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Splish, splat!

Drenched ASCC prexy Fred Regan shoots from beneath the surface after being dunked in yesterday's Hoe Down Days opener. Several campus celebs braved the cold waters in popular fund-raiser. At right, frog herding cowboy spurs on leaping froggie.... See more photos Page 4.

Board looks at disputed testing issue

Faculty standardized testing position draws Trustee fire

By TERRY SPENCER
TM Production Coordinator

Sides were cordially but clearly drawn at Monday night's Board of Trustees meeting, as the Trustees and representatives from the faculty discussed the possible implementation of standardized testing.

A common core of concern was found, however, on the need for more writing throughout the curriculum.

No definite action was taken on either subject.

Trustees were outraged though by comments made by several members of the Faculty Senate.

At the Senate meeting on April 8, many teachers were critical of the Board for scheduling a discussion on these subjects, calling it an "infringement of academic freedom," and "not a Board issue."

"Our primary concern should be the academic function," said member Harold Treadway, challenging any Faculty Senator that feels differently to come before the Board and explain what they feel the Trustees' function should be.

Board member Rich Goul, a long time supporter of standardized tests, had asked for the special meeting because of his concern that some students are receiving passing grades in certain classes without a basic grasp of the subject.

His most vocal support came from Trustee Dale Hardeman, who said that while he still has an open mind on the subject, his initial reaction is to favor the tests.

Hardeman cited what he sees as a need by the community colleges as a whole to come up with a set of statistics to silence critics who claim that the colleges aren't doing a good job.

Standardized testing as proposed would require students in certain basic classes to pass a departmentally administered test at the end of the semester, proving that they have mastered some basic knowledge about the course.

Teachers would continue to give their own tests, finals, and grades, but in order to receive any units earned in the course the student would have to pass the standardized exam.

No mention was made as to how many chances a student would be given to pass the test if the system was implemented.

Faculty board representative John Boyle was joined by several teachers in the audience in opposing adoption of any standardized testing program. They echoed the Senate's feeling that it is a threat to the independence of the faculty.

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Presidential hopefuls focus on keeping student programs

By SARAH HILL
TM Editor-in-Chief

Despite this year's gloomy financial picture, both ASCC Presidential candidates indicated at yesterday's election forum that students could expect a continuation of the current programs if their slate is elected.

Polling booths will be located Tuesday and Wednesday at the Student Center, Elbow Room, Health Sciences and in the Athletics area.

Candidates Paul Moore and David Mittleman differed in the types of new programs that they would introduce.

Moore and Vice presidential candidate, Franz Seifert felt that a student survey would help them to know "what the student body wants to see done, then decide what would be best for the whole."

On the other hand, Mittleman and running mate Don Trapp, would like to obtain scholarships provided by the

community to be handed out to each department on campus.

One concern from a member of the audience was where the funds for such a program would come from.

The money for these scholarships will not come from the ASCC, but will come from private businesses," Mittleman stated. "By making one phone call, I received 20 out of the 50 scholarships I promised," he claimed.

He also stated that he would like to create a discount booklet for those purchasing an ASCC card. Claiming that many local businesses are eager to support the college, Mittleman explained that he plans to solicit them for donations to make up for the drop in student body funds.

Trying to assist the ASCC as a whole, both candidates would like to establish a Student Union as a specific place to gather or study.

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Mr. Cerritos 'beefs' up slate today; Jeff Pearson at BBQ lunch Thursday

By GINA MONACO
TM News Editor

The annual Mr. Cerritos contest will be the highlight of today's Hoe Down Days events as eight contestants vie for the title by competing in swimsuit competitions and a lip syncing contest.

Among the judges who will be present for the beefcake showdown are Katy Manor of KROQ, last year's

homecoming queen Rebecca Allison, and a Rams cheerleader.

The contestant who receives the loudest and most appreciative response from the students will be the new bearer of the coveted Mr. Cerritos title.

