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

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TOUCHTONE REGISTRATION computes for 7,700.

TM Photo by ANGELITA MORAGA

Top dog accused of hot-dogging by forking out food

Bill before Senate today would outlaw giving out freebies to 'buy votes'

BY ANGELITA MORAGA
TM News Editor

You took the food right out of my mouth! If a bill served in the form of hotdogs, 7-Up and other vote whetting goodies is passed in the ASCC Senate today, that's what many voters will be saying.

The bill would pass only with a 2/3 majority vote. Senators Steve Abegunde and Chiayuan Hung have proposed this bill which will restrict the use of food as well as candies and pencils during campaigning.

It is their view that such items are forms of "enticement" to the voters.

"Many of the Cabinet members do not agree with the resolution, but a few see food as a way for candidates to buy their way into office," stated one observer at

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12,000 registration appointment cards go out today; phone \$\$ due

BY IAN HUMBERGER
TM Staff Writer

Some 12,000 registration appointment cards are going out today for returning students who didn't do the Touchtone phone-in sign-ups.

Students will be given enrollment times from Dec. 6-20, according to Mary Iwami of Admissions.

MUST PAY FEES

Touchtone registration wound up with an estimated 7,700 takers, all of whom

must have paid their fees by Dec. 3, or they'll forfeit the advantage.

After Dec. 3, students will have to apply for reinstatement, with no guarantee they can keep the classes they got over the phone.

FINAL EXAMS

Final exams for this Fall start Friday, Dec. 14, and run through Thursday, Dec. 20.

Spring classes start Jan., with late sign-ups ending Jan. 19.

Enrollment for Spring is expected to top the some 22,000 this Fall.

MORE APPOINTMENTS

New and returning students can file for appointment cards after Dec. 21. Open registration, with no appointments needed, runs from Jan. 9-19. Program changes can be made until Jan. 19, on a class available basis.

This was the college's initial all-out effort to register as many as possible via telephone, and officials say the operation went off smoothly, all things considered.

MIX-UP TIME

Common setbacks have had people go

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KAHALE COMEBACK

Friends drop by to cheer on football player Scott Kahale said making "good progress" some two weeks after coming out of coma following brain surgery. SEE STORY PAGE 3.

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1991 FALL PROPOSED SCHEDULE PATTERN

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6:00-9:00

* Traditional dead hour for meetings and activities

STUDENT PARKING FEES COULD INCREASE

Faculty may pay for the privilege of parking

BY ANGEL GILBERT
TM Managing Editor

Faculty may have to pay for the luxury of parking close to class, and students may have to dig up more pocket change for a parking permit.

Some alternatives noted to meet tightening AQMD (Air Quality Management District) requirements, include having faculty pay \$15 per semester for parking.

Another concept under serious consideration is changing the class schedule to 1 1/2 hour session Monday through Thursday, with 3 hour blocks on Friday.

What upset some senators was that the President/Superintendent expressed the belief that a recommendation to change the scheduling patterns, whether it originates from the senate, AQMD, etc., that the Board will not interpret it as a change in policy of a five day work week.

Another snag is that Cerritos has to teach 20 percent of instruction on Fridays or they lose their ADA (averaged daily attendance).

Bob Silverman, vice president of Instruction, discussed some burning questions about the proposed change of five day week patterns.

"I have a concern going to the two-day a week classes, but I fully support the idea. From a teaching point of view, you get more done in an hour and a half block. I thought the driving force behind this (changing the work week pattern) is the AQMD wanting to reduce cars on campus, but what is the point of us being here five days a week?" asked Senator Joan Licari.

Silverman said, "I see this pattern reducing the number of students on campus, but not for the faculty. AQMD's main emphasis is on the staff, it is not on the students,

yet. Next year, we will have the students come into it. Therefore, the four day schedule pattern will help reduce the amount of students on campus."

When asked when this four day scheduling is expected to go into effect, Silverman answered that there might be a pilot program as early as spring.

Currently, other plans are being checked out to find a suitable model for Cerritos College and pattern after it.

The Administrative Council last week indicated that a Pay for Parking Plan is being considered by the AQMD committee, which is slated to begin meeting this week.

"In regards to the issue of pay to park, it might be sooner than we think," commented Senate President Connie Mantz.

