

# Talon Marks

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## Singers share spirit

Singing Valentines echoed across campus as Sigma Gamma Chi fraternity delivered musical greetings for ardent admirers during the colorful holiday celebration. Harmony and routines were not necessarily the type you take on the road, but the message came through loud and clear.



TM Photo by ELIZABETH ARCALAS

## Bookstore ownership questioned

### Will the real owner please step forward

By MELISSA HERNANDEZ  
TM Staff Writer

Just exactly who does own the campus Bookstore?

The question was the highlight of last Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting. A lengthy discussion centered on both the ownership and operation of the facility.

The issue was answered in part by a report submitted by a district-hired attorney. The report addressed seven questions asked by the district, "Is the district or ASCC the legal owner of the student Bookstore? What is the basis of ownership?"

The report said that "The building in which the Bookstore is housed is clearly owned by the district. The Bookstore operation itself apparently is an ASCC enterprise..."

The district also wanted to know who is legally responsible for the management of the Bookstore — the ASCC or the district? The report stated that "Normally, the owner of an enterprise is legally responsible for its management. In this case, the district has been managing the operation, however, there is no specific grant of authority from one party to the other that I have been able to find. ASCC apparently relinquished the management function to the district. This is

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## ASCC SENATE DOES IT AGAIN

### 40-minute 'executive session' draws fire

By SUSAN PHILLIPS  
TM Editor-in-Chief

ASCC President David Mittleman asked for an "executive session" at the Feb. 12, meeting of the Student Senate.

He got it.

The elected representatives of the students voted unanimously to go into the closed session after Senate chair Don Trapp, the ASCC vice president, put it on the floor.

The action raised the spectre of the controversial "secret sessions" issue which saw the Senate clashing with Talon Marks last year.

Mittleman said the Brown Act, which defines legal closed sessions, did not apply to student government. The college counsel was consulted last year over this same issue, and told student leaders that the Student Senate does not have to meet Brown Act requirements.

The campus newspaper Editorial Board maintains otherwise.

Personnel matters and litigation may be discussed behind closed doors. However, government bodies are often criticized for discussing matters not permitted by the Brown Act in closed session.

Mittleman maintains that issues discussed during his requested closed session dealt with the "job performance of certain people." However, several ASCC Senators

have stated that Mittleman used the 40-minute session to "bitch" about the rejection by the Senate of David Carpenter as Chief Supreme Court Justice and Eric Saylor as Party Whip.

Mittleman had expressed his displeasure in the past concerning the rejection of the nominations.

Critics charge that the sessions are, in reality, "secret sessions" designed to escape the heat from conducting the public's business in public.

A TM Editorial Board spokesman said that if student government is to be a worthwhile realistic learning situation, the "duly elected" representatives of the people are going to have to conduct their business by the same rules as the Constitution requires of other public agencies.

"It's difficult for the student newspaper to hide behind the 'we're only students' tag, and it should be the same for the 'student' senators," a paper spokesman said.

Only last week, fraternity and sorority representatives wanted to kick the press out of a Panhellenic meeting so they could "discuss photographic coverage of a frat lineup."

However, faculty advisor Phil Houseman, Coordinator of Student Activities, advised against it, noting that "this is a democracy and you don't do that."

The closed door session is a current practice of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees and is believed to be behind the recent incidents of closed sessions involving both student groups.

## Faculty and Board 'real close' on summer pay, salary accord

By BRENT SIMS  
TM Staff Writer

The faculty and Board are "real close" to a settlement for faculty salaries, according to Senator Sheriff Moses at yesterday's Faculty Senate meeting.

Moses, who is a member of the group's salary committee, met with the Cerritos College Board of Trustees in executive session along with faculty members Howard Taslitz and Wendall Hanks to discuss faculty salary increases.

Board Chairman Dale Hardeman had made it clear in the Feb. 11 Faculty Senate meeting that the Board was unable to "negotiate" with the faculty members, but he said that he would be willing to listen to whatever the faculty would present to the Board.

Moses termed the meeting with the Board "very successful," and said further of the Board that they were "much more together, and seem to agree with Dale Hardeman...the Board is really interested in improving their relationship with the faculty..."

The salary committee's proposal covers four areas of concern, including salary increase, summer pay, insurance and retirement programs.

