

Grad filing Deadline March 6

• Students who expect to participate in commencement services as 1992 graduates must file notice by Friday, March 6. Those eligible for graduation should petition at the Counseling Office.

ASCC President race on tap

• Petitions for the 100 signatures to run for ASCC President next year will be available Monday, March 2. Deadline for turning them in for the April 7-8 election is Friday, April 3. Several strong slates are expected.

Basketball playoffs start here

• The men's basketball, which wound up second in the conference with a 27-4 record, opens regional play-offs in the Falcon gym Saturday at 7:30 p.m. against Fullerton. Only conference losses were to LBCC.

In these transition times of changing cultural, ethnic, social demographics at Cerritos College, let our perspective be diversity without isolation and fragmentation...unity with mutual tolerance and sensitivity...commitment to the greater good while respecting each individual's rights...that we might ensure a free press and a viable education for all who would "gladly learn."
— THE EDITORS

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Woman hits Trustees for 'leniency' in assault case

Ras Fletcher gets one semester suspension on charges of sexual assault, resisting arrest; court date pending on misdemeanor

By Nika Smith
TM Executive Editor

The woman who filed a sexual battery and harassment complaint against former African American Student Union President and spokesman Ras Fletcher is charging the Cerritos College Board of Trustees with being "too lenient" in only suspending him for one semester.



'STEPPING OUT' ON STAGE

— Photo by CHARLENE FAYETTE

EDITORIAL

Jefferson's insight still inspirational;
we need a smooth handle on things

"Take things always by the smooth handle."

Washington and Lincoln have been in the spotlight recently, but this favorite saying of Thomas Jefferson seems especially fitting in view of some of the controversial issues on both the student and administrative scene these days.

We're talking all the controversy sparked by the college re-organization study committee.

...And the ruckus stirred up in Student Senate by such things as certain Senators could lose their seats with a proposed limit on how many times you can enroll in the same class and drop it — only to sign-up again for a while.

...As well as whether or not non-academic and non-instructionally related groups should be funded for jaunts around the country.

Dr. Fran Newman, Vice-President of Student Services, presented "Thomas Jefferson's Ten Rules" recently in her traditional pep talk to the newly elected student senate.

She shared it with them on a 11x17 poster as an inspirational suggestion for their semester tenure.

We share them with all our readers — with the reminder that they probably weren't clichés when the third president had them posted on his bulletin board:

- Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.
- Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.
- Never spend your money before you have earned it.
- Never buy what you don't want because it is cheap.
- Pride costs more than hunger, thirst, and cold.
- We seldom repent of having eaten too little.
- Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.

• How much pain the evils have cost us that never happened.

• "Take things always by the smooth handle."

• When angry, count ten before you speak, if very angry, count a hundred.

The TALON MARKS finds it particularly interesting that these remarks were delivered in front of a duly elected government body.

It was Jefferson himself who said that if he were given a choice between government without press and press without government, he would choose the latter — provided people could read and understand....Something about a well-informed citizenry.

Jefferson also is worshipped by the press for being a staunch supporter of freedom of the press.

It's ironic...because he was so vilified and libeled by the "free" press that he had to escape the darts of Washington to his country home.

Yet he supported the concept of press and speech freedom, and suggested that folks take it to the courts if they had truly been libeled or wronged in the press.

The free speech advocates ought to demand a special celebration for Jefferson's birthday, maybe even a day off — to which, doubtless, few would object.

As a statesman, politician and leader, his genius probably ranks up there with the top two or three in American history.

He was a product of his time.

And he symbolizes both the solidifying and developing roots of our American culture.

Thanks Dr. Newman.

We needed that.

Jefferson may have had his faults, but he sure had a smooth handle on things...

—Shades of Sat—

"To Kill a Mockingbird"

By Silverio Panuco



A male Mockingbird with long black whiskers was chatting with a Black-Bearded Sparrow on the back of a bench in the quad. I happened to be walking by on my way to class and overheard them.

"Mr. Mockingbird, to what do you attribute the flair and arrogance with which you carry yourself on campus, going from treetop to treetop, mimicking the songs of my comrades and me?" brazenly inquired the Sparrow.

"Mr. Sparrow, as you well know, I am the Lord of the skies over Cerritos. I have complete air supremacy because I am the larger and swifter species. I glide proudly over all things beneath me," replied the Mockingbird.

"If you deem yourself so supreme, then why must you plagiarize our songs and melodies?" demanded the Sparrow. "You seem to be living a life without direction or purpose and at the expense of others."

"Remember, my little friend," says the Mockingbird, "the imitation of life is art, therefore I am an artist because I specialize in imitation."

"And certainly I live at the expense of others—how else am I able to amuse myself? I live to celebrate myself because I am wonderful," he said.

"But Mr. Mockingbird," said the Sparrow, "how dare you claim to have your act together when you are a renowned outlaw and thief. Your life is meaningless and shallow."

"What makes you think my life is so empty? By what right do you judge me? Am I not greater than lowly you?"

"I see how you take more from life than you give," says the Sparrow. "Therefore, because you fail to contribute, you fail to properly justify your existence."

Scholarships waiting

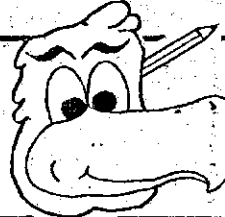
The Financial Aid Office will be supplying information and application forms for thirteen scholarships ranging from a Latin General scholarship to a Whittier Retired Teachers Scholarship.

Interested students may pick up forms and find out deadlines at the Financial Aid Office.

—Helen Taylor

CC Falcon

No gym 'high' lights...Senate sizzles



Sexual assault victim decries Board action

EDITOR:

I am a female student here at Cerritos College. I am also a disabled student in the Hard of Hearing and Deaf Program. I was sexually assaulted in the Fall semester of 1991 by Ras Fletcher on three separate occasions.

I was afraid to report it initially, fearing that on one would believe me.

After the third assault, I reported it to the police because I was tired of being violated and realized I had to stop him.

He was arrested and put on suspension from school for the remainder of the Spring semester (approximately 3 1/2 months — Feb. 4 to May 20).

I am writing this letter to express my anger toward the

school Board's judgment in this case and to show concern for other women who may be victims of similar crimes. I feel that his suspension of 3 1/2 months, in comparison to other cases (in which a student was EXPELLED for duplicating computer disks), is not long enough for the crime Ras Fletcher committed.

The crime of sexual battery and harassment affects individuals much more severely than copying computer programs. I feel that he should be expelled as well.

Since he will be allowed to return for the Summer Session, how then can I and other women feel safe and have self-reliance with Ras Fletcher and men like him on this campus?

NAME WITHHELD

DARK IN GYM — It was dark enough in the gym the other night to lose a three-point title decider to Long Beach — with a huge crowd of upwards of 2,000 cheerers — but to have no lights in the food foyer was kinda hard to swallow.

