

# Talon Marks

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

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IN these transition times of changing cultural, ethnic and social demographics at Cerritos College, let us ennoble diversity without isolation and fragmentation...unity with mutual tolerance, sensitivity, respect that our forthright agenda perpetuate strength in viable education for all who would "gladly learn." -The EDITORS

## Student Senate is expected to show some enthusiasm

By Don Jergler  
TM Associate Editor

Observers are hoping that the lack of enthusiasm shown by Student Senate campaigners doesn't carry over into this semester's Legislative body.

The moderate yield of a total 571 votes, has been established by some to be an unconventional method of campaigning many candidates utilized — No show campaigning.

During prime voting hours, in which a large number of students are in commute between classes, as few as five senate hopefuls could be found handing out fly-

ers or talking to students.

The original list of 48 candidates dwindled to 38, due to 10 students being deemed ineligible under the requirements for student government. This means that all but six candidates were given one of the 32 seats.

Senators with as few as 40 votes to their name won seats.

The status quo for past semesters has seen candidates capturing the bottom seats with no less than 65 to 70 votes. And many semesters, such as last, it took 90 plus votes to get in.

James Brown took the first spot gathering in 190 votes, incredible for such a small voter turnout.

All seven of the Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS the campus honor society) slate won, with three of their members capturing seats in the top five.

Athletics, which saw 10 members running as independents, raked in a good portion of the vote, getting all 10 in.

The A.H.O.R.A. slate got their seven members Senate positions.

During Senate's first meeting A.H.O.R.A. made wise use of their seven victors, who banded together to put former club president Eddie Luy in the position together to put former club president Eddie Luy in the position of President Pro-Tem.

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## Possible budget cuts spark hiring freeze; students not directly affected

By Dennis Pangilinan  
TM News Editor

The current freeze on the hiring of classified positions as they become vacant at Cerritos College was implemented after a long and heated debate that resulted in a split vote in the Administrative Council.

According to Dr. Ernest A. Martinez, college president-superintendent, the freeze will not directly affect students and faculty members.

He emphasized that student services and instructional sup-

port will continue to remain a priority.

The council decided this was the best way to serve the institution until a better understanding of next year's budget plans is known this summer.

Though Cerritos has a fiscal budget of \$45 million dollars, the college must still have a healthy ending and beginning balance.

This is needed because of the declining income from the state's lottery and increasing college enrollment.

Governor Pete Wilson has proposed more cuts into state-

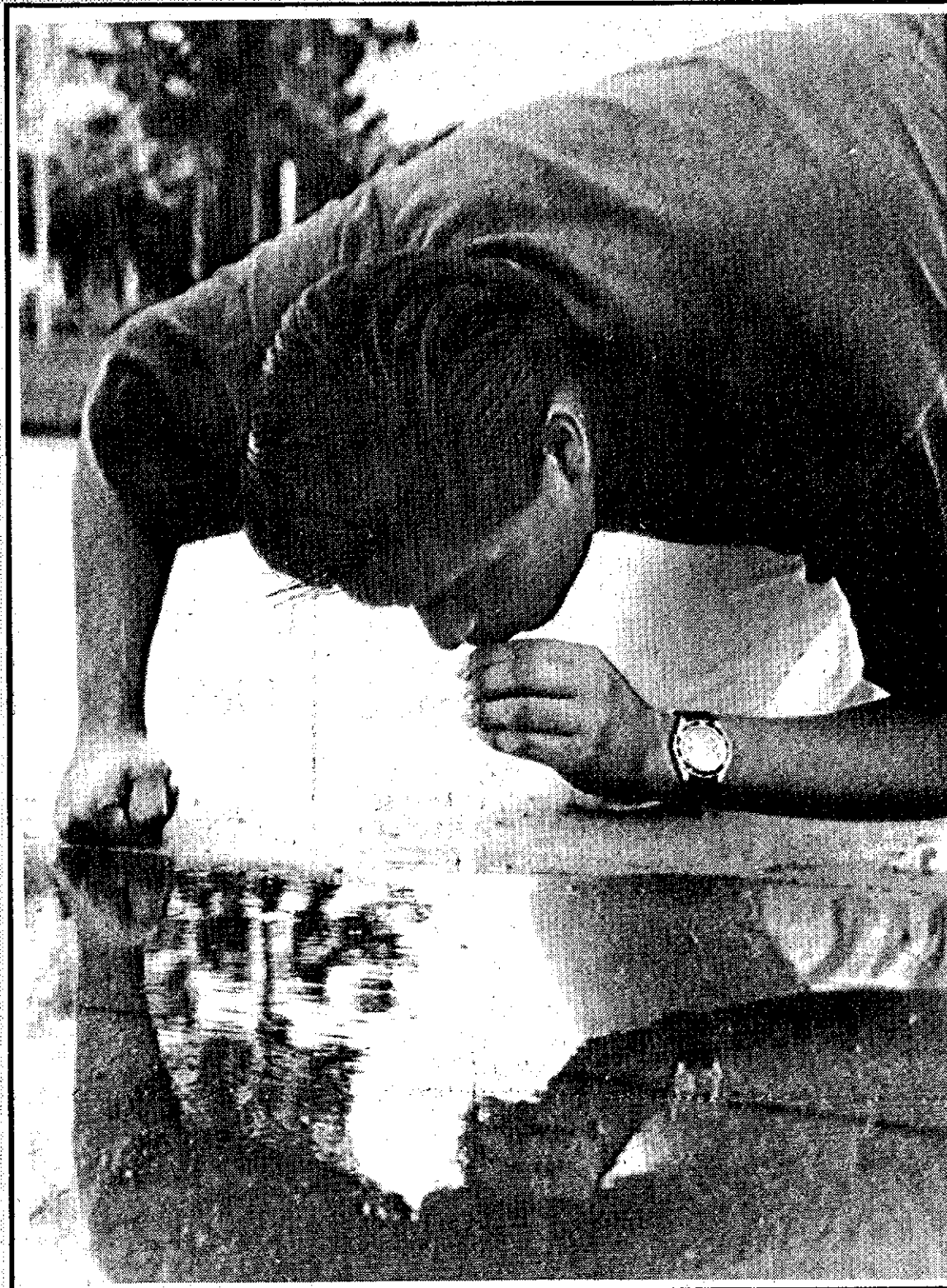
funded programs.

His proposed budget to the legislature will affect all 107 junior colleges in the state. All will not know what their funding will be for next year until this summer.

As a result of the freeze, there are seven fewer custodians on duty and positions in the Assessment Center, Computer Services, Maintenance Operations, Transportation, and Publications are currently on hold.

"We're looking to see what the needs are. It's not a carte-

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## THE LAST STRAW...?

With all the rain falling everywhere these days, we're still told that there is a water shortage...that the table is not high enough to let up on constant cognizance of the water shortage problem. The plenteous rain drops seem to suggest a certain insanity in it all...

### Upcoming Events

#### TUESDAY, FEB. 18

- Learning skills workshop *Study Reading* 11-12 p.m. AC 65
- Collaborative study skills groups
- *Test-Taking* 11-12 a.m. AC 73
- Baseball Vs Long Beach City here 2 p.m.
- Golf Vs Pasadena/Golden West & Mt. SAC at Brookside 11 a.m.
- Tennis/Men's Vs Rancho Santiago here 2 p.m.
- Women's Tennis @ San Diego Mesa—2 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

- Basketball Vs Long Beach City Men here at 7:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball @ Long Beach City at 7:30 p.m.
- Swimming South Coast Relays at Mt. SAC 2:30 p.m.
- Softball Vs Riverside here 3 p.m.

March 6—Last day to petition for Commencement

#### THURSDAY, FEB. 20

- Learning skills workshop *Writing Papers the Easy Way*
- Career Center workshop
- Collaborative study skills groups
- *Test-Taking* 11-12 a.m. AC 73
- Baseball @ LB City 2 p.m.
- Tennis/Men's @ Mira Costa 2 p.m.
- Women's Tennis/Fullerton 2 p.m.
- AGS 11 a.m.-5 p.m. AC43

#### FRIDAY, FEB. 21

- Women's Basketball Vs Pasadena City here 7:30 p.m.
- Softball Fullerton Tournament Feb 21-23 at Fullerton

#### SATURDAY, FEB. 22

- Men's Basketball @ Pasadena City 7:30 p.m.
- Baseball Vs Long Beach City/here 1 p.m.
- Track & Field Long Beach Relays @ CSLB

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### Lincoln, Washington rate no classes honors

The college will be closed for a 4-day weekend, Friday, Feb. 14, through Monday, Feb. 17, in recognition of the birthdays of former Presidents Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Classes will resume Tuesday, Feb. 18.

SIX NEWLY ELECTED ASCC SENATORS were chosen to conduct the business of the group for Spring 1992. From left are Maurice Connevey, Party Whip; Trevor Watters, Sergeant-at-Arms; Scott Kahale, Majority Leader; Melinda Clare, Minority Leader; Lisa Macias, Faculty Senate Liaison; Eddie Luy, President Pro Tem; and Tom Ngo, ASCC Vice President who serves as Senate President and Chair.

— TM Photo by FAUSTO RAMOS

## EDITORIALS

## ASCC President hits trail for funding reform

Community Colleges in particular are feeling the impact of a diminishing budget.

The quality of education is being hit — and so are student pocketbooks.

Student Body President Mazen Nabulsi, for one, is upset about it, and he's doing what he can.

He will be speaking to various campus organizations and classrooms on educational cut-back issues.

He plans to enlist the aid of Student Senate in a letter-writing and petition singing campaign geared to request a reevaluation of the cutbacks already af-

fecting the operation of Cerritos College.

Nabulsi says he plans to place drop boxes for letters in buildings and heavily trafficked areas around campus.

He's also in the process of rounding up volunteers to circulate petitions to the Gov himself.

He will join a national state of Student Body Presidents and student trustees in a Washington D.C. conference in early March.

There he expects to lobby several California Congressmen on the funding plight.

A proposed recession fighter is the old increased class size trick.

This would put more of a burden on instructors — perhaps even making them more impatient. It could also depersonalize the class room atmosphere.

Tuition increases may be seen as an inescapable means

of meeting the monetary short-fall.

Another possible target area may be the various student services on campus.

Cutbacks in this area, could reduce the amount of counselors, for instance, creating an increase in the already lengthy waiting time for students to see a counselor.

Peer counselors, transfer center personnel, campus security and a whole lot of other services, vital to a student's total educational experience could be severely curtailed, leaving students to fend for themselves.

Concerned students might wish to volunteer, or participate in Mazen's crusade. Consider yourself encouraged to do so.

Every even-so-little voice sounds.

And Pete Wilson and the duly elected might just hear the message.

Happy Birthday, George!  
Guess the days  
make us about  
even...huh?

## Stink bomb airs opinion of campus paper

It was only a *little* stink bomb. But it sure "stinked" up the Talon Marks office — and the immediate AC-42 area.

The *smelling* of it got the point across.

Whatever the point was. Gosh, we thought the last couple issues of the sensationalizing, controversy-instigating and initiating campus weekly were really rather mildish.

But somebody somewhere somehow was surely moved to communicate some displeasure about something...

