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POLO PERFORMS — The ASCC-sponsored dead hour activities held in the quad yesterday, Sept. 27, featured

the top 40 sounds by Polo along with free burgers and sodas to card-holding associated student body members.

District reform procedure favored by college Board

A highly-favored proposal that would change the election procedure for the Cerritos College Board of Trustees comes up for approval at next week's meeting.

The Trustees will take action on splitting the college district into smaller subdistricts to achieve better representation.

No Board members spoke out against the proposed splitting during discussion.

Several Trustees cited high campaign expenditures, and the dilution of minority votes as two reasons for going ahead with the proposal.

Those present to lobby in favor of the reformation included Kathleen Navejas, mayor of Hawaiian Gardens and supporter of the controversial petition to nullify the recent appointment of John Moore to the Board.

The petition was not turned in on time which resulted in no change from the Board's appointment of Moore.

Falcons hope to soar with pre-game boost

"Falcon spirit" is expected to run high at the pre-game reception Saturday in the Student Center.

The planner's main objective is to carry the enthusiasm into a Falcon victory over San Diego Mesa in the 7 p.m. game.

The reception is free to ticket holders and includes dinner and entertainment. Our own Cerritos Pep Band and Cheerleaders will perform. Faculty member, Richard McGrath will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the festivities, which begin at 5:30 p.m. and are set to run until 6:30 p.m., just prior to game time.

Although numbers are limited, tickets are still available today at the Student Activities office.

"All students, faculty, staff, and their families are encouraged to participate, it's not just geared toward clubs and student government members," said Phil Houseman, associate dean of student activities.

"Collecting the signatures was easy," said Navejas of the petition.

"We didn't turn in the petition because we didn't want to put one minority up against another."

Following the meeting, Navejas told a *Talon Marks* reporter, "We (the petition supporters) had talked about it and we thought it would be better to hold off and save our resources."

"If the Board does not approve this measure we can initiate it by petition."

L.A. County Superintendent of Schools Administrator Marc Forgy explained the procedure and variations within the process to the Board.

The discussion turned to the two options of the proposal with no Trustees arguing against the splitting.

Board member Katie Nordbak favored the option which stated, "each Board member would be elected by the registered voters of the entire district, but would reside in the Trustee area which he/she represents."

Trustees Ruth Banda, Bob Epple, Ada Steenhoek, and Harold Tredway discounted this method opting for the one which stated, "A member residing in each Trustee area would be elected by the registered voters of that particular area."

Board Secretary Epple spoke in favor of this option stating, "Campaign costs are too high, and there is no physical way a candidate or an electee can become widely known in this large district."

Trustees Banda and Tredway agreed with Epple's decision but not with his motives, stating, "Cost is not the issue, equal representation is."

Steenhoek added, "If we do have to replace someone, as in the case of Barbara (Hayden), it would cause less conflict if we filled the vacancy with someone from the same district as the person who left."

Once the Board has voted upon and approved the measure, it will be out of their hands and in those of the L.A. County Committee on School District Organization.



Homecoming will stroll to 'Old Time Rock-n-Roll'

By KARIBETH MYERS and ANGIE VILLANUEVA

Get ready to shake, rattle, and roll your way back to the future as the ASCC-sponsored "Old Time Rock-n-Roll" Homecoming events hop into action during October.

Homecoming Queen candidate and float applications should be turned into Student Activities no later than Friday, Oct. 7, at 4:30 p.m.

Only 20 float beds, which are provided by the ASCC, are available. The beds are assigned on a first come, first served basis.

There is no limit on initial queen candidate entrants.

Many of the 50-plus campus clubs and organizations are expected to participate in the annual fall activities.

Nine float applications have already been submitted, with themes such as "Rock Around the Clock," "Splish Splash...Taking a Bath," and "Jukebox."

Elections for the final slate of seven

Homecoming hopefuls will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 11 and 12, at several campus polling sites.

The ASCC will provide participating organizations with \$200 to help defray construction expenses.

Construction takes place Oct. 24-28, on the east side of Falcon Stadium.

Float judging will be Saturday morning, Oct. 29, by a panel of faculty, staff, Board members, and community representatives.

The 1988 Homecoming committee consists of Mark McKernan, chairman, Rudy Cuevas, Rudy Ritt, Lydia Delgado, Victoria Rangel, Susie Okimoto, Jose Gomez, Holly Bogdanovich and Ron Locklear.

This committee is responsible for coordinating, organizing and supervising the entire Homecoming agenda.