The committee is seeking strategies to meet AQMD requirements.

Student's parking fees may also be raised as well.

Senator Tom Whitlock asked "If they are going to charge us, are they going to increase our salaries? This amounts to a cut in pay."

"I can understand them charging, but will the money go into the general fund? I

believe it should go into finding creative ways to keep people from driving to work," said Senator John Boyle.

Touchtone mix-up causes confusion

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up to the fee station to pay, only to find out that their class schedule was not recorded. Some of the problems had to do with "touchtone" vs. "pulsetone" functions.

One student became so upset over a problem that campus police had to be called to escort him off campus.

Iwami underscored the Dec. 3 deadline for paying fees. The time line is five working days from sign-ups, or Dec. 3, whichever comes first.

REFERENCE TO ROME

One student resignedly accepted a mix-up with the admonition that Rome wasn't built in a day, expressing confidence in the new phone-in system.

He advised fellow registrants to "mellow out."

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Stricken Senator gaining strength

BY DIANA SCHMITT
TM Staff Writer

Big Macs and chocolate shakes are major items on Scott Kahale's menu these days.

The Falcon football player has been out of a coma only a couple of weeks

after being hospitalized since Sept. 29, the day he collapsed on the sidelines during a game.

Following surgery to remove a cyst on his brain, he was put into a medically induced coma because his body went into spasms during consciousness.

Nurse Gertrude Zimmerman described him as "progressing very well."

He is currently on a comprehensive rehabilitation program four hours a day, seven days a week.

"This workout is more rigorous and exhausting than Coach Frank Mazzotta's football practices," Kahale quipped.

The top vote-getter on the Student Senate, Kahale said he is looking forward to returning to school next semester, and hoping to participate in student government.

Kahale said, "My faith in the Lord keeps me going."

It was rough going for a while for Kahale who was taken to Pioneer Hospital in Artesia before being trans-

ferred to Long Beach Memorial. He was fighting for his life during several critical days, spokesmen indicated.

Fellow students and teammates held prayer rallies and kept vigils at the hospital.

He expressed his thanks for all the loving support from his parents and friends who have stood by him "through this whole ordeal."

Kahale's collapse and subsequent brain operation raised the highly publicized question of his being in uniform after one doctor reportedly declined to release him to play.

However, he produced a permission slip from a specialist okaying him to suit up as long as he avoided head contact.

College officials said proper procedure was followed, complete with the doctor's permission to play.

He was reportedly used only sparingly

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Lambda Alpha Epsilon sponsors competition; announces recipients

Pi Kappa Chapter of Lambda Alpha Epsilon, the American Criminal Justice Fraternity on campus came home as overall sweepstakes winners in the Regional Competitions held Nov. 9 through 11 at the Saddleback Inn in Norwalk.

The competitions were sponsored by the Los Angeles area professional chapter of the association. Teams from approximately 15 colleges from throughout California and Washington were included.

There can be more than one recipient for each award as there are several competition categories based on upper division, lower division, graduate or professional status of the students.

Awards were given in the following categories.

Written Examinations:

Juvenile Justice, second place: Kelly Kafel (Cerritos graduate), and third place, Sandyadevi Rajyagor.

Law Enforcement Knowledge: First place, Rajyagor and Robert Wiltfang, second place, Cathy Lugo and Eric Johnson.

Practical Competition, Criminal Investigation (Crime Scene) (Three person team), third place, David Gomez, Sheri Boone, Sal Torres, Kafel, Lugo, and Jennifer Pasley.

Instructor Competition Category: Criminal Law, first place, Dick McGrath, second place, Doug Haynes; Juvenile Justice, third place, Haynes.

Pi Kappa rounded out the semester with their installation banquet at the Sheraton Hotel, Cerritos on Sat. Nov. 15.

They celebrated their winnings and seven new members were installed including Boone, Belinda Davila, Eric Hooker, Johnson, Luis Navarette, Dale Osburn Jr., Ed Tenorio, and Haynes (instructor).

Dodie O'Donnell, Features Editor here at Talon Marks and secretary to McGrath (adviser to the fraternity) was given a special award in recognition of her service to McGrath and Pi Kappa.

