

Bickering and 'bad blood' lead to political pettiness

An overly-cautious ASCC president plus a few domineering and several indifferent senators equal — vetoes, empty offices, vacant senate seats, mistrust, absence of Fall presidential slates, and chief executive impeachment attempts.

Lack of assertiveness took the dynamics out of student government due to intimidation of the president by more aggressive "pseudo-leaders."

Presidential vetoes of two controversial bills have sparked both hostility and the resignation of Party Whip Ed McGinn.

Charging coercion of senators prior to voting, ASCC President Alex Macksoud

vetoed the bill that would have removed the 84-unit cap for student government officials.

Pressing for a representative selection of

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students, Macksoud felt that keeping the 2.0 GPA for Senators would, in effect, encourage more participation from the average student.

Co-author of the 84-unit bill Mike Negrete, on the other hand, accuses Mack-

soud of vetoing the bill for the sole purpose of "getting even."

During the Fall semester, Macksoud attempted to push a bill through the Senate that would lower the number of units required to be in student government from 10 to six.

The bill was defeated with the help of Negrete, who lobbied against it.

Negrete feels his actions created "bad blood" that led to the veto.

A combination of Macksoud's determination to stop the 84-unit bill and McGinn's unrelenting attitude resulted in

his resignation from the position of Party Whip.

The vacancy left by former Vice-President Kenny Fewer has not been filled as a result of threats by McGinn and Negrete to, as Negrete put it, "grill" any appointee to come before the Senate for approval.

McGinn has now filed a Writ of Mandamus to force Macksoud to appoint a Vice-President.

If Macksoud doesn't appoint a replacement, he may be faced with impeachment efforts. If he does, his choice will be "grilled."

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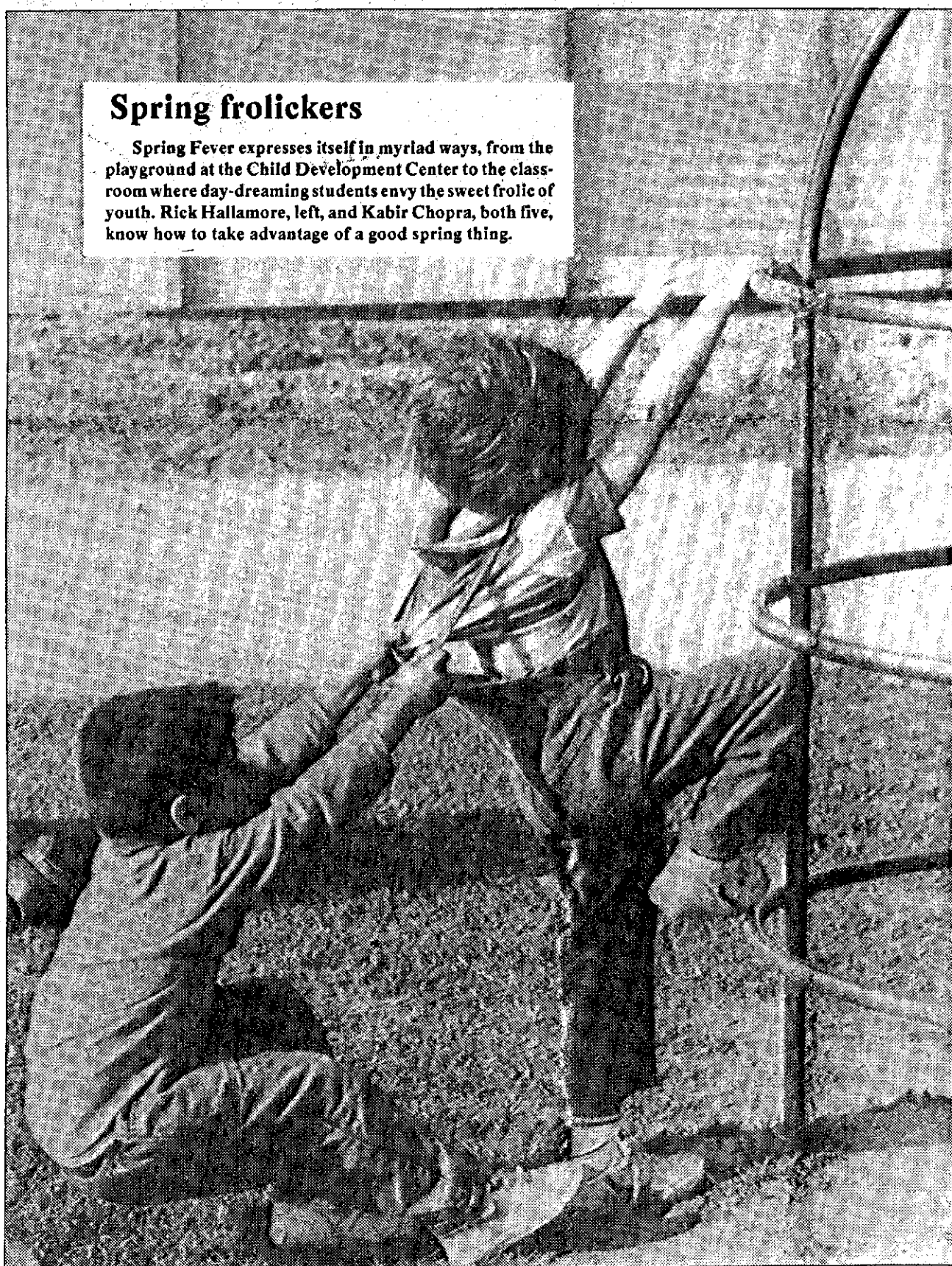
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Spring frolickers

