

CERRITOS COLLEGE Talon Marks

In these dynamic times of changing cultural, ethnic, and social demographics, let our perspective be diversity without isolation and fragmentation, unity with mutual tolerance and sensitivity... recognition of multi-cultural backgrounds... commitment to the greater good while respecting each individual's rights... that we might endure a free press and a viable education agenda for all who would "gladly learn."

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Can you read this? You can learn to...

By Christopher Ballard

Some Cerritos College students will have trouble reading this article.

They are part of some 35% of the campus population who are reading at tenth grade levels or below.

The reason for this decline in reading ability are many, ranging from increased leisure time spent watching television to a deficient system of reading instruction in elementary and secondary schools.

What used to be easy-to-read, such as automotive manuals, has now become more difficult due to the technical nature of our society.

Learning to read, for many, begins before entry into the education system. Children's books are plentiful and are the essential tools used at home to teach preschoolers.

The early grades are all-important, that is where the basics are taught.

Improved reading skills will not happen overnight. It requires good instructors and a workable program.

Cerritos College has both at the Reading Center.

Many High-school students are not prepared for the complexity of the texts when entering the community college system and although high-schools are up-grading their reading programs, many students fall short in the skills needed to complete their education.

The reading center's program is recognized state-wide as one that successfully assists students in the development of reading skills.

The program is voluntary. Any student who feels his

reading skills fall short, may enroll in one of three classes designed to boost reading levels.

No one who seeks help is turned away.

Reading 34 is geared for students reading at grade levels 10-16 and includes vocabulary development and comprehension skills.

Reading 51 is open to all students and especially aids students with specific reading/study deficiencies.

Reading 59 takes overflow students from overcrowded classes to work more one-on-one. Reading 59 is geared toward learning correct study methods and is an especially good class for new students.

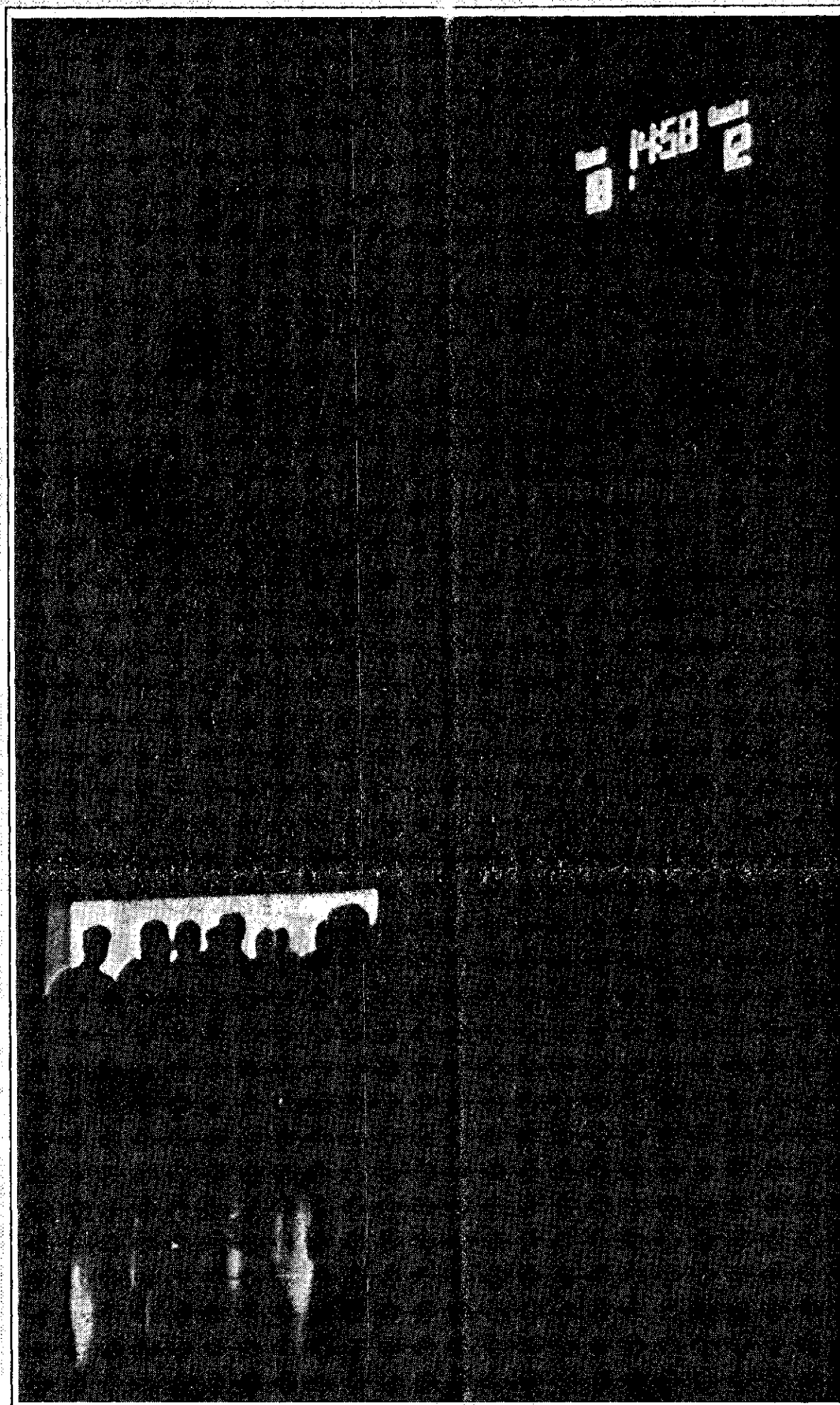
Determining just which area is suited your needs is quite simple.