The two areas the faculty was concerned about were the percentage increase in salary, and summer pay.

The Board had been looking at the summer pay scale which is reportedly higher than some of the schools in the area.

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# Air of confusion exists over management rights

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clearly demonstrated by the fact that the employees who operate the Bookstore are district personnel reporting to a Bookstore manager who in turn reports to the Vice President of Business Services."

Student Body President David Mittleman asked for a definition of the statement appearing in the lease which says "the relationship between the leasor (district) and the lessee (ASCC) will be none other than tenant and landlord."

His question was not answered by the report.

Mittleman felt that if he asked, the attorney might reply that he had incorporated the information into his answers. Mittleman was hoping for a direct answer. He said, "I think they tried to evade the question."

The query still remains in the air as to who actually owns the Bookstore, despite the report of the attorney.

Mittleman was displeased with the report, calling it "vague." He went on to say, "It's apparent to me that the report was afraid to come out and state the truth."

He also feels that "the law firm might have been intimidated since they were hired by the district."

Mittleman said that the "general impression" he receives from the Board is "that they themselves feel that they need to make a decision as to the ownership."

Board member Barbara Hayden expressed a desire to have the inquiry answered, as did Board member Bob Epple who "would like to see the matter resolved."

Mittleman explained that there is a problem with the understanding between the District and the ASCC. The Bookstore was deeded to the District by the Student Body when it was built. Nevertheless, "They did not deed management rights."

In an information item submitted by Dr. Walter Magnuson, Vice President of Business Services, several options are listed as methods to clear up the confusion of ownership and operation. They are:

- Amend the existing building lease to clarify the operation of the Bookstore.

- The district and ASCC mutually agree to cancel the existing building lease and develop a new lease that clarifies the operation.

- The district could unilaterally cancel the existing lease and reimburse either immediately, or over a long-term, the ASCC for the inventory that has been invested by the ASCC; then the district would operate the Bookstore.

President/Superintendent of the college Wilford Michael advocated the idea of having the ASCC discuss the matter with Magnuson.

Mittleman had no objection to this. He feels that "the Student Body and the District are going to have to re-negotiate a new lease and discuss future management."

## Italian dishes offered

Tomorrow is Italian Day at the Cerritos College cafeteria.

A variety of favorites, including spaghetti marinara, eggplant parmesan antipasto and Caesar salad will be prepared and served by students in the Food Services department.

Depending on the size of your appetite, the dinner should run from \$2.50-\$3.00

## Job opportunities

A variety of job opportunities are being offered on a weekly basis by the Job Placement Office.

Starting at an hourly rate of \$6 is General Office, part-time, with drafting positions, part-time, \$8.50.

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Accountant (AA Degree) starts at an open rate, and receptionist/switchboard, full-time, at \$7. There's an opening for a Lab Tech. at \$8 an hour, full-time.

Part-time general help for one job starts at an \$8 rate.

Coordinator Wilma Maughan can be contacted for further information at the Assesment Center, or by calling 860-2451, Ext. 298.



## C.C. FALCON

### Smoke, heat and hot tempers

public hearings to discuss the best way to utilize the money?

**COUGH! COUGH!** — Smoke in the "coughfee" shop not in the cafeteria. Flew in the other day to get some feed and couldn't find my way to the chow line 'cause of the haze and daze.

**CLOSED DOORS** — Is a trend developing? Within one week the Student Senate conducted a closed session and the Pan-hellenic Council of ICC spoke of checking out the legality of meeting in closed session (but its members were advised immediately

that the public could not be barred from the meetings). Remember that stuff about living in a democratic society, guys?

**EXODUS OUTTA** — One little, two little, three little... and several administrators and another Falcon leaves the pear tree!!!

**PORE SPORT** — Several participants got into a big sweat last Sunday at Co-Rec, over some of the not so subtle intricacies of the inter-actions. What ever happened to good sportsmanship?

**HOT STUFF** — As the temperature rises, the enrollment falls, the beaches get more crowded and education stalls.

**LOTTERY FUNDS** — Heard that Cerritos Unified School District has received \$614,288 from the first distribution of the state lottery profits. Can we assume that the Board of Trustees will follow the lead of several other school boards and plan

## Awards selections determine most outstanding faculty

By SUSAN PHILLIPS  
TM Editor-in-Chief

The Cerritos College Faculty Senate has instituted an awards program that will recognize the outstanding contribution of faculty members both in and out of the classroom.