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ASCC honors top students

BY LISA PUCH
TM Editor-in-Chief

Gold, Silver and Bronze Falcons will be the honored awards given next Friday, Dec. 7 at the 1990 ASCC Fall Awards Banquet.

Held at the Sheraton, in Cerritos, the festivities begin at 7 p.m.

Outstanding students, both part-time and full-time, will be honored for their academic excellence, leadership abilities, participation, and services.

Academic scholarships as well as Inter Club Council (ICC) awards will also be given including the Homecoming court and committees, Food Drive Awards, Journalism Awards and Recreation Night winner Awards.

Members of the awards committee include Rocky Pavone, ASCC President; Angie Villanueva, ASCC Vice President; and Eusebia Fuentes, ASCC Chief Justice.

Also on the committee are Chris Stewart, Commissioner of ICC; Darren Blackmer, Commissioner of Public Relations; Jeannie O'Neil, Commissioner of Fine Arts; Kristie Mosley, Student Senate; and Casey Mazzotta, Student Senate.

Other members are William Perales, Special Interest Club; Elmer Freyre, Panhellenic Club; Stacy Stensrud, Curricular Club; and Julio Rodriguez, Service Club, along with Rita Cudiamat, Court; and three Students at Large, Pauline Lu, Lawrence Lewis, and Gabby Reynoso.

Master of Ceremonies and Awards Presenters are Stacy Stensrud, Homecoming court member and Rosie Partida, Homecoming Queen.

Tickets are on sale now at the Student Activities Office. Tickets for recipients are free, others fees are \$10 for students and \$15 for non-students.



"REINDEER" PREMIERES — "Your Father Owned a Reindeer" Christmas comedy will run here Dec. 7-8 and 13-15 at 8 p.m., and Dec. 9 at 2:30 p.m. It's a world premiere. Cast, clockwise from top left, includes Cliff Schneider, Rebecca Baily, Chuck Gorman, Aless Vildosola, Dorothy McClane, Jeff Tucker, Fred Lancilotti, and Susan Alderette.

P.S.

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

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A. Your behavior is called Voyeurism—one who achieves sexual pleasure through secretive "peeping" (as in Peeping Tom). Frequently done by males, the element of risk is important in how the Voyeur gets sexual pleasure. This is a normal curiosity almost everyone has, unless it continues past puberty/adolescents for which one should seek help. It's also against the law!

On the other side, exhibitionists intentionally expose themselves to members of the opposite sex under inappropriate conditions, such as "flashing."

Q. With the holidays coming up, I feel lonely and depressed. What can I do about it?

A. You've gone the "first mile" already by recognizing that something's effecting you. This is a very common occurrence, because while everyone is "supposed" to be happy and celebrating the holidays with family and friends, much of the population feels as you do. Real happiness or joy can't be achieved by external forces; only heightened by them.

Try to determine what's effecting your mood, and whether it's short-term (situationally/acute) or long-term (chronic). If it's because of a current problem, seek out and deal with the solutions to the problem immediately there by disposing of the acuteness. If the mood is long-standing, the inability to be seasonally happy will reinforce your loneliness and depression even more. In this latter case, it sounds like it's time to bring in "reinforcements"; that is, obtain the help a professional can provide.

Student art sale just in the 'nick' of time for Xmas

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Adams recognized for role in gender equity programs

BY CHARLIE WALDORF
TM Associate Editor

"Let's look at what we need to do — how we can do it — and do it!"

This is the working motto of this year's recipient of the "Excellence in Equity" award from the Community College Chancellor's Office.

It goes to community college personnel or community members who exhibit an on-going commitment to gender equity.

Keith Adams, Cerritos Dean of Vocational Education/Extended Day, has been the administrator for gender equity funding and special projects here since 1979.

Adams has encouraged abolishing sex bias, serving the single parents/home-

ents/homemakers in the college community, and helping men and women in entering and succeeding in non-traditional occupations.

His role in reducing and eliminating barriers to women entering technical careers include lowering shelving for easier assessability to women, creating womens' facilities in the metals building, instituting a screening procedure eliminating gender bias in vocational textbook selections, supplying schedules and catalogs free of sex bias and providing free infant and child care for economically deprived JTPA participants.

