



FOOD OUTPOURING — Thanksgiving foods for the needy are being collected in a campus-wide drive sponsored by the Associated Students. Classes, clubs, offices are competing in the humanitarian effort.

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Food-drive gets free send-off concert

By SUSAN PHILLIPS
TM Editor-in-Chief

The ASCC will kick off its annual canned food drive on Nov. 18 with a free rhythm and blues concert featuring the Mighty Flyers at 11 a.m. in the Student Center.

The concert will also signal the start of a contest in which students, staff and faculty can compete for prizes by collecting the largest number of canned foods.

The contest idea was introduced by speech professor Wendall Hanks at the Nov. 6 ICC meeting. Hanks said the contest would serve two purposes: it would help supply food for the needy and re-unite the campus in a spirit of friendly competition.

Hanks described the Mighty Flyers as "fantastic," calling their recent appearance at the Long Beach Blues Festival one of the best he's ever seen.

The group performed at concerts throughout Europe last summer and will be returning to London for a three-week engagement in February.

Anyone bringing two cans of food to the concert will receive a free soft drink.

The contest will divide the campus population into three groups: classrooms, offices

and clubs.

Classrooms will be further broken down into groups of 35 or less and those with more than 35 enrolled.

The top canned-food collector in each category will be awarded a plaque and other prizes.

Other items of discussion at the ICC meeting included the upcoming Fall Awards Banquet, Co-Rec night and the Spring Leadership Conference.

Award nominations for service certificates and Bronze, Silver and Gold Falcons are due in the Student Activities Office by 4 p.m. on Nov. 14.

Awards will be presented on Dec. 5 at

Last day to drop classes Nov. 21

The last day to officially withdraw from semester length classes is Friday, Nov. 21.

Students wishing to drop classes will be required to pay a \$10 fee for each class dropped, up to a maximum of \$20.

the Sycamore Center in Lakewood. Awards recipients will receive free tickets to the event. Non-recipient tickets are \$10 and non-ASCC guests are \$15.

Applications for Who's Who in American Jr. Colleges are also due on Nov. 14.

The final Co-Rec night of the semester is scheduled for Nov. 16 in the Falcon gym from 6-9 p.m.

Competition in volleyball, racquetball, and basketball will be recognized with trophies at the awards banquet.

Registration for the Spring Leadership Conference in San Diego is underway and Dean of Student Activities Phil Houseman encourages all interested students to sign up now.

Set for Jan. 7, 8, and 9 at Vacation Village, the conference combines leadership training and activities such as tennis, volleyball and swimming. A dinner-dance cruise caps the three-day event.

This year the registration fee has been reduced from \$45 to an "affordable" \$25.

The fee covers lodging, meals, transportation and all scheduled activities. Interested students may register at the Student Activities Office.

Trustees vote yes on police training course

By MELISSA HERNANDEZ
TM Executive Editor

The Board of Trustees voted to approve a resolution to send members of the Cerritos College Campus Police Department through the Peace Officers Standards and Training Program at last week's meeting.

Certification and police work training will prove to be a direct benefit as a result of participation in the program.

Nello Di Corpo, Dean of Community Services, feels the attempt to further upgrade the department will better serve everyone involved in the college.

Also, Cerritos College health and welfare benefits — and their increased costs — will continue to be paid, via a vote of the Trustees.

The Board heard two different motions regarding the matter. Confidential, management, and faculty employees were given authorization in the first, while the go-ahead was supplied to the Board representative to negotiate the increasing premium costs of staff welfare and health programs as a part of the classified employee group contract in the second motion.

Starting in the spring semester, the Child Development Center will increase its hours, according to interim Vice President Noel Korn. Fred Regan, Interim President of the Cerritos College Alumni Association, expressed the wish at a board meeting last month that the Center's daily hours be extended, saying he had been approached by several people who asked to see this happen.

Spring hours will be Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. until the new time of 10:15 p.m. Friday, the center will serve students' childcare needs from 7:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m.

Food services offers holiday dinner, pies

By KENNY O'LEARY
TM Staff Writer

The Food Services students will be serving up an old-fashioned Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 25 in the Cafeteria.

Included in the menu will be such favorites as Waldorf salad, roast turkey with chestnut dressing, cranberry sauce, peas and whipped potatoes. Dessert will include the traditional pumpkin pie. The cost of the luncheon is \$3.95.