Not only that...understand the entire emergency back-up lights system doesn't turn on — which could be a tricky switch had the main lights gone on the blink.

But no lights in the entrance, what with the possible problems that could flash, seems a little low watted.

Is it a ladder matter of heights, or no help, or no funds or...?

SENATE FLURRY — Hey, how about that Student Senate (ASCC)? They're getting down and

wild, huh?

Hidden agendas, shuffling for powerful committee appointments, eyeballs on money-spending affairs, choosing up self-serving sides...all sorts of the good things real politics are made of.

Understand this one noble duly elected has voted against every appointment for whatever posts or positions have come up.

Also understand the TALON MARKS may start printing word-for-word the Senate meeting discussion, votes, attendance, etc. so that John and Suzie Q. student can get a real glimpse of how their public servants are thinking.

They're doing it for the Board of Trustees....

ALLEGED ASSAILANT'S SUSPENSION ANGERS VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

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siasm, Fletcher continued to approach her and, in early September, stroked her buttocks with his palm while riding the bus. She resisted and he apologized.

About a month later, the victim reportedly was followed by Fletcher to her class in the Business Education building. When they reached the door to her classroom, he wrapped his arms around her and tried to kiss her. Again she resisted and he let her go.

This "type of activity" continued until December, she said.

Early that month, she entered the Disabled Students Office in tears and asked the teachers present what she should do. They reportedly assured her she had come to the right place, and aided her in the decision to go to campus police with the statement that a man had forcibly held her close to him and felt her breast and buttocks, refusing to let her go even after she would ask her to do so.

After she told her story to campus police, they decided to attempt a

Time to file intent to register for summer

The Admissions office is requesting that students who are planning to attend Cerritos College during the summer should file their intent to register now and update their personal data, i.e., address, date of birth, etc.

By filing your intent, you will be eligible to register early by Touchtone telephone for each of the sessions.

Deadline for registration is April 22.

—Danielle Bodenhorn

confrontation in plain clothes at the bus stop that Fletcher normally shared with the plaintiff. He didn't show.

The officer walked with her back to school and advised her to call next time he approached her.

Approximately a half an hour later, the plaintiff was approached by Fletcher on the northwest side of the Social Science building. This time, instead of resisting, she asked him if he would wait until she went back to her classroom to get something. She said he agreed.

Once upstairs, the victim located a friend who called the campus police with a location and description.

The officer in plain clothes was the first to arrive on the scene and asked the accused if he was Ras Fletcher. Fletcher reportedly replied, "Yeah, what of it?"

The officer showed his badge and stated to Fletcher that he was under arrest, at which point Fletcher attempted to shoulder past him. Fletcher was advised that he was not free to leave.

Fletcher responded to the officer with swinging arms, hitting an officer in the stomach, according to police reports. In an effort to subdue him, the policeman pushed him into a rail. Fletcher struggled and they both fell to the ground, where he was subdued immediately by two other officers.

Fletcher was then transported to the Norwalk Sheriff's Station and booked on charges of sexual battery, which is a felony. This case was reduced to a misdemeanor charge and is currently pending in Downey Municipal Court.

'Peer Power' meet hosts 300

The first annual "Peer Power" conference hosting over 300 will be held Friday, Feb. 28, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This seminar is for high school and community college peer counselors.

All workshops are given by leaders in the field of peer counseling. Workshops will include topics on drugs, sex, self esteem, cultural diver-

sity and other important topics that are essential to today's counselors.

"Cerritos college is renowned across the state as a model school for peer counseling," says Dr. Steve Helfgot coordinator of the conference.

Helfgot says that a full slate of peer counselors from across the state have enrolled in this conference already.

— By MIKE KIEFFER

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

• Collaborative study skills groups

Time Management

11-12 a.m. AC 73

• Baseball Vs Mt. San Antonio here at 2 p.m.

• Tennis

Men @ Mira Costa at 2 p.m.

Women @ Marymount at 2 p.m.

• 'Footprints in the Sands of Time: Black History' in the Boardroom 11: am-12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

• 'Stepping Out' Opening Night

Burnnight Theatre 8 p.m.

• Peer Power Conference Student Center 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 29

• Learning skills workshop *Writing Papers the Easy Way*

• Hazardous Waste Roundup, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in parking lot C-10

March 6 — Last day to petition for Commencement

• 'Stepping Out' continues, 8 p.m. Burnnight Theatre

• Men's Basketball, First round regionals Vs Fullerton here 7:30

• Baseball @ Mt. SAC 1 p.m.

• Track, Cerritos Invitational, 10 a.m. Falcon Stadium

• Softball, Double Header Vs College of the Desert here at noon

SUNDAY, MAR. 1

• 'Stepping Out' matinee 2:30 p.m. Burnnight Theatre

MONDAY, MAR. 2

• Softball @ Rio Hondo 2p.m.

TUESDAY, MAR. 3

• Baseball @ Fullerton at 3 p.m.

• Golf Vs Mt. SAC / Pasadena at El Prado 11 a.m.

• Womens Tennis Vs Pasadena here at 2 p.m.

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Men seeded No. 3, host Fullerton Saturday

By Jimmy Baro
TM Sports Editor

Cerritos (27-4, 6-2) came up short for the second time in as many tries this season against conference rival Long Beach City 78-75 last Wednesday night.

Cerritos, seeded No. 3 hosts Fullerton (13-14) Saturday night at 7:30.

Like in the first game, the team lost control in the final two minutes.

The Falcons missed four of their final five shots, including a couple of three point attempts by Dashon Quiente and Javier Zavala.

With 1:32 to go in the contest center Paul White tied the score at 73 with a couple of crucial free throws.

White fouled out with 53 seconds to play.

Cerritos was out scored 5-2 in the final 1:17 of the game.

Point guard Javier Zavala stated, "This game was heartbreaking, we had

the lead, but turnovers killed us."

Cerritos committed 23 turnovers. "This loss did not come easy for us. It was more upsetting than our previous loss because we lost in front of our fans and friends," remarked Head Coach Jack Bogdanovich.

"Everybody would welcome another clash between us. It's a great rivalry." It was the first home setback for the Falcons this season, and only their second in conference.

Both defeats were dealt by the Viking arsenal.

As the women's season is over the men are just beginning their second season.

The Falcons left the court feeling bad about themselves, but Bogdanovich feels the team can advance in the play-offs.

"This team has heart to go all the way. Eventually we'll forget about this one," said Bogdanovich.

"We have to re-group and focus on state."

A key to the game this Saturday is going to be the Falcon scoring.

Cerritos is 20-0 in games they have scored more than 80 points, while they are 7-4 in games they have scored less than 80 points.

Forward Matt Mitchell had a career high 29 points on 13 of 17 shooting, while also contributing 11 rebounds, three assists and two blocks.

