

## EDITORIAL

### A caricature is...

With all the hullabuloo about giant African jumping frogs in the Calaveras County gig, the TALON MARKS offered a radically caricatured African native leading his gigantic African frog.

Not everybody appreciated the "humor." We didn't choose to caricature a cowboy with bowlegs, a shoeless country bumpkin with overalls, a Cerritos prof with a pot belly and sloppy dress, nor an Hispanic with the stereotyped obvious.

We went the African route because that was the issue on this particular issue. If we duly offend, we apologize.

Fact is, we even take some offense that anybody would suggest that a dynamic academic college environment would spawn the old hat rhetoric and stereotype objection -- it's almost as if you can't use any communicative symbol these days without somebody taking time out of their busy schedules to find offense.

Certainly, we're reasonably "sensitive" to all things sophisticated college students are "sensitive" to these days. No offense intended.

## HOE DOWN DAYS ACTIVITIES

### WEDNESDAY

11 a.m. — Chili Cook-Off  
1 p.m. — Mr. Cerritos Contest  
6:30 p.m. — Free pizza/entertainment Social Science Patio

### THURSDAY

11 a.m. — 1 p.m. Western Concert / Jim Gipson  
11 a.m. — Western Bar-B-Que lunch

All activities FREE with ASCC Card



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If the campus newspaper doesn't look out for the students, who will?

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### Hoe Down happenings

Hoe Down Days was a festive affair yesterday with food, music, magicians, artists, dunk tank, games, etc. Fest continues today, tomorrow.



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## Glitch cancels abortion panel

Women's event to be rescheduled after controversy over video aid

BY SHELLY LESTER  
TM Editor-in-Chief

The first major glitch in the Women's History Month celebration prompted the postponement of the highly publicized, abortion issue, "pro/con choice" panel discussion Monday night.

The hangup came when the pro-choice people, Robin Schneider, executive director for the California Abortion Rights Action League, and Reverend Vic R. Hand, a United Methodist Church minister, were "stunned," in the words of a spokesman, when they arrived to discover that the other side, Janet Larson of the Christian Action Council Ministries and Gregg Cunningham, Assistant U.S. Attorney, planned to use a video presentation.

Panel sponsors thought it was clear that the focus was to be on discussion — to the implied exclusion of films, slides, or other dramatic visual aids.

In a pre-panel discussion, the pro-choice side demanded "equal time" — apparently meaning equal opportunity to use the impact of visual aids.

The steering committee was willing to go ahead with the presentation.

However, they felt the only equitable action would be to postpone the "discussion" until both sides felt comfortable in proceeding according to Dr. Fran Newman, vice president of Student Services.

Everybody was not happy with this decision.

One man said he "was offended" due to the cancellation.

A woman, who called herself a

neighbor of Cerritos College said, "I was looking forward to this, but now I am not coming back. I'm concerned that others won't come back either."

The sparse crowd was disappointing to sponsors and participants.

Less than 50 people were on hand.

Campus Police were out in force in the event of any problems associated with this type of event.

A turnout of sizable numbers of demonstrators was not ruled out by security conscious officials.

Speech Professor and moderator Donna Grossman summed it up with a cliché, "For a speaker, you can never make a speech long enough. For the hearers you can't make a speech short enough. Tonight's speeches turned out to be short enough for the hearers."

She proceeded to inform the audience that "due to unforeseen circumstances, the discussion had been cancelled for tonight and will be rescheduled for a later date."

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## Calendared Events

WED - 3/21

- College Reps: CSU Fullerton
- Hoe Down Days - Student Center
- 11-1 p.m. Chili/Mr. Cerritos
- ASCC Senate/BK111 1-2 p.m.
- Music Dept. Student Recital - 11
- Burnight Center-Room 17
- Softball: Away 3 p.m.
- Golf: Away noon
- File intent to register Admissions

THU - 3/22

- General Faculty-11-noon-Burnight
- Hoe Down Days-luncheon, 11-noon
- Student Center, Free/ASCC card
- College Reps: CSU Fullerton
- Men's Tennis: Here 2 p.m.
- Women's Tennis: Away 2 p.m.
- Baseball: Here 2:30 p.m.
- "Stones for Ibarra" by Doerr
- Author Series Board Run 7 p.m.

FRI - 3/23

- Outstanding Faculty Deadline
- Men's Tennis: Here 2 p.m.
- Baseball: Here 2:30 p.m.

MON - 3/26

- College Reps: CSU Fullerton
- ASCC Cab/2 p.m. BK111

TUES - 3/27

- Board of Trustees: 7 p.m.
- Hoe Down Days: Quad
- Alcoholics Anon: 11 a.m./LA24
- AASU: 11-noon/AC65
- Fac. Senate: 12-1 Board Room
- Medfly spraying: Campus wide
- College Reps: CSU Dominguez Hills, CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach

THU - 3/29

- "D-Day" ASCC Movie night, Free w/card 7 p.m.
- Overeaters Anon: 11 a.m./LA22

## Input sought in general Faculty meet

How the Faculty will be evaluated is one of several proposed new faculty-district-agreements which will be aired this Thursday, March 22, at an 11 a.m. general faculty meeting.

Another meeting is also scheduled in Burnight Center, March 29.

The Faculty Senate urges "full participation of all faculty and administrators."

The purpose of the meeting is to "obtain information about and provide input on the agreements which will become personnel policy for all full-time and part-time faculty," according to Faculty Senate President Connie Mantz.

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# "ASK ME" Look to the peers to help

BY DODIE O'DONNELL  
TM Staff Writer

Those people in the counseling admissions area giving tours around campus and wearing "Ask Me" buttons are peer counselors.

Ranging in age from 18 to 72, they are students who relate to students—peer to peer.

