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80 employers at Career Day in Center

Over 80 employers will be on campus for the Career Fair today at the Student Center at 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.

A resume critique table will be provided. Also presented a workshop entitled "What a Recruiter Looks for in an Applicant."

Faculty meet to get update on \$\$\$ crunch

How Cerritos College will be impacted by the state's \$12 billion shortfall will be detailed in a budget update meeting of the faculty Thursday, April 25, at 11 a.m. in Burnight Center.

One third of all 1991 Summer School classes have been cut, according to the office of Faculty Senate President Connie Mantz.

The Administration has recommended to the Board that all sabbaticals be suspended for Fall '91.

All conference money for next year may be suspended.

Up to one third of the Weekend College may be cancelled.

Adjunct faculty positions have seen a sharp reduction.

Consolidation of several administrative positions is being considered, Mantz reports, as well as reduction of several Athletic coach positions.

Fees for music lessons, and other cuts are being considered.

Mantz encourages all full-time faculty to be at the meet for more information and input.

She termed the session "the most important meeting of the year!"

Friday last day to drop with 'W'

To get a straight "W" on your transcript, the deadline for withdrawing from full-term classes without penalty is this Friday, April 26.

Any student not dropping before this date, or who is not dropped by the instructor, will be stuck with their current grade on the official transcript.

Summer school registration opens May 6, with classes beginning May 28.

Finals begin May 16, and conclude the semester on May 22.

ASCC PRESIDENCY AT STAKE

Three slates running for the votes Wednesday, Thursday

Balloting Wednesday and Thursday for next year's ASCC President gives voters a choice from three strong slates, with no candidate appearing to have a real edge.

Running mates are Mazen Nabulsi and VP Chris Stewart, Jerome Hayward and VP Michael Driggs, and Adam Padilla and Abe Semaan.

Polls are open both days — April 24-25 — from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 6-9 p.m.

While all three slates will enjoy general over-all voter attention, observers say that each one also has its own special support areas of focus. Nabulsi and Stewart are backed by current President Rocky Pavone, and expect to draw support from Pavone's sphere of influence.

Athletes Hayward and Driggs are looking to a strong sports contingency for voting support.

One of Padilla and Semaan's main thrusts seems to be backing from the general clubs and organizations scene.

A fourth slate of veteran politico Diana Schmitt and football player Scott Kahale withdrew of the running due to Kahale's unexpected health considerations.

Kahale, last fall's top senate vote getter, recently underwent brain surgery following discovery of a cyst.

Schmitt, who lost out by some 100 votes to Pavone in a run-off last year, was unable to find a suitable running mate by the deadline.

She is not "publicly" backing any one of the slates.

Polling booths are located in front of the Coffee Shop, the Social Science Patio, and Health Science Patio.

An ASCC card with a valid sticker is required for voting. Votes will be counted Thursday evening, and results posted.

A candidate must get 50.1% of the votes — a simple majority — to win outright, otherwise a run-off will be held next week.

Intercultural Week focuses on diversity

By Nika Smith
TM Copy Editor

In appreciation of Intercultural Week, Cerritos will be hosting several activities April 29 — May 3.

A first attempt in a joint effort by Liberal Arts and Multicultural Studies, the celebration aims to help students learn about and enjoy the cultural diversity on campus. It also strives to build positive intercultural relations.

International Day is Tuesday, April 30. Festivities such as films, food, and entertainment will take place from 11

a.m. to 4 p.m. in the inner quad.

On Wednesday, the Liberal Arts department is sponsoring a fair in the LA building from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Events include entertainment, music, gifts and refreshments.

Native American artifacts, poetry, and other writings will be displayed on the second floor of the Liberal Arts building.

Exact locations were not available at press time will be posted at a later date.

Also, several cultural groups are sponsoring a film festival which will be taking place all week long from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Board Room.

Monday's showing is an Afro-

American film, an Indian film on Tuesday, Wednesday a Spanish film, concluding with an Arabic film Friday. All movies contain English subtitles.

Thursday, Dr. Frank Gaik's literature class will be giving an oral interpretation of Martin Luther King's "Letters from Birmingham Jail."

Many groups on campus and throughout the community are sponsoring the events.

Among the participants will be the Indian, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Korean and African-American Students Union, just to name a few.

For more information contact Multicultural Studies or Liberal Arts.

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EDITORIAL

Selection committee subjected to unnecessary political power plays

Spring is the time of year where some show their true colors.

With the Man and Woman of the Year Award, some have asked to be nominated, offering political deals, others have out and out nominated themselves.

The Spring Awards Banquet is the time to recognize everyone who has worked so hard to maintain quality leadership and representation of club activities.

Student body President Rocky Pavone has been accused of taking measures to exclude people who hold opposing thoughts and opinions.