Other major activities scheduled include the introduction of the 1988 Homecoming Court on Oct. 18, 11 a.m. in the Student Center, Activity Night on Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. and a Mock Rally on Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. in the Student Center.

● FOOTBALL AT HOME

Falcon football team regroups for San Diego Mesa College confrontation this Saturday, following pre-game reception.

● DRUG ABUSE/2

Drug abuse results in crushed lives, broken homes, fallen careers, and lost gold medals. A powerful war must be waged.

● SENATE SEATED/3

Newly elected ASCC Senators were seated at first session of the fall semester. Senate officers were also elected.

Editorials

● *When the price of love is too high, it's time to just say no*

America has taken a new lover.

The price is steep. An estimated \$110 billion per year comes out of our pockets to support our paramour.

It is an illicit and illegal affair, generally frowned upon by conventional society.

Our love's name is **drug abuse**.

Lost lives, wrecked careers, broken homes, crime, tainted schools, toppled Olympic heroes, and corrupt policemen and politicians are but a few of the trademarks of drugs and their abuse.

Even children, in all their innocence are not safe.

Drugs give us babies, no bigger than a hand, with a multitude of birth defects. Addiction comes with birth, leaving newborns crying from withdrawal with their first breath.

Cocaine reigns supreme with 4 or 5 million regular users.

It should not have been necessary to give lab animals the choice between cocaine and food. One has only to see human addicts starve for their habit to realize what the outcome had to be.

"Illicit drug use seems to be increasing among criminals, and far exceeds estimated use in the general population," said former Attorney General Edwin Meese III.

Statistics show that 79 percent of the men and 76 percent of the women entering selected jails in the Los Angeles area in January and February were using drugs.

Of these, 83 percent were arrested for non-drug related crimes.

While the whys of drug abuse are too numerous to mention, the hows of the body's dependence on them is becoming clearer all the time.

The regular use of any drug, be it tobacco, alcohol or heroin, causes the chemicals of the body and brain to adapt themselves to the life-sapping invaders.

The effects are almost always devastating.

Some one-in-four try marijuana, resulting in one out of 12 becoming regular users.

This subtle killer contributes toward lung cancer, impedes the body's immune system, hampers emotional maturity and renders men infertile.

Cocaine, the choice of rich and poor alike, causes the muscle tissues of the heart to decay, increases blood pressure and causes mental instability.

Heroin, barbiturates, amphetamines, LSD, PCP and all the rest have definite and well documented side effects.

They all, in some way, change the user's personality.

Why would someone indulge in something that would change and enslave him?

Drugs are crueler than any human master could be.

Denial is always part of dependence, and like senility, the victim of drug abuse is rarely able to recognize the changes that he is going through.

Peer pressure, escape, cheap thrills, even rebellious experimentation (using yourself for a lab rat) are all reasons cited for taking drugs.

Drugs have sapped our strength on a national level. Some even believe our drug use, the highest in the world, is responsible for the loss of so much of our economic edge to Japan.

Our national policy is at best nebulous.

Congress authorized \$3.96 billion to fight drugs.

President Reagan cut \$1 billion from his own war on drugs program, after being elected, and in the cruellest blow, recommended no money be spent on drug rehabilitation and treatment in fiscal 1988.

On the state level four bills increasing the severity of drug dealing were recently signed.

● *Responsibility goes both ways*

At its best, student government should be a "hands on" experience in responsibility and leadership.

At its worst, it exhibits the inability to work with others and an over indulgence in rules and procedures.

Last year, we saw some of both.

In the Spring semester we saw mostly the latter.

An outspoken few seemed to dominate the Senate with bills and initiation of procedures not in the best interest of the ASCC.

Much time and effort was wasted before those Senators eventually drew defeat from their peers.

Speculation has it that this new Senate, although yet untried, will be less controversial and more productive.

The Senators are charged with recommending

While on the national level the House Narcotics Committee will open hearings on the idea of legalization.

Before the 20th century, all drugs were legal.

One cannot help but compare this to the advent and repeal of prohibition. The actual amount of alcohol-related deaths increased during prohibition.

Unfortunately, this would be an over-simplification in the case of drugs.

The complexity of the distribution network, which has seen California-based Bloods and other gangs, move their drug sale territories as far north as Alaska and to Texas in the east.

There is a lot at stake here.

The future of a generation may be determined by an all-time drug use high.

We must start at the top. Our next president must take a hard line against drugs.

