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Outstanding faculty choices deadline approaching Friday

By NANCY BALLARD
TM Staff Writer

Outstanding Faculty nominations are not coming in as fast as the sponsoring Faculty Senate had hoped, so a push is on for more names to be submitted.

Full-time counselors and librarians are also included on the eligibility list for the seven finalists who will be honored.

Deadline is this Friday, March 14.

Any current student, faculty, or staff member may turn in an entry.

Forms and deposit boxes are located in the Admissions Office and the main campus Elbow Room.

The selection committee will be made up of faculty members from each division.

Forms call for information in the following areas:

- A) Outstanding classroom teaching/counseling.
- B) Service to the college.
- C) Committee Assignments.

Campus police calls for awareness on campus thefts

By RITA SANTANA
TM Staff Writer

Campus Police Coordinator Mike Bolden would like to call reader's attention to some recent thefts in the gym locker rooms and offer some tips concerning bike theft prevention.

Recently, campus police have been investigating what appears to be locker vandalism in the P.E. building. Items taken consist mainly of cash and personal items.

Bolden urges those utilizing the lockers to leave valuables at home and not carry more than a few dollars in cash, even if it is going to be locked up.

There have been a few bike thefts reported on campus since January. To minimize this problem, Bolden said cyclists should lock their bikes with a heavy cable chain. According to Bolden, the two main reasons bike thefts occur are that cyclists do not lock their bikes at all and put their trust in easy to cut combination locks.

- D) Service to the community.
- E) Other (publications, awards, performances, etc.).

F) Have you (as a student) ever taken a course from this faculty member? What course? When?

If official forms are unavailable, nominations may be turned in on plain white paper, with all the information called for above listed accordingly.

Students should include their student number, and sign.

Faculty and staff members should include name, division/area, and signature.

Purpose of the new awards program, instituted this year, is to recognize the outstanding contribution of faculty both in and out of the classroom.

The "Most Outstanding" will be chosen from the seven "Outstanding Faculty." The winner will receive a \$500 stipend courtesy of the Cerritos College Foundation.

College Foundation recognizes academics at awards ceremony

By JOHN WELSH
TM Staff Writer

The Cerritos College Foundation will sponsor an Academic Excellence Recognition Awards Ceremony on May 7, 1986 in the Burnight Theater at 7:30 p.m.

The event is for students maintaining a 3.50 GPA after completing 45 units of study within several areas of the college's educational programs.

Last year the foundation presented awards to 50 students for academic excellence in their chosen field of study. The 1986 program expects to present plaques to as many students this year.

The selection process is organized so that full-time as well as part-time students have an opportunity to receive recognition.

Student award recipients are based on the following criteria: 1) Completion of 45 units of college work with a 3.5 GPA or higher; 2) Completion of a minimum of 30 units at Cerritos with a 3.5 GPA or higher;

Hickok to give 'ins and outs' of re-entry college strategies

By JENNIFER RICKETTS
TM Staff Writer

Feel discouraged, pushed, fragmented?

The Re-Entry Resource Center is offering a free program entitled "Beyond Time Management -- Strategies for the Re-Entry Student." The class is aimed at those who would like to learn how to live richer, more productive and satisfying lives.

JoNell Hickok will be the guest speaker at the April 2 class, scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Assessment Center. Her presentation will include lectures on how you can get more of what you want in life, how to think confidently and clearly, how to make wise choices, how to have less stress and how to gain peace of mind.

Hickok, a re-entry student herself, is currently finishing studies directed toward a MA in Marriage, Family and Child Counseling.

Seating is limited. Contact Maureen Mat at extension 411 for reservations.

- 3) Completion of nine units in the area of recognition with a 3.5 GPA or higher; 4) Received the recommendation of a faculty member and an administrator in their area.

The Cerritos College Foundation, supported by the people of the community, serves academic, cultural and athletic activities offered by the college.

The public is invited to attend.

Entries being taken for TV internships

By JOHN WELSH
TM Staff Writer

Entries from college and university students throughout the United States for the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' (ATAS) 1986 Summer Student Internship Program in Los Angeles are being accepted now through March 31.

A total of 20 diversified television internships are offered including five additional career areas from last year's program.

Some of the internships offered are in the fields of television directing, videotape editing, commercials, news and documentaries, and local programming. Among the new areas represented are public relations, casting, and broadcast promotion-advertising-publicity.

Sponsors of the program are top television professionals who allow interns to observe their daily work sessions for an eight week period.

For further information and applications contact the Academy's director of education programs ATAS 4605 Lankershim Blvd., Suite 801, North Hollywood, CA. 91604, (818) 506-7880.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Scott honored for years of service

An evening honoring Mrs. Olive Scott for her many years of service to Cerritos College has been set for Friday, April 25 at the Long Beach Elks Club.

Scott, Vice-President of Instruction, has served as a faculty member at Cerritos College for 27 years.

The evening is scheduled to begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 8, followed by dancing.

The cost is \$20 per person which includes a contribution towards a gift.

Sigma Phi sponsors breakfast for Rancho

Sigma Phi fraternity will be hosting a charity pancake breakfast this Saturday in the Student Center from 7-11 a.m., with the proceeds set to benefit the Battered Children's Section at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital.

Admission is \$2 and will buy pancakes, eggs, sausage or bacon and coffee or juice.

Tickets are available at the bookstore and at the door. For further information contact Mike Negrete at (213) 929-6420.

