

# ASCC presidential elections running today, Thursday

# TalonMarks

...This upside down flag is in protest of the attempted encroachment on our First Amendment rights by vocal activist groups who apparently assume support of the powers that be... — The EDITORS

Brown-Clare, Luy-Rodriguez form slates; Nabulsi runs as Reyes VP

The first woman in 17 years is running for president, two hard pressing activist groups and a pair of outspoken Senators form one of the most diverse ballots for ASCC President in recent

History:  
The election for 1992-93 student President runs today and tomorrow — Wednesday and Thursday April 22

and 23:  
Polling booths are open 8:30 to  
2:30 and again at 6 to 9 both days at  
the Student Coffee Shop, the Social  
Science quad, and the Health Sciences

Over 1,000 voters are expected to hit the polls in what may very well preclude a runoff, which could be avoided by over 50 per cent of the tallies.

are generally considered the main-stream slate. Eddie Luy and Stephanie Rodriguez have strong backing from a vocal group of minority activists. James Brown and Melinda Clare are veteran Student Government members that are highly opinionated, and are known for their vehemency on the Senate floor.

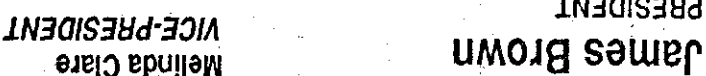
Some members of the Executive Cabinet have accused Presidential candidate Eddie Luy of using President Mazen Nabulsi's platform after he outlined his campaign platform during the open forum held for candidates two weeks ago.

President Nabulsi came out swinging in Senate the following day, warning Senators to, "Beware of any candidate promising an increase in campus lighting in inadequately lit areas, putting a halt to a plan to combine the Health Science and the

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**Helen Reyes**  
**PRESIDENT**



**James Brown**  
PRESIDENT



**Eddie Luy**  
**PRESIDENT**

**Stephanie Rodriguez**  
**VICE-PRESIDENT**

## Role of campus newspaper, editor, adviser explored in state Journalism award winner

(EDITOR'S NOTE — The role, position, and perspective of the college newspaper was the subject of the top award winner in recent state Community College writing competition.

In view of recent developments on the Cerritos campus, we share it with you.

...It should be pointed out that all college newspapers — as well as their big brothers and sisters — hold fiercely to these tenants ...and their powerful supporters stand ready with broad-based legal, philosophical, public relations and fiscal support in the event of attack or threat...

We have substituted the appropriate names in Editor Christopher Allan Smith's piece in the Los Medanos College Experience.)

I am writing this column as the new editor of the Talon Marks ...to get some things straight.

In working for the Talon Marks ...I have come to realize one simple thing about newspapers: they are often not completely understood by those who read them, and sometimes not even by those who write for them.

Newspapers are complex, enchanting, wonderful and horrible things...that at a turn can show the noble, good, honest side of human nature, and its dark, small crooked shadow.

They mirror the world around them, and they are part of it.

They are transient, shifting records whose articles and features can be forgotten within a week, and at the same time they are unique moments of history, whose pages show moments in time with a clarity and flavor that no other medium can quite convey.

They strive to watch our society and our government objectively, and yet carry opinion pieces to right what they see wrong, and fight the under-dog's fight.

Given all this, newspapers in their most elegant form do much more than tell the story of their community.

Through the news stories, they recount the events of our day, the moments that shape our age.

With features, they spotlight the player, whisper the gossip, and show the fashions that affect our lives.

In column and cartoon, they make us laugh, explore our moods and feelings, and provide us contemplation in this uncontrolled era.

The sports section is filled with the heroics and splendor of athletic competition.

And on the editorial pages, they comment on the questions and dilemmas that plague us, offering advice, and sometimes reasoned, practical solutions.

This is the vital role of our newspapers.

...And that is the role of the Talon Marks in this community known as Cerritos College.

Even given the fact that it is run solely by the students of the Journalism program (the instructor only advises), and that it is sometimes not as large and impressive as more worldly papers, our mission here at the TALON MARKS is in no way diminished because of our humble positions.

We are endowed by the constitutions of the United States and California with the same legal and ethical standards that are entrusted to the mainstream press.

The staff and editors of the Talon Marks shoulder the same responsibilities as do those of the Los Angeles Times or the New York Times.

It is good for Cerritos College that we do this, and it is because of this that the Talon Marks is an award-winning community college newspaper.

But in this role as the teller of the Cerritos story, the TALON MARKS has been the subject of some misconceptions not only from students, but from staff, faculty, management, and even the Board of Trustees.

Here, I hope to put them to rest:

The editors and staff of the Talon Marks are completely independent of all other bodies on campus.

They are not an arm of the adviser, the faculty, the staff or management of this institution — nor the student government organization.

The authority for what is printed in these pages rests completely with student editors, and cannot be controlled by anyone else, even the journalism instructor.

We of the paper are not here to say all that is good and wonderful about Cerritos, and ignore all that is not.