Most of the peer counselors are current students, but some are former students who return especially to help with registration and orientation.

There are three prime areas in which they are trained to assist: registration, academic probation, and with student orientations.

During registration, they work on the floor in Admissions and the Student Center, helping with paper work and answering any students' questions.

They have recently become involved with helping students who are on academic probation, first contacting them by mail and asking them to attend a group session orientation.

It gives the student on probation an opportunity to become focused and successful, they then meet with a counselor and are given early registration. This often helps keep them in school.

## Student corps offers variety of assistance

During the summer months peer counselors give campus tours for new students, helping them pick schedules for counselor's approval, and with early registration.

Counselor Joyce Ricci, is in charge of the orientation program which features both day and evening sessions.

The orientations at night center around re-entry students and their particular adjustments in returning to college.

Peer counseling originated here about 10 years ago. It stemmed from the CG 10 class, Counselor Aide in the Community College. Pat Cook, Director Assessment Center, was the original instructor.

There were 10 peer counselors at that time. There are now 40 available peers.

Dr. Steven Helfgot, Coordinator of High School Relations, is currently teaching the class.

Dr. Helfgot informed the students now enrolled in CG 10 that they will be "working very hard and having lots of fun." The class covers student development theory, involving the problems of college student identity formation and the establishing of a purpose.

They spend three weeks learning the college campus, with a series of speakers from different departments on campus. They will learn basic counseling skills, including how to talk, listen and respond. They will not have a counseling degree when they finish, but they will learn basic academic advising skills, public speaking skills, work with a group, and how to work with a group.

Current issues on campus will be discussed, ranging from multicultural programs to drug and alcohol abuse.

Along with the CG10 class, they are required to attend four or five workshops each year to acquaint them with new information. They are also required to pass a written test.

"They do not need to know everything themselves, but they sure need to be able to find the answer," said Helfgot.

Pam Day, Recruitment Technician, has been working with the peers for the past 10 years.

She and Dr. Helfgot often take at least one peer counselor with them when they visit local high schools.

Cerritos currently services 23 high schools in the area with one to three visits per year organizing Career Days and College Fairs.

There are College Planning Seminars held jointly with Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine. Cerritos is a contractual partner with these four-year universities.

Students and parents are invited to these seminars to help make decisions about life after high school.

When the community college and the four-year university visit together, they are not in competition, they are working together to sell higher education, Dr. Helfgot emphasized.

UC accepts the top 12% and CSU accepts the top 1/3. What happens to the rest?

Peers become important in this system because they are examples of people who are doing it.

According to Dr. Helfgot, "Counselors can answer questions, a parent can answer a question, but when a peer says, 'I graduated from

this high school, I have 30 units at Cerritos, and next year I will transfer to CSUF,' the high school student sits up and takes notice."

This program helps in two particular areas.

First, there are those families who never thought their children would get a higher education. There's also the family that feels if their children do not get into a four-year university, all is lost.

In the spring at many of the local high schools, there will be an information table at lunch with a peer counselor there to answer questions, help them fill out applications, and inform the seniors about new student orientations.

Cerritos was one of the early pioneers in the peer counseling area.

The success of the program has attracted the attention of other colleges who have looked to Cerritos

as a model.

Most area campuses now have peer counselors.

"The role of peer counselors on our campus is being re-thought—with them becoming even more involved," Helfgot said.

With more training and development, they will be out there on campus as real extensions of the counseling staff and other student services, he said.

Counselors are in their offices seeing students, but what about those students out there who never get to a counselor?

He sees counselors in the Student Center, Cafeteria, racquetball courts, health occupations...where students don't always get to the counseling staff.

"If we can find students with questions or problems they don't know how to solve, the peer

counselors can help them, either by giving them the information they need, or by referring them to someone who has the answer," according to Helfgot.

"A whole lot of those invisible students we never see or who just disappear, can be kept in school," he said.

Whenever there is a need for work to be done that involves a helping relationship with the student, the peer counselor can help.

According to Pam Day, anyone interested in becoming a peer counselor should consider taking CG10 in the fall.

How active are you on campus?

Are you really interested in the student body—the overall school?

The "Ask Me" buttons are worn by a special corps of students who help students.

Peer to peer, as they say.



PEERS HERE TO HELP — Member of the peer counseling staff gather round new information desk in Counseling Office. Seated left is Pam Day, Recruitment Technician, right is Dr. Steven Helfgot, Director of High School Relations.

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## Houseman, Paige talk Hoe Down

Phil Houseman, long time associate dean of Student Activities and student government advisor, has requested a transfer to the college counseling department. The request was expected to be approved by the Board of Trustees last night. Houseman said he simply needed a change. The Cerritos grad has guided the highly acclaimed student government/activities programs to even greater heights. Heads of instructionally related programs whose funding is under the aegis ASCC budget have expressed regret over Houseman's move.

Houseman is shown here with Dean Paige, VP of Instruction, during a Hoe Down Day refreshment break.

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NANCY BALLARD





## CAMPUS VIEWS

Spraying For  
The Medfly:

COMMENT  
ON IT...

Interviews by  
JEAN CASEY

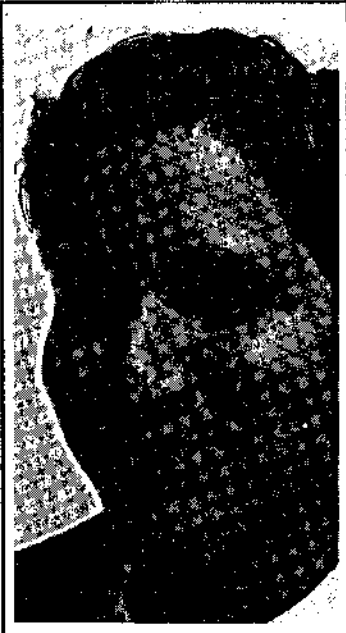
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**CELIA SERRO**  
*Physical Therapy/Frosh*  
"I don't see the flies so it's silly to spray. Anything that destroys the paint on cars can't be healthy for people."