Was it one of those persons pictured eating burgers?

Maybe Templeton the Rat didn't like his mug in the "Charlotte's Web" photo.

Could it have been because we were off a little in the Touchtone percentage?

Hey...there's the sick dude who was written up because he bared his aroused sexual parts for an editor at a bus stop!

The Student Senate hasn't

started yet — but you think the Faculty Senate or the Board of Trustees might be trying to tell us something?

Honest...we didn't have a thing in about proxy voting for folks who miss ASCC Senate meetings.

Ahhhh — wait!  
It's because we *didn't* cover something!

That must be it.

Unfortunately, we know so much good juicy stuff that's going on that we don't print.

It's just too hard to try to surmise what we really can publish without getting our budget slashed...our juice turned off...our computers kept in the repair shop 15 months...talked about by the Board...have an end run done on us...having to stand in line rather long at the coffee shop — the possibilities are too many.

Woe is us.

Send us another copy of that letter to the editor.

We'll return every tray from the coffee shop.

We'll spell everybody's name right from now on.

...You know, we're not denying that we maybe *stink* once in

a while as a newspaper, but that doesn't mean we have to *smell*, too.

Especially stink bombs.

## Dennis Anyone?

By DENNIS PANGILINAN

## Biology was a woman who taught me to shut up and enjoy it...

The following may not be suitable for the oversensitive or overcompensated. If you feel this column is an error please hang up and dial again.

Over the years, men have been known to be chauvinists,

through no fault of ours. It's a given fact that when a group of men get together, i.e. football games, poker, male bonding, etc., one of their topics may at times delve into male superiority.

And like most men, we may mistakenly express our opinion about women in their presence.

Woe is the man who is outnumbered by women and dares to change the subject as if nothing happened.

Just the other day, I happened to be this fool as I opened my mouth and tasted my own Reeboks.

It all started with a simple question.

"How was your weekend Dennis?" said B., who was of the female clan.

Politely I said it was okay and that I worked all weekend.

Now, let's look at my first mistake. I had a horrible weekend because I worked. Don't lie to a female. They always know when you do it.

The only highlight that came to mind was when a group of us guys got together and started arguing with our female co-workers about male superiority.

We outnumbered them and so naturally, we won.

But life is filled with miniature chocolates, I mean mini-ironies. It must have been my subconscious mind acting on its own because I had accidently mentioned it.

Like kids scrambling for pinata prizes, B. and her neighbors pounced at my alleged assault on them. It seemed I had stumbled into a nest of chicks, I mean women, who frequently populate the area on which I sat.

I guess at this point turnabout is fair play.

They started arguing first on how superior they were to me and then started insulting me.

Men are dogs.

Men don't think.

Blah. Blah. Blah.

It went on and on till I started seeing the Duracell Rabbit dancing from the corner of my eye.

Finally, the teacher arrived. Perhaps the sight of one girl hitting me on the shoulder caught her attention because she started

towards us. You see, such unabashed violence shouldn't be allowed in lecture hall, ahem...hall.

Anyways, Ms. Bio Prof. queried into the situation and the next thing I knew, she was condoning the attacks to my person.

Luckily, the class had to come first and so the pig hunt had to stop. Thank goodness it'll stop.

I thought I was safe. But you know, so did the people on the Titanic.

The subject of discussion about lipids and such turned ugly.

"A man's body is filled with 65 percent water as opposed to a woman's body," said Ms. Bio Prof.

"Yeah, Dennis I guess you're all wet," came a catcall from behind.

I felt as if I was the only male in the room.

"Dennis you're a real drip," sneered another faceless voice. Biology and insulting me just came together as natural as bread and butter, Donny and Marie, M&M's.

They were having a Van Damme good time of it all.

"If a man and a woman were stuck on a deserted island with

no water and no food, who would survive?"

"Women!" voiced out my Mokey Crew.

It was at this point that I realized my error. Call it Chaucer or poetic justice but I should kept my mouth shut.

The moral of this story is to never talk about your weekend to anyone. Else you'll probably have a horrible week too.

But more importantly, never let them see you sweat, never.

Never voice any opinions on superiority of any gender, sex, or race. You see, in many ways, we're all equal. Or in some way or another, things tend to equalize themselves.

Mitosis! Meiosis. Osmosis. Maybe men become chauvinists the way bullies pick on little kids. They do it to convince themselves that they're still successful in a society once dominated by men.

Self-delusion is bliss.

Biology is the study of Life. And life's a beach. Until you marry one.

## POWERFUL MEDIUM

## We'll print your Letters to the Editor — Write!

Write us.  
We'll print Letters to the Editor.

We welcome the chance to serve as a sounding board for opinion, qualms, criticism, and praises of the college constituency at large.

If you feel strongly about something, and are moved to write and express and share that feeling, count to 10 before you write...after you write it...and mail it or bring it by AC-42.

Try and keep it clean, legal, in publishable taste — and under 301 words.

We prefer it typed, but legible longhand is acceptable.

We are required to reserve the right to edit in the interest of legal problems, or space, with-stintency at large.

## We celebrate you, George W.

Now a days George W. would be celebrating his birthday on a deluxe yacht or a concord jet or maybe even in the lavish White House, just a few minor differences from the time he was in office.

And forget about those supposed wooden teeth...we've got dental implants now. For sure, George wouldn't be chopping down any trees—he'd be growing them.

Yes, times have changed, grown, expanded but one thing that hasn't changed is that no one forgets a birthday—especially a famous one.

Nobody could miss a famous birthday, not when they don't have to work or go to school because of it.

Thanks a lot Mr. and Mrs. Washington. I'll be remembering your son's birthday as long as it's a day off for me.

—Adrienne Fakhre

## And you, too, Mr. Lincoln; Thanks for the good days

George Washington grew one year older every year since Feb. 11, 1731. That is, until 1751, when his birthday got left out that year.

Seems that England removed Jan. 1 through March 24 after changing from the Julian to Gregorian calendar. That short year ran from March 25 through Dec. 31.

Later, the British Parliament added 11 days for an adjustment. Washington celebrated his next B-day on Feb. 22.

More birthday adjustments continued for Washington's day. In 1971, Pres. Nixon established a "Federal Holiday." Washington's B-day is now being celebrated on the third Monday of February.

—Christopher Peredes

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## 'Visions' offers help for women

— Dennis Pangilinan

Cerritos College offers a special program designed to help single parents and displaced homemakers gain skills in entering math and technical fields that offer higher earning potential.

The grant program, "Changing Visions: Success for Women in Math, Science and Technology" offers help particularly for families headed by single-mothers, who must make it through these times of recession and wavering job security.

The "Changing Visions" program begins on March 16 and is limited to 50 people.

It will provide special courses, peer monitoring, individual counseling, and academic assessment. Child care and transportation support are available for those who qualify.

A math textbook allowance will also be available for selected math classes.

It is estimated that by the year 2000, the majority of the work force will be comprised of women and ethnic minorities. Workers without math skills are

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## ASCC CABINET Spring 1992

Commissioners seated, L-R, are Harley Rodriguez, Recreation and Information; Tom Ngo, ASCC Vice President; Cheri Edson, Extended, Standing, Mike Hitz, I.C.C.; Helen Reyes, Activities; Tracey O'Con, Athletics; Gabby Reynoso, Disabled; Diane Mendoza, Publicity; Alex Alcazar, Student Activity Center.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### For those who feel a drinking problem is running out of beer

"Thinking About Drinking," an informational documentary aimed at college-age students will be airing in a 12 week series.

The show has been acclaimed for its non-preachy style and it is estimated that it will be of interest to 87% of college students who drink.

"Thinking About Drinking" is aimed at helping the listener to gain a clearer perspective on alcohol problems by revealing how people from alcoholic families can lead happy, healthy lives. It will suggest where problem drinkers can turn for help and will alert listeners to the special dangers of drinking while pregnant or before driving.

For example, "The Lady Drinks" (airs Feb. 18) covers female alcoholics and the problems they endure. Highlighted are interviews with former first lady Betty Ford and actor Rob Steiger to name just two out of 150 interviews to be featured.

The series also gives an introduction to the work of Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, and Alateen.

The programs began Feb. 4. Subsequent shows will be Tuesdays at 12:30 on campus radio or 1560 AM and are hosted by radio journalist David Freudberg.

—Kate Tally

### Young to speak at Faculty Forum 2/21

Career counselor Dr. David Young will speak on "Visions of the Future, Popcorn, Naisbitt and You" at the monthly Faculty Forum on Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Robert Hughlett.

All administrators, faculty, classified confidential and Board members are invited to attend. A \$10 fee must be paid by Feb. 18 to Ed Bloomfield.

### New U.S. citizenship workshops set here

Permanent residents wishing to become U.S. citizens can take advantage of the new Educational Testing Services exam and workshops on the Cerritos College campus.

A series of workshops will be held from Feb. 17 to Mar. 13 to prepare those taking the first ETS exam.

The ETS exam will be offered March 14, June 13, Sept. 12, and Dec. 12.

To obtain exam registration forms, or to register for the preparation workshops, call the Cerritos College Multicultural Studies Center at (310) 860-2451, Ext. 786, or visit the Center. —By Phyllis Gray

### Mexico travel/study program meeting

The Foreign Language Department will offer a 21-day, cultural immersion program in Mexico.

Students will depart on June 3, to visit Guadalajara, Mexico City, Cuernavaca, Taxco, Puebla and Puerto Vallarta. The trip enables students to earn five

units of transferable college credits in Spanish.

Professor Carlos R. Acre and Orlando Martinez, members of the Foreign Language Department at Cerritos College, are the tour leaders.

A meeting is planned for Saturday, Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. in liberal Arts Room 35. Thirty-five students are welcomed to this travel/study program. For more information, call (310) 433-6136, (310) 864-1755, or (310) 860-2451, Ext. 585.

—Janet Auditor

### Self-esteem, goal reaching discussed

Have you ever wanted to discover your unique strengths, overcome fear and feel good about yourself? Or maybe even begin to risk change?

To help you reach these goals and more, a self-esteem workshop will be presented by Sue Elhessen, Career Counselor, today from 11 a.m. to noon.

The workshop, sponsored by the Adult Re-entry Center, will be held in the Community Services Building, Room D.

### Six Cosmetology students winners in LB Hair Show

Six Cerritos College cosmetology students placed in the Long Beach Hair show the weekend of Jan. 31 through Feb. 2.

Susie Sokhom won first place in the hair design category out of 50 contestants. Veronica

Garcia placed fourth out of 32 contestants in the corrective evening make-up category.

The three-day show had more than 20,000 people in attendance.

Some 75 contestants competed in the quick service, hair cutting category.

Cerritos winners were Jeannie Weiss, 6th place; Jennifer Lee, 7th place; Christopher Tafoya, 8th place; and Gabriella Cervantes in 9th place. —Danielle Bodenhorn

### Harmonia Baroque Players to perform

The public is invited to a free concert by the Harmonia Baroque Players in the Burnight Center, Sunday, March 8, at 3 P.M.

The players include Marika Frankl, recorder; Thomas Axworthy, baroque oboe and recorder; Wei Yang, baroque violin; Charles Koster, baroque bassoon; and Barbara King, harpsichord.

