

Talon Marks

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

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

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New ASCC Senators take oaths today; record turn-out

By ANGELITA MORAGA
and DON JERGLER

Proof that active student participation is on the upswing from last year, is reflected in the new ASCC Senate to be sworn in today at 2 p.m.

Jeannie O'Neill, last year's ASCC Vice President, captured an impressive 241 out of a record 881 votes cast, giving her the number one seat. She garnered

more votes than any candidate in at least 10 years.

The second highest vote-getter, Angel Gilbert, former Talon Marks Editor, won over 176 voters which has served in the past to win the number one seat.

Alpha Gamma Sigma yielded the most winning slate, with seven of their members capturing the top eight seats.

Also capturing a large chunk of the voter population, was A.H.O.R.A., who had seven of its ten can-

didates make the cut.

As expected a good number of athletes, who ran as independents, had a strong showing as well.

Three sophomores were tied for the 32nd seat, however a freshman was given the spot to fulfill the minimum one-third freshman rule.

Changes were made this year in the way candidates ran their campaigns.

According to Phil Houseman, Dean of Student Activities, the reason was "there was more networking and interprogramming going on instead of going out and talking personally with the voters."

Many candidates brought their agendas to classes and answered questions there.

The first item on the agenda today is the selection of officers. Among them are a President Pro Tem, Majority and Minority Leader, a Sergeant-at-Arms, Faculty Senate Liason, and Party Whip.

The Senate will also confirm five Court Justices as well as Executive Cabinet members including Commissioners of Athletics, Records, Finance, I.C.C., Publicity, Activities, Fine Arts, Student Services, Extended Day, Financial Aid, Disabled Students, Recycling, Student Government and Vocational Education.

Some of the major issues to be examined early by the Senate are the Student Health Services Program and when it will go into full effect, and a review of the new parking budget; making sure sufficient security is available for students.

Potential Board members for the November election will be invited to speak at upcoming Senate meetings and will be questioned by the Senators.

One special issue expected to hit the new group is a bill passed late last semester allowing proxy voting.

This means Senators are now able to write in their vote if they are not present at the time an issue is voted on.

Critics, including the campus newspaper, claim this will foster uninformed voting and lead to absentee abuse, despite allowable excuses.

ASCC Executive Cabinet up for Senate approval



THE COMMISSIONERS - ASCC President Mazen Nabulsi, center, is surrounded by his 1991-92 Executive Cabinet; from left are Ladyanne Lopez, Fine Arts; Aladdin Nabulsi, Party Whip; John Rodriguez, Extended Day; Ron Rodriguez, Records; Debra Smith, Student Services; Tracy O'Con, Athletics; Mike Hitz, Student Center; Helen Reyes, Activities; Alex Alcazar, I.C.C.; Gabby Reynoso, Disabled Services; Chris Stewart, V.P.; Pauline Lu, Finance; Jenny Gonzalez, Recycling; Eric Vasquez, Financial Aid; Linda Ochoa, Publicity.

Midnight Peep Show free

The Friday midnight performance of *The Generic Improvisational Peep Show* is free to all comers.

It's free night for Cerritos College students at the regular Thursday 8 p.m. show.

The popular Theatre Department comedy group, directed by Kevin Hoggard, has regular

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Martinez sticks to budget stance; faculty pay issue still on weekly meet-and-confer

The overload and summer pay issue for full-time faculty, which now is on hold for this Fall, is being hammered out on a weekly basis.

Members of the Faculty Salary Committee and President Ernest Martinez are meeting weekly "until we have some sort of resolution."

The meet-and-confer process became a major issue when Dr. Martinez dropped a bombshell that pro-rata pay would be killed beginning this Fall.

Originally, the furor sparked by the announcement prompted the faculty to several actions.

One was the infamous newsletter by the so-called "Concerned Faculty" listing "11 unresolved issues".

Speaking at the Faculty Senate meeting Sept. 10, Martinez noted "After the '91-'92 academic year, Cerritos College will have a \$1.2 million problem."

In other words, the budget refuses to budge.

According to the President's perspective, the suggestion to cut pro-rata pay was to offset this budget shortfall.

However, the Administrative reps seemed to indicate that we didn't have a budget problem.

Martinez claims that there has been a financial problem since day one.

"I hope that the Vice-Presidents (on-

live, Martinez responded.

"I really can't answer for the Board of Trustees, but quite frankly, I think they read the same information I did. At that point, they wanted to assure that they saw it to be as big of a problem as I did, and wanted to take it from that perspective."