Every student that enters Cerritos College is required to take an entrance battery. One of these tests, the Nelson-Denny, determines your reading level.

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New student Senate faces the challenge of changes

LIGHTNING TIME-OUT!



• LIGHTNING FROM THE FREAK STORM called a couple unofficial black-out time-outs Saturday night in the Falcon gym where the flashy league-leading Falcons stormed past LBCC 108-92. Scoreboard, upper right, did not go out, nor did the areas just off the main floor where spectators are silhouetted. — Photo by FAUSTO RAMOS.

Faculty Senate votes to urge professors not to volunteer for screening committees

By Jimmy Baro
TM Editor In Chief

The Faculty Senate voted 17-2-7 to urge faculty members not to volunteer to serve on screening committees for hiring.

"Why should we be on a screening committee when they (the Board of Trustees) ignore who we recommend for the job?" said Counseling's Senator Wayne Rue

who made the motion.

Seven prominent Senators abstained from voting for the controversial motion; however, the 17 who supported the move did so with determination.

The Senate has obviously been perturbed by Board actions which they say bypass, or completely ignore, shared governance policies regarding several recent appointments, including interim division

deans. The Senate has had enough.

It is normally considered part of their professional responsibilities to serve on various committees, and it's usually on a volunteer basis with professors choosing the committees they wish to serve on.

Under this proposal, the administration would be compelled to make direct committee assignments.

Faculty members say they cer-

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33 winners sworn in, with top slates of 6 for BSU, AGS

By Paula Feres
TM Managing Editor

They're off and running. The student Senators are back in what is seen as the "biggest semester of challenge," said Associate Dean of Student Activities Phil Houseman, who advises the student legislative body.

This will be the semester that will face such changes as reorganization of the college, district budget crunch, selecting a new president of the College and others.

All done in under a 14 week period, with the consideration of learning the rules and regulations, to negotiating the conflicts and disagreements.

"I am very excited about the prospect of the new senators excitement and all their new ideas for this semester," said Houseman.

Swearing in was at the first regular meeting on Wednesday Feb. 3 at 2 p.m.

There are only seven incumbent Senators this semester.

"Associated Students of Cerritos College have made this an outstanding organization for a long time," said Houseman in his orientation remarks.

"You're going to make things better for the students of today and future generations," Houseman said and he emphasized, "A past that's rich in heritage."

The students have contributed greatly to this institution with such

things as funding for the huge marquee out in front of Cerritos College, EOP Building, Senate Building, and the Bookstore.

They also funded such instructionally related programs as Theater, Music, Journalism, Athletics and others.

"The students also put a large portion of money towards the Touch Tone Registration for example," said Houseman. Placing Cerritos among few to participate in such a opportunity.

