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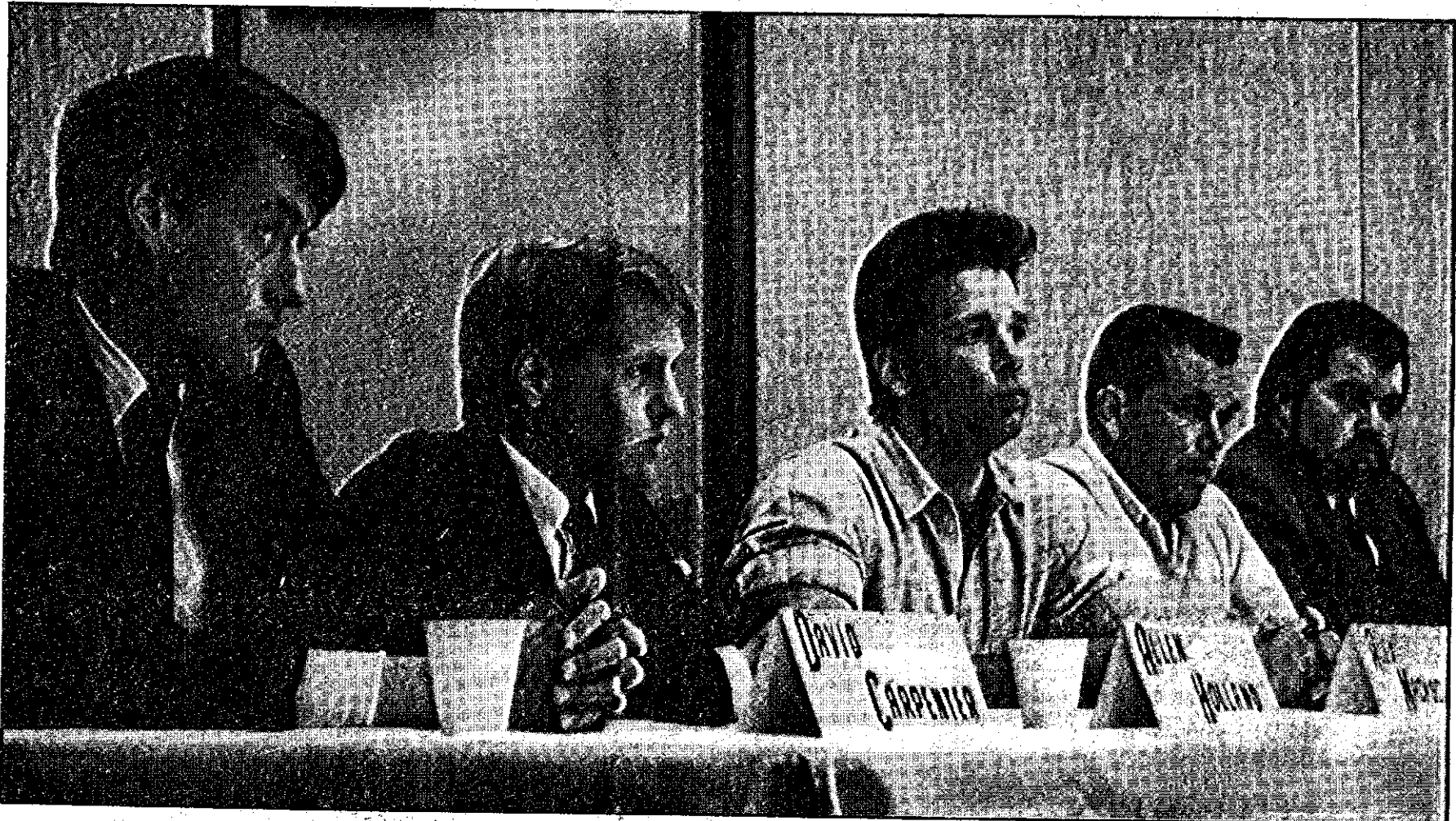
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ELECTION OPENS

3 slates gun for ASCC prexy today, tomorrow



ASCC PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS — Attending candidate press conference were, from left, David Carpenter/Allen

Holland, Alex Macksoud/Kenny Fewer, Hank Gray/(Presidential banner carrier Raine Dooner was out of town).

