

# Talon Marks

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

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## GREEKS GET STUFFED



A variety of traditional frat/sorority activities highlighted this week's "Greek Week." Cosmos stuffed 16 women, 15 mixed. SOS crowded in 11 men. More today.

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## Martinez memo takes Faculty minutes to task

By Angel Gilbert  
TM Editor-in-Chief

There was a strained atmosphere with some confusion dominating the Faculty Senate meeting last week as it pored over a scolding memo critiquing several aspects of the Senate's performance.

The communication receiving a majority of the limelight was from President/Superintendent Dr. Ernest Martinez to Faculty Senate President, Connie Mantz, which candidly criticized the Senate and Mantz.

"We are an open body, and therefore, open to criticism," remarked Senator Richard McGrath.

In the memo Mantz came under fire with criticisms that the Faculty Senate was wasting valuable time discussing "what if" situations. It also expressed concern and perhaps anger in regards to the climate of the Senate.

Dr. Martinez also cautioned the Senate body to "get the entire picture before responding or having an opinion."

"We have many wise senators who do offer good counsel," continued McGrath.

Several members of the Senate argue that in order to fulfill their responsibilities, they need to explore and debate on everything affecting the faculty and the campus.

Some discussion included sending a response to Dr. Martinez fully supporting Mantz and her performance as president of the Senate. Maybe even sending a resolution clearly identifying the boundaries and limits in which the Faculty Senate operate.

A few felt uncomfortable with this suggestion, pointing out that the issue was being blown out of proportion.

"We weren't going to make a big issue out of this. He came out and commented...I do not feel comfortable doing this (responding with a resolution outlining the duties of the Faculty Senate) and sending it to the president," said Senator Virginia Romero.

Discussion continued back and forth on this issue until it was eventually tabled for future debate.

Even in the wake of a possible reduction of personnel due to the state budget proposal, it is business as usual for Cerritos College, until the other shoe drops.

With Cerritos hiring as many as 18 new full-time instructors to comply with the AB1725 mandate (specifies a ratio of 75 percent full-time to 25 percent part-time) administrators and faculty are still scrambling to recruit and outline hiring stan-

dards, or face penalties as a result of non-compliance.

The members of the Senate were perplexed as to how past credentials are handled when hiring in lieu of a masters or doctorate and the tenure review for new faculty.

"We must do something to report for the fact we're hiring new faculty in regards to policy - for peer group evaluation - tenure review for new faculty.

"The current policy was modified to specifically deal with new faculty evaluation. Only administrators deal with them on whether or not to provide tenure," added Mantz.

Senator Tom Whitlock argued that "administrative action - that is the one big fault with this whole system. Everyone wants to be set up to be a czar."

As far as credentials went, the Senate traversed the muddy waters debating if they are accepted or not in lieu of a masters or doctorate.

Senator Hugh Wilkoff offered that "past credentials couldn't be used unless on past equivalency. No one is accepting credentials."

Mantz countered that there are exceptions that can be made under extenuating circumstances.

"We were told over and over people with permanent credentials can be grandfathered in all over the state," reiterated Whitlock.

## Greek Week to tug today; try pie next

"Greek Week" activities feature a giant tug-of-war today at 11 a.m. in the main campus quad area.

The traditional pie-eating contest is set for tomorrow - Thursday, March 7, with campus sororities and fraternities competing in the colorful slate of events.

Friday, it's the "Banana-rama" obstacle course.

Events wrap up Sunday with the "Big Splash" in the college pool at 5 p.m. Winners here are based on what is literally the biggest splash when competitors jump off the board into the pool.

Kappa Psi Theta took the water balloon contest in both women's and mixed Monday.

The "Bug Stuffing" winners were Cosmos for both women and mixed, and SOS for the men's category.

Unfortunately, Irish eyes weren't smiling when I found out that the only greens I had were my Sunday clothes: one green sweater vest, green slacks, and a white long-sleeve shirt with green-print leaves smattered all over.

My friends nearly needed oxygen masks to keep all the air in their lungs. They couldn't stop laughing.

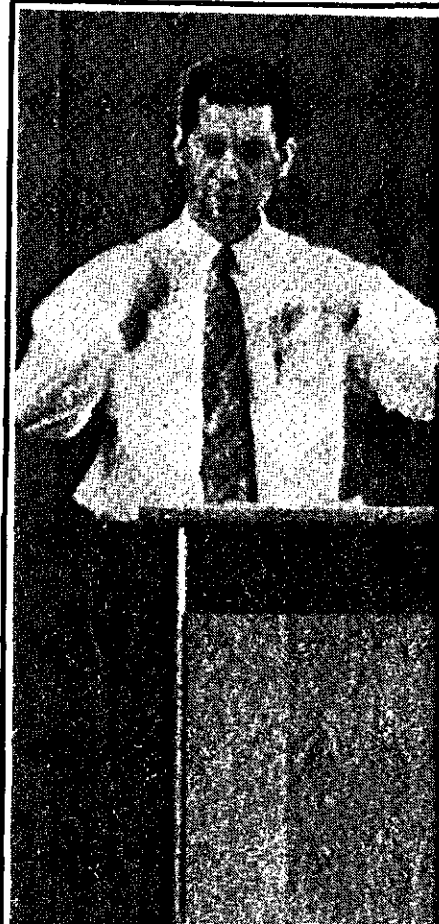
Some of them even swore later on to their parents that they did see a leprechaun that day.

