room from 5 to 7 p.m.

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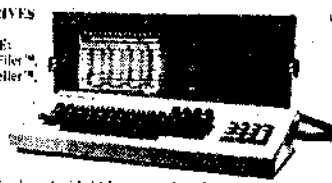
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—Tim Leary

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Six wrestlers go to state tourney

Cerritos places third in Regional tournament

By MIKE HEINRICH
TM Assoc. Sports Editor

Six Cerritos wrestlers head for the State Finals this weekend at West Valley College after the Falcons captured third place in the SoCal Regionals at El Camino Friday.

The reps are Michael Longshaw (126 lb), Leonard Camacho (134), Derek Karchner (142), Anthony Holmes (158), David Bahney (167), and Ron Sturges (177).

An elated coach Jeff Smith called the wrestlers' performance a remarkable feat.

"This is the best performance overall this year. I'm proud of the team's showing," he said.

The most impressive match in the regionals was Longshaw's domination of his El Camino opponent who he pinned to take the third place entitling him to go to the State Finals.

All three top finishers in each weight division go on to the state championship bid.

"Longshaw was fighting the whole time and fought much better in the fight for third place," said Smith. "He made his opponent earn his points. Mike can beat the No. 3 rated wrestler from San Diego City that he lost to in

the first round, but he's nursing a sore ankle and would have to be in top shape."

Camacho finished second in his division, pinning his man in 2:30 of the match. He had to forfeit the championship match due to a tender shoulder.

Smith said he is counting on Camacho to help carry the team in the State matches.

Taking second was Karchner, easily handling his SD foe. Smith said he was in a lot more control than in the earlier dual meet with them. "If he gets his mind in the right place, he could do well in the Finals," Smith said.

Holmes, the No. 3 rated wrestler in the state in the 158 lb. division, wound up in third place in the regionals. Holmes, who has not wrestled that well in the last part of the season, will have to be at his best for the upcoming encounter.

"Bahney really took it to Miller (Bakersfield) in the third place contest. This was the best Dave has ever wrestled," commented Smith.

For the first time this year, Sturges wrestled at 177 and pinned a highly rated wrestler, securing a trip to State with a second place finish.



THE WINNER -- Michael Longshaw pinned his man to take third in the SoCal Regionals to qualify for State Finals.

JC GRID WIRE PICKS

Four football All-Americans

Cerritos College has two first team JC Football All-Americans, a feat which no other college managed in JC Grid Wire rankings.

