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Dr. Martinez on board as new Cerritos president



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Cerritos called one of top three community colleges

By SUSAN PHILLIPS
TM Editor-in-Chief

It was "Meet The Press" for Cerritos College's new president/superintendent Thursday.

Dr. Ernest A. Martinez (the fifth chief executive of the college district) met with members of the community press as well as campus reporters for a one hour session during which he fielded questions in the areas of enrollment, illiteracy, his goals for Cerritos' future and his relationship with MEChA.

When asked if enrollment figures would ever reach the 23,000 mark again, he responded by questioning whether the college could effectively serve 23,000 students.

"What do we have to offer them?" Martinez asked, going on to question whether the state of the economy and programs now available could support a campus population that high.

He expressed pleasure with the fact that spring enrollment figures showed an increase over last spring with over 18,000 students expected by the end of enrollment.

As for the factors involved in drawing students to Cerritos College, Martinez responded that students have "too many choices. There's a freeway to anywhere."

Martinez outlined what he believed to be

the top three selling points of Cerritos College for the press.

Point one, said Martinez, is that Cerritos is among the top three community colleges in California when it comes to the success level of its students transferring to universities.

Of those who transfer, many come back to Cerritos for courses needed at the four-year school because they are "less expensive and we have better instructors."

"People get more attention in smaller classes," said Martinez.

His third selling point was the caliber of the athletics program at Cerritos.

On the issue of illiteracy, Martinez said there is a need to "network with K-12, public agencies, private industry and business. We need to put up a united front."

"If the community has a problem, it's our problem," added Martinez.

One reporter pointed out the fact that Martinez had been "courted" by members of MEChA since his arrival on campus and asked if he foresaw any problems in the developing relationship.

"That's not really a problem," said Martinez. "That's a plus. It makes it easier for me to be more comfortable in that area."

Martinez called MEChA a "strong student advocacy group" and said he "welcomes all the support I can get."

● KING'S DAY/2

Editorial reviews work of slain civil rights leader, giving credence to the new holiday.

● SENATE RACE/3

Petitions due Friday for slot on ballot; listing on first come, first served basis. Elections Tuesday and Wednesday.

● LADY BIRDS/4

Women's basketball team sets new points allowed record and continues impressive show of defense on boards.

Freedom, peace and justice are central theme of holiday tribute to Dr. King

*I got on my marching shoes!
Yes, Lord, me too!*
I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom!

Preach, doctor, preach!
Every school designates its own special holiday. In our case, the holiday that we recognize is the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., celebrated Monday. Many people do not consider this a worthwhile holiday. Some people think that this particular man did absolutely nothing that was even commendable. Others think that he was a troublemaker, upsetting what people considered normal living. But to many he was a great man, a preacher and practitioner of peace.

*I ain't going to let nobody turn me round!
Let's march, brother, we are with you!*

*If the road to freedom leads through the jailhouse,
then, turnkey, swing wide the gates!
Amen, and praise the Lord!*

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man who wanted radical change.

Although he had an influence over hundreds of people, he never once used it to instigate a riot.

He believed in what he proclaimed to his audiences and was often one of the first to be arrested for his actions.

He wasn't pushed around and he didn't force anyone to join in his beliefs.

But for those who followed him he was a leader envied and watched the world over.

*Some of you are afraid,
That's right, that's right.*

*Some of you are contented,
Speak, speak, speak!*

But if you won't go, don't hinder me!

We shall march non-violently.

We shall face this nation, this city, this world, to face its own conscience.

Martin Luther King, Jr. only wanted to make people aware.

Not only of the injustices done to American blacks, but the injustices done to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

He did exactly that up until the day an assassin's bullet found its mark.

Maybe the holiday celebrated Monday was a worthless joke.

But this joke, this holiday, this man has proven his worth in the eyes of the believers of peace the world over.

We will make the God of lore in the white man triumphant over the Satan of segregation that is in him.

The struggle is not between black and white.

No, not between good and evil!

*And whenever good and evil have a confrontation,
good will win!*

Three week semester break takes the yawn out of college daze

A new semester. A time when college students have to get back into the swing.

Some have argued that the semester break is too long and disrupts the scholastic routine. Others feel it provides a much needed rest for students and teachers alike.

In 1984 Cerritos College switched from the traditional semester to the current early-start system.

Under the traditional system, studies were disrupted by winter break and, upon returning, students were faced with finals almost immediately.

The winter break under the current system is approximately three weeks long and there is no longer a problem of being interrupted mid-course.

Many private colleges have semester finals the week before Christmas and return in February for the regular semester.

Most major universities give students the option of participating in an inter-session, thus shortening the break for those who are dedicated.

Obviously this point need not be considered for Cerritos College since we only have a three week break. The basic fact is this: with the current system, Cerritos students simply have to recuperate from their holiday spirit(s), and then start out fresh. If the break were any shorter many would complain that it fell short of their needs.