Mitchell also recorded three monstrous dunks in the game.

Over shadowed by his superb game, his crumbling late in the contest enabled the Vikings to take control.

With 1:17 Mitchell turned the ball over.

Ten seconds later he stepped out of bounds while trying to redeem himself. Zavala pumped in 19 points, while teammate Bill Mazurie added 18.

Last Saturday night Pasadena almost caught Cerritos on the downside, but the Falcons were able to pull it out in overtime 90-85.

Baseball takes series from LBCC 2-1 to start off conference action

The Falcons (6-3-1) committed three determining errors in a horrendous sixth inning to give the game to Mt. San Antonio 7-0.

Cerritos 2-2 in conference host Mt. SAC today at 2, in the second game of the three game series.

Last week the Falcons took 2 of 3 from the Long Beach City Vikings 8-0, 1-2, 3-1.

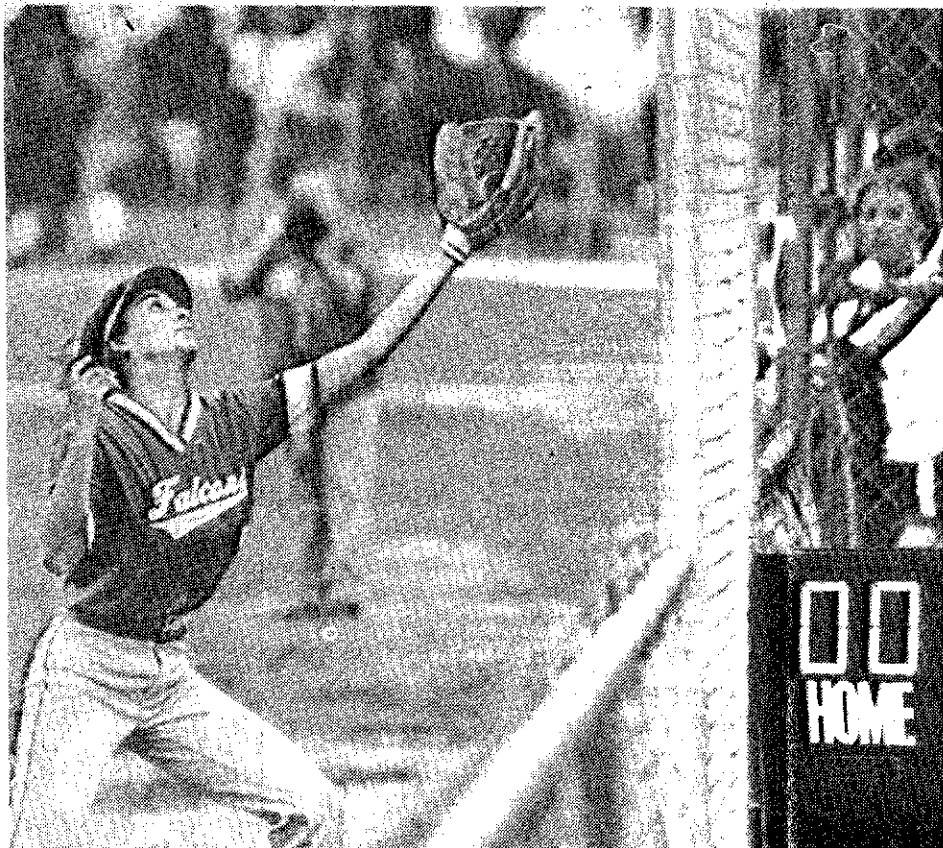
Head Coach Ken Gaylord said, "I was real encouraged by our play last week against the Vikings."

"Our bats were alive, and we continue to get great pitching. We're lacking consistent offense at the plate that I hope we can work out."

"The loss to Mt. San Antonio showed, that we've had a hard time putting together a good offensive game."

The Falcons conclude the series Saturday at Mt. SAC.

Game starts at 1.



THE CATCH Falcon firstbaseman Maribel Portillo makes sensational running catch.

Photoby FAUSTO RAMOS

Lady cagers hang 'em up

Center freshman sensation Lisa Chacon sank the game winning free throw with :29 seconds left in regulation to pull out a 59-58 victory over Pasadena last Friday night.

The win assured Cerritos a fourth place finish, one game out of last place in South Coast Conference action.

Cerritos finished a disappointing 7-20, and recorded a 2-6 mark in conference.

Chacon was named to the SCC

second team, while pulling down a season high 17 rebounds, and adding 14 points for the Lady Falcons.

Her 274 rebounds and 10.5 boards per game rank her second on the Cerritos All-Time record books for a single season.

Jennifer Zylstra was selected first team All-South Coast conference, as she scored 11 points in her final game in a Falcons uniform.

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ASCC Senate gets down to playing politics

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primarily for the purpose of funding special-interest trips and activities.

"They have carried hidden agendas with them all along. They ran for the position only to bring and pass a particular bill to benefit their campus organizations," claimed one source.

Some observers have suggested that this may have prompted the action for a bill, which if passed will limit the size of organizational slates to seven.

Others have called for the slates to be limited to five, or as little as three members maximum per organization.

"Allowing 10 members from one organization to sit on a 32-person governing body is by no means an accurate representation of the feeling and opinions of the well over 20,000 people who go here," said one concerned student.

Another controversy heating up the Senate floor has apparently been a running conflict between Senator James Brown and ASCC President Mazen Nabulsi.

Every nomination Nabulsi has put in front of the legislation, Brown has either voted against or abstained.

Many of his objections have been to the standard guidelines Senate uses.

When Nabulsi and Senate President Tom Ngo were asked what they thought of Brown's rejections they commented, "he seems to have a lot of objections to the procedures. They're

Free blood pressure screening offered here for staff, faculty

A free blood pressure screening and body composition analysis will be available to faculty and staff Thursday, March 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Kaiser Permanente Wellness Care-A-Van will be set up in the main campus quad area.

Appointment slips, which can be picked up in the Student Health Center for the 10-minute test, must be returned by Tuesday, March 3.

A leading cause of heart attacks and strokes is high blood pressure, experts say. This one-time screening cannot diagnose the symptom, but the potential problem can be alerted, according to Pat Pinder of the campus Student Health Services.

Results of the body composition helps individuals determine the status of their health, fitness, and nutrition intake.

Upon completing the screening, a four-page printout will be given, stating your blood pressure, percentage of body fat, lean tissue, and water content of the body.

A caloric expenditure chart detailed to your body will also be included.

Students are reminded that they can take advantage of the Student Health Center's services.

The health fee entitles students to basic care when they are ill. The purchase of prescription medications can be taken care of here.

An extra cost is assessed for lab services or medications.

A nurse is on hand to discuss health issues and concerns. Appointment scheduling may be necessary.

AIDS Awareness seminars are held on the second Wednesday of every month from 10-11 a.m. in BK 111.