Job workshops set in Assessment Center

How to interview successfully for a job will be stressed in a workshop entitled "Interview Skills" Tuesday, March 18, 7-8 p.m. in the Assessment Center.

Tips, role playing, and other methods to help job applicants face interviews with confidence will be covered, according to Wilma Maughan of Job Placement.

Maughan underscored that a variety of jobs are listed in her office, both part-time and full-time. For example, two part-time opportunities paying \$6 per hour are for teller and credit clerk.

A summer job category now on file is for full and part time park aide at \$6.33 per hour.

"Job Search Skills" is another workshop wrapping up the series on April 1. Advance reservations are advised, Maughan said.

A catalog of 1986 summer employment opportunities is available in the Job Placement Office.

Asian/Indians hold car wash Saturday

The Asian-Indian Club is sponsoring a car wash this Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Chevron gas station on the corner of Bloomfield and Artesia.

The \$2 charge also covers cleaning of the interior.

Tickets are available at the Student Activities office or you can just drive in on Saturday.



"They must be playing RAGE again."

Hispanics enroll in Cerritos' Puente Project Academic and career improvements forecast

BY CARMEN PEDRAZA
TM Staff Writer

A unique writing and counseling program for Hispanic students, designed to help them succeed both academically and career-wise is available here at Cerritos.

The Puente Project integrates the skills of an English teacher, Lacreata Scott, and a Hispanic counselor, Marcelino Saucedo, along with other professionals from the community, into a team structure which assists students from Cerritos in making academic improvements that profoundly affect their lives.

The students take two English courses, the first being an entry level writing class, and the second, English I, which is a transferable composition class. The students remain with the same teacher for the entire two-course sequence. At the same time, the counselor pairs students with mentors selected to match the students' career interest.

The mentors are judges, lawyers, psychologists, accountants, reporters, university administrators, and people in business. These respected leaders from the Mexican-American community provide a role model, showing students that success is possible

without having to abandon cultural identity. They share with the students their struggle through the educational system how they juggled family responsibility and personal careers. After the students interview the mentors they write a report of their experience and share it with their classmates.

Puente was designed at Chabot College in Hayward, by Felix Galaviz and Patricia McGrath who conducted two pilot programs in 1982 and 1983.

The University of California at Berkeley was the original sponsor of the Puente Project, and with a grant from the Bank of America Foundation to the Berkeley Bay area writing project the Puente Project was replicated successfully at four northern California community colleges.

Puente is now operating in ten colleges under the current sponsorship of USC and the California community colleges. English teachers and counselors have been trained in three Puente Project Summer Institutes held at the Cal State Berkeley campus.

In 1986-87 the co-directors plan to include more community colleges and to test the Puente model in high schools. Statistics show that Hispanics drop out at a higher rate

than do other ethnic groups. Data from the 1970's indicates that by age 20, 43% of Mexican-American students had not graduated from high school. This rate is twice the rate for blacks or Anglos.

Evaluation results of 1983-84 Replication Project showed that course completion rates for Puente students in remedial English and English I equaled or exceeded those of Hispanic and non-Hispanic comparison groups.

A case study at one college campus showed that Puente students did this while increasing their enrollment in other academic classes, improving their grade point averages, and decreasing the number of courses they dropped.

Data from the holistically-scored writing assessment indicated that over all, Puente students at all four campuses improved their writing skills significantly both first and second terms.

Cerritos students currently enrolled in the Puente Project have gained a wider sense of confidence, a better communication of students to teacher, rather than teacher to student, and have obtained a more positive attitude toward college, not to mention a significant improvement in their writing skills.

Teachers tour, study abroad

By MELISSA HERNANDEZ
TM Staff Writer

Ten faculty sabbatical leaves were approved at last Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting.

Associate professor of history Russell A. Storkan plans to travel in Asia to enhance his Asian History classes.

English teacher Alexander Belroy will combine travel and study as he tours the British Isles.

Professor of electronics Roy A. Wilson has plans to visit local companies to determine the needs of industry in the field of electronics and adapt college programs to fill these needs.

Donna Grossman, professor of speech, will complete 18 units of related studies at CSU, Fullerton to develop new materials for her college speech classes.

Music professor Don Erjavec will visit surrounding colleges and high schools in the district to look into the reasons for declining enrollment in the classes offered by the music department.

John R. Jackson, instructor in Automotive Technology, would like to further his own knowledge in the field. He will attend classes sponsored by auto manufacturers.

Professor of geology Joan L. Licari is planning to research and write a textbook for Geology 4 (Geology of the Western National Parks and Monuments).

Philosophy professor Edward Bloomfield will look into methods for self-paced logic problems.

Manuel E. De Leon, art professor, will research new techniques for mixed media drawing and painting. After visiting six major European art museums and galleries, De Leon will spend time researching local art museums.

William E. Broderick of the Liberal Arts department will visit post-secondary educational institutions that boast model computerized programs of remediation.

Sabbaticals are paid leaves for the purpose of exploring new avenues in the applicants' field of teaching.



C.C. FALCON

Ballots, faculty, trees — Where are they?

PEPPER DOWN FOR COUNT — Overheard from two maintenance guys conversing over the felled pepper tree whose roots were uprooting the surrounding concrete:

Why did you cut the tree *down*, Ron? I told you just to *prune* it!"

Fred Wade was kidding co-worker Ron Bunton.

