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Presidential hopefuls

Two slates plus one write-in may equal a good run for top ASCC offices



PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES — SISI VAOKAKALA AND STEVE OTERO

Presidential campaign gets under way today

By KARLA HUFENBACH
 TM Editor in Chief

The ASCC Presidential race is on. Two official slates are vying for the top spots in student government. Manuel Rincon and Alicia Parks comprise one slate, Sisi Vaokakala and Steve Otero the other.

Two other slates: Bill Robertson and Clay Blackmer, Kevin Maudlin and Aaron Palmer, were declared ineligible Monday because the vice presidential candidates lived outside the District boundaries.

Robertson has announced that he will be launching a write-in campaign. "I feel that we are a qualified team, and able to assume the responsibility of president and vice president," said Robertson.

Blackmer is in the process of moving

into the District, thus removing his ineligibility status. However, by ASCC rules, a write-in candidate's eligibility is only checked if elected.

"I think someone should be looking into the rules governing the election," said Maudlin. "You are excluding a lot of people from serving the school if they have to live within the District boundaries." He has not announced any further election plans.

Last year "free flow" was instituted allowing students to attend the college of their choice without adhering to boundaries or acquiring special permits. Board of Trustee rules still specify that members must live within the District. The ASCC president is a non-voting member of the Board.

Concerned primarily with student



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needs and the inclusion of the seemingly forgotten night students is the prime objective of the Vaokakala and Otero slate.

"They should get equal representation, we don't want to leave them out," said Otero.

They voiced a commitment to the students and adequate representation for all factions on campus.

Rincon and Parks have more polished platform goals, listing parking, campus safety, job placement and publicity as their major objectives.

"I feel that through my experience in student government and leadership I have a good insight as to what the school needs," said Rincon. "I intend to represent the students as a whole, not individual campus groups."

Candidates also responded to issues including recorded roll call votes for cabinet members, conflict of interest votes, and ways of making the Senate a more viable body.

Rincon and Parks:

●Recorded cabinet votes — "No, as a cabinet member you must have privacy of voting."

●Senate ideas — "The Senate is a check and balance for the cabinet. We need to make sure they know what they are voting for."

●Conflict of interest — "If the issue is important enough, conflict of interest doesn't exist."

Vaokakala and Otero:

●Recorded cabinet votes — "Yes the ASCC members should be allowed to see how the cabinet votes."

●Senate Ideas — "The language is not very clear, the senators do not always know what they are voting on. That needs to be changed."

●Conflict of interest — "If we were

involved in an issue we should abstain from voting."

Active campaigning starts today, with slates presenting their platforms directly to the students.

Birds flying high in SCC

By JEFF OCHOA
 TM Sports Editor

Ranked number one in Southern California as well as California, the Cerritos College Men's Baseball team is enjoying success as it comes.

And success is coming often for the Falcons.

Cerritos, in the midst of a tight race for the South Coast Conference regular season title have won four straight conference games and are just one half game in front of SCC rival Long Beach City College.

Cerritos, winners of 10 in a row earlier in the season, have a conference record of 10-3 and an overall record of 28-6 with six games still remaining in SCC regular season action.

The Falcons have won three tournaments, the Foothill Classic, the prestigious Casey Stengel Tournament and the Alan Hancock Tournament, while being ranked number one throughout the season.

Cerritos, while winning 10 games in conference action, has relied on consistent pitching and timely hitting to take sole possession of the lead in the league.

Cerritos, a powerhouse in California, has a team batting average of .344, while hitting

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● ELECTION

ASCC presidential elections will be held on April 26 and 27. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

● AWARD NOMINATIONS

The deadline for ASCC award nominations is Friday, April 21. The Awards Banquet is scheduled for May 12.

● FACULTY CONCERT

The fourth annual Faculty Concert Gala is scheduled for Sunday, April 16 at 2:30 p.m.