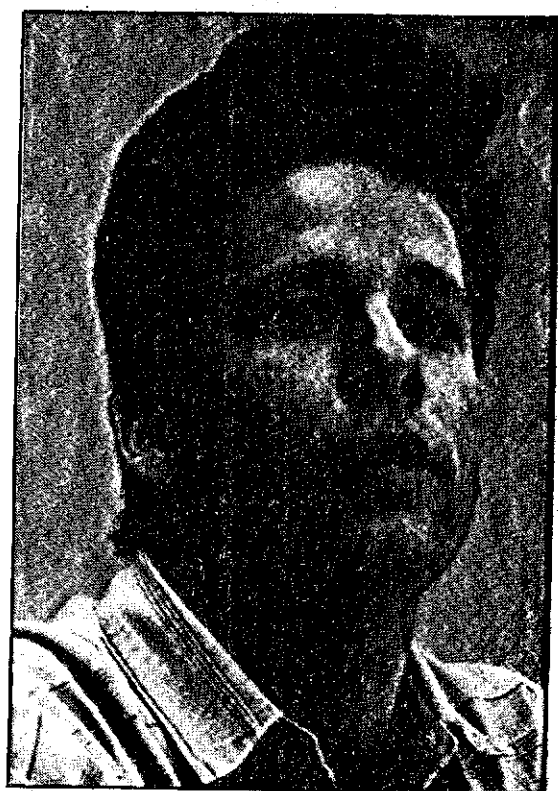
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○ NEW ACADEMIC VP/5

All the way from Pennsylvania comes Dr. George P. Melican to take over the office of Vice President of Instruction in June.

○ RULES QUESTIONED/5

Letter to editor raises controversial issue of six-semester limit for student government (ASCC) service. Says one violates....

○ CANDIDATES TALK/8

ASCC hopefuls speak out on hot campus issues. Voters can size 'em up today, tomorrow for 1987-88 office.

VOTE

“EXPERIENCE AT ITS BEST”



**DAVID
CARPENTER**
ASCC President



**ALLEN
HOLLAND**
ASCC Vice-President

● **SECURITY** — Carpenter and Holland recognize the need for a secure campus. They will seek to better light the parking lots and increase the visibility of the campus police.

● **REGISTRATION** — Carpenter and Holland will fight to change the registration procedure. They will provide a more convenient and effective registration process by looking into the possibilities of a mail-in or phone-in registration.

● **AWNING** — Carpenter and Holland will urge the district into building a covering across the Social Science patio. An awning will provide students with shade during the heat, and shelter from the rain.

● **STUDENT UNION** — Carpenter and Holland will continue the work already under way to get a student union for Cerritos students. The current administration recently commissioned architectural drawings. Carpenter and Holland will see the job through to completion.

● **ACCESSIBILITY** — Carpenter and Holland are on campus both day and night. We will stay highly visible and ready to answer the needs and concerns of the extended day students.

● **SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUTORING** — Increased tutoring hours and more scholarships are just two of the services Carpenter and Holland will seek for Cerritos students.

● **REPRESENTATION** — The President of the ASCC sits on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees, and will represent all students here at Cerritos College.

● **PARKING** — Carpenter and Holland will seek to lower the fines by working for a change in the collection method. The Downey Municipal Court receives 40% of the Cerritos ticket revenue. By collecting the fines ourselves we can realize more revenue for parking lot construction and maintenance.

● **TUITION** — Carpenter and Holland will fight any proposed tuition increases. The Senate bill that instituted the current \$50 per semester, SB 851, expires January 1, 1988. Carpenter and Holland are prepared to travel to Sacramento to lobby for the students.

On April 28 & 29, go with the experience. Carpenter/Holland have worked closely already this year with the issues. They know what it takes to solve them.

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Polls are open both today and tomorrow — Tuesday and Wednesday — from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m...and from 6 to 9 p.m. for late comers and evening students.

...Locations are at the Coffee Shop/Student Center, Health Science and Social Science Elbow Rooms, and in the Physical Education/Pool area.

Past Performance Indicates Future Potential

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DOONER/GRAY



RAINE DOONER
PRESIDENT

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HANK GRAY
VICE-PRESIDENT

NEWS BRIEFS

Top state librarian 'Literacy' speaker

"Partners for Literacy" will be presented on Friday, May 1 in the Cerritos College Student Center from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Keynote speaker will be Gary Strong, chief state librarian for California.

Phil Yeh of Cartoonists Across America will speak on the success of the use of cartoons and comics in aiding adult literacy.

Representatives from IBM, Hewlett-Packard, Pacific Bell, state government, educators, librarians and community activist groups will also be on hand.

For additional information call (213) 860-2451, ext. 521.

Student Art Exhibit on view in Gallery

By GARY APODACA
TM Staff Writer

Cerritos College Fine Arts Gallery announces the opening of its annual "Student Art Exhibition".

The exhibition will feature student work from the areas of painting, printmaking, ceramics, three dimensional drawing, drawing, graphic design, and jewelry.

