

Pay raise to go into effect in June 1989

By KARLA HUFENBACH TM Editor-in-Chief

Included on the agenda for last night's board meeting were the following items: Consideration of approval of firearm safety for campus police officers - presented as information item, a request from the campus police chief for campus police officers to carry firearms on campus.

 Rationale for splitting the Liberal Arts Division into two divisions.

• Consideration of employment of executive director of the Foundation.

At press time no action had been taken.

At their last meeting, the board approved agreements with five employee groups for a retroactive salary increase and health and welfare benefits.

A 5.7 percent increase which applies to every range and step on the salary schedule will be retroactive to January 1, 1989 with one exception.

Temporary student/adult/substitute/ regular hourly classified (non-bargaining unit) and Community Services hourly employees agreed to a 5.7 percent raise effective June 25, 1989.

Eligible retired board members serving at least 12 years on the Board of Trustees will also receive district-paid health and welfare benefits.

They also discussed the affirmative action workshop and how the plan would affect the hiring of 31 new employees.

The positions were made available because of the early retirement program.

Trustee Ruth Banda expressed the most concern that enough under-represented minorities would be hired, and that she would be watching the process very closely.

Conflicts rise on trip to rally

By MARK HEUSTIS TM Associate Editor

A controversial issue involving a trip Sacramento rally by 41 members of MEChA and the Afro-American Student Union (AASU) passed through the Executive Cabinet last week by a narrow margin, before sweeping the ASCC Senate by a vote of 24-1.



SLIPPERY, SLIMY AMPHIBIAN - Angeles Covarrubuas, representing Water Phi Polo, picks a live one for her entry in the annual frog jumping contest. The contest and western booths were the lead off events for Hoe Down Days yesterday. Today the popular Mr. Cerritos Contest and Chill Cook-Off take place in the Student Center at 11 a.m.

INVESTIGATIVE NEWS ANALYSIS Funding request causes controversy

By MARK HEUSTIS KARLA HUFENBACH

At last week's ASCC Cabinet meeting a proposed trip to a Sacramento rally, Spring Action '89, set in motion a series of events which ultimately resulted in an ASCC Supreme Court interpretation of the ad-hoc trip section of the constitutional by-laws.

From the beginning the trip bred controversy.

At its initial proposal to the ASCC Cabi

As the original Cabinet item was worded the term "educational rally" was used. This was changed to "educational movement" on the bill that went before the Senate.

Another difference between the Senate and Cabinet versions was the amount to be approved. It changed from \$1580.25 to \$1581. Although the alterations were relatively minor, as Party Whip Allen Holland observed, the bill should have gone back to the Cabinet for reapproval.

tion of students of color in California. This recommendation also calls for a funded office with a director, staff and operating budget.

The governing board of the office which would be called Students of Color Legislative Watch is to be composed of nine officers comprised of three elected representatives from the following organizations; MEChA, The African/Black Statewide Alliance (A/ BSSA) and the Asian/Pacific Islander Student Union (APSU). These three organizations are the main sponsors of Spring Action '89. The group's recommendations deal primarily with the goals of the Master Plan that call for equal access to education of currently underrepresented minority peoples of California and that public higher education should reflect the demographics of recent high school graduates. Other recommendations include strong support and an increase in financial aid, a campus racism clause against harassment (Continued on Page 3)

The rally, Spring Action '89, is being sponsored by three statewide organizations: MEChA, African/Black Student Alliance, and Asian Pacific Islander Student Union.

Discussion of the trip, which is to be funded as ad-hoc, ran into two hours at the initial Cabinet meeting. The amount of \$1990.25 was amended to \$1580.25 by trim-

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net it was unclear as to whether or not the rally was political in nature.

According to Alicia Parks, Commissioner of Fine Arts and president of the AASU, "There are some things here that seem political, but we are going for the educational value,"

In fact Eva Garon, of the Spring Action '89 communication center, located at Cal State Los Angeles, stated that seven specific bills from the State Assembly and Senate were to be lobbied for at the rally.

Another point in contention was the primary focus of the rally.

The debate included discussion concerning whether or not the group would represent the campus as a whole.

All of the students listed to attend were drawn from two clubs on campus, MEChA and the AASU.

The rally has a distinctly ethnic slant. Garon said Spring Action '89 specifically supported "people of color," which she interpreted as being non-white.