The Center exists to help students maintain a healthy state, Pinder stressed. All records are confidential and may not be released except as provided by law, she said.

—By CHRIS PAREDES

the same type procedures the United States Government uses.

In a one meeting Brown questioned legislation which allows the Student Body President nominate the Party Whip, who serves on both Cabinet and Senate, by stating that the position is too important to be picked by the President alone.

"Senate should be able to decide on a position as important as that," he said.

To this Party Whip nominee Maurice Convey answered firmly, "You would know why he (Nabulsi) is able to nominate me if you had read your Student Government Manual."

The Manual states, "The Party Whip shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Senate at the first meeting of each session."

Convey was approved by Senate two weeks ago, with the exception of Brown's abstention.

At the end of yesterday's meeting, after sitting through a drawn out discussion over poster limitations,

Nabulsi questioned the practicality of the topics Senate has been covering lately.

"Why couldn't they discuss something more beneficial to the students, such as campus lighting or the installation of more emergency phones, both of which pertain to student safety," he remarked.

March is Women's History Month at Cerritos, too

Don't be surprised if some of your classes have an assignment to do particularly with women.

Cerritos College is celebrating National Women's History Month all of March.

Some of the programs will include "Women's Health Issues" and "Women and Finances" which will be presented by nationally known speakers.

The topic of an essay contest is "Beyond Stereotypes: Is there Gender Equity in Education?"

—Adrienne Fakhre

Musical comedy 'Stepping Out' starting Friday

The musical-comedy "Stepping Out" by Richard Harris, opens this Friday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.

Immediately following the performance, patrons will get to meet the director and members of the cast.

Other performances of Cerritos College Theatre Department productions includes, Feb. 29, March 5-7 at 8 p.m. in the Burnight Studio Theatre and a special matinee on March 1, at 2:30 p.m.

This musical-comedy focuses on eight "ungracefuls" who meet for tap dancing lessons and respite from a world where they get rained on, ignored by husbands and chased in the park by swans.

Tickets are \$7.50 for general admission and \$6 for staff, students and seniors.

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—Phil Miller

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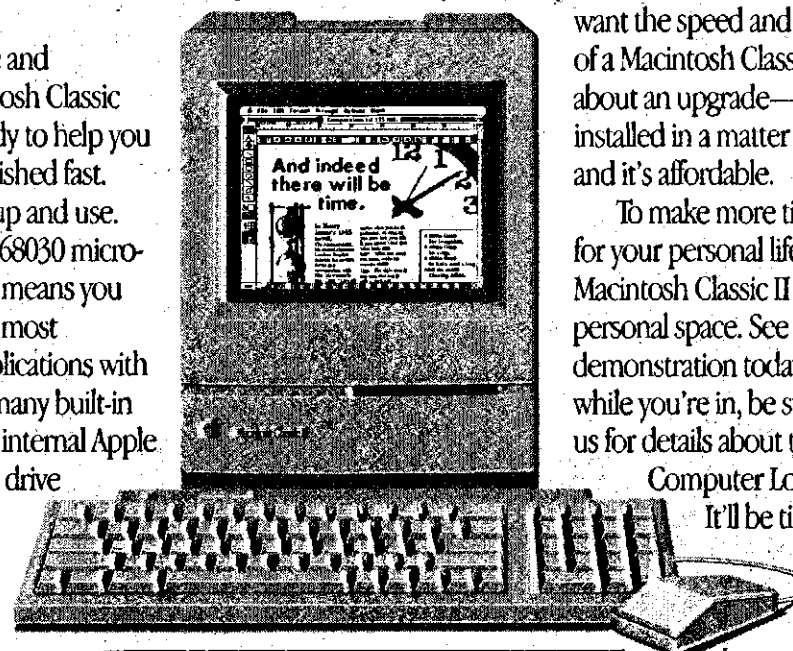
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Colorful KCEB disk jockey duo does it off the record

By IAN HUMBURGER, Editor-in-Chief

If you are driving down Falcon Way on Tuesday mornings and you are shocked by what you think you hear from the garbled battlefield of static and scrambled jargon on the AM airwaves, it can mean one of two things.

Either you have a cheap radio, or it's time to "Get Ramed with Riptide and Mobes" from Cerritos College's own KCEB 1560 AM.

Greg "Riptide" Peter and Jeff "Mobes" Mobley are the school's morning men on the station from 9-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

Riptide, the veteran of the two, is a graduate from Cerritos HS and is majoring in the Theater Arts with a media emphasis. He has been a two year staff member on KCEB and has more than three semesters worth of radio shows under his belt.

Greg's dedication and hard work have paid off in different ways by landing him an internship at KROQ and also a job at a local TV station.

However, Greg's experiences at his various jobs should remind everyone that even though it's glamorous sometimes, most of the time it's a lot of hard work.

"Working at KROQ was hell," Greg said. "I worked on shows for Richard Blade and Jed the Fish and I was stuck doing all the grudge work for the DJs, but at the same time I achieved a type of

celebrity status."

"The TV station is great because it's the longest job I've had, but I like radio better because I have my own show and on the radio you are the personality.

The listeners get to know your personality and will ultimately decide whether or not you will survive for long over the airwaves," Greg said.

"The main thing it comes down to is that listener support is key but they are also either friend or foe."

Greg's last statement was proven true when his show was suspended after a student talked to a teacher about a certain feminine subject that was discussed on their show and the teacher had one of the deans get involved in the matter.

"Most of our show are jokes based on sexual innuendo, we push it to the limit and then some, but we hope the majority of the people won't be offended."

This type of "Shock Jock" radio format is the rave across the nation with the likes of Mark and Brian, Kevin and Bean and Howard Stern at the top of the ratings. However, like anything else that goes against the social norm, people are sometimes hesitant to embrace it.

"Cartoons like the Simpsons get away with things like saying damn, but because of the recent ordeals around



Photo by FAUSTO RAMOS

Shock Jocks Riptide and Mobes

here we have to really watch it now when we are on the air."

The one thing that Greg stressed over and over again was the lack of support that the station receives, and stated that when it occurs, the creativity level around KCEB drops.

"The station may have the range of a Daisy air-rifle but the school and especially the students need to get involved. People complain about us or what we play but no one comes to us and tells us directly what they think."

"In a four year institution like CSULB or CSUF, the students get real involved and let the faculty and other facets of the college know how they feel."

"We want people to get involved and that is why we, (Riptide and Mobes),

have put the segments in our show that involve people around school."

The show includes a segment called "Call the Campus" where Riptide and Mobes call at random one of the pay phones on campus, wait for someone to pick it up and then try to convince them to do something crazy. The popular response for this segment has been a majority of the people asking them to call back later.

Do Riptide and Mobes have what it takes to keep afloat on the airwaves?

Will the FCC step in sooner or later and let them know that this time they have gone too far?