The exhibit will be on view today through May 14, the opening reception will also be tonight from 6 to 9 p.m.

The gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information call 860-2451 ext. 395 or 207.

First 'College Bowl' sparks wide interest

By LIESL LOUTHAN
TM Staff Writer

The first annual Cerritos College Bowl enjoyed a good turnout on April 22 as teams competed for points by answering questions on a variety of topics.

Hosted by Greg Lamphear, the event was structured after the popular television series.

First place finishers were the team of Mark Hatwan, Gary Greth and Terry Spencer representing the Alumni. The team collected a \$50 prize.

The team of Ed McGinn, Melchor Lopez and Ernie Murill, representing MEChA, took the second place prize of \$25.

Other teams competing were DAK, Delta Phi Omega, Iota Phi Omicron, Upsilon Omicron, Student Government and the team of Alguirre, Hooper and Pence.

College Foundation recognizes scholars

The Cerritos College Foundation Honor Wall is slated for dedication Thursday night, April 30 at 7:30.

The dedication is scheduled to be held in conjunction with the Cerritos College Academic Excellence Recognition Awards, one of the Foundations major projects.

The Academic Excellence awards are presented annually by the Foundation to an outstanding student in each major area here at Cerritos.

The Honor Wall, to be located in the lobby of the Burnight Center, will list the names of those who contribute \$500 or more.

KABC Dr. Viscott headlines health fair

By SYLVIA VELA
TM Staff Writer

"A positive approach for mental fitness" is just one of many topics headlining the "Mental Health Fair" offered by Cerritos College Community Services on Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Keynote speaker David Viscott, M.D. and KABC radio personality, will be on hand to speak on "Being Your Own Therapist," and "Applying the Feeling Cycle in Brief Psychotherapy."

The fair will present problem solving seminars for non-professionals, physicians and mental health professionals.

The seminar fee is \$20 for non-professionals (including box lunch and beverage) and \$40 for professionals (including CEUs, box lunch and beverage).

Participants may register for three workshops. Seating is limited and pre-registration is advised. For further information call (213) 860-2451, ext. 521.

'Weight Watchers at Work' looking for new members

Members are being sought for a new "Weight Watchers at Work" program now forming on campus.

Anyone who is more than 10 pounds over weight and is over 18 years old is invited to call Arlene McCollum at Ext. 260.

Cost of the 18-week program is \$70. McCollum said the group needs at least 20 people to get going.

Final exams start May 19 — in 3 weeks

Spring semester final exams will begin on Tuesday, May 19 and continue through Wednesday, May 27.

A complete schedule of dates and times is available in the Admissions office.

Martinez meets classified reps

President Ernest A. Martinez will hold a "get acquainted" meeting for his classified employees.

He is inviting all classified employees to meet with him in HS-102 on Tuesday, May 12, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Take-Home Reading exams now available

Faculty are once again offering students a "5-Minute Reading Rate Take-Home Test" and a short "Study Skills Self-Assessment" combined in one convenient packet.

The tests are distributed to students who complete them at home. The packet assesses reading rates and study skills and pinpoints problem areas.

English department stages 'May Faire'

Cerritos College English Department's second annual May Faire is scheduled for 11 a.m. May 7 in rooms 20-27 of the Liberal Arts Building.

The May Faire is a sampling of short productions by students and faculty that give an overview of what the English Department has to offer.

It includes: the Generic Improvisational Peep Show, Readers Theatre, American Dreams, Seashells and Smiles Fairy Tales for Adults and Invention.

The Faire is free, and light refreshment will be provided.

For more information call (213) 860-2451, ext. 585.

Greek Week opens with big wheel races

The remaining scheduled events of Greek Week on the Cerritos College campus include "Big Wheel Races" on Tuesday, April 28, "Pool Events" on Wednesday, April 29, and "Obstacle Course" on Thursday, April 30.

All games and races are sponsored by various campus fraternities and sororities.

Teams and individuals may still register on the day of the event.

All events, except "Pool Events," will be held in the quad.

Workshop focusses on 'Justice' careers

"Careers in Administration of Justice, Psychology and Sociology" will be explored in the *Careers in Liberal Arts* workshop on Wednesday, April 29, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Assessment Center.

Presenters will be Dick Mc Grath, Administration of Justice Department Chair, and David Young, Educational Psychologist and Vocational Outreach Counselor at Cerritos College.

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DR. GEORGE P. MELICAN New Vice President of Instruction

Melican takes over in June as new VP of Instruction

By ROBERT YOUNG
TM Staff Writer

After remaining vacant for nearly a year, the position of Vice President of Instruction has been filled by the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

Dr. George P. Melican was approved unanimously by the Board following a brief closed session at the April 21 meeting.