The 33 senator are (in order of votes received) Botum Ouk, Gabriela Covarrubias, Richard Soto Jr., Mario Gonzalez, Corina Elizondo, DaShon Quette, Sandra Soto, Ray McArthur, Claire Anderson, Wanda Dane, Colette Vasquez, Maurice Dykes, Lisa Tatam and Daisy Mae Uy Kimpang.

Others are Nigel Cobb, Valerie Bryant, Cozette Wilder, Alexander Duran, Sergei Agalzoif, Tranisha Hogan, Amy Kemmerer, Louie Major, Eddie Luy, Alfredo Martinez, Shawn Tippet, Troy Stricklin, Mark Medlin, Huy Nguyen, Xiomara Menendez, Ian McCutcheon, Eugene Opu Seminavage, Stephen Steenhoek, and David Steenhoek.

"The Senators are a step higher because they represent the best leaders Cerritos has in a program that is a step above other colleges," said Houseman. "We are dedicated to

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30 colleges expected for annual Speech tourney

Some 300 students from 30 community colleges from Arizona, California, Idaho, Utah, and Washington will participate in the Annual Tabor-Venitsky Speech Tournament, on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament is one of the largest and most competitive tour-

naments of the year. It is sponsored by Phi Rho Pi.

Events include persuasion, interpretation, impromptu, extemporaneous speaking, entertainment speeches, and readers' theater.

Admission is free to the public. Parking is free in designated areas. —DAVID ESSER

FROM CIRCLING THE CHURCH 12 TIMES Valentine's Day just another day unless you have that special one...

By Liz Aguilar

What if I shot an arrow in the air and it never came back down...?

"Valentine's Day—Not for me" is a familiar phrase these days. Hopefully those blessed with the time, money, bother and fun headache of the holiday don't rub it in.

And... what is Valentine's Day?

We recall being told that it was named after some Saint Valentine and everyone decided to love each other.

NOT!

The date set aside for this love day, Feb. 14, actually falls on the feast day of two different Christian martyrs named Valentine.

The holiday has evolved far from its origin.

It's gone from young women circling the church 12 times at midnight repeating the words "I sow hempseed, hempseed I sow, he that loves me best, come after me now."

Then their true Valentine was supposed to appear.

Today's Valentine's is full of roses, chocolate, teddy bears, and hearts.

Don't let anyone fool you... this day is for everyone!

Send a card to your mom or yourself, but take advantage of all the "love in the air."

It's a great day to let your love be known, thusly, whether the object of your RE-flection knows it or not.

Professor Mantz sidelined

Well-known Sociology professor Connie Mantz will be on medical leave the rest of the semester. Sources said she is expected to under-go exploratory surgery soon, after cancer cells were reportedly detected in her blood.

She is former president of Faculty Senate.

Thanks George, Abe!

It's a four-day weekend coming up Friday, Feb. 12 through Monday, Feb. 15.

Cerritos College will be closed in honor of the birthdays of Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Next issue of the TALON MARKS is Feb. 25. See Events Calendars elsewhere.

Special activity dates

• A special Officers Luncheon for campus clubs and organizations is slated Tuesday, Feb. 9.

• The popular monthly "Rec Night" is coming up Sunday, Feb. 21, at 6 in the gym.

• A variety of activities is scheduled for Black History Month. Check calendar and postings.

EDITORIALS

Here's to you, Mr. Presidents...

Every school child was taught to revere these two men. Both these presidents deserve our deepest respect. The cherry tree story and others were fabrications by Reverend Parson Weems, the first Washington biographer. Young George was not a self-righteous little prig issuing morality sermons and inspiring idolatry in everyone he met.

While little in Weems' book was true, Washington was a good role model. His handling of the presidency forever set the tone and prestige of the office.

All the photos of Abraham Lincoln depict a sober, almost humorless man. He was, in fact a jokester and an irrepressible story teller with a mobile, expressive face.

Lincoln laughed and joked more than any president before or since. He was criticized for it since public figures were expected to be grave and serious. He once said "I laugh because I must not weep..." His sense of humor was his armor against depression.