In addition, one of the goals of the organization is to lobby successfully for the creation of a statewide board, to monitor all reforms and legislation affecting the educa-

SPEECH TOURNAMENT

An intramural speech tournament will be held here Friday, April 14. It is open to all novice speakers.

PRESIDENT SOUGHT

Applications for ASCC president available now. The due date is Friday, April 14.

HOE DOWN DAYS

Mr. Cerritos contest and a chili cookoff highlight today's activities. A free lunch will be served Thursday.

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EDITORIALS By-laws changed for growth and clarity

The Constitution is known as a living document. It has been revised and amended over the years to meet the needs of our growing nation.

So too, is the constitution of the ASCC.

This, along with the by-laws, cannot remain static. They must be constantly scrutinized and upgraded to meet the needs of the ever-changing campus.

Recently such a change occurred.

The publicity code has been rewritten to reflect the current needs of the college. Because of future campus beautification some walls will no longer be available as sights for posters and banners.

Another change calls for a reduction in the size of posters and banners. This may lessen their impact, but will improve the appearance of the school as a whole.

A second bill clarified the eligibility requirements of student government officers,

Inconsistent and redundant matter that littered the constitution has been condensed and combined into a few, easy to understand, sections.

While this second bill has not changed the eligibility requirements, they are now more accessible

For the changes to be written into law they had to pass both the Executive Cabinet and ASCC Senate.

The fact remains, though, without the efforts of one person these bills would never have come into being. That person is Party Whip Allen Holland, who drafted and sponsored both bills.

Because of Holland, and those like him, the constitution can continue to grow and serve students now, and those yet to come.

Precedence not set as president hides past

Student politicians on this campus hold a lot of power. They also hold the purse strings to thousands of dollars and are ultimately responsible for the decision of how to spend it.

The ASCC Cabinet and Senate have given their approval for expenditures of approximately \$1500 for members of the AASU (Afro-American Student Union) and MEChA to attend a rally in Sacramento to protest Gov. Deukmejian's budget regarding education.

The request for funds was made in the name of educational enhancement.

Granted, the participants' education will probably be enhanced, but is it appropriate for the student association to fund 41 students to attend a political rally?

If education, specifically community college education, is the primary concern, why wasn't the matter brought before the ICC?

The primary sponsors of the rally are the statewide organizations of MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan), A/BSSA (African/ Black Student Statewide Alliance) and APSU (Asian/Pacific Islander Student Union) making our campus MEChA and AASU clubs obvious channels for the rally announcement. And while these two clubs may have a keener interest in promoting better education for "students of color" (the term used in Spring '89 rally promotional literature) there are possibly other campus organizations that would have been interested also.

There are other avenues of funding available to clubs and organizations other than money from the ASCC. Consider fund raising.

Because of the ASCC approval, district funding is now possible for bus transportation and advisor costs.

A week after the approval, and after a move had been made to rescind the approval, President Jesus Gomez told the cabinet that he had, in fact, attended the last such rally two years ago. At the expense of the ASCC. Funded through the Ad Hoc portion of the competition fund.

When the issue initially was raised over setting precedent, and discussed by the cabinet for nearly two hours, why didn't Gomez reveal this fact?

Ultimately, the decision is made by the students. Our elected representatives have given the green light.

The ASCC Court up held the practice with a nul-and ing yesterday that stated "Ad Hoc travel is any travel that the College President, ASCC Executive Cabinet, and two-thirds of the Student Senate find appropriate."

But is it appropriate?

Should the ASCC and the College District sponsor a political rally of any kind?

The ASCC chose not to spend money on the Dukakis rally here on campus in October. Show us the difference.

Blissful shopping

is losing a trend



Balloon bouquet lets air out of birthday

By JUDY BRUNKALA

The decision consumed much of my time those few days before his birthday.

You know how it is when you want to select a gift that expresses warm feelings for someone without being extravagant, or risking his or her thinking you're getting "mushy."

After thinking of and rejecting dozens of gift ideas (no, I can't afford a BMW filled with bottles of his favorite champagne, and yes, a weekend in a romantic beach-front apartment *is* overdoing it,) I decided to just drive to a local mall and take a look around.

On the way to the mall, I passed a florist and decided I would send him a balloon bouquet. Not an original gift, perhaps, but it seemed like a pretty safe way to get my message across.

"Oh, sure, we can order it and have it delivered through a florist near his work in Orange County," the young girl, wearing earrings made from silk flowers, assured me from behind the counter after hearing my request. She hurriedly jotted the numbers on her receipt when I pointed this out.