Melican, currently serving as Dean of Instruction at the Community College of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will begin his duties at Cerritos on June 8.

He received his B.S. in biology from Worcester State College, an M.Ed. from Framingham State College and his doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts.

Melican has nine years of teaching experience and has served as a college administrator for 17 years.

The search committee reviewed 90 completed applications from 130 responses and interviewed 16 applicants. A final four were chosen to be interviewed by the Board.

Melican will replace Noel Korn who served as interim vice president following the resignation of Olive Scott.

Cinco de Mayo celebration to feature traditional fare

By DIANE MARIL
TM Staff Writer

MEChA of Cerritos College has planned a program of events in celebration of Cinco de Mayo beginning Tuesday, May 5 and continuing through Saturday, May 9.

On the schedule for Tuesday are games and music in the quad area and student center.

Students perform in Dance concert

The largest cast of student dancers ever to perform on the Burnight Theatre stage will hit the boards during the Spring Dance Concert on May 7, 8, 9 at 8 p.m.

Choreographed by both faculty and students, the concert will feature the music of well-known artists including Duke Ellington, Bobby McFerrin, Randy Newman, Kate Bush, U2, and Billy Joel.

Students from the dance and aerobics classes and the pep squad will assist with concessions and ushering during the concert series.

Tickets for the series are available in the P.E. office. General admission is \$4 and \$3 with an ASCC sticker. For more information call ext. 255.

Wednesday will include a special program of games and pinatas for the handicapped children of the Alfonso P. Perez School on the quad. Lunch for the children will be provided by MEChA in the student center.

On Thursday, May 7, the main celebration will be held in the student center from 7-9 p.m. A Mariachi group, a folklorico group, the Norteno dancers, guitar players and guest speakers are on the agenda as well as student recognition awards. Refreshments will be provided.

A dance and fiesta featuring New Wave, Funk, Salsa and Disco will be held in the student center Saturday night from 9 to midnight. The \$3 cover charge goes for scholarships.

All events, except the Wednesday program for the handicapped, are open to the public.

Life 'balance' on tap in single parent meet

The Re-entry Resource Center will present a workshop for single parents entitled "Create Balance In Your Life," on Wednesday, April 29 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in BK 11.

LETTERS/LETTERS/ LETTERS/LETTERS/ LETTERS/LETTE

● Writer says ASCC flouts 6-semester rule

Dear Editor,
Rules.

We have a multitude of them. We also have a purpose in conceiving, writing, instituting and maintaining them. They insure the common good. Our constitution and amendments are based on this concept. In fact, all our laws, right down to the Cerritos College Government Manual, are based upon the idea of insuring the common good.

Yet, there are some people who feel they're above the laws and rules which have been set down for us. I am speaking specifically of section 2.885 of the Cerritos College Government Manual. The last line reads, "All student government officers shall serve no more than six (6) semesters, or after having successfully completed eight-four (84) units of college work."

The statement is clear and makes no exceptions. Yet we have a current student body president who is in violation of the 84 unit rule. We also have a presidential candidate who has served 5 semesters in student government. Yet this individual is seeking office which is a 2 semester job. This will put that individual in violation of the student government manual. It makes me wonder why we even bothered to put this section in the manual.

In closing, I would like to say that the senate, in particular, and the student body in

general, did this college a great disservice when we did not have our current president step down when he violate section 2.885 of the student government manual. While we can't do anything to correct the situation now, we can prevent this from happening in the future. When you are voting this week, check the candidates qualifications, and vote for someone who will not violate that which they are suppose to uphold.

— Edward F. McGinn,
Faculty Senate Liason

● The real story on Cinco de Mayo fete

Dear Editor,

Cinco de Mayo is a very well-known and celebrated holiday in the United States, observed by many people, including Mexican-Americans. However, most people do not know why it is celebrated. I have celebrated this occasion as most people do, just to have a good time! But some time ago, I decided to do some research about the real meaning of Cinco de Mayo. I learned why it is an important day for the Mexican people who love liberty and freedom.

Now I would like to share with you everything that I have learned.

From the time the New World was colonized, the nations of Europe thought of these lands only as a source of fabulous riches. Enormous shipments of gold and silver were sent across the Atlantic Ocean from Mexico,

during the time that country was ruled by Spain.

When the people of Mexico rebelled against Spain and formed an independent government, all of Europe waited for the experiment to fail. European powers lent money to the new Mexican government, hoping to get something in return. The nations that Mexico was in debt to were Spain, Great Britain and France.