Editorials

Student accolades

A resolution may soon be passed to congratulate the men's basketball team.

This is just. Did not the team rise to the top of the state ranks and secure the title of champion?

After all basketball is as good for the college as the school is for the sport.

But, let's not let the congratulations stop there. Some less publicized teams, representing our school, deserve praise also.

Let us not forget about the speech team who made an impressive showing at the National Tournament.

Equally so, the scholarship winner at the recent Alpha Gamma Sigma conference.

Lambda Alpha Epsilon won 12 awards against the toughest criminal justice competition this nation can provide.

A total of eight gold medals, earned by VICA at the regional level will propel them to the state competition.

While athletics has a budget that is clear, many other groups representing the school must go through the convoluted turns of student government to secure the funds needed to compete.

These competitions may lack the glamour of interscholastic sports. Likewise, the state level

scholarship money may not flow as freely for the winners of somewhat less physical pursuits.

But does that mean they should be forgotten?

No.

It is time that Cerritos began to recognize its hidden champions.

Let sports achievements not be viewed as the lesser, but let these other students representing the college receive the acclaim they deserve.

Picking a president

It seems like only yesterday Jesus Gomez took office as ASCC president.

If that is so, today has come upon us suddenly. For at the end of this month the selection process will once again visit here. The result being a new president and vice president.

Hopefully every voting student will realize the importance of the office, and the responsibility shared by all in selecting the best person for the job.

Getting to the polls is only the first step. Attempting to dredge through the political dogma to grasp the true purpose and abilities behind each slate is not always easy.

The tried method for election at Cerritos has been to interest the members of various clubs in providing support by way of votes.

After the final tally comes in the candidate, who often times is elected because of social popularity,

may or may not favor the organizations which carried him to office.

The system here is such that it is far easier to wait for an apathetic president to graduate than to try to do something about him, even though he can affect things for years to come.

Few are held culpable for their mistakes, just as few are lauded for their triumphs.

But, as all things of a circular nature do, it eventually comes back to the voter to refill the office, hoping that the new executive officers will meet or exceed the standards set by their predecessors. However high or low they may have been.

Getting to the polls is not enough. Voting for a fellow club member is not enough, although the feeling of fraternity may make it seem so.


The only responsible method of selection is that of choosing the candidate who is best qualified, who promises to institute changes for the good, and especially who can represent the student body at large regardless of his own race, creed or color.

The burden of selection is a heavy one. A good start might have been attending yesterday's presidential press conference.

In lieu of that try talking to candidates. If they are not accessible, now can they be expected to change after the ballot is cast?

Finally understand the power of the president, who holds sway over much more than the ASCC funds. Vote, but vote intelligently or not at all.

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KESSLER LOGAN
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I believe a woman should have the choice to give birth to a child. Mother knows best.



ANDREW KELSEY
Theatre
Objectively, abortion should be legal. It's better if it's safe and clean otherwise it's dangerous.



LILLAN POOLE
Nursing
It's up to the individual, everyone is entitled to whatever decision they make.

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Executive Cabinet**De Laby asked for resignation**

By MARK HEUSTIS
TM Associate Editor

In a memo, delivered April 17, ASCC President Jesus Gomez formally requested the resignation of Commissioner of Publicity Richard De Laby.

The reason cited in the memo was Gomez' loss of confidence in the ability of De Laby to effectively serve in his position.

According to De Laby, "He told me it resulted from a comment I had made, but he had heard me incorrectly."

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De Laby also noted, "After I informed him that it involved a misunderstanding he still wished to stand behind his original decision, which leads me to believe he was not completely up front with me when he gave me his reason."

The letter of resignation, signed by De Laby, is to be read at the April 24 cabinet meeting.

When asked for his reason behind the action Gomez replied, "What I expect is teamwork. He wasn't giving that."

"We may have disagreed on issues", stated De Laby, "but to me that is what democracy is all about, allowing people to express ideas without being penalized. All I want from Jesus now is an answer, why. I wish him luck in the final weeks of his term."