But the day was not lost. We had an Irish luncheon party, complete with Irish stew, breadsticks, and fruit punch.

Afterwards, we got to see a film on the Making of Star Wars and the Empire Strikes Back.

Sometimes, I wish we could revert back to those days where holidays were really celebrated.

I guess all we need now and then is a little pinch to remind us.



### 'RETURN' SPEAKER

Cerritos grad Dr. Jeffrey Ortiz returned to campus to speak to the InterClub Council on alcohol awareness. He got his AA here in biology.

## Classical guitarists string up on campus

Classical guitarists Matthew Elgart and Peter Yates will be performing on campus. Held in the Burnight Center Theatre, on Wednesday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m., the two will perform a rendition of classical hits.

For more information or to reserve tickets call ext. 566.

## AGS set to sink some scholars with \$\$\$ jumps

How would you like to see a fellow student, faculty member, or community leader get dunked?

Alpha Gamma Sigma, the Honor Society requiring a "B" average will hold their second annual "Sink-a-Scholar" fundraiser on Friday, April 12, at the Cerritos College swimming pool from noon to 2 p.m.

Funds raised will go toward scholarships for student members of A.G.S., a state wide honor society for California Community Colleges.

## Class on Middle East issues begins March 18

What is the purpose of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East? Who has historical ownership of Kuwait?

These questions and more will be investigated in a second 9-week course entitled "Contemporary Political Issues: Middle East," taught by Dr. Mosleh, a political science professor at Cerritos College and USC.

His doctorate was on Middle Eastern politics.

Guest lecturers will include representatives from Saudi Arabia, Israel and Iran.

Political Science 12 will run noon to 3 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays beginning March 18.

## SOS Poster Display

Students Offering Support is having a special poster display in the Learning Resource Center for National College Alcohol Awareness Week this week.

The exhibit will continue till Friday, March 8.

For further details contact Pat Cook in the Assessment Center.

## Green's the thing to wear in a real pinch - with a wee bit o' Irish luck

### Dennis Anyone?

By Dennis Pangilinan

If you start seeing people in green clothes, with shamrocks in their hands, pinching each other's limbs maliciously, don't panic.

Midterms can't make people that stressful.

At least, that's what our professors think.

Maybe you forgot that 10 days from now will be St. Patrick's Day.

Leprechauns, Lucky Charms cereal, pots of gold under rainbows (we may still see rainbows if this weather keeps up), Irish Spring soap, corned beef and cabbage, and the Blarney Stone, to name a few.

I recall my first awareness of this phenomenon back in my fourth-fifth combination class at Mary Bragg Elementary.

## Why does this little burger stand attract over a million people a year?

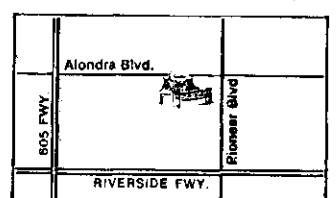


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# Rain, rain... Don't go!



All has been wet on the campus front for several days now...but there's still this water 'problem' — especially as in getting around campus without getting rained (up)on...



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and PETER HENSHAW



## ALL-FROSH SQUAD New tennis coach former state champ for Falcons; eyes return to glory

By Steven Lucker  
TM Staff Writer

Cerritos College has had more than its share of state championships, 16 in all, from baseball to wrestling.

New head Tennis Coach Terry Spence-Button is part of that elite spotlight.

She was California singles champ while playing for the Lady Falcons in '82 and '83.

Not only was she the best female player in back-to-back seasons, Spence-Button led Cerritos to their only women's tennis title in 1983.

In her first year as coach she would naturally like to bring the Falcons their second state court title.

However, she admittedly sees this as a building year for her All-Freshmen team.

"I've taught at recreational parks in the past," she says. "But this gives me an opportunity to teach at the college level."

Her father Tom Spence has been the men's tennis coach at Cerritos since 1980.

Her sister Rhonda is on this season's squad.

"She's been playing well, but she still has a lot to learn, and that will come with experience," Button remarks.