When the president of Mexico, Benito Juarez, declared a two-year moratorium on all debts in order to fight internal battles, Spain and Great Britain threatened to invade Mexico. The French saw this trouble as an opportunity to expand their empire under the rule of Napoleon III.

In 1862, the French army began to advance from Veracruz into the state of Puebla with the intention of capturing its capital, the city of Puebla. But the people of Puebla were ready to fight the invaders. Ignacio Zaragosa, the youngest General of Mexico, had placed his troops on top of the surrounding hills, waiting for the enemy to arrive. As the French troops began their attack on May 5, the Mexican soldiers fell upon them and inflicted heavy casualties.

In a matter of a few days, the French suffered their first defeat on Mexican soil. Although by 1864, the French were able to complete their conquest of Mexico, the battle of Puebla remains significant because it proved that the famous French armies were not invincible as they had claimed. The eventual triumph of the Mexican people over the French armies in 1867 really began with the battle of Puebla;

this is why Cinco de Mayo was and still is a landmark date in Mexican history.

Now that you know why this date is so important, go ahead and celebrate!

Melchor Lopez

● Censoring student prayer 'appalling'

Dear Editor,

I have read your article in the April 8 issue of Talon Mark concerning the proposed idea for the invocation at this year's commencement ceremony.

I am appalled by what has been stated in this article.

Frankly, I fail to see why Gary Apodaca has to write out his prayer and then have it submitted to Bill Dunroe for his approval.

I believe that Mr. Apodaca should be allowed to pray in any way that he wants, without having to get his prayer "approved".

One of the things that makes this country different from other countries is the Constitution of the United States. In this document we have freedom of religion and freedom of speech.

I believe that Mr. Apodaca is being denied both of these rights.

I think the Constitution should be kept in mind in this situation. Let Gary Apodaca pray the way he wants to.

Thank you for allowing students to submit their opinions in their newspaper.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Robert Harding

STREAK OF TEN

Top-ranked Bird batters eye SCC championship

By JOHN WELSH
TM Sports Editor

At Fullerton College today, the state's top-ranked community college baseball team will draw one step closer to capturing their respective conference.

The Cerritos College Falcons will take a 10-game winning streak, an overall record of 31-4 and a South Coast Conference slate of 19-3 into their final regular season meeting with the Hornets.

When Long Beach City beat the Hornets 2-1 on Saturday, Cerritos picked up a game in the standings and now lead by two games — and now they have a chance for a three game cushion.

"There's a difference of being three games up with five to go instead of only one game ahead with five games to go," said coach George Horton. "Obviously there is a very big difference. But I feel the team is playing real well and I feel the club is ready. Fullerton is in the do-or-die situation."

The Falcons, who have won the last two in the four-game season series and lead the lifetime series 52-23 advantage, will have Tim Lockhart (9-2) on the mound in today's contest.

Fullerton (17-5 in the SCC) sports an overall mark of 23-10-2.

"The game is obviously very critical," said Fullerton head coach Nick Fuscardo over the phone. "We need the win to stay close. But we'll be going with what we've been

33-12 softball closes season Friday at home

By LAURA MENDOZA
TM Managing Editor

Over their past weekend, the Cerritos College softball team accomplished more than the average person will achieve in a month.

The Falcons, who finish out South Coast Conference play this week when they host Pasadena on Friday at 3 p.m., after facing Mt. San Antonio on Wednesday, captured the championship of the inaugural Cerritos-Plaza Sporting Goods Invitational Tournament held over the weekend at Dolphin Park in Carson.

Cerritos was forced into a must-win situation in their last three games of the double-elimination tourney, after suffering a 2-1 defeat at the hands of El Camino. The Falcons, now 33-12 on the season, topped LA Pierce 3-0 and El Camino 1-0 before defeating the Warriors 6-1 in the championship game.

In an earlier game against Santa Monica, the Falcons fell behind 5-0 after two innings. Oddly enough, it was the first time Cerritos pitching had allowed an opponent to score five runs. The Falcons came back with two runs in the fourth, then, in the sixth, with the bases loaded, Jennifer Merino smashed a triple to give the Falcons a 6-5 win.

For the tournament, sophomore pitcher Stela Gutierrez, who is 23-9 for the season, won five of the Falcons six games, was awarded with the Outstanding Pitcher Award, while Merino was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Shortstop Sandy Barberie was also named to the all-tournament team.

In the conference, Cerritos is currently deadlocked at 8-2 with Fullerton. If the two were to end the season in a tie, they would be declared co-champions. It has yet to be determined how the conference committee would handle the playoff positioning of the two teams.

doing, we're not going to change anything.

"We'll just go out and play the game hard," Fuscardo added. "Clubs get in trouble when they go out and try to change things against teams like Cerritos."