**ADRIAN REDD**  
*Psychology/Soph*  
"They should stop the spraying — it's doing no good. If people have a problem with the flies, they should take care of it themselves."



**JAVIER FREYRE**  
*Engineering/Frosh*  
"It doesn't bother me. I don't see why everyone makes a big deal out of it."



**SHERI STOVER**  
*Dental Hygiene/Soph*  
"I don't think they should do the spraying. It's going to kill us with cancer. It's like Agent Orange; years down the road, it will effect all of us."



**NAOMI RADCASDKI**  
*Psychology/Soph*  
"I'm upset about the spraying and angry about the situation. They don't care about us."



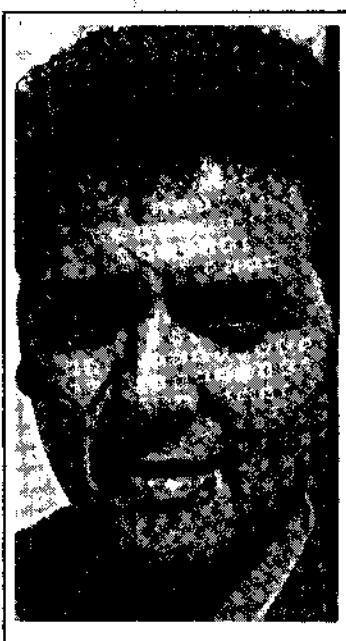
**CLAY SCHWARTZ**  
*Business/Soph*  
"It gives me bad headaches when it's sprayed around my house. I don't like it; it messes up my car."



**INDRIA BERNAL**  
*Undecided/Soph*  
"It's a good idea. If it will help with the flies, a little won't hurt."

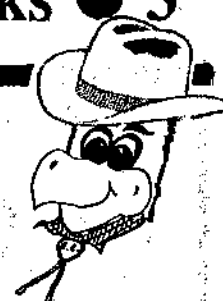


**STEVE LUMPKIN**  
*Business/Frosh*  
"It's a waste of time. It won't get rid of everything and ruins people cars."



**FERNANDO PAIZ**  
*Business/Soph*  
"It's the best remedy to kill the flies but you don't know what it holds for the future."

## CC FALCON Lovin' in the Library



**LIBRARY LOVE**—Last time I checked, the library was for studying ...books. Wasn't it?

This chick told me that she waited quite a while for the use of a study booth due to a couple of love birds who were more interested in each other than hitting the books.

**LACERATED LAWN**—Cerritos has not been bombarded by miniature gophers or a dog show. Although the grass around campus looks worse for wear, it's due to a process called aerating.

Small holes are dug to allow water and fertilization to get to the root of things—so to speak. It makes the lawns look temporarily haggard, but who's complaining? It makes catching the worm a lot easier!

**BEST OF THE BUNCH**—I'm confused! Ever notice those photo-copied signs posted in the front of many classrooms that state "attending this class will be the most important thing you do this semester?" Which class is it that's the most important?

Think maybe they all are?  
**HARD TO HEAR**—Ears might be ringin' but the bell systems weren't during the disaster drill, or were they? Hard to say... since they were hard to hear!

**JUMP CHUMPS**—Boy I'm sure glad I'm toting feathers! Those poor frogs can sure took the heat (from the concrete). Hoe Down Days annual frog jumping contest leaped into action yesterday and proved to be a TOADally ribiting event!

## ...Panel gets reset

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The sponsors assured the participants and the disappointed audience that the new format would be agreeable to both sides but would still include the same time restraints.

Women's History Month got off to a booming start on campus when former mayor of San Francisco, Dianne Feinstein, a candidate for the Democratic slot in the California race for governor, spoke before a packed Burnight Center.

A variety of activities have been presented thus far and still others are scheduled.

## AASU club reactivates

The Afro-American Student Union (AASU) is reactivated and going strong.

Meetings are held every Tuesdays in Room AC 65 from 11 a.m. to 12.

They encourage all to come and participate in their activities



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## ASCC President Rincon takes stock of semester

With the semester already nearly half gone, several things are shaping up as we had hoped.

And it's looking good the rest of the way.

I am really excited about the innovative and outstanding programs that are being planned for this Spring Semester. Specifically, I am very excited about the process of telephone registration.

The community college reform measures and the impact this will have on the quality of student life and academic success of our students is also promising.

I would also like to ask of you that we take pride in our campus and join in the beautification task that we are engaged in and that is maintaining our campus as clean as possible.

I hope you will contact me with any suggestions you may have regarding your Student Activities Center.

For those of you who find it difficult to contact myself or Vice President Alicia Parks, I have

recently installed a 24 hour answering service at 8:00-2451 Ext. 390.

I look forward to assisting you in your success at Cerritos College throughout the 1990 Spring Semester.



**ASCC President Manuel Rincon.**

## Japanese concert pianist to perform here on March 28

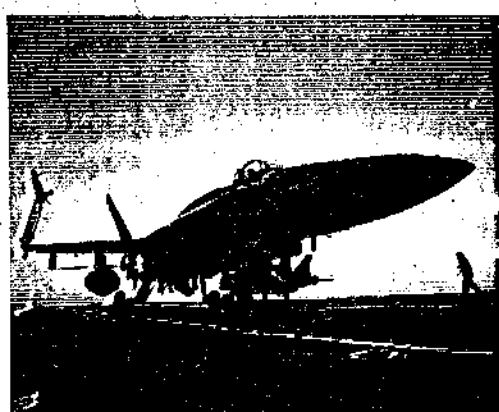
Ms. Akiko Dohi, a Japanese concert pianist will be on campus March 28 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. for a piano recital. Her performance will focus on Japanese folk songs and poems from the 17th century.