The next day at work, I expected a call from my friend, but didn't hear from him all morning.

When I returned from lunch, I found no message that he'd called.

By 3 o'clock, my hopes were descending rapidly.

"He's probably been in a meeting all day," I rationalized at 4:30.

That evening, I had to call my friend. I discovered that nothing had been delivered to him that day. Needless to say, the florist near his work got a call the next morning.

"Well, the other florist never called us back with the suite number," the woman answering the phone said, in her shop's defense. "Our delivery boy tried to make the delivery three times, but couldn't find the office. Do you want to cancel the order?"

I probably should have said yes, but having my friend receive the gift still outweighed the disappointment of having it The age of the shopping Ninja is over. It wasn't rare, during the "golden years,"

MARK HEUSTIS

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for sale tables at the late, great Zody's to crumble from the sheer weight of hundreds of grabbing hands.

A day-after sale was a potential buying blitzkrieg.

Malls were littered with Mastercards and Visa's, melted from days-long hot dealing.

Sadly, shopping, like everything else, has become a sterile individualistic endeavor. Style no longer has any place in modern purchasing practices.

The once sharply drawn line between male and female shoppers has become virtually nonexistent.

Women would spend hours pouring over catalogs, Hi-Liter in hand, scoping out the week's best buys.

A hastily drawn map (marking targeted stores) and a white knuckled ride led to procurement euphoria.

Upon reaching her objective a canny lady shopper exhibited a deadpan face that would put a gambler to shame. Any show of excitement, or emotion, would tip her competition, cap. The other, and perhaps more serious one, is the fact that all men are colorblind.

We don't wear mixtures of brown, blue, pink, green and orange because we're trying to land a job at Barnum and Bailey's. We just don't know any better.

Unfortunately, man-herds, meandering about department stores, purchasing horribly mismatched clothing from snickering salesgirls is a thing of the past.

The new unisex method requires everyone to carry a book of color cards, carefully matched by the most modern computer brains. With these little helpers it's virtually impossible to dress like a fool.

The change has come. Stores are all part of the same huge conglomerate, making secret price fixing the order of the day.

Men and women browse the aseptic aisles, which are much the same, and fulfill their purchasing quota.

The fire is gone, the neon-bright retail light is dimmed and the price of shopping has risen in ways that have never involved money.

I handed her one of my friend's business cards, and she began busily writing up the order. As she wrote, she added, "We usually suggest that you tie the balloons down with something, like a stuffed animal." She motioned to a display filled with the plush pets.

I pawed through them, passing up frogs with banners reading, "Kiss me, I'm a prince" and small gray mice with phrases like, "Yours Anony-mouse-ly" sewn into the fake fur,

Not finding anything to my liking, my gaze fell on a wicker basket filled with a variety of lush, green plants.

"I'll get this one. It's perfect," I said, taking the basket to the counter.

"I'll have to call the other florist and see if they have that," the girl with the flower earrings replied, rapidly using the push-button phone. "It's all taken care of. It'll be delivered tomorrow."

She gave me a copy of the receipt after I paid for the gift, and I noticed she'd forgotten the suite number on my friend's address. delivered a day late.

"Just send it, but skip the 'Happy birthday' balloon." I replied.

The day dragged on. Finally, near the end of the day, my friend called.

"I love it," he exclaimed: "The funny thing is, though that this florist is right next door to my office."

That really deflated my excitement and enthusiasm about having sent his birthday gift. I could have bought a plant and delivered it myself!

Well, one thing is certain. The next time I'm on my way to a mall for a gift and I pass a florist, the chances are very good that I'll just keep on driving. who may not have a handle on the location of the bargains supreme.

Only when the actual item was in sight did the frenzy occur.

Broken bones were a small price to pay for the possession of a favored red tag goody.

Men have always employed a different shopping strategy.

Wandering.

If we didn't have a firm feminine hand for guidance we might roam the malls forever.

Clothes shopping has always been the one great male downfall.

Never knowing quite what we wanted to buy in the first place was one major handi-



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AGS to compete at statewide convention

By MARK HEUSTIS TM Associate Editor

Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS), the honor society, will represent Cerritos College at a statewide convention this week.

The conference, which runs April 7 through 9, will include competitions for scholarships, and the most outstanding newsletter and name badge, according to Advisor Thomas Jackson.

'This conference will benefit not only the students who attend, but our school as well," said AGS President Lisa Ross.