The current semester system, as it is, seems to be satisfactory to most every Cerritos College student. There would be no point in changing that which has proven successful.

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Student's letter prompts encore of 'Godot' editorial

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to your editorial in the Dec. 10 issue in which you pose and answer the question: "Why is Burnight Theatre empty?" I (along with the theatre department) feel that your editors made some rather damaging remarks with no justification.

Let me start at the end of your editorial where you said Bahl Humbug to *Waiting For Godot*, *Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You* and *The Actor's Nightmare*. I played George Spelvin in *The Actor's Nightmare* and I distinctly remember that the show was not reviewed in your paper, yet sometime later you feel you have the right to criticize it. How can you criticize something you have not even seen? Could the Talon Marks make such a disgraceful error? We in the theatre department think this is probably so.

In fact I will bypass all the other ridiculous statements you make about the theatre department and get right to the point. The theatre department knows that no one from the Talon Marks came to *Waiting For Godot*, the show which is the motivating factor for your editorial. However, it appears to me that the Talon Marks does not have to see a show before it makes a criticism on it.

You ask why the Burnight Theatre is empty. Well maybe sentences like the following, which you proudly parade for your readers, may help explain why Burnight Theatre is empty. You state (before the run of *Waiting For Godot* was over) that "most theatre goers are interested in an evening of simple, understandable entertainment — not some deep, symbolic meaning couched in a paltry excuse for art." The Talon Marks succeeds in criticizing *Waiting For Godot* unfairly, but more than that it insults its readers by saying they are too dumb to understand an evening of theatre. Does the Talon Marks suggest that its simple-minded readers stay home and watch *The A-Team* on TV? We in the theatre department think this is probably so.

What happened to the classic newspaper that researched a story before it printed it? Not those shallow, glamour seeking and yellow stained tabloids that are couched in a paltry excuse for journalism. Get it together Talon Marks before

you start asking why isn't the Talon Marks read by more students.

Sincerely,
Patrick Killian
Student, Theatre Arts

Editors' Note:

We are reprinting the editorial in question so that readers may judge for themselves its intended purpose.

The editorial comments on the lack of audiences for performances at Burnight Theatre. It raises the possibility that the material presented is not of the type that would draw general audiences.

It does not criticize the acting abilities of the theatre arts students nor does it review the play in any way.

And it does not question the intellectual capacity of those who choose to attend performances at Burnight Theatre.

The theatre arts students have long been known for their brilliant performances. Our editorial suggestion was that they present productions more suited to a wider audience. While the college population may appreciate the heavy, intellectual material offered in a play such as *Waiting For Godot*, which indeed has been around for years, it is certainly not the type of play one would bring the entire family to see.

While the three plays mentioned by Mr. Killian were not reviewed by Talon Marks (although several staff members did attend performances for their own entertainment, including *Waiting For Godot*), each was previewed in the newspaper. The subject matter of the play was there for all to see. Maybe that is why Burnight Theatre is empty.

Credit where credit is due

Dear Editor:

The story in the Dec. 10 Talon Marks regarding the proposal to replace the existing falcon atop the pole in the quad was incorrect as to the origin of its design.

The falcon was not designed by art and vocational students, but by former Art Department professor Melvin Wood. It was constructed by Mr. Wood and former welding instructor Oscar Hart and put in place in February, 1968.

The falcon is a unique piece of metal sculpture and should be preserved and displayed in a prominent place on campus.

Sincerely,
Jack Feeney
Music Department

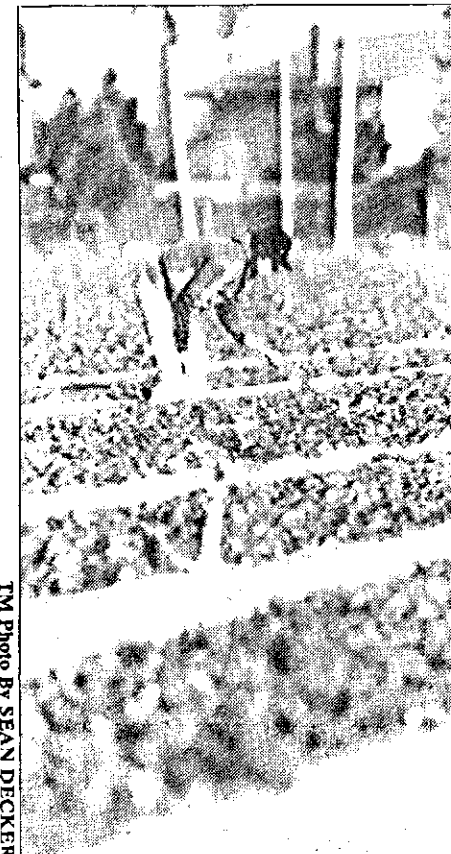


PHOTO BY KEVIN DECKER

FROZEN STRAWBERRIES — It was berry, berry cold in the Cerritos patch causing a little frostbite to settle on this years crop.