We're here to communicate to our readers what is going on, whether it bodes well or ill for this campus.

We don't play up or play down stories depending on who or what is involved. We do not set out to railroad people or make them look bad.

We have no agenda other than printing the news of the campus. And we do not, under any circumstances, bow to the will of anyone attempting to tamper with the First Amendment Rights of this newspaper — be they student, the president of this college, or any force who would threaten, coerce, intimidate, censor...

Controversy does not frighten us, position does not intimidate us, and lack of conviction does not hinder us.

It is the cause, it is the right, it is the duty of every newspaper to tell the story of its community.

Cerritos College is our community.

And we will tell its story — no matter who or what is involved.

PHYLLISOPHICALLY  
SPEAKING...

## Earth Day my way

Earth Day 1992!

Today, Wednesday, April 22.

And what's changed, you ask?

Certainly there are people who will tell you nothing has changed, but I want you to know there is hope!

All you do-gooders...there is hope.

Mankind (make that *peoplekind*) is aware of this pollution problem of ours and one particularly concerned group is doing something about it!

Of course they don't realize it but this group is very concerned over "people pollution."

...People pollution.

If we didn't have so darned much "people pollution" we wouldn't have so darned many people polluting people, don't you know...

Fewer people means fewer cars, fewer homes, fewer factories, less trash, et al., ad nauseam!

So then, if fewer people is the answer, by what means do we achieve this goal?

Well now, since sex education, planned parenthood, school clinics and all the rest of society's cock-a-mamie solutions seemed to have failed, what's left?

Abortion, that's what. And the really wonderful thing about this is: This "waste" is truly the only man-made biodegradable waste there is!

Gosh, and all this time, I thought I was an opponent of abortion.

Say, does anyone know where I can sign up for Earth First?

—Phyllis Gray

## Over 50 reps expected at Career Expo April 23

Career Expo '92 will be taking place at Cerritos College on Thursday, April 23.

The Expo will feature over 50 employers from all over Southern California, as well as workshops, on resume writing and career counseling.

Employers will also be available to discuss job opportunities.

Career Expo '92 will be held in the Student Center from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 23.

The Expo is free and open to the public with free parking available in Lot C-10.

—Kate Tally

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**VOTE WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Voting booths are located at the Student Coffee Shop, the Social Science Quad and the Health Sciences Building. A Student ID is required to vote.**

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## Friday last day to drop class for 'W' grade

Drop the class by Friday, April 24, or it's whatever on the permanent record — instead of the "W" for withdrawal.

Although college policy now calls for instructors to drop those who are no longer participating in the class, it is advisable for students to do it themselves to ensure the drop.

After Friday, the academic record of a withdrawal must reflect the grade earned.

## Hartley to keynote Mental Health Fair, May 2

Mariette Hartley, Emmy Award winning actress and comedienne will be the keynote speaker at Cerritos College's Seventh Annual Mental Health Fair.

The Fair will be held on Saturday, May 2 and includes 21 different problem solving workshops led by mental health professionals.

In her speech, "Breaking the Silence," Hartley shares the revelations and life experiences of her family's legacy.

The program begins at 9 a.m. in the Burnight Center Theatre and workshops will be offered throughout the day.

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. and doors open at 8:45 a.m. and the fee for the general session, three workshops and lunch is \$30.

The Seventh Annual Mental Health Fair is sponsored by Bellwood Health Center, Cerritos College, Charter Hospital, Los Altos Hospital and the

## Free music recitals started Wednesday

Soprano Jan Timmons will be in concert Wednesday, April 22, at 11 a.m. in Burnight Center.

Four other Applied Music students will be presented in recital Wednesday evening beginning at 6 in BC 5.

Performers are Evelyn Beebe Leddy, Ok Joo Kyung, Matt De-Sabatino and Editha Ragonjan.

The program includes piano, guitar, and voice performances.

Timmons will sing material from Rodgers and Hammerstein, Bach, and Handel.

Admission is free.

Officials stress that the public is invited to these special music major presentations.

Los Angeles County Mental Health Department.

Preregistration is recommended for the fair so that participants can have a selection of the workshops they choose to attend.

For more information on the Mental Health Fair or to register by phone call Cerritos College Community Education at 402-2942.

## Gallery to feature art of over 100 students

Over 100 students are expected to show sculpture, fine art, jewelry, graphics, ceramics, computer art, and three dimensional art for a final show of the 1991-92 season of the Cerritos College Fine Arts Gallery.

An opening reception is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Gallery is free to observe and sponsored by the Art Department at Cerritos College.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday through Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m.

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—Adrienne Fakhre

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## 'The Robber Bridegroom' opens May 1 presented in dinner theatre fashion

At another Cerritos College dinner theatre "The Robber Bridegroom" opens Friday, May 1 at 8 p.m.