Spring Fever expresses itself in myriad ways, from the playground at the Child Development Center to the classroom where day-dreaming students envy the sweet frolic of youth. Rick Hallamore, left, and Kabir Chopra, both five, know how to take advantage of a good spring thing.



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SHORT ON SLATES

PRESIDENT ELECTION WIDE OPEN

You can't have a fire without the wood.

This year's presidential election doesn't seem to have any burning individuals that are interested in running.

Deadline for filing is this Friday.

Voting runs May 27-28.

With only one slate, and not even a slate that has filed, which has publicly announced their presidential intentions, it seems that Cerritos may be saving money on electioneering this year.

The ASCC court, whose major duty is to run the election may find that studying for finals will be number one on their list of priorities.

Jesus Gomez, who is currently serving as Commissioner of Financial Aid, has chosen ASCC court member Kelly Kafel as his running mate.

The Gomez/Kafel duo has gotten off to an early lead in a field of one, as they have already gained support of several clubs and the endorsement of current ASCC President, Alex Macksoud.

The hottest issue of the upcoming election is expected to be the question of the mandated student fee.

Last semester's Senate reviewed the issue but took no steps in either direction.

Gomez and Kafel have already stated, "We're 100 percent behind making the fee mandatory."

Steps towards accomplishing it would include sending a Lobbyist to Sacramento, something Macksoud was against doing.

"It will be bad public relations for the entire ASCC if one slate takes the election without being challenged," commented Phil Houseman, Associate Dean of Student Activities.

Finals start May 17; SS kicks off May 31

Final exams for the Spring semester begin Tuesday, May 17, and conclude May 24.

The first six-weeks session of Summer School opens Tuesday, May 31, after Memorial Day.

● PETITIONS DUE

Presidential petitions are due this Friday, April 15 for the student body elections. For information contact Student Activities.

● RECORD BROKEN/4

Tony Garcia broke the two-year hammer throw record this weekend at Fresno relay invitational, other records are set.

● ACADEMY NOMINEE

"Fatal Attraction," academy award nominee for best picture will be shown this Thursday night at 7 and 9 p.m. Free with ASCC sticker.

EDITORIAL

Can you OD on 'common sense'

Common sense is not all that common.
Even on a college campus.
And elsewhere.

Here, for example, on a registry of thousands,
mere hundreds bother to vote.

And, voting apathy everywhere seems to be
matched only in its intensity by non-voter griping.