He also works with Handicapped / Disadvantaged / Limited English Proficient / Sex Equity / Single Parent / and Homemakers.

Adams has been described as tireless in his dedication to further human equity here at Cerritos College.



TM Photo by CHARLIE WALDORF

Bill would take mustard off voting for hot dogs, etc.

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Monday's Cabinet meeting.

If the bill is approved, campaigning will be limited to passing out flyers, making posters and delivering a mandatory speech.

Free food and refreshments have previously been used as part of political races, but the last Presidential race saw the technique used to its fullest extent, raising the ire of some opponents.

If food is to be used at all, it is proposed that it should be delivered anonymously to the Student Activities office which will be responsible for handing out the goods according to a statement in the bill.

Opinions contrast sharply on the proposal.

Some say, "That's just part of good ol' fashion politician'."

Others charge that anybody could get into office with just the right amount of hotdogs and 7-Up.

Although most bills submitted to the Senate are voted on the same day, VP Angie Villanueva said she will recommend that a committee be formed to review the

bill for a couple of weeks before it is actually voted on by the Senate.

"This will be done because of the complexity of the bill.

"With a committee, the Senators will know what they will actually be voting on," stated Villanueva.

If the bill passes, it will be sent to President Rocky Pavone, who is expected to veto it.

After all, it apparently is aimed directly at his surprisingly successful campaign.

Pavone and Villanueva were a darkhorse slate that pulled off one of the biggest upsets in Cerritos history.

They finished second in the opening round then overcame a strong showing by Sam Osakue and Diana Schmitt in the runoff.

The Senate can override a veto with a 2/3 majority vote.

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5-2 cagers drop last outing, host Chaffey Friday at 8

"It wasn't even worth the trip."

Strong words from 6-6 sophomore center Russ May after the Falcons 87-80 loss to the Mira Costa Spartans Saturday night in Mira Costa.

Hoping to get back onto the winning track, Cerritos will get to stay home for Chaffey College Friday at 8 p.m., and for a re-match Saturday against Saddleback with a 7:30 tip-off.

The Falcons (5-2) defeated Saddleback 71-70 in the Fullerton tournament earlier this season.

In the loss to Mira Costa, the hoopsters could garner only an early 13-8 lead, and had to play catch-up for most of the contest.

Going into halftime, Cerritos was down by seven, 40-33.

BY CHARLIE WALDORF
TM Associate Editor

A whopping 26 turnovers were one of the things that put the Birds in the hole.

The primary scorers were 6-5 forward D'Andre Brown with 23 points. Brown has scored a combined total of 48 in the last two games.

Freshman guard Doug Grove, who fouled out with about five minutes remaining in the contest, put in 14.

Grove was an amazing 6-of-6 from the field.

Carlos Palomino had 11 and May gathered in 10.

Brown grabbed seven offensive rebounds, while May and Joe Jennum brought down six boards.

In previous Falcon basketball action, Cerritos knocked off defending state champion Rancho Santiago 95-92 in overtime.

For the game, Brown put in 25 points on 10-of-15 shooting, 19 coming after the first half.

Palomino scored 21, going 7-of-11 from the outside, two-of-three from three-point range.

Sophomore Darryl McMillon accumulated 13. The 6-1 guard had nine assists and grabbed eight rebounds.

Grove had 11 points, five assists and also pulled down eight boards.

The hoopsters finished second in the earlier Fullerton tournament, beating East L.A. 113-79, Saddleback, then losing in the finals to Long Beach City 99-70.

Lady hoopsters out to rebound at home tonight

After winning their first three games of the season, the Lady hoopsters have lost two in a row.

They hope to get back on the winning track tonight when they host San Diego Mesa at 7 p.m.

The Lady hoopsters lost their first game of the season to Moorpark College, 62-55 in the Long Beach City Tournament.

Their second loss came in the hands of LA Valley 62-40 in which the team had trouble shooting from the outside and committed 27 turnovers.

"Many of our turnovers weren't even forced," said Coach Karen Peterson. "When you shoot bad, you're not going to win."

The Falcons could only muster 23 points in the first half which was good enough for a one-point lead.

But in the second half they played sloppy and were outscored 40-17.

