

FINALS START TUESDAY

Opening summer session intents filing deadline today

BY NANCY BALLARD
TM Editor-in-Chief

Today is the last day to file intents to register for Summer School, which begins June 1 for the first six-week session and the eight-week session.

Final exams for Spring get under way Tuesday, May 19 and conclude Wednesday, May 29.

The last day or evening for classroom presentations is Tuesday, May 19.

Registration for disabled/disadvantaged students will be Tuesday, May 26.

Registration by appointment card only begins Wednesday, May 27.

Open registration and program changes begin Friday May 29 and continue through Tuesday, June 2.

The eight-week intrasession runs June 22 through August 14, with registration for continuing students beginning on Thursday

June 18, and open registration begins on Friday, June 19.

The last summer session, a five-week session, begins July 13 and runs through August 14.

Continuing students may begin registration on Thursday, July 9 and open registration begins July 10.

All summer classes will be held Monday through Thursday, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions.

Examinations will be conducted in the same room used for the regular class meeting.

Students who, because of personal illness, are unable to take examinations as scheduled must make individual arrangements with the instructors involved.

Students should also note that Monday, May 25 is a legal holiday. Consequently, classes that normally meet on Mondays only will have final exams given on Wednesday, May 27.

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TASLITZ THE TEACHER — History professor Howard Taslitz has been named "Outstanding Faculty" this year. Seven other teachers recognized in ceremonies yesterday were Pat Cook, counseling; John Feeney, music; Wendell Hanks, speech; Sherry Perkins, court reporting; Jerry Shopfner, auto body; Harold Simonek, physical education; and Wanda Sterner, chemistry.

Board OK's Beach Boys August stadium concert

BY NANCY BALLARD
TM Editor-in-Chief

Nancy Reagan and the Board of Trustees have something in common, both have approved having the Beach Boys in concert.

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees have voted to approve a concert by the Beach Boys in the college stadium in August.

The Board in a motion authorized the administration to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, the hosts of the concert.

Dean of Community Services, Nello DiCorpo stated in a written report to the board that the Chamber has agreed to provide adequate liability for the event.

Taslitz named outstanding prof

"Mr. Howard Taslitz is truly a professor in the strictest sense—a college teacher of the highest order," stated Dr. Darryl Beale, Associate Dean, Liberal Arts Division.

Taslitz was named Outstanding Faculty Member at the outdoor awards yesterday morning.

The award also included seven other faculty members that were being honored for their contribution both on and off campus.

and security to maintain the "family" atmosphere that is intended for the event.

No alcoholic beverage will be sold or permitted at the concert.

Security will be handled by Event Security, the same firm that provided services for the Super Bowl and the Rose Parade.

Noise level and the effect on the neighborhood was discussed.

There is no present standard for too much noise. The Chamber and the City of Norwalk will be monitoring noise levels in the neighborhoods to determine an acceptable level so that future concerts can have a standard to operate under in the college stadium.

In other business the Board heard a proposal by DiCorpo to install an electronic, computer controlled reader board on the Cerritos College sign at the corner of Alondra Boulevard and Studebaker.

The sign would display two lines of text, each 18 inches high or one line 36 inches high on a lighted board similar to a scoreboard used in outdoor stadiums and at businesses. Text messages and graphics would move across the board.

It is proposed that this board would be used to advertise events at the college. This was an information item and was met with approval by Board members.

Commencement set for Sunday

Over 350 students will be participating in the 30th commencement exercises for Cerritos College on Sunday, May 17 in the college stadium.

Dr. Ernest A. Martinez, President/Superintendent of Cerritos College is the graduation speaker.

The title of Martinez's address is, "The Future: Yours, Mine, and Ours."

The ceremony will begin with the tradition academic procession with all participants dressed in cap and gown.

Students who have earned a 3.3 or better GPA will wear a silver tassel.

Participation is in keeping with the traditions of a public academic procession and ceremony at which graduates receive their honors.

Senators scarce as semester slows for summer

BY MONICA MERTZ
TM News Editor

Last week saw a somber Senate meeting following the ASCC election storm.

Some 21 Senators were present to fill the 32 seats.

Selina Pineda was installed in the position of President Pro Tem due to the ineligibility of Robert Hooper and Majority Leader Jaime Lomeli.

