

**CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVITIES** — The annual celebration began yesterday with International Day, which featured pinatas, volleyball, music by a DJ, and a host of international food booths. Other festivities this week include folklorico dancers, latin music, speakers, and hispanic awards. Refreshments will be served. Shown at left Marci Heintz prepares mexican food, while, at right, Marco Sanchez swings in hope of releasing a pinata full of candy.



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## Gomez-Kafel capture top ASCC titles Candidates charged with monopolizing

By JOHN WELSH  
TM Managing Editor

Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble didn't have a chance.

Capturing almost 80 percent of the 389 votes cast in the ASCC Presidential Election, the "aggressive campaign" of Jesus Gomez and Kelly Kafel proved victorious.

Garnishing 301 votes, Gomez and Kafel will hold down the student body's top two posts.

Gomez is believed to be the first Hispanic ASCC President.

Being bilingual was one of the advantages the Norwalk High graduate listed he will have when in office.

Although an anemic number of ballots compared to last year's 837, Student Activities officials were surprised with the turnout, considering the Gomez-Kafel slate was alone on the ballot.

Apparently the election was more animated than expected for only one ticket running.

On the final night of the election, the winners were charged with being "communistic and monopolizing the election, according to one campaigner.

"They were accused of this because they were the only slate running," the bystander said.

No official complaints were filed.

"It was a larger turnout than expected," Coordinator of Student Activities Phil Houseman said. "We were hoping for 300 votes.

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## Cinco de Mayo Activities set for Saturday

By ROBERT CAMPUZANO  
TM Staff Writer

A celebration of the famed defeat of the French forces by the towns-people and army of Puebla Mexico, Cinco De Mayo activities on the Cerritos College campus started yesterday and conclude Saturday with a 5k run.

Festivities began with International day which featured ethnic foods, volleyball and other games, plus music and pinata battering for participating students.

Outstanding hispanic students will be lauded at "The Spirit of Cinco De Mayo," an event hosted Thursday night in the Student Center from 6:30 to 9.

An outstanding achievement award for academic and athletic accomplishments as well as excellence in leadership will be presented.

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## Impeachment dies, with vote not to vote

By KARLA HUFENBACH  
TM Associate Editor

Impeachment has been laid to rest. The Senate hears the 1988-89 budget presentation today.

The ASCC Supreme Court yesterday struck down the Senate's 22-1-2 vote last week calling for Senate approval of the President's Awards Committee appointments. It was judged unconstitutional.

The scheduled vote to impeach Senator Richard De Laby was tabled — indefinitely.

Senator Rudy Ritt moved for tabling for "lack of evidence."

### JAYWALKING TO THE CHAIR?

One observer likened the effort to calling for the electric chair on a jaywalking charge.

It passed 22-3-1, virtually dismissing the entire issue of impeachment.

This was the first call for an impeachment of a senator in the history of Cerritos Student Government.

Senator De Laby, who is also a member of the *Talon Marks* staff, was accused by

Senators Kim Chiasson, Ed McGinn, and Sherry Senf of "misleading and lying to his fellow Senators about his intentions to cover the ASCC Senate."

### "SENATE" OR STUDENT GOVT?

The charges were made by Chiasson after his story about the Executive Cabinet appeared in the April 6 issue of this paper.

De Laby emphasized that indeed he was not covering Senate per se, as he had agreed

during his approval vote.

Newspaper Editor-in-Chief Nancy Ballard said that Student Senate is just one part of Student Government, and that she assigned De Laby to cover Cabinet because he was her most experienced government reporter.

With only Chiasson, McGinn, and Senf voting against the measure to table, the impeachment controversy that has surrounded the Senate for the past three weeks is at an end.

Observers called the tabling a good move, since it keeps even a vote for impeachment off the Senate record.

### AWARDS COMMITTEE APPROVAL

The McGinn/Senf Senate bill which President Alex Macksoud calls "unconstitutional" restructures the make-up of the Awards Committee and limits the service on the committee to two terms, with the exception of the ICC Commissioner.

It would also make the Presidential appointed Awards Committee subject to Senate approval.

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## Mantz to head Faculty Senate

Sociology prof Connie Mantz has been elected to head the Faculty Senate next year.

Vice-President Richard McGrath, chair of the Administration of Justice Department, will serve another term as second in command.

New secretary is Martha Yager-Garcia who is department chair for ESL.

Mantz, secretary this year, replaces speech professor Bill Lewis.