Sophomore forward Patrice Hall led the team with 14 points, including 6-of-10 from the field.

Center Erica Coffey chipped in with 11 points and five rebounds.

"I'm not very upset with the team, because they played hard and didn't give up," said Peterson. "LA Valley is one of the top teams in the state, and I thought we played them fairly well defensively."

Volleyballers bid for state showing

Reeling from the jaws of a certain upset, the Women's Volleyball team managed to fish out three straight wins over Santa Barbara last week, in regional playoff action on Nov. 20.

As of yesterday, they were one win away from reaching the state championship against Cuesta, who was in a three-way tie for the Western State Conference title and seeded No. 6 in the regionals.

The Falcons was seeded No. 4 in the regionals and had to play catch-up in the first two games of the Santa Barbara match-up.

After a Renee Bailey tie, set at 14-14, in the first game, the Falcons took the lead and finished the game, through Michelle Acuna's serving ace.

Game two kept the Falcons in a tight noose as they managed to dispatch the slippery plays that left them trailing with one five point deficit.

With game three in tow, the Falcons were baited by SBCC when trailing 6-7, and overcoming them with a five point lead finish.


The Falcons finished hook, line, and sinker 16-14, 16-14, and 15-10.


Flash ! Last night, the Falcons typhooned over Cuesta College 15-7, 15-7, 15-5 in less than 75 minutes. This Friday, they'll enter the Final 8 against Cabrillo at Hancock College at 6:30 p.m.

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Kahale shows improvement

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as an offensive guard, and was in for some four plays in this game before trotting off the field and collapsing minutes later on the sideline.

The incident sparked a sensational treatment by the Long Beach Press-Telegram who did an investigative series on playing polices of colleges in the area.

The LA Times didn't cover it, and other local papers downplayed the story if they printed anything at all.

The Long Beach daily featured it on the front page of a Sunday edition, and has kept the issue alive.

The college Trustees met in closed session with coaches and athletic officials, but no statement was released from the meeting.

The campus newspaper did not see the story as big as the Press Telegram, mainly because of the timing of two different weeks when no edition was published. However, editors conceded the incident should have been given more attention.

Speech team off to Mt. Sac for weekend

The award-winning Speech Team will be competing this weekend in the annual Fall Championships at Mt. SAC.

Over 20 colleges from several states will participate.

Drug prevention musical Friday

The Cerritos College Theatre Department presents the critically acclaimed musical "It's My Life" on Friday, Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to noon in the Burnight Center Theatre.

The story centers on a teenage girl and her battle to overcome drug addiction.

14 gridders make all-conference

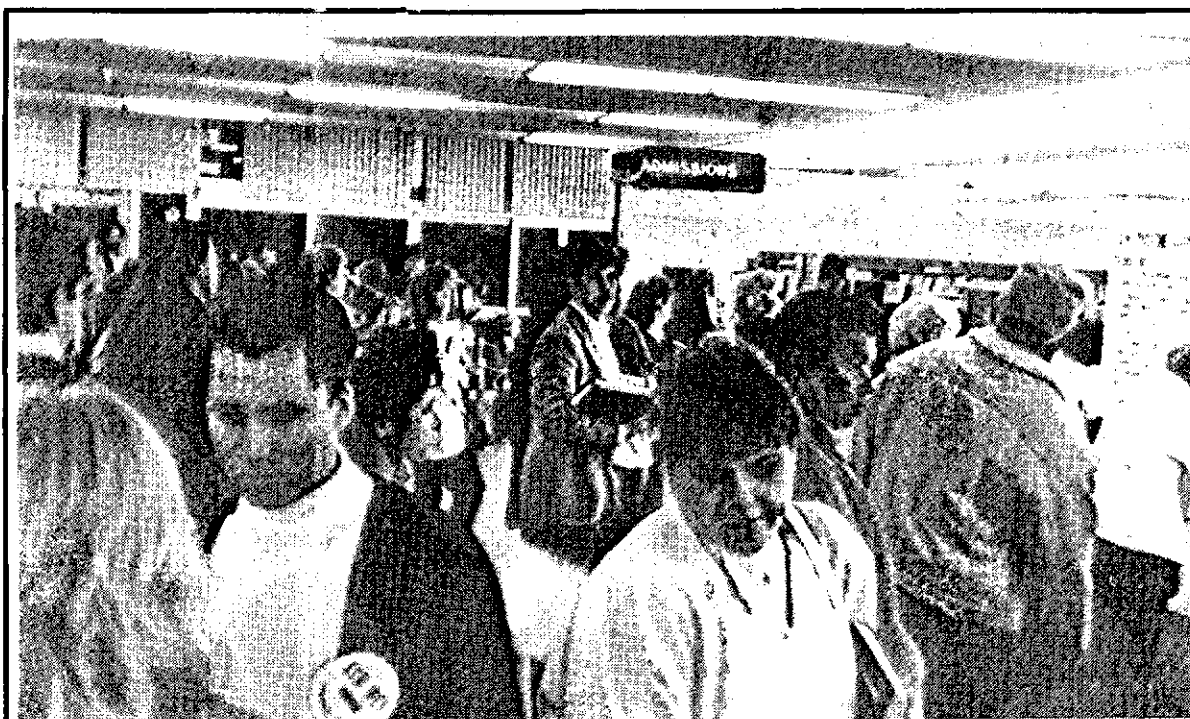
Fourteen starters from this years' 7-3 football team were chosen to represent Cerritos College on this seasons All-Mission Conference roster.