At today's meeting the district budget for the 1987-88 school year will be reviewed and possibly voted on, provided there are no major revisions. If revisions are required, an additional meeting would be scheduled for voting.

A 3/4 majority vote is required for passage.

A bill authored by Faculty Senate Liaison Ed McGinn and Andrew Ceyela dealing with the ASCC budget will also be voted on.

McGinn said he feels students would be better served if the 10% proposed cut in the area of tutorial services is taken from elsewhere in the budget. If the bill passes, McGinn's suggestion would be forwarded to the Faculty Senate Budget Committee.

Looking ahead to next year, Phil Houseman thought an orientation to the Senate would be beneficial.

Senator Hank Gray stated, "Walking Senators through is okay but this isn't third grade and we can't take everyone by the hand. There is a book to read and there's Robert's Rules of Order."

McGinn brought up an area in which he'd like to see changes, that of excused absences.

"The only excused absences from Senate are for official school business," stated McGinn, "What about a funeral, employment or a car accident?"

Chair Raine Dooner reminded McGinn that a doctor's note can also provide an excused absence.

Negrete stated that the reason for that ruling was "probably that somebody abused it in the past when there was more freedom."

The Senate meets today at 2 p.m. in BK 111-112.

● JOIN SUMMER TM/2

The award winning *Talon Marks* will publish this summer. Anyone interested in joining the staff, call Editor Nancy Ballard, Ext. 376, AC-42.

● NETTERS CHAMPS/3

After winning their last two matches, the Falcon tennis team travels to Northern California Thursday for a shot at the state championships.

● A DAY APART/4

What is more "important" than graduation? Commencement for Cerritos College will be held this Sunday. Students encouraged to be there.



SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS — Cosmetology students garner all-around team trophy for excellence in Monday's competition hosted by Cerritos College. Accepting the perpetual trophy are Joan Walker, department chairperson and Jeanee Johnson, cosmetology staff. TM Photo by GARY APODACA

Speech team burns at Cool Off Tournament; Coach honored

LAURA MENDOZA
TM Managing Editor

Cerritos Speech team wrapped up their competitions by attending the annual Cool Off tournament held at Rio Hondo College on May 1.

Those who received trophies were Cheryl Adsit, 3rd Draw Impromptu; and Marcello Erazo, 2nd Split Duo.

Those receiving Superior certificates were Susie Okimoto, and Lisa Hernandez, in Oral Interpretations.

Receiving Excellent certificates were Rob Macone, Radio; and Keith Estabrook in Draw Impromptu.

The Cerritos Speech team also placed 12, out of 72 colleges that were in attendance in the National Phi Rho Pi tournament which was held in Odessa, Texas from April 5-11.

Those receiving gold plaques were Doug Bailey, and Melissa Drayer in Persuasive Speaking, and Anna Beth Bennett in Speech to Entertain.

Paul Villalobos received a Silver Plaque in Oral Interpretation of Literature.

Those taking Bronze plaques include: Tracy David, Persuasive Speaking; Yvonne Hibbing, Communication Analysis.

Lisa Lynk, Persuasive Speaking; Madeline Rabin in Interpretation and Persuasive Speaking; Karen Palmer in Poetry Interp.; and Doug Bailey, Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Coach Mary Lewis received the Fellowship Award. This award is voted by the students for a coach, other than their own, who best exemplifies the qualities of friendliness, helpfulness, and all-around fellowship.

VICA brings home the gold; heads for national competition

By NANCY BALLARD
TM Editor-in-Chief

The Cerritos College chapter of VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) took three first place gold medals and one third place bronze medal at the Skills Olympics.

The VICA 20th Annual Statewide Leadership Conference and Skill Olympics was held in Sacramento.

Placing first in Welding (Combination) was Craig Moody.

First place in Welding (Oxy-acetylene)

went to Guillermo Hernandez, and first place Welding (Metal Arc) was taken by David Ballard.

A third place bronze award was taken by Lance Davenport in the area of Commercial Photography, and Greg Barker took an honorable mention in Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing.

Garnering these awards entitles VICA to compete on a national level representing California in the United States Skill Olympics to be held in June.

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● Testing underway

Assessment Testing is underway on a daily basis at the Assessment Center located alongside the C-10 parking lot.

Testing in Math, English and Reading are scheduled twice daily for all new and returning students who have not yet taken the battery.