The Birds will return home Thursday to face Long Beach, followed by a noon game Saturday at Falcon Field with visiting Golden West.

As routine as it may sound, the state's number one community college baseball team recorded another 3-0 week. But twice did Cerritos have to come-from-behind in adding some excitement to their winning ways.

After romping Pasadena for a 13-4 win, SCC action heated up with tough wins over Compton, 10-5, and El Camino, 11-6, respectively.

Compton, the team everyone seems to walk on, gave the Falcons a tougher outing last Thursday. "The game was a lot closer than the score indicates," said Horton, who saw his team surprisingly trailing 3-0 in the third inning to the Tartars.

Cerritos picked up a run in their half of the third and then in the fourth to pull within

one. The Falcons then overtook Compton in the fifth inning with a four-run rally.

David Villegas pitched five innings to credit the win, improving his mark on the season to 3-1. Jay Makemson and Matthew Patuano split the remaining four innings in relief work. Bret Barberie led all hitters with a 4-for-5 clip, including a triple and two runs scored.

At El Camino Saturday, Cerritos's Pat Sweet, in his first start since he re-injured his bad back in a recent game, was hammered for six runs in the first three innings and was replaced by Makemson. "(Sweet) didn't complain about the back before the game," said Horton. "But he didn't pitch well."

Cerritos plays host to South Coast Conference prelims today

By KENNY O'LEARY
TM Staff Writer

Both men and women track teams open a big week with South Coast prelims today at 1:30 at Falcon Stadium.

The Falcons host the finals Friday in a

Makemson finished up the contest and saw his teammates come-from-behind the 6-0 deficit to win the ball game. Makemson is now 5-0 on the year.

Cerritos scored three runs in the fourth to get on the board before taking the lead in the seventh with four runs, 7-6, respectively. The Falcons added insurance in the ninth inning with four runs en route to victory.

Brian Hunter was 3-for-5 with a double and an RBI while David Lozano knocked in seven of the 11 Falcon runs. Lozano was 2-for-4 with two homeruns. In the fourth inning, Lozano helped produce Cerritos' first offensive display, hitting a three-run homerun. The sophomore then hit another three-run deal in the ninth inning.

full day of tough competition.

Today will pit the locals against such powers as defending conference champs Long Beach City, El Camino and Mt. SAC, both of whom are perennially strong.

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QUESTION #2

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Swimming revenge; tennis swings; golf under par

By KEVIN LINDSEY
TM Staff Writer

The end of the season is coming up soon for the Cerritos sports teams and some have tasted the sweet smell of victory.

"Swimmingly" is a good way to describe the improved men's swimming team.

They have qualified seven competitors for State during the South Coast Conference Championships.

They finished second to Golden West in the conference.

Dave Carpenter took an individual high point win in the conference championships last weekend, capturing first in both the 100 meter butterfly and freestyle, with only a second in the 50 meter freestyle.

Carpenter must have been feeling a twinge of revenge when he took the big win over Golden West. According to Pat Tyne, the men's head coach, when Carpenter was choosing between Cerritos and Golden

West, he was told that sprinters weren't needed and they only wanted to see his 200 meter time. As a result, he ended up with Cerritos and the big win.

Robert McFarland took first in the 50 meter freestyle while in the diving competition Miguel Rodriguez took first in the three meter and second in the one meter.

Coach Tyne expects to have All Americans from those who enter State.

The women's swim team which consists of two active members, Kim Garcia and Selina Pineda did more than their share of work but couldn't qualify for the state.

The roster dwindled after Madeline Rabins left the team, and simply did not have enough personnel for anything but individual performances.

April 30 marks the beginning of the South Coast Conference Championships in which the Falcon tennis team will take on Grossmount in the first round.

The netters tied for first place with Long Beach City to end the season and go into State.

According to assistant coach Ramirez, "this year's tennis team is among the strongest in 20 years."

Nader Faraji and Anthony Sena placed in the third round during last week's Ojai tournament, which capped off the season. They are favored to take Grossmount in the first round as well as Orange Coast in the second.

On the women's side, they finished their season with a .500 mark in South Coast conference play and placed fourth in the standings.

The all freshmen team took hold and began to do well when they played the conference a second time around.

Coach Rhea Black expects all of her players back next season and should probably look forward to a much better season next year.

In the "We'll get 'em next year" column, the Cerritos Golf team under the coaching of Frank Montero has turned up at 1-20.

They have a solid grip on last place in the South Coast Conference and it doesn't look like they are going to give it up.

In announcements, is the Cerritos College EOPS Club sponsoring a First Annual Fiesta Raquetball tournament on May 9 and 10.