Older sister Debbie was a professional in '87 and '88. She was ranked as high as 33rd.

"I thought about turning pro," Button says.

"At the time getting an education was more important, so after I decided to stay in school, I was able to deal with not playing tennis."

She pursued a degree in Physical Education by attending Fresno State for one year, then to Oral Roberts University in Oklahoma for three.

She played one season at each school, receiving her Bachelor of Science degree at ORU.

Spence-Button, 26, has been teaching at South Gate Junior High for the last four years.

"I think about what if I turned pro, but I'm very happy with the decision I made."

Another decision she made was taking over for Rhea Black, with no experienced players.

They've dropped all six non-conference matches and the league opener to Marymount.

After their game against Marymount, the Falcons were rained out against Pasadena.

## Men, Women swimmers prepare for conference with Cuesta Invitational

The men's and women's swimming teams kicked off pre-season yesterday with meets against Santa Monica and Citrus.

Results of both matches were unavailable at press time.

Before opening conference play on March 22 against Mount San Antonio and Long Beach, the Falcons will compete in the Cuesta Invitational March 15-16.

The invitational involves 40 schools from Southern California as well as Northern California.

Both squads are coached by Pat Tyne, who is beginning his 28th year at Cerritos.

Last season, the men's team finished

third behind perennial league power Golden West, with El Camino placing second.

Rich Chapin, Brad Jackson and Del Garrison return for their sophomore years.

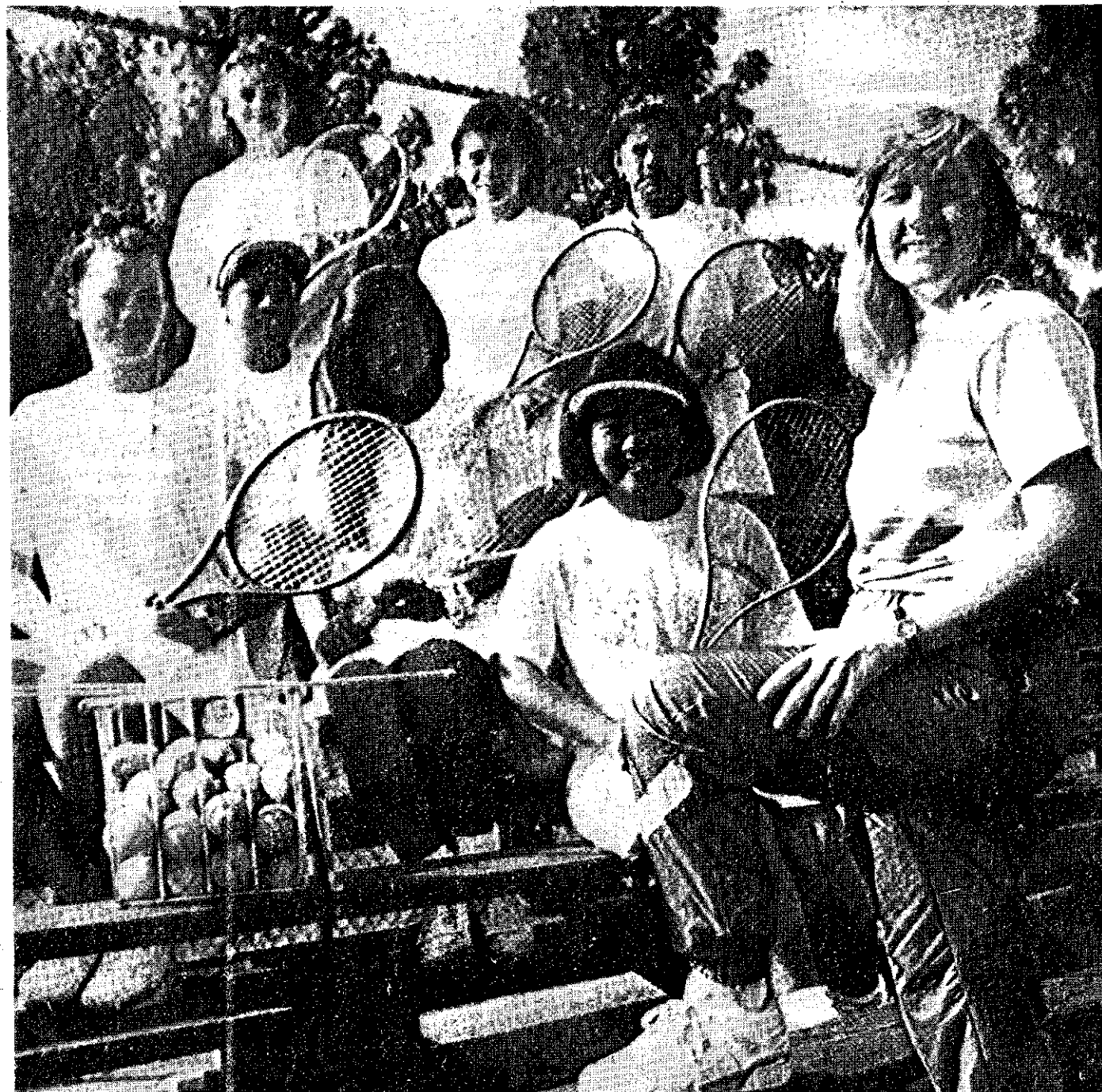
The women are coming off a fourth place standing.