### ● FREE COFFEE

All ASCC card holders can get free coffee and cookies tonight at 6 p.m. in the Social Science Quad.

### ● HIRING FREEZE/3

Funding limits, a hiring freeze and possible budget cuts may be in store for Cerritos College's future.

### ● NUMBER ONE/4

The Cerritos Falcon Baseball team, after their victory over Long Beach, moved into a tie for first place with El Camino.

## One gesture could be stepping stone to ASCC Senate progress

May 1 in Red Square had almost all of the usual elements in place: acres of red flags, legions of serious-faced Soviet youth singing songs of praise for their comrades and their state, machines of war so huge that the tires to carry them stand twice as tall as a man, somber old men in fur hats watching it all pass by.

Only one thing was different in the presentation this year, and it was only a little gesture.

For the first time, the presentation contained no floats, banners or songs damning the capitalist warmongers in Washington. They didn't exactly sing Yankee Doodle Dandy, but neither did they call for the President's head, as they have in the past.

It was only a little gesture, but it showed a willingness on the part of the Politburo to cut down on sabre-rattling and get on with the business at hand. Life.

Throughout history, across the face of this planet, the official record is littered with instances of people getting so used to antagonizing somebody else that the reasons for the difficulty begin to fade, and only the struggle remains. The Hatfield/McCoy feud would be an appropriately extreme example.

A word or a rock or a bullet is let fly, and pretty soon the fight becomes about the latest rock or bullet or word. The original reasons for the conflict are lost

in the immediacy of combat.

To put an end to senseless struggle, somebody has to be willing to make a little gesture. Nobody has to surrender or sell out their principles, but somebody has to be willing to cut the junk and get down to business. The solution to conflict is elusive at best, while the stones are still in the air.

A line from an old country western tune says, "He broke my arm but I cut off his nose so I'm the winner." It is clear to the experienced, that nobody ever wins any sort of fight, that there is always a price to be paid, even for the "winner."

The infighting that has been the hallmark of this past year's ASCC government has cost everyone involved. The school itself has suffered, because the time spent in combat should have been used for business. Opportunities to do good work in a spirit of cooperation slipped past, as our officials were forced to seek shelter from the storm of writs and back room bills.

The decision by the Senate to not act on the De Laby impeachment was just a little gesture.

If that gesture can be used as a building block for progress, the campus will prosper.

Old animosities need to be set aside, so campus business can continue.

One little gesture deserves another.

## Greek Week's obstacle course cause for concern

Hopefully next year's Greek Week Obstacle Course will be more kindly thought out and laid out.

Many a watcher cringed as Greek Week participants in the ObsTACKLE Course Wednesday introduced pain to their bodies.

It was definitely a sore sight for onlookers—more sore for the players.

Sorority gals scraped their smooth shaven legs on mean inertubes.

Fraternity buffs bumped into each other round- ing tables.

Several racers left limping. Some departed with visible scratches on their legs.

It's the choice of the club members to compete in such events like "Hurt Me Dive," "Pie Eating," and "Cannon Ball."

But organizers of the events might be well advised to try and limit the bruise quotient.

Thunder showers wrecked havoc on the original Greek Week schedule, April 18-22, and literally put a damper on the usual hype and hysteria of neophytes.

We've had an awesome array of action packed events throughout the year, including Hoe Down Days, Recreation Nights, College Bowl, Mr. Cerritos...

The Obstacle Course for Greek Week was a black dot on the chart for stud acts.

## Mother's Day should be more than just one day a year

By JOHN WELSH

Mother's Day is extra special this year.

Maybe it's 'cause mom just suffered a stroke.

Fortunately, the stroke was minor.

Perhaps it was the best thing to happen to the 24-hour-a-day mom.

Mrs. Lunches-For-Everyone-In-The-Family-Despite-Having-To-Be-At-Work-At-Seven-In-The-Morning just didn't take a break.

Mrs. Welsh could've put McDonald's out of business.

She wasn't a mom, she was a Laundromat.

Her work load was incredible and her

pace unbelievable.

She was Super Mom with a capital S over her chest and a red cape flying behind her.

Too bad it took a stroke for the family to realize that.

The work is a little better distributed now. Mom doesn't mow the lawn anymore.

I still joke with her.

"Mom, where the heck is my dinner? Mom, how 'come you haven't taken the trash out yet?"

I love you mum.

You don't have to wash my car on Sunday anymore if you don't want to.

## Write-in slate helps to spark competitive spirit

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"I was really surprised when we counted the ballots," Houseman added.