Applications for entry must be postmarked April 30 or an additional late charge of \$5 will be charged.

Entry fees are \$25 for doubles and \$10 for singles.

Applications may be picked up from Ruben Melgoza in the EOPS office.

Kamanski optimistic

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On the other hand, the women are among the leaders in conference performers and are expected to be in the middle of the fight.

Falcon coach Dave Kamanski said he expects Cerritos athletes to rise to the occasion with some of their strongest performances of the year in the playoffs.

Several Lady Falcons are conference leaders in their respective events. Sharon Gilbert and Michelle Mitchell are top high jumpers with 5-6 each.

Zeke Moore has been a consistent first place finishers in the shot put.

The conference's leading javelin thrower to date is Ellie Itkoff for the women with a throw of 135-2.

Lea MacFarlane, who also runs relay, has been a top performer in the 800 meters.

On the men's card, Kenny Bush has turned firsts and seconds in most of his outings.

Aurelio Trujillo and Ron Jensen are leaders in the 10,000 meters.

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ELECTIONS TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

ASCC top gun hopefuls key on hot issues; voting opens

By MONICA MERTZ
and JUDY van WINGERDEN

All three presidential slates in today and tomorrow's voting insist on keeping student government GPA's officially secret.

They find no problem with leaving traditional prayer out of the commencement.

They also insist on having a student with voting power on faculty selection committees and want no condom sales in the campus bookstore.

**Voting times for today,
tomorrow are 8:30 -
2:30 and 6 - 9 p.m.**

Balloting is open 8:30 to 2:30 and 6 to 9 p.m. at selected locations around campus where students can choose between David Carpenter, Raine Dooner and Alex Mack-soud for the top student seat.

Running mate for Chief Justice Carpenter is Senate Party Whip Allen Holland. Current ASCC Vice-president Dooner is joined by Senator Hank Gray. Rounding out Court Justice Mack-soud's team is Senator Kenny Fewer.

Candidates on all three slates represent a wide range of activities, interests and organizations.

Carpenter has been water polo captain and Holland has committee experience along with being ASCC Associate Justice.

Dooner has received numerous honors in committees and in the Panhellenic organizations. Gray has been involved in Panhellenic activities as well.

Mack-soud is Sigma Phi fraternity president and Fewer has been an offensive line-man on the grid squad.

A record turnout is expected in what most observers see as one of the most intense presidential races in recent years.

Candidates highlighted the race thus far with a press conference where they fielded questions from a panel of *Talon Marks* editors headed by Editor-in-Chief Nancy Ballard with Laura Mendoza, Monica Mertz and Brent Sims.

Most candidates were reserved at the forum as they responded to a wide range of questions from the panel and the audience on several hot issues.

Mack-soud spoke out on the prayer issue. According to Mack-soud, "God is a generic word...I don't think anyone is going to commencement to see what kind of prayer it is."

Vice Presidential candidate Gray, due to Dooner's school related absence, fielded questions for both of them. He stated, "Using the term 'god' in the prayer may offend some people." Gray said he felt a moment of silence would be more appropriate.

Chief Justice Carpenter's opinion of commencement prayer is that the issue has been "blown out of proportion. I believe the committee handled it properly....It's going to be better for the whole student body at large."

**CARPENTER — Prayer
has been "blown out of
proportion."**

Carpenter feels that students should have a say when it comes to sitting in on screening committees. He states, "We should be allowed to contribute to the group."

Mack-soud agrees, "We're paying taxes

— we should vote," Gray says "(Voting) is the next logical step."

When the panel inquired about condom sales, Carpenter took a crack at the issue and stated "We're here to educate. If passing out condoms falls into that category, then we should."

The candidates agree that condoms should not be sold in the Bookstore; however vending machines are better suited for restrooms. Gray stated, "If we can prevent one person from getting a deadly social disease, then it's worth it."

Claiming that current ASCC President Keith Estabrook hasn't "equally represented" the student body with student government appointments, Mack-soud stated earlier, "If elected I wouldn't only appoint girlfriends and boyfriends to cabinet." He said everyone should have the chance to be represented.

**GRAY — The term 'god'
in the prayer may offend
some people.**

"It's important to go among the masses to choose for positions...this is an island and we have to go out into the ocean," he said.

Gray suggested that more people make an effort if they want their voice to be heard. Carpenter agreed that everyone has an opportunity if they feel they aren't being duly represented.

The GPA issue really hit home with the candidates who agree that grades should not be made public.

Carpenter wants to keep the names concealed of those who were ineligible for spring Senate elections. He commented, "You don't want to subject anyone to public ridicule."