Carry Cobos is the only returnee from last year's team.

Along with Cobos, Coach Tyne is very high on freshman Jennifer Amendola, saying she might become the best swimmer by season's end. —STEVE LUCKER

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**'SWINGERS' —** New coach Terry Spence-Button leads an all-freshman squad into conference play at highly-touted Long Beach. The former Falcon netter is the '82-83 California singles champion from the No. 1 state team.

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# Buzzer beater 40-footer kills Falcons

Cerritos playoff ho(o)pes end in 84-82 loss to LA City, despite 1 point lead with 1 second to go

By Charlie Waldorf

TM Executive Sports Editor

It wasn't your average buzzer beater. It was the best of times suddenly gone really bad.

And it was gutwrenching. It was hard to swallow...

After sophomore guard Joe Jennum, with the Cerritos entourage on their feet, had just sunk two free-throws to give the Falcons a seemingly comfortable 82-81 lead with only four seconds left, everyone was eyeing Rancho Santiago in the distance.

Electricity from the Falcon fans could have lit a light bulb as the crowd was sensing victory.

But, L.A. City guard DeVelle Walker turned off the light switch.

Walker launched a three-point 40-footer just before the buzzer sounded — and it found the promised land.

L.A. City was going to the final regional game against Rancho, with the winner going to the State Tournament.

The roof had been blown off the City gym, the fans jammed the hardwood floor.

Silence of disbelief had broken out over the whole Falcon assemblage that was looking at the gleaming scoreboard which shockingly read: Home 84, Visitors 82.

Cerritos was in its second regional playoff game.

They lost only to conference winner Long Beach City, and were Mt. SAC's only conference win.

A 27-8 season mark and a conference record of 6-2 had propelled the Falcons to near-dizzying heights.

The Cubs took control of the game from the opening tip-off and amassed an early 12-point lead at 20-8, looking to blow Cerritos out from the start.

But the hoopsters dug in their claws for the fight.

A Jennum jumper on a pass from Carlos Palomino ended a 15-2 run and put the Falcons on top for the first time in the contest 23-22, to dash any hopes of a City runaway.

D'Andre Brown put in two free-throws to give the Falcons a nine-point 43-34 advantage heading into halftime, their biggest lead of the match.

Cerritos went into the half with a 44-36 edge.

City came out and closed the lead to one at the 14:30 mark of the second half as they ran off an 11-4 run closing the gap to 48-47.

Edgar Loera increased the Birds advantage to six on a steal and lay-in at 13:15 of the half, for a 55-49 lead.

The six-point margin would be the biggest lead either team could grab in the second period.

With the Cubs on top 56-55 after a 7-0 spurt, Palomino put the Falcons ahead once again, launching a three-pointer dished off by Loera.

From the 12 minute point on, the game see-sawed.

There would be seven ties in the final minutes of the contest.

At 10:35 with the game tied at 60, the Cubs made a move.

An 8-2 run put City up by six 68-62.

But, freshman sensation Matt Mitchell wouldn't let his team fade away.

Mitchell's magic scored 10 straight

points, catapulting the Falcons into the lead 72-70.

The teams traded buckets down the stretch. With about a minute left, Mitchell brought everyone to their feet as he powered home two more with a slam dunk, making it 80-79 Cerritos.

With the Cubs in the lead 81-80 at the 30 second mark, City got the ball back after a Falcon three-second violation on Mitchell.

The tough Cerritos defense swarmed the Cubs preventing them from getting the ball upcourt in the 10 second limit.

After a grabbing an offensive rebound, Jennum was fouled sending him to the line, he swished two-of-two making it 82-81 with four seconds left.

Then the inevitable happened.

Mitchell scored a total of 23 on the night, 16 in the second half.

He made an impressive 10-of-10 from the field while being the leading rebounder with eight.

Palomino finished with 22 points and five assists. He put in 8-of-19 from the field including two three-pointers, along with also hitting a perfect four-of-four from the free-throw line.

Jennum scored nine while grabbing five rebounds, and Brown chipped in with seven points, six rebounds and five assists.

Loera garnered seven assists and helped the cause by pitching in with six.

...All in all, it was a very good year on the hardwoods.