Write-in candidates received 20 percent or 79 of the votes, nine of which were voided, that explained the fireworks effect it produced on the two voting days.

"The write-in candidates sparked us to work harder," Kafel said.

Gomez said he worked from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. the Tuesday before the polls opened. On the two voting days of Wednesday and Thursday, he said he worked another 14 hours.

According to reports, two unknowns chalked up 13 percent of the votes.

Kyle Stuts and John Curd reportedly garnered 51 votes as a write-in slate.

Oddly enough, Melchor Lopez with Ernie Murillo received a reported 26 votes.

Lopez was one of his strong campaigners, Gomez said.

"I wanted Jesus to work harder and to make the race more exciting," said Lopez as he explained the reasons behind his running.

He added that he wanted Gomez to win.

Water polo buffs Craig Malone and Alfred Reyes grabbed four votes as a write-in.

Said Malone, "Alfie thought the race 'can use a little more challenge.' We thought it would be fun."

## 5th of May fest to continue all week

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Speakers will be featured along with a variety of Latin music and Folklorico dancers. Fresh Mexican sweetbread, coffee, and punch will be served.

On Friday, the last-chance dance for the semester is slated at 8 p.m. in the Student Center. As part of the Cinco De Mayo celebration, revelers can dance until midnight for free when presenting a valid ASCC card at the door. A charge of \$4 will admit any guest or visitor.

The open 5Krun begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, competitors may sign up just prior to the event at the college stadium.

Malone added that Reyes would have had to postpone going to UCLA if they had won.

Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble received one vote for ASCC President and Vice-President, respectively.

One voter wanted "Anybody" for prexy and "Else" for Vice-President.

"Any time write-ins take almost 25 percent of the votes," commented Houseman, "It's quite a large amount. We had a much higher number of write-in votes than we normally have."

"They're minus votes for us," Gomez said about write-in candidates.

Calling their campaign aggressive, Houseman said Gomez and Kafel "visited classrooms and initiated personal contact with the students. They wanted to win badly.

"Students of Cerritos College will be well represented by them," Houseman added.

## MISC. MYERS

By Karibeth Myers

### Men don't throw passes at girls who wear glasses



To see or not to see?

It's not a question with me.

When it comes to scanning eagle-eyed, or blindly going where vain girls have Braille(ly) blazed before, I opt for the stick with the white tip.

Up until eight months ago I had enjoyed seeing God's earthly wonders in focus.

Then I had an eye-opening experience.

A myopic verdict from my optometrist.

Suddenly my field of vision was narrowed to gazing at our indivisible nation and its occupants, or being visible to its gazing-back male population minus the plain-Jane spectacles.

So I surrendered my glasses...hands down.

Guys, it is widely touted, don't go for dolls with two extra orbs in the sight site.

Honest.

After many hours of unintentional research, I have found that men eye a girl differently when her vision is repaired by frames and lenses.

The same bespeckled seniorita who was treated indifferently one moment, will, nine times out of ten, be overcome with adoration by the self-same amorous amigo, the next, if she tosses aside her optical diffusers.

Sad, but true.

Why, you may ask, not just contract a pair of contacts, and have your man and see him too?

Speaking only for myself, of course, the reason is plain to see.

Foreign-object-in-the-eye-aphobia.

A not-so-rare psychosis afflicting persons with a fear of strange things being propelled towards their immovable object, (eye), by an irresistible force, (their finger).

What had to give, after being diagnosed as such, was my seeking ever to both see a dog fetch and look fetching.

Of course, one more reason for saying bye-bye to the bifocals is right under everyone's nose.

How can a girl look eye-catching when, after removing her visual aids, she is left with those funny little red marks on the bridge of her beak?

Who could notice the deep pools of azure with even deeper indentations to become lost in?

As for me and the mirrors of my soul, we'll pass on the glass...

And let the eyes have it — nice doggies.

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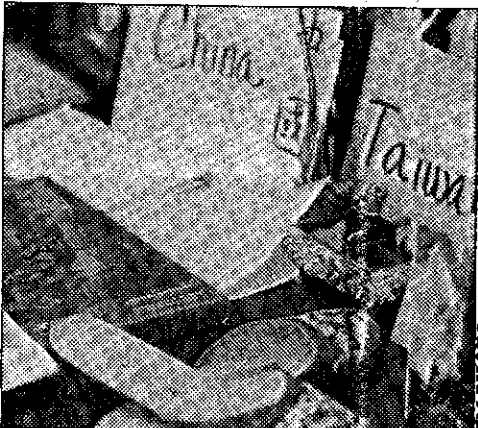
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**MULTICULTURAL FAIRE** — Students participated in several events including foods, music and arts from a variety of cultures at the annual May Faire.