Heading the list with first team honors offensively were running back Darrell Thompson, and Charlie Williams.

Defensive first team representatives were cornerback Jean Boyd, linebacker Scott Jablonski, defensive end Tom Riley, and nose guard Sam Tonikian.

Second team honors, from the offensive side of the ball, were given to wide receiver Robert Johnson, left tackle Ruben Johnson, running back Shawn Jones, tight end David McCoy, fullback Brett Owens, and center Rudy Torres.

Lone defensive second team player was free safety Casey Mazzotta.



Phone frenzy?

Registering by touchtone telephone wasn't all that bad... But it was a little hectic at times...

TM Photo by ANGELITA MORAGA

NEWS BRIEFS

Dance classes in Folklorico Sat.

Burnight Theatre will present "A Night of Folklorico" Dec. 1, from 8-9 p.m., featuring Nuevo Uclatlan.

Both beginning and intermediate folk dance class members will participate.

Admission is free.

Fear loss of job?

Is the fear of a recession bringing the job loss blues?

If so attend the "Job Loss: Survival Tactics Workshop," on Dec. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Held in the Assessment Center, the workshop covers tactics that help one survive in the competitive and rapid growing work force.

Minority session

Recruitment and retention of minority students will be the topic of discussion Thursday, Nov. 29, when speaker Charlotte Dudley will host a session in room LH3, from 3-4 p.m.

Dudley, a biology instructor at Gardena High and coordinator of the Future Teachers Institute at CSU, Dominguez Hills, will focus on the areas of math, science and teaching, and the involvement of the minority student.

Scriven to speak at faculty meet

Dr. Michael Scriven, a world renowned author and expert in program and faculty evaluation, will speak at a general faculty meeting in the Burnight Center at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Printmaking on display in Quad

Come and see by this Friday, Nov. 30. A print making exhibit featuring works including screen prints, etchings, and linoleum cuts are being displayed through this Friday in the showcase in the Administration Quad.

The pieces are by students of Cynthia Kastan's printmaking classes (Art 16-19).

Memory topic

Having trouble remembering things? A study skills workshop focusing on "Memory" will be held Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to noon in LC216. This workshop is free and open to all students.

Transferring? Try the Transfer Center

By HELEN E. TAYLOR
TM Staff Writer

If you have any interest at all in transferring to another school, make an appointment at the Transfer Center, and they'll help you with all you need to know and do.

Center director Kathleen Joseph urges students to make an appointment early, not wait until the end of the semester to start planning.

Workshops, bus trips to area colleges and universities, appointments with four-year representatives who come here on campus for you, and other services are provided.

Calendars, catalogs, class schedules and helpful literature from various colleges are available. Students can choose from more than 50 public four-year colleges and universities, plus many independent institutions.

The staff will help students evaluate institutions according to budget, life style, academic interests, and other considerations.

'Task Force' to study areas of institutional advancement

Institutional Advancement Internal Task Force.