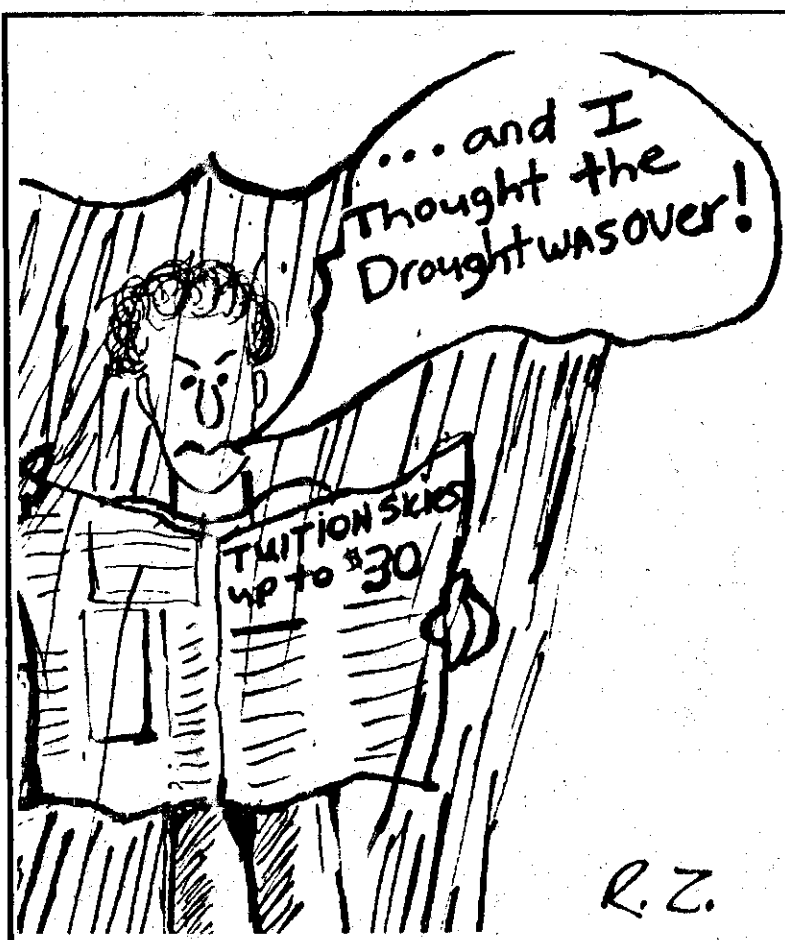
The new Republican party selected Lincoln as their candidate since he was seen to be a moderate on the slavery issue. He was elected. Lincoln believed that slavery was morally wrong.

America is not perfect, but much of what is good about it we owe to the vision and character of these two men.

George Washington established presidential policy with an eye to future generations. This was good prior planning, at least. More importantly, it was an assumption that America would, indeed endure.

Lincoln's policies forced us to remain whole in the wrenching wake of civil war. To this day we have the ability to remain whole in the face of national crises and through the periodic transfer of power. In his writings he told us who and what we are and what we stand for.

And, he said it better than anyone.



Senators given send-off

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what is best for the college and the students.

"It's not what we can get out of the college, but what can make better for the college," said Houseman. "Don't take it so serious, see it as a good experience. It's part of a learning process."

"Make it fun," said Senator Uy Kimpang.

The Senators then voted in the new Officers.

President Pro-Tem, who serves as Senate Chair in the absence of the President of the Senate, is Richard Soto Jr. of Alpha Gamma Sigma.

Majority Leader, who heads Freshman class of Senators, is Alexander Duran, Independent.

Minority Leader, who heads

Sophomore class of Senators, is Ray McArthur, Independent.

The Sergeant at Arms, who maintains order during Senate Sessions, is Maurice Dykes of the Black Student Union.

Senate Liaison, representing ASCC Senate at Faculty Senate Meetings and report back to Senate, is Botum Ouk of Alpha Gamma Sigma.

The Senate Secretary is Daisy Mae Uy Kimpang, and Senate Chair is Aladdin Nabalshi, Vice President of the ASCC.

"We are here to make sure the students get what they deserve," said Senator Duran.

A big slate of appointments is on the Agenda for next week, including approval of new members of the Court and Executive Cabinet.

Try your hand at reading...

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The test results, combined with the recommendations of a counselor, assist the student in with placement in an appropriate reading class.

Help is also available through community programs. Most public libraries offer reading programs which are easily accessible by the people who are residents of the particular city the library is in.

More is needed to help those not enrolled where such a program is available.