"We don't like cutting trees down," Ron pointed out to a TM photographer.

"Don't let him fool you, guys," Fred jumped in. "He loves it!"

The way Fred pops out lines, he should think Johnny Carson Show.

'WAYWORD' WORDS — We're all big-time members of the college-level flock, and a certain amount of foul-mouthing is pretty much to be expected.

Talking to this "bird," if you read what I mean, over at the cafeteria the other day,

and she was bemoaning the fact that she was having trouble eating a decent meal because of the indecent, el rauncho verbiage flapping over from the next table.

We're not talking rude...we're talking plain rude.

SAMENAME? — Ever wonder why the city of Cerritos was named after "Cerritos College?" Must be the sincerest form of flattery, since the college is older than the former Dairy Valley.

Must be a good reason. Anybody know? Of course, the campus is about half Cerritos and half Norv...lk.

Still...

SEXIST SIDELINES? — The crowds that show up to see the conference champion women's basketball team aren't (haven't been) as numerical as the men's totals.

The lady cagers have done about as much demolishing on the hardwoods as the men — AND...they *have* gone to the state play-offs, you know.

The girls are good. And I predict it won't be too long before they'll have a comparable flock in the stands.

Fact is, though, you can't dictate to your average sports fan.

PHANTOM FACULTY? — Kinda disappointed when I buzzed the "Outstanding Faculty" award balloting boxes. I mean, where are the nominations?

C'mon, you birds. Don't you have an apple-worthy candidate for that sort of recognition? Surely you've been able to stay wider awake in some classes more than others.

We don't wanna cause a flap over the issue, but it only takes about 42.6 seconds to do some judicious nest feathering.

TYPO TYPEWRITERS — Somebody was saying that the rental typewriters in the library "stink!" I'm not going quite that far, but they don't seem to follow normal typing procedures too well sometimes. It's said that they eat paper, triple space, smear, jump spaces, and run a little amuck on their own.

We haven't checked with those in charge — yet — but it's probably just a matter of communicating the type problems everybody seems to get all keyed up over.

RAIN STRAINS — Spontaneous soakings are par for the campus these rained-on days. One minute one day, clouds burst. Next day, it's suntan time.

With the rivers and lakes galore and more, it's difficult to find a high-ground landing site. Of course, with such downpours, even our fairly well-drained campus can be deluged into Raging Waters II.

RENEWAL FUEL — Ten or so faculty members won't be back next year...they're going on "sabbaticals." That's where they go away and write books, take pictures, read a lot, and generally do something to fight off the flames of burn-out.

Couple of my favorites are going. And when they come back all refreshed and sparkly eyed, I'm gonna laugh every time I hear the same sabbatical stories. Why, I'd have to have the same prof in four classes in one semester before I'd even think of flying the not-again coop.

Music recitals set

The Applied Music Program has scheduled several recitals for the remainder of the spring semester. Performances are graded.

Judy Jeanette will play piano with accompaniment from Frank Navarette on trumpet in a March 19 recital scheduled for 11 a.m.

Also on March 19 is a vocal solo by Susan Pool, accompanied by Roberto Corrales and Bobby Espinosa on guitar. The recital is set for 6 p.m.

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CARNEY'S BLARNEY.

You're never too old for St. Pat's Day

By CASEY CARNEY
TM Staff Writer

St. Patrick's Day...remember in grade school? Wasn't it fun?

A whole day of green for everyone. If I forgot to wear th' green — which is unlikely with a clan name like Carney — I'd simply fall back on my baby greens....

I also had a rule those days that if some stupid boy pinched me, he was courtin' a good deckin'.

One year my mother forced my sister and me to wear those silly green hats with shamrocks sprouting out of the top. We both had a hard time recovering from that day.

In junior high, it was fun — good old

puberty time. Girls would say some such, "Don't you pinch me, Bobby, I *am* wearing green — and it's none of your business where." Then they'd run off shrieking.

High school? A lot of us were preoccupied with being pseudo-adults, without even knowing what the prefix meant.

Only geeks tripping out on belated puberty would actually pinch one of us adults. Hey, don't tell us what color to wear, or when. We *are* in high school, you know. Green doesn't become us, see? Well...there were a few punk rockers with green nails.

And now, Cerritos College, March 17, 1986....

We'll see.

Are we really too mature to go with the

green? I hardly think so. D'you?

Surely everybody knows about this little green dude who was deathly feared by even the sneakiest of snakes.

Just who is St. Pat? Truth is...hard to tell. He's shrouded in reverent legend. A book says March 17 was when he died. No word on when he was born.

Story goes that this wonderful personage was captured by the Gaels (Irish) and held as a slave, only to one day return as a priest and unite everybody in a common spirit.

He's now known and appreciated in various ways all over the world.

Corned beef and cabbage freaks, spud lovers all, and you laddies who use Irish Spr-

ing in the shower...and you lassies who admit it has a "manly scent, but you like it, too"...