As Greg would say "One man's dream is another man's nightmare, so if you don't like the heat, get out of my pants."



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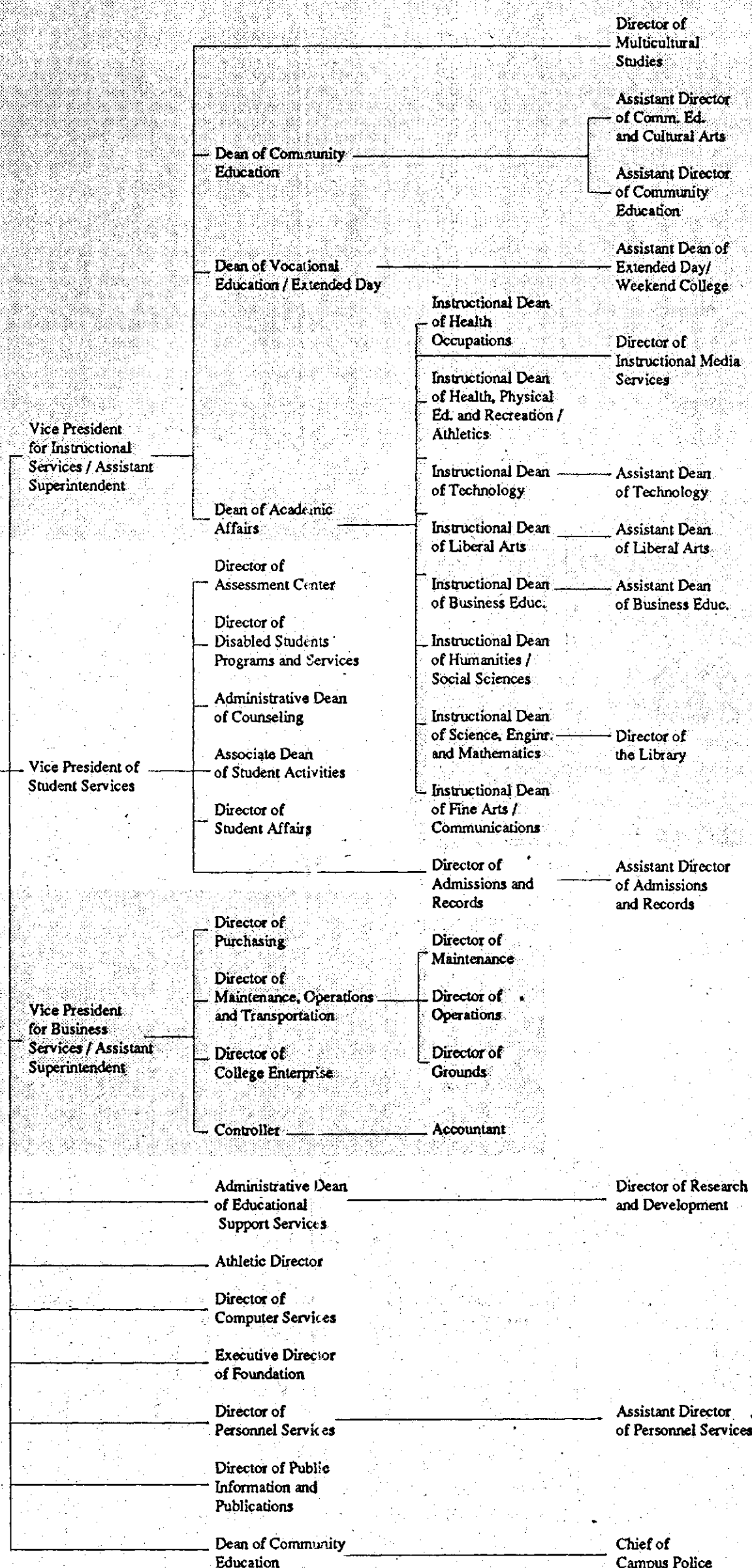
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Hearings set for draft proposals

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Silverman.

The release of a widely-circulated confidential draft, combined with rumors and several apparent under the table recommendations, has struck fear in many faculty and staff members alike.

It includes such suggestions as the elimination of: Assistant Deans, Extended Day/Voc Dean, Dean of Academic Affairs, Director of Assessment, Director of Multicultural Studies, Student Services directors, and the reduction of academic divisions by at least one.

Suggestions have been made to save some of these jobs by combining duties and responsibilities in different areas.

For example one suggestion is to make the Multicultural Studies program a department within a division.

Supporters, along with committee members, claim proposed changes would limit the amount of people reporting to the administration, and would put more decision making power in the hands of the division deans, department chairs, and the faculty themselves.

Opponents claim the recommendations would not enhance education, but shuffle students along with an unclear line of authority.

They argue that many department members will have little or nothing to do, while others will be overburdened with their newly allotted responsibilities.

Silverman and McGrath underscore that draft listings are "ideas, just ideas, and they change every meeting."

People are concerned, as one observer put it because jobs — even careers — are threatened.

At last weeks meeting the committee unanimously agreed to get all the ideas and suggestions together, and hold an open hearing where anyone interested could relay his/her view.

Tour de France

A Cerritos College summer program designed to offer language students a French experience will be held July 2-Aug. 1, at the University of the Sorbonne in Paris.

Instruction by French professors will focus on grammar, phonetics, and pronunciation.

The 30 day program includes airfare from Los Angeles, accommodations at the University of the Sorbonne, two meals daily, in addition to social activities and excursions.

There will be a slide show presentation and informational meeting at Cerritos College in the LA 22 at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29, April 18 and May 23.

For additional information, contact Professor Roland Bellugue at 310-860-2451, Ext. 434.—Phyllis Gray

IN these transition times of changing cultural, ethnic, social demographics at Cerritos College, let our perspective be diversity without isolation and fragmentation...unity with mutual tolerance and sensitivity...commitment to the greater good while respecting each individual's rights...that we might ensure a free press and a viable education for all who would "gladly learn."
— THE EDITORS