...Cheating runs rampant, with some students
spending more time preparing to cheat than many
would need to prepare to ace an entire course.

We don't like to see cheating talk in print, but
some folks are apparently more interested in the
expedience of a piece of paper than supposed accom-
panying learning.

An ex-Party Whip, whose job it was to present to
the ASCC Senate bills for the President, says now
that he and the President are "political rivals," and

not the "friends" which probably got him the seat in
the first place.

Conflict of interest? Or something like that?

Drugs were once seen in such a light that even
death by overdose was a carefully guarded secret
cloaked in "natural cause."

A deadly disease is still being spread sexually
when the prevention is only as far as the corner
super market.

Drive-by shootings by freeway trippers and
violent gang members flourish.

Terrorists threaten the very quality they claim
they seek to improve.

Maybe we all need a little more of the same
thing.

A good dose of common sense.

Especially with finals on the horizon....

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**84-unit veto override attempt
may spur storm in Senate today**

By KARLA HUFENBACH
TM Associate Editor

It may be the calm before the storm.

Although last week's ASCC Senate
meeting was relatively uneventful, the stage
is set for what could materialize into a heavy
floor fight on several issues.

A move is now expected to call for an
override vote on President Alex Macksoud's
veto of the hot 84-unit and 2.25 GPA issues
which the Senate approved last month by
15-9 and 16-8 votes, respectively.

Ex-Party Whip Ed McGinn whose for-
ces are the instigators of the unit-GPA con-
troversy, will be presenting a Writ of
Mandamus to force Macksoud to appoint a
vice-president following Kenny Fewer's
resignation.

McGinn, whose staunchest supporters
include Mike Negrete, President Pro-Tem
and interim Senate chair, and Senators
Sherry Senf and Jerome Andrews, is also

calling for a special committee "to review
and delete any erroneous statements on the
ASCC awards nominations."

The 84-unit bill would have removed the
maximum number of units a student could
have completed and still serve on student
government.

Macksoud stated, "The senators had
been unduly pressured to vote in favor of the
bill," which contributed to his veto
decision.

The 2.25 GPA eligibility bill would have
made a uniform GPA requirement for all
student government offices.

Macksoud believes that a 2.5 GPA
requisite "would restrict the participation of
average students." The veto leaves the GPA
requirement the same, 2.25 for president,
2.0 for senators.

A two-thirds senate majority vote is
needed to override the presidential vetoes.

**MISS
CON-
GENI-
ALITY**

Susie Peppers, '86
homecoming court
member, was named
"Miss Congenial-
ity" in race for
"Miss Cerritos."

**Student government bogged down in inaction...**

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Why are there no voices of resistance to
the dominating voices of dissent.

Certainly, everyone doesn't agree with
McGinn, Negrete, Serf, and friends.

...Not when they haven't been able to
ramrod one single piece of major legislation
through the entire semester.

Macksoud is the President.

Those who answer to him, and those who
don't necessarily agree with him on every
point, have an obligation to be overall
supportive.

Not rubber stamps, but contributors to
the positive, on-going, serving cause of
government that benefits the entire student
body and the college as a whole.

Adviser Phil Houseman expressed con-
cern about the program's public relations
status if things don't settle down.

As Houseman said, rapport with and
support from the Board, the administration,
faculty, and everybody has never been
better.

It takes only one semester of in-fighting,
petty jealousies, and pointless bickering to
take some of the edge off.

Such a strong program will withstand the
slings and arrows, and continue to serve the
students well, but it shouldn't have to play
Phoenix and rise out of ashes of senseless
politics.

Aggressive political action is one thing,
but aggressive political pettiness is
unnecessarily galling.

**Area math students
have field day here**

All area high school math students have
been invited to attend a Math Field Day this
Saturday on the Cerritos campus.

Sponsored by SEM and co-chaired by
math teachers Betty Swift and Sue Parsons
outstanding students will be offered both
scholarships and prizes.

MISC. MYERS

By Karibeth Myers

**Dreams — the stuff that
lack of sleep is made of**

Sleep.