The club, whose membership has risen

from 30 to over 200 students, is sending 10 students to the competition, which will be held at the Irvine Hilton.

Various scholarships include 20 Kathleen D. Laly awards for \$600 apiece. Other endowments, totaling \$500 each, will be presented to some 25 students. These are based on GPA and an autobiographical sketch submitted by each student competing.

The turnout is expected to reach some 400 delegates, representing 60 chapters from around the state.

"It is a symbol of achievement and our chapter of AGS is privileged to represent Cerritos College," stated Ross.

In addition to Ross, AGS representatives will include Christina The, Robert Cottrell, Craig Malone and Katrina Van Sanford.

Rounding out the group will be Ann Ino, Jan Tanasaki, Myra Brebonia, Jenny Schoenborn and Siamak Adampour.

Of these Ross, The and Tanasaki will be competing for scholarships.

Service to AGS will qualify the top 25 delegates to receive \$100 Ed Walsh awards.

"Workshops and a chance to exchange ideas with other chapters are important parts of the convention," stated Jackson.

All awards will be presented at a Saturday, April 8 banquet.

After deliberating Gomez announced

Robert's Rules of order were consulted

"I think that if you're on the list (of

and it was discovered that the president votes

attendees) you should abstain," said Party

the body or break a tie?"

only to break a tie.

Whip Allen Holland.

that he would vote with the body.

News Briefs... Free Pizza

Free entertainment and pizza will be available to students tonight in the Social Science patio at 6:30 p.m.

The ASCC event is open to everyone, but free goodies require an ASCC membership card.

Library hosts Author Series

Joseph Mugnaini, renowned artist and illustrator, is the first author in the new Author Series hosted by the library.

The free lecture will take place in AC 43 today from 1 to 2 p.m.

Mugnaini has won several awards for his drawings and has provided illustrations for author Ray Bradbury's books. He is the author of several books on art.

The next author lecture will be April 13 and will feature Helena Viramontes.

Tax time coming with help handy

The deadline for filing Federal Income Tax returns is Monday April 17. Free help in filling out certain forms is being offered by The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly through the 17th at many sites in your community. For more information on a site near you call either the IRS at 1-800-424-1040 or the Franchise Tax Board at 1-800-852-5711.

Senators awarded

For the first time, two Faculty Senators have been chosen as recipients of the Faculty Senator of the Year award. The co-recipients are Senators John Boyle and John Kelder.

•VICA strikes gold

Cerritos College VICA Chapter took eight first place gold medals in the Regional Skill Olympics Trials for Region 3. The fact that they placed so well means they will compete on a state level at the USSO State finals in Sacramento April 21-23, 1989.

Skills that were mastered include automotive mechanical repair, automotive collision repair and welding.

• College Reps to be on campus this week

Reps from Cal State Fullerton will be on campus today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., tomorrow 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday CSUFullerton will host a transfer day from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a bus leaving the C9 parking lot at 8 a.m. Thursday will also have representatives from USC El Centro Chicano from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in front of the library.

Finally, on Friday Cal State San Bernardino will sponsor a transfer day from 9 a m. to 2 n m. Transportation will not be

Rules of order questioned during cabinet meeting from Gomez, "Does the president vote with

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ming \$400 off the meal cost. Transportation is to be provided by the college district.

The possibility of setting a dangerous precedence was discussed, which might allow any group to take a similar trip was also debated.e. at concast a stability

Although the Cabinet agenda listed the event as an "educational rally" there was some contention as to whether or not it was political in nature.

There are some things that seem political, but we're going for the educational value," said Commissioner of Fine Arts Alicia Parks.

Gomez added, "Whether or not we like it, we live in a political world. Our organization is political."

Also discussed was the possibility that the students being sent would not adequately represent the college.

"I'm not mentioning any names, but some of these people wouldn't even know how to tie their shoes if they came untied," stated Commissioner of Athletics Craig Malone.

Dean Ackland, assistant coordinator of student activities replied, "There is a fine line between endorsement and support. I

being supported. The thing I question is the size of the group."

"When you endorse, you support," noted Gomez, who went on to say, "I think the whole student body should go."

According to DeLaby, members of all clubs should have been given an opportunity to attend. The general consensus within the cabinet was that the item was never presented to the ICC.