Students who have acquired an A.A. degree or higher are exempt from the testing.

Those who fail to take the battery, will be turned away at registration.

The 90-minute battery is divided into math (30 minutes), English (45 minutes) and reading (20 minutes).

For further information, contact the Assessment Center at ext. 411.

● Money available

Three \$150 scholarships have been awarded by the new Cerritos College Alumni Association, according to director Greg Lamphear.

Two awards were given to high school students enrolling this fall, and one to sophomore Journalism major Diane Maril. Incoming frosh recipients are Dan Shaw and Kim Tran of Norwalk High.

The inaugural awards are predicated on Fall registration.

Lamphear said the Association hopes to increase its scholarship program, including emphasis on corporate-sponsored scholarships.

Alumni president Fred Regan will present the awards at the ASCC Spring Awards Banquet May 15.

● SME seminar

The Composites Group of SME is hosting a one day seminar on May 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cerritos College.

Captain Stephen Nolet of McClellan Air Force Base will speak on "Establishment of a Standardized Advanced Composite Material Data Base."

For more information, call Terry Price at ext. 471.

● ABWA speakers

Members of the American Business Women's Association are the slated speakers at the May meeting of Beta Theta Gamma.

Topics will include available scholarship opportunities and the art of networking.

The meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. - 12 noon, May 14, room D Community Services.

For information call 860-2451, ext. 530.

● Foundation Dinner

The sixth annual Recognition Dinner sponsored by the Cerritos College Foundation honoring Dr. Jean F. Crum will be held on Wednesday, May 20 at the Gateway Plaza Holiday Inn in La Mirada.

According to Rosemary Ferraro, chairman of the social committee, the occasion will give the Foundation an opportunity to formally welcome Dr. Ernest Martinez, president/superintendent of Cerritos College.

The tax-deductible dinner donation is \$25 per person. For reservations and information call 860-2451 ext. 536.

● MEChA awards

Melchor Lopez and Maritza Cervantez were named Latinos of the year at MEChA ceremonies last Thursday, capping the Cinco de Mayo festivities.

President of Cerritos College Dr. Ernest Martinez was the keynote speaker of the evening, presenting most of his address in Spanish.

Other MEChA awards presented included:

Athletic Awards to Aurelio Trujillo, Estela Gutierrez and Judy Ballesteros.

Leadership Awards to Mario Ramos, Maritza Cervantez and Sylvia Verdin, and academic awards to Alfredo Rivera Jr., Irene Zuniga and Rosa Gonzalez.

● Alumni team dominates college bowl

Terry Spencer was clearly the MVP of the recent "College Bowl."

Spencer, former editor of the *Talon Marks*, headed a three-man alumni team which ran away from MEChA in the finale by a score 190 to 40.

Other members of the winning team were Mark Hatwan and Garry Greth.

The second place team of MEChA included Ed McGinn, Melchor Lopez and

Ernie Murillo, who each won \$25.

The "College Bowl" was based on the popular game show of the 50s and 60s.

Each team entered had three members and were given questions covering every conceivable topic from literature, science, history to movies and mythology.

Game show host was Greg Lamphear, from the Alumni Association.

● Tilghman returns

Charles Tilghman, Associate Dean of Fine Arts/Communications, returned to campus Monday after suffering a broken rib and a dislocating a toe in a fall in Burnight Center Thursday, April 30.

The incident occurred at 10:30 a.m. when Tilghman accidentally stepped off a stage in what observers said could have been much more serious. He was taken to Pioneer Hospital where he spent one day before going home to recuperate.

● Transfer schedule

● May 14 — Chapman College, 11-1.
● May 18 — CSU, Fullerton (Eval) 1-4.

● May 19 — CSU, Fullerton, 9-1:30.
● May 20 — Whittier College, 10-1; CSU, Fullerton 9-1:30.

● May 21 — CSU, Dominguez Hills, 9-1; USC 10-2.

● May 22 — CSU, Long Beach Group Session, 10-11.