Dohi has a Bachelor's from Osaka College of Music in Japan. She came to the U.S. under the P.E.O. International Scholarship and received her Master's from the University of Redlands. She is a unique and versatile performer due to her combined training in modern jazz, Latin and Japanese music. She has studied under renowned artists such as Mahones, Herrera, and Hirai.

Dohi has performed all over the U.S. and Japan in radio and television. She taught at Osaka College of Music and also at LA Southwest College. Akiko has performed with the Huntington Park Symphony Orchestra and the University of Redlands Chamber Orchestra.

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## COMICS—

Robin is dead —and  
the Joker is even wilder

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## Comic Relief? Funnies slanted to tastes of adults

The hulk is now grey—and is one smart dresser.

Spiderman changed his costume. And Robin is dead.

Kids Stuff? Funny books?

Not so, says Carlos Romero, sophomore comic collector.

"The term 'funny book' is now inappropriate—they just aren't funny."

Says Romero, "They shouldn't be called comics either...there's no comedy. I think they should be called 'graphic literature'."

The recent wave of "Batmania" was not wholly set off by the movie.

A group of comics came out at that time portraying the Batman as a very real human with many of the same flaws, traits, and insecurities that any person might have.

These Batman comics dealt more with the darker side of the man's psyche.

One, titled "The Dark Knight," was set in the near future and cast Batman as an over-the-hill man trying to force his tired body to come out of retirement.

"Most comics are definitely not written for children anymore; they deal with more serious adult themes. They comment on a lot of the social issues going on today," said Jesus Morales, another Cerritos College collector.

"The Watchmen" is set in an alternate reality when costumed vigilantes are outlawed and seen as a threat to society.

"The 'Nam" is a book that deals with actual events that occurred during the Vietnam war. Main characters actually die.

"The Green Arrow," which has printed visibly on the cover a Suggested for Mature Readers warning, takes on the problems facing an older man living with a much younger woman.

Because of story lines like these, the comic industry has never been as thriving.

"One of the reasons for the explosion in comics is that the comic book industry has returned to increased realism," said Bob Matson, president of several comic shops, including one in Hawaiian Gardens.

BY JUSTIN VELEZ  
TM Features Editor

"Comic books used to be little morality plays, where the good guys always won and the bad guys always lost, and there was a lesson to be learned in how to live," he said.

"The byword today is ambiguity.

"People in comic books are no longer necessarily portrayed in absolute terms," said Matson. "Heroes have flaws, and the villains can have their good sides. Comics have become much more sophisticated because the American public has become much more sophisticated."

With sophisticated themes comes sophisticated prices.

A comic today ranges from \$1 all the way to \$3.75.

Also there are what is known as a "trade paperback." It is a book-sized comic reprinting a run of regular comic books. These will run a customer anywhere from \$4 to \$20.

If you really want to put some bucks down, you can always pick up a hard-cover. These are bound graphic novels that will extract up to \$30.

Keep in mind that these are the prices set when the particular book is released. After a couple of weeks, comics become what is known as the industry as "back-issues."

A comic shop will charge more than the printed price for any back-issues. This could mean 50 cents more, or it could mean the \$130 you'd pay for the four issue series that came out last year in which Robin dies.

For this reason, many people see investment possibilities in comics, buying several copies of a particular issue with the hopes of the value increasing.

"People should buy comics because they like to read them, not because they want to make money. That's what the stock market is for," said Morales.

"Although they are collectable like stamps, coins, or baseball cards, you can't read and enjoy a stamp," he said.

Pick up an issue of today's version of comic books. You might find out that instead of having outgrowing them, they have also grown up and matured.



V.P.MOM — Alicia Parks returns to her position as ASCC Vice President/Senate Chair after her four-week maternity leave. Here she is seen with Vanessa Christina Audrey Parks who frequently accompanies Mom on her campus rounds.

## Music faculty slates concert

The sound of voice, viola, guitar, piano, synthesizers, flute and violin will be featured by the Cerritos College Music Department Faculty and staff are hosting the fifth annual Concert Gala.

It will be held in the Burnight Center theatre, Sunday, April 22, at 2:30 p.m.

Some of the faculty participants in the concert are John Feeney, viola; Peter Kraus, guitar; Al Morris, voice; Robert Stevens, piano; Susan Talevich and David Englert, synthesizers; Sherrie Parker, flute; and David Nelson, violin.

"The music will vary in styles from classics to the popular music of today," says Music Department Scholarship and Special projects Fund.

## Faculty meets

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Major topics also include 1) how faculty will meet competency standards for transfer into other teaching areas in event of lay-offs, 2) how administrators will move into teaching assignments, and 3) how all faculty will be hired.

Mantz said this is the "opportunity for the explanation and necessary examination of the issues and implication of changes."

"Only you can fully appreciate how proposed changes will affect your teaching, so your input is crucial," the Faculty Senate chair said.

Faculty representatives said that these proposed changes are the culmination of considerable committee work and study.

Input at the two meetings will be incorporated into the package that goes to the Board of Trustees for approval.

The focus of next week's meeting will also be on faculty hiring evaluation, and competency standards, a spokesman stressed.

## English Prof Palumbo casting thoughts; composition text in first year of publication

BY JEFFREY OCHOA  
TM Executive Editor

She has taught English at three different universities.

She now teaches at Cerritos College.