The literature distributed with the agenda indicated the rally will include support for higher budgets for K-12, ethnic studies as a graduation requirement for community colleges, and state funding for a third world student legislative watch office.,

Statistics cited include graduation percentages for Chicano/Latino, Africani Americans, Filipinos and Native Americans.,

Vice President Kelly Kafel noted, "It (Spring Action '89 pamphlet) doesn't show that we are supporting all students, only minorities."

Midway through the meeting, Parks, the president of the AASU, announced that she would withdraw the funding request and use the club's own resources to attend the rally

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that also carries institutional punishment for participants in such acts.

This information was not presented with the back-up material to the Cabinet or Senate, but was obtained directly from the communications center of the organization.

Further, Spring Action '89 representatives indicated that it was not a nonprofit organization, but represented a coalition of the sponsoring organizations.

The possibility of any club on campus having a legal right to attend any rally of their choosing at the ASCC's expense was discussed at length by Cabinet members.

Parks insisted that every item brought before the Cabinet set precedence.

second meeting. When Commissioner of Public relations Richard DeLaby called for a motion to rescind the bill at this week's Cabinet meeting, ASCC President Gomez revealed that he had attended Spring Action '87. When asked why information was withheld at the initial discussion Gomez replied,"I wanted to see if anyone would dig around."

Conflict of interest was also evident when one Cabinet member and seven Senators voted for the trip's approval although they were listed as participants.

Upon further investigation it was discovered a bus was being made available for transportation to the rally, leaving from Cal State Los Angeles. The cost per-student is \$5

Gomez stated that only the overflow list (those students who are not being funded by the ASCC) are taking advantage of the transportation supplied by Spring Action '89.

When asked why all the students are not utilizing the more cost effective form of transportation Gomez said that we need as many busses as we can get.

According to a Spring Action '89 representative there is adequate transportation for considerably more than the 41 ASCC funded students and the current 15 person overflow list.

Yesterday the ASCC Supreme Court found, "Ad hoc travel is any travel that the college president, ASCC Executive, and two thirds of the Student Senate find appropriate. The vote was 7-0-0.

When a vote was called for Kafel asked for clarification of parliamentary procedure ago.

Parks', the sole Cabinet member on the list, voted for the item's passage. When the bill was brought before the Senate all seven Senators, who were slated to attend the trip, voted in its favor.

In a post-meeting interview Majority Leader Terry Rincon, who sponsored the bill, stated that she could see no conflict of interest in voting for the measure. She is also on the list of students attending the event,

At this week's Cabinet meeting Commissioner of Publicity Richard DeLaby made a motion to rescind the bill, which failed to gamer the necessary two-thirds majority vote.

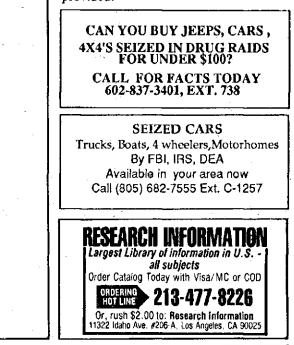
It was during this discussion that President Jesus Gomez revealed his participation in just such an ASCC funded rally two years

prior events of a similar nature until the

don't think we can argue with the things **ASCC Supreme Court solicited for interpretation**

with an offer of free lodging. The Cabinet had no knowledge of any

provided.



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Cerritos to regroup after upset loss to Long Beach

By JEFF OCHOA

TM Sports Editor

Overall, looking at the season of the Cerritos College Baseball team, one would generally be impressed. Without a doubt, inany teams can only dream of winning 20 games in a season. Coach George Horton and his squad have surpassed that and are on their way to a state title.

Before the goal of state title is reached though, the Falcons must be able to survive the challenge erupting in the South Coast Conference where the team is in a tie for first place with arch rival Long Beach City College, both with a 6-3 mark.

"The league is very competitive," commented Horton, "It's not just one or two losses for the top teams, it's two and three losses, something kind of unexpected."

After losing two out of three games last week, the Falcons find themselves tied for first after leading the league since the beginning of conference play. The Falcons fell victim to Mount San Antonio College 3-2 before upending the Mounties in the return match up 12-11. On Saturday the Birds were stymied when the Vikings of Long Beach scored three times in the top of the ninth to upset the Falcons in a key SCC match up finally winning 9-6.

Yesterday, the Falcons met up with Long Beach again, but results weren't available at press time.

"Our effort will improve," commented Horton, referring to the game played at Long Beach. "We're looking at an 11 game conference schedule. I think we can do it (win the conference)."