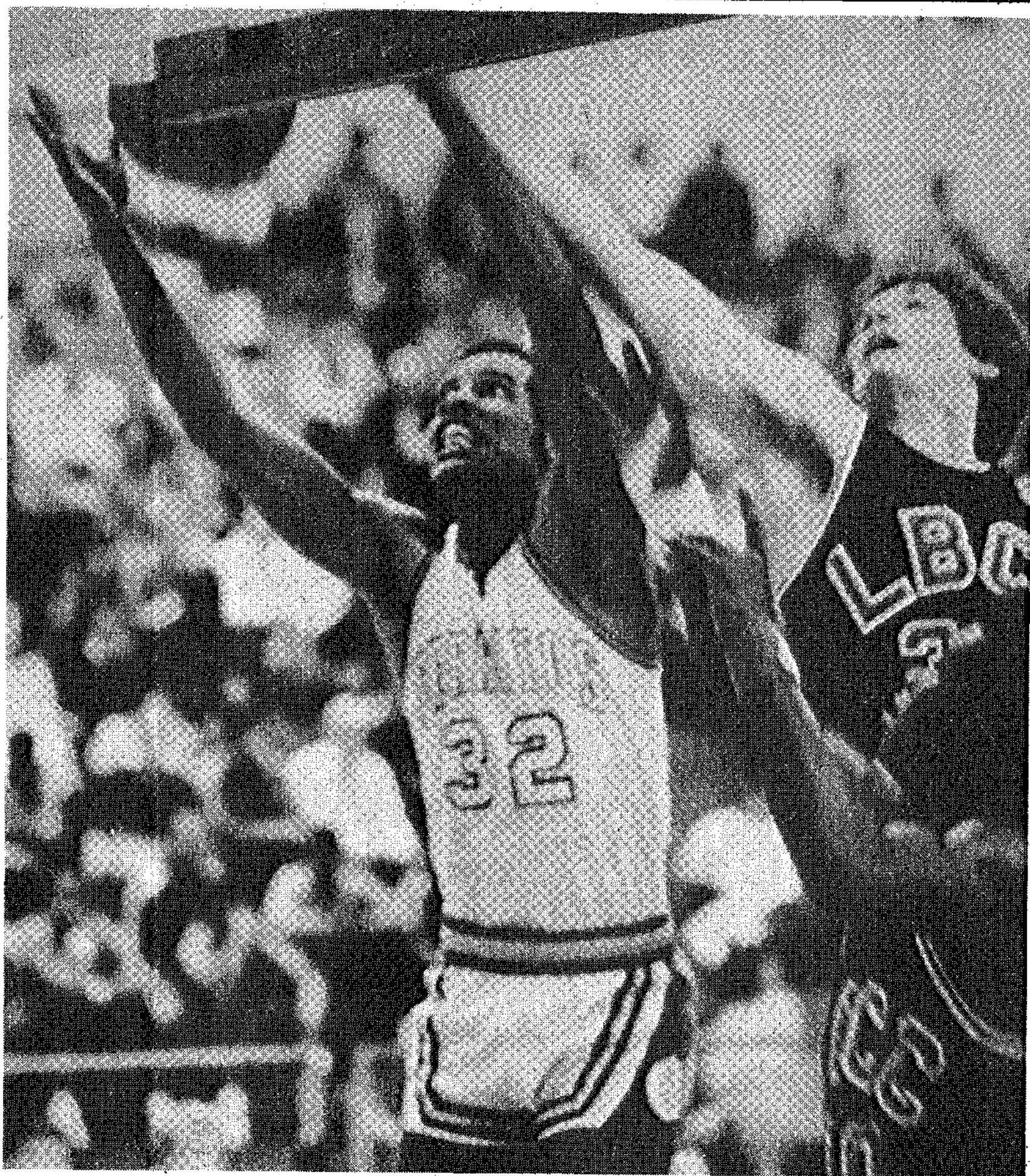
The Falcons also have two Honorable Mentions.

Also Cerritos is ranked No. 5 in the nation, only team in the top 12 with two losses (9-2).

State rating is No. 2, behind Fullerton, also ranked No. 1 nationally.

Noseguard Guy Teafatiller is All-American on defense, and kicker Robert Barone is All-American on offense.

Runningback Jackie Johnson and OT Ron Paulson made Honorable Mention. Only the first team is picked.



HITTING THE BOARDS -- Grossmont Tournament MVP Andre Greer (32) goes for rebound against Long Beach City. Falcons, 7-2 on the season, head for Modesto today for major tournament action

after winning the Grossmont title over the weekend. The defending state champions open conference play Jan. 7 when they travel to Fullerton. Next home court activity is Jan. 11 against Cypress.

Fall MVP's spotlighted at banquet

By BYRAN MADRID
TM Sports Editor

Athletes were toasted and coaches roasted at Wednesday night's colorful Fall Sports Awards Banquet.

"Mistress of Ceremonies" Dr. Fran Newman, Dean of Student Services and Counseling, saw to it that practically everybody present was "appropriately recognized."

She opened with, "Tonight we are going to pull skeletons out of the coaches' closets -- there are some tucked away in everyone's..."

Rules of the evening called for a 10-minute limit on each coach who spoke. Legendary former baseball coach Wally "The Walrus" Kincaid was official timekeeper, blowing the whistle on violators.