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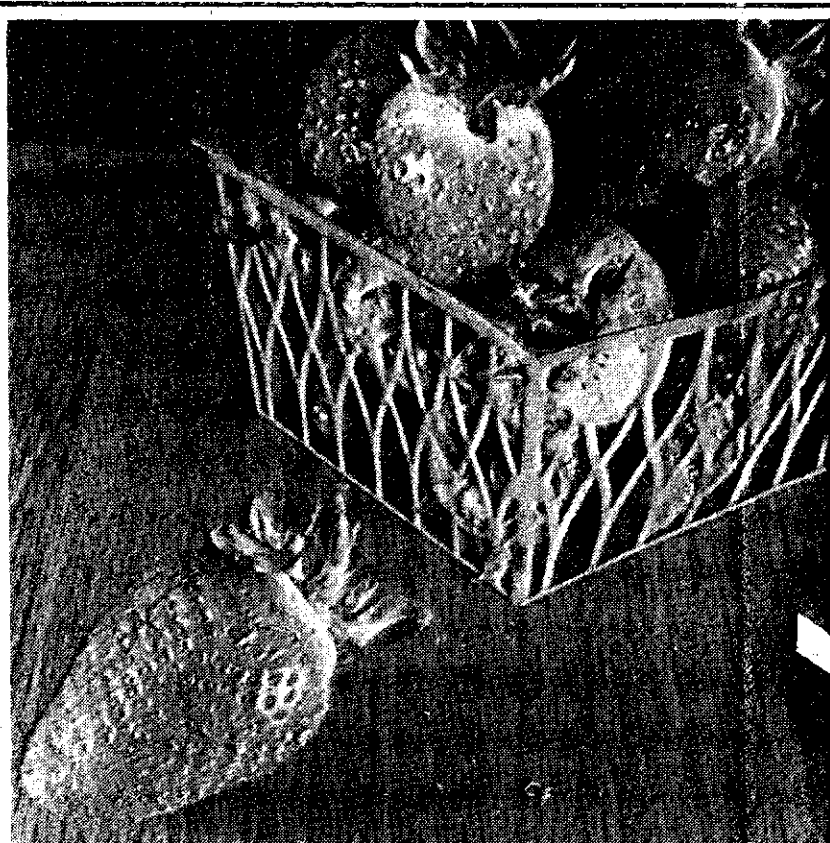
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Funds denied for club's Texas trip

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Sweet treats that are hard to beat -- unless it's ala short cake as "interpreted" by photog Charlene Fayette. Berries are now plentiful at stand near southwest corner of Parking Lot C-10.



Speech Team heads to Sacramento for state championship tourney

Six members of the Cerritos College Forensics team left this morning for Sacramento City College to compete in the state championships of the California Community College Forensics Association.

Winners here will have an inside shot at representing Cerritos at the Phi Rho Pi nationals in St. Louis March 29 - April 4.

The state consists of Dyanelle Lopez, Ladyane Lopez, Daisy Mae

Uy Kimpang, Sheldon Ogata, Tom Ngo, and Lloyd Robinson.

Coach Carolyn Inmon will accompany the group.

Cerritos hosted some 300 participants recently in the annual Tabor-Venitsky Speech tournament.

Cerritos winners included Lisa Seransie in two categories, Jose Rodriguez, Daisy Mae Uy Kimpang, and Shelton Ogata.

— PHYLLIS GRAY

By Dennis Pangilinan
TM News Editor

A request for some \$2,000 to send eight MEChA and AHORA members to a "strictly Hispanic and Latino" conference was denied by Cabinet Monday and was not cleared to go before the ASCC Senate.

The request is a controversial one which would require funds from the ASCC Conference Account which by laws stipulate as being solely used for academically-related competitions and activities.

A political hot potato, it has seen the Senate splitting ranks, prompted primarily by Senator Eddie Luy's heavy lobbying on and off the Senate floor. "Senators are here to represent the

students. They are not here to represent AHORA or any other individual groups or special interest groups," commented ASCC Vice-President Tom Ngo.

Last week prior to the formal request made in Cabinet by two Hispanic Senate slates, Luy raised the issue of who should be funded and how much could be spent.

After they had unanimously approved \$2,500 for the campus honor society and some \$1907 for Forensics to attend a state competition in Sacramento, eight members of the two major Hispanic/Latino slates voted against the annual Journalism competition funding request, which was approved by a 25-6 vote.

According to Phil Houseman,

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Fine Arts, HPER lash out at 'threat'

"We're not going to roll over and play dead."

That pretty much spells out the game plan of the Fine Arts/Communications and HPER (Health Physical Education and Recreation) divisions.

Both areas have been singled out as potential victims of the campus reorganization plan to save money.

Final recommendation by the Institution Effectiveness Committee are expected shortly when public hearings will be scheduled on the committee proposal.

HPER's Frank Mazzotta and Fine Arts' Georgia Wells were "very disappointed" when the Faculty Senate refused by a 14-8-1 vote to endorse resolutions from both areas essentially calling for keeping the divisions intact.

"Instruction should not have to take the hit just because they have to give out hits," Wells said.

Senator Tom Whitlock argued that the Senate should wait until the committee makes its recommendations. Faculty Senate President Dick

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College Bowl Tuesday

The annual College Bowl will be on Tuesday, March 10.

Participants from different clubs and organizations will compete in high intensity games of Trivia Pursuit for cash prizes.

The returning champions who represent the TALON MARKS newspaper will "defend our title against any challenger who dares to cross our path," says Sports Editor Jimmy Baro.

All action will take place in BK 111/112, from 10-1 p.m.

EDITORIAL

We just print the documented facts of the way it is...with 'a grain of salt,' so we're told

"When reading the TALON MARKS, take it with a grain of salt."

Thus quipped Trustee Rick Sanchez, responding to a plea by Miguel Lopez, who works at Multicultural Center, not to accept a "proposal" to eliminate the director of Multicultural Studies in the reorganizational program.

Both were apparently referring to a TALON MARKS story about the controversial working draft of the Institutional Effectiveness/reorganization committee — in which the paper and the committee clearly explained and stressed that suggestions on the draft were not official or binding.

They were simply a "list of ideas

tossed on the table," according to Instructional Vice President Bob Silverman and co-chair Dick McGrath, Faculty Senate head, and had no official formalized significance.

The Talon Marks originally got the information from a "confidential" draft, which was widely circulated around campus — and the fact that it was tentative and unofficial was stressed several times.

Incidentally, the story about the student being suspended from campus for alleged sexual harassment and assault on campus police came from public records and a printed letter from the victim herself (name withheld at her request for her own welfare).

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Please don't pass the salt

Reporters have been in contact with the accused several times, and have invited letters and statements to present his sides, which has not yet been made public.

And that ain't grain of salt stuff. The long, tedious, and repetitive word-for-word Board minutes were not grain of salt stuff, either.

Mr. Sanchez looked at the TALON MARKS reporter and grinned — we trust — with lightly salted tongue-in-cheek.

There *has* been a whole lot of (salt) shaking going on around campus these days.

Perhaps there's some real seasoning needed, but we are not trying

to spice anything up — we're just passing the spice along for the benefit of our student readers.

Some of it we don't especially like ourselves...

...We have no intent, certainly, to rub salt in any wounds.

...But we're disposed to defer to equal rights, matters of the public record and the First Amendment, and such...

Fact is, there'll probably be a real need for a few grains of salt when the committee serves up its final menu...

Which, of course, is open for input, discussion, debate, etc. — and otherwise salt(y) shaking...

TWO DIVISIONS FIGHT 'HIT'

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McGrath, who also co-chairs the so-called reorganization committee, ruled a Fine Arts resolution request out of order, and urged the HPER proposal be sent on without comment.