"Waiting For Godot"

Why is Burnight Theatre empty?

The latest Theatre Arts production, *Waiting For Godot*, opened to a near-empty house Friday, something that seems to be the case with all the presentations of late.

Although Friday was an event-filled evening with the awards banquet, a concert and a basketball game on the agenda, not everyone attended these events.

Could the avant-garde nature of the selections have something to do with the poor attendance?

We think this is a good possibility.

What happened to the classics?

Although we understand the department's need for creativity, most theatre goers are interested in an evening of simple, understand-

able entertainment — not some deep, symbolic meaning couched in a paltry excuse for art.

Who selects the scripts to be performed each semester?

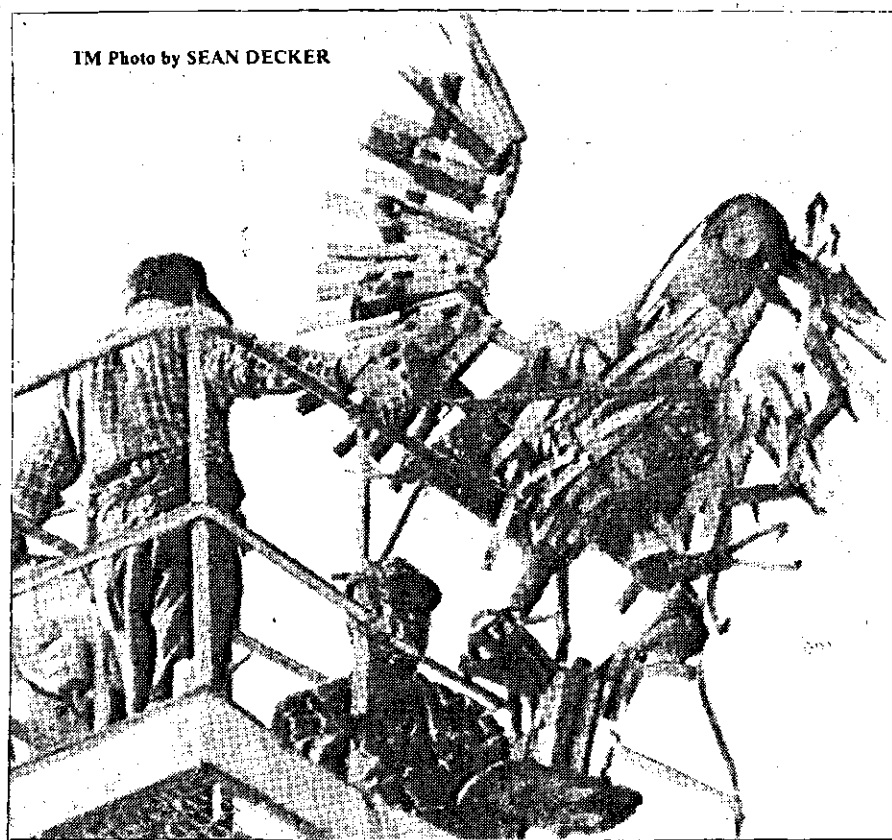
Does the director have the final say or is the students' input considered?

We suggest the Theatre Department give its audience more of what it wants to see: offerings such as *South Pacific*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *My Fair Lady*... perhaps some Shakespeare.

With the Christmas season upon us, why didn't someone consider a piece appropriate to the time. The community theatres are turning audiences away with productions such as *A Christmas Carol*.

Think of the audiences that would be drawn by such a production. This is the type of play the whole family would like to see.

To *Waiting For Godot*, *Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You*, and *An Actor's Nightmare*, all we can say is, Bahl Humbug.



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BIRD BATH — The familiar sculptured Falcon mascot hasn't flown his quad pole perch...he's getting a bath, a paint job, and general face-lift.

Club Booth Day tomorrow puts campus clubs, groups on display

By JUDY van WINGERDEN
TM Features Editor

Looking for something to occupy dead hours? Well, now's your chance to get involved.

Thursday, Jan. 22, is Club Booth Day. This event gives every Cerritos College student the opportunity to be part of the best of campus social life.

Club Booth Day was designed to give

students a chance to visit various booths and talk to those already involved in the many clubs and organizations here on campus.

In the past, only students who were carrying 10 units or more were eligible to join campus organizations. But now, due to a recent senate ruling, one need only be enrolled in six or more units.

Free hot dogs and cokes will be available to those holding an ASCC sticker.

Workshops feature tear gas, taxes

By MONICA MERTZ
TM News Editor

An array of workshops is sponsored by Community Services for a fee with no units earned.