Soccer coach Bob Flores took the podium first. Newman said she had a hard time finding "good dirt" on him.

Rory Campbell was the team's Most Valuable Player and Enrique Andrade was named Most Inspirational.

Soccer's Jay Acebo was Most Improved and Frank Anderson took Captain's honors.

Next up was conference volleyball champion coach Jeanine Prindle.

"Jeanine is very unique. She lectures, but never screams -- she just breaks her clip boards (during games)...three times to be exact," Newman said.

She told of a pre-Orange Coast game where Prindle wore an "Orange Crush" shirt to inspire the team.

Marianne Merrill and Pam Winokur were co-MVP's, with Merrill getting Captain recognition.

Patricia Aguilar was Most Improved and Randee Rabune was Most Inspirational.

Water polo coach Pat Tyne was

next on the burner.

It was suggested that Tyne may have learned the game in the 1800's, due to his age, but that his legs had been voted best looking in college -- although there were some questions raised about the rest of his body.

Kincaid whistled Tyne on the first word he spoke.

However, he was granted a reprieve, and awarded Don McCraner with both MVP and Captain's honors. Don Trapp was Most Improved, while Bruce Horny got Most Inspirational.

Women's cross country coach Hal Simonek -- whose real name was described as "World Shamockovich" -- stepped up to the roaster next.

Newman explained that "He always wears his blue and white sweats, but rumor has it he was once seen dressed up."

MVP honors went to both Renee Alacron and Katrina Kwiecien. Cap-

tain and Most Inspirational were garnered by Amy Skibel; with Denise Gonzales receiving Most Improved.

Coach Dave Kamanski, men's cross country, was last on the docket.

"He says he runs," claimed Newman, "but this has never been witnessed. People worry about his driving...he once backed his car into his house."

She related one incident where Kamanski got his head caught while trying to take his jacket off, and wound up flapping his arms around in a frenzy screaming for help.

Kamanski back-tracked on the car story, claiming it was in park and it "jumped" into reverse.

Larry Banuelos was MVP, Mike Valdez Most Inspirational, Roger Williamson Most Improved, and Richard Pinarya was Captain.

It was a refreshing change from most award banquets...

Will the Express get on track with LA?

By BRYAN MADRID

With Thanksgiving behind, Christmas and the new year still ahead, this usually marks the closing of another football season.

It's time to relax over the holidays and enjoy the end of another year.

Time to sit in your favorite reclining chair, eat some peanuts and popcorn and watch the bowl games on TV. This is your last breath of football for the year, it's time to get it out of your blood and turn to the sport of the season. Right?

Maybe basketball, golf, baseball, moto-cross, track and field... the list goes on and on.

Not if you're a United States Football League fan.

The USFL? An interesting thought. Any relation to the World Football League?

Strong followers and believers of the USFL get highly upset when a comparison is made between the two.

WFL, remember them? There's a

good chance you won't. They were only around for two seasons. Well, some stuck it out the complete two years, others deflated at halftime of the second season.

No wonder worshippers of the USFL tend to dislike any comparison between the two leagues.

But, unlike the WFL, the USFL has caught on in some cities.

Cities such as Denver, Tampa Bay and Birmingham.

But in Los Angeles? USFL? What's that?

The Express definitely found it tough to get a summer football cult behind them.

They led their division for 14 of the 18 weeks, and the organization still lost some two million dollars in its freshman season.

They are having a difficult time persuading the seasonal sports fans of L.A. and Orange County to think football, traditionally a fall/winter sport, in the summer.

AAAAhhh, the key words-

seasonal sports fans of LA and OC. Sure the USFL has caught on in cities like Denver and Tampa, what else have they to do in those months, other than wish they had a baseball or hockey team and wait for the next NFL season?

They just don't have the variety of professional sports that Angelinos are spoiled with.

"What's baseball?" they ask in Denver.