Project READ, a Long Beach based organization offers help to those 16 or older, who are deficient in reading skills.

The program is funded by the Special Services Program of the California Library Services act, and has numerous programs in the Cerritos College area.

'Pippin' slated for Cerritos stage in March

"Pippin," the Tony Award winning musical-comedy production, written by Stephen Schwartz, and lyrics by Roger Herson, is coming to Cerritos College March 5-6 and 12-13 at 8 p.m., with two matinees set for March 7 and 14 at 2 p.m. in the Student Center.

Dinner and dessert will be served before the evening presentations and brunch before the matinees.

This is a tongue-in-cheek story of Pippin, the son of Charlemagne, who searches for his identity, and a life of meaning.

Pippin doesn't get along with his father—a real parallel to the present generation gap — only this time dad happens to be the mightiest ruler of the Middle Ages.

The cast includes, Tom Stephens as Pippin, Ioannis Aristotle as Leading Player, Lisa Pollinger as Fastrada, James Cavens as Charlemagne, Joseph Browman as Lewis, Carolyn Hyun as Berthe, and Brandi Andres as Catherine.

Tickets are \$27.50 for general admissions, \$25 for students, staff and seniors.

For more information, call the Theatre Department at Ext. 343. —PHIL MILLER

Calendar of Events

Collaborative Study Skills Group
Tues. and Thurs. 11-12 noon in AC 52
Feb. 4 • Time Management
Feb. 9, 11 • Study Reading
Feb. 16, 18 • Note Taking
Feb. 23, 25 • Test Taking

Sports, Theatre

Feb. 5 • Low Impact Aerobics in Community Education, 4:45-5:45 pm
Feb. 5 • Women's Basketball vs L.A. Harbor
Feb. 6 • Men's Basketball vs Pasadena City, 7:30 p.m. at Cerritos
Feb. 6-7 • Heidi performance at Burnight Theatre, 1 & 3 p.m.

Learning Skills Workshops: Study Skills

Feb. 4 • Time Management
Feb. 23 • Study Reading
Feb. 16 • Foreign Language Workshop
Feb. 4 • Math Survival Skills, Your Calculator is Your Friend
Feb. 18 • Writing Skills, Writing Papers the Easy Way

Stress Management Groups

Tues. 11-noon, in AC-73

Multicultural Studies Program

African American History Month
Feb. 11 • 10 a.m., African American Market Place, Student Quad
Feb. 19 • 7 & 9 p.m., Sarafinal in Burnight Theatre
Feb. 19 • 7 & 9 p.m., A Documentary Film Festival highlighting African American Culture & featuring J. Eugene Grigsby, director of African-American Studies at UCLA on Thurs., Feb. 25, 7 p.m. in Lecture Hall 1
Feb. 27 • 7 p.m. Black Student Union Banquet

Assessment Center Workshops

Feb. 9 • Building Self Esteem, by Sue Elhessen CE, Room D
Feb. 23 • Assertion Training by Sue Elhessen, CE, Room D

Interactive Videos

Santa Barbara Bldg., Room 25, 11-noon
Feb. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 ABC News, Martin Luther King Jr.
Feb. 16, 17, 18, 19 ESL Interactive
Feb. 4, 5, Math Interactive
Feb. 8, 9, 10, 11, Speech Interactive
Feb. 4 Orientation to the Instructional Computing (IC) Lab & How to Use a Word Processor in LC-103

Learning Assistance Program

Open Lab Facilities are held in LC-207.
Monday 10 a.m.-noon, & 6-7 p.m.
Tuesday, 3:30-5 p.m. open Writing Center
Tuesday noon-1 p.m. & Thursday noon-2 p.m. Open Intermediate ESL Conversation Lab
Tuesday 1 p.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m., & 7-8 p.m., Friday noon-1:30 p.m. Open Advanced ESL Writing Lab
Foreign Language Walk-In Labs
Monday 11-noon, Tuesday 6-7 p.m., French Walk-In Lab, LC-207.
Tuesday 1-2 p.m., Wednesday 6-7 p.m. Japanese Walk-In Lab LC-206.
Monday 6-7 p.m., German Walk-In Lab, LC-207
Monday 2-3 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m. Spanish Walk-In Lab LC-207

February designated month to honor Black History, note contributions

February has been designated African-American History Month. A variety of events will be celebrated by the Multicultural Studies Program.