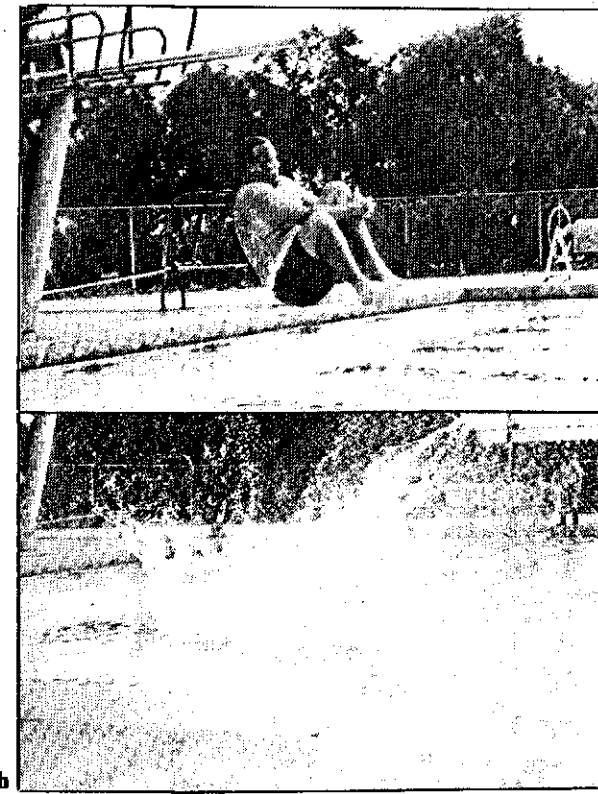
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Greeks make big splash

Craig Malone, representing Upsilon Omicron Fraternity plunges into first place yesterday during the "big splash contest" in the Falcon pool. The event marked the third day of Greek Week festivities.

Also in the pool yesterday was the "make me hurt dive." Carrie Tigner, representing Kappa Psi Theta, painfully defeated the competition.

Today in the quad the Greeks will be hosting the obstacle course competition.



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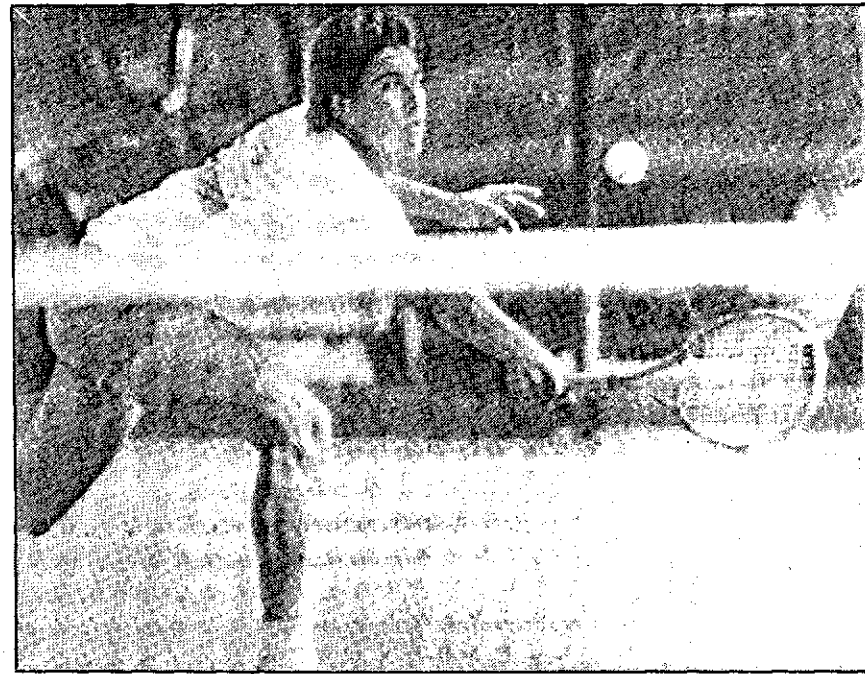
46 homeruns in 32 games. Nine homers have been hit by sophomore first baseman Javier Fimbres. Along with Fimbres, Bobby Magallanes has seven homeruns, while freshman designated hitter David Main has slugged six. Two Falcons have slugged five each, catcher Matt Hattabaugh and Joe Arredondo.