TM PHOTOS BY SILVIA VELA

## Budget blues leads to hold off on campus realignment

A freeze has been put on all hiring at Cerritos College and the budget picture here has suddenly become clouded.

This includes positions involved in the realignment plan the Board approved recently.

President Ernest Martinez dropped the small bombshell May 3, in his President's Message newsletter.

The state's announced income short fall which may reach \$1 billion could heavily impact community college funding.

The possible passage of Proposition 72 calling for a funding limit is also a threat to Cerritos' income.

Specifically, the college is having to gear up for an income deficit because enrollment increased only 69 per cent when at least one full per cent was projected for ADA purposes.

Some \$500,000 may have to be refunded to the state after auditors charged the college with having people teach health classes in 1985-86 who were improperly credentialed.

Pay back may or may not be stretched out over a long period.

A more clear picture of the overall funding could come as early as next week, or as late as July 1 with the final state budget announcement, according to Martinez.

Word could come as early as May 17 following preliminary revision on the state level.

Martinez said he wanted to dispel rumors with his announcement. It's simply a matter of waiting on Sacramento for more information, he said.

Interviews will continue for open positions in certificated, administrative, and classified, Martinez said, but no names will go before the Board until there is a clear picture of the funding for next year.

"Our intention is to keep the college healthy, with a healthy reserve," Martinez said.

Some \$4,389,000 is projected for the end of this year. The reserve fund could drop by as much as \$1 million with next year's uncertain income, officials said.

## Precedent setting issue voted down

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Macksoud commented, "If they were worried about it (the committee) being stacked, they shouldn't have elected us."

Co-author of the bill, McGinn said, "There are no checks on the committee. The banquet (and the awards) affect a lot of people. There should be more than one person deciding."

Two members of the Court agree with McGinn's premise.

The minority opinion stated, "There should be a system of checks and balances...as the Awards Committee is a prestigious committee...Senate approval of this committee is necessary. We do not wish to limit the Presidential powers but have a broader student representation..."

### MAJOR POLICY CHANGE

Associate Dean of Student Activities Phillip Houseman said, "The Court took its time deciding this issue. They realized that they were dealing with a change in policy that would set a precedent."

The majority Court opinion felt that, "...the original constitution, and precedents set, stated that the Presidential appointments specified...are the only ones that are

subject to Senate approval."

Macksoud had indicated Monday that if the Court did not rule the bill unconstitutional, he would veto it.

Macksoud said yesterday, "I am very happy about the Court's decision."

McGinn said he now plans to bring the issue before the Senate again.

He said, "The Senate saw this bill not as an Ed vs. Alex issue. They felt it is needed."

Macksoud said, "I am totally against this bill."

### MACKSOU "INTEGRITY"

Houseman feels that it shows integrity on Macksoud's part to fight this particular bill, because "It does not affect him directly — he is guarding the presidential powers."

At last week's meeting, Melissa Drayer was approved as the Vice-Presidential appointee, vacating her position of Commissioner of Records on the Executive Cabinet.

### NEW VICE-PRESIDENT

She said, "This has a higher priority than my position in the Cabinet."

The Vice-Presidency was left vacant due to Kenny Fewer's resignation early last

month for personal reasons.

President Pro-Tem Mike Negrete, who has chaired the ASCC Senate since Fewer's resignation, was applauded by Senators and audience alike for his efforts as he turned the gavel over to Drayer.

### MACIAS PARTY WHIP

Recently appointed Senator Annette Macias was also approved as Party Whip to fill the vacancy created when McGinn resigned over policy differences with President Macksoud, claiming that he promised a no-veto administration.

According to Houseman, the budget does not differ greatly from last year's budget. The Senators will have a week to talk to the account advisers about any questions they may have concerning budget allotments.

### CAREFUL BUDGET STUDY

Of the Budget Committee, Houseman said, "They studied the budget carefully; they wanted to make sure they were getting the most for their money."

Macksoud stated "We're not giving money to anyone who's not ASCC members."

## Campus Calendar • Campus Calendar

• **VET WORK STUDY** — Two work-study positions are available for eligible veterans, at the Veterans Affairs Office on campus and at the Norwalk Employment Office on Pioneer Blvd.