The Mr. Cerritos contest will get underway at 11:00 a.m. in the Student Center along with the Bake Off contest.

Any student may enter any baked goods in the contest with or without a sponsor.

In order to enter, all entries must have been in the north stage of the Student Center by 8:30 a.m. today.

The day will wrap up with Hoe Down Night which will be held in the Health and Social Science patios. The evening will feature a special television raffle. To enter the raffle, a current student I.D. is required. Free refreshments will also be served.

Yesterday's frog jumping contest received a favorable turnout with the winning frog jumping five feet, four inches giving its trainer Maria De La Mora a TRS 89 color computer.

Pat Regan coaxed her frog to jump four feet, 11 inches for second place, while Jerry Diaz took third place with his frog jumping four feet, seven inches.

Nick Valle was recognized for his

spirit as most enthusiastic trainer.

To wind up this year's western celebration, country singer Jeff Pearson will be performing a western concert from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the Student Center.

Students can relax in the country music atmosphere as they enjoy a western luncheon special which consists of BBQ ribs, fried chicken, corn on the cob, cole slaw, and roll and butter.

The meal will be served for \$2.95 and is available from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the Student Center.

By SUSAN PHILLIPS
TM Staff Writer

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Drill alarms for fire, quake

By DWAYNE KING
TM Staff Writer

A four bells fire drill will take place this Thursday at 10:45 a.m. in conjunction with "Earthquake Preparedness Week," April 15-19.

Instructors and students should leave classrooms and assemble in the parking lot area as designated on their classroom posters.

All other staff members are to proceed to the parking lot nearest their work area.

Students, faculty and staff should remain in their assigned areas until the fire drill has concluded.

College restores funds in student activities cuts

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and board for "coming to the rescue" with needed funds.

"We don't want to abuse his generosity," said Regan, adding that all additions to the student activities programs would be presented to Dr. Magnuson for his approval.

Funds will be partially or totally reassigned to areas according to their importance to the students.

Areas receiving funds include Homecoming, awards banquets, the contingency fund, and election clerks.

Homecoming had "lost it's

spark," according to committee member Dave Mittleman. The cutbacks had removed funds which provided half-time, entertainment, the judges luncheon, and fireworks usually scheduled during the Homecoming festivities.

\$3,555 was added to the Homecoming account to bring it's funds back to the level of the 1984-85 allocation.

The budget for the Spring Awards was increased to it's previous level to ensure that all who deserve to be

applauded for their contributions are recognized.

The contingency fund, which provides money for students to attend state and national tournaments, will be boosted to \$22,000, which is \$2,000 above the current year's budget.

"This is still not enough," said Regan, adding that some of next year's competitions will be held out of state and the transportation will be more expensive.

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VOCAL CHAMPS

Lester Barrie walked away with two gold medals as Forensics places at Nationals.

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POWER STATION

Falcon baseballers start new win streak with 16-13 win at Santa Ana, yesterday. Compton here Thursday.

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SENIOR ARTIST

Stephen Olesivk proves that being being 72 is a real 'art' with exhibition in the library.

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'Cool hard cash presented to CC

Roy Padilla, representative of Southern California Edison, presents Board of Trustees President Hazel Scotto with a \$28,000 check in the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the energy saving cooling system installed outside the Learning Materials Center.

TM Photos by DAVID NOWELL



Administration rescues student activity funding, replacing partial budget cuts

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There will be fewer dances throughout the year, including the Financial Aids dance.

The free films shown at the Burning Theater have been reduced to five.

Hoe Down Days will no longer provide a free luncheon since funds for this event have been decreased.

Although Dr. Magnuson authorized the budget committee to use as much of the business service money as they felt necessary, the committee chose to exercise caution since reinstating at random would have caused a rippling effect.

A total of \$17,000 has been used to "pump some life back into student activities," said Regan.