Several wellsprings have indicated that members of the campus newspaper

were made persona non grata by Pavone in the selection of the awards committee.

According to several sources, Pavone has also taken it upon himself to exclude anyone from the awards committee that is not in agreement with him, politically and personally.

Differences of opinions invite necessary changes, almost always correctly and diplomatically, even if no agreement can be reached.

Exclusions on the basis of personal and political differences is just that — exclusionary.

Allowing people who are only in complete agreement with the ASCC President is asking for campus wide apathy and little recognition and participation of the student body.

No one can expect to be in complete agreement all the time, but if people agree too much, nothing is learned and indifference runs amuck.

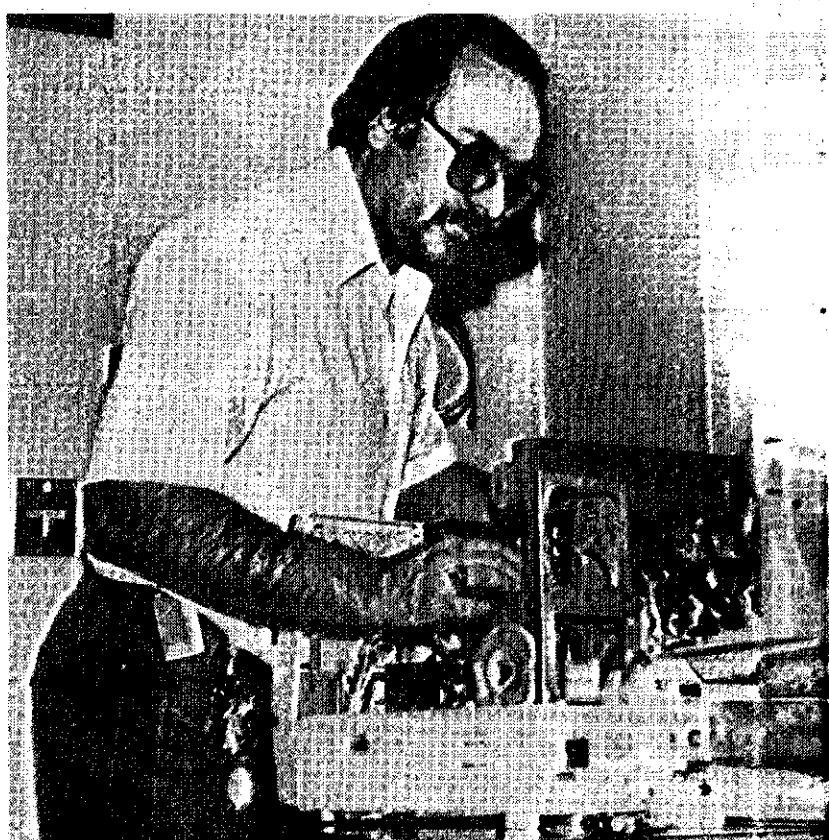
If a pattern such as this develops, student government and awards can and will become suspect to self-serving interests.

Awards are to congratulate all who have put in hard work and dedication to the betterment of their club, sorority or fraternity and the college.

Having an A-List of campus biggies being eighty-sixed based on their beliefs is an all too common tool of prejudice.

It is especially dangerous to flirt with censorship, coercion and government trying to control the press with budget threats.

Morales knows what makes campus 'compute'



TM Photo by Don Jergler

By Dodie O'Donnell
TM Staff Writer

A computer Robin Hood type holds forth on the Cerritos College campus.

One day your computer doesn't work. The next day you come in and it's gone. A few days later it magically reappears in working condition.

Mario Morales, Data Electronic Technician, Computer Services may be the culprit.

"People's machines get repaired. Usually they don't see us," he says.

Mario's primary responsibility is to keep everyone's machine up and running. He and his department do preventative maintenance along with some training.

"Sometimes that's just a matter of saying this is where the power switch is," smiles Mario.

His office is responsible for taking care of all of the data communications in the offices, classrooms, and labs which

are all connected to the computer room in SS 116.

Morales has seen a lot of changes in the 13 years he has been here. Every division now has one computer or terminal. With computers getting more and more complex, how does Computer Services keep up with these changes?

"When something new comes in we take it apart first. Take a look inside... what we'll be up against... anticipate what we're going to need," says Mario.

Some of the newer equipment requires very sophisticated gear to keep it operational. For instance, plugging a component or circuit board into this huge tester about the size of a desk or bigger and it tells you exactly what is wrong. This type of diagnosis is not done here.

Terminals usually have one big circuit board or four or five small ones, but now some come with one small board, for example, with a limited number of components, some have gotten larger and "smarter."

P.S.

Questions for this Public Service feature should be submitted to Dr. Allan Boodnick, Psychological Services, or Talon Marks.