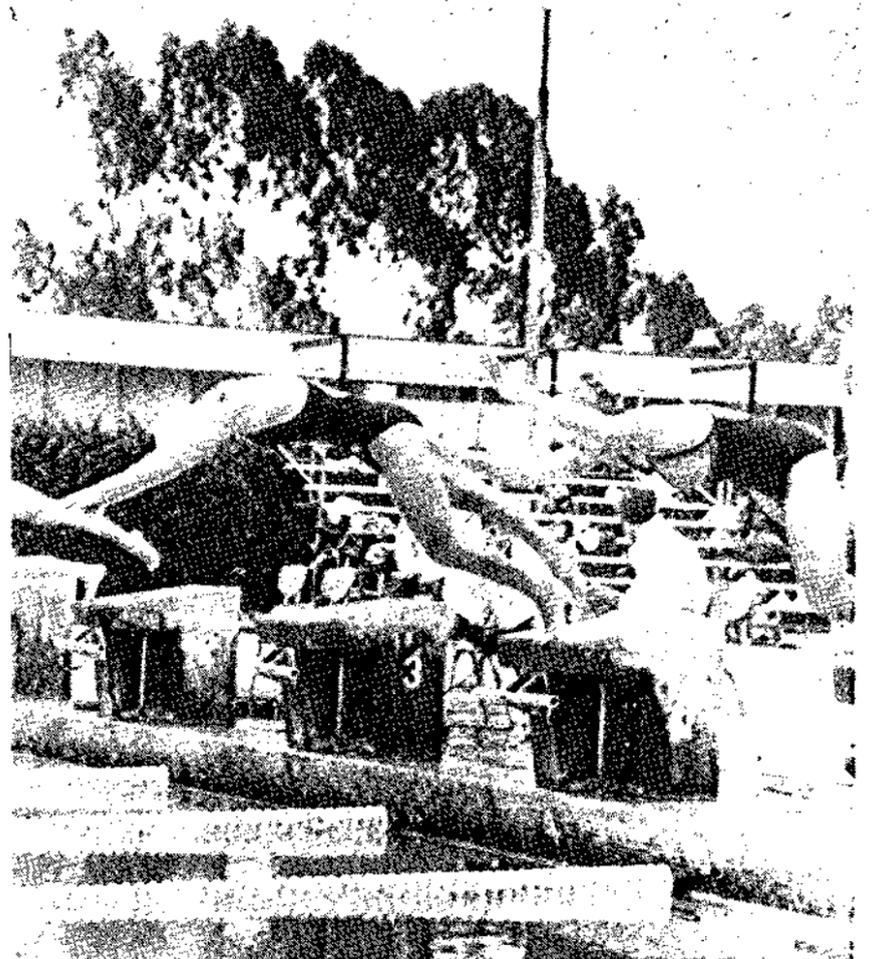
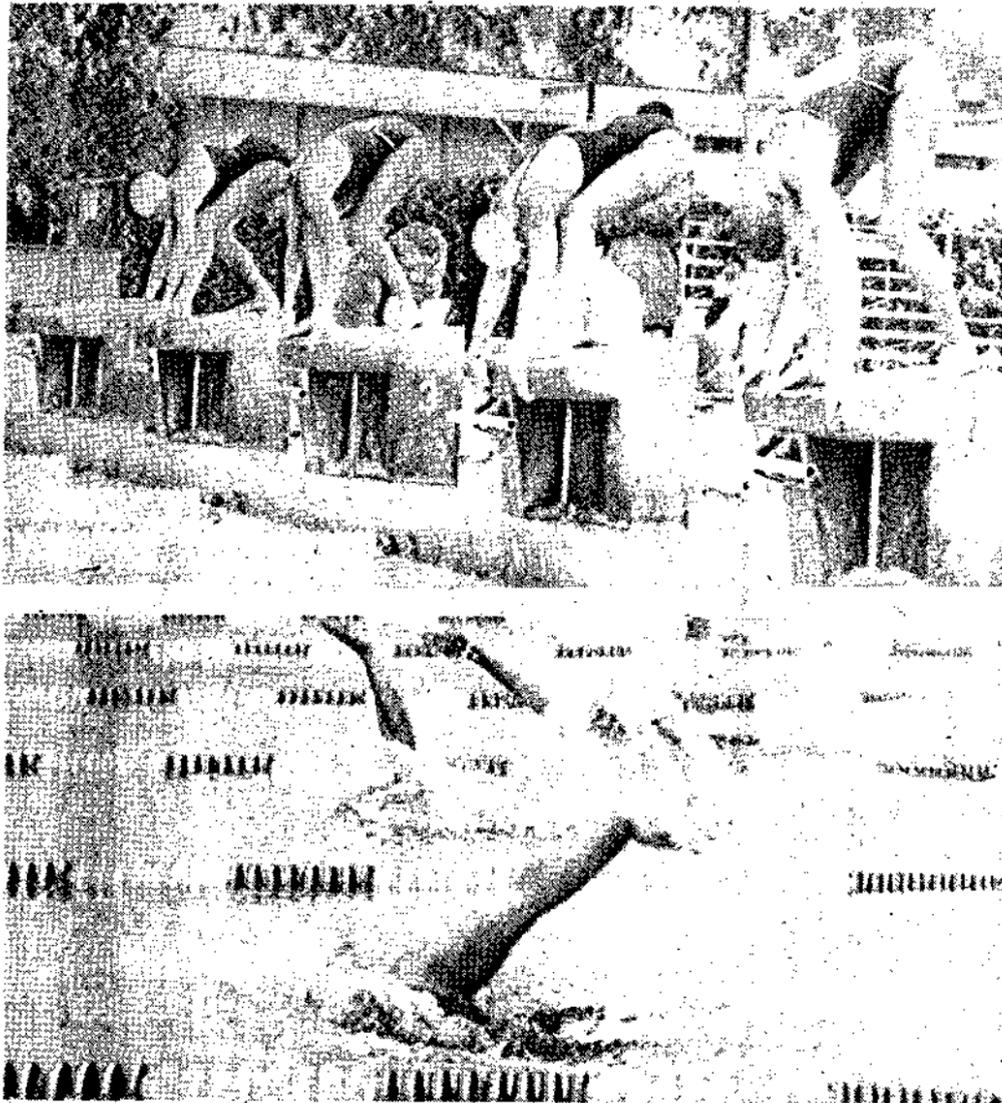
...and everyone who ever warmed at a drop of Irish whiskey, or even gargled with mint green mouthwash...