Other performances are slated for May 2, 8, and 9 with dinner being

prepared by Cerritos' award-winning Culinary Arts Department. The audience will receive a special dessert and coffee or tea during intermission.

"The Robber Bridegroom" is based on the true story of a group of characters residing in the Mississippi Territory. Jamie Lockhart, a gentleman robber, and Rosamond Musgrove, the daughter of a rich landowner, meet and fall in love but somehow get separated and have to search for each other through some cock-eyed circumstances.

Tickets are \$27.50 for general admission and \$22.50 for staff, students and seniors.

—PHIL MILLER

## Health Center Opens

The Student Health and Wellness Center reopens today in a new location.

Offices will now be housed in a trailer between the Fitness Academy and the Weight Center.

Originally located in the Learning Center, this move is centrally placed to meet the needs of the all students on campus.

—Christopher Paredes

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## Election today, tomorrow for next year's ASCC president

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Athletics divisions, and not allowing the drop date to be changed to an earlier limit of eight weeks instead of the current 14 week policy."

"Those are dead issues," he said. "They have been, or will have been taken care of under my administration and not next year's presidential administration."

"If any candidate tries to sell you that platform they are misinformed candidates, and they are misinforming the students."

A number of poignant issues were raised at the forum.

M.E.Ch.A. President Ruth Castillo slammed Talon Marks reporters by asking the question, "What do you intend to do about the racist and biased reporting that is going on at the school newspaper," to candidates during the audience questioning portion of the forum.

Luy answered by saying that his staff would "extend their hand out to the school newspaper, and try to work with them."

One way he suggested to resolve the "problem" was to "create a student committee to oversee, and work with the newspaper."

After the meeting opponents to Luy's campaign thrashed Castillo by saying that she supports Luy because

"he will help to gain advantages for her club, as well as give her and her organization a more powerful stronghold in Student Government."

They were referring to an incident earlier this semester where some members of student government accused certain Senators of running for Senate only to put a bill on the floor which would allocate \$2,700 in funds for organizations, which they were members of, for eight club members to attend a conference in Texas.

The usually visible Brown and running mate Clare did not show up at the candidates forum and have been keeping a low profile since.

Observers have charged that the Brown/Clare slate said they did not attend the forum in protest because "they were not told about the forum."

So far neither Brown nor Clare can be found on campus doing any campaigning. The only sign of any early campaigning seems to be a single poster pasted on the outside wall of the Student Center.

This is strange since Brown piled up long campaigning hours during this semester's Senate elections in which he was the top vote getter in Senate with 190 votes.

Both Luy and Rodriguez, and Reyes and Nabulsi have been pounding the campaign trail for the last two weeks, speaking to classes, debating issues, and handing out flyers.

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## International Week features myriad cultures

Cerritos College will host its second Annual International Week April 28, 30.

The cultural celebration will feature a variety of events, exhibits and ethnic foods which represent various cultures of the world.

The event will take place in the main college Quad each day from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## Speech hosts intramural for all students Friday

The Cerritos College Speech Department will host its first intramural speech tournament on Friday, April 24.

The tournament is open to all students who have not competed in a state or national championship.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third in all events.

The event will be held in the SS and LA buildings from 12 to 6 p.m.

For more information contact Donna Miller at Ext. 491.

Exhibits Tuesday, April 28 will include a cultural book fair, Chicano art, African folk art, Asian dough doll maker, Asian Indian dress maker, Cambodian and Chinese exhibits and a martial arts demonstration.

Cultural performances on Thursday, April 30 will include Aztec, African, Asian Indian, Cambodian and American Indian dancers, as well as dragon dancers and Korean Fan dancers.

—Danille Bodenhorn

## Poet Baca lectures for Cinco De Mayo

Poet and author Jimmy Santiago Baca will lecture as part of the Cinco De Mayo celebration at the Burnight Center Theatre on Thursday, May 7.

A keynote address and book signing will occur at 11 a.m., and a reading of some poetic works will be rendered at 7 p.m., with the public invited to both events.

Two student poetry workshops will also be conducted, but are not open to the general public.

Baca's visit is sponsored by the Puente Club and the EOP & S Department.

—Joanne Johnson

## Tennis heads out for tournament action

El Camino played role of spoiler to perfection, knocking off the men's tennis squad on April 9, the second time this season they defeated Cerritos.

The loss prevented the Falcons from winning the South Coast Conference title, instead, ending up tied with Pasadena at 8-2, a team Cerritos defeated twice.

It's the second straight year the Falcons finished 8-2. Last season it was good for second place behind Long Beach City.

### • LADY NETTERS

With one match remaining, the lady netters find themselves third in the South Coast Conference at 7-4, (9-7 overall).

April 9, the women defeated LA Harbor 7-2, then, following Easter break, closed out the SCC schedule hosting El Camino on Tuesday.

Results of the contest were unavailable by press time.

SCC Championships start April 30-May 2, followed by the Southern California Championships May 7-9.

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