The awards program came about as the result of numerous discussions at Faculty Senate meetings during the last year.

A minimum of seven faculty members will be recognized as "outstanding faculty members," with one of the seven recognized as "most outstanding."

All seven honorees will receive a plaque and the "most outstanding" will also receive a \$500 cash award provided by the Cerritos College Foundation.

Criteria for the awards include outstanding classroom teaching and/or unselfish dedication and service to the college. Also to be considered are publications, club and student activities involvement, committee assignments, service to the community in the name of the college, art exhibitions, concerts and public performances.

All full-time teaching faculty, counselors and librarians are eligible for the awards.

Current students and employees of the college may submit nominations; all forms must be signed and must include a student

number if from a student. Proper nomination forms must be used and are available in the Admissions Office and the Community Services Office. Nominations will continue until March 14.

Final award selections will be the decision of a faculty committee made up of members from each division.

## Dynasty collection

By VALERIE RUBI  
TM Staff Writer

Many bridal gowns from the Dynasty collection can be seen this following Friday evening, March 7, in a bridal and sportswear fashion show sponsored by the Cerritos College Ski Club.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center, and concluding at 10 p.m., the program will serve to raise scholarship funds.

Admission is free to those with a current ASCC sticker. Non ASCC members will be charged \$2, and \$3 for general admission.

Door prizes will be awarded and a display of wedding cakes will be featured.

Contributing to the \$4000 display of Dynasty Collection gowns are Downey Florist, Rent-a-Tux, Ski n' Sport and Fantasies Bridal.

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For tickets contact:

**Student Activities ext. 471**

## ASCC BLOOD DRIVE

# Have a heart so that someone else might too

By **KEITH ESTABROOK**  
TM Staff Writer

Americans have always been quick to lend a helping hand when others are in need, whether it be an earthquake in Mexico, a volcano in Columbia or a famine in Africa.

But sometimes we are so busy helping others that we neglect to help our own.

The American Red Cross is one agency dedicated to helping those in need, but they can't do it without our assistance. The Red Cross is the nation's major source for human blood, and needs 9,000 pints per week to meet the requirements of this country's accident victims and surgery patients.

Until recently, they have been quite successful in getting the public to help them meet their goals. But now, blood donations have dropped as a result of the AIDS problem.

Many potential donors have been scared off by the misconception that AIDS can be contracted through donating blood.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Each needle is taken from a sterile package, used once and thrown away. You won't walk out of the donation site with anything that you didn't walk in with.

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If you are between the ages of 17 and 62, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in good health, then you are fair game.

You might be deferred if you have been a visitor to certain foreign nations, had certain diseases or been exposed to people who have, or if you are taking certain medications.

I have been donating blood for about seven years and speaking for the Red Cross for about a year for no reason other than the fact that I've felt it was a chance to help others.

Three weeks ago I found out first hand the benefits of the blood donation program. My father was stricken with a degenerative heart disease called cardiomyopathy last fall, and it destroyed his heart.

He was kept alive with machines in the hope that a heart might become available for transplant. There is no cure for the disease.

Through the grace of God, and the skilled surgeons at UCLA, my father received a donor heart from a 19 year old accident victim on Feb. 5.

I'm grateful to those doctors and I'm grateful to the people out there who care enough to help strangers by giving of themselves, because the surgery would not have been possible without blood donors.

Blood cannot be manufactured. It has to come from human beings like you and me.

The Red Cross will be on campus next Monday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the bookstore building. Appointments can be made in the Student Activities Office or by calling 860-2451 ext. 474.

## Knott's, UPS to offer interviews in March

Knott's Berry Farm and United Parcel Service will be conducting on-campus interviews March 6 through March 11.

Knott's will be holding interviews from 1 to 4 p.m. in Community Services, Room D on Thursday, March 6, while U.P.S. will conduct interviews on Tuesday, March 11 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the same room.

All interviews will be conducted by appointment only. And appointments can be signed up at the Job Placement Office, Assessment Center, anytime between 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

Positions for U.P.S. are available on a four hour a day basis, with a position for loader only.

Knott's, on the other hand, will be interviewing for seasonal helpers in Ride operating, Cashier, Food Services, Security openings, Sweeper, and ticket taker areas.