...or everybody who ever searched among the clover for a four-leaflet, let's green up sometimes calm of Cerritos for a lively St. Paddy's Day jig.

And so...for some wearin' of th' green — somewhere!

And if you get any ideas about a pinch or two, remember what I said about grade school.

On second thought, now that I are greened up some in college....



OFF AND STROKING — Women's swim team takes to the water in conference action Orange Coast Friday. Falcons came up short 42-67. Swimmers are at Rancho Santiago Friday.

TM Photos by SEAN DECKER

Men and women flounder against Orange Coast

Orange Coast sank the men's and women's swim teams' hopes of victory last Friday. Cerritos women racked up 42 points and the men garnered 43 whereas the OCC teams had 67 and 57.

"Orange Coast's women's team took conference last year," stated head coach Pat Tyne. Falcon strength, however, was with Shelly Colaluca, 50m freestyle and 200m, with time of 30.77 and 1:55.23, and Kim Cates, 200m relay and 200m breast stroke; 37.00 and 1:20.50.

Male swimmers turned in respectable times: Dave Carpenter and Alex Ulshafer, 50m freestyle, 22.66 and 28.

In the 200m freestyle, Joel Odou and David Mittleman clocked in at 2:04.29 and 2:41.03. Carpenter also outswam his Orange Coast opponent by approximately five seconds in the 100m freestyle with a 50.92 time.

Both men and women travel to Rancho Santiago for a dual meet on Friday at 2:30 p.m.

— MONICA MERTZ

Women's track team opens season breaking records

By MONICA MERTZ
TM Staff Writer

The women's track team opened its season with wins against Rancho Santiago (98 to 10) and Golden West (99 to 8), setting two meet records in the process.

Neither the Dons nor the Rustlers fielded a full slate of competitors in several of the events, helping account for the lopsided scores.

Lea MacFarlane broke the record in the 1500, turning in a time of 5:05.4, and placed second in the 3000 with a time of 11:29.4.

Kimberly Lynk was victorious in both hurdle races and set a new mark of 69.1 in the 400 hurdles against Golden West.

Other victorious lady Falcons include

Kristin McCoy in the 100 and 200, Heidi Ruth in the 400 and Cheryl Eckford in the 800.

Sharon Brown was the high point winner with 30 points and came out on top in the javelin, shot put and discus.

Other point winners for Cerritos include Sharon Gilbert in the high jump, long jump and javelin; Lorraine Lara placed second in both hurdle performances while Marlene Perales scampered to a second spot in the 100. Ana Covarrubias took second in the 400; Charlena Pompa picked up a second in the 800 and Lisa Sanchez captured second spot in both the javelin and long jump.

Cerritos will host Fullerton on Friday at 2:30.

Softball team working to keep 'winning edge alive'

By CASEY CARNEY
TM Staff Writer

With an impressive 12-2 record in pre-season competition, head coach Nancy Kelly has her softball team working to "keep that winning edge," which has marked their first few weeks of competition.

"We're nearing a point where we can't afford to think winning is easy," asserts Kelly, who considers the South Coast Conference the toughest softball competition in California.

The Lady Falcons are scheduled to meet their first conference competition tomorrow against Mt. San Antonio at 3 p.m. on the Falcon diamond. Weather could postpone the contest.

Rain cancelled a double-header against Chaffey, which is rescheduled for April 5, weather permitting.

Last Wednesday the softballers took

Netters drop one

The Falcon Lady Netters are currently 0-4 in the South Coast Conference after their loss to Saddleback.

They host Cypress today at 2 p.m. which "is usually a challenging but promising match" according to coach Rhea Black.

The strength of the squad lies with freshman Julie Hammon, from Warren High School, who is number one singles and is two for four in conference action.

Hammon and her doubles partner, Monica Mertz, pair to make the top seed doubles team.

down Santa Monica 2-1 in a struggle from behind.

Strong pitching, notably by sophomore pitchers Teena Manriquez and Toni Tucker, added strength to the team effort. In 38 innings, Tucker's ERA is 0.18.

The team batting average is .289. Freshman center-fielder Leslie Dayton leads Cerritos with a .390 average.

Shortstop Kathy Dunn is hitting .325, has collected 10 walks and maintains her reputation as an outstanding defensive player.

Freshman first baseman Michelle Marselle leads the team with 10 RBI's.

Falcons edge Citrus by single stroke

By MONICA CURI
TM Staff Writer

One point separated Cerritos and Citrus College golf teams at the Rio Hondo Country Club Friday. The Falcons edged Citrus 383 to 384 in what Coach Frank Montera called "A very good match for both teams."

Tom Cox shot the best score for the day with a 69 (two under par), bettering his 81 score from last Monday's Industry Hills Tournament.

Also improving their scores were Scott Derudder with a 73 and Sean Collins with a 78.