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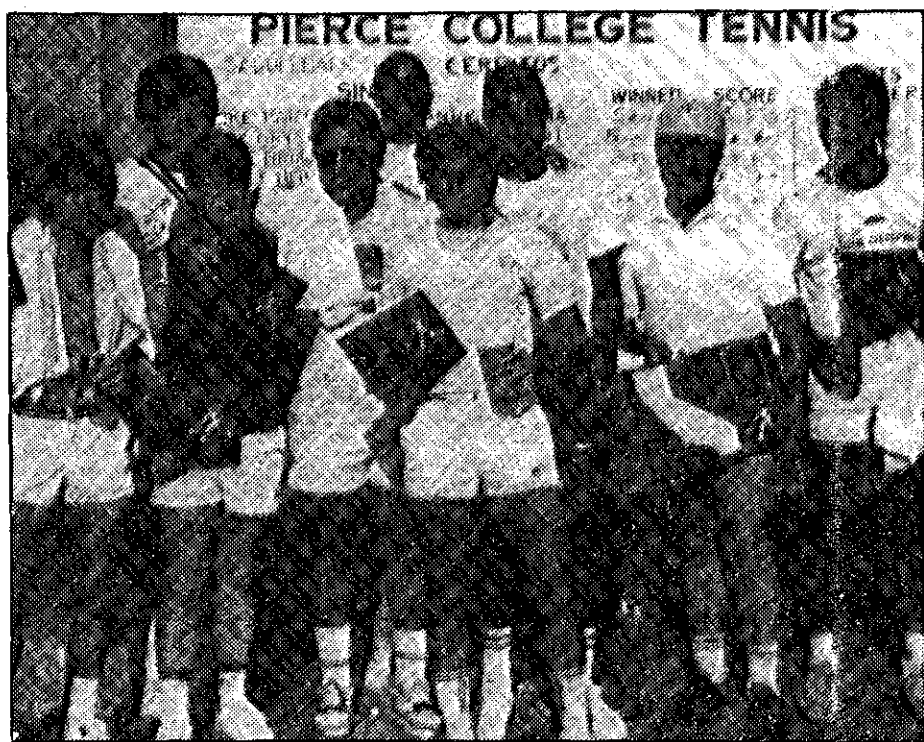
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Sessions are scheduled for 10:15 - 1:15, but the working time is flexible to accommodate assignments and activities from writing to typesetting to pasteup.

See Editor-in-Chief NANCY BALLARD or Faculty adviser TOM NELSON in AC-42

NOTE: If you're thinking of joining the staff this fall, this is a great way to make the transition and get a jump on the staff competition...

ALL MAJORS can benefit from the experience



FALCON NETTERS — Capturing the conference title, men's tennis travels to San Jose to take on West Valley College in the State Championships tomorrow.

Women softballers capture title; open playoffs against Saddleback

The Cerritos College softball team opens the Southern California Regional Playoffs on Saturday, when they face Saddleback at 10 a.m. at Palomar College.

If the Falcons are to get by the Gauchos, Cerritos faces the winner of the Moorpark-Palomar game in the double-elimination tournament, en route to the State Championships the following weekend.

The Falcons earned the right to participate in the Regionals with their 10-2 South coast Conference record, which was good enough to give them a share of the league championship. It was the Falcons' first SCC title since 1978, when Cerritos also captured the State championship.

The 36-12 Falcons then squared off with co-champ Fullerton to determine who would get the automatic berth into the Regionals. The loser would then need to hope for a wildcard bid.

In the game, Cerritos sophomore pitcher Stela Gutierrez pitched a three-hitter, recording her ninth conference shut-out (14th overall), as the Falcons prevailed 1-0.

Gutierrez also drove in the game's only run, after center fielder Jennifer Merino reached first on a single in the fourth. Merino then went to second on an overthrow, before advancing to third on a wild pitch. Merino completed her journey around the bases when Gutierrez grounded to the Hornet first baseman, who missed the tag and had to throw to first, allowing Merino to score.

"We worked hard all season, and this is the reward for our hard work," said coach Nancy Kelly, who is closing in on the 300-win plateau. She stands at 296-132-1 (.690).

Kelly was named Co-Coach-of-the-Year with Fullerton's Margo Davis.

Earning All-Conference First Team honors were: second baseman Binky Callahan, shortstop Sandi Barbarie, third baseman Lisa Goldman and left fielder Audra Jesolva.

Named to the Second Team were catcher Sheri O'Connor, center fielder Jenifer Merino and right fielder Vandy Wilkerson.

Callahan, Barbarie, Goldman and Merino are all freshmen.