She is the co-author of "Casts of Thoughts," a Freshman Comp English book being used for the first time.

With a PhD in English from the University of Southern California, she's young, enthusiastic and cares about teaching.

She is Linda Palumbo, English teacher.

Palumbo co-authoring "Casts of Thoughts" with George Otte while teaching at the University of Tulsa, a private university in Oklahoma.

"We wanted to give students access to a piece (of literature) that changed the world...For instance, Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X and Elizabeth I of England," said Palumbo.

"The book is access to powerful writing—not pretty and elegant writing—that hoped to change the world and didn't," she said.

She said that the students in her class "read better when they are interested. Right now, they seem really involved."

The putting together of the book, which is in its first year of publication took, "three long years" and derived from hundreds of readings sent to professors and

teachers around the United States.

Thus far, negative feedback has been absent from local response. Positive comments from students and faculty have sparked interest in the reading of the book.

The book consolidates philosophy and looks for great writing with interesting rhetorical situations.

The title comes from the Shakespearean play "Hamlet." The main character hesitates to act because he is thinking so hard, but by the end of the play he learns that thought and action reinforce each other.

"I did it for educational values," Palumbo said referring to the writing of "Casts of Thought." "I care about what students learn."

Palumbo has taught at USC, Whitier and the University of Tulsa. She says she likes Cerritos the best.

"I love teaching at Cerritos," she said. "It's a more exciting environment."

She's been offered positions in teaching at a Cal State, but says she'd rather stay here. The money is really no issue and Palumbo loves the students she has at Cerritos.

She does admit that "educators need to be well paid. The low salary scares people away from the teaching field."

Palumbo resides in Long Beach with her husband after being born and raised just outside of New York



Linda Palumbo

City. She hopes to have children as soon as she can.

She welcomes any comments, positive or negative, about "Casts of Thought."

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## HOST PASADENA TOMORROW

### Tennis hopes to get back on track

BY ANGEL GILBERT  
TM Staff Writer

Hoping to avenge their first loss of the season to Pasadena, the Lady Falcons will joust against the Lancers this Thursday at 2 p.m.

In a surprise upset El Camino beat the Falcons 7-2 on March 15, dropping the Falcons 3-2 in the SCC.

Doubles team Janet Tamango and Janelle Ohm ravaged the El Camino ladder, winning all sets. As of March 19, their record is 4-1.

"The way they (El Camino) set their ladder against us; they stacked it well with strong players. Their No. 1 singles played No. 3 doubles," commented Ohm.

Tamango still remains undefeated in singles competition as of the Marymount game. She is expected to take No. 1 spot in singles for the second round SCC play.

According to coach Rhea Black Terri Agopian, currently No. 1, will take the No. 2 spot in singles.

"We made too many unforced errors and didn't play up to our potential. The courts were very slick, hot weather and traffic distracting. Definitely making it a home court advantage," responded coach Black to the El Camino upset.

"With Mt. SAC's upset of Pasadena 5-4, we're back in the race for the SCC Championship," added Black.

She hopes that the change in the team ladder will increase our chances in the remaining games.

"I think we're playing pretty well but it will definitely take a group effort and consistency to win the conference," stated team captain Vicki Montes.

Prior to the El Camino loss, the Lady netters defeated LA Harbor 8-1.

In the victory over the Seahawks, Cerritos swept five straight wins in singles competition aching the win.

Addition to the singles victories, the Lady Falcons seized Harbor in the doubles bouts.



TERRI AGOPIAN — No. 1 in women's tennis

## PITCHING ERA 1.72

### Baseball flying high on 12-game winning streak clash with Warriors

This season's Falcon baseball team is proving the adage that pitching is 90 percent of the game.

The pitching rotation has an earned run average of a brilliant 2.17 overall, and an even better 1.72 in conference action.

On the strength of the arms, the staff has kept a 12-game winning streak going.

Hoping to extend the string, the Falcons (7-0 conf., 17-2 overall) slug it out versus the El Camino Warriors here tomorrow at Kincaid Field for a 2:30 start time.

Saturday, the Birds scored their second shutout of the year, wiping out Pasadena City 5-0.

The sluggers scored first with two in the second and later put two more on the board to put the game away.

With one out in the second, catcher Mike Hubel singled.

After a Gerardo Perez ground out, Hubel advanced to second.

Next up came shortstop Robbie Grubbs who walked, putting men at first and second.

Second baseman Mark Benjamin singled, loading the bases, Chris Powell, the next hitter, recorded probably his easiest run batted in on the season, bringing it in with the second walk in the inning.

Another walk, this time to outfielder Craig LaLonde brought in the second Falcon run of the frame, all this occurring with two men out. Two more insurance runs came in the seventh inning assuring the victory for the Birds.

LaLonde walked, moved to third on a Joe Arredondo double, but was thrown out at the plate on a fielder's choice by David Main.

With runners at first and third, up came Craig Fairbrother who hit a sacrifice fly scoring Arredondo for the third run of the game for Cerritos.

Pinch-runner L. V. Powell ran for Main at first, stole second and scored on Hubel's second single of the contest.

Starter Dan Naulty (6-0 on the year) pitched a five-hit complete game, while striking out seven Lancers.

Naulty has given up an incredible six runs all season in his stints on the mound. He has a miniscule 1.01 ERA for the year.

"I feel we did a poor job offensively at the plate. The results of our at-bats weren't good collecting only eight hits. Many of those hits weren't hit very hard, either."

"If it wasn't for our pitching and good defense, the game could have been quite different," commented coach George Horton.

"We showed signs of breaking out of the slump against LBCC. And now we're taking a step backward," said Horton whose club has a .264 team batting average for the year.