## Women softball squad hosts East LA today in effort to get back on track

By Dennis Pangilinan

TM Managing Editor

It was a less than pleasant day for the Falcons' softball team.

Getting blasted 1-7 on their first conference game of the season was bad enough, but the manner in which the team was beaten just added insult to injury.

On Monday afternoon, the Falcons were looking like a well-oiled machine in the first two innings against the Pasadena Lancers.

It was during the third and fourth that Cerritos fell apart when they gave up all seven runs, four runs on a bases loaded situation, and a long Pasadena single that brought in two.

Falcons' only run came during the sixth when Aimee Hill batted in Pam Crampton on a Lancer error. With the base loaded and with no outs, the Falcons failed to take advantage.

Pitcher Denelle Drulias threw three strikeouts, with four Falcon errors bringing

in four unearned runs for the Lancers.

Falcons will play their third conference match-up here today at 3 p.m. versus East L.A.

## Men's tennis opens here tomorrow at 2

Cerritos men's tennis team is improving every week according to Coach Tom Spence whose hammering crew blasted Rancho Santiago 9-0 concluding their pre-season record at 5-3.

The Falcons will host Pasadena tomorrow for a 2 p.m. match, after opening league play against Mt. SAC yesterday.

Results were not available at press time.

"As his doubles teams keep getting stronger through the season, and his singles play consistent the group should emerge as the South Coast Conference powerhouse," Coach Spence said.

## Baseballers try dry Mt. SAC tomorrow

Will the rain be a help or a hindrance?

Last Thursday's baseball game against L.A. City College was cancelled due to a rainout.

The Birds hope to get onto the field tomorrow as they travel to Mount San

Antonio College for a 2 p.m. game, weather permitting.

Yesterday, the sluggers opened the series with Mt. SAC but results from the contest were unavailable.

Last Tuesday, Cerritos fell to Ventura 10-5.

## Biggie 'Ghost' to appear on campus

By Diana Schmitt

TM News Editor

A supernatural love story that will make you believe...

Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, and Whoopi Goldberg star in the smash hit "Ghost," which is still pulling in the crowds at the box office, even though it was released over eight months ago.

You can see the sensational thriller — before it comes out on video — Thursday, March 7, at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Burnight Theatre, free with your ASCC sticker.

The movie centers on banker Sam Wheat (Swayze) and a sculptress Molly

Jensen (Moore), who are planning their hopes and dreams for a life together, when all of a sudden Wheat is murdered in a back alley.

Wheat's spirit comes to life and he vows to get revenge, and protect the woman he loves from danger.

As the story evolves, psychic Oda Mae Brown (Goldberg), a seeming phony begins to hear Wheat's voice, and serves as a communications channel between him and Jensen.

This film suggests that love lives on, even in the life beyond.

"Ghost" has received five Academy Award nominations including best picture, and best supporting actress for Whoopi Goldberg.

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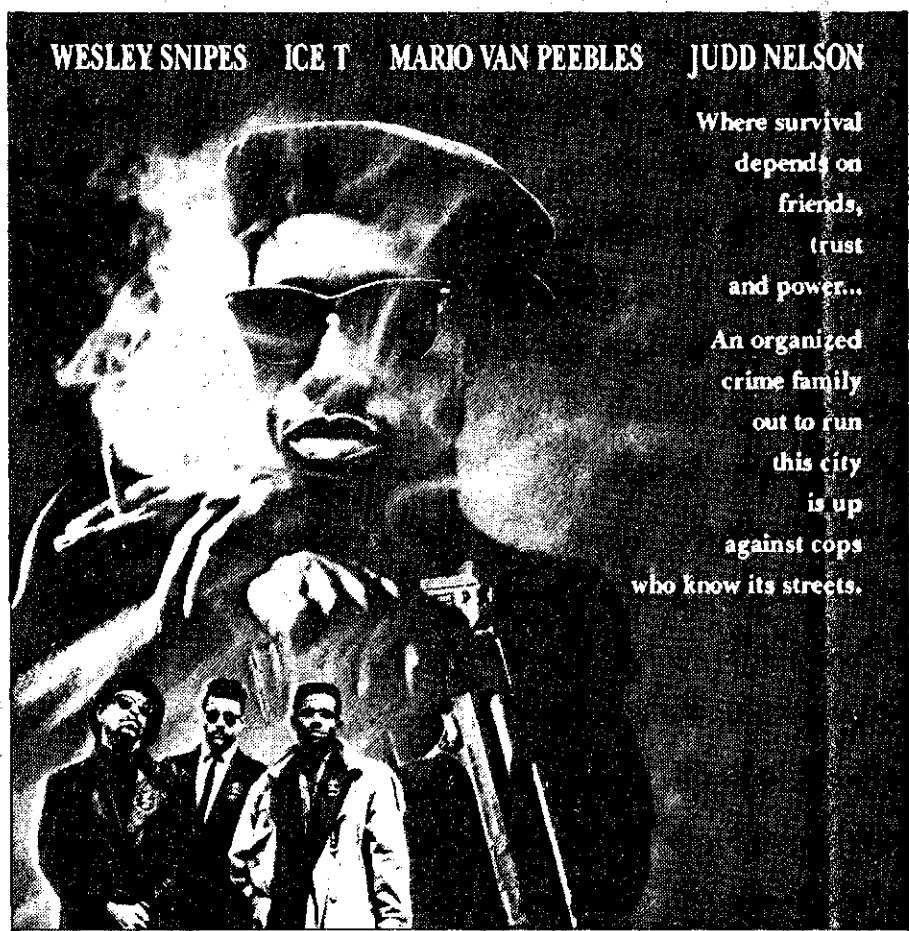
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## EDITORIALS