The stuff that dreams are made of.

Whether your flights of fancy are taken
in panoramic vibrant color, or grey, black
and white like the majority of Pollyanna's,
you can't go to La La land without hitting
some sack.

Sleep, they say, is necessary for the
repair of bodily processes.

Failure to catch those 40 winks can leave
you blinking at a little more than sheep.

Although the amount varies with age, the
normal adult is supposed to need seven-and-
one-half to nine hours of shut-eye per day.
And, if the required number of Zzz's aren't

logged in, it can lead to irritability...I
SAID...irritability, and hallucinations.

Missing one's siesta, or nightly voyage to
Dreamland, is not compatible with lifelike
well-being.

Narcolepsy aside, I've discovered that I
just happen to need more hibernation than
the average bear, and lately the land of Nod
has had one less Sleeping Beauty.

So, to make up for never-never land lost,
I've decided to catnap whenever I get the
inclination.

That being the case, if you see a girl cart-
ing her cot about campus, bearing a Sleepy
Hollow or bust banner, be kind.

I'm probably sleepwalking.

LETTERS**AGS head hits Noriega edit****EDITOR:**

In reference to your April 6 editorial
concerning Manuel Noriega; you do a dis-
service to the Student Body of Cerritos
College and any reader of the *Talon Marks*
by stating that "Any readers who
are of draft age owe it to themselves to
deepen their understanding of Panaman-
ian politics."

The error here lies in the assertion that
only draft age persons — why don't you
stop beating around the bush and say what
they really are, potential warriors — need
to be concerned with the situation in
Panama.

All students, not just the potential
warriors, should study this topic.

In your editorial, you, along with the
rest of corporate main stream media,
place Noriega alongside the devil.

You did 'stray' into some truth and say
that his rise to power is a result of being
anti-communist, which the U.S. govern-
ment will bend over backwards to
support.

However, the present administration,

and probably even Carter's administra-
tion, knew of Noriega's drug involvement
back in the mid 70s.

The reason it is so stylish these days to
bash at Noriega is because it deflects pres-
sure or any questions that might arise as
to U.S. government involvement in drug
smuggling into our country while the
illegal contra arms supply network was in
full operation.

U.S. military intervention would be
wrong because it would be a 'front' to rally
U.S. public opinion toward setting up
another puppet government in Panama in
the traditional Central American mode,
where the U.S. always pulls the strings, and
ultimately result in the U.S. reclaiming of
the Panama Canal.

Could potential warriors do anything
to stop a U.S. invasion in Panama once
they undergo the brainwashing of Army
boot camp?

Are they going to lead the protests?
No.

ROBERT J. GROCHOLSKI
President, A.G.S. (Honor Society)

Campus Comment

By KARLA HUFENBACH and RICHARD DE LABY

Why is it important that students vote in the ASCC presidential election to be held April 27-28?



Arturo Villanea
Business Finance

People should participate in what is going on and take the opportunity to voice their opinions.



Rosemary Martinez
Undeclared

It is all a part of growing up. Voting is a privilege and we should take advantage of it.



Wayne Rew
Counselor

ASCC student body has a budget of one-half million dollars, and the expenditure of such a large should not be left up to just anyone.



Barbara Abell
English

For one thing, you can't complain if you don't vote, and also if you vote you have a tendency to become more aware of what is happening with the politics around you.



Mike Woolridge
Administration of Justice

We should give our input since they're in office to represent us.



Sheri Worthy
Nursing

So that we have a say so on what is going on in our school.



Briana Dawson
Undeclared

The voting procedure is a good way to get into the habit of voting in the outside world.



Jody Moore
Administration of Justice

You have no say if you don't vote. There is no room to complain if you don't take the time.

New Fall orientations slated

By ELIZABETH CALDERON
TM Staff Writer

An orientation program will be offered by Cerritos College during June and July for all new fall students.

The one day workshop will include information sessions, counseling, assessment testing, campus tours, and early registration.