Wells stressed that now is the time before the fire gets too big, and the committee already has a mindset.

"We need to act now and stop it before it starts going too far," she said.

The Senate, which appeared unsure in the rush of the chair to act, did ask the committee to proceed with urgency so that people would get a clearer picture of developments.

The following statement was presented to the Faculty Senate by the Fine Arts/Communications Division.

In a meeting of Fine Arts/Communications Division Department Chairperson Feb. 20 it was asked that the following resolution be passed on to the Senate for consideration:

That the college proceed immediately to fill the vacant position of Instructional Dean of Fine Arts/Communications for these reasons...

...that this division has unique characteristics and needs that differ significantly from traditional academic units, and that despite the good intentions of any division which might absorb us, that these unique characteristics and needs would not be adequately addressed.

...that it is unfair to ask the faculty of this division to underwrite any longer the cost of maintaining this temporary solution...

...that the former Instructional Dean, Charles Tilghman, through the strength of his leadership had allowed this division to enjoy a position of security and strength in this college, and that the inherent weakness of the current plan will inevitably erode this strength despite the best efforts of the Administrative intern.

The following statement was presented to the Faculty Senate by the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) Division.

Administrative actions in regards to Dick Juliano's retirement at the end of fall '91 semester has created for our division some points of con-

cern. We would like to share them with our Board of Trustees, the Administration, the Faculty Senate and the college in general.

1. During the spring semester '92 a temporary replacement was made for the Instructional Dean of HPER-ATHLETICS. Budget consideration and possible institutional effectiveness were suggested and accepted as reasons by the HPER/ATHLETICS DIVISION for this action. (Savings to College Approx. \$38,000). But the real concern to the division is the suggestion that this interim position may be carried over for 1992-93. A fluid and unstable solution of this nature undermines the strong leadership required (see below) for our division.

2. Every division needs direct and clear communication with the Administration, especially at this time of budget squeezing. Within our own discipline we are seeing increased emphasis for fitness awareness (cardio-vascular disease is the leading killer in the U.S.) Athletic competition still remains as keen as ever. The dean's position in HPER/ATHLETICS plays a critical role in administering the instructional program and the eighteen athletic teams. These and other factors cry out for solid leadership that cannot be carried out effectively by someone in a temporary role.

3. Our division's status and role in helping fulfill the philosophy of the college is diminished by this temporary position. "The college also realized that the specific needs for education vary greatly among its students. Because of this, the college is vitally concerned with educational needs of every individual in the community."*

The members of HPER/Athletics Division unanimously recommend that the position of Dean of HPER-Athletics be reinstated to its former level for the coming 1992-93 academic year.

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KIEFFER'S KOMMENTS

"A Hairy Situation"

by Michael Kieffer



Cutting your hair can be a trying experience. The thought of someone even trimming your hair is scary let alone cutting six inches or more.

I speak from experience here.

I recently went down and got my hair butchered by a haphazard Neanderthal with a pair of scissors in his hand. I was not pleased at all because I left the joint with a feeling of disgust.

Without my even realizing it the barber had cut my hair in such a fashion that if "Beverly Hills 90210" needed an extra cast member I would most certainly be invited to join.

Then there are the mixed reactions from family and friends.

Mom loves it. Says she's so happy to have a little boy again.

Your friends think that you are some sort of deserter or you just gecked out on them. I heard some of them mutter under their breath that I was turning into Jason Priestly or something.

Your girlfriend loves it because she watches that stupid TV show every week, even the re-runs.

School is the place where you get the most different thoughts. Some love it, some really hate it, but most just stand in amazement because they thought that you were a hair-pirate for life.

The absolute worst is your own

mind trying to adjust to losing that much mass on top of your head. Yesterday was the first day that I have felt water on my neck in years.

To add to the torture I keep finding these hair-ties all over my room. I thought that I had gotten rid of all of them, but they keep coming back.

The demands that society puts on us are absurd. The thought that you must conform to a conservative style to be successful is a crime to humanity at best.

Whoever decided that a butch cut and a tie make the man?

That is completely ridiculous. I have seen more idiots with less to say in suits than I have with long hair.

What's wrong with the slicked back look? I don't see the suits avoiding "Steven Segal" movies. They all think he's God because he can have hair.

One of the things that gets me the most is the automatic way that people categorize you according to your hairstyle. I have actually had people avoid me because they thought I was a weirdo or something. I guess we all do this; I've been guilty a few times of seeing someone who looked different and already had their life story figured out.

As people we are individualists who still need a little bit of conformity to

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The ASCC wants you - RUN

By Don Jergler
 TM Assistant Editor

The heart of Student Government will beat to a different drummer at Spring's end.

Several hopefuls are already jockeying for ASCC President Mazen Nabulsi's job next year.

Petitions are ready to pick up this week, and one slate has the 100 signatures ready to turn in.

Helen Reyes and Aladdin Nabulsi, brother of the current prexy, are already in the fray.

Other names talked around as potential or probable candidates, who may or may not be political dark horses, include Senators James Brown, top vote getter this semester; Eddie Luy, President Pro-Tem, and Melinda Clare, two-time Senator and current Minority Leader.

Others are expected to get into the race in an increasingly hot political

arena in Student Government.

The President of the Associated Students of Cerritos College is a non-voting member of the college's Board of Trustees, although he does get paid the \$75 per meet stipend.

The student VP chairs the high-profile Student Senate.

The office of President sometimes requires both state and national traveling to represent the college. Nabulsi is currently in Washington with a national convention of student leaders, and expects to do some lobbying on behalf of funding for education.

Both the President and the VP are required to be "residents of the Cerritos Community College District."

Observers claim this rule has been broken by more than one major officer in recent years. One chief executive who allegedly lived out of district could not be pinned down as to where he actually did live. Two Vice-Presidents reportedly did not reside within the district boundaries.



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Women's History Month offers rare 'patchwork of many lives'

By Nika Smith
TM Executive Editor

Cerritos College's celebration of National Women's History Month takes place throughout March with the theme: "Women's History, a Patchwork of Many Lives." Programs will include lectures, discussions, tributes, and an essay contest.

Lecture and discussion topics include: "Gender Class, Ethnicity, and Literary Artists: an Informal Discussion" (March 5); "The Battle of the Sexes—Who's Winning?" (March 10); "Women's Issues in the 90's: Roles and Realities, Mixed Messages" (March 12); and "Women and Substance Abuse: Counseling Strategies" (March 12).

Featured in upcoming weeks are seminars including "Women and

AIDS" (March 17), "Footprints in the Sand of Time: Contributors of Black Women" (March 19), and "Latina Leaders: Changing the Face of American Leadership" (March 25).

"A Tribute to Women Writers" will take place on March 23. The tribute will feature panel discussions, an open forum, and a musical concert by violinist Valencia Mitchell. Also, students and faculty will be reading short fiction, poems and essays written by women throughout time.