I'm not having much luck in meeting men and dating. Bars seem to be for sex, not relationships. I've heard that personal advertising is one way to meet others, but that only "losers" have to advertise. What do you think of placing and answering ads?

A. The numbers of singles are increasing (more than 60 million), the divorce rate is escalating (3000 per day), marriage is occurring at a later age (the 30's), women are more assertive, and unmarrieds are taking a "marketing" approach in pursuing what they envision as illusive relationships.

More and varied ways of meeting another person are being merchandised. There is a resurgence of personal advertising, originally called mail order brides (in the 1700's). It is a "safe" and much more acceptable way of connecting, both by men and women. However, there are cautious actions to take no matter how you meet someone, not just with advertising.

Even though there are "marginal" publications with ads, many respected

publications offer personal advertising (L.A. Times, N.Y. Review of Books, etc.). Some of the advantages of placing and answering an ad are that you can think of the experience as an adventure, remain anonymous, screen the respondents (by letter, photo and/phone), meet in a neutral place, and almost any other requirements you wish. Also, you can be honest in what characteristics are important to you and in describing yourself.

Another side of the coin is that how or where to meet someone is secondary to what you bring to any meeting: self-awareness, self-esteem, dependency needs, old hurts, honesty, etc. If you experience continual disappointments, consider that there may be personal reasons that keep replaying themselves and that would interfere regardless of how you meet another person.

Let's hear from students who have placed or answered ads. Briefly describe your experiences and I'll put the results in a subsequent column.


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Senate elects Dick McGrath

By Angel Gilbert
TM Editor-in-Chief

The winner is...
The new triumvirate of Faculty Senate leaders were elected last week.
Vice-President Richard MacGrath was elected to the post of President, after Connie Mantz decided not to seek another term.

Senators Linda Palumbo and Virginia Romero were named Vice-President and Secretary respectively.

Plans were also announced to name Outstanding Faculty of the Year in the Administrative Quad Tuesday, April 30.

Outstanding Senator and Classified Employee will be revealed Thursday, May 2.

Talk also reverberated about possibly limiting the number of units a student can take who repeatedly drops classes.

"We are under a lot of pressure because of the economy and amnesty at universities," said Mantz.

This practice is referred to as "shopping for classes" and in these dismal times are closely examined to deal with the problem.

Both faculty and administrators are seeking recommendations to bring about changes that would provide a solution to end the practice.

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- Board of Trustees, Board Room, 7:30 p.m.
- Faculty Senate, Board Room, noon.
- "Note Taking Strategies," a free workshop from 11 a.m. to noon in LA 23.
- Baseball vs. Pasadena, here at 2:30 p.m.
- Men's and Women's Track, Conference Preliminaries here at 3 p.m.
- Golf, El Camino Conference Tournament at Palos Verdes, noon.

WEDNESDAY, April 24

- Softball vs. El Camino there at 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 25

- Retired Faculty luncheon/semi-annual meeting of CCRFA, Student Center Stage, 11 a.m.
- "Estimating Skills," a free Learning Assistance Workshop from 11 a.m. to noon in LRC 216.
- Deadline for American Association of University of Women Scholarships. For info call Ext. 763.
- Women's Tennis, Ojai Tournament at Ojai, TBA.
- Men's and Women's Swimming, South Coast Conference Championships at Belmont Plaza, Long Beach, TBA.
- Baseball vs. Pasadena there at 2:30 p.m.
- Men's Tennis, Ojai Tournament at Ojai, TBA.

- Golf, Cuyamaca Tournament at Singing Hills 8 a.m.

FRIDAY, April 26

- Matriculation workshop for all classified staff from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Board Room.
- Women's Tennis, Ojai Tournament at Ojai, TBA.
- Men's and Women's Swimming, South Coast Conference Championships at Belmont Plaza in Long Beach, TBA.
- Men's Tennis, Ojai Tournament at Ojai, TBA.

SATURDAY, April 27

- Women's Tennis Ojai Tournament at Ojai, TBA.
- Men's and Women's Swimming, South Coast Conference Championships at Belmont Plaza in Long Beach, TBA.

COMING EVENTS

- Free resume workshop, Monday, April 29, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Assessment Ctr.
- The 7C's First Annual Cinco De Mayo Picnic, May 5, from 11 a.m. to dusk at La Mirada Regional Park.
- 7C's trip to Laughlin, Nevada, leaving lot C-10 at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 7. All staff invited. For info call ext. 200.