To create more student awareness, the

instructional media center and Joyce Ricci, counselor, are in the process of producing a short video entitled "Success at Cerritos."

It will consist of interviews with former Cerritos students who are currently successful in their careers as a result of the education they have received on this campus.

The video will be shown at each of the thirteen sessions held on the Health Science building.

Death, dying topic on KCEB CL-IPS

Death and dying will be the topic of this week's CL-IPS, the Psychological Services and KCEB talk show.

Dr. Allan Boodnick, Coordinator of Psychological Services will lead the discussion along with guest speaker, Corey Huntley.

Questions regarding the show's theme can be given to Dr. Boodnick directly or phoned into KCEB.

Designated phones are in the Student Center and Student Activities office.

Campus Calendar

BETTER COMMUNICATIONS —

Participants in the "Steps to Better Communications" workshop will learn to express themselves more effectively. The free session, sponsored by the Re-entry Resource Center, will be held Thursday, April 28 at 11 a.m. in the Board Room.

The speaker is campus Re-entry Specialist Maureen May.

ALL'S FAIRE — Multi-cultural dance, poetry, reader's theater and a mock-presidential election will be the highlights of the annual May Faire.

The Faire, presented by the Liberal Arts and English departments will be Tuesday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Liberal Arts building.

All workshops and presentations are free and open to the public.

OLE! — A week long celebration of Cinco De Mayo will include live music, speakers, folklorico, dance and a 5K walk-jog-run.

The celebration begins Tuesday, May 3 at 10 a.m. with International Day featuring pinatas, disc jockey and games in the main quad.

MUSIC RECITAL — The music department will present Jon Bush, guitarist, Yvonne Ere, vocalist and Deborah De Vries, pianist in recital on Wednesday, April 20, in Burnight Theatre at 11 a.m. The recital is open to the public.

STATE OF MIND — A positive approach for mental fitness is the theme of the third annual Mental Health Fair to be held on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Student Center.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Toni Grant, KFI radio personality, who will speak on "Life Is Not a Dress Rehearsal."

The \$20 fee includes workshops and a box lunch.

FANTASTICKS — The long running musical "The Fantasticks," will be presented as part of the dinner theatre series. The show opens in the Student Center on Thursday, April 14, and runs through April 17.

Tickets for meal and show are \$15 for general admission and \$12.50 for students and seniors, dessert only tickets are \$8. Reservations are strongly recommended.

THE HEALTH CONNECTION —

Student Health Service invites you to participate in a new game show format seminar to test your health knowledge in friendly competition. The seminar will be Thursday, April 14 from 11 a.m. to noon in BK 111.

ARBY'S NIGHT — Student Activities will be giving away Arby's roast beef sandwiches tomorrow night to all ASCC card holders.

Eats start at 6:30 in front of Social Science building.

STAFF COOKERS — Foundation cookbooks made up of recipes by staff members are on sale at Community Services for \$10.

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Falcons tied at SCC top

Nieto, Twins' brother, over .600 in league

By JOHN WELSH
TM Managing Editor

South Coast Conference frontrunner Cerritos College, the run producers of the west, visits Long Beach City tomorrow for its second clash of the campaign with the Vikings.

Cerritos won the first meeting, 6-1, March 22, in what Cerritos coach George Horton said was a "well-pitched" game from both sides.

On Saturday the Falcons travel to Golden West, the conference's second place team. Cerritos won the first meeting, 7-3, March 24.

Horton said he was going to pay close attention to Tuesday's SCC matchup between Golden West, 6-3, and El Camino.

After edging Cerritos Saturday 6-5, El Camino jumped into a first place tie with the Falcons.

Fullerton visited Cerritos Tuesday.

The Falcons scored 44 runs and allowed five earned in going 2-1 last week.

Cerritos is averaging 12.5 runs in its last six games.

Winning by the largest margin since a 24-0 victory over Saddleback in 1981, the

Cerritos bats pounded Pasadena City 25-1 Tuesday.

Compton left Cerritos Thursday a 14-1 loser.