Orders are being taken for Thanksgiving pies. Apple, pumpkin and mince are the most popular, and orders will be accepted through Nov. 20. Pick-up deadline is Nov. 26.

For information on the luncheon or to order Thanksgiving pies, call the Food Services Department at ext. 346.

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Editorial analyzes the reasons for dropping out of class half-way through the semester battle.

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Cerritos Gallery readies for "Four Views of the Figure" showcase — reception planned for participating artists.

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Falcon Andre Wooten nears college record in rushing. Showdown Saturday against Golden West.

EDITORIAL I

Just one can...

Thanksgiving is several weeks away but we have an opportunity now to give thanks for what we have and to help others less fortunate.

Collecting canned foods to stock local food banks is such a simple way to do it. Yet, how many of us will even bother to grab a can of soup off the shelf on our way out the door?

Contests alone aren't going to determine the success of this year's ASCC food drive.

What will make it successful is for each of us to make the effort to participate and lend a helping hand to others with a lot less to be thankful for.

Cerritos College boasts an enrollment of over 18,000 students. Add to that the staff and faculty and you have a sizeable number of participants. If each of us contributed one can of food, we could feed a lot of hungry neighbors.

As in previous years, campus organizations will go all out and collect a lot of cans. This year the office workers, faculty and every student on campus have a chance to participate.

The contest is intended to provide a spirit of friendly rivalry and boost interest and participation. But whether or not your group wins an award, there will be a reward — the satisfaction of knowing that someone's Thanksgiving will be a little bit brighter because of you.

Let's make this year's canned food drive a great success. Let each of us make an effort to contribute just one can of food.

While the spirit of competition adds something to the game, let's not overlook the reason behind it all.

When Thanksgiving Day arrives and we give thanks for all that we have, we'll know that our neighbors have something to be thankful for as well.

EDITORIAL II

The yellow slip of (d)rop day tells all

November 21 is the last day to drop classes. "D" day.

Students frantically rush to the Administration Building, casting furtive glances over their shoulders in hopes that nobody will see them fill out that little yellow form and hand over their 10 dollars...

Dropping classes. Is it shameful, or is it wise?

And what are the reasons behind it? Obviously, as in any situation, there's a method to the madness.

Sometimes the reasons for withdrawing are legitimate — but sometimes not.

Does the same "spirit" that drives a student to enroll in classes turn Brutus-traitor mid-semester and cause him to have what some term "semester burnout" or plain "flakiness?"

It really shouldn't come as a surprise to a student when he discovers he is just not going to earn that "A" for which he so *diligently* strived (and in fact is quite far from it.)

The thinking student will have been aware of his academic proceedings all along.

Dropping classes because you just can't handle the intellectual load is a sign of character, or lack thereof. And — surprise, many students treat their community college experience too lightly, even approach it with a flippant-flighty attitude

No kidding. Of course you're not branded with a scarlet "D", but well..

So what are the legitimate reasons?

Sometimes a student will sign up for a class and no matter how hard he tries he just can't seem to make the grade. Perhaps by remaining in the class, his GPA will go under and as a result he will not qualify for the school

of his choice.

Maybe a student had a bout with an illness and missed a considerable amount of class. Or possibly a family crisis struck.

And, very frankly, if you fall into the latter category, a good objective look at yourself is needed.

There are plenty of plausible excuses, but by the same token there is plenty of pseudo-play.

If you don't — believe it — someone will.

And you just may find that you pseudo-played around too long.

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Only 30 study days til finals

Final exams will begin on Friday, Dec. 12 and run through Friday, Dec. 19.

Saturday classes will hold a two-hour final on Dec. 13, beginning at the regular class starting time.

The last day or evening of classroom instruction is Thursday, Dec. 11.

The *Talon Marks* will run a complete schedule of final exams in the coming weeks.

Neatness ranks low in priority

I've always been a well-organized person.

Heck, yea! I just *never* seem to misplace anything. I guess it's just luck.



By **JOHN WELSH**

SEEING RED

The long and the short of it

I was minding my business coming home from a hard day at school when, suddenly, my eyes shifted to a hot flash of cherry red.

An accident between an enormous red duellie Ford truck and a tiny red Honda civic

There is no such thing as a man's car or a woman's car, but we tend to associate cars with gender.