Interested applicants should contact Ronda Collins Ext. 327.

• **BRUSH UP** — The senior dental hygiene students are looking for adults age 18 and older, who have not had their teeth cleaned for three or more years to be patients for their State Board Exams.

Qualifying patients will receive a full set of X-rays, and dental cleaning worth approximately \$200, plus some payment for their time.

Eligibility screenings will be held May 5 and 12, from 6-8:30 p.m. in Health Science 308.

• **MISSING INFORMATION** — Jim Cunningham from the Christic Institute will speak on the Iran Contra Scandal hearings, and what was missing, most notably — cocaine smuggling into the U.S.

The lecture will be Tuesday, May 10 in Health Science 102 at 11 a.m., and is presented by Alpha Gamma Sigma.

• **TRIPLE SUCCESS** — The workshop trilogy "Mind, Body and Spirit" presented by PSI BETA on April 16 was deemed a success.

As well as benefiting the participants, the

workshop profits were used to contribute to an ongoing homeless project at Metropolitan State Hospital.

• **SUMMER SCHOOL FOR KIDS** — Registration for Cerritos Child Development summer school opens May 9 at 9 a.m.

Children age 2 years 9 months to 7 years are eligible for enrollment. The Monday through Thursday program runs concurrently with the first six-weeks summer school session.

• **LIBRARY DISPLAY** — The library will be putting up an "Elections Display" on May 6 in one of its showcases, and is looking for old campaign related paraphernalia.

Contact Gita or Deann in order to have collections displayed.

• **TRAVEL CHANGE** — The historic New England trip originally planned for four weeks has been adjusted to take place over a two week period.

The program is a vacation combined with an opportunity to earn three units.

The total cost of the program is \$1,125 and includes two meals a day and lodging in college dorms.

Dr. Don Karvelis, coordinator of the program, can be contacted at Ext. 585,436, or 296.

## Psychological wrap-up on tap

By PAULA PEARSON  
TM News Editor

Dr. Allan Boodnick Coordinator of Psychological Services and host of 'Contemporary Lifestyles' will have a special live semester 'wrap-up' Thursday, May 12 from 11 a.m. to noon in the Burnight Center.

The theme, "Surviving and Thriving in Spite of AIDS" will be a live presentation by Dr. Boodnick.

It will be an open question and answer forum and Dr. Boodnick is encouraging full audience participation.

"This presentation will involve basic information about AIDS. I'll be discussing how we can combat this 'not so casual disease' and how one can survive through this epidemic.

It would be beneficial if instructors would have their classes attend this 'wrap-up-session'. I'd like to see all areas of the campus involved."

Groups around campus are encouraged to take part in this presentation.

Questions regarding this program can be answered by Dr. Boodnick at the counseling office at Ext.231.

This show will be taped and aired at a later date on KCEB.

## Banquet slated for next Friday

By JOHN WELSH  
TM Managing Editor

Over 400 students and guests will be attending the ASCC Spring Awards Banquet at Lakewood's Sycamore Center on Friday, May 13.

A variety of awards including the prestigious Gold Falcon will be presented to Cerritos' outstanding leaders.

The banquet rounds out a week jammed with award-presenting activities.

This Saturday starts Staff Recognition Week with the first annual Staff Development Gala in the Student Center.

A reception is scheduled at 7 p.m. with dinner and dance to follow.

Next Tuesday in the Administration Quad marks the Outstanding Faculty Awards ceremony.

Nominations from students have already selected the winners.

In Burnight Theatre Wednesday, May 11, the Annual Academic Achievement Awards program is slated.

Students from each department will be honored in this Cerritos College Alumni Association sponsored event.

Faculty who have worked more than 25 years at the college will be honored Thursday, May 12 in the Administration Quad.

The 31st Annual Commencement for graduating students is slated for May 15 in the Falcon Stadium at 5:30 p.m.

## Third Mental Health Fair set for May 14

By KARIBETH MYERS  
TM Features Editor

"State of the Mind," the third annual mental health fair, will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Center.

Experts in the fields of mental health, nutrition, exercise and fitness will be on hand to instruct in practical application of how-to, life enhancing techniques.

Keynote speaker for the one day event will be Dr. Toni Grant.

Grant, KFI radio personality, author, and lecturer, will provide a positive approach to mental health through her speech "Life is Not a Dress Rehearsal."

Problem-solving workshops on creative visualization, exercise and diet strategies, self-hypnosis, stress management techniques, and life enhancing communications will be available.