Cerritos' pre-season record is 5-1 with their next match slated at Rio Hondo Golf Course Friday noon against Orange Coast and Cypress Colleges.

Ladies to travel north for state championship

Petersen: coach of the year

By KELLY SIMS
TM Staff Writer

After a 24-7 championship season, most teams would hang up their high tops for a much deserved rest.

But Saturday found the South Coast Conference champs at Golden West qualifying for the California State Championship by defeating Taft 89-80.

Cerritos will start the tournament Thursday at De Anza College in Cupertino with an 8 p.m. contest against San Joaquin Delta.

The winner of that game will advance to Friday's semi-finals and, ultimately, to Saturday's 7 p.m. championship game.

Jane Hentzen contributed 20 points to the victory, along with 10 rebounds. B.J. McCree had 15 points and 10 rebounds.

While things look promising for Cerritos, coach Karen Petersen isn't letting their previous success lull her into a false sense of security. "On any given day, any team can beat any other team. State will be tough. We could do well, or we could lose the first game. We'll just have to take it one game at a time."

Back in action after missing a game due to an illness, Shelley Bowcutt led the Falcons with 25 points, was 12-for-19 from the field, and 1-for-2 from the free throw line.

Enjoying her best game of the season, Brigitte Frazier had a perfect night, shooting 5-for-5 from the field and 4-for-4 from the line.

After such a record breaking season, it's no wonder that several of the championship women's players received recognition for their outstanding performances.

Heading the list is Falcon coach Karen Peterson who was named South Coast Conference Women's Basketball coach of the year in a balloting of her peers Tuesday.

Petersen, currently in her fourth year at the helm of the Falcons, led them to a 13-3 SCC mark as they captured their first ever conference title, bringing her career mark to 59 wins and 49 losses.

The Cerritos team also placed four of its members on the All-SCC team this past week.

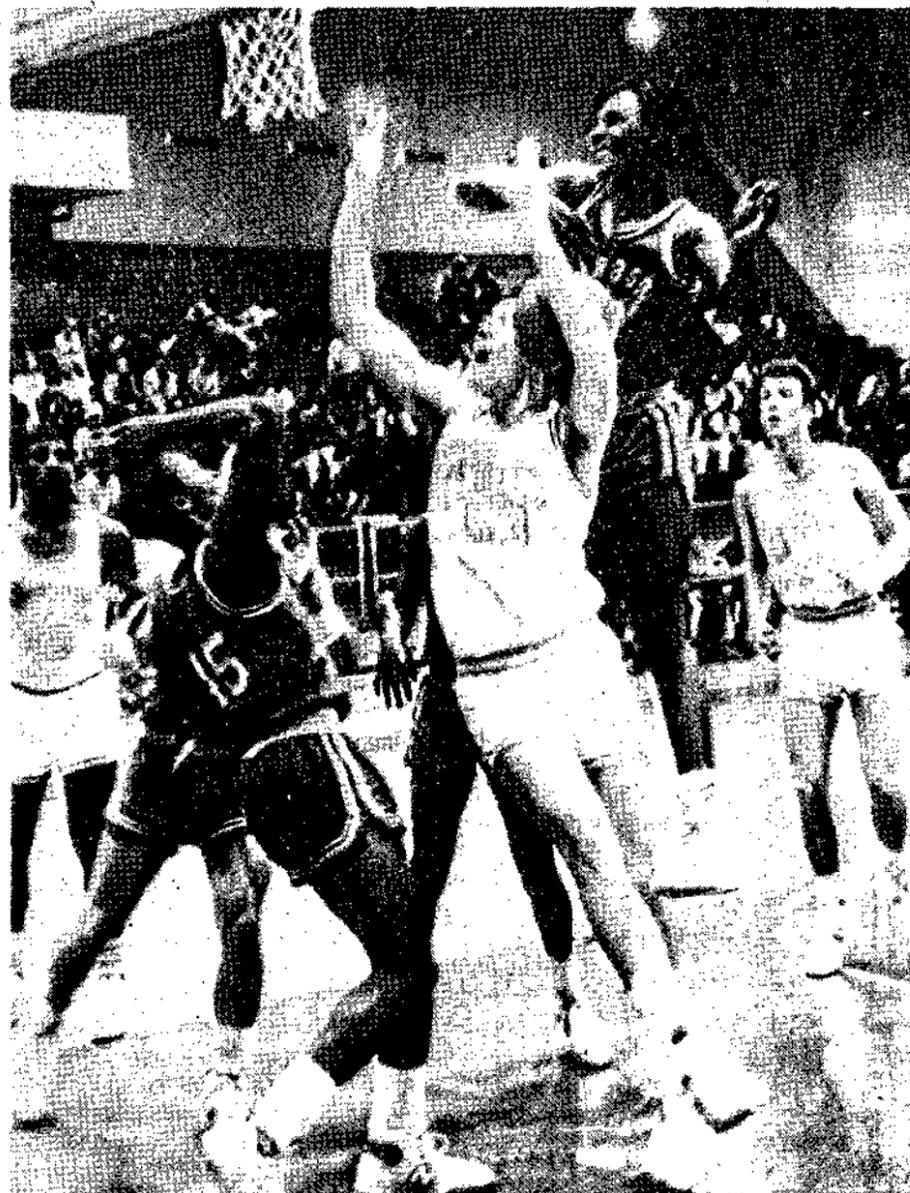
Shelley Bowcutt and Jane Hentzen were named to the first team by the SCC's coaches, while B.J. McCree and Becky Sorensen received honorable mention.