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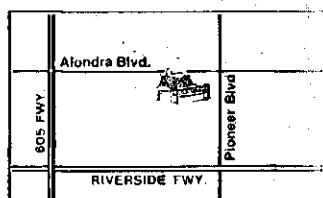
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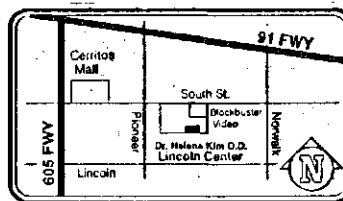
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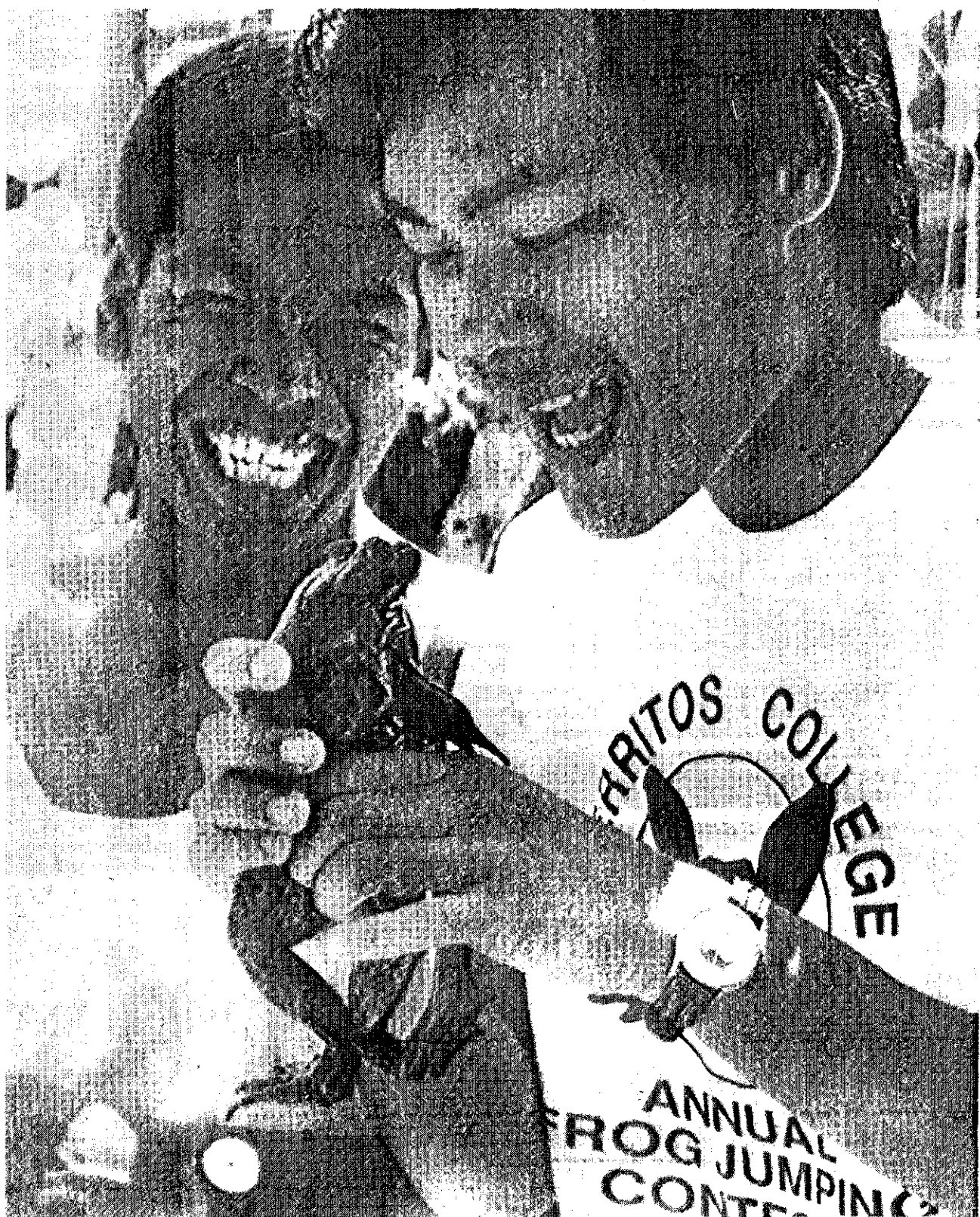
Frog jumping, Mr. Cerritos kick up at Hoe Down

By Nika Smith
TM Copy Editor

Frog jump, the chili cook-off, and the Mr. Cerritos contest lassoed many spectators for Hoe Down Days.

To begin the festivities, on Tuesday April 9, many clubs opened game and food booths to raise money for their respective organizations. For instance, Iota Phi Omicron offered to tell your fortune while Upsilon Omicron wished you would take a chance at the roll of dice. Using both together, could be lucrative.