The winners of the essay contest will be announced at the tribute on March 23.

The theme this year is "Beyond Stereotypes: Is there gender equity in education?" All essay entries are due by March 19 at 4 p.m. and may be dropped off at the Re-entry Center in the Assessment Center.

Falcon Follies to showcase talents

Come join and create the fun... Cerritos College will host its first annual talent show, "Falcon Follies," at the Student Center on Tuesday, March 31 at 11 a.m.

If you'd like to participate,

'Stepping Out' sets down after weekend

"Stepping Out" is a musical-comedy that uniquely taps your funny bone. It concludes this weekend with 8 p.m. performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Burnight Studio Theatre.

Set in a church hall in Bakersfield, is Dance Instructor Mavis, (Johnnie Gray) getting ready for her eight "ungraceful" students to show up for class to continue tap dancing lessons.

The teacher, Mavis Turner must take their awkward attempts to dance and fashion something for a local charity show — a feat that is accomplished in a high-stepping finale that inspires audiences to frenzied cheering.

— PHIL MILLER

HAIRCUT

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balance things. If we are too far out, it's really hard to get anything done, but if we are ultra conservative we limit ourselves to a self destructive mode by not experiencing different aspects of life.

I had my hair cut for a job.

I told myself hundreds of times that no job was worth my hair and that there were plenty of jobs out there for long haired people.

I'm sorry, but I looked and unless you are highly educated, have lots of money, or you really work hard doing labor type stuff, you're screwed with a definite \$4.25. Sure, when I wasn't a student it was easy, but now that I go to school full time, a 40+ hours a week job just doesn't cut it.

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CABINET BALKS AT CLUB TRIP \$\$\$\$

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the funds are where they were expected to be at this point of the year.

Senator Raul Gomez presented the Texas trip proposal to the Cabinet assisted by Miguel Lopez, student at large who explained he was "just helping out" and was there for another reason.

Among the eight members who were supposed to go were Senators Luy, Reyna Alvarado, Sandra Gonzalez, all of which ran under the AHORA slate, and Gomez, who ran under a MEChA slate.

Gomez stressed that it was only for Hispanics and Latinos, and that all others were definitely excluded.

The request was denied with one in favor, four against, and two abstentions.

"If we approved \$2,000 to every ethnic group on campus, the ASCC will run out of money," said Mike Hitz, Commissioner of Inter-Club Council.

Questions were raised on how would the entire student body benefit from the trip since it was mainly a Hispanic-orientated venture.

"Cabinet does not disapprove of what the conference is all about. It's just that right now, we don't have any special interests groups going to any conference without a method through competitions. It's okay to send the basketball team across the state to play basketball. Why? Because they represent the ASCC in competition."

A heated discussion flared up between Gomez and one cabinet member on the feasibility of sending organizations to ethnically focused conferences.

"If Cabinet were to approve this funding, would any of your organization have a problem with say, an organization of eight all-white members going to a KKK convention—to use a harsh example, and not trying to compare it with you or your organization" suggested one cabinet member.

"But that's exactly what you are trying to do. There is no analogy between the conference and KKK, because the KKK doesn't have any study programs or institutions. Chicano Studies for the last twenty years has developed curriculum to assist, to address the needs of the diversity of every campus and the whole country," Gomez said.

"I understand the point that you're trying to make but if we were to support you with this, that would mean that we could not deny any group the right to attend similar conferences. So, by saying it's okay for your organization, it sets precedence for any other Cambodian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Indian Club to have funding which we could not support," replied Hitz.

According to Ngo, approval of the funding would have set a precedent for having ethnic groups use ASCC funds for their own benefit.

Red Cross Blood Drive set on campus today

The American Red Cross will offer a Blood Drive on March 5, 1992 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in BK 111/112.

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State finals trip on line here Saturday night

By Jimmy Baro
TM Sports Editor

The men's basketball team (28-4) had no trouble in the first round of the Southern California Regional play-offs against 30th seed Fullerton College last Saturday night.

Shooting guard Jeff Polloreno stung the Hornets in the 103-83 rout, by connecting on a school record seven three-pointers, as the third seeded Falcons advanced into the second round of the tourney.

The Falcons hosted 19th seeded L.A. Trade Tech (18-13) last night.

Results were not available at press time.

If the Falcons won, they would host either El Camino or Rancho Santiago Saturday night at 7:30.

If the Falcons lost, they would wait till next year.

Women's softball looks for defense

By Jimmy Baro
TM Sports Editor

The softball team started conference play yesterday on the road against Pasadena.

Results were not available at press time.

Cerritos is off to a 5-5 record, but Head Coach Nancy Kelly feels good about her crew.

"The key to our success is our consistency and our defense," said Kelly.

"Defense is our biggest concern because we have a couple of new players who joined the team after basketball season."

Polloreno hit 7 of 10 three pointers (5 of 7 in the first half), as he finished the contest with a season high 25 points.

"Fullerton played our kind of basketball. We love transition games," said Polloreno.

"Run and gun is our game plan. All of us have the green light to shoot."

Polloreno wasn't the only one who took advantage of the situation, as guard Bill Mazurie added 23 points and floor leader Javier Zavala joined the fun with 16 more for the Falcons.

Mazurie and Zavala also dished out seven assists apiece.

The guard trio of Polloreno, Mazurie, and Zavala accounted for 64 points, 13 rebounds, 17 assists and seven steals.

"The team has good chemistry, and us three especially know where we're at at all times," stated Mazurie.

"If we get into a running game with any team it's to our advantage."

As a team, Cerritos hit on 13 of 23 attempts from three point range and shot 57 percent from the field.

The three guard duo alone attributed 11 threes out of 18 attempts, as they scorched the nets shooting an outstanding 65 percent from the floor.

Cerritos opened a 52-35 lead at halftime, and never trailed although the Hornets cut the lead to nine late in the contest.

From the get go, it was a mismatch as Cerritos took an early 8-0 lead and finished them off at the end when it got close with a 16-8 blast.

Cerritos held a 25 point advantage lead in the second half, before Fullerton made a game of it.

Head Coach Jack Bogdanovich said, "I was a little afraid of getting into a scoring battle with Fullerton, because they had been playing that style more than us. Though I thought we were more balanced as a team with more depth."

"We executed very well and we did some things that we had not been doing very well lately. The team in general just played an excellent game."

Falcon Notes

Forward Matt Mitchell was selected South Coast Conference Co-Most Valuable player of the year, as he shared the honors with Long Beach City guard Damaine Powell.

Teammates Polloreno and Zavala were named to the All-South Coast

Conference first team, while Mazurie was chosen to the second team along with Center Paul White.

Cerritos is a perfect 21-0 in games they have scored more than 80 points, and 7-4 in games they have scored less than 80 points.

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