Bowcutt, whose 596 points so far this season has shattered her own previous school record of 575, is making the team for the second consecutive year.

Hentzen, who averaged 18.3 points per game, also leads in assists, with a 5.4 per game average, and is the second leading rebounder.

McCree, from Long Beach Poly, is a 5'7" forward who averages 8.8 points.

Sorensen, a 5'11" sophomore from Valley Christian High, averaged only 4.6 points per game. According to her coach Karen Petersen, her contribution to the team can't be translated into numbers. "She's what steadies us down defensively."



FRUSTRATION—Falcon star center Tom Tolbert is frustrated by a blocked shot in big upset of opening round of state playoffs. Top seeded Cerritos was knocked out 74-67 by upstart Harbor, ranked 17th.

TM Photo by JUAN OCAMPO

Falcon baseball team faces obstacles: even Mother Nature

By JOHN WELSH
TM Staff Writer

The defending state champion Falcons opened up play in the South Coast Conference with a pair of victories last week.

Last Thursday, Fullerton fell victim to the Birds by a 7-2 score. Two days before, the number one ranked Cypress Chargers were also beaten by the Cerritos baseballers by an 8-2 margin.

The road ahead will prove an obvious challenge for the young squad. However, SCC opponents are not the only obstacle for the now 9-4 Falcons.

Recently, the weather has played havoc with Cerritos' schedule.

Saturday's game at Saddleback was rained out and rescheduled for this Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Yesterday's home game with Golden West was also postponed due to poor field conditions.

Cerritos will now play three consecutive games as Compton visits Falcon Field Saturday at noon.

Cerritos head coach George Horton said that the busy schedule should not pose any serious problem for his team.

"We're as well prepared as anybody," assured Horton. "We've got pretty good depth with our pitching staff."

In fact, Monday's showers did not disrupt the Falcons practice as they worked out inside the gym.

"The thing is," Horton pointed out, "You've got to play good when you play four in one week or you can really dig yourself a hole." Adding that "If you're playing well, however, it can be a plus."

Greg Mannion had a big week for the Falcons as he improved his team leading batting average to .366. Mannion drove in seven runs, including three with a triple in the first inning against Fullerton.

The sophomore transfer from Brigham Young University shares the lead with David Lezano in RBI's with 12.

"I wasn't happy with our hitting overall," Horton said. "But we did a pretty good job in the clutch."

Clutch performances were displayed by the Falcons bullpen. David Villegas pitched five scoreless innings in relief of Johnny Rodriguez to pick up the win against Cypress.

Villegas, with 22 innings pitched, holds an ERA of 1.23. Villegas is currently the only Falcon pitcher with two wins to his name.

Men's state basketball playoffs open tomorrow at Cerritos gym

By JUDY REJON
TM Assistant Sports Editor

Cerritos' men's basketball season ended abruptly and unexpectedly, after L.A. Harbor, ranked No. 17 in the state, pulled the upset of the season defeating the No. 1 Falcons 74-67, last week.

Head coach Jack Bogdanovich said he felt there was too much added pressure placed on his players with the State Finals being held at Cerritos. He would prefer not to see that kind of pressure placed on any of his teams in the future.

Harbor finished the Falcon's season on the strength of all-out, aggressive play led by center Kelvin Tyes and guard Craig Johnson who had 23 and 20 points respectively.

Cerritos' leading scorer was Willie Joseph with 29 points and 12 rebounds.

The Seahawks and Falcon's juggled the lead back and forth until in the second half when with 1:50 left on the clock, Cerritos tied Harbor at 67.

In the short time frame left, Falcons got uncharacteristically sloppy and handed Harbor six free throw attempts. They connected with five to clinch the big upset win.

With the Southern California Conference action all through, they've gotten down to recognition of outstanding individuals for the year.

Among the Cerritos recipients is Bogdanovich who has been voted Coach of The Year for the third time in four years.

Tom Tolbert has been named All-Conference Co-Player (along with Bill Dobbs of Cypress).

Joseph was named to the first all-conference team with Marlon Wadlington named to second team and Russ Heicke third team.

The California Community College Basketball Championship will begin tomorrow at Cerritos.

Harbor is scheduled to play City College of San Francisco at 9 p.m. San Francisco is the No. 1 team in Northern California.

Other teams slated to play tomorrow include Pasadena (No. 9 in Southern California) facing Sacramento, who's ranked No. 2 in Northern California, at 3 p.m.

Contra Costa (No. 3 in the north) will face Santa Barbara (No. 6 in the south) at 5 p.m. The 7 p.m. match-up will pit Los Angeles Southwest (No. 5, south) against Skyline, No. 4 in the north.

Tickets may be purchased at the Cerritos College Athletic Department. During the tournament, tickets will be available at the gym box office.

Daily admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and children. A tournament pass can be purchased for \$10, which covers all three days.

EDITORIAL

St. Paddy's color, sparkle needed

Wearing of th' green, feasting on the traditional corned beef and cabbage and celebrating with abundance of drink herald colorful St. Patrick's Day on March 17.

The best known legend about St. Patrick has him charming the snakes of Ireland into the sea where they drowned. But, the legend goes, when one old serpent was too stubborn to leave, St. Paddy left him, promising to return "on Monday."