Around the corner, past the ASCC dunk tank, a frog jumping contest was taking place. With prizes donated by the bookstore longing for new owners, representatives from various clubs urged their frogs to jump the farthest distance. The most enthusiastic award would go to Donald Gerken from AGS, as he enticed his frog with a fly on a string and threatened it with a magnifying glass over its backside. George Garcia, from AHORA, would take the third place fishing pole. Beta Pheta Kai's Adam Padilla, took the second place codaphone. Finally, Alpha



TM Photos by Marcio Sanchez

Gamma Sigma's Debbie O'Neil gladly took first place, winning a York music system.

Later that evening, more people would be lassoed at Activity Night. There, ASCC-members were given an Arby's sandwich and a soda to sustain their knowledge for a win at the traveling game show. There was also a blond-haired puppet roaming around, and a man clad in plaid making animals with balloons.

Then came Wednesday and the celebrated Mr. Cerritos contest. Out of seven contestants only one would be Mr. Cerritos. Each one walked down the runway individually and braved an interview, a lip sync competition and a swimsuit competition. By far the loudest response goes for Diego Salinas, sponsored by AHORA. But, unfortunately for him, "most screams" was not included in the judges decision-making process.

The runner-up was Cliff Parks, sponsored by the football team; during his interview reassured the audience with the statement, "It's not like I can't get ladies."

But the actual, Mr. Cerritos award, was given to William Perales sponsored by Kappa Psi Theta. Earned by his serenade to the judges as he handed each one a rose and lip synched, "It Had To Be You."

After the Mr. Cerritos fervor the winners of the Chili cook-off were announced. From the athletic department, Rena Sabers took the honor of Top Chili-Dog. The hottest chili award went to Richard Lacovelli from culinary arts. Finally the judges favorite chili was made by Fred Regan.

The last of Hoe Down Days, was Thursday, and it ended on a tasty note with a free fried chicken dinner and a western concert in the cafeteria.

LEFT,
Ladyane Lopez
gets 'flushed'
in recent
Hoe Down
happening.
ABOVE,
Chek Nhep
prompts
jumpy frog
to go for it!

Awards Gala to honor Man and Woman of the Year among others; new award category created

Some 200 awards for service to the college will be presented at the ASCC's annual Spring Awards Banquet Friday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at Sycamore Plaza in Lakewood.

Over 450 are expected to attend the event which will also see Man and Woman of the Year honors given, and Student Newsmaker and Faculty Newsmaker named.

Kristy West will emcee the ceremonies. She is Commissioner of

Vocational Education.

A special new award, a student-selected Faculty Member of the Year, will also be presented.

Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards head the list of recognition for full-time students with 10 units or more. Part time students are also honored.

Students recognized are those who have "shown academic excellence in leadership skills or participated in ASCC sponsored pro-

gram."

Special Awards go to students from several organizations and activities, including Administration of Justice, Journalism/TALON MARKS, Recreation Night, Pep Squad, Speech, Athletics, and others.

Tickets, free to award winners, are available at the Student Activities Office. Regular cost is \$10 per student.

—DIANA SCHMITT

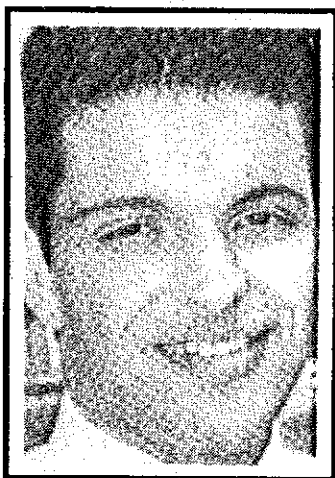
Newly founded Alumni Assn. seeking apps

The newly founded Alumni Association is currently accepting members.

For \$ 25, Cerritos students who have completed 30 units can apply to the Alumni Association.

There is no deadline for applications. For more information contact Dick Dumont at Ext.711.

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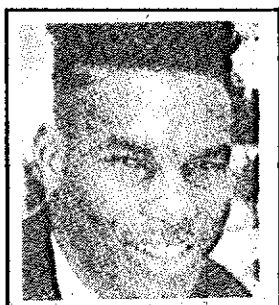
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Computer wizard Morales has the best of both worlds

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Two students, Jose Bajua and Tom Grande, currently work with Mario. It gives the student a chance to get some hand-on experience, he says.

Mario has taught an electronics course here on campus. "I enjoy the lab better than the lecture part," he says.

Student art exhibit to open on April 30

Opening reception for the Cerritos College Art Student Exhibition is Wednesday, May 1, from 6-9 p.m. in the college's Fine Arts Gallery.

The exhibit will run through May 16.

Hours are Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday-Thursday 6-9 p.m.

Parking restrictions apply on weekdays and evenings until 7:30 p.m.

— HELEN TAYLOR

He quit teaching because he went back to school to get his bachelor's degree.

If a staff member comes in some day to find a computer is missing, the first person to check with is Mario.