Baseball takes on challenge of CCC championship

This Saturday will begin the challenging road for the Cerritos College baseball team's quest for its eighth California Community College championship when it plays a best two-out-three series this weekend against the second place team from the Pacific Coast Conference.

Cerritos is looking at San Diego Mesa as the most probable opponent for a 1 p.m. game at Falcon Field. The official pairings of the contest were not available at press time.

Sunday's action will begin at 11 a.m. and

Top-ranked Falcons extend streak; rout Compton 13-4

By JOHN WELSH
TM Sports Editor

In beating up Compton for the umpteenth time Saturday 13-4, the state's top-ranked Cerritos College baseball team extended their winning streak to 16 while closing out South Coast Conference action at 25-3, having already taken the title the previous week.

Coach George Horton also recorded his 100th career victory in only his third year as the head man for Cerritos.

Earlier last week the Falcons, 37-4 overall, beat Mt. San Antonio 6-1 Tuesday, followed by an 11-2 romp of Pasadena at Falcon Field Thursday.

Yesterday the Falcons played in the rescheduled championship game of the Southwestern Tournament against Orange Coast (score not available at press time).

At Mt. SAC last Tuesday Cerritos' Tim Lockhart improved his mark to 10-2 in going eight innings and allowing only five hits while striking out two. The one Mountie run that came across — in the first inning — was unearned.

The Falcon bats, which produced single runs in the second through fifth innings each and two in the eighth, were led by David Lozano with three hits.

Bret Barbarie was 2-for-4 with a homerun and two RBI. Perry Sanchez was 2-for-2 with an RBI.

Against Pasadena Thursday Jay Makemson won his seventh game without a

loss in going six innings and allowing only one earned run off six hits. Gabriel Carmona relieved for two while Matthew Patuano closed the ninth.

Brian Hunter went 3-for-5 with five RBI and a homerun. Todd Guggiana was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI. Darrell Sherman was 1-for-3 with an RBI while scoring four runs.

Horton won game 100 as the Falcons stomped over hapless Compton 13-4 Saturday. The Birds now hold a 47-3 series advantage after taking all four games this season.

Horton has only 23 losses on his career slate thus far.

The game, which only went seven innings because of a late start, saw Cerritos rack up four runs in both the third and fourth innings to build their lead.

Patrick Sweet pitched the first inning but John Marshall threw for the next five to credit the win and up his record to 5-0.

Bat men for Cerritos were Craig Wilson with a 3-for-3 plate performance that included a homerun and three RBI while Rod Benjamin went 2-for-4 with a double and RBI.

Todd Guggiana went 1-for-3 with a homerun and four RBI. Jeff Farrar was 1-for-2 with a homerun and two RBI.

Hunter broke the school record for RBI in one season in knocking in 60. He broke the Scott Wilkinson mark of 58 set in 1985.

the Falcons will partake in a possible double-header pending on if they split their first two games.

"As long as we play as we've been playing we should have success," said Cerritos coach George Horton, who won his 100th game Saturday in only his third year at the helm.

"The players are real excited about going, and we're not going into the playoffs with overconfidence. We're not going to beat ourselves."

Cerritos, which won the South Coast Conference title with a 25-3 record, has won 16 in a row and posts an overall slate of 37-4.

The largest crowd of the season is expected for Saturday's contest. For the season home stand, which included 23 games, the state's top-ranked community college baseball team only drew 3,150 fans.

Dean Ackland, Dean of Student Activities, is pushing for all clubs and organizations to come out to the ball game and support the team.

DIFFERENT PITCH AT 26-9

Gutierrez makes mark on mound; leads team to title

By JOHN WELSH
TM Sports Editor

Stela Gutierrez's athletic career seemed literally to come crashing down last year while playing for Cerritos College's women's basketball team.

She suffered a dislocated knee cap and serious ligament damage as a freshman when she attempted a steal against Moorpark during the Fullerton Tournament — and her future was as uncertain as her gut reaction to the injury.

"I remember a pop," Gutierrez said. "I was just laying there and the game was still going on. So many things ran through my mind. There were tears — I guess I was in a state of shock."

Now, after successful arthroscopic surgery, she no longer uses her 6-foot frame under the basket. Rather, the sophomore from Artesia High has become one of the most dominating softball pitchers in Cerritos College history.

Gutierrez compiled a 25-9 record while leading the Falcons to a first-place tie with Fullerton for the South Coast Conference championship.