NEWS ANALYSIS

By CHARLIE WALDORF
TM Executive Editor

the Salary Committee) were quoted incorrectly, because there is a budget crisis. It's a phenomenon that's going on in California."

Other schools in the area such as Rio Hondo and Long Beach have also been hit where it hurts.

When asked about why the Board of Trustees endorsed the presidential direc-

The question regarding summer Administrative Council meetings being cancelled for the first time was answered with, "We always cancel Administrative Council meetings during the summer."

On the question of letting administrators teach, Martinez said he is concerned with the overall "institutional effective-

ness" that's what we are about, if I can find a better way of seeing how we can make this institution better, I'm going to look at that."

"The problem comes down to what our priorities are," he said.

"Having to bite the bullet" regarding monetary cutbacks may leave a bad taste in some people's mouth, but there isn't enough money to go around and it's a matter of priorities.

Several faculty Senators hurled other strong statements at the President who took them in stride with low key responses.

Dr. Bill Dunroe stated that in his 13 years of teaching, he's "never seen so many hard feelings on campus."

Fellow Senator Tom Jackson commented that faculty morale is at an all-time low.

"When you threaten a man's pocket-book, you hurt him really deep," Jackson said

SHADES OF SAL...
By Sal Panuco



The flavoring of an education

Reading is something very simple, something that is taken for granted very easily by those who can. But to Joe Sanchez learning to read and write became the biggest deal of his life.

After much hesitation and contention with fear he decided to back to school at Cerritos College at the age of 35.

Courage, something that makes a person do right, like waging a war on illiteracy and ignorance. That's just what Joe did.

He had only gotten up to eleventh grade at El Rancho H.S. before dropping-out in '74 to get a job at a liquor store for \$2 an hour.

Last Spring, Joe a devout husband and father of two came to college at a third grade reading level.

So what would make a guy earning \$11.45 an hour to come back to school? Nobody knew of his problem except his wife so why would he risk the exposure to his inferior element?

Two things made Joe want to come back. One was the fear of losing his job as a truck driver when he broke his ankle at work. That and a certain kind of self-respect.

"I got scared because I had two kids and had nothing to fall back on." Losing his job and the possibility of having to look for another meant having to deal with his illiteracy. That's where it hurt him most.

"What kept me from school was fear, pride, I thought I was too macho, I would say, 'I don't need that', but pride aside education is the key."

He had also been afraid that he would be the oldest one there but he discovered that there were other students his age or older who were also learning how to read.

After completing a second summer session reading class Joe is now reading at the 12th grade level.

He really feels good about himself, it is somewhat like the inexplicable joy of a born again christian. "It's something money can't buy- and nobody can take away from me," he said.

His wife Barbara of 18 years has also been very instrumental in getting him back to school and becoming literate. "She was someone you could cling to, because I knew she would help me," he said.

She used to do all of his paper work and read information out to him, as well as fill out his applications for employment.

Now that Joe can read, he is able to depend more on himself. He has gained new strength and confidence by learning to express himself through writing.

"It's never to late to go back to school, don't let fear stop you from reaching your goals. It used to stop me from improving myself," he said.

He tells about getting a kick out of picking-up soup cans and reading the ingredients something he never used to do.

He spends more time in the grocery store reading labels and asking himself, Is this really good for me?

Joe has now flavored some of the ingredients that make up an educated person, and he knows it's good for him.

"Now that I got a taste of education I want more, he said."

University Day Sept. 26

The 19th Annual California College and University Day on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the campus quad area.

Representatives from Cal State and University of California campuses will be on hand to answer questions.

NEWS BRIEFS

Peep Show free

(Continued from Page 1) regular performances both Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., with at 2:30 Sunday matinee.

A midnight performance Sept. 13 was an "LA type event" with many of the patrons who had seen the regular 8 p.m. show, only to go out to dinner and return for the midnight staging from 12 to 1:30 a.m.

General admission ducats are \$7.50, with students and seniors at \$6.

The "Peep Show," which is highly improvisational where anything can happen, opened Sept. 13 in Burnight.

A unique aspect is that performers play off of audience participation and suggestions for skits.

Each performance is different, de-

pending of the input and type of audience.

The popular group has met with wide success, and has been touring throughout the area for the past five years.

Concert Series to feature tenor Cesar Hernandez

Tenor Cesar Hernandez will be opening the 1991-92 Kawai America / Cerritos College Concert Series on Sept. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Burnight Theatre.