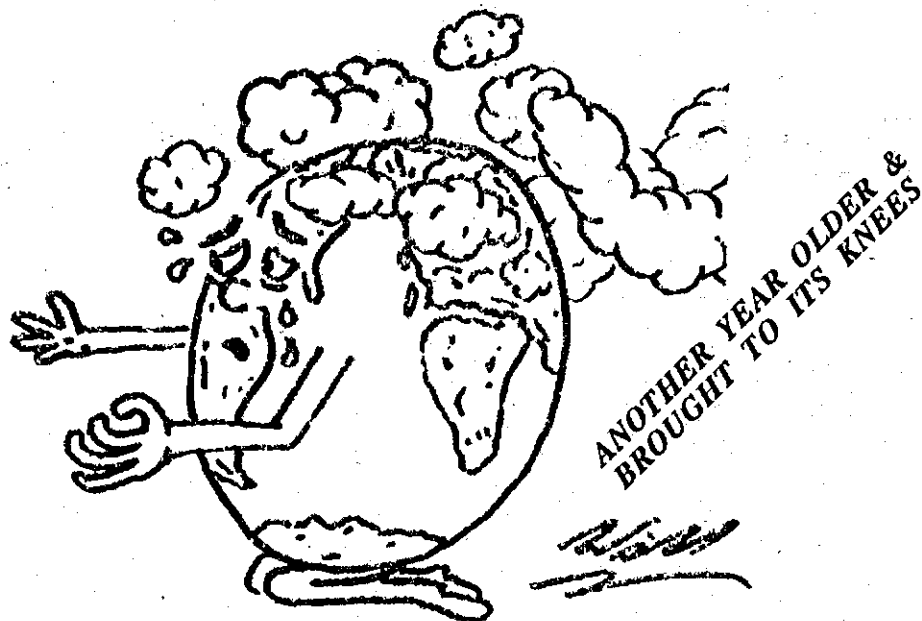
He's the "computer man" on campus.

Mario got interested in computers by accident. When he got out of high school, he went to work for a data rental company. They sold, rented, and maintained computer terminals and printers.

He received his AA degree in electronics from Rio Hondo College, and came to work for Cerritos College after leaving his job in data rentals.

"I get the best of both worlds. I do field service, see a lot of people and get to know them," remarks Morales.

La Mont Freeman, another Data Electronics Technician, works with Morales. They work different shifts because many problems happen after 4:30.



Angel Winging It

By Angel Gilbert

Free speech or witch hunt?



The air is dead, waiting for the red light, while wondering how the FCC will handle KROQ deejays, Kevin and Bean.

Yes, it's the sequel to "Silence of the Lambs."

Some have determined that the radio personalities should be yanked off the air, and the radio shut down after the unveiling of a murder confession hoax, arguing that letting them off scot-free would be letting them get away with "murder."

Kevin and Bean should not be fired or the station closed, everybody has the right to free speech.

However, I feel that some form of punishment is necessary, not only for the deejays but the station manager.

KROQ (106.7) set up a fake confession last year. The caller stated that he had beat his girlfriend to death after catching her with another man.

This confession prompted an investigation by the police and led to two airings on NBC's *Unsolved Mysteries* which snowballed into the authorities receiving over 400 phone calls.

According to a Los Angeles Times article both on air personalities, Kevin Ryder and Gene (Bean) Baxter were suspended without pay April 11 and went back on the air April 22.

It may be argued that it was a cruel joke and should not have gotten that far, but in a ratings race, nothing is sacred.

Perhaps we should examine our ratings system that allows the prize to go to the ones with the highest ratings to charge exorbitant advertising fees.

In the meantime any type of quality programming is not usually tolerated, and if so not for long, especially in the radio wars.

Every day, radio stations wage an all out war in a desperate dash for ratings, stopping at nothing and stooping to new lows in the Guinness Book of Lows.

Now some on air personalities whose own antics are questionable at best, are offering up the pair to burn in effigy to repent for all their sins.

The program director at KPWR (105.9) has even go so far as calling the Kevin and Bean episode as "dangerous disregard for on-air-ethics" when his own morning show has Jay Thomas interviewing a murderer on the air today. Or the time he tried to trick Jessica Hahn, then embroiled in the center of yet another controversy, into giving her phone number out on the air. Not to mention the free facelift offer that was a bad joke.

Or this last St. Patrick's Day when radio/TV personality Rick Dees rubbed a scantily clad woman with honey then had her roll around in a stack of money and paid yet another to shave her head on his television show *Into the Night*.

True the duo should not have let the situation get this far, but that too is easy to understand. When a lie gets out of hand, it snowballs only to splat on their face.

Kevin and Bean are learning their lesson the hard way and should rightfully pay the authorities for the man-hours and nuisance. A public apology to anyone who had hoped that the confessor was the real solution to a loved ones' murder is an absolute.