The group sponsored by the Music Department, will play compositions by Vivaldi, Bach, Molier, Telemann, Biber, and Boismortier.

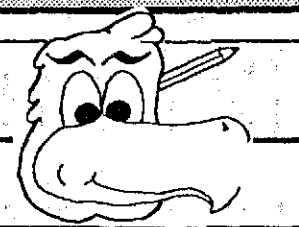
### Int'l Christian group meets on Thursdays

The International Christian Fellowship meets Thursdays 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in SS-140.

All nationalities, races, and cultures are invited to come together to share "a fresh vision for humankind in the 21st century."

## CC Falcon

### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



LEC VS. LAB TIME — A student was fussing about teachers being "long on wind and short on units."

For example, take a science class that's supposedly one hour of lecture and three hours of lab. But how long do the lectures really last — one, two, bordering on three hours?

If ye olde profs are going to be long on wind but short on units and practical experience, shouldn't we ante up to five units?

That's what they mentioned — only in passing, of course....

TOO SERIOUS? — some people have noted that Community Colleges now play a different role in the education system than they did in the past.

For a variety of reasons, many students attending four-year colleges and universities are now also attending JC's.

They're saying "that some" of the really serious academics could be hurt by Cerritos College's liberal policies for adding and dropping classes.

Allowing folks to add classes only in the first week is said to be not enough time — and allowing students to drop classes through the 13th week is far too much time.

But...where would serious policies for the serious student leave a few others who just per chance aren't all that serious...?

RE-ENTRY JITTERS — A newly "re-entered" friend of mine was lamenting 'you'd think that the longer you lived, the more you'd know, and the better your chances of being nearly always right.'

Sez that one thing she's learned is, more often than not, she's...well, not exactly wrong, but that it's a strange new situation type situation.

I'm not exactly sure just exactly what she's trying to say — exactly!

Sounds like a little case of those familiar "re-entry jitters" — which usually don't last too long.

Especially, if some of us old pros sorta take 'em under our wing, so to speak, until they make the big adjustment.

And then, look out! Know what I mean?

STRESS LESS — So what's the big deal. Homework due, baby-sitter trouble, lot-sa \$\$\$ for tuition and fees, car's parked too far out, and still missing a book or too....

Everybody's gets a reasonable reason to get

stressed once in a while, but don't let it get you down.

Treat it as a big-league college challenge rather than a maudlin burden — and you're looking at success.

After all, doesn't it take a little S&P (stress and pressure) to push us to solutions for dilemmas?

If it does get too, too pushy, a couple places on campus can help....

### LET'S MAKE A DEAL -

Rumor has it that our rivals down the road, LBCC, are starting to award points to all the members of clubs that attend the Cerritos/LBCC showdown at Cerritos College next week.

Has it finally come down to a bribe to get the Viking fans to attend their own team's games?

Or has it just become so obvious that the only way to compete with the Cerritos College pride are to give incentives like a car dealer so people will give a look.

RAIN GO AWAY! — As a patron of public transportation, I felt immensely fortunate the other day when I made it to school, on time, in between spurts of rain.

Not so for two of my other RTD colleagues.

One arrived to her afternoon class looking like a hose had been turned on her.

The other, a photography lab tech, had to put his pants in the photo dryer because a dog shook, rattled, and rolled all the rain water off his fur onto my friend.

Don't get me wrong, I love a nice walk in the rain, given the right circumstances.

A night in shining armor, for example.

But enough is enough.

Rain, rain, go away

We're tired of Lake Cerritos.

Talon Marks want to play!

We want sports photos too!

FAB. FALCON \$\$\$ — We played a little game.

There had to be a winner.

We won't mention any names.

But one of them is a sinner.

O.K. Fabulous Falcons. Come clean.

We know Trudy didn't take the money for her birthday.

O.K. Some of us drank out of the keg... But, rumor has it there was an Oriental masoosoe too.

Why weren't we invited???

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

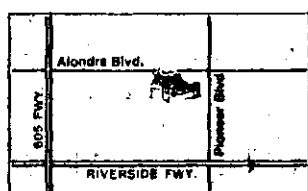


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# 621 students with 3.5+ GPA make Dean's List

If you made mostly A's last semester, you should find your name on the list below — the Dean's List for Fall semester 1991.

A total of 621 students earning a 3.5 GPA on 12 or more units were awarded this academic honor. The fall 1991 Dean's List acknowledges students from all over Southern California who come to Cerritos College.

With a student body of more than 20,000, Cerritos College draws from as far away as Newport Beach, Chatsworth, Mission Viejo, Anaheim, Corona, and Riverside.

Cities with the most students earning on the list were Norwalk with 97 students, Cerritos and Downey with 76 each, and 46 from Lakewood.

Vice President of Instruction Robert Silverman praised the students for their academic excellence.

— KATE TALLY

**Alhambra**—Cathy Holmes, Brenda Uranga.

**Anaheim**—Bob Akponye, Christine Blanchard, Samar Chokr, Dawn Crow, Angela King.

**Artesia**—Muriel Ayub, Tyng Chang, Tzu Chang, Deborah Chu, Marie Detrick, Son Dinh, Robert Diessa, Angel Dominguez.

**Lana Gray**, Santos Hernandez, Kam Lo, Mai Ngo, Khanh Nguyen, Thomas Norcia, Joanna Peng.

**Patricia Powers**, Buu Tang, Viet Tran, Dinh Van, Andres Vazquez, William Willis Andrew Yu.

**Azusa**—Michelle Damore.

**Bell**—Supadee Mahasucan, Sagar Naik, Sean O'Donnell, Leticia Rocha, James West.

**Bell Gardens**—Ricky Bretancis, Jose Graciano.

**Bellflower**—Debra Anderson, Lenora Barton, Gloria Boertz, Peter Bruins, Katherine Butler, Roeth Chim, Rick Cook, Laurel Cornick, Jeff Crowder, David Dana, Beatriz Diaz, Andrew Drummond, Scott Ferguson, Carl Fudge, Malynda Guess.