"The ASCC contributes support to the Fine Arts, Forensics, and HPER," said Magnuson, and "I don't want to see it fall apart."

The money used from the business services account will be replaced by the district.

Dr. Magnuson presented the district budget committee with requests for funds for the maintenance department, the instruction office, the technical department and community services at last week's meeting.

He will present requests for the other divisions at the next district meeting.

Suggestions were made to place limitations on the amount of money each group could have from this fund, noting that Forensics and Administration of Justice students had used 75% of the funds for their activities, leaving 25% for the rest of the campus.

Committee member Richard Robinson suggested that the various groups be asked to raise part of the money themselves even though the idea "wouldn't be very popular."

Budget cuts would have decreased the number of polling places for student government elections from four to two. The addition of \$991 would add a third polling booth to provide more students with the opportunity to participate in campus elections.

Election...

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The abolishment or reduction of tuition is a worthy goal both agreed, but Moore disagreed with Mittleman on how much effect the Student Government could have on that matter.

"We'd all like to see it eliminated, but it is a state matter," Moore said earlier.

Mittleman contended that by forming a coalition of various local colleges, pressure could be put on the state legislature to abolish or decrease the fee.

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Forensics captures 12th in nation; recruitment underway for speakers

By STELLA AGUILAR
TM Staff Writer

Two gold awards were received by Lester Barrie at the National Speech Competition held recently in Stockton.

Barrie received his awards in the areas of Oral Interpretation and Poetry Interpretation.

He also acquired a silver award in Speech to Entertain.

In this particular event, Cerritos College placed 12th in the nation out of 74 competing schools.

Among the other winners in the competition were Ken Razor who retained a gold award in Persuasive speaking and Greg Lamphear who received a silver award in Impromptu Speaking.

Laura Morton obtained two bronze awards in Impromptu Speaking and Speech to Entertain.

Receiving two bronze awards in Prose Interpretation and Speech to Entertain was Susi Alderette.

Baldwin Sykes earned two bronze awards in Prose Interpretation and Duet Acting while David Montgomery Scott acquired in duet acting.

Stephen Ware obtained a bronze award in Impromptu Speaking.

For the second year in a row, each competitor on the eight member team has received an award in the competitions.

Currently, the speech team is involved in recruiting members for

next year's squad. Various members of the present team will be visiting classes to inform students about the activities of the speech department and the opportunities available on the team.

Along with the classroom visits, the speech team will be presenting "People Who Speak Real Good." This program incorporates the award winning speeches of the team members and is designed to help cultivate interest in the department.

The program will be held in the Board room on Wednesday, April 25 and Thursday, April 26. The presentation will begin at 11:00 a.m. both days.

Standardized testing divides Board

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They also doubted that there is a fair way to measure several classes taught by different instructors, even though it is the same subject.

Goul noted, however, that several courses are open to challenge, in particular History and Political Science, as graduation requirements for both can be waived if a student passes a departmental test.

"The only thing that I would ask differently," said Goul, "is that all students be required to pass that test."

Associate Dean of Liberal Arts Darryl Beale criticized that possibility, saying that "the courses that we teach here at Cerritos College go far beyond that test."

Howard Taslitz agreed, noting that in his History courses students are required to do more than repeat dates and facts.

"If all we want to know from students is 'Was Abraham Lincoln the 16th President?' then I am probably not even necessary in the room," said Taslitz, "they can get that from the text."

"But if the question comes up 'What kind of president was Lincoln?' then every teacher paints his own picture," he said. "We are not talking about Chemistry or Physics or Math, that have definite laws. There is only one law in History — the law of change."

Therefore, he concluded, it would be very difficult for a group of History teachers to agree on a test except on basic factual material, and that college History courses should be more than that.

Boyle pointed out that at least in his department, Biology, efforts are made in those classes that are taught by several instructors to achieve a uniformity of rigor.