In the process, she has shut out 13 opponents and thrown seven one-hitters. Two weeks back (April 29) Gutierrez recorded her first no-hitter of the season when she held Mt. SAC to only two baserunners. She then pitched her eighth shutout in SCC play by blanking Pasadena 4-0.

In 11 conference starts, Gutierrez per-

mitted just one earned run to formulate an anemic 0.09 earned-run average against conference foes. Overall, the sophomore compiled an ERA of 0.51 in 231 2/3 innings



Fireballer

Stela Gutierrez, who sustained injuries which cut short her basketball career, returned to sports to pitch women's softball to their first conference title since 1978.

TM Photo by SEAN DECKER

and struck out 272 batters while walking only 75 — a ratio of almost 4-to-1. She also hit .457 in conference play and .313 overall.

Yet Gutierrez was also forced to undergo wrist surgery a few weeks prior to the 1987 softball season because of a ganglion cyst.

"She's a real talented athlete," said Cerritos women's basketball coach Karen Peterson. "She has that specific anticipation. It was too bad to see her to down and she tried to comeback."

"But softball is her ticket. She is a real good basketball player but in softball, she is a natural."

"That is what is semi-dramatic said assistant softball coach Bill Lewis. Because of that surgery, Gutierrez had to work hard to redevelop her pitching mechanics.

But as illustrated by her success, she has overcome that problem. However, was such success expected from a player who received limited playing time as a freshman.

"I hoped it would be like this," said head coach Nancy Kelly. "But you never know how things are going to be when you get started, especially in women's athletics. There are different commitments. Softball may not be the only priority."

Yet if Kelly can only hope for half of what Gutierrez has shown this season, the Falcons can be a force in the Southern California Regional Tournament which begins this weekend.

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POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

'Special days' impact lost on missing grads

Sunday marks the 30th commencement of Cerritos College, providing added significance to an already special day.

There's something about the pomp and circumstance of graduation that sets the day apart from all the other days of the semester.

Commencement marks an end as well as a beginning. It serves as a stepping stone on the long path of education.

For many graduates the day will lack significance.

They won't even make an appearance. They're waiting for the "important" graduation from a four-year school.

The commencement of the class of '87 serves a two-fold purpose: first, it acknowledges the achievements of years of study and sacrifice; secondly, it marks the beginning of the next phase of life, whether it be at a university or in the work force.

While there will be other ceremonies in the future, Sunday's ceremony holds special meaning for those

who have spent time on campus, not only in the classroom, but at games, dances, Hoe Down Days and pep rallies.

The family-like atmosphere of community college won't be waiting down the road at the university. It's easy to become lost in the crowd.

Don't miss the opportunity to lose yourself in Sunday's crowd.

This is your commencement. Be there.



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No censor for prayer; sensitivity the issue

TO THE EDITOR:

In the April 28 issue of *Talon Marks*, Mr. Harding stated that he was "appalled" by my attempt, reported in an earlier article (April 8), to abridge Mr. Apodaca's freedom of speech and religious expression. If this was the case, I would join Mr. Harding in his outrage, for I am just as opposed to censorship as I am to religious insensitivity.

In that earlier article, the *Talon Marks* stated that, "The committee decided that the finished paper (Mr. Apodaca's) would be submitted to Dunroe and music instructor Stan Porter for final approval." I believe that *Talon Marks* was reporting what it believed to be true but which was, in fact, inaccurate (possibly due to the failure of the committee to keep minutes of the meeting, a failure in which I share the blame.) After a vigorous unanimous decision to select Mr. Apodaca to give the invocation, a suggestion was made by a committee member other than Mr. Porter or myself, that he and I should preview and/or approve of Mr. Apodaca's planned presentation. That suggestion was not made to censor the presentation but was merely a well meaning attempt to help reconcile any lingering disagreements between Mr. Porter and myself. At that time I opposed the suggestion and no formal vote was taken by the committee to act on such a suggestion. To my knowledge, neither I nor any other committee member has any desire to review, approve, or otherwise censor Mr. Apodaca's invocation address.