It seemed bizzare and a bit humorous

Rew named to Justice Group

By MONICA MERTZ
TM Staff Writer

Cerritos Counselor Wayne Rew has been named to serve as the advisor to the Board of Supervisors on state funding in the Justice System Advisory Group.

Appointed by county Supervisor Pete Schabarum, Rew will be involved with funds used to operate justice programs. The funds are received from the state on a yearly basis.

Funding through JSAG falls into three categories: District Attorney and Probation Programs, including the prosecutor in Juvenile Court and non-secure detention for offenders and home supervision of juvenile defenders; probation and county Superintendent of Schools programs; and community based organizations.

Services such as employment counseling, job training and placement, remedial education, shelter services, substance abuse counseling, truancy problems and socialization services to incarcerated offenders are provided to juveniles and young adults through categories two and three.

Rew is a former member of the Southeast Early Diversionary Project.

Serving Cerritos College since 1970, Rew is also on the La Mirada City Council and has served, by Presidential appointment, as a member of the Selective Services Board.

Coffee Shop adds to menu

An expanded menu with the Coffee Shop's new microwave ovens now includes beef burritos and tacos; beef, turkey, and vegetable pot pies; ham and cheese, and pepperoni and cheese croissants.

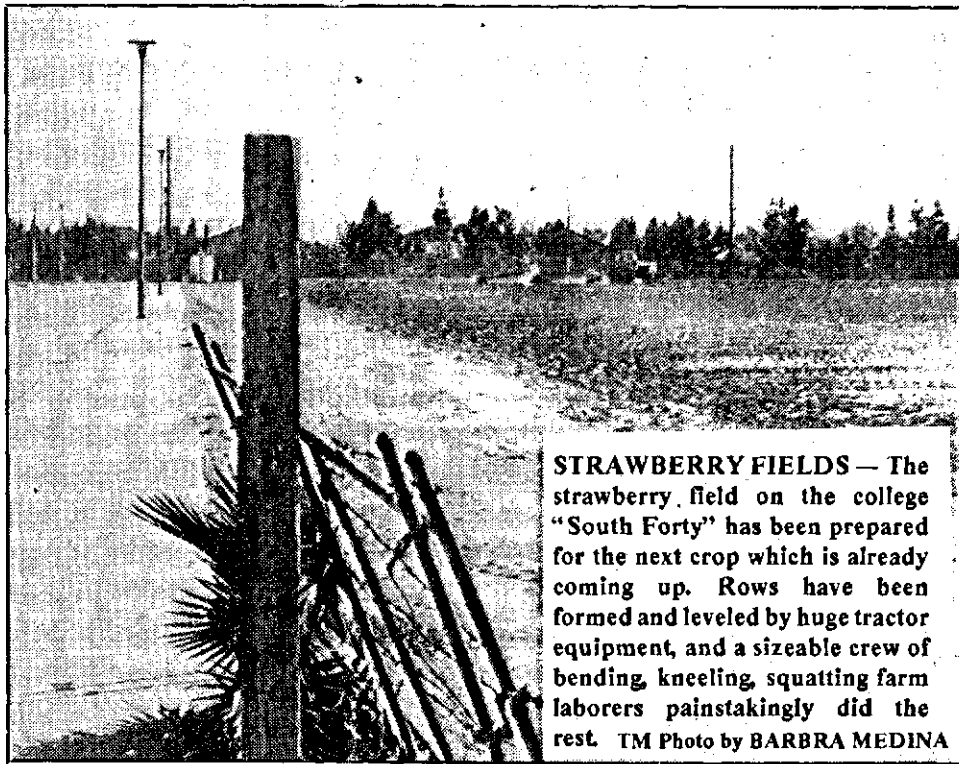
The Student Center facility also has a wide assortment of snack and side dishes, such as pizza by the slice, onion rings, yogurt, and a variety of chips.

Drinks include chocolate milk and grape juice.

Standard fare includes burgers, grill sandwiches, fries, and soft drinks.

A broad selection of donuts and pastries are readied daily, along with such items as the pot pies, salads, and others.

The coffee shop will now be open during finals periods.



STRAWBERRY FIELDS — The strawberry field on the college "South Forty" has been prepared for the next crop which is already coming up. Rows have been formed and leveled by huge tractor equipment, and a sizeable crew of bending, kneeling, squatting farm laborers painstakingly did the rest. TM Photo by BARBRA MEDINA

Cerritos students fail to make the grade

By NANCY BALLARD
TM Managing Editor

Cerritos College students fall below normal standards according to the Institutional Research and Development office.