A 6-5 setback Saturday to El Camino snapped Cerritos' nine game winning streak and put them at 24-7 overall and 7-2 in the conference.

Jimmy Griego, who starts in tomorrow's game against Long Beach City, gave up three homeruns and suffered the loss, ending his six game winning streak.

The freshman right-hander, now 10-2, scattered 10 hits in nine innings of pitching. While allowing five earned runs, he struck out five while walking three.

Mark Nieto, who had seven hits in the three games, went 2-for-4 against El Camino's Jeff Beck, who also pitched nine innings.

Nieto, brother of Minnesota Twin catcher Tom Nieto, is hitting over .600 in conference play.

The first baseman from Gahr High has 17 hits in 28 at bats for a .607 average.

Pat Sweet improved to 3-2 after pitching for six innings Thursday as Cerritos beat Compton 14-1.



OJAI TIME

Tennis hot shot Holly Evans, the Falcons' #2 singles player, takes her racket north tomorrow as one of the estimated 3,000 entries in the Ojai Tournament.

Evans, along with teammate Michelle Reed, favored well in tourney, dubbed "The Wimbledon of the West" by Cerritos coach Rhea Black.

TM Photos by JUAN OCAMPO

Garcia breaks Cerritos hammer throw record at Invitational

By KENNY O'LEARY
TM Staff Writer

Freshman Tony Garcia set a new Cerritos College hammer throw record at the Fresno Invitational Saturday with a 129-3 throw, knocking down Darrin Bruce's 127-11 mark set in 1986.

Pole vaulter Dave Clark is scheduled to compete in the Bakersfield Decathlon/Heptathlon, starting tomorrow and lasting until Friday.

Falcons find Golden West turf tough trip

By RICHARD DE LABY
TM Associate Editor

The Golden West campus has not been good to the Cerritos College softball team as of late.

Cerritos lost its third straight game at Golden West Friday night when they were defeated by GWC, 3-0.

The Falcons lost their two previous matches in the Golden West Invitational Tournament to Mesa and Central Arizona (Central Arizona is the number one team in the nation) 3-0 and 5-0 respectively.

Currently tied with Golden West for third place in the South Coast Conference with an overall record of 16-11, 6-4 in the SCC.

The Falcons are up against Mount San Antonio College at home today at 3 p.m.

Sandi Gannon led Cerritos on offense against Golden West, going three-for-three at the plate. Binki Callahan had the only other hit for the Falcons.

Freshman Karen Clay took the loss for Cerritos.

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Clark's participation in the decathlon can qualify him for the State Meet to be held on May 20-21 in Bakersfield.

Sophomore Aurelio Trujillo's time of 15:14.75 in the 5000 meter at Fresno placed him second on the Cerritos College all-time best list.

Bob Ridley's 1979 mark of 15:03.8 is still tops.

"Aurelio Trujillo could become the number one 5000 meter runner in the history of Cerritos by the end of this season," said Coach Dave Kamanski.

Joe Carraway placed third in the triple jump with a distance of 47-10½.

His jump ranks fourth on the Cerritos all-time list.

Nacho Lopez ran the 3000 meter steeplechase in 9:59.

Andy Nogal turned in a personal record of 1:56.2 in the 800 meter.

Lady tracksters take off to Bakersfield

By SHARON PEREZ
TM Staff Writer

Women's track and field coach Gene Martin called his team's performance Saturday at the Fresno Invitational "outstanding."

The women placed fourth among Southern California runners.

Tomorrow and Friday the squad competes in the Decathlon-Heptathlon in Bakersfield.

Saturday saw Barbra Gutierrez run her first high hurdle intermediate, finishing with a time of 64.66.

Rochelle Barron ran the 400 meter with a 61.4 clocking, a two second improvement.

Rhonda Trusdall threw the javelin for a personal record 116-9.

Men, 3-1 in SCC, swim at Mt. SAC

Cerritos' men swimmers improved to 3-1 in the SCC and 5-3 overall with a victory over Fullerton Friday.

The Falcons face Mt. San Antonio and Golden West this Friday at Mt. SAC.

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