While I agree with Mr. Harding's concern, I disagree with his implication of absolute for this would surely lead to the abridgment of my rights as you were free to exercise yours — absolutely. By the same token, expression of the rights of the majority should in no way limit the right of the minority. Many of our founding fathers fled to these shores in search of religious freedom and to escape the oppressive rights of the religious majority. The individual chosen to give the invocation is given the privilege of speaking for all who constitute the college community and the community at large. This privilege should not be construed as a public platform, complete with captive audience, from which one has the right to profess personal religious beliefs or convictions. In other words, the invocation speaker's freedom is, or should be, bounded by this realization (but has not always been so in the past.) Just as celebrations on campus attest to a respect for, and sensitivity to, the diversity of backgrounds the college serves, the existent diversity of religious beliefs on and off campus should receive no less than the same consideration.

Respectfully,
BILL DUNROE
ASSOC. PROF. PSYCHOLOGY

Loss of Chem tutor causes bad reaction

DEAR EDITOR:

We wish to draw your attention to the sudden termination of Steve Frederick, Chemistry 10 tutor.

We feel this action was done in an unjust manner and was a disservice to both Steve and to the

students that he tutors. We find Steve's tutoring methods commendable. Steve has made Chem 10 much easier to understand. Steve is a fine and caring person and has always been a gentleman to us all. He is sensitive and patient in his tutoring instruction.

As we only have less than three weeks of instruction remaining, it would be difficult making a transition to another tutor as most of us have been with Steve for the past eight months. Because of this, some of us have chosen to continue to keep Steve as a tutor and are making sacrifices to pay Steve directly out of our pockets. For some of us who are on Financial Aid and on limited incomes, this is not possible and Steve has chosen to continue tutoring us for the remaining three weeks, without any pay.

Cerritos College is here to serve the student's needs, for without students there would not be a college. Is it that easy to forget that those making these drastic administrative decisions were once students on limited incomes themselves, and possibly depended on the services of a Tutor?

In conclusion, we ask that Steve be given his job back. We also ask that to prevent this type of action from taking place in the future, that administrators first take into consideration how their drastic decision affects the students and their needs.

BERTHA MEDRANO
LUCY CABRERA

Budget cuts conflict with rising workloads

DEAR EDITOR:

In the last issue of your newspaper you published a letter from Ramona Treman that expressed her concern about the proposed ten percent cut in the tutoring services offered by Cerritos College.

As a fellow tutor I am concerned not because my paycheck may become smaller, although that is a legitimate concern of many tutors, but because I do care that too many of my fellow Cerritos classmates are struggling to maintain not an A or a B in their classes, but are usually totally lost hoping to get a passing grade.

The number of students who have requested tutoring this semester has risen by 45% since last semester. The reason so many students need a more personal approach to learning algebra, English, data processing, etc. is beyond the scope of this letter. With only 50 tutors and approximately 500 students needing help, our efforts

sometimes seem hopeless. Not only must we explain material that has just been discussed in class, but we must also explain material that was covered weeks earlier and not understood then. We must also try to increase the students self-esteem and find ways to motivate them so they won't give up on their classes or give up on themselves.

All tutors have a few students who sometimes seem hopeless. They make appointments they don't keep, they won't read their textbooks and won't even try to do homework assignments. Fortunately these students seem to disappear after a few weeks, until the next semester. However the majority of those students asking for our help are giving their classes the best effort they can and are simply coming up short. Some are working full time, some have families that demand attention, all are looking toward the future by attending Cerritos College and may need a little help.

By decreasing the budget by ten percent will the number of students asking for help also decrease by 10- percent? Which students will be given those precious ten free hours of tutoring?

The Tutoring Center provides an important link between the teachers and the students on this campus. I invite the Board of Trustees to stop by the Tutoring Center and see for themselves; talk with the staff, talk to the tutor, talk to the students being tutored and then go back and increase the tutoring budget by ten percent!

JOE DIAS
TUTOR

'Slandered' individual offers clarification

DEAR EDITOR:

Clarification is the key word here. I would now like to clarify the slanderous remarks that were made against me.

I realize that in the heat of an election gossip is one way to control one's sanity. In the speech I delivered on Wednesday, April 30, I remarked that I was shocked and amazed at all the gossip.

I never used anyone's name and I did not refer to ANYONE in specific. I give my apologies to anyone who was hurt in this misunderstanding. This is a college. Let's enjoy it, and leave the slanderous remarks to the wayside. As the student body, let's join together to give our new president and vice president a happy and hopeful year.

Thank you,
ANNABETH BENNETT

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