Holland felt that a reason for ineligibility need not be explained.

Mack-soud believes in confidentiality as well. "If you want to know, ask the individual." Mack-soud's running mate, Fewer, felt that the names of those not eligible should not be printed.

The ASCC budget was also a key issue. Carpenter felt it's most important to keep it balanced while running mate Holland felt the budget needs to be raised.

**MACKSOUD — No-
body is going to... see
what kind of prayer...**

Mack-soud said he has noticed that "some campus organizations are growing but the budgets aren't." He feels "academic teams such as the speech team and MEChA" need more money. Fewer stated "the budget is fine as it is."

Gray feels that when allocating funds, instructional programs come first and activities come second.

All candidates feel that the student union is at the top of the list. However, Mack-soud felt the location should be at "an existing structure, such as the fireplace area in the Student Center."

Vice-presidential hopeful Gray stated he would "strive to build the best Student Union because it will be here longer than any of us."

Polling locations are set all around campus. Booths will be at the Physical Education/pool area, Coffee Shop, Health Science Elbow Room, and Social Science Elbow Room.

Voting requires a current ASCC sticker.

Present president reminds 1987- 88 hopefuls that it's 'showtime'

By KEITH ESTABROOK
ASCC PRESIDENT

It's Showtime, Folks!

That phrase was immortalized by Roy Scheider in Bob Fosse's 1979 movie *All That Jazz*.

Today and tomorrow the students of Cerritos College will have the opportunity to elect next year's ASCC president and vice-president.

A time of year when emotions run high, the manure flows deep, and smart voters will wear hip boots and take the campaign rhetoric with a grain of salt.

The current administration has been

attacked with more than a few half truths. Following are some of them.

Another year has gone by without the long promised student union. That's true, but it doesn't mean that nothing has been done about a problem that is at the top of the ASCC priority list. The ASCC administration recently proposed to the senate that they allocate funds for an architectural study. The senate approved the expenditure, and the Associated Students contracted with the architectural firm of Stockton & Hidey Assoc. for the study.

A student union that may cost the students of Cerritos College two to three

million dollars does not just fall out of the sky like a gift from Santa Claus, nor does it get built in a day. My administration has not been able to get it built in the last twelve months, and the next administration won't see it completed either. The project is progressing, however, and it will probably be completed in the next two years.

...and without a police force sensitive to the needs of the students. The campus police force, under the direction of chief Mike Gobec, is headed towards a more professional status. One of the promises that my running mate and I made last year was to push for POST certification for the campus.

The POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) certification is achieved only after many hours of professional training in and out of the classroom, and is meant to insure that professional standards will be maintained. It is the same training that the Sheriff's and city police departments must complete.

The campus police department also has a new higher profile on campus, resulting in a marked decrease in the campus crime rate.

We can no longer stand by and wait while our elected officials spend their time and our money trying to change state policy, instead of trying to clean up our own ASCC constitution and student policies. It is true that I have done much traveling to represent Cerritos College around the state and in Sacramento. It has been my time and the district's funds that have been spent. Some of those trips were made as student trustee, some as the student representative on the public relations commission for the California Association of Community Colleges, and some as the ASCC president.

The trips that I made as ASCC president, to lobby the state senate with regards to a student union funding bill (which recently

passed the senate on a 33-2 vote), were valid. God forbid that it should be considered a crime to fight for something that I believe will help the students of this college. If we don't carry the torch, no one is going to carry it for us.

As far as cleaning up the ASCC constitution goes, I really don't believe that it should be messed with. The ASCC constitution has served the students of this college well for over 20 years, and has been the model for countless other schools in and beyond California. Never will there exist a constitution or by-laws that will satisfy everyone, but in this case, if it's not broke, don't fix it.

Instead of working for mandated fees against the students right to choose, we are ready to dedicate all of our time and efforts towards making the ASCC card an item of value so that no one need be coerced into becoming a member of the ASCC. The ASCC card is an item of value, and no one is forced to buy the card.

If the day ever arrives that a student is required to buy a card, it will be because the students of this school, by a majority vote, mandated it themselves. That is the way it is at the universities, and it won't be any different here. The reality of the matter is that we don't have the right to choose now. The state education code prohibits it. Cerritos only has the fine Associated Students program that it enjoys, with free legal services, coffee nights, recreation programs and student supported athletics and curricular classes because the students care enough to look beyond the selfish attitude of "It doesn't directly effect me."

I'm proud of the ASCC and its programs, and distressed when someone proclaims that they want to re-invent the wheel. The newly elected president will oversee \$435,000 of your money, and all of the successful programs that go with it. *Caveat emptor, because it's showtime folks!*

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