On Thursday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. there will be an African-American Market Place in the Student Quad.

The following Friday, Feb. 19, the Burnight Theatre will present the feature film Sarafinal from 7 to 9 p.m.

Director of African-American Studies at UCLA, J. Eugene Grigsby will be one of the features during a

Documentary Film Festival highlighting African-American Culture on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in Lecture Hall #1.

On Saturday Feb. 27 at 7 p.m., The Black Student Union Banquet will conclude the month's festivities. —JEFF ATALLA

Learning assistance programs are offered

Cerritos College Learning Assistance Program is free and open to any students on campus.

It requires no advance sign-up. These one-hour instructor-led workshops offer useful information that can help students gain more confidence and succeed at college.

The workshops are offered throughout the semester in the areas of: writing skills, study skills, foreign languages and math survival skills. —JANICE GAROFALO

Manage your stressed-out better

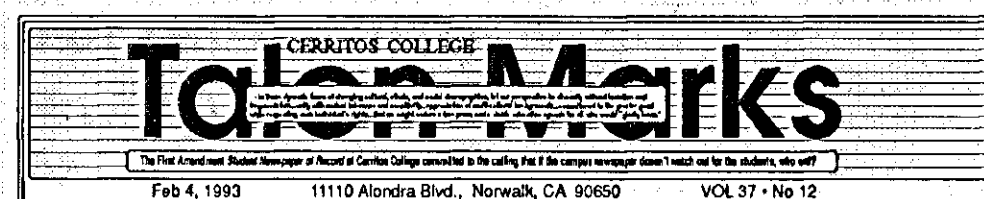
Does life seem tough? Are your classes wearing you out?

Is there never enough time?

Then the Stress Management Workshop is for you! This group will cover different topics such as, stress reduction techniques, time

and activity management, decision making, and recognizing healthy and unhealthy anxiety.

The Stress Management group meeting is every Tuesday in room from 11-12 noon in AC-73. —CARRIE REDFOX



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Dennis Anyone?

By Dennis Pangilinan

Leave the comforts of your nachos, get Phantomed

Face it, students, this is one thing you can't put off forever. And I'm not talking about Math 23.1 either. Like it or not, **The Phantom of the Opera** is leaving August 29 and along with it goes all the fun, glitz, and culture you can ever get in playing Monopoly.

And it's not as costly as you thought either. With a student I.D. you can pretty much pass yourself off as a person with style for just 15 dollars per ticket. (Maximum of two tickets per student I.D., of course.)

You must present your I.D. at the box office and pay cash. For more information, call the Ahmanson at 213-972-7401.

Seating is decided randomly by the Ahmanson Theatre's computer pending on seating availability.

All you need now is some moolah for binoculars and some loose change for parking and program. All in all, it should cost you less than \$50 to go with some date you want to impress.

That price does not include dinner so be sure to plan ahead...eg. bag a Spam-n-egg sandwich, run for the border, or try the Spaghetti Factory on Grand Ave or the all time, old-time Pantry.

Be advised though, your apparel should be other than what you would wear to a Metallica concert. Nice slacks and shirts with ties are suggested for the guys. Nice dress and curls are noted for girls.

Be sure to bring some towels and some extra dry clothes if you want to be adventurous.

Outside the theatre between the Ahmanson and the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, there's the

famous Peace on Earth fountains which shoot streams of water ten feet high at varying levels of pressure.

Couples have been known to run through the seemingly turned off fountains only to be overly refreshed from their foolishness with a brisk shot of spray.

Be forewarned though. This behavior is not likely to establish yourself as a person with style among the in-crowd.

There are a couple of minor things to keep in mind when you're watching the Phantom. He is not Michael Crawford or Robert Guillaume. The new Phantom role or soul is inhabited by the awesomely-talented Davis Gaines.

It may seem like a long play, but there is a ten minute intermission coming up during the roof scene, act something rather. The seats aren't that comfy and there's very little elbow room.

Take off your coat, it gets pretty tropic and stay away from the refreshment stand. Big price is the key word, not Big Gulp. Know which end to view through a binocular.

Cameras are not allowed but try if you might. Steer yourself and your date away from the Music Center's gift shop too. If burglars had tuxedos, they'd be working a double shift there.