He is currently rehearsing for Othello with the Sacramento Opera and will be in L.A. on Monday, Sept. 23, singing for Placido Domingo with the Los Angeles Opera.

For more information contact Scott Henderson at Ext. 568 or 566.

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

This is the second in a series based on many questions about AIDS.

AIDS STATISTICS

There is a scourge among us that most wish would just go away; but it's an epidemic in full swing. How long before there's a preventative vaccine or successful treatment is unknown. Other issues, such as testing of doctors and dentists, remain to be resolved.

Women are increasingly at risk—see the previous column—and teens 13-18 years old are at high risk because they are not using condoms and other protective measures. Young urban Blacks and Hispanics are most likely not to use condoms because it's "macho" not to.

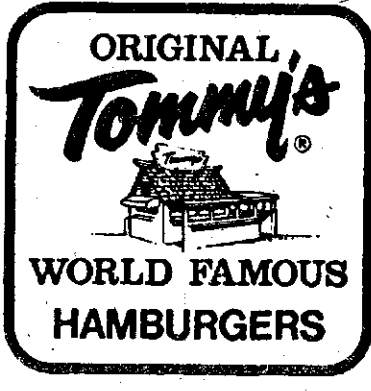
- 1. Eight to 10 million adults are infected with the HIV virus.
2. By the year 2000, it is projected that 40 million will be HIV infected.
3. One million children may have been born infected.
4. The vast majority of cases are in developing countries and are infected by heterosexual contact.
5. 113,000 children in the U.S. have died from AIDS.

- 6. The total AIDS cases globally is 1.5 million, but symptoms can take years to show.
a. 250-500 million heterosexuals have sex with multiple partners.
b. 10-20 million gay men have sex with multiple partners.
c. 5-10 million people are IV drug users.
7. AIDS is transmitted, globally, through a variety of ways.
a. Blood transfusions (3--5 percent).
b. Mother to child (5-10 percent).
c. Sexual intercourse (70-80 percent).
d. Drug injection (5-10 percent).
e. Health care needle sticks (less than 100th of 1 percent).
8. Male to female transmission was 4 or 5 to 1; now it's approaching 1 to 1.
9. For more information, of a confidential nature, contact Psychological Services, or call the AIDS 800 Hotline.

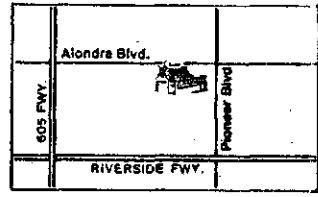
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CAMPUS COMMENT

Question: What do you think about the recent incidents of law enforcement shootings?

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CHAMROEUN SAR POL
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"It's racism"



TONY BROASTER
UNDECIDED/FROSH
"It's pretty messed-up. The police who are shooting innocent people should be kicked off the force."



TUESDAY WARDEN
PSYCH/FROSH
"I'm not comfortable on the street. The police have no reason for shooting if it's not in self-defense."



ALDO SOTIL
UNDECIDED/FROSH
"They should be more careful the way they're acting toward people."



NEFTALI ALBAREZ
UNDECIDED/FROSH
"The shootings resulted in an increased feeling of hatred between police and members of the community."

Voter registration forms now on campus

Voting is a right that is easily utilized and the Learning Assistance Program at Cerritos is trying to make it easier.

Anyone who plans to vote in the November elections must be registered by Oct. 7.

How do you register? You fill out a form.

Where can you get one? All over campus.

More specifically, caddies containing the forms are currently in LRC 25, Admissions, Student Activities, SS East Entry, the DSPS Resource Room, the Elbow Room, the P.E. building, the circulation desk at the library, and in between the Health Occupation and Technology buildings.

If anyone has trouble filling out their form, the library staff at the circulation desk have volunteered their assistance.

To qualify you must be 18 or over and a U.S. citizen.

Photo I.D.'s needed despite a slow start

Cerritos College students are now among the ranks of the photo I.D.'d.

The first semester in operation, no one predicted the large amount of time involved with I.D. preparation. Swamped with impatient students, the staff is apparently doing the job of one twice their size.

However, things can only get better. Spring '92 will bring in more equipment and an experienced staff. Then the usefulness of photo I.D.'s will outweigh the problems involved with acquiring them.

Administration feels they are necessary to improve campus security and to make enrollment easier.

They will also simplify students lives by way of a "one-card-does-all" concept. Students will no longer need a separate card to check out library books or a separate sticker for ASCC membership.

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