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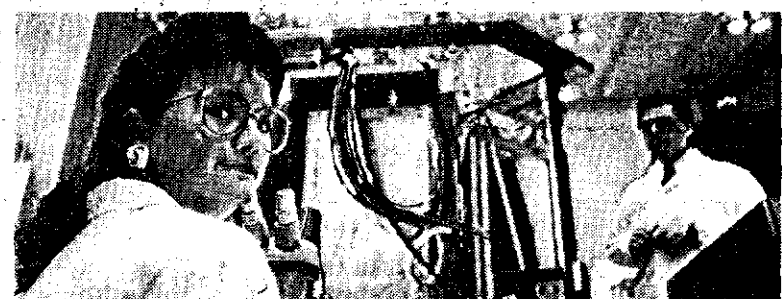
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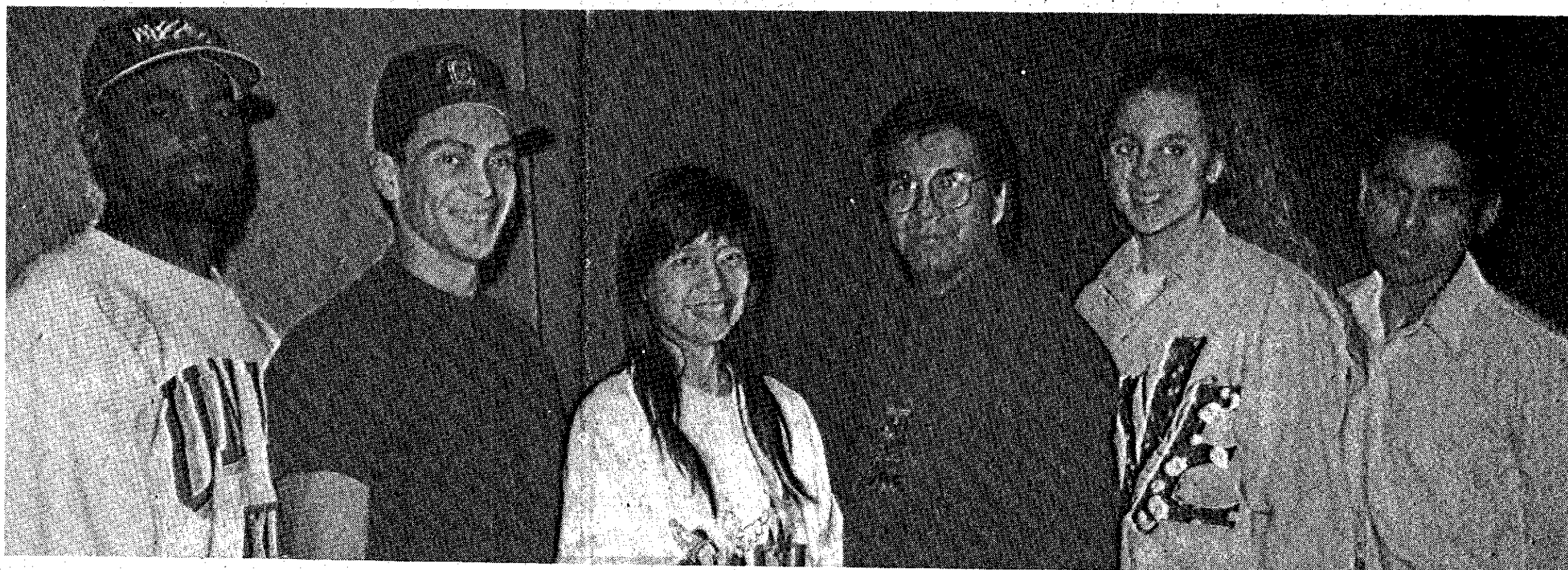
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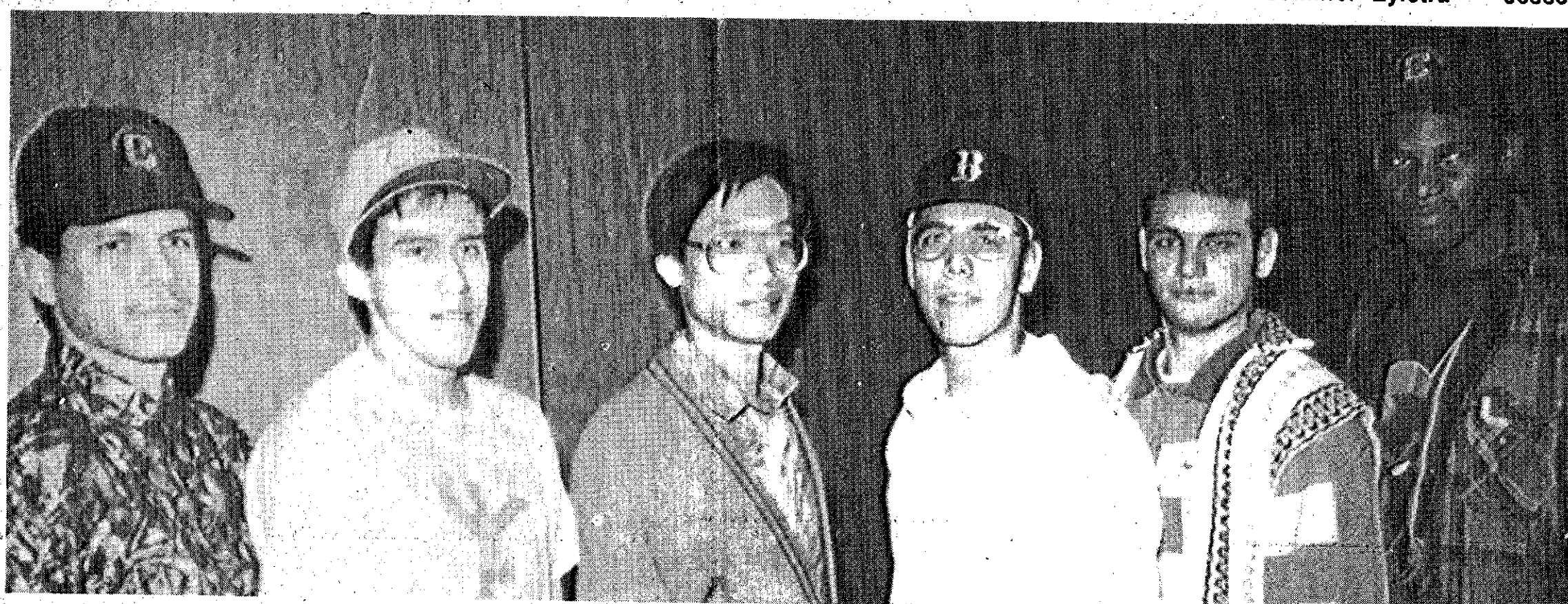
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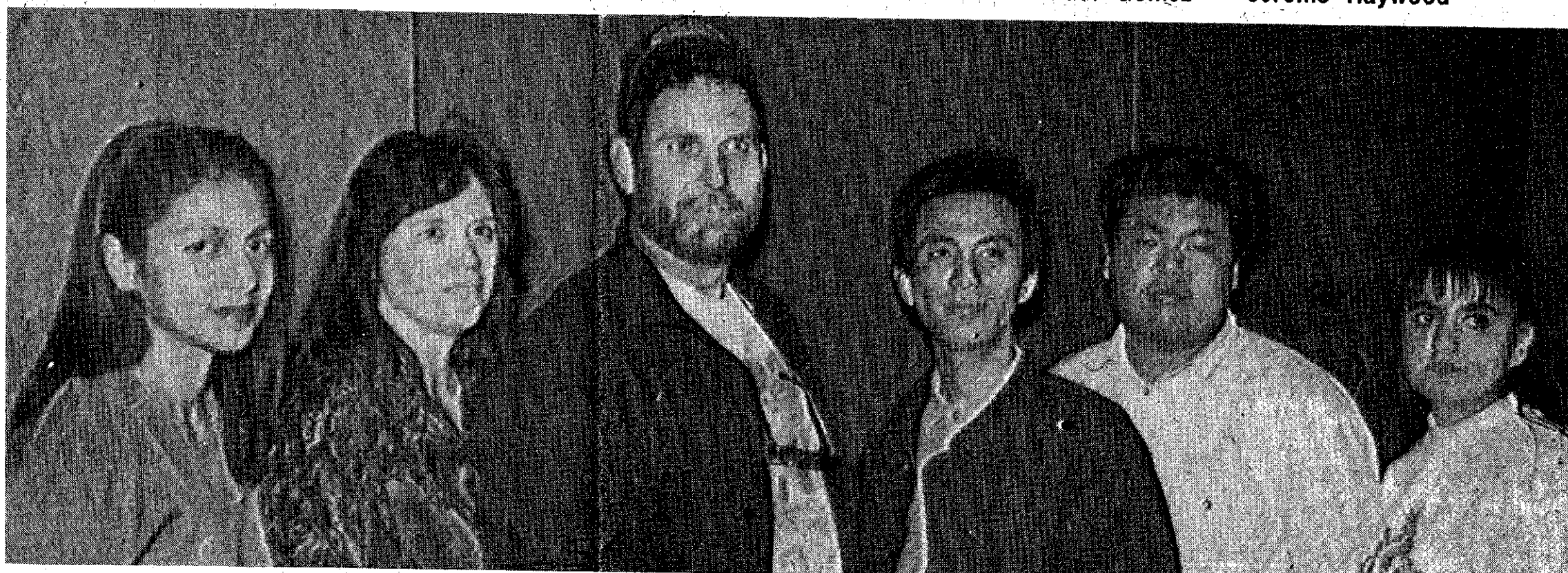
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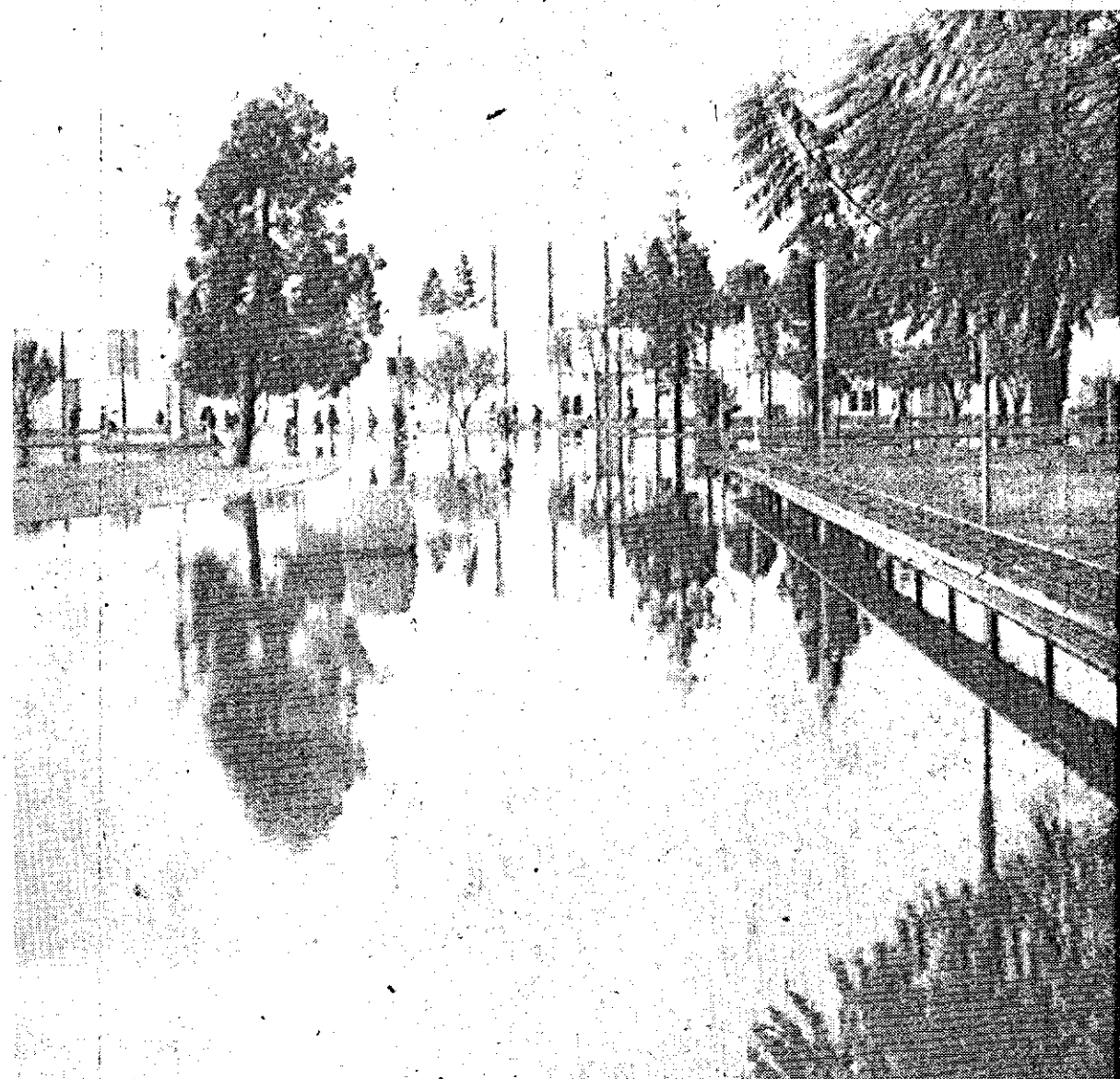
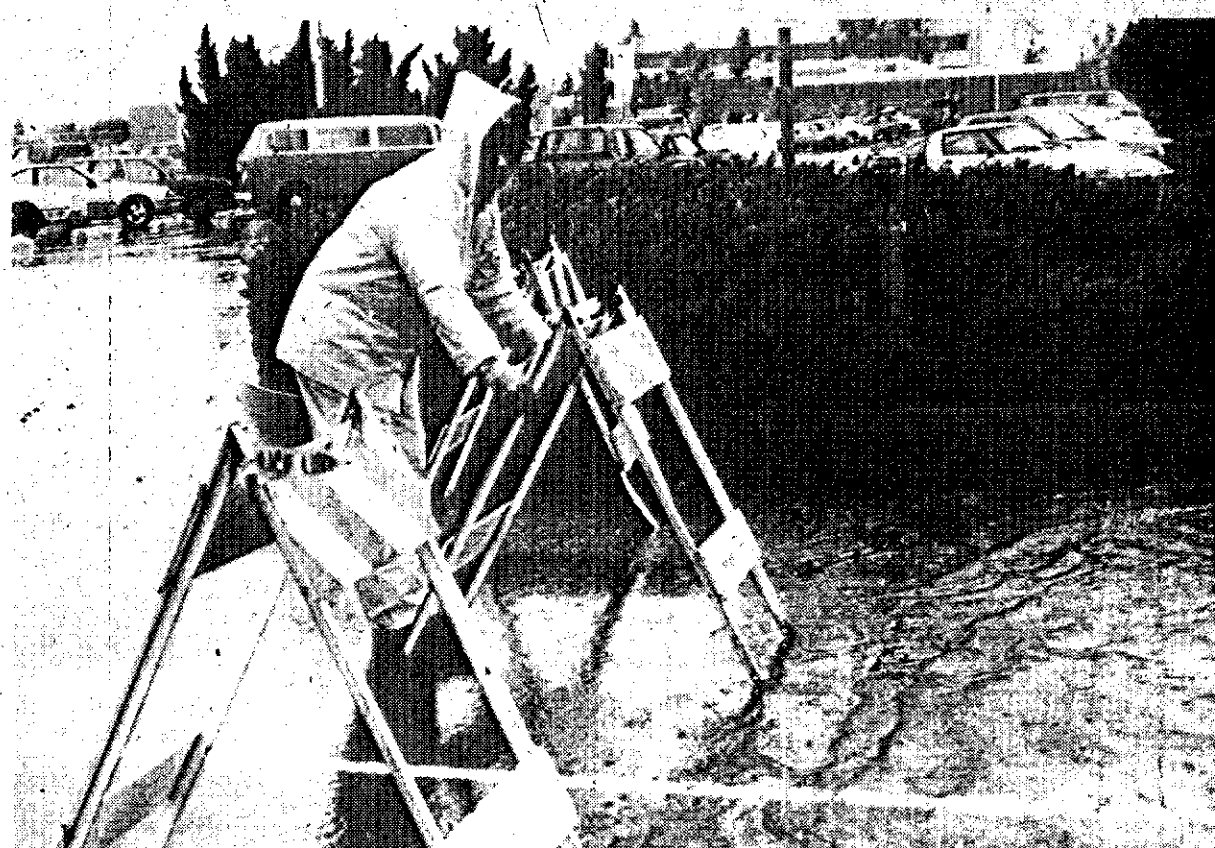
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# RAIN





The rains and floods formed not-too-placid 'Lake Cerritos' all over campus. Pictures here speak for themselves — including those above where the temptation unleashes the urge to splash slightly about...