## Profs overextend class time, and outwear welcome

It's almost 1:15 and the familiar—even obvious—sounds of backpack zippers, and the closing of textbooks and notebooks can be heard.

Everyone is intent on getting out on time after an hour and fifteen minutes of lecture, but something makes the whole class stop.

And what is that something?

It's the continuing monotone sound of the instructor's voice, which incidentally hasn't stopped since 12 sharp.

Would someone please tell the prof that it's time to go?

When we signed-up, the class schedule said 12:00-1:30 for example, but we all knew the class would really only run until 1:15.

This is done so we don't have to run from class to class...to avoid being late for the next overdrawn session.

On the technical side, a ten

minute break is required by law for every hour of study.

So it goes that 1 1/2 hour classes let out in 1 hour 15 minutes, 2 hour classes last 1 hour 40 minutes, and so on.

If we all know this, then maybe somebody should let certain instructors—who shall, for the time being, remain nameless—in on it too.

You'd think they'd get the hint when the only one listening to the lecture is the instructor person...

...there's always the "class's over" bell, the one we all knew and loved in high school.

## Bearing a heavy burden handling UC overflow

Recently, the UC Board of Regents decided to hike tuition fees and admission standards simultaneously.

The tightening of admission standards coupled with the increase of 40 percent, twice Governor Wilson's recommendation, poses several problems for Cal State and community colleges.

Already suffering from budget cuts, community colleges will once again have to suffer the brunt of hike as students seek shelter from high tuition fees and strangling admission measures.

Caught between a rock and a hard place is where community colleges will be once the Cal State system makes their announcement later this month on how much they are expected to raise fees and maybe admission criteria.

However, Cal State is not expected to deal such a blow, even when facing a similar problem like that of community colleges—even Cerritos—of turning away students to operate within the confines of a dwindling budget and an increasing number of bodies seeking higher education.

Officials argue that financial aid will offset the increase and it will hardly be felt by those attending UC schools.

With the booming state deficit and legislators struggling to hogtie the budget, education and financial aid seem to be the first to face the firing squad. In the proposed budget by Governor Wilson, we see further cutbacks eating away at financial aid resources.

Leaving community colleges in the lurch, trying to stuff students into small, compacted spaces is the very near future, if this current trend continues. Already we are turning away students in the general education classes.

This is all boiling down to the nitty gritty of who attends college.

Based not on who is most deserving, but who can pay. That doesn't sound right since it is the inalienable right of every person in America to seek higher learning if they so desire.

If we are truly a nation that prides itself on the pursuit of a better way of life, giving dreams a chance at reality, we should look towards the source of that—education of the mind and body.

Even with community colleges defying budget boundaries while trying to maintain academic excellence, something at some point will have to give...

Let's hope it's not "community college" students getting aced out by big-time four-year education factory people.

Especially those who grace our offerings to save a buck.

By the way, do we "Junior College" regulars have to wrestle with large university scholar types for summer school spots in community colleges?

## Angel Winging It

### Rationalizing Water Rationing

By Angel Gilbert



I "special ordered" water in a restaurant, momentarily forgetting the drought, a while back in an unnamed restaurant.

When handed the bill, I was given a scolding glare of condemnation by the waiter as he surveyed the remnants of the meal.

I was embarrassed to discover I had not finished my glass of water.

Visions of a lynch mob burning me at the stake, shouting "water wasting wench," filled my head as I quickly gulped down the rest of the water.

After crawling out from under the table, I've since set out to repent for my indiscretion and provide retribution to drought

ridden California.

Scrambling in the shower every morning, I struggle not to waste water, sometimes brushing my teeth in the shower, unable to erase the burning stare I suffered for my heinous offense.

As I shave my legs I look around guiltily, expecting to get ticketed by the water patrol for no nubbies.