"We exchange test questions and work sheets," said Boyle, "and we know if somebody is making the class too easy or too hard, and then we talk to that person."

The public and legislative perception that community colleges receive would be improved if testing was implemented, according to Hardeman. Saying that he knows that the

colleges are doing a good job, the tests would provide the numbers necessary to answer its critics.

A case in point, said Hardeman, is a letter recently sent out by Orange County Assemblyman Nolan Frizzell which questioned the abilities of the community colleges to perform their job.

The political reality, Hardeman said, "is that there is a tremendous surge towards accountability. There is a tremendous crisis in trust by legislators in California and throughout the nation regards education."

He then asked Boyle what he would tell a legislator who criticized the colleges.

"I would ask him to show me the numbers that he's using," said Boyle, pointing out that chances are the legislator is just criticizing the colleges for his own political gain.

Hardeman reiterated that elected officials knocking schools is a fact of political life and that the only way for them to respond is to come up with their own numbers.

Writing across the curriculum has increased in the last few years, said Vice-president of Instruction Olive Scott.

But class size is a major drawback to even more writing, according to all sides. Faculty claims, and the Board agrees, that without additional resources, teachers cannot be expected to give many writing assignments when there are 60 to 100 students in the class.

Boyle noted another problem is that many students aren't capable of college level writing when they come into his class, and that any time he spends teaching them that skill takes away from the time he can teach them Biology.

Hardeman placed the blame for that fact on the high schools, saying that "one of my dreams is that if someone wasn't qualified, that they would be shipped back to the high school for remediation and it would swamp their system."

Some opposition has come from the Technology Department to more writing.

"In Technology we teach people trades," said Tony Giannone at the Faculty Senate meeting, "if reading

and writing skills need to be developed, then those students should take an English course."

According to Beale, the English Department is attempting to make the courses more responsive to the students needs.

Although it is only in the "embryonic stage," Beale indicated that plans are being made to offer English courses that would relate to the students major.

For instance, English for Science Majors might be offered.

Treadway challenge to the Faculty Senate was directed at several of its members who criticized the board for what they felt was an intrusion into academic affairs.

Comments that the Board singled were by professors Sherrill Moses and Hy Finklestein, both of whom felt that the board was becoming involved in area outside of their authority.

"This should be a Staff Development issue. The Faculty Senate should be responding to the administration," said Moses at the Senate meeting. "If the Administration feels that this is an issue. This is really not a Board issue."

Finklestein cited the Accreditation report that the Board tends to become too involved in the day to day activities of the school. He feels that "this is an example of one."

Later in the meeting Moses said that "If the Board wants to set policy, that certainly is within their prerogative. However, if they want more writing across the curriculum, that should be an administrative responsibility."

Big Ed's nears

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Besides the Honeydrippers, there will be a floor show featuring Mark Christopher Lawrence, a graduate of Cerritos College who has performed at the Comedy Store.

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Tennis season ends with Ojai Tournament

By JUDY REJON
TM Staff Writer

As the tennis season draws to an end, the men found themselves losing both of last week's matches while the women split the two.

The Lady Falcons shutout Cypress 9-0, while the men lost a close one 5-4. Against Santa Ana the men were taken care of 2-7 and the women 1-8.

The women's win came even with coach Rhea Black's decision to have her one through three players sit out and let her other players move up several notches and play Cypress' number one through five.

Men's tennis coach Ray Pascoe remarked that Greg Mercado played well last week winning his matches

against Santa Ana.

The women, also against Santa Ana, saw four players go to three sets, only to lose them all.

Black is getting five of her players primed for the Ojai Tournament scheduled for April 25-28 in Ojai.

Players that will be going include: Wendy Floyd and Irena Kieniewsky competing in singles action, and the doubles team of Melba Hubbard and Josie Estrada. Alternate player is Jeannie Malear.

The last match of the regular tennis season will be played tomorrow against Fullerton, with the men hosting the Hornets and the women traveling to take on their opponents at 2:00.