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## Falcons host Vikings Feb. 19 in what may be conference decider with toughest team

By Jimmy Baro  
TM Sports Editor

Cerritos is still in the hunt for a South Coast title at 3-1 in conference and 24-3 overall.

Last night, the Falcon cagers hosted El Camino.

Results were not available at press time.

The Falcons are currently rated fourth in state and second in Southern California.

Last Saturday night the Falcons defeated Imperial Valley 82-73, behind point guard Javier Zavala 18 points.

With four minutes left Zavala hit a key three-pointer to push back the Arabs.

Guard Bill Mazuric and forward Matt Mitchell each scored 14 points apiece.

Jeff Polloreno added 13 points, while Jason Pietsch came off the bench to score 10 points.

"Right now we have to focus for our four next conference games," said Head Coach Jack Bogdanovich.

"We have to win the next four."

Cerritos will travel to Mt. San Antonio Saturday night and host Long Beach City Wednesday night proably for the conference title.

Both games are set for 7:30. A luxury the Falcons have is that everybody is healthy going into the second half of the season.

Bogdanovich stated, "We're mentally and physically prepared. The first half of conference, we were there mentally, but always had physical problems. Now we don't."

### SOUTH COAST STANDINGS

LONG BEACH CITY	5-0,	24-5
CERRITOS	3-1,	24-3
EL CAMINO	3-2,	12-10
PASADENA CITY	1-4,	14-12
MT. SAN ANTONIO	0-5,	11-13

## Women's basketball down alumns; at Mt. SAC next

Women's basketball 5-18, 0-4 in conference had flashing signs of promise last Wednesday night in defeating former Falcon alumni's 84-51.

But eventually Cerritos is revealing for all that they have a long, long road ahead.

In sports, nothing is forever. Few things are even nice, for a long while.

The two time defending South Coast champions have passed the torched this year.

Their currently in last place and will finish under .500 for the first time in seven years.

It will mark only be the third time in Karen Peterson's ten years of coaching that she will accumulate a losing record.

They have failed to win a conference game...so far.

Previously Cerritos had only lost four conference games in the last three years.

The Lady Falcons will travel to Mt. San Antonio tomorrow night.

Game time is set for 7:30. Last night the Falcons played host to the El Camino Warriors.

Results were not available at press time.

## Men's tennis watching the rain

Reeling from two years of Long Beach State's stranglehold over the South Coast Conference, the Falcons men's tennis team will be looking to reign all over the Viking's parade this season.

They opened last week with an overpowering 7-2 win over Imperial Valley, but lost their focus against Santa Barbara 1-8.

Today, they are scheduled to travel to MiraCosta at 2 p.m., if rain permits.

The young Falcons are looking for the right doubles combination to unlock the potential for a conference title.

Freshmen singles players Kim Tae and Nikko Martelli will be looking to smack some balls around this season.

## Weather shuts out baseball, softball rest of the week

Due to current rain, both the baseball and softball teams have cancelled their games respectively for the rest of the week.

The Lady Falcons have yet to play a game due to the thunder storms.

Five games have been rained out already, with a chance for Saturday's doubleheader at SD Mesa in jeopardy.

The rain has got the best of coach Nancy Kelly, who has come down with a bad case of laryngitis.

The baseball team has been quite fortunate.

Their off to a 4-1 record with conference play opening around the corner next Tuesday at home against Long Beach City.

The Falcons then travel to Long Beach City Thursday and comeback to finish the series at home on Saturday.

The first two ball games are set for 2:00, while the finale will start at 1.

Cerritos prestigious Casey Stengel tournament has been cancelled for the weekend due to mother nature.

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## Clippers starting to fly; Magic soars again

### CLIPPERS HOOP A LITTLE DREAM

I dream a fantasy of the Los Angeles Clippers making the play-offs this year, but for some reason I always end up with horrendous nightmares.

Back on November 6, I saw the Clippers host the Phoenix Suns as part of the Media at court-side.

LA was Phoenix worst terror, as the Clippers walloped Kevin Johnson and company 111-87 in front of 9,383 ecstatic Clipper fans.

The Clippers got off to a delusional 4-1 record, including a 114-109 overtime victory over the other LA team.

It was the first win against their cross town rivals in 27 attempts at the Great Western Forum, since the franchise moved to LA from San Diego.

If the season were to end now the Clippers (22-25) like usual wouldn't qualify for post-season action.

In desperation at 21-24 LA fired head coach Mike Shuler and replaced him with ex-San Antonio Spur, New Jersey Net, Kansas Jayhawk and UCLA Bruin coach Larry Brown.



We hope Mr. Brown will stay in the friendly confines of LA long enough to forge the Clippers into a legit play-off hopeful.

### MAGIC TRAGEDY

The next day after achieving my dream of covering an NBA game, it went from heaven to hell for a sports fan.

Magic Johnson suddenly was no more. He'd tested positive for HIV, forcing him to retire.

A bright eyed and bushy tail 12 year veteran never got a

chance to begin his 13th campaign.

Johnson received the second highest vote total for a guard on the western conference this year behind Portland's Clyde "the Glyde" Drexler to participate in the All-Star game.

Last Sunday afternoon Magic lived his dream of one last time on the hard court against NBA competition due in thanks to his fans.

Simply unforgettable... Johnson was selected the most valuable player of the All-Star game scoring 25 points, dishing out nine assists and grabbing five rebounds in 29 minutes of duty.

Mr. Earvin Johnson broke three All-Star records all his own, most career assists 127, career three pointers made 10, and most attempted 21.

The game featured some dramatic one on one moments against best friend Isiah Thomas and last year's nemesis Michael Jordan that surfaced on the tide of an emotional performance that will remain in our minds forever.

It was nice to see him lead a fast break and then make an impossible no look pass.

It was nice to see No. 32 pull up and fire for a three and swish it.

It was nice to see him make his famous baby hook again ala, against the Boston Celtics.

It was just nice seeing him playing ball like no one else can.

But I'd rather liked to seen one more battle with old friend Larry Bird.

He still can play the game, to be sure, and still shows the enthusiasm that lit up the 80's all around the NBA.

But now he is a speaker for AIDS, and he acknowledges, even relishes the responsibilities of his new role.

My dream of Magic Johnson dribbling a basketball one final time brought excitement as well as tears.

Sunday afternoon was a very special moment. It was one last time where we got to see Magic smiling at us from a basketball court instead of a speaker's platform.

So, why not the Clippers maybe making the play-offs?

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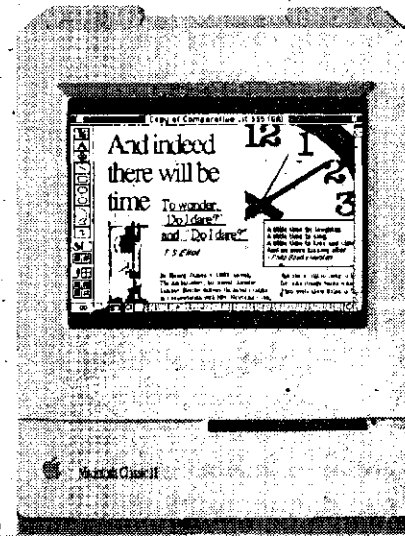
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# Board of Trustees minutes ...FOR THE RECORD

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Two particular issues were of special interest to the Board of Trustees at its Jan. 21 meeting. One saw them going into a detailed discussion of the nuts-and-bolts of a "security problem" in the Theater Arts area. The issue of when to have Executive Sessions was debated at length. So that readers might better understand how this Board operates, printed here — for the record — is the precise discussion and arguments for or against as taken from official meeting tapes.

Sts=Stitts Mrs=Moore McG=McGrath Stk=Steenhoek Shz=Sanchez  
Loy=Loya Dure=Durant Nab=Nabulsi New=Newman Eds=Edmiston

[After the flag salute]

Sts: We're going now into executive session. We consider personal matters, uh, negotiations and litigations. Uh, and then we'll be coming out in a brief, short time.

[Laughter]

[Approximately 15 minutes into the regular meeting]

Sts: Any other items for question?

Moore: Yeah. I just wanted to backtrack on 'C.' It's sort of interesting to see this electronic equipment for the music department. I guess it was last year we had the theft in the Burnight...

?: Two years ago.

Mr: ...two years ago, a theft in the Burnight Center...

Sts: Actually we had two thefts out there.

Mr: Several. And I was just curious whether or not...

Sts: You're asking a question about security, that's confidential.

[Laughter]

Mr: Where are we for security in terms of the music department once we've re-purchased all this new equipment? Or has the new equipment been purchased?

Woman: Yes. We have most of it.

Mr: We have most of it? Do we have an update on our security system before we go ahead and approve...?

Sanchez: I don't know if we had an update on the last request on the security system. I don't recall. For the music department. Are you talking about the security system for an individual/particular department or are you talking about the campus-wide security system?

?: No.

Sts: Our question was directed specifically toward the performing arts area in which there were microphones first, I believe, among the missing. And then, following that, there was something dealing with equipment that should have been put in a place that was impregnable. That also disappeared.

Man: That was the one where they knew who did it but they didn't want to say who did it?

Sts: I believe that was the one. Anyway we did ask that we get an update in regards to the process of security equipment in an area where the facility is used by other groups that may not be part of the campus instructional program. And that was the request we made.

Shz: That might be why we have campus police undercover.

[Laughter]

Sts: Well it is, it's not working.

Shz: Well we haven't heard of any other thefts.

Sts: Could we have the following information at the next meeting? An update on the security process and how the equipment is secured and how it's checked in and checked out and who's responsible. O.K.

Mr: I just want to protect the taxpayers.

Sts: Thank you for bringing that to our attention, Mr. Moore. It's a continuing item of our interest. Any other questions?

[Chair motioned approval of previous minutes]

Sts: Brings us to item nine, administrative matters. And the first item is a discussion item; starting times for Board meetings.

Man: There is no backing on this? This is a discussion item only, by the Board, for the Board.

Sts: Marge, could you do me a favor? We just approved that front part here in our front part of our minutes. Could you pull out what we did last time and see if there's a change the Board wishes to entertain in a discussion at this time? May I share with you, it was presented to me by Dick McGrath, regarding a memorandum from the faculty senate? And I'll read it to you and then pass it on down the table. In which he asked that I convey the following information to you. At our regular meeting, Jan. 14, the faculty senate voted unanimously to recommend that the closed, executive sessions of the Board of Trustees, when necessary, be conducted at the end of the Board meeting. This will enable the

Board to conduct executive sessions with less inconvenience to the public and college staff who are in attendance at the meeting. If the executive session is conducted at the end, and there is no further business on the Board agenda, members of the audience would be able to leave rather than remain in the Board room throughout the executive session waiting for the Board to return. So I'll share that with you. The item that we passed at our last meeting, was in our minutes from that meeting, was that the Board was to have closed session between 6:00 and 7:30 at the beginning of our session along with a dinner meeting.