Statistics showed that SAT (Standard Aptitude Test) scores for high school seniors in the Cerritos College District fall far below the state average in both verbal and quantitative categories. These scores represent the college-bound high school population.

It was found that one-third of Cerritos students taking the assessment battery in 85-86 could not read above the 10th grade level, four out of ten had not mastered basic writing, and one-fourth had not mastered basic arithmetic.

Trends also show a decline in the numbers and rates of recent high school graduates enrolling at Cerritos.

Cerritos does a good job of recruiting minorities within the District. The percentage of minorities enrolled is higher than that found within the district population.

Gallery presents different 'View' of the figure in new showcase

By KEITH ESTABROOK
TM Entertainment Editor

Two new exhibitions will be available for viewing in the Cerritos College Fine Arts Gallery beginning Nov. 18.

Caucasians are underrepresented when compared to the percentage found in the District.

Approximately 20% of the new student population indicated that English was their second language, but only 7% declared a need for English language assistance.

Support services most requested by new students are in the areas of career counseling, academic counseling, job placement, and financial aid.

It is estimated (conservatively) that Cerritos College sends from 750 to 850 new transfer students to four-year institutions each year.

Most of these transfer students attend CSULB, followed by CSUF, CSULA, CSUDH, and Cal Poly Pomona.

Cerritos College's rate of transfer to the CSU system is lower than other similar-sized community colleges.

On exhibit in the main gallery will be "Four Views of the Figure." The show will include paintings and prints by artists Cindy Evans, Ilee Kaplan, Pamela Juraco and Betty Shelton.

On display in the Showcase Gallery, "Sculptural Forms" will feature the ceramic sculpture, paintings and ceramic vessels of Robert Glover.

The two shows will run through Dec. 11, with an opening reception on Nov. 19 from 6-9 p.m.

Admission to the exhibits is free. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. For more information, call (213) 860-3451, ext. 395 or 207.

Get-acquainted meeting hosted by biology profs

A get-acquainted meeting for students majoring or thinking of majoring in the biological sciences is set for Thursday, Nov. 20 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall 2.

Hosted by the Biology Department faculty of Cerritos College, the session is aimed at answering questions concerning curriculum and lower division preparation.

Former Cerritos students now engaged in upper division work, graduate school, professional school or working in areas related to the biological sciences will be on hand to answer questions about their academic preparation and career endeavors.

The meeting is not limited to students presently declared as majors in a biology-related field.

About 80% of the students who start a given semester complete the term. Nearly 37% of the students enrolling in the fall, however, do not return for the spring semester.

Only about 8% of the new students who intend to get an A.A. degree, some of whom also intend to transfer, actually earn the degree within a five year period. Ten percent of the students who indicate 'Transfer to a four-year school (without earning an A.A.)' as their primary goal also take a five-year period to earn an A.A.

Actresses sought for pageant role

By GEORGE ZALDIVAR
TM Staff Writer

The Ramona Pageant Association invites all Cerritos College actors and actresses to audition for the lead roles of Ramona and Alice Alessandro in the 1987 production of the outdoor play *Ramona*.

The open auditions, casting, rehearsals and all performances are held on Saturdays and Sundays.

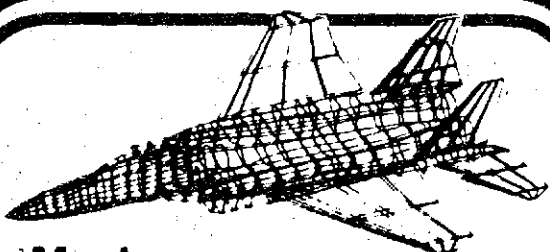
Those able to attain the lead roles will be compensated monetarily and through publicity releases in newspapers and on radio and television.

Preliminary interviews will be held on Saturday mornings, Nov. 15, Dec. 22, 6, 13, and 20, and Jan. 4 and 11.

Students wishing to audition must send a resume and photograph (returnable) and specify which audition date is preferred for interview.

All interviews are held at the Ramona Pageant amphitheater in Hemet. Mailing address is P.O. Box 755, Hemet, CA 92343.

Further information may be obtained by phoning the pageant office weekday mornings at (714) 658-3111.



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