Please contact Wilma Maughan, Job Placement Specialist, at ext. 299 for further information.

— SEAN DECKER

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## 7.2 % hike considered

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"The Board does not want to reduce summer pay," Moses reported to the Senate, which had been an area of concern.

Instead Moses went on to advocate continuity in both work loads and pay scale for the summer session.

The percentage increase is still under debate, but sources close to the committee report that a 7.2% increase is under consideration by the faculty, and could be accepted by the Board at next Tuesday's Board of Trustees' meeting.

Sherill Moses noted "When the money wasn't there, we didn't ask for money irresponsibly. Now that the money is there, we want our share."

At least part of that money will come from the state lottery.

Originally \$330,000 was budgeted from the lottery for Cerritos College, but now with the huge success of the game, the school will receive a reported \$900,000.

Speaking of the lottery money, Senator Tom Whitlock said, "I thought they decided not to give us any because we stopped selling tickets."

Other faculty business concerned the staff mailboxes which are being moved to the division offices. The Faculty Senate was not consulted about the change.

Senate Chairman John Boyle promised to look into the matter, as certain particulars of the system had yet to be ironed out.

## James Harman brings the blues to the Big Dance Friday night

By KEITH ESTABROOK  
Staff Writer

Do you like the blues?  
Wanna boogie?

If your answer is yes, then check out the James Harman Band at "The Big Dance" this Friday night.

"If you can't dance to this stuff, you better check into a hospital", says James Harman, the front man for the band.

Harman was born in Alabama in "the late forties" and lived in the South all through his childhood.

He is known across the country and in Europe, and has been with his current band for about six years. He started playing professionally when he was sixteen and has always played the blues.

"When I was a kid down South we had two kinds of radio stations", he says, "White stations that played country or gospel music, and black stations that played the blues, gospel, and jazz"

"The songs that we do come out of our many years of listening to this type of music", he continues, "When I was a kid I took my lunch money every week and bought a new record. Sometimes I'd buy mail order 45's through the black stations."

Besides front man Harman, the band is made up of Steven Hodges ("Who I stole from another band", says Harman) on the drums, David "Kid" Ramos on the slide guitar, and Willie J. Campbell on the bass. Rob Rio is joining the band on the piano, replacing Gene Taylor, who left the band after 10 years to play with The Blasters.

Rio, who hails from New York, is called

## Cutting ribbon on energy

Former Director of Purchasing Robert Loeffler looks on as Dr. Walter Magnuson and Board President Dale Hardeman cut the ribbon at the new co-generation plant. Also on hand for the ceremonies were college President Dr. Wilford M. Michael and John Ribbens, Director of M.O.T.



TM Photo by ELIZABETH ARCALAN

## Lessons for a stress free life

By KELLY SIMS  
TM Staff Writer

Got the 2 a.m. jitters over that monumental exam, frazzled by your nine to five routine, feeling the pressures of maintaining that "perfect" relationship? Then don't miss the "Say Goodbye to Stress" workshop, being held Wednesday, February 26 in the Assessment Center from 7-9 p.m.

the "real piano player" by Harman.

Harman maintains that "The blues just sort of bubbles along on its own — it was always too good for the mass. The biggest you can be in the blues is nothing compared to say, Lionel Ritchie".

"It's definitely a labor of love", he continues, "It's tough, but we love it. We've got a 40 foot converted Greyhound bus that we tour across country in. It's doing something from the heart and soul."

Harman says that he likes to play to college crowds. "I haven't played Cerritos since '73 or so, but I always like to play colleges. We play San Diego and Santa Barbara a lot."

His album "Thank You Baby" is in the top 15 in the college charts, and he has two new albums in the works. "Extra Napkins" will be real bluesy, and the second album, which is untitled at this time, will be more of a crossover/commercial radio type affair.

"The blues are meant to help you shake your problems", Harman says, "and our main objective is to get in front of as many people as we can and get them off."

The James Harman Band will play Cerritos Friday night after an opening show by Paladins. The show starts at 9:00 and runs until 12:30 a.m. in the Student Center.

A compact disc player will be the door prize of the night.

Admission is free with a valid ASCC card and \$5.00 without. For more information, contact Student Activities at ext. 473.