Steenhoek: Mr. President.

Sts: Yes.

Stk: I had been notified that the closed session at the beginning of the meeting were a handicap to several and, so, I suggested this as an alternative. We didn't have much discussion but we tentatively agreed on it. After agreeing on it, there was a great deal more discussion. Some in the newspaper.

Sts: Away from this table, I believe. Right? Is that correct?

Stk: A great deal more discussion suggesting that there are many other things we can do with the time between 6:00 and 7:30. We went to SEM one evening to see their new equipment. Those kinds of things where we can interact with, faculty, etc. So, because I initiated this excitement, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the proposal of the faculty and move session to the end of our meeting. And I appreciate their suggestion.

Sts: Is there a second to that motion? Actually, you're moving for reconsideration, right?

Stk: I don't care.

Sts: Whichever?

Stk: As long as we don't use that motion, we can make a new motion.

Man: Which other motion?

Sts: The motion we passed...

Stk: Originally passed that he just read.

Sts: ...was to place it at the beginning of the meeting between 6:00 and 7:30, which was our prior arrangement. And now we just need a second motion to change that prior motion. So, is there a second to the motion?

Shz: I had a comment I wanted to make about...

Sts: Not till we have a second and have it on the table. Sorry. Guys, for lack of a second. In administrative matters, there are several information items there.

Stk: What have we decided? Are we going with the original motion to have closed session at 6:00? That was our...

Sts: Or prior to the Board meeting. Tonight we had it at 7:00.

Stk: Then we ought to discuss other alternatives then, because I don't think that this table wants to meet at 6:00 either. So maybe some of you ought to say what you do want to do.

Mr: You said, 'this table.' Which?

Stk: The Board members.

Shz: I think that though it does merit consideration, the suggestion by the Senate that perhaps we could take the closed session at the end of the meeting. Because if it's most convenient to the faculty and, if we can accommodate it as a Board, I would be in favor of it.

Sts: Well, I personally, am opposed to having executive sessions that interrupt the process of the meeting. I think once we get the meeting started, whether the executive sessions are at the beginning of the meeting or the end of the meeting, I could flip a coin for. I don't care. I just don't want to interrupt the meeting.

Shz: I think if we have it at the end of the meeting, it would help us get out sooner.

[Laughter]

Man: Actually, not. Let's take in consideration...

Stk: Yeah, let's try the motion again. You make the motion.

Mr: Mr. President.

Sts: Let's lay it to the Board.

Mr: Somewhere in the last year there was an issue that came up that, perhaps the Board spends too much time in closed session and we were meeting at the end of the Board meeting. So I don't know. Maybe the 7:00 hour would be the most convenient.

Shz: What makes it inconvenient, I think, John, is we don't know how many issues are gonna be pending before us at any given time. And sometimes we can take care of the issues that come before us readily. Other times, we have to get instruction from attorneys, and this and that it is an inconvenience for the public the way we have had it in the past couple years where we will do the initial business and then adjourn and leave the folks who are interested in what the hell we're doing...

Man: In the middle of a meeting.

Shz: Yeah, and they sit here. They don't know how long we're gonna be. We don't know how long we're gonna be. But, I think you did bring out a very good point that, in making the choice, I would hate to be placed in the situation of damned if we do and damned if we don't. By taking this other alternative, we could be here 'till midnight. And I would be uncomfortable and disappointed if someone then decided, 'Well, gee, you guys are meeting 'till midnight therefore you're doing something that the public should know about.' So, if we're going to change the scheduling, I would hope that we can all do it with a clear conscience and in good faith.

Man: I think the point that you're making is that we should begin and continue the public part of the session in a regular way, from 7:30 until the ordinary finish concluding at 9:00. Around that time frame, we can organize our deliberations of a closed door nature at the previous or post session. I would like to try and do as much of it previous so we can get out of here at a reasonable hour. But I would also suggest that if we're not concluded in our deliberations in that closed session, that we might continue it postpone it until the time hour after the public session. Hold the time open for the public session from, as a suggestion, 7:30 until 9:00 when we do most of our public business and then, if there's business yet to be done, discussions yet to be had, we continue them after that.

?: So you're saying that...

Sts: Do the primary part of it... Let's start before, and then start the meeting at 7:30 on time.

Man: Earlier if necessary.

Sts: ...and then adjourn back into executive session if we need to. Miss Loya.

Loy: Yes, Mr. President. Would it be inconvenient for people to come in at 6:30 and give us an hour, 6:30-7:30, and that way make it known to people that the meeting will start at 7:30. The public meeting. And then we can come in at 7:30. I do not go along with having a dinner hour. Just let us get here at 7:30, or, at 6:30, and go on 'till 7:30 and that way once they know that the meeting starts at 7:30, then they'll come in at that time. And it does give us an hour because I much, I don't believe that half an hour would be sufficient. 7:00-7:30.

Sts: How long were we in there today? 30-35 minutes. And that was a very brief meeting.

Loy: That was a brief one, so I would say we need at least one hour.

Shz: One point that I'd like to bring up, that perhaps may arise down the road that we're not considering right now which is, on occasion after our closed session, we have to vote on an issue and there may be members of the public that want to know when we're gonna vote on an issue and who wanna be present. Now faculty and the public have to understand that there's gotta be a trade-off.

Sts: Cause there may or may not be action.

Shz: Yeah.

Sts: Dick, I believe you had something to say.

McG: If I could make a couple comments on things that were discussed in the senate meeting on this. We have, over the past semester, organized two or three or four different faculty presentations for the Board and we feel that those are valuable. That the Board have an opportunity to go out to various parts of the campus, and to see the programs in action, and meet the faculty who are taking part in those programs and such. And this prior to the Board meeting is taken up with the executive session, that would severely limit your ability to do that. The second thing that was a concern was that one concern in the Board in the past was the amount of time being spent in executive session. And with a motion that was passed last meeting, it would have automatically mandated that you be in more executive sessions than the previous Board had met. An hour and a half every single Board meeting. So those were two concerns that the faculty senate discussed and that was part of the reason for the recommendation of having the executive session at the end of the meeting.

Sts: O.K. Jim.

Jim: I think the intention was to have dinner in that period as well. And that would take some considerable time. One of the problems we have as a Board, I'm looking forward to, is collecting and deliberating a considerable amount of information about change we're being faced with, economic and so on. And how we're going to respond to it. And when we're pressed in half an hour, 40 minutes, to make a decision about a number of issues that we don't have sufficient background for, I think, as a new Board member, I have a shallow background in the finances of a university. I'm learning quickly, but could use, certainly, an hour or two of instruction from old hands at it. And so that's in part what that dinner meeting was to do. Not necessarily to be closed for the purposes of closed deliberation of personal matters but as an opportunity for us to acquire background information. At least that's what it was in my mind.

Man: Part of that time could be spent as an open study session. Perhaps right here in the Board room?

Sts: Could I suggest an alternative we might think about? And that is, we do have two meetings about the first and third, and that perhaps on the first meeting of the month, that that would be basically a business meeting and we would have an early executive session and then have our meeting start at 7:30. And if we needed to have a continued executive session, it would follow the

regular meeting. And then on the third, we would have a very brief business session. Only those things that absolutely had to happen. We could have an visitation or those kind of presentations to which the Board could go out 'cause those are very valuable for, I think, for all of us to go out and see what's happening out there. And then following our business, our short business session at that meeting, we'll devote the rest of the time as a study session on a topic of our choice and make that an open study session.

Stk: You're suggesting only one regular meeting a month?

Sts: Well I'm not sure...

Stk: And one study session.

Sts: ...if we could really function with only one. I think at the other study session you'd have to have a brief business meeting for those things that absolutely had to be taken care of at that time. Try to confine the business to one primary meeting.

Stk: I'd just like to make a quick comment that in the eight years I've served on the Board, before we always had closed session at the end. And there were some, as you refer to, situations where there was recommendation made. That there were people who were interested in what the decision of the closed session was. Those people usually stayed but it was usually four or five people. It was never all of these. I mean if we multiply these hours we have 50 was 20 hours here. Last week last session, which was Dec. 10, our session was an hour and 10 minutes. And so multiply that by 50 and we've got ourselves 55 hours of time, and it can't be quality time. Like Mazen said to me, 'Well, I tell me how long your closed session is gonna be sometime during the week.' I said, 'because I'm gonna have to bring homework or something. It's so boring while you're sitting in there having a good time.'

[Laughter]

Well, I figure he's young and these guys probably have more going through their minds about what they think about us sitting in there than he does. But I would like to make an analogy of having an intense situation with my children in a disciplined subject and I really mean what I say to the child and the phone rings. And I'm just about 15 minutes from getting to the point where I really need to be and I have to take this call because it's Dr. Martinez or Fran or somebody. I don't dare say, 'I'll call you back.' That's sort of how a closed session can be. We can get to the point where we need to hear the rest to make our decision. And it's 7:30, and we've already committed ourselves. And I would, also, like to justify the first motion. The first motion was exactly what the dinner session was supposed to be. An open session and then the 35 or 40 minutes was supposed to be closed session. Even though I got razzed for it, I think I spoke my piece plainly. And if anybody misunderstands I don't want to restate, closed session at the end of the meetings for eight years seemed to work fine. I'm not really a status quo person, but in this case I think it works out better than getting us in the middle of all the administrative we've got left, then we have to come out here and hear public presentations and then go back in there and figure out how to survive. So.

Shz: Mr. President, I'd like to move that we schedule our closed session meetings at the end of our regular meetings.

Sts: Is there a second to that motion?

Stk: Second.

Sts: Any further discussion about the motion? Any question about what the motion intends?

Durant: Let me get this straight, O.K.? The seven bonz-o's decided that they didn't want to change the last minutes; the last meeting's minutes. We now have a motion to change it. Am I right?

Stk: It's O.K. Discussion is for that purpose.

Sts: I think that that's probably pretty accurate.

[Laughter]

Sts: Are you ready to vote?

Dur: Yes, er, no we're not.

Mr: If you have our meeting scheduled to start at 6:30, then we have flexibility to have a flex-type schedule. Whereas at this time, we need to go to closed meeting, I'm not sure whether or not it will take an hour or 30 minutes. We could still schedule the meeting somewhere in between 6:30 and 7:30. Sts: It's very difficult to try and decide how long an executive session is gonna take, because sometimes I thought that we would have been in executive session tonight 15 minutes, and yet here were legitimate questions, things that I didn't see or that didn't occur to me, that did occur to you, and it took longer, and I think that's a legitimate thing.

Mr: But sometimes the public doesn't understand that it's necessary to...

Sts: I understand that.

Mr: ...spend a little bit more time in closed session and this Board's been accused of spending too much time.

Sts: That's a very sensitive issue in the last campaign.

Loy: Yes.