Having not washed my car in weeks, I feel proud of my efforts as people stare at my dustbomb driving down the street.

Awaking in a cold sweat at night, I run around feverishly searching for that irking drip that pulls me from a deep slumber and into the Souther California consciousness,

With spiky legs and garlic breath, I interrogate my family and friends, inquisition style, trouncing them for flamboyant water waste.

"You don't need to shower or brush your teeth! Look at those legs, when did you last shave them, yesterday? He's got to learn to love you as you are. What do you mean you're thirsty, there are people starving in Africa!"

Leaving my dishes till they tower over me, I snicker to myself, "Go ahead, make

my day...call me a water wasting wench now!"

The trick is knowing when you conservation efforts go too far, naturally, I have not reached that point—yet.

Treading water on this rather sticky subject has caused me to work up a sweat, I think I'll go shower—

Rather, I'll go check on the goldfish in the toilet bowl first, if the cat hasn't got to it.

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# Life after all the deaths...



It's not all that bad in here. Uh...  
Where's that Chateau Briand?

Fidel may be here anytime  
now. Ahhh...we surely flew  
high there for a while.

More  
coalition  
cheese?

## Recession on frontlines as war worries lag

By Don Jergler  
TM Staff Writer

With the war abroad coming to an end, the economists on the home front are yelling, "we have not yet begun to fight."

Until Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2, the talk of a looming recession hung over the United States like a cloud of poisonous gas.

The public eye is now turning to a wondering economy, which has economists wondering when it will bottom out.

Some experts say the recovery pace will be sluggish. Others speculate that even when the bottom is in sight, the slump will still last a few more months.

The close of the war has hopefully ended, rising and falling gas prices, uncer-

tainty among travelers, and a lack of consumer spending.

Ironically an economic turn around may come with the rebuilding of Kuwait. Officials say that the U.S. industry has a more than outside chance of being the premier contractor in the \$50 billion reconstruction revenue.

Of all the various industries, the luxury industry was perhaps hit the hardest. The war saw hotel reservations plunging 15 to 20 percent. Disneyland recently dropped ticket prices from \$27.50 to \$20 for Southern California residents, because of declining ticket sales, with very few foreign and domestic tourists.

An already drowning real estate market wasn't helped by the war, nor was the ailing travel business, which saw an especially huge loss in international travel.

The auto industry saw a sales low, a

combination of a radical gas pricing trend, and a dangling economy.

The end of the war promises an economic resurrection. Airline bookings showed increases as much as 25 percent.

Real estate sales tripled in some areas.

Market investors are stirring with the possibilities of U.S. construction involvement.

Experts seem to be divided between an oncoming devastating recession and a U.S. economic up turn which will propel her back into prosperity.

Not everyone was hurt by the ailing economy. Those who sold T-shirts, yellow ribbons, hats, and little plastic flags probably did real well...

## Kahale given ASCC special projects post

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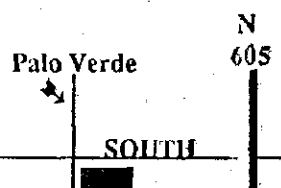
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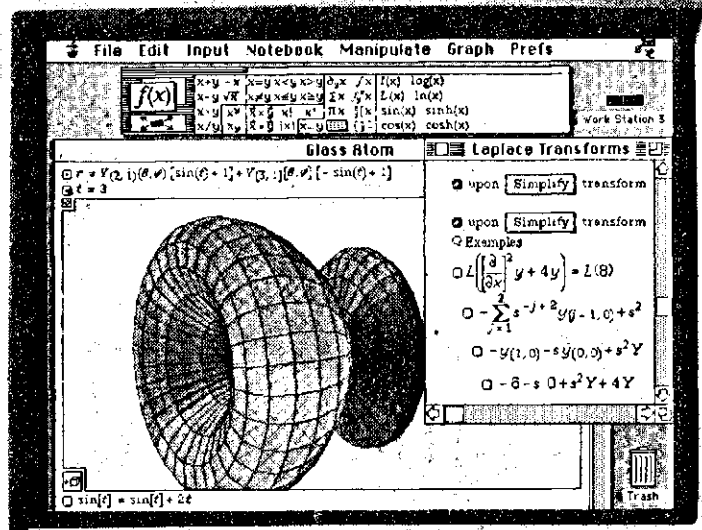
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## Life after all the deaths...



It's not all that bad in here. Uh...  
Where's that Chateau Briand?

Fidel may be here anytime  
now. Ahhh...we surely flew  
high there for a while.

More  
coalition  
cheese?

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With the war abroad coming to an end, the economists on the home front are yelling, "we have not yet begun to fight."

Until Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2, the talk of a looming recession hung over the United States like a cloud of poisonous gas.