BY CHARLIE WALDORF  
TM Sports Editor

In previous SCC action, the Falcons thrashed LBCC 11-1. The Birds have outscored the Vikings 27-3 in three meetings this season.

Dan Patterson, the other hot starter, has an ERA of 1.10 and struck out 32 in 41 innings of work, allowing only three walks.

In the Vikings game, he whiffed 10 while giving up only five hits.

A four-run third and a five-run eighth gave the Falcons a wide cushion to sit on.

Among the players who had good games were Fairbrother, who reached base five times (2 hits, 2 BB and a hit-by-pitch) and Arredondo who brought home three tallies.

Against Mt. SAC, a five-run outburst helped Cerritos pull out a 7-4 victory.

Hubel hit his first home-run of the season, a two-run shot.

## Lady softballers, 2-2, travel to El Camino today; here Friday

They may be young, but they're gaining experience really fast.

They are the Cerritos College women's softball team, one with just two sophomores and 13 freshmen.

Currently in a four way tie for second place in the South Coast Conference, the Lady Falcons continue league play today when they travel to El Camino for a 3 p.m. contest.

The Falcons lost to the Warriors in the first round of conference play, 3-0.

With four teams in a tie for second place behind Pasadena, the Falcons pretty much control their own destiny.

"Anyone can win the conference," said assistant coach Bill Lewis. "We have to improve on our fielding. It's cost us four to five ball games.

"But generally we're doing well. We're hitting and the pitching is there."

Last week the Falcons (15-8, 2-2) went 1-3 for the week with their lone win coming against Los Angeles Harbor, 16-0.

Leading the way for the Birds was Denise Winn who had three hits and two runs batted in.

Denelle Drulias struck out 12 batters for the win.

BY JEFFREY OCHOA  
TM Executive Editor

Over the weekend Cerritos suffered a tough eight inning 1-0 loss to Cypress in the first round of the Golden West Tournament.

Karen Clay, allowing just five hits and striking out five, took the loss.

In the second round of the tournament the Falcons regrouped and pounded Southwestern for nine

runs in just four innings to win 9-1.

Mollin and Winn each went 3-for-3 with Vicki Davis going 2-for-2 with two runs batted in. Elizabeth Moody collected a hit in her only official at bat.

Drulias pitched a one hitter for her ninth win against only four losses.

Against Orange Coast College

the Falcons bats were silenced as they could muster up just two hits in a 5-1 loss.

Jelle Ibarra singled and scored on a long single by Moody.

Drulias took the loss. "It should be a close race for first or second place. Everyone is evenly balanced and any team can win or lose on any given day," said Mollin.

After traveling to El Camino today the Lady Birds will meet Long Beach City Friday at 3 p.m.

## Patrice Hall breaks 13-year mark in 100 meter hurdles for women

The Cerritos College men's and women's track and field team showed a major improvement over last week's meet.

They hope to keep on improving this week when they participate in the Santa Barbara Relays on Friday at 9 a.m.

For the women, Patrice Hall shattered a 13-year old school record in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 15.38.

The record breaking time places Hall second in Southern California.

She also gathered in the best time for the Falcons in the 200 finishing at 25.8.

BY DAVID MEDINA  
TM Staff Writer

Also showing improvements were Ranelle Roberts placing in the 100 a time of 12.7, and a 26.0 mark in the 200.

Other runners placing in the match were Maria Pinkham, Alicia Orozco, and Nikki Swanson.

For the men, Blaine Stephenson ran the 800 in 2:03.3, his fastest time ever since coming to Cerritos.

Kirk Ayers gained a spot on the all-time list in the 200, finishing at 21.84.

His mark of 54.94 in the 400 IH

penciled him ninth in the school history books.

David Zavala placed eighth in the 5000 meter at 15:21.0, the mark places him fifth on the school record list.

The hammer throw saw Chris Wright make it into the fourth slot in the Cerritos' history books, with a throw of 110'3".

"They are now coming around like we thought they would. Although we have some injuries and some personal problems, we can only get better once everyone is back," said women's coach Gary Gaudet.

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## EDITORIALS:

## Racing pits without well-oiled machine

Welcome to the annual "Grande Pres." race.

Entrants are starting to jockey for a promising "poll position" in the start-up of another ASCC Presidential run.

As we get the show on the road, we must remember the usual hazard signs, warning lights, tips for the trip, and such.

As candidates gear their wheels into motion, a word of caution...Over inflated tires bounce around a lot and flat tires are a real drag.

A presidential candidate needs the motivation to go the distance, the drive, so to speak.

Of course, you need to let the voters know you're in the race and that you won't steer them wrong. Let them know you're not just along for the ride...you're in the driver's seat.

Candidates must be fine tuned, with nerves of steel and have the ability to bounce back like new rubber.

The winner must not use the position as a self-serving vehicle, but must play to the crowd if he wants them to be with him at the flag.

Rev up your engines, hit the road, and don't let anyone pass you on the inside.

## Riders to push mandatory helmet law

They couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again...he wasn't wearing a helmet.

Last year when actor Gary Busey crashed his motorcycle and suffered serious head injuries, he wasn't wearing a helmet.

During his hospitalization, Busey was interviewed and repeatedly told the media that after he recovered, he still was not going to wear a helmet. He felt it was his right to choose whether to don the protection or not.

In the last two years, the California legislature has sent to Gov. George Deukmejian bills to require riders in California to wear helmets, but he has vetoed the legislation each time.

Proponents of the mandatory helmet law vow to try again this year.

The arguments for mandatory helmet laws include such things as the cost to society where taxpayers pay for hospital expenses for uninsured injuries, claiming hundreds of millions of dollars go towards medical care for treatment of un-helmeted riders.