## Comic Richard Lewis guests here March 2

By JOHN WELSH  
TM Staff Writer

Cerritos College will welcome comedian Richard Lewis on Tuesday, March 4, to serve as a guest lecturer to the Theater Department's Showcase class. Mr. Lewis has been seen numerous times on "The David Letterman Show" and performs regularly at comedy clubs and night spots across the country.

The Showcase class is a class in an open forum for theater majors to display their work for one another and on projects as a whole. The class also hears from professionals in the field of entertainment.

The class meets each Tuesday at 11 a.m. Scheduled to speak during the semester are Janet Gree Pistoria, a former actress and William Glover, a familiar face on commercials as well as a stage actor and director.

For more information contact the Theater Department at (213) 924-2100.

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# Models show how to wear it well in Black Student fashion showing

By MONICA MERTZ  
TM Staff Writer

The Black Student Union's First Annual Fashion Show Extravaganza, "You Wear It Well," was "successful both audience and fund wise," stated Treasurer Kimberly Lynk when asked about the organization's first fund raiser during Black History Month.

Eighteen male and female members modeled in the Feb. 22 fashion show in the Student Center which drew close to 100 people.

The stylish pageant showed a two hour array of active, dance, and swimwear as well as business, bridal and evening fashions. The models exhibited their attires with the sounds of ABC, DeBarge, Lisa-Lisa, Expose, The Jacksons, Billy Ocean, Cherrelle and many others.

The clothing and formal wear that was modeled was from such outlets as National Shirt, Brooks, Tamara's, Friar Tux, The Beverly Hills Center, The Unlimited

Express, and The Cerritos College Bookstore.

The highlight of the evening was the wedding scene which demonstrated the various ensembles of the bride and groom of the 80's.

Director of Activities Lisa Lynk also commented, "The models performed with a professionalism that over-whelmed the audience."

Organizing the event was President and Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening, Dorwanna Willis; Vice-President Ericka Hunter; Director of Activities Lisa Lynk; Treasurer Kimberly Lynk; Secretary Toi-Juan Shannon; Anselmo Perez, Publicity; Advisor George Williams, and members of MeCha.

As for other fundraisers planned, the BSU plans to have bake sales, a dance and other activities.

The Black Student Union meets on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in the Liberal Arts Building in Room 21.



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FASHION FROLIC — Stepping out at the Black Student Union fashion extravaganza was, above left, Mario Zamirripa; above center, Lorraine Lara, Tyrone Hill, Kimberly Lynk; above, Arlene Powell and A. J. Johnson.



**HOTSHOTS** — Upper left, Falcon basketball coach Karen Peterson plans the lady bird's game winning strategy. Upper right Brigitte Frazier, the lone starting freshman, shoots ball in recent 64-51 victory over Mt. SAC. Lower left, In a court floor scramble, B.J. McCree emerges with the ball aided by Charlotte Waller.

*TM Photos by GEORGE CHAVEZ*

## Cerritos Lady Hoopsters clinch SCC title; final game with Orange Coast

### BOWCUTT LEADS FALCONS TO FIRST EVER CHAMPIONSHIP

By KELLY SIMS  
TM Staff Writer

For the first time ever in the history of Cerritos College, Women's Basketball has clinched the South Coast Conference with one game left to play.

The remaining game is at Orange Coast tonight at 7:30.

The Falcons have also set a new consecutive win record, gaining their 12th straight victory in a 64-51 trouncing of Mt. Sac.

Ahead by only three points at the half, Cerritos returned to the court with renewed vigor and a scrambling defense.

The coaching staff felt a little washed out by it all as the team celebrated their win by tossing them in the campus swimming pool.

Karen Peterson, who is currently finishing off her fourth season as head coach, pronounced this year's team the best she's ever had the pleasure to coach.

Leading the first place team in scoring is former All-Conference player, Shelley Bowcutt, who averages 20.4 points a game. Bowcutt also tops the list in several other categories, including number of steals, blocked shots, and free throws.

"Very versatile, can play inside or out," said Peterson of the team's second highest scorer, Jane Hentzen. Hentzen, who played her freshman year at Cal State Fullerton, leads the team in assists and is a major factor in the success of their fast break.

The only starting freshman, Brigitte Frazier, leads the team in rebounding, and averages 5.0 points per game.

Falcon center Becky Sorenson, who, at 5'11" is the tallest player, is a "tough defensive player", and third in rebounding.