Mr: And so I think Dr. Steenhoek, that was her initial concern, on having closed session in the early part of the evening and get so many things out of the way, then, and go on with our regular Board meeting.

Edmiston: I'd like to talk or the part with having the meeting at 6:00. Scheduling at 6:30-7:00. Early on with a time certain. I'm of the opinion that the public would be better served by us if we had a beginning time served. And that is a part of having the motion with the statement of closed session at the end. So, I would like to add that to it, if possible. And at your pleasure the time served, 6:30 or 7:00, I have a vote here for 6:30.

Shz: 7:00 would be more comfortable for me.

Loy: Then it only limits us to half an hour.

Shz: No, no, no. Start the regular meeting at 7:00. Do the regular meeting and then have closed session.

Loy: O.K. So now we're moving the meeting from 7:30 to 7:00.

Stk: We still have an original motion on the floor, however.

Sts: The motion that is on the floor right now is simply to make executive session occur after the regular meeting. Right, Mazen?

Nabulsi: If I may say something. When I first became a student Board member, I never used to bring my homework or anything like that. So, I'd have an hour to just mingle with the audience. Just kick back for about an hour. And yet, sometimes, I did get bored, but now I bring my schoolwork with me, so...

[Laughter]

Nab: And I think...

Sts: You're not going to be responsible for this decision, are you?

Nab: Another thing is, Mr. Sanchez brought up an important point. Whatever decision we take we're gonna have to have a trade-off. So, I guess that it wouldn't matter to me, but that's an important point that he brought up. Whether we have it in the beginning or in the end or whenever time, we're gonna have to have a trade-off.

Sts: Are you ready to vote on this issue? The motion before you is to override the prior action of the Board and to move executive session after the regular meeting of the Board.

Stk: Which starts at...?

Sts: That wasn't brought up?

Shz: No, 'Which starts at,' right? Now, we're just gonna vote.

Sts: Our meeting starts at 7:30. That hasn't been changed by any motion at this point.

Stk: Well, we came at 7:00 tonight.

Sts: That was because of the prior motion to have executive session at 6:00?

Stk: At 6:00? The motion was at 6:00, so we came at 7:00, so now we're voting on something.

Sts: It's thought the executive session would be a brief executive session. It still could be held at 7:00 rather than 6:00.

Stk: Yeah, I'm getting used to this new Board.

[Laughter]

Stk: Go ahead.

Sts: I'm doing good. I'm not yet there. All those in favor of the motion, will you please say, 'Aye'?

?: Aye

Sts: Those opposed?

?: No.

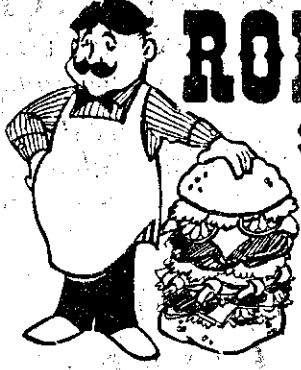
Sts: [The] motion carries, so executive session is now located at the end of the regular meeting. What time does this go on? Our regular meeting has traditionally been held at 7:30. If there's a motion to change that, I'll hear a motion at this time.

Loy: I make a motion to start at 7:00, now...

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Ras Fletcher, who has been described as a "student activist," was suspended for one semester by the Board following charges Black female student of alleged sexual battery and sexual harassment.

He was also charged with resisting arrest when campus officers sought to apprehend him, according to official reports.

Fletcher became a high profile student because of activities involving the African American Student Union, of which he said he was president.

At the Feb. 4 Board meeting, his lawyer complained that he (the lawyer) was unable to cross examine witnesses during the student conduct hearing before committee of two faculty, two students, and one non-voting administrator.

The committee only makes recommendations.

College officials reiterated that they were following college policies and procedures, and that the procedures were under the state Education Code, and not the courts.

Another student who was reportedly charged with duplicating disks and ignoring direct instructions from the professor was expelled from the college.

A transcript of the Board announcement is included herein.

**Agenda Item XIV. E. Student Expulsions**  
**Moore:** I also, Mr. Chairman, in the matter of Ras Fletcher, I move that Ras Fletcher be suspended from Cerritos College effective now for the balance of the Spring semester, 1992 semester. And can return for Summer session 1992.

**St:** Is there a second to that motion?

**Second**

**St:** All those in favor say aye.

**All**

**St:** Those opposed.

**So ordered**

**Agenda Item XV. Reconvene**

**Lawyer:** Would it be appropriate if I could have a couple minutes to inquire of the Board regarding the Ras Fletcher matter.

**St:** In the closed session it was appropriate for the Board to make a decision of having you in to speak for Ras or to have him in to speak for himself. They chose not to do that at that point. The problem in public session at this point in time, in terms of advocating for a student that is involved with a situation that involves other students as well, is that anything that comes out, any information shared in public about other students, cannot happen in private session. In the executive session.

**Law:** What appears to me, is that any student based on the outcome of this proceeding and the alleged hearing that went on, any student can make accusations about another student and then summarize that student will be suspended. Now, 10 days later there will be a recommendation for the expulsion of that student. And if that's not what holds true for every student on campus, I wonder why that happened to Ras Fletcher.

**St:** Well what does hold true for every student on campus is that there is a process and a procedure whereby, through the student

hearing officer, that those things can be brought to a committee and under Ed Code that set up another hearing process. It's not litigation and it's not, you know, a court room procedure as you're well aware. It's a hearing process and that from based just on that hearing then they in turn make recommendation to the Board for its action.

**Law:** I understand that. O.K. My goal tonight was not to address necessarily the issue of innocence or guilt. My goal, and I have 12 pages of notes, was to address the unfairness of that first level hearing. Grossly unfair! Such things as the tape recorder was not turned on when I requested it. Did not capture the full flavor of the hearing. Such things as I was not permitted to question any of the witnesses. It's contained in the Student Handbook, that a student has certain rights. The right to counsel. Well, what right to counsel... How is that meaningful if the counsel cannot participate? There's also a policy in the Student Handbook which guarantees a student an opportunity to question the witnesses who were present. He was not granted that. Phillip Housman literally asked me to keep quiet when I complained about an all white hearing panel. Now, we've got an African-American young man who's accused. You've got an African-American woman accusing him. And you've got an all white...  
**St:** Mr. L. I need to interrupt you, because one of the things that you're involved with is also the criticism of an employee. And that also is something that can be held in public session. Now these are procedures that we follow under Ed Code.

**Law:** Well I spent four hours here tonight wanting to get into your closed session. I was not accorded that opportunity.

**St:** That's correct.

**Law:** So I have to speak when I can, much like the hearing at the

first level.

**St:** Well, but that may not be appropriate. And what he would be saying may not be appropriate in terms of personnel and other students.

**St:** This is not a court.

**Law:** If I say something inappropriate...

**St:** This is not a court. This is not a city council. This is an educational institution and we're involved with students and the protect of their rights as well.

**Law:** If I say something that's inappropriate then I invite a law suit for slander.

**St:** Well, we're not here to hear a law suit for slander, you know. That's not our purpose.

**Law:** Am I supposed to be satisfied as Ras's lawyer with the decision to punish him by keeping him out of school for a semester?

**St:** I can't....

**Law:** Allowing him back in for the summer?

**St:** I can't account for what you might or might not be satisfied with. All I can account for is, this is our procedure and this is the process and this is the action the Board has taken.

**Man:** Is there a motion for adjournment?

**Mrs:** Is there... Is there an area here for explanation in terms of the...

**Man:** No

**Man:** Move adjournment

**St:** All those in favor

**Woman:** Excuse me. I'd like to say something else.

**Sanchez:** Motion is on the table...

**St:** ...not to be debated. All those in favor.

**All**

**St:** Motion to move...Meeting is adjourned

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## Rise to college post easy trip compared to 'great escape'

Viet Duc Be knew the end was near as he looked out the side door of the army helicopter while it hovered over downtown Da Nang. "It was the day the communists took the city," he said. "I was working as a translator for the British Broadcasting Corporation, and we were getting film of the city. As we flew over the main road running through Da Nang I saw piles of army uniforms and weapons in the middle of the street. All the soldiers had thrown away their equipment and were trying to avoid capture."

Just one month later, on April 22, 1975, he was in another helicopter approaching Long Khanh, about 30 miles north of Saigon. "I looked past the city and saw a line of about 40 communist tanks coming across the rice paddies," he said. "So I went home and told my mother it's either I'm going to stay here and they're to take me, or I'm going to leave before everybody else panics. I was given the opportunity, so I left."

This month Viet Duc Be became the newest staff member of Cerritos College. Coming from the California State University, Northridge, he is the new Director of Admissions and Records. It has taken Be 17 years to rise to his present position; and, considering the choices he had to make in those last harried days as North Vietnamese tanks approached Saigon, he is a remarkable example of courage, sacrifice, and perseverance.

As reporter for the BBC who had a few connections, he was able to secure two seats on a departing American transport plane: one for himself and one for his then pregnant wife. He was forced to leave his mother and two sisters behind in Saigon. Worried that there might be retaliation against them for his fleeing, he destroyed as many records of his existence as he could.

The future was in doubt for the young couple, but there was little choice. "I had a child coming," said Be. "I had to do something, right away. The dollar currency in the Vietnamese market made it really hard to convert your



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money. We left there with one hundred dollars in my pocket. By the time we landed in California at El Toro Marine Air Station I had six dollars and change."

While waiting for someone to sponsor them, they stayed at Camp Pendleton for several weeks. Only one week after they arrived Saigon fell and hundreds of other refugees began to arrive at the sprawling marine base. Be found himself erecting tents to house his fellow countrymen. "If you didn't have a sponsor to take you to the camp to resettle you, then you had to wait for however long it took. Fortunately, I was lucky enough to find a friend of a friend who sponsored us."

Though penniless, the Bes had one thing going for them, both already had degrees and had applied for Fulbright scholarships while still in Vietnam. "We contacted the Fulbright Commission and they said my wife's

scholarship was still valid, and mine, too, if I would fill out additional paperwork."

It was obvious they couldn't stay with their benefactor indefinitely, and that they needed money, so Be decided he would find work, while his wife accepted her scholarship. "She went on to school at Cal State Northridge, where she got her masters degree in theatre design," he said. "I went to work at UCLA, where I started out as a file clerk in the Admissions and Records Office, eventually moving up to an evaluation technician."

Be had studied economics, English, and the law while at the University of Saigon. He was able to continue with his own studies here after he changed jobs from UCLA to join the Cal State Northridge staff as a supervisor in the Office of Admissions and Records. By 1984 he had his MBA and he had advanced to the Assistant Director

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position.

While working to build a life for himself in this country, he was still worried about those he left behind in Vietnam. "My oldest sister left the country by boat in 1979, and got really sick while lost at sea," he said. "She was almost dead when the boat landed in Indonesia. She was evacuated out by a Danish hospital plane and went to live in Denmark for 10 years before I applied to get her here. She just got here about a year ago with her family."

His younger sister and mother were permitted to leave Vietnam in 1984 under the "orderly departure program," which was being coordinated by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Even though he is now a naturalized American citizen, Be occasionally thinks of the possibility of returning to Vietnam. "I would go back the day it becomes safe for me to do so," he said.