"Where's Tampa Bay? Sounds like a good fishing hole," say people in Los Angeles.

"Professional football during the summer months? Surely you jest?" adds Orange County.

"The owners of the Express are willing to lose money for four years before they even consider relocating," said Keith Gilbertson, offensive line coach for the Express, at a recent press conference.

Can't say I'd blame them for leaving L.A. But waiting four years? That

may be a little long. What if there's truth to the superstition of the sophomore jinx? How much money will they lose this year?

If Lee Majors (alias the six million dollar man), part owner of the team, can afford to lose that much, more power to him. I just hope his bionic billfold can take such a big fall.

Gilbertson: "We just didn't have a team people wanted to see, but this year were making some changes so we'll have a more exciting offense." Obviously people didn't care to travel to the Coliseum and watch summer football.

The Dodgers drew over three million fans, and they were in a losing slump the better part of the first half. That's three million fans who elected to watch baseball, the traditional sport of the season, rather than football.

This second season may prove to be the make or break point for the Express, it'll be interesting to see if they're still around come the 1985 season.



ALL SPORTS MVP'S -- The annual fall sports banquet honored athletic standouts, including MVP's (front, l-r) Richard Pinarya, Cross Country; Don McCraner, Water Polo; Rory Campbell, Soccer; (back) Marianne Merrill, Co-Volleyball; Renee Alacron, Co-Cross Country; Katrina Kwiecien, Co-Cross Country; Pam Winokur, Co-Volleyball.

Editorial

'Tis the season...

Christmas...?

Hectic last-minute shopping, holiday parties, pageants and carolers, evergreen trees, Toys for Tots, skiing vacations, family reunions, baking cookies, church services...

That magical time when little children still believe in Santa Claus and adults bend over backwards to perpetuate the myth.

When giving is better than receiving.

Remembering old friends, sending season's greetings, and making new friends.

The season when the true spirit of Christmas transcends religious lines.

When fighting armies take time out for a truce.

That special time for "peace on earth and good will toward men."

This Christmas could be a turning point.

Why not?

Holiday wisdom

The desire for safety stands against every great and Noble enterprise.
— Tacitus: Annals XV

Amid the joy of the holiday season, thousands of Americans suffer sorrow.

Needlessly.

Caught up in an air of gaiety, joyful reunions, and festive celebrations, we often forget the most basic of wisdoms. Safety.

- If you drive, don't drink. If you drink, don't drive.
- Drive defensively — be tolerant. Do not let your haste temper your judgement. Arriving late is far better than not arriving.

- Make allowances for weather and traffic conditions when planning to travel. Give yourself plenty of time to travel.

- With children out of school, warn them about playing in or near traffic. When driving in residential areas, watch for children.

- If you have a fireplace, by all means, enjoy a snug Yuletide fire — make sure, however, that your fireplace has a screen, proper implements, and a clear flue. Don't let your holiday dreams go up in smoke.

- When putting up your tree, make sure it is not exposed to open flame, nor crowded in a stuffy corner. Water your tree often. Make sure electrical decorations are in serviceable condition — light sockets have working and proper lights, and there are no frayed or broken cords — and that the outlet(s) you use are adequate to the demand. For further information, contact your local fire department.

- Turn off your lights before going to bed. Don't let your visions of sugar plums be rudely interrupted by a smoke alarm. If you don't have a smoke alarm or home fire extinguisher, buy one. They could save your life or the lives of your loved ones.

The list of possible dangers is endless, yet one key ingredient is sufficient.

Common sense.

Take the time to think about safety. It could make all the difference between a Merry Christmas and...

Talon Marks extends to all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...

Safety.

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BANKSHOT

Grinch talks, blames toy cartel

By B. MICHEL MILBANK

Some say the Grinch stole Christmas.

An intensive investigation by this reporter reveals that this might not be the case. Evidence gathered in the search for the truth indicates that charges leveled against Grinch is, in fact, an elaborate cover-up.