By TERRY SPENCER
TM Production Coordinator

Just when it looked like the Cerritos College baseball team was going to make a mockery of the South Coast Conference pennant race, an unusual thing happened.

They lost. Golden West College performed the trick on Falcon Field, Saturday, stopping the Falcons 3-1.

Cerritos came back however to win a slugfest at Santa Ana 16-13 yesterday afternoon.

The Falcons are now 11-1 in league, 23-3 overall and are home tomorrow against Compton.

The Birds exploded for 18 hits in the win, in contrast to the five they managed against the Rustlers.

John Agundez got his second

league win, as he came on to relieve Al Osuna in the sixth inning.

Dave Serrano had lasted only three innings before giving way to Agundez.

The top offensive performance came from Ron Ewart, as he had three triples to raise his team record total to 11 for the season, while he drove in five runs.

"We were pleased with our hitting," said Assistant Coach Jody Robinson. "They have a real offensive (i.e. small) park and we took advantage of it."

The difference was tremendous from the Golden West game, where John Rodriguez took his first loss against two league and five overall wins.

The loss cut the Birds lead to two games over Golden West and Cypress.

Earlier in the week Cerritos jumped all over Saddleback 9-2.

Centerfielder Scott Wilkinson had three hits, including his fourth homerun of the year.

Craig Worthington added his fourth homerun also, to help Al Osuna to his fourth consecutive league win.

Worthington, who was the Falcons' MVP last year, is performing like a man wishing to repeat.

The powerful third baseman is hitting .479 overall, with 30 RBI's to go with his four homeruns.

Wilkinson, a transfer from Santa Ana, has also been a big plus for the Falcons.

Hitting .395, his 31 RBI's lead the club, while his four homers tie him for the team lead with Worthington.

Before the season the one question mark for the Falcons was whether the pitching staff would reach the potential that the coaches felt it had.

The 21.3 batting average that the opposition has answered the doubters, along with the staff's 2.34 ERA.

Dave Serrano is 8-0 on the season, along with one save and an ERA of 2.15.

Osuna and Rodriguez are each 5-1, with Rodriguez grabbing four saves to Osuna's three.



FRESHMAN PHENOM - Falcon southpaw John Rodriguez displays one of his patented curveballs that has stymied opponents all season. Rodriguez, 5-1 on the year, is cruising along with a 1.93 ERA, as the Falcons host Compton today. TM Photo by TERRY SPENCER

Personal bests highlight Bakersfield Meet last week

By JOHN VAN GASTON
TM Sports Editor

The Cerritos Falcon track teams are competing in the South Coast Conference meet today at Santa Ana, with the finals held Friday at Santa Ana.

Track season has been a roller-coaster all season, with this week being an ascending one.

In last Friday's Bakersfield Relays, there were many personal records, but only one, Mike Valenzuela managed to crack the top 10.

Valenzuela ran a 53.5 second 400 meter intermediate hurdle race, good for fifth in the Invitational.

Valenzuela also anchored the 1600 relay team, which consisted of Eric Dravis, Ben Crouch and Anthony McNeil.

Their time of 3:18.5 was their best of the season.

The 400 meter relay team, made up of McNeil, Dravis, Crouch and Ken Smith, ran their best time of the year at 42.9 seconds.

In the javelin, Mike Loayza had

his best throw of the year at 173 feet eight inches.

Coach Dave Kamanski feels Loayza could be a 200-foot thrower next year.

David Casillas ran his best time in the 3000 meter steeple chase to 10:27.5 seconds.

The four-man four-mile team of Melchor Lopez, Refugio Estrada, Sal Garcia and David Rivera ran at a 18:30.0 clip.

The sprint medley relay team of Anthony Pryor, Rod McNair, Nelson Kerr and Mannie Martinez ran a 3:43.0 race.