It sounds like a military agency or a law enforcement group.

Actually, it is an organization of influential Cerritos College staff from a variety of campus departments working together to meet the changing needs of education. The task force is currently working to achieve a sense of common values within the organization before involving the general community with its ideas for change.

Some broad objectives of the Task Force include interpreting how Institutional Advancement can be used to benefit Cerritos College, to better utilize existing college resources, to help with the development of fund raising and, generally, to help Cerritos College grow and maintain continued prominence.

In an effort to bring all members up to date on the planning, a luncheon is being held on Dec. 5. The meeting will provide an overview of Institutional Advancement, show working examples of it and give assignments on advancement objectives.

The nominees for the Task Force Committee are chosen staff identified as someone concerned with the overall growth of Cerritos College.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR**Touchtone: you can't phone home no more**

Dear Editor,

I am a transferring Sophomore who is figuring out which Cal State University to attend next Fall.

This being the case, I have sent out several applications and expect to be able to take my pick.

There are only four classes left for me to take and they have to be taken this Spring.

Since I am obviously a continuing student, I was happy, yet not surprised, when I received an early appointment date. After all, I've paid my dues and it's only fair that I should register early.

When I opened my appointment envelope and discovered I was to use the "touchtone registration" system, I was pretty excited at the idea of "ease" and "convenience".

Finally when the time came I figured out a workable schedule, which I might add is not as easy as you'd imagine with only four specific classes to work with.

I picked up the phone and dialed.

I was very impressed with the system, although one of my classes was closed.

No problem.

I still had the classes I already managed to get, so I hung up and found another time to take the needed class.

This took approximately five minutes after which I called back with my new time slot to enter.

The recorded voice asked for my student number, and the same familiar procedure as before. Everything except when I added my new class number—that's when my problem began.

The voice told me that I have already finished registration. I proceeded to call the counseling center to politely, yet firmly

Holiday offerings on coping in the classroom

Only 16 study days before finals!
And 26 shopping days 'til Christmas!
S-T-R-E-S-S!!!

What is one to do at this time of the semester?

It's too late to drop a class.

The invitations to parties, awards banquets, and to register for spring classes are piling up.

What to do first?

Do you decline all social events so you can study and ace your finals?

Or do you accept all invitations and let the letter (A-B-C-D-F) fall where they may?

There is the possibility, that if you spend too much time on your letter to Santa, you could drop a letter on your ladder to success.

It happens every fall semester, and yet no one ever seems to be prepared.

Students want to know why they can't drop a class after Thanksgiving.

Written for the Editorial Board
by Dodle O'Donnell

"I'm only a few days late."

Instructors have students running in their office, who they have not seen all semester, asking, "You mean I have to take all the tests to get a grade in this class?"

Plan ahead.

Be in class every day.

Take notes.

Pass the tests.

Bribe instructors.

Ha...

You can do it.

If so, why is it every fall semester everyone looks so s-t-r-e-s-s-f-u-l instead of cheerful?

Maybe the answer is to ask Santa to give you A's on your finals, energy to keep up with your social obligations, financial aid for your registration and gifts, and a cheerful — rather than stressful — disposition.

And just when you half-way recover...

inform a "live" voice that this just wasn't true—I was not finished registering.

The counselor told me that "Finished or not, I couldn't do anything with my schedule until early December after everyone else gets their shot at classes." (The ones I need).

This still didn't seem quite right, so I went and spoke with a walk-up counselor who confirmed this, "Nothing could be done for me until then."

While I was there, I found that I wasn't the only one this inconvenience was happening to. Complaints like this seemed to be the "buzz" of the counseling center.

I then began to ask around and found that other campuses allow you to call at a later time and re-access your schedule to

confirm, add, or drop classes.

To not offer this procedure is simply—insane.

I can understand not being able to register before your scheduled date, but after?

Why was I not informed that the minute I put that receiver in its cradle I was locked into that schedule?

Had I known that, I would have called at

a later date and risked getting my crucial classes that were previously open to me.

The cycle starts over.

Also is it fair to others if I am not able to drop a class that someone is possibly waiting for?

This system needs to be revamped, because although it is almost "perfect," it has a very big glitch.

Justin Velez

Talon Marks

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