Opponents argue that helmets are not the "cure-all" that some safety experts claim, and in some instances wearing a helmet can actually be more dangerous in that the helmet restricts side vision and hearing.

They feel more formal rider training, especially with new riders, is the answer.

One of our staffers is a long time motorcyclist. He reports that he has seen numerous instances where helmets have actually saved a life, and he has never seen an accident where a helmet caused injury or worse.

We're not real impressed with the argument that taxpayers pick up the tab for medical expenses for riders. We just read about the medical cost for smokers—how does 51 billion dollars a year grab you?

What about the freedom to make the choice?

Many motorcyclists argued that if they didn't make people in cars buckle up, then they shouldn't have to either.

California passed a law to make wearing seat belts mandatory, so that argument is no longer valid.

Which brings us to the bottom line: Will it make riding a motorcycle safer with a helmet on?

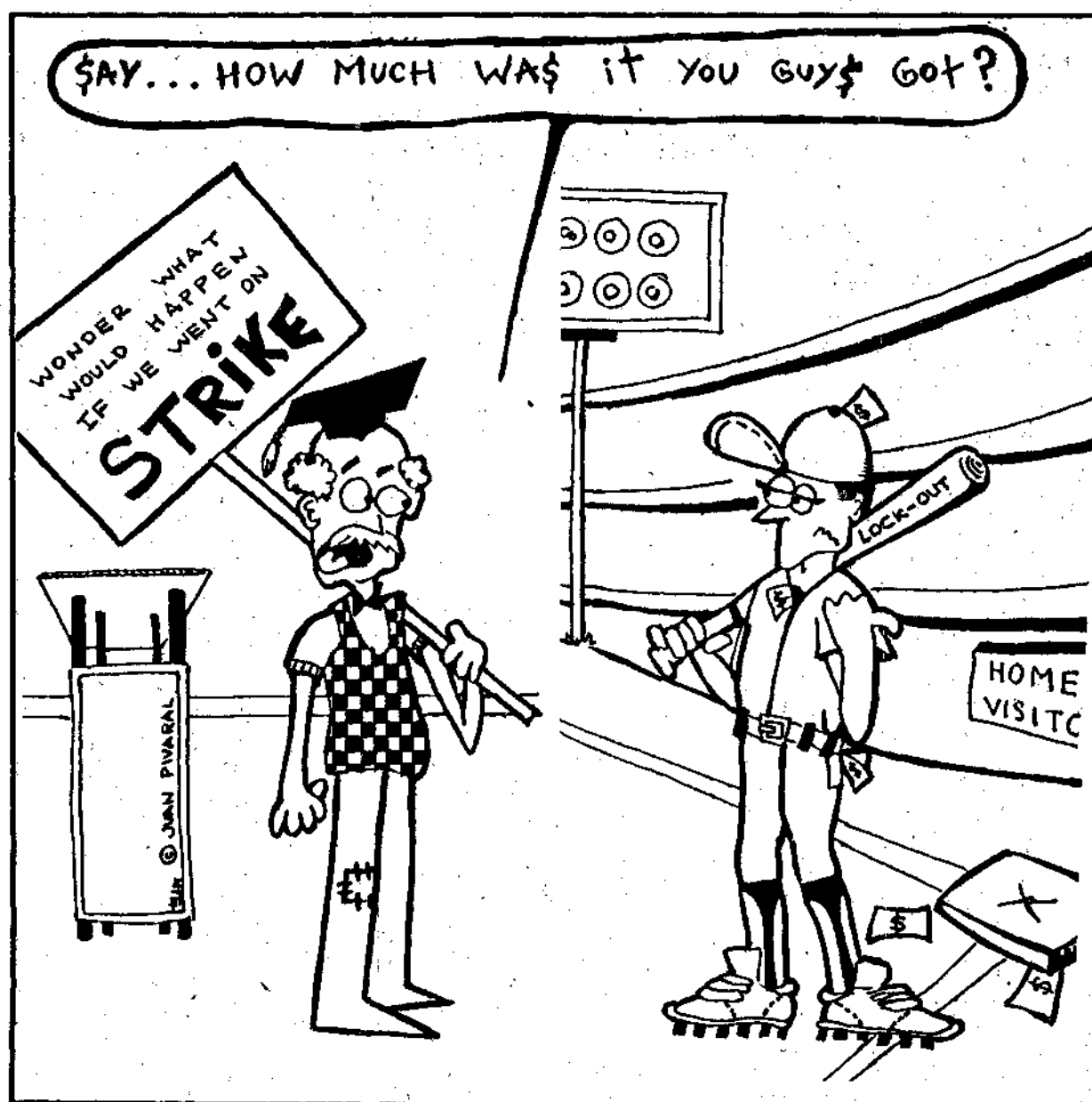
We feel the answer is absolutely yes.

Therefore, we recommend that Gov. Deukmejian sign a mandatory helmet bill into law.

And we also highly recommend that all first-time riders complete a rider education class before obtaining a motorcycle license.

A lot of Cerritos College students ride motorcycles.

And we keep remembering ol' Humpty Dumpty...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:  
Writers hit cartoon caricature

(NOTE: Letters printed unedited)

## EDITOR:

On the back of the March 14th edition of Talon Marks, there was a cartoon featuring an African with a gigantic, burping frog, in a jungle setting. The African as shown had large, oversized eyes, an overly wide nose, and a set of lips that took up a third of his face. It surprises me that some people still apply that stereotypes used 40, 30, even 20 years ago to describe us today.

Sure some Africans and Afro-Americans have some of the physical features described in the cartoon, but all of us don't have eyes the size of

golf balls or a nose that stretches from ear to ear.

I've spoken to some members of the newspaper staff and the don't view the characterization of the African as offensive or wrong.