The public eye is now turning to a wondering economy, which has economists wondering when it will bottom out.

Some experts say the recovery pace will be sluggish. Others speculate that even when the bottom is in sight, the slump will still last a few more months.

The close of the war has hopefully ended, rising and falling gas prices, uncer-

tainty among travelers, and a lack of consumer spending.

Ironically an economic turn around may come with the rebuilding of Kuwait. Officials say that the U.S. industry has a more than outside chance of being the premier contractor in the \$50 billion reconstruction revenue.

Of all the various industries, the luxury industry was perhaps hit the hardest. The war saw hotel reservations plunging 15 to 20 percent. Disneyland recently dropped ticket prices from \$27.50 to \$20 for Southern California residents, because of declining ticket sales, with very few foreign and domestic tourists.

An already drowning real estate market wasn't helped by the war, nor was the ailing travel business, which saw an especially huge loss in international travel.

The auto industry saw a sales low, a

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The end of the war promises an economic resurrection. Airline bookings showed increases as much as 25 percent.

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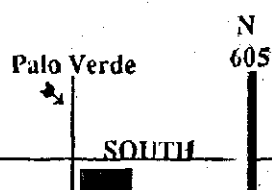
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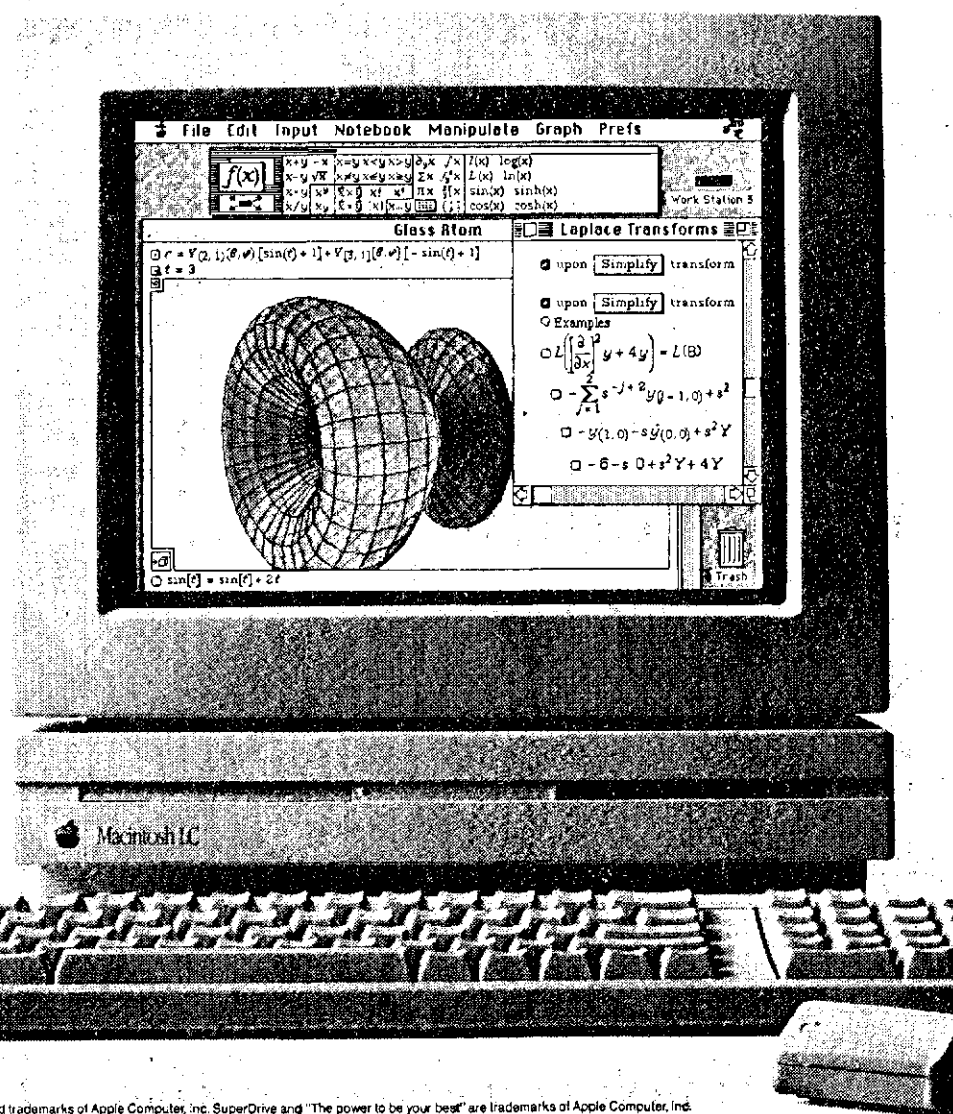
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