The allegedly nefarious Grinch, in a recent exclusive interview, stated, "I was a pariah, an outcast from the town. They couldn't understand my political and economical ambitions."

When questioned about his alleged theft of Christmas items, Grinch responded, "I was set up. I had been informed by the city council that the items were to be ripped off... uhh, that is, removed... for a future redecoration and redevelopment project."

Al E. Gorey, the city mayor, in light of Grinch's disclosure, said, "To my knowledge that is categorically false; we have no project of that sort. It is my considered opinion that Grinch is attempting to sow the seeds of a dead horse among the council members, hoping that something turns up."

A probe into the city council's minutes of past meetings reveals, however, that some \$25 million earmarked for a redevelopment project has turned up missing. City comptroller Tex E. Vader was not available for comment and — according to cinema star brother Darth — is presently in Mexico on a "vacation of indefinite length."

Grinch, secluded in his Beverly Hills estate, stated vehemently that he "had not seen one thin dime of this scam."

Although caught red-handed with the Christmas goods, Grinch maintains that federal agents planted the items in his austere Topanga Canyon cave dwelling while he was "out meeting council member Dee Lorian for an afternoon of fun and frolic in the snow."

FBI — Federal Buyers, Inc. — spokesman, Hoover O'Matic head of the Saks Fifth Avenue branch, stated, "Our investigation shows that Grinch overcharged his Visa card by almost \$2.5 million during the holiday season last year in an alleged bid to buy out the local Toys R Us. This unAmerican action cannot go unpunished."

'I have not seen one thin dime from this scam.'

In a land of credit such as ours, the theft of credibility in credit is the most heinous crime, and one that calls for the stiffest of retributions.

Macy FBI purchasing agent Tuo X. Pensive added, "It took a lot of hard work, but we nabbed the Grinch. He left himself wide open in that Korean airliner affair."

Pensive was referring to allegations made by the Soviets that Grinch had shot down the airliner with their new SAM-7 toy, mistaking the 747 for seven reindeer and a sleigh.

Students await notification

Court Reporting proves rigorous but rewarding

By BARBARA EKNOIAN

Step into the halls of Congress, the United Nations, federal and local courts across the country, various departments and agencies of government, law offices, corporation conference rooms or broadcasting studios and you will find men and women working at the honorable profession of shorthand reporters.

Step back into the 18th century and you would have found Charles Dickens before he became a famous author working as a parliamentary reporter. Dickens used the Thomas Gurney shorthand system, which was written with pen or pencil.

Today, Cerritos College shorthand reporters use a modern machine which has evolved from the manual systems of Pitman and Gregg to the present use of the shorthand machine. It weighs 4 1/2 pounds, has 24 keys, and prints alphabetic shorthand on a prescored pad of paper in indelible ink.

There are approximately 200 students in the court reporting program at Cerritos, and in November six students who took the Certified Shorthand Reporter exam are anxiously awaiting the results.

The students include: Diane Burfield, Dolores Espinoza, Susan Grijalva, Tammy Millican, Michelle Riley, and Monica Vogelbacher.

According to Court Reporting instructor Sherry Perkins, "It's a real tough test that is equivalent to the bar exam. It is a two-day test, and a small percentage pass it."

Court reporting is a planned two-year program, but it usually takes three years to build the required 200 word-per-minute speed with the 98 percent degree of accuracy required by our State of California.

Perkins stated, "We have excellent pass rates from Cerritos College. We attribute this pass rate not only to the dedicated instructors, but also to the students' determination. We are expecting these students to pass this last exam and possibly be in the top ten as we have had them on the top list in the past."

Students here are required to take both a regular curriculum and specialized court reporting courses such as medical, legal, reference and English.

Upon completing the required courses and developing the necessary speed, the students can then become qualified to take the State test.

Those successful candidates can expect to earn \$20,000 to \$50,000 per year depending on the amount of work they are willing to do.