Rounding out the starting five, is "hardworking" BJ McCree who is third in assists and averages 10.9 points per game.

## Falcons close out season tonight against Orange Coast

By JUDY REJON  
TM Staff Writer

What does a team which has had an unbelievable season do for an encore?

Would you believe host the Finals of the California Community College Championship.

That's exactly what Cerritos is going to do from March 13-15.

Do you get the feeling a Hollywood screenwriter scripted their season?

Tonight is the final game of the regular season for the Falcon men's basketball team. They will host Orange Coast at 7:30 p.m.

In true Hollywood fashion, they'll play a team they've beaten twice before this year. The first time was in the Miles Eaton Tourney 61-60 and then again in the first round of conference play 84-70.

Don't get the wrong idea though, nothing is going to be easy for these hoopsters. Their 14-1 conference record and 28-2 overall record means everyone is out to knock them off the top of the mountain.

That will become especially evident during the regionals when every team in the state will try to get to the Falcons.

After closing out conference play tonight, they'll have to prepare mentally for

Wednesday, March 5, when they meet the winner of the Rio Hondo-LA Harbor contest March 1, in the first round of Southern California Regionals.

Throughout the "scripted" season, the Falcons have accomplished such feats as winning three straight tournaments at the beginning of the season, a 22-game winning streak (broken by Cypress, the team tied at

the top with the Falcons) and the play of freshman Willie Joseph and UC Irvine transfer Tom Tolbert which may earn them the Most Valuable Player award in the South Coast Conference.

Tolbert has been averaging 18.1 and 7.9 rebounds in conference play. The freshman from Lynwood, Joseph, has been scoring at a 16.5 clip with 6.1 boards a game.

Against Mt. San Antonio, Cerritos beat the Mounties 70-50 with Joseph scoring 18 points and five rebounds. Russ Heicke contributed with 15 points and Kelly Andrews had 10.

The final touch of the game came when Marlon Wadlington stole the ball and slammed it in at the buzzer.

Cerritos will have home gym advantage throughout post season action.

## Jury's still out on 'young' squad; Coach Horton a bit apprehensive

With only one starter returning from last year's state championship team, Cerritos College Baseball Coach George Horton is a bit apprehensive about the approaching season.

"I'd compare it to having a young kid," said Horton about his new squad, "you potty train them and you know there are going to be some mistakes, but you hope everything turns out O.K."

Out of the 34 players on the roster, 27 are listed as freshman, five are transfer students and only two, starting pitcher John Rodriguez and Rolando Cotreras, a backup infielder last season, played for the team that went 39-5 and captured the seventh title in the 28 year history of Cerritos College.

"We've got some good players," said Horton, "but a lot of them have gotten by on their physical ability alone. Some of them don't have a great foundation, so you have to go over things a little bit more than you'd like."

The Falcons did nothing this week to answer the question about how good they are going to be by beating Riverside 9-2 on Monday before dropping a home-and-home

series 5-4 and 19-9 to Canyons Thursday and Saturday.

Rodriguez pitch a strong seven innings to get the win Monday, but was bombed Saturday at Canyons, lasting less than two innings.

John Marshall gave up five runs at home Thursday in the second inning to give the Cougars a five run lead, which the Falcons could never overcome.

Before the week, Horton had said that the key to the club is to become a better practice team than they have been.

## Tennis season looks promising for Birds

By CARMEN PEDRAZA  
TM Staff Writer

The men's tennis hosts Golden West tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Coach Ray Pascoe's squad entertained Fullerton yesterday. Scores were not available at press time.

The squad tied for fifth in the conference last year, and expects to field a stronger team for the current season.

## Softball's in the swing of things in the early goings of the season

By CASEY CARNEY  
Staff Writer

A 6-0 record on the new season has Coach Nancy Kelly's women's softball team literally into the swing of things.

They host L.A. Pierce on the Falcon softball diamond tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Monday, the locals came home from Bakersfield with a double-header under their belt. They knocked off Taft 5-4 and trounced

Bakersfield 10-2.

In a rain-delayed scheduled, they won three straight matches in the Falcon Invitational Friday and Saturday to take the championship.

A 16-5 runaway at Rio Hondo opened the season Feb. 18.

Shortstop Kathy Dunn won Most Valuable Player honors in the tourney.