The Falcons have boasted the number one ranking in California for the majority of

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the season while winning three tournaments, the Glendale Foothill Classic, the Allan Hancock Tournament and the Casey Stengal Tournament, the latter in dramatic fashion.

"We have a group of winners," said Horton. "They hate to lose as much as anyone I know, so I think we'll regroup and find the strength from inside."

According to Horton, the key to winning the conference as well as the state title is for his team to go out and "play with a little better intensity."

"We have to play a complete game," said Horton. "We can't relax when we're ahead and we can't panic when we're down."

Despite the two losses last week, the Falcons are still confident in winning the conference.

"We talked and decided we have to release the losses and go forward. We can't worry about losses," said Horton.

"I just want them to take care of playing baseball. If we do that, we'll be on top. It's tradition for Cerritos to be ranked one or two. Teams are going to play us tough and we just have to accept the challenge that comes with winning.

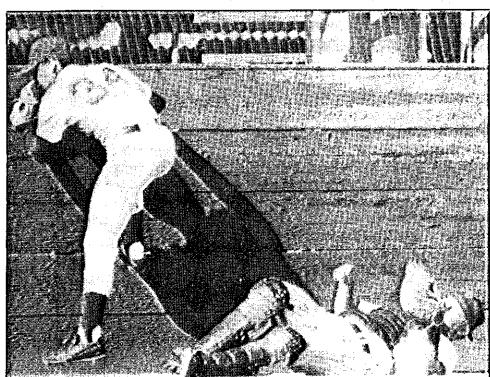
According to Horton, key players for Cerritos have been sophomore first baseman Javier Fimbres, Bobby Magallanes, Matt Hattabaugh and David Main.

"Fimbres has always been a great hitter, but he's really improved defensively from a year ago. As long as Main keeps driving in runs while platooning we'll do okay. He's powerful. He's doing what we want him to do, drive in runs," said Horton.

Main hit a three run homer in the loss to Long Beach on Saturday.

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FUMBLING FALCONS — Falcon pitcher Ralph Diaz and catcher Matt Hattabaugh attempt to retrieve a foul ball during last Thursday's game against Mount San Antonio College. The ball (out of play) was never caught but as a result of the play Diaz suffered a slight fracture of the bone in his wrist which means he will be sidelined for up to two weeks. Diaz started eight games for the Falcons while recording a perfect record of 6-0 with an earned run average of 5.01. Cerritos defeated the Mounties 12-11, scoring six times in the bottom of the ninth inning to increase their chances for the South Coast Conference championship, as well as their hopes for a state title. The Falcons avenged last Saturday's defeat at the hands of Long Beach City College yesterday with results not available at press time. The Falcons had Jason Kerr on the mound. Kerr has started eight games and has come away with a record of 4-0 with an ERA of 2.27

turned in one of the greatest comebacks seen in a long time, scoring six times in the bottom of the ninth to finally win 12-11 in dramatic fashion.

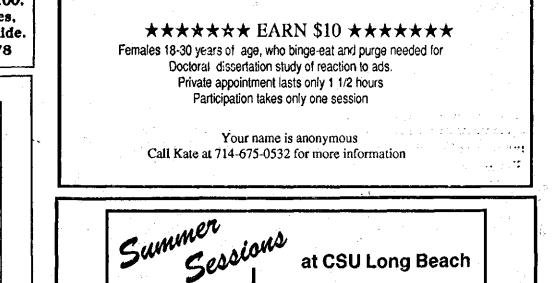
The Falcons held early leads before the Mounties began their hitting barrage. The Falcons stayed close 10-6 on a solo home run by Matt Hattabaugh going into the ninth inning.

After Mt. SAC added a run in the ninth, Cerritos began its heroic comeback. With two men aboard, Bobby Magallanes hit a home run to close the gap at 11-10. The Falcons were able to load the bases on a walk, a single and a hit batsman. A wild pitch to the next batter scored two runs allowing for the Falcons to come away with the win 12-11. "I knew that after Bobby hit his three run homer, we had a legitimate chance," said Horton. "That was an exciting game for everyone. We pulled ourselves out of a hole and showed some real desire to win."

The Falcons will be without starting pitcher Ralph Diaz, who suffered a small fracture between two bones in his wrist.

"Ralph will wear the cast for two weeks," said Horton. "But if he is able to pitch, we will try to see if we can cut a piece of the cast so he can wear a glove. But that's just a remote possibility."

Diaz has a record of 6-0 with an earned run average of 5.01 in eight starts.



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