But he forgot to come back, and to this day the serpent still waits. Every Monday, he rises to the surface of the lake, looks around and calls, "It's been a long Monday, Patrick," then sinks below the water again.

St. Patrick's Day started as a religious holiday.

The patron saint of Ireland is responsible for the conversion of the Irish people, formerly barbarians, to Christianity.

Born in Britain, he was taken captive at age 16 by pirates and sold as a slave in Ireland. During his captivity, Patrick devoted himself to religion. After six years, he escaped and went back to Britain.

As a result of his experiences, Patrick vowed to convert the Irish to Christianity. He started his work in Northern and Western Ireland, where no one ever preached Christianity. He gained the trust of many and eventually founded more than 300 churches and baptized more than 12,000 persons.

To illustrate the idea of the Trinity, Patrick used a three-leaf shamrock, which came to be the traditional symbol of Ireland.

St. Patrick deserves the honor paid him this special day.

...One can't help but wonder how he might feel should he drop by Ireland today, with its "Christians" in turmoil...

Fraternity 'pledges' clarify girls' place in organization

DEAR EDITOR:

As stated in the February 26th issue of Talon Marks "People tend to see mostly what they like."

Often people hear part of a story and draw their own conclusions without knowing all of the facts. Your article on the girls "pledging" a fraternity was obviously based on hearsay and gossip.

The article brought up the question of girls trying to gain membership in the fraternity; however, this is not the case. The four girls are in two different sororities and are not truly "pledging." We have already pledged our own organizations and have no intention of trying to gain membership in another Panhellenic organization.

As for the fraternity losing its charter, what of the sorority that has had a male "pledge class," or another sorority which this semester has a "serious" male pledge? Should these sororities also lose their charters?

Have these sororities made themselves a "joke"? What of "little sisters, sweethearts, and big brothers? Are they accused of making the organization a "joke"? No, they are accepted without question as part of the organization.

When people first heard of the female "pledges," instead of going to the source, most set their minds against an idea they did not fully understand. Few actually asked the fraternity or us exactly what we were doing.

Rather than "pledging," we are building new and strengthening old friendships. No fraternity secrets have been revealed to us, though we have learned a few songs, and spent a short time and a few nights enjoying our newfound friendships.

Though people will always see what they want to see, can they not accept that instead of combined sister-brotherhood, those involved are strengthening each through friendship?

Sincerely,
VERONICA MERINO MARLENE MILLER
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The Craze



SIGN UP BY MARCH 14

Scholarship application deadline extended

By LAURA MENDOZA
TM Staff Writer

The deadline for scholarship applications has been extended to March 14. Applications may be picked up at the Financial Aid Office.

To be eligible, you must be currently enrolled in at least six units and have a grade point average of 2.0.

Priority deadline for submitting the 1986-87 financial aid application runs from March 17 to May 13.

All applications must be fully completed and include a fall semester pre-plan.

Sign-ups for the 1986-87 Financial Aid workshops begin March 17.

Fourth quarter checks will be released only if a spring work in progress form is filed.

VICA takes gold in 7 Skill Olympic spots

VICA students took seven gold medals at the recent Skill Olympics held at Mt. San Antonio College on March 8.

This entitles VICA to compete on a state level in Anaheim on May 9, 10, and 11.

Students taking the gold in auto collision repair and refinishing were Karl Kelzer, Ted Shimamoto and Mike Plaza.

Gold medalists for welding included Robert Delmedico, Craig Moody, Kathleen Workman and David Ballard.



FLUNK THE CLASS OR GRADUATE

What? Me graduate? Say it ain't so! What to do...

By BRENT SIMS

It finally happened.

They kept telling me it was coming, but I laughed at them, and then one morning I woke up, and there it was.

I just found out-- I will graduate this semester.

Oh sure, I turned in a petition for graduation, but all my friends were doing it too. I just did it to fit in, but then there was the interview with the counselor.

"I've got some good news for you," he said looking at me much like a shark circling his prey. "You've passed your math assessment test and you'll be graduating at the end of this semester."

I heard the theme from the Twilight Zone start playing in the background.

I felt the world start to spin around like I was the victim of some weird April fool's joke that I didn't quite understand yet.

"That's impossible," I said, trying not to betray my emotions, "I don't even have a major. I've seen 'The Sting' and I've read 'All the President's Men.'" I know that I'm being used in some complex "Mission Impossible" type plot and I refuse to be manipulated!"

The counselor looked at me cruelly, "No," he giggled, "you really are graduating, and the only way out of it is to fail your Poli Sci class this semester."

I've graduated before, and things didn't come out that well. Every one congratulates you, and all your friends and your family have a party, but then they won't let you back in school anymore, and the next day they start talking to you about jobs, apartments and responsibility.

That's why I came to college in the first place.

Have you gone back and seen what the people you graduated from high school with are like these days? Well, I have and it's not pretty.

Out in the real world they don't have classes like advanced ceramics or aerobics; they expect you to do the same thing every day even if it is beach weather. They don't even care if there's 8" of new snow at Summit, and they're not likely to believe that you were sick for 3 straight days if you come back to work with tell-tale goggle marks and a killer sunburn.

Then it hit me. I knew there was hope. "Wait," I said, "there's always a four year school."

So I've got my applications and I'm, all set for another two years, and then maybe grad school after that, so if I play my cards right, I won't be in this predicament again for another four or five years.

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