## Co-Rec teams battle for first

By MONICA MERTZ  
TM Staff Writer

Iota Phi Omicron, Serv-Ace-Uh, and Campus Crusade emerged as the first place leaders at last week's Co-Rec Night.

Leading the Women's Volleyball category with only one loss is Iota Phi Omicron, while Phi Kappa Zeta and Delta Phi Omega are tied for second. Tied for third are Kappa Tau Omega and Lambda Phi Sigma, while Alpha XI trails in last place.

The co-ed team of Serv-Ace-Uh stands as the leader in the volleyball category with an undefeated record, and are being closely followed by the Chinese Culture Club with

one loss. Sigma Phi and Campus Crusade rank third and fourth, respectively.

Campus Crusade is the first place basketball team with Sigma Phi "B" close behind. Competing for the third place position is Phi Slamma Jamma, Upsilon Omicron, and the Warriors.

John Chavez holds the top racquetball spot while Richard Rendich, Tony Gurrula, Mike Desordi, Mike Rogan, and Paul Serate hold second through sixth place positions.

Raffle prize winners of the night were Helen Hernandez, who won an organizer, Hank Gray, a clock, Bruce Horney, a calculator, and Oralynn Webster, a pen.

## Are 'Executive sessions' curtains to hide behind?

"The liberty of the press consists in the right to publish with impunity truth with good motives, for justifiable ends. To disallow it is fatal."

Those words, spoken by Alexander Hamilton in the eighteenth century, are still valid today. History has proven that freedom of the press is an essential part of any democratic society.

*Talon Marks*, as the student newspaper, has the right and responsibility to report any news that impacts the student body.

But the recent trend toward closed meetings hinders our attempt to inform our readers.

The Board of Trustees goes into "executive" session almost every time it meets. How are we to know that subjects discussed in those closed sessions adhere to the exceptions as allowed by the Brown Act? (This act states that public meetings shall remain open to the public, unless private matters such as salaries or personnel are being discussed.)

And the public's right to know was compromised two weeks ago when the Student Senate, with the knowledge and tacit approval of the Associate Dean of Student Activities, barred the press from a portion of its meeting.

In addition, last week the Panhellenic Council of ICC discussed the legality of holding a closed meeting. Fortunately, the Coordinator of Student Activities was quick to advise the group that it could not hold a closed meeting. He explained that "We

live in a democracy and we have to work within that system."

We see an unhealthy trend developing on our campus, a trend that started at the highest level, the Board of Trustees, and is now filtering down to the Student Senate.

The recent behavior of our elected trustees and student representatives may interfere with the freedom of the press, and may ultimately be detrimental to the college.

## The people only see mostly what they like

Judging from remarks heard around campus in general and during last week's Panhellenic Council meeting in particular, there seems to be a lack of understanding about the role of *Talon Marks* in our college community.

The Feb. 13 edition of the student newspaper ran a front page photo and an inside photo essay depicting a sampling of pledging activities now taking place on campus.

Fraternities and sororities, and thus their activities, are a newsworthy side of student life.

The photos showed typical pledging activities which are common knowledge to the student body. They were factual and non-defamatory.

Several Greek club members criticized *Talon Marks* for running photos which some perceived as showing a negative side of their clubs. They suggested that the newspaper should have countered the photos by printing an article noting more positive

aspects of club membership, such as service projects and social events.

Our intent was not to print everything that could be said about fraternities and sororities.

The shots were meant to highlight one small part of the many colorful and traditional segments of campus life.

No more and no less.

Our responsibility is to report news and to inform, entertain and reach as many students as possible.

But we do, however, welcome the criticism and offer an opportunity for students to voice their opinions by submitting Letters to the Editor.

## Frat meets sorority, but never the twain...

A fraternity is a men's student organization formed chiefly for social purposes.

So says Merriam-Webster.

Four young women at Cerritos College seem to see things differently.

They have pledged to a certain fraternity on campus, supposedly as a "joke."

The fraternity-sorority tradition that has graced the college campuses of this country brings prestige and honor to those partaking of the tradition of brotherhood and sisterhood.

It is not a joking matter.

The young women in question are active members of a sorority yet have chosen to pledge for membership in a fraternity.

Have they, or the young men of the fraternity, given any thought to the consequences of their "joke?"