In a world where junior high students have already become dependents, education should start younger still.

Dealers, who are in essence killers, must be punished swiftly and severely.

The military should be used for civil defense against importers.

People must be made strong enough to live without drugs.

If there is no demand, there will be no supply.

policy, governing student affairs, and will be responsible for a nearly half-million dollar budget.

Our 31 elected representatives are accountable to their constituents, and to their own conscience.

Their time in the Senate should be well-spent with the student interests being put first.

A constituency has the responsibility to keep an eye on their elected representatives and recommend changes and acknowledge successes.

Student Senate meetings are open — anyone can attend — very few do or have in the past.

The student's primary interest should be academic excellence, but attention to government, even student government can add to the overall college experience.

Talon Marks will be keeping watch — but it is the students who hold the ultimate power of change.

Smoker's rights — a hot topic

Well excuse my ash!

BY DAVID MCKENZIE

Campus smokers.

The modern lepers.

Outcasts from the great indoors.

The population of smokers on campus find the new smoking policy at Cerritos College quite unacceptable.

Last semester, before the appearance of the no smoking signs, a student who smokes could go into the coffee shop at the Student Center and have a cup of coffee and a cigarette while studying for their next class.

As for the employees at the cafeteria, six of the seven who smoke are required to go to the opposite end of the building to take their breaks, if they want to have a smoke indoors.

Prior to this they were able to retire to the cloak room which is close by where they could come right back to work in case of a sudden rush of students in line at the coffee shop.

I suppose the popular opinion is if you treat a smoker badly enough he will eventually go away and disappear.

The question of personal choice is the central issue here.

If a person wants to smoke a cigarette at the far end of the coffee shop, isn't that

their right?

As a nonsmoker, I am in favor of segregating public areas into smoking/non smoking zones.

Is it fair to these people that they should be sent out into the cold night with only a small flame to light their path?

It's been a while since prohibition and slavery, haven't we come a long way, baby?

Gasp, wheeze,...

By KARIBETH MYERS

Maybe it's just a *sign* of the times, but let's pretend for a moment that the campus "no smoking" policy is here to stay.

What this means is that wherever these symbols of clean air are found, one is not allowed to light up and tip lock those old, paper-rolled and dried tobacco leaves.

Just because oxygen breathing people are not around, does not give license to those who find pleasure in sending up carcinogenic smoke-signals. Especially in places with little or no ventilation, such as campus restrooms.

Those who wish to ingest fresh air will attest that a recently smoked-in room

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'Sorry seems to be the hardest word'



"I'm sorry."

It's a short phrase with a big meaning, that, more often than not, isn't taken to heart in society at large.

So many apologies are made in expediency and pardon's begged in passing, that it can make the sincerely sorrowful wretch truly tongue-tied in her attempts at self-reproach.

What can she say that will separate her sorrow from commonplace contrition and, therefore, help mend the feelings she hurt?

Can mere words ease the heart of pain a thoughtless tongue-lashing inflicted?

Doesn't love really mean always wanting to say you're sorry?

No matter where the blame lies, or whose defensive darts did damage, once the dotting doves return to reason, repentance usually rears its head.

A melancholy miss can feel just miserable if she mistakenly misjudges her man.

Pitiful penitents nearly always find that paying the price of pardon is a piece of cake in the hands of a compassionate injured party.

And even the proudest paramour realizes sooner or later that it's not necessary to drown in a puddle of tears, when a huddle

of "dears" can be so much more absolving.

It just comes down to a matter of sincerity, affection,...

And knowing when to say, "I'm sorry."

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Newly elected ASCC Senators:

Pictured at right (front row left to right) Rhonda Trusdall, Steve Otero, Rudy Ritt, Allen Holland, Lorraine Soares, Traci Carter, Linda Ocampo, (middle row) Mike Reyes, Irene Rodriguez, Paul Som, Ann Ino Frank Silva, Sisi Vaokakala, Tammy Olmedo, Norma Figueroa, Kelly Kafel - V.P., (back row) Jose Gomez, Patty Fleming, Keith Isaac, Alex Gomez, Jerome Andrews, Eddie Perez, Joe Carraway, David Sharp, Mark Holiday.
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Smoke gets in your eyes

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holds its fumes well. At least, until they find a semi-permanent home in the clothes, hair, and lungs of some unsuspecting entrant.

Such a situation can be both harmful and unpleasant to those with health problems, as well as those whose lung capacity does not enable them to hold their breath until their business is done.