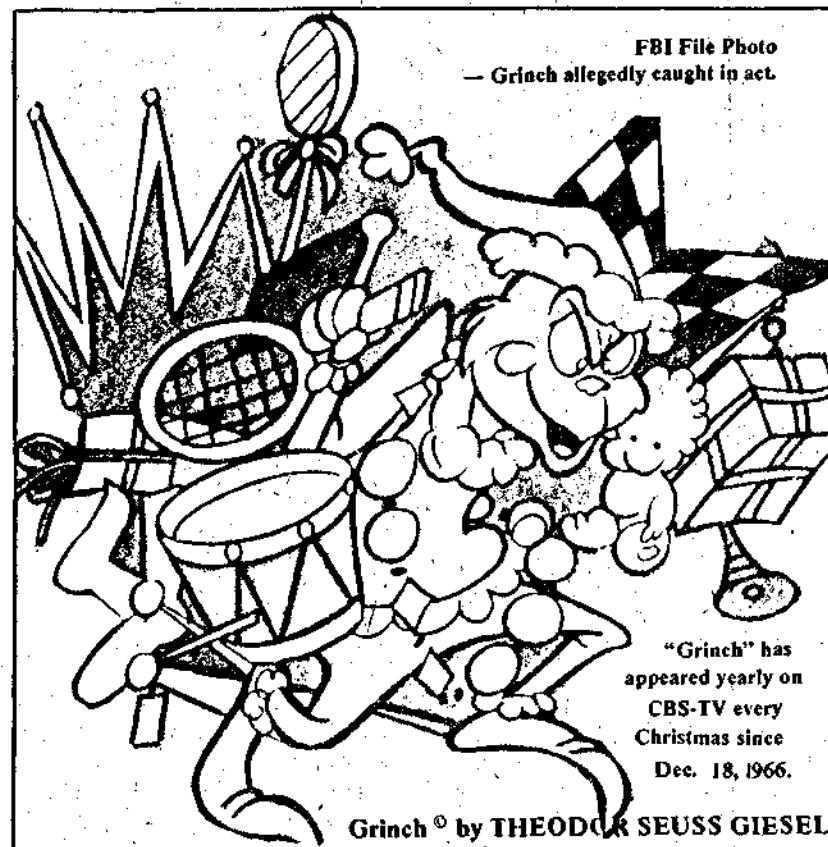
"The last group of students that we sent up to take the CSR passed it and received letters requesting them to go to work," said Perkins. "We are really proud of our program and the students we are producing at Cerritos College."

Several students awaiting to hear the results of the tests had different comments to make about the program.

Diane Burfield received her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting at California State University Long Beach, but decided she wasn't satisfied with the career she had chosen so she came to Cerritos College to study Court Reporting.

Diane sums up her feelings about the Court Reporting program stating, "Although the Court Reporting program was a lot more work than I expected, I have never regretted my decision to enter this field and am eager to start work."

For Susan Grijalva, her interest has always been in the workings of the law because of her family's influence.



Grinch, founder of the Grinch Novelties and Toy Co., was also indicted for a production failure in his wind-up Yessir Airfat doll, after a truck carrying these toys mysteriously exploded upon delivery to a Beirut Marine barracks.

Grinch, however, refuted blame by counterattacking opponents via the media, "Grinch Toys is fighting a war. Right now the leftist Cabbage Patchists are ahead — we lost a lot of ground and several casualties in heavy downtown department store fighting."

When asked who was behind the leftist movement, he responded forcefully, "General Coleco. He is being backed by arms — and other doll parts — supplied by the Madison Avenue Liberation Front through

contacts in Hong Kong and Taiwan. It is paramount to a Sino-Japanese invasion of the US market."

General Coleco, the despotic head of the Cabbage Patch Rebellion was unavailable for comment, however aide "Ma Tell" did state that "heads will roll if our winter offensive doesn't achieve its goals."