"Tear Gas Training For Self-Defense"

Free legal advice offered by ASCC

By SEAN DECKER
TM Staff Writer

A free legal clinic will be held in the Quad on Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Jan. 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Elbow room located in the Liberal Arts building.

The College Legal Clinic offers free legal advice by professional attorneys.

Students in need of legal assistance are urged to participate.

is open to 18 year olds and older. Minors, 16 and 17 may enroll with advance written consent of parent or guardian. Today from 7 to 10 p.m. the class meets in Community Services room A for an \$18 fee.

"Residential Property Management" will be held Jan. 24 from 9 to 12 p.m. at Cabrillo Lane School in Cerritos. Pre-registration fee is \$15 and the same day registration fee is \$20.

Jan. 24 will bring the "Orientation to

Business Taxes" workshop from 8:30 to 4 p.m. in Community Services room D. The fee is \$25 and it is co-sponsored with the IRS and Small Business Administration.

Petitions ready for Spring Senate seat; vote Jan. 27

By MONICA MERTZ
TM News Editor

Spring Student Senate petitions are available in the Student Activities office.

Senate hopefuls must turn in the petitions including 20 signatures of students with ASCC sticker numbers by Jan. 22 at 4 p.m.

The order in which the petitions are turned in determines how each name is to appear on the ballot.

This "first come, first serve" operation is different from fall's "drawing out of a hat" routine, designed to avoid bloc voting.

Voting is to be Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 27 and 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Three voting booths will be posted near the coffee shop, along the Social Science walkway, and the Health Science walkway.

ASCC sticker numbers are mandatory in order to vote.

Campaigning begins this Monday, Jan. 26.

According to ASCC Vice President Raine Dooner, who will be presiding over

the senate, there are usually 30 seats. It is worked out to where each senator roughly represents 500 students.

Once a final enrollment number is established for this semester, the number of seats is determined. There were 32 seats in the fall.

Regardless of the number of seats, Dooner foresees a "good working Senate

concentrating on a common goal."

Senate meetings are held each Wednesday at 2 p.m. in BK 111-112 beginning Feb. 4. The public is invited.

Spring sign-ups nearing 18,000

Spring enrollment seems to be following the same trends as in past years, staying right around the 18,000 mark.

Comparative enrollments for the 14th day of registration are, according to Ruth Knobbs, Director of Admissions and Records, running ahead of the Spring 1986 enrollment.

Statistics for registration as of Friday, Jan. 16 were; 13,567 part-time, 3,911 full-time, 2,380 new, 1,189 transfer, 11,083 continuing, 2,370 re-admit, and 456 transfer/re-admit, for a total of 17,478 students.

Cosmos do hair in cutting class

By ELIZABETH ARCALAS
TM Associate Editor/Photography

You say you want to get your hair cut or permed but you don't have time during the week to stop off at the salon? Why not stop by the Cosmetology Department on the weekends.

Cerritos College Cosmetology Department is now serving the public on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

They offer haircuts, permanent waves and tinting, all at reasonable prices.

For an appointment call 860-2451, ext. 277.

Turning 21 is nothing to get the hair of the dog over...

By MONICA CURI



Yesterday was my birthday. I turned the ripe old age of 21.

Now most of you are probably thinking that 21 isn't old at all. But when it seems that just yesterday I turned 17 and could "legally" see R-rated movies.

I have to admit that I was excited about turning the big two-one, but then again, it made me think I was getting old.

Susie, my long time friend, always said, "Monica, 21 isn't old, it's the start of something great!"

Like being able to enter an "older" establishment without being carded and enjoying refreshing drinks without being bothered.

I'd reluctantly agree and, to reassure me, she promised to make the waitress ask for my ID. I felt much better.

But turning 21 isn't all fun and drinks. Mom and Dad start asking, "So, what are you going to do now that you're 21?" Or, "Have you graduated from that community college you're attending?"

They expect you to get a full-time job as well. I tell them that going to school every other day is a full-time job. But a full-time job requires going every day and getting up early, they argue. I get up early. I'm up at 8 a.m. for my 9 a.m. class.

What really got me thinking gray was the fact that all my old friends from high school started getting married and having babies. That really gave me the heebie-jeebies. Turning 21 was bad enough, but having to get married too? That's enough to get me started watching Romper Room again.

Well, I can handle it. Being 21 isn't all that bad, I guess.

I just don't like the fact that I'll start getting Social Security before any of my friends do.

Negrete named DP chairman

By DIANE MARIL
TM Staff Writer

Bernard J. Negrete is the new head of the Data Processing department. He succeeds James D. Woolver who has been named assistant to the Associate Dean of the Business Division, Dr. Mary Pribble.

Negrete, an assistant professor has taught at Cerritos for the past six years. He formerly taught at Ghar High school in Cerritos.

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