They are not the first to suffer from the burning glare of the limelight and not the last, but before the witch hunt gets out of hand, we should look at those who want to burn Kevin and Bean at the stake and investigate their own motives...perhaps they want to put out their own fire down below.

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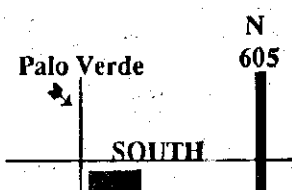
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Men's tennis hopes to swing into finals

Men settle for second; eyeing championships

By Jimmy Baro
TM Staff Writer

The men's tennis team started out cold this year losing their first three games, but have since finished out the conference season with a strong 8-2 mark netting them a second place spot.

Their latest victory was a 6-3 win over El Camino last Thursday.

They enter this weekend's Ojai Tournament as a team on fire, winners of their last 13 games out of 15.

The two defeats came at the rackets of the state's No. 2 Long Beach City Vikings, who cooled off the hot Birds.

First year player Mark Magsadia was happy but disappointed about the team's second place finish behind the Vikings.

"To not win a game against them and finish in second place with an overall record of 16-5 was good, I think of it this way, if the Vikings weren't in our league, we'd be undefeated in league 8-0 and 16-3 for the year, probably getting a state ranking," Magsadia says.

"The conference was very balanced this year, I was more pleased how we did outside the conference, I didn't expect us to do that well."

"Our players will do very well in the upcoming tournament and South Coast Championships depending on the luck of the draw seedings," Coach Tom Spence said.

Scott Campbell, Allan Carluto, Gary Lee, Magsadia, Sung Park, Ramesh Rao, and Mando Rangel will be heading for the South Coast Conference Championships May 2-4.

All of them hope to get through the first two rounds and advance to the Southern California Championships May 9-11.

The State Championships follow close behind May 16-18.

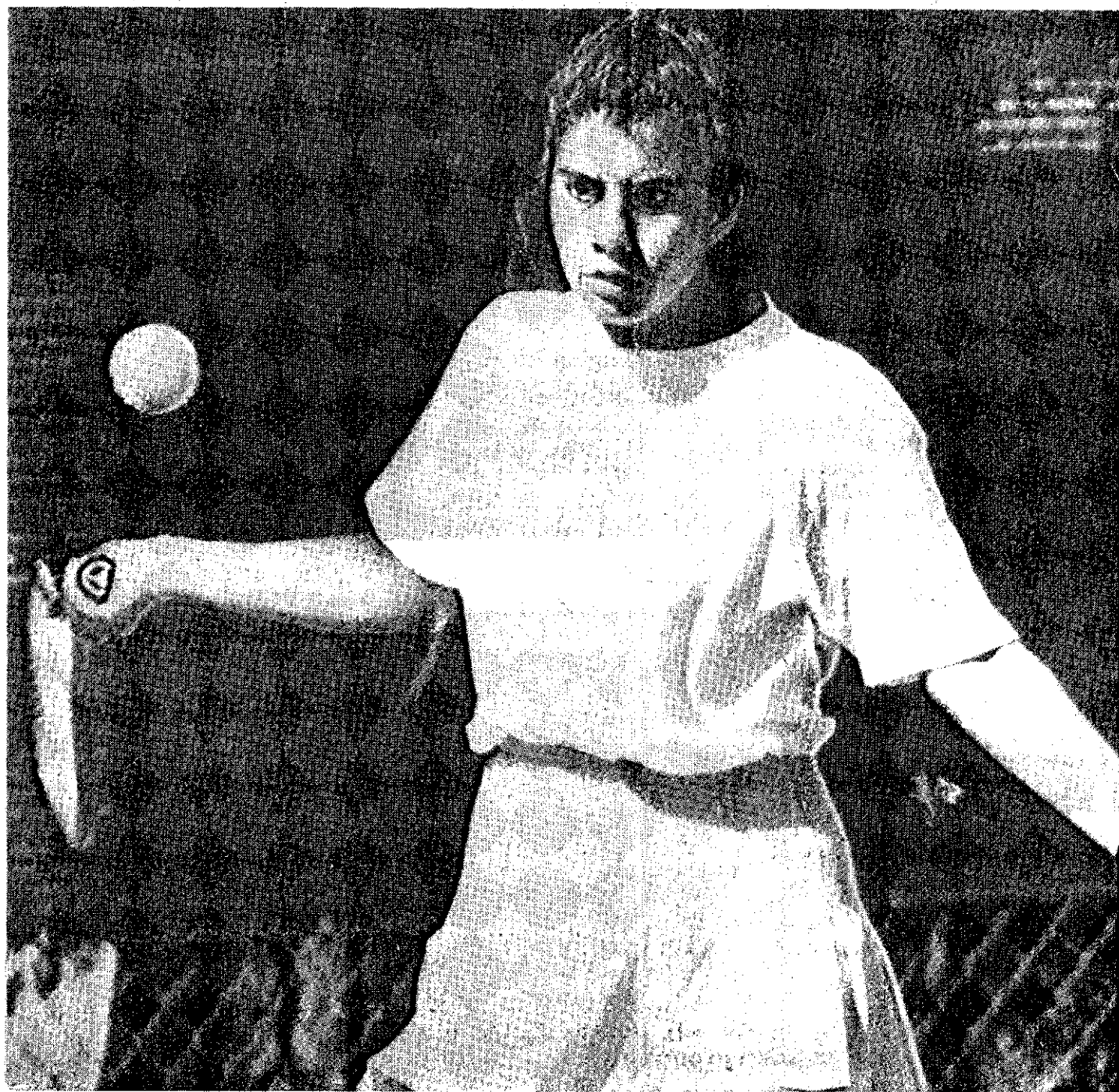
Swimmers sink below .500, dive into tourney