For the women, the 1600 meter relay team posted their best time of the year with a race of 4:10.5 seconds.

Kimberly Lynk had her best time in the 400 hurdle race running a 66.7, good for first in her medley.

Shelia Jordan eclipsed her best time in the 1500, running a 5:22.9.

Ellie Itkoff entered her first two-day heptathlon and surprised many people with her 13th place finish.

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Editorials

Nothing to hide

Cerritos College is a public institution, supported by the taxpayers of the community.

We thought we would state this because we are not sure that several members of the Faculty Senate are cognizant of that fact.

Statements attributed to those members would indicate that the Board of Trustees had no right to discuss the issues of Standardized Testing and Writing Across the Curriculum.

While we would certainly use this space to criticize the Board if they began to interfere unduly with the day-to-day functions of the college, they are within their boundaries to question the academic mechanisms of the school and call for improvements.

We saw no indication of the "hidden agenda" that one faculty senator suggested was there.

Nor do we see any unseemly attempt to undermine the faculty senate's role in helping to determine the academic policy of the college.

It was the only legal mechanism by which the Trustees could express their private concerns in regards to those topics.

While the faculty can sit and discuss these issues over lunch, the Board must call a formal meeting to do so, according to state law.

That was the motive behind their meeting. We believe that it was a sincere effort on the part of the community's elected representatives to give the Faculty and the Administration the taxpayers' concerns.

The Board's role is to make and support policy which is normally recommended and implemented by its staff of educational professionals.

We don't feel that this instance violates that position.

'Time out'

Nothing is more frustrating than a clock that's wrong.

Last week's mystery of the non-working and non correct clocks pointed out what a prisoner of time we really are.

Think about it. Each morning we awake to the wonderful sounds of the alarm clock, watch the kitchen clock as we eat breakfast, and then listen to the radio on the way just to make sure that we make it to class on time.

Most of us anyway.

There are those others who run on their own time. They walk into class whenever they coincidentally happen to be in the area through the front door, of course, plop themselves down and when the teacher stops talking, wander off until their "plane of being" once more correlates with ours.

They have no concerns, they have no worries.

If the clocks didn't come back on we might have wound up like them.

You don't suppose they could turn them off again, do you?

Senior artist's work displayed in 'one man show' at library

BY LISA WALTERS

TM Staff Writer

Setting a fine example for young and old alike, 72 year old art student Stephen Olesivk will be honored this month with his own one man show in the Cerritos College library.

Specializing in oil painting, Olesivk said he was "gratified and pleased" the show was offered to him, and also explained his recent return to the canvas after being separated from his brush for nearly 40 years.

"I was faced with the decision of living the life of a bohemian, or going into the business world," said Olesivk, who graduated from the Chicago Art

Institute in 1936, and was offered a two year fellowship in Europe, which he turned down. He then went into an advertising career, starting as a bullpen artist for the yellow pages and gradually working up to owning his own advertising agency.

Forced into an early retirement, Olesivk decided to return to college and entered Cerritos College two years ago. Discouraged at first after being away from his brush for so long, Olesivk credits art instructors, Manuel De Leon and Rudolph Aguirre for "what they both have imparted to me." He won first prize at the Student Art Show last year and was recently awarded an Honorable Mention at the Hillcrest Congregational Church Art Festival in Whittier.

"I would like to continue my pursuit of art and enter more shows, if my work sells, great, if not, it's immaterial," said Olesivk of his first love. With plans to enter the Student Art Show in April, he also stressed that, "people in the community are not aware of what good things are happening at Cerritos," and hopes to serve as an inspiration to those students, young and old alike, who would aspire to get into art.



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'DUNK' EES INTO HOE DOWN DAZE -- Student and faculty alike were dunked at yesterday's Hoe Down activities while others browsed about the booths soaking up the western flavor. Festivities continue today with the annual Mr. Cerritos Contest held at 11 a.m. in the Student Center.