If they are granted membership in the fraternity, will their membership in the sorority be revoked?

Will the charter of the fraternity be withdrawn if women are admitted as active members?

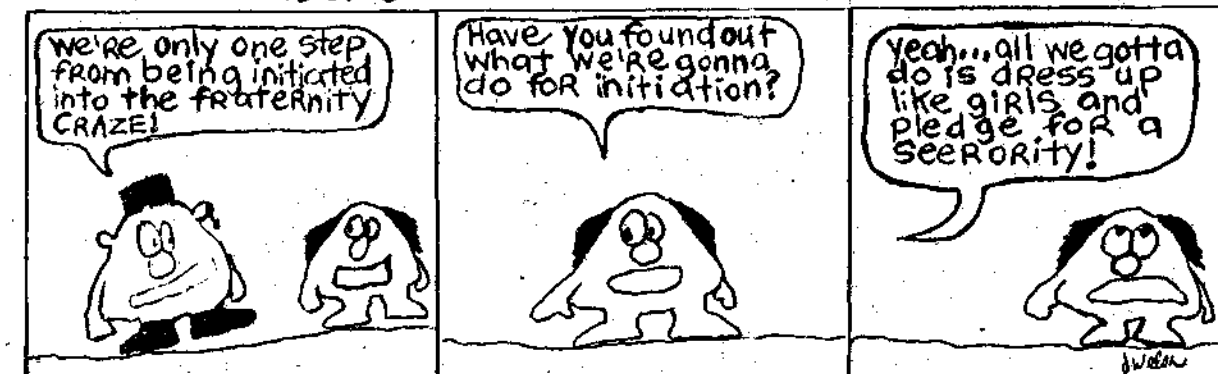
It certainly is food for thought.

All joking aside, how much thought came before the decision to pledge or to accept the pledge?

While women's lib has opened doors that once were closed to women, some areas are sacred.

Fraternities celebrate the rites of brotherhood. Let's keep sisterhood out of it.

## The Craze



## MAJOR PROBLEMS

### Is there life after the big triple 0 ?

By BRENT SIMS

First let me say I realize that college life is rough for everyone. I mean between trying to convince the teacher that your car really did break down the day of the big test, and your parents that you should live at home rent-free for just one more semester, it's amazing that any learning goes on here at all. But there is one particular group of students who feel the pressures of college life just a little more keenly than the rest.

I'm talking about the undeclared majors.

I know, because I'm also majoring in the big triple 0.

It's not that I'm embarrassed that I don't have a particular field of study all mapped out already. It's just that there's something about talking to someone without a major that turns even the most uneducated person into a walking occupational handbook.

As soon as they find out that you're unsure of exactly what you want to be doing after graduation they start popping off one suggestion after another as though you've never given the subject any consideration.

"How about computers?" they usually begin.

"Too technical," is my standard comeback.

"Biology?" they might persist.

"Too messy."

"Engineering?"

"No, I think I'd look silly in the hat."

And this is when you're talking to the garage man.

There's no easy way to answer the question "So what are you studying" for us either.

Undecided sounds spineless, and certainly not like the type of person you might consider going out with, let alone having a long term relationship with (if you can't even decide what you want to study at school you must be loads of fun on a date driving around for four hours saying, "Gee, I don't care, what do you want to do?").

General Education makes it sound like you want to be an officer in the military, and to tell someone that your major is undeclared sounds like you really have a major you're just not telling anyone what it is, and nothing

short of a Gestapo man with an electric cattle prod, and a Barry Manilow album could make you tell.

There's only one thing left to do — lie.

I know it sounds terrible, but, after all, it worked for Nixon.

Besides, it gets to be fun after a while.

I once left a party with three people thinking I was a business major, four believing I was pre-med, two convinced I was studying art and one person thought I was Don Johnson in disguise (it's amazing what not wearing socks can do for your social life).

It was great, I spent the whole evening without discussing the opportunities in software or the stock market. The next night I became more adventuresome and used fields of study like comparative Mesopotamian literature and synthetic botany which quickly curbed the conversation to more accessible topics like "How about those Lakers anyway?"

So, I've got that problem ironed out, which only leaves the big ones like what do I wear to class tomorrow when it's too warm to wear my winter clothes, but still too early

in the year to wear white pants?

And people say we G.E. majors don't take school seriously.

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