In a related incident, an anonymous call by a man with a heavy European accent, identified only as "Nickolaus," gave this reporter the following cryptic message, "I've got my list and I'm checking it twice."

According to FBI sources, Nickolaus — also known as Claus, Saint Nick, and Santa — is a Toy War superpower, and has KGB (Konsumer Grosse Buyers) affiliations.

Her father was a policeman for many years, and her older brother is in the California Highway Patrol.

She learned about Court Reporting through Sierra's Career Center, and stated, "Court Reporting seemed like a very interesting and profitable

career — something I was looking for."

Tammy Millican originally was interested in the legal secretarial field, however, she didn't like the idea of the nine to five routine, so she chose Court Reporting for the flexibility of hours and the variety of work.

Independent study in math offers alternate approach

By CORRINE FIMBRES
TM Staff Writer

The Mathematics Learning Center, a program involving a "semi-independent math study," teaches basic math, elementary algebra, intermediate algebra and trigonometry.

"Designed as an alternate method, other than the traditional scheduled class time led by an instructor, this program gives students more freedom and flexibility as far as scheduled hours go and individual pace is concerned," said Associate Dean of Science, Engineering and Math Dean Paige.

Approximately 700 students each semester are involved in the program that has proven to be cost effective to the district with an estimated savings of 40 percent over the cost of regular math courses at the college.

The classes are taught by two instructors who are only available at scheduled hours, but instructional aids are always available to assist the teachers by correcting tests and supplying assistance to the students who are having difficulties.

Students enrolled in the courses must attend according to schedule on the first day of each semester. After the first attendance, students do not have to attend the learning center during their class scheduled time, but must attend each week to do their work.

Statistics reflect a higher learning

rate of students utilizing the center. Students are required to take one test each week with a minimum score of 80 percent to obtain a passing grade. If an 80 percent score is not met, students must repeat the test on a different day.

An advantage for the faster paced student is the possibility to complete more than one course during a semester. If work in a course has been completed by the ninth week of the semester, the student may enroll in a second course the second nine weeks.

But if a student has completed a course prior to the end of the semester but not within the first nine weeks and desires to start a second course, he should see his instructor about an unofficial enrollment.

Any student unofficially enrolled must enroll in that course the following semester and will be allowed to continue working from where he left off.

The 12-year-old Mathematics Learning Center is located at LC106 with available hours during Fall and Spring semesters on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Courses offered through the Mathematics Learning Center are: Math 50, Basic math or remedial math; Math 30, Elementary Algebra; Math 23, Intermediate Algebra and Math 21, Trigonometry.

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Naval cadets 'adopted' by Regans

By MICHAEL J. BARNES
TM Editor-in-Chief

The first West Coast Army-Navy game brought two midshipmen Kelly King and Bruni Bradley to cheer their team to the renowned Rose Bowl on Thanksgiving Day.

King and Bradley, who are now in their second year at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, stated they also came here to "catch some rays."

Unfamiliar with the Southern California area, these two naval cadets found housing with Health Occupations instructor Pat Regan and her husband ASCC Senator Fred.

The Regan's entered a program sponsored by the Naval Academy to temporarily adopt wandering seafarers.

King and Bradley both entered the Academy in July of 1980, and will graduate in 1984. After which, they will begin their careers as Naval Ensigns.

Virginia born King stated that she enrolled into the academy because of her father's influence. Her father is presently a captain and the commanding officer of the U.S.S. Virginia, which is patrolling off the Lebanon coast.

She desires to work in Washington at a communications station when she receives her commission.

Bradley, who was born in West Germany and whose father was a test pilot, hopes to either take on the position in international relations, or

intelligence.

Both midshipmen stated they weren't sure whether they would continue in the Navy after their five year

terms were up.

They stated that the main thing on their minds while out here in California is that Navy "Beats Army."



Navy cadets Bradley and King