Arredondo collected two of his homeruns last week when he hit a grand slam and a two run shot driving in seven runs in a 14-2 rout of El Camino. Arredondo tied a school record with his seven RBI.

Yesterday, the Falcons hosted El Camino with results not available at press time. Tomorrow the Falcons host Mount San Antonio College in a 2:30 p.m. matchup before taking to the road against the Mounties on Saturday.

Against El Camino last week, the Falcons hit six homeruns, a school record, while Jason Kerr pitched seven strong innings for his fifth win without a loss. Jimmy Griego and Dan Naulty relieved Kerr in the eighth and ninth innings to preserve the win.

TENNIS TALES II-Adrian Pina concentrates on the ball during yesterday's match against Mt. San Antonio College's Rick Silaphet. Pina won the match in three sets 6-3, 3-6, 7-5. The Falcons are in second place in the South Coast Conference and are looking forward to the SCC championships as well as the regional and state playoffs next month. The Falcons are 7-2 in conference play and will meet against El Camino tomorrow to decide who takes sole possession of second place in the league.



TM Photo By Juan Osampo

In a non conference game against Rancho Santiago, the Falcons pitching staff was scorned when the Dons pounded out 22 hits enroute to a 14-9 upset win.

Ralph Diaz made his first start since breaking a bone in his glove hand and allowed one run in two innings pitched.

Six different Falcons had at least two hits. Craig LaLonde led the way with his first homerun of the year, a two run shot. Arredondo, left fielder Tom Boudreau, second baseman Danny Ramirez, Hattabaugh and DH Gerardo Perez also each had two hits. LaLonde drove in three runs while Arredondo had two RBI.

Against El Camino, Arredondo collected three hits in five at bats while freshman Chris Powell went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and a RBI. Fimbres tied a school record with his 19th double of the year going 2-for-5. Boudreau, LaLonde and Main also hit homeruns along with Arredondo.

Tennis teams vying for wins

By JUSTIN VELEZ
TM Features Editor

With just two conference matches left to play, the Cerritos College Women's Tennis Team is undefeated, and on their way to winning the South Coast Conference Championship after last year's disappointing fourth place finish.

Currently, the Lady Falcons are undefeated in eight conference matches and have an overall record of 12-2. Tuesday, the Ladies traveled to Mount San Antonio College to battle the Mounties in a SCC matchup. (Results were unavailable at press time). The Falcons finish up conference play tomorrow when they host El Camino at 2 p.m.

The men's team is enjoying a competitive season. The Falcons are in second place in the SCC with one match still remaining tomorrow against El Camino. The Men are 7-2 in conference play and will play El Camino for sole possession of second place in the conference.

The men are led by Chung Yuen, Catalino Quintinar, Adrian Pina and Mike Vukanovich. Jimmy Nguyen and Ahn Nguyen are consistent freshmen who have surprised some of their opponents in the conference. Quintinar is the lone sophomore on the team.

For the women, second year sophomores Michelle Reed and Holly Evans have lost only one match between the two in singles action. And as a doubles team, they are virtually unbeatable.

Last year the two advanced to the state semi-finals, where they were defeated by stiff competition from California.

Slowly joining the ranks of Reed and Evans are freshmen Janet Tamagno and Janelle Ohm from Warren High and Rosie Romero and Vickie Montes.

Both teams can look forward to the South Coast Conference Championship being held May 4-6. From the conference championships both teams are hopeful to advance to the regional playoffs as well as the state finals.

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