Policies similar to these, state and nationwide, have been denounced by smokers and their advocates as discriminatory, and a violation of their civil rights. But when the "rights" of the few endanger the well-being of the many, including themselves, steps must be taken to curtail such activities, and therefore,

serve and protect the population in general.

Those who'd rather fight than quit might argue that it is unfair to expect a smoker, on a rainy day, to stand in the elements to indulge his or her nicotine habit. Wouldn't it be as equally, if not more, unjust to expect a non-smoker, or an asthmatic, to put up with the down-pour until the smoke bank clears?

It only takes a few moments to smoke a cigarette, and it can take as long as an hour for the second-hand air pollution to clear the air, but it takes years to discover what the end result of concentrated tobacco smoke inhalation will be.

When you, or your loved one, become the next cancer statistic, you may find that more than smoke gets in your eyes.

High voter turnout gives nod to new ASCC Senate

By KARLA HUFENBACH
 TM Managing Editor

In keeping with a renewed spirit of active student participation, the senatorial elections showed an improvement in the number of students casting their ballots. ASCC voters numbered 735, as opposed to 468 last fall.

The top three vote getters were Jerome Andrews (176), Lorraine Soares (164) and Rhonda Trusdall (162). Andrews and Trusdall were both incumbents. Senate seating is determined by the number of votes garnered.

AHORA did fairly well with eight members winning seats from their slate of 11 candidates.

The majority of Senators, however, ran as independents.

Today the newly-elected ASCC Senate will hear a special address by Dr. Allan Boodnick on the function of psychological services, as well as a report from the parking committee, where discussion is being held about a possible parking fee hike.

Student Chairman of the Bookstore Committee Bob Olson will also deliver a report to the Senators.

Last week the Senate elected officers: Rudy Ritt, President Pro-Tem; Rhonda Trusdall, Majority Leader; Irene Rodriguez, Minority Leader; Alex Gomez, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Jerome Andrews, Faculty Senate Liaison.

The Senators gave the official approval to President Jesus Gomez' executive cabinet including the appointment of Allen Holland as senatorial party whip.

"I'm real pleased with how smooth this first meeting went. I have real confidence in our Vice-President Kelly Kafel," said Phil Houseman, associate dean of student activities. "We're getting off to a good start."

The election year has spurred the ASCC government, through the Executive Cabinet to adopt a joint resolution with the Board of Trustees to carry on a voter registration campaign on campus.

During the concert yesterday, members of the executive cabinet circulated among the crowd with voter registration forms encouraging those who were not already registered to do so.

First fall recreation night draws enthusiastic crowd

By JUDY RUSSELL
 TM Staff Writer

The first ASCC-sponsored Recreation Night of the fall semester was successful this month as 200 T-shirts were handed out to ASCC card holders and a multitude of teams competed.

Club members played 3-man basketball, volleyball, racquetball and pingpong.

The next Recreation Night is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m.

Listed below are the standings to date:

3-MAN BASKETBALL

Filipino Club (A)	6
Lambda Phi Sigma Boys	6
Sigma Phi (A)	6
Alpha Phi Beta	5
Sigma Phi (B)	5
MEChA (B)	5
AHORA (A)	4
MEChA (A)	4
Filipino (B)	4
McCrae	4
Chinese Club	3
AHORA (B)	3

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Alpha Phi Beta	4
Serve-Ace-Ah	4
Iota Phi Omicron	4
MEChA	3
Delta Phi Omega	3
Filipino Club	3
All Mighty-Bizzarros	3
Water Phi Polo	3
Upsilon Omicron	3
Phi Rho Pi	3
AHORA	2
Sigma Phi	2
Omega Pi Lambda	2
Chinese Club	2
Alpha Phi Beta (A)	1

GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL

Serve-Ace-Ah	6
Lambda Phi Sigma	5
MEChA	5
Little Sis & Sweethearts of UPS	4
Iota Phi Omicron	4
Delta Phi Omega	3

RACQUETBALL

Phillip/Alpha Phi Beta	6
Victor	5
Melchor	4
Ernie	4

PINGPONG

Mike/Alpha Gamma Sigma	8
Ken O'Leary/Talon Marks	7
Dianna Schmith/Beta Theta Gamma	6
Kevin/Sigma Phi (A)	6
Steven/Chinese Club	6
David/Chinese Club	6
Mac	5
Chavy/Sigma Phi (B)	5
Chiachi Hung	4

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