"I was raised with the idea that if you got an education you belonged to a very privileged group of people. With that privilege I carry the burden of serving, of giving back. I grew up with the idea that I would serve in the public sector and try to give back the things I'd been given. And I grew up intending to work in public service, serving my country in the State Department, eventually developing my country, economically. If things change I will go back and pursue that dream again."

He knows it may be a long while before he can safely return. "I see it changing very slowly. Vietnam is a rather unique situation. Very much like a small China. It is a closed world, and for changes to take place it takes a long time. Much longer than the Soviet Union because of the closed door policy. Thoughts are not free flowing between Vietnamese and the rest of the world. There is a clandestine way of getting information in and out, but I believe a lot of people in Vietnam are still unaware of what's going on in the rest of the world because the

information is controlled."

Meanwhile, he does what he can for his people, and others, here. He belongs to the board of directors of the San Fernando Valley Mental Health Center, a non-profit corporation which assists the homeless, as well as people suffering mental health or drug problems. He also belongs to the United Way's San Fernando Valley Pacific Asian Council.

"We're in the formulation stages of getting an alliance established for all the Asian, Pacific Islander-Americans in the valley, and eventually establishing an Asian center to provide free services dealing with immigration, getting started in this country, as well as social and mental health services."

Having made one sudden decision that changed his life forever, Be is prone to take his time and study the situation a bit more before suggesting changes.

When it comes to his new job, though, he already has a few ideas that he would like to see come about in the near future.

"I grew up with the technology boom of computers," he said. "I am a firm believer that if you can do away with a piece of paper that you should. We need more computerization, faster communications between the different units of the campus. Availability of information is the next thing that should happen. I think with information we can do a much better job."

Even though he has been at Cerritos College a short time, Be is already sold on the community college system. He compares his experiences at UCLA and CS Northridge. "They are very big systems and they serve different needs and different populations. Here, we come in at the ground level. We serve a diverse group of students. I find myself reading the catalog and the schedule of classes and marveling at things like cosmetology and administration of justice. These do not exist anywhere else except in the community colleges. I think we fill a need here that's not met anywhere else, and I like that." — Story by JOHN CHADWICK  
Public Information Office

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# VALENTI(M)E



A little kiss for the photog... (for the grown-ups)



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## Shades of Sal

Where are the sweethearts?

By SAL PANUO



This Valentine's Day, there are no sweethearts.

No one to give a card to but ourselves.

No flowers, no hearts, no kisses, not even a peck.

Only the lonely know this feeling.

I have some suggestions to help ease the solitary, the pain.

For those of us who ain't got nobody, we are not at a total loss...

Indeed, the day can pass more quickly with one or more of the following suggestions, things you could do to make tomorrow pass by sooner.

1. Buy a two-pound sack of Oreo cookies with extra creme filling in the middle, stay at home, pig-out, and cry over the movie *Ghost*.

2. Buy some candy, not heart-shaped.

3. If you're going out in public, get a kissing stamp and stamp kisses all over your face.

4. Listen to some oldies but goodies or maybe love songs on the KOST.

5. Invite a female friend somewhere for drinks and conversation.

6. Grab a bag of really sour licorice sticks that'll wake up your smacks for some kissees, kissees stimulation.

7. Break out the Sports Illustrated swim-suit issue that you haven't looked at since last Valentine's.

8. Sleep in all day. Hide yourself from the face of the earth.

I hope you find these hints helpful. If I'm going to feel like a fool, I thought I might get other people involved.

Misery loves company.

If, however, you feel these suggestions won't really work for you then please call the Cerritos College Journalism Department.

Ask for me.

Females only.

## In 6th grade, it's the cards that count

My sixth grade year at McKibben Elementary School in Whittier was a strange Valentine's Day for me.

I got up around 7:30 in the morning and just missed the school bus (my mother wasn't even home).

So I decided to walk to school, which made me 15 minutes late. I wondered what Mrs. X would say.

When I walked into class—my first day being late—Mrs. X announced,

"Phil's got Valentine's cards for all of us."

I was embarrassed about the whole situation, and wanted to go home and go right back to bed, but common sense prevailed.

Diane Kelly opened the bag

and pulled out the cards, and distributed them among the classmates.

Then Diane and the rest of the Class came over to shake my hand and hugged me and wished me a Happy Valentine's Day.

Diane said to me, "Phil, you're very special to all of us."

"We thank you for the kind words in the cards."

(Others were assigned good-ies, but I was only one to bring everyone a card.)

You know, I think they all actually started caring for me a little bit more after that...

There's just something special about nice words on a nice card with your name on it.

Happy Valentine's...

By Phil Miller

JOANNE JOHNSON

## Where are the companies who pay the ed taxes?

Will Governor Pete Wilson's community college, budgeting plans encourage a healthy climate pulling local colleges from a stagnation of economic slavery?

How can the local community colleges utilize their resources to accommodate a localized changing economic environment within restrictive state-budgeting?

Fortunately, Cerritos College does not seem to be as financially hard hit as some others in the Los Angeles Community College District.

A classroom inundation from other community colleges as a result of the increased classroom demand has expanded affordable enrollment advantages for Cerritos College.

Thanks to astute budgeting by the Cerritos Board of Trustees, the college has continued to allow many classes, despite large cutbacks at neighboring colleges. Frankly, the legislature may have to raise enrollment fees for community colleges to compensate for the lack of state funding, just as it has in the four-year institutions, supposedly furthering the classroom demand here.

State funding increases were based upon Proposition 98.

This is fortunate for all community colleges, as many were trying to find funding from Proposition 13, which is very unlikely to occur, because of many differing legal interpretations of "who gets what cuts" or "who saves the bucks" (or property owners versus the county assessor's office via legal interpretation of pending state legislation).

Unfortunately local, county, and state tax revenues, which formerly helped offset state treasury "bailouts" have sharply declined.

California as a whole, has experienced a revenue loss due to excessive state legislative and environmental controls, which have driven hundreds of manufacturing businesses to other states or foreign countries.

Take, as a general example, the shrinking manufacturing industry in the greater Los Angeles County.

There has been a movement of over 200 furniture manufacturing companies in the last two years to Arizona, Nevada, and Mexico, due to restrictive paint-fume emissions and composition standards and regulations.

Or perhaps, note the relocation of the majority of steel foundries which were plentiful here five years ago, attributed to Japanese volume price-undercutting of the American steel market, beginning nearly two decades ago, followed by stringent state and local air pollution controls.

Only the aluminum foundries seem to exist, and then, only as long as the aircraft industries and manufacturers, namely McDonnell Douglas, stay open with military contracts in the area.

The automotive industry has been phased out throughout the state, with the exception of the Camaro plant in Van Nuys, harboring a curtailing life expectancy.

However, in Northern California, Japanese-General Motors (GEO) plant ventures are in existence. Eighty percent of the parts are manufactured in Japan, but the vehicles are assembled here.

The tire manufacturing industry (such as the Firestone Tire plant in South Gate and the Uniroyal plant in Commerce) no longer exists in the county, with the exception of only tire warehouses.

Many independent gasoline refiners (for instance, Gulf Oil Company and Phillips Petroleum) have halted operations in Southern California, due to stringent fuel-composition requirements and refinery emission standards requiring refiners to spend millions of dollars upgrading their equipment, driving up the cost of producing gasoline.

This makes it extremely difficult to collect any sizable bulk from business taxes, for which our community colleges and local schools could immediately benefit.

The state could pursue researching ways to attract and sustain more industries, or else restructure its income-producing revenue system.

Community colleges should examine whether or not their curriculum is meeting local industrial needs, considering the above facts.

How can community colleges justify additional funding from the state or county?

They could be more persuasive in encouraging state support of business and new tax advantages or incentives.

Whether or not the Governor's college funding proposal and tuition increase is functional remains to be seen.

Who's presently doing anything to keep or attract local businesses here, or perhaps, heighten the accelerated education of some real "free enterprise" around here?

So what if there's no tax revenues to support community colleges (or anything else, for that matter)?

Gee... it seems we're investing an awful lot via the colleges on a state that's losing jobs twice as fast as they're attracting them!

## SENATE PICKS OFFICERS

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Early on the Senate agenda President Tom Ngo called for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Without hesitation, an A.H.O.R.A. rep nominated Eddie Luy for the position. The still fresh Senators, unfamiliar with the people and procedures, could yield no other nominations.

When the vote was called for, and all seven A.H.O.R.A. members quickly raised their hands

with yes votes. The rest of Senate, bewildered, followed the crowd.

Sources, who in the past have questioned allowing campus organizations to run a maximum of ten, cite this as an example why slate limitation clauses should be considered for possible initiation into the by-laws.

Former Falcon football player Scott Kahale was voted to the position of Majority Leader, which heads the Sophomore Caucus.

Kahale was a former Senator and top vote getter from two semesters ago. He also ran for ASCC vice president, along with Diana Schmitt. Their election efforts were thwarted by the former football player's inability to campaign due to slow recovery from a head injury suffered a year ago.

Incumbent Melinda Clare was elected to the position of Minority Leader, which heads the Freshmen on the Senate.

Maurice Connevey, AGS president and returning Senator, was appointed to the position of Party Whip.

Other office appointments included, Lisa Macias to the position of Faculty Senate Liaison, and incumbent Trevor Waters was given the job of Sargent-at-arms.

## Focus on Re-entry

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predicted to limit themselves to only 20 percent of the job market paying \$30,000 and up.

"Over 18,000 households in the Cerritos College School District are headed by women who are single parents," said Maureen May, reentry resource specialist.

"The purpose of this program is to not only broaden their potential marketability, but to open them up to the idea that they really are capable of doing more. This is a major hurdle for many women who have spent much of their lives providing care for their families, and haven't had the opportunity to work on skills that would enable them to seek employment outside the home."

According to May, applicants should at least have had high school algebra or completion of Math 30 or higher.

## HIRING FREEZE

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blanche. We've had quite a few faculty members and managers retire by the end of the fall semester. And some of those

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out altering any meaning(s). Students should clearly affix name, student number, and phone number.

For faculty, staff, etc., we need names and extensions.

We print only the names of writers. The only exception is with the approval of the Editorial Board based on essential anonymity of said writer.

Frankly, we've talked some fired up writers out of running their hot, hard-hitting letters — which we would've dearly loved to print... if they still wanted to after they cooled off...

A well thought out, responsible, credible letter in the newspaper can send a powerful message.

positions were not filled for the Spring Semester," commented Dr. Martinez.

Management positions will be looked upon on an individual basis while other open positions will be covered by others on an interim basis.

"The rest of us will have to work in areas we probably haven't worked before to insure the administration process continues. It doesn't mean that things are not being done. It means that there are fewer of us to do the same amount of work," said Martinez.

According to Dr. Walter Magnuson, Vice-president of Business Services, the college must balance their \$45 million dollar budget by the end of the fiscal year. He claims that if the current spending were to continue, Cerritos College would be over by \$300,000 dollars which could jeopardize further funding.

"We want to do two things: continue maintenance of quality and two, continue many of the full-time employees of the institution on a full-time basis if possible," said Martinez.