Men's swimming concluded league play last Friday by defeating Pasadena to finish 2-4 in the South Coast Conference, while going 3-5 on the year.

Cerritos also beat Fullerton in the SCC, however, losses to Mt. SAC, Long Beach City, El Camino and defending state champion Golden West, put the Falcons two games under .500 in the standings.

Thursday through Saturday, the swimmers will compete in the SCC Championships at the Belmont Plaza in Long Beach.

The State Championships start May 2 from DeAnza College.



CONCENTRATION — No. 1 singles player Liz Loza was one of Cerritos' bright spots as the women's tennis team suffered through a tough season. The men finished 16-5 in second place and are heading into the SCC Championships May 2-4.

TM Photo by Marcio Sanchez

Young Lady netters season comes to end

By Steven Lucker
TM Staff Writer

After opening South Coast Conference play at 1-1, the Lady Falcons tennis team finished by losing their final ten matches under first year coach Terry Button, and ended up 1-11 last in the SCC.

Cerritos' lone win came against Mt. SAC in the second game of the conference season, but on the down side of things, included in those ten consecutive losses that followed was a defeat to Harbor that broke a sixth-place tie

and put the Falcons at the bottom under the Seahawks.

Coach Button however wasn't all that disappointed. "We knew it was going to be tough. With ten girls, all playing their first year, our lack of experience hurt us," she said.

With every difficult season though, there are some bright spots.

Liz Loza and Ramonette Belen started as the top two singles players, but the improvement of Grace Kim put her number two in back of Loza.

"About halfway through the year, Kim became the number two player,

and she just kept getting better and better," said Button.

With the Ojai Tournament coming up April 25-29, Loza, Kim, and Belen are expected to compete.

"We also have Margaret Noji playing in the tournament with Loza in doubles, and Kim and Belen will also pair up," says Button.

Next weekend, May 2-4, the SCC Tournament begins while the following week, May 9-11 is the Southern California Championships.

The tennis season formally ends with the State Championships May 16-18.

Sluggers lead into stretch drive; open series today with Pasadena

By Charlie Waldorf
TM Executive Sports Editor

They're neck and neck heading for the home stretch.

The Falcons have a half game lead over Mount San Antonio College with six games left as they both close in on the finish line.

Cerritos (12-6 SCC, 18-13-2 overall) opens a three-game set today with the Pasadena Lancers at 2:30 from Kincaid Field.

Earlier this season, the Birds took

two of three from the Lancers, but the lone loss of the series came at home on Thursday.

With the play-offs coming around, the sluggers hope that the Thursday jinx is behind them.

After Pasadena leaves town Saturday, the El Camino Warriors come in April 30 for the closing of the regular season.

The Warriors took the first two games of the match the last time these teams met but the Falcons managed to salvage game three.

Relay teams look to preliminaries

By Don Jergler
TM Staff Writer

A lack of athletic turn out has left the Falcons track and field team floundering in certain areas.

One area that wasn't affected was the relay teams.

They are now left to wait for the Conference Championship here at noon this Saturday April 27.

Michael Peters, Anthony Beardon, John Anthony, and Antonious Dotson ran the 400 elapsing a 41.70 for a third place finish during the Mt. SAC relays last Thursday.

Peters joined teammates Byron Scott

and Kirk Ayers in the 1600 relay recording a 3:15.

Ayers chalked up a first place spot registering a dashing 53.53 in the 400 high hurdles, which was the second fastest in the relays.

Adding to the cause was Keith Pouncey placing third in the high hurdles logging a 14.88 mark in the books.

In the hammer throw, Kayne Pendrick propelled the hammer 134', only three feet short of the school's all-time record.

The ladies 400 relay team placed fourth overall in a time of 49.70.

Patrice Hall equaled her best time of the year of 15.00 in the 100 high hurdles.