But it is offensive, it is wrong. Its like portraying a Japanese person with large, buck teeth holding a camera in the heart of Disney Land. Or a Mexican wearing a poncho and a sombrero sleeping under a tree.

It seems to me that our society should have moved away from the mis understandings and misconceptions that have plagued our society for so long. Minorities have experienced tremendous educational, financial, occupational, and social growth in the last 20 years.

Yet someone comes along and blurs out one of those old, out dated stereotypes that, reflects subtly, and inaccurately, on how another acts, thinks, or looks.

LAWRENCE G. LEWIS JR.

## EDITOR:

As I walk through the quad, I see lots different people and read the many club signs that reflect the diverse cultural mixture at this school.

So, when I picked up the March 14th issue of T.M., I was appalled to see a cartoon in which an African was portrayed in a way that I perceived to be negative and stereotypical.

I then asked myself what makes this cartoon so offensive?

Obviously, the theme of the cartoon is in reference to the large frogs, originating from Africa, that a group of citizens were attempting to enter in the Calaveras County Frog Jumping contest.

The African characters sole purpose in this cartoon is to help the reader identify the frog and gain insight in to the situation while the theme of the cartoon is humorous; the cartoons overtones are culturally insensitive. And I found it hard to understand the theme of the cartoon because the overtones were so blatant.

It is disappointing to see something that played such an insignificant part in the theme of the cartoon used in such an offensive manner.

It could be argued that it was just a "character" and that no offense was really meant. While the offense on the part of the T.M. staff may or may not have been intentional, its perception as such is real.

In order for all to exist in harmony; I believe that we must be aware of and sensitive to the many cultures that make up the population of this school.

I feel that the school's media should be more responsible for its contents.

This is especially true of the T.M. since it has the ability to reach and affect a large number of readers.

RONALD DORSEY-CAVER

## CAMPUS PROFILE

## Senator sheds 'shy'



SCOTT KAHALE

By ANGIE VILLANUEVA  
TM, Associate Editor

"I hope being in student government makes me more responsible and less shy."

Scott Kahale, 20, was chosen to be the 31st student senator after a three-way tie for the last spot.

Sophomore Kahale jokingly describes himself as "big hearted, loveable, and easy to get along with." He's surprised to be so popular around campus, because he's "so shy."

As Senator, I'd like to make sure students get everything out of Cerritos College," he said.

Kahale is an offensive guard on the Cerritos College football team. He said, "It's a privilege and an honor to attend Cerritos College. I was recruited from Cerritos High by the coaches."

He has played football for a total of seven years, but he also enjoys playing basketball and lifting weights. Dancing and listening to music, mostly funk and

rap, are favorite pastimes.

Off campus, he uses his strength and size working in the Toys-R-Us stock room.

Enrolled in his 19.5 units this semester, he plans to transfer next Fall. His main goal is to get a football scholarship from a division one college. If not, he'd like to pursue his Computer Science major at USC.

He intends to go into business or CPA.

Born in Hawaii and raised in California, he lives in Cerritos with his parents. An only child, he was adopted at one month.

He looks up to his dad as a role model. He says, "My dad is a strong person and a hard worker. He is the type of person I want to be."

Of his new job in student government, Scott offers, "I will be a good ear, and do what I can for the students I represent."

## SHELLY LESTER

## No makeup, long lines, and their clocks don't tick

I envy men.

Of course, there are the obvious reasons.

It's not easy being a woman in our culture, in today's society. But, it's not higher salaries, or prominent positions, or power that I'm speaking of.

I envy men because they can go out by themselves without constant fear of being abducted.

They can walk down the street without numerous cat calls, wolf howls, hissing noises, or whistles greeting them on every corner.

Then there's high heels and--yes folks, those sagging nylon shackles called pantyhose...enough said.

But, there are other, more elusive things that make men, enviable.

Ever been to a concert, and had to force your way through a crowd of females on your way to your seat? No, those women aren't just

congregating for the thrill of it. They aren't squiggling and squirming out of sheer excitement.

Ever seen a woman coming out the door with the little stick-figure man on it? That's called desperation.

I have seen quite a few women try this act of taboo, successfully, too.

That's because there's nobody in there...Except maybe another highly anxious, yet relieved woman.

Whether or not the crowding is due to the phenomena of women going to the restroom in groups, it seems that men never wait in line for the lavatory...it's usually their girlfriends they await.

This is why I think there should be two ladies restrooms for every one men's room plus a room full of mirrors and good lighting for those

girls who need to re-camouflage or reemphasize with their cosmetic bag full of tricks.

That's another thing. Men don't need to wear make-up to achieve the "natural look." This also means they don't have to worry about washing the stuff off.

Most men don't know the agony

of waking up after forgetting to cleanse away the mascara and, with the morning mirror check, finding a pimply-faced raccoon staring back.

They have their advantages in the dating game, too. Sure, a common complaint among men is that they usually have to do the asking, thus risking rejection.

But, this also means they don't have to worry about doing the rejecting. If they see a woman who is less than appealing...they don't ask her out. No feelings hurt.

Women have to deal with letting undesirables down gently after they

have gathered all that courage to make the move.

Biological time clocks don't tick men off. Most single men I know don't spend those insomnia-stricken nights worried about how education, career and marriage with children can be combined in the future. This is strictly for fretting females.

It's also a lot easier for men to endure summer's heat...he just takes his shirt off. A woman can be wilting in the sweltering heat, in the middle of a secluded desert before realizing that removing her shirt could be an option.

Men don't have to shave their legs, pluck their eyebrows, or worry about facial hair glistening in the sun, aging, bleaching, depilating, or suffering symptoms of...directly.

I envy them-but that doesn't mean I don't like them.

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