And finally, talking and putting your feet on the chair in front of you is considered quite gauche.

So this Friday, put off Alondra 6 Theatres and those nachos. Spend a little on someone you won't marry.

Get Phantomed for less than fifty bucks.

CLUB INFO

— Photos by KOJI HARMON



CAMPUS COMMENTING —

Interviews by CARRIE REDFOX
Photos by MICHELE HANNO and CYNTHIA ROBLES

How do you feel about Hillary Clinton?



DONNA MOORE
History
She'll add to the Administration.



PHILLIP A. FRANCO
P.E.
I don't like her 'cause she's not Barbara Bush.



FRANK IGASON
Nursing
She's using Bill Clinton...to further herself politically.



MIRJAM VAN DE LEAR
Spanish
I like her; she is an intelligent woman.



MICHELLE SALAZAR
Advertising
Hillary is a positive influence to the female generation.



DOLORES AGUIRRE
Music
She supports abortion. I don't like that.



RONE BAUSTISTA
Law
She waves funny.



MARK RUSSELL
G.E.
She is pretty good looking for her age.

35-MEMBER COMMITTEE SEEKS 'MODELS' IN ON-GOING 'REORGANIZATION' HASSLE

By Paula Feres
TM News Editor

Big questions are being asked about the future of the College's present administrative structure.

"Is it efficient?"
"Is there a need for a change?"
Even more important, "How and where can we cut back?"

Colleges country wide are searching through every closet and drawer in efforts to garnish programs, modify jobs, redelegate responsibilities and operate more efficiently.

Interim-President Walter Magnuson has constructed a task force, "The College Council Committee," to cross examine and study the college's present administration with view to reorganizing.

This main committee consists of 35 members of faculty, administration, and students. It is broken off into five groups of seven members, each of which has had two meetings.

The deadline for the College Council's short term proposal was originally scheduled to go before the Board of Trustees next month. Sources said they have not come up with enough information to make sufficient plans.

Interestingly enough, there is also an Ad Hoc Committee from the Faculty Senate that is going to present plans as well.

These plans to reconstruct, reorganize, and redelegate responsibilities among the upper administration of the campus will go before the Board of Trustees, who will then have the final say on which "model," if any, will be used.

The charts that are circulating among the members of these committees detail the construction of this institution's Divisions. It shows the administration's responsibilities, what department is where and who supervises what.

These charts resemble the ones worked on since Spring of 1992,

under a committee called the "Effectiveness Task Force." They also looked into ideas to restructure Cerritos College's programs. Nothing ever came of it, sources say.

Now since the massive budget cuts and with talk of more IOU's, higher taxes, and increased registration fees, these questions have taken on an ominous new shadow.

Mary Jo Baker, Secretary of Fine Arts and chair of one of the five College Council committees, has come up with one of several plans.

Her "model" touches on eliminating certain areas of the administration presently vacant. For example, Director of Community Education, Director of Personal Services and Vice President of Student Services.

"It's just one of many possibilities for a short term basis," said Baker who stressed that this tentative proposal is not being considered.

What happens when the budget cuts are over and these positions that are absent are needed?

"It wouldn't be hard to bring them back," said Baker. "For the time being, what Dr. Magnuson would like to see is a short-term plan, and then a long-term study to determine the best way to organize."

Such necessary adjustments are being made in every corporation and company across the nation. In an institution such as a college many aspects must be taken into consideration.

"We have to base the outcome of such a plan on the quality of the education and question. 'How is it going to promote student success?'" said Phil Houseman, Associate Dean of Student Activities.

"Any plan that we have has to meet the quality of education that we have and that's not just in the classroom. But if we're not getting students registered. 'If we're not getting them through the orientations. 'If the buildings are not being kept clean and serviceable.' All these things end up as part of the quality educational program," stressed Houseman.

With budget cuts still apparently inevitable, considering the Governor has talked of raising fees to \$30 per unit, the college is being forced to search deeper, beyond its "across-the-board" cuts. It is now having to rip into what many see as the "life blood" of the College institution,

A high quality of education is essentially an underlined promise of an college institution, and the voice of the student to speak out about this contract is very important.

With the merging of so many departments and positions some communication and the fundamental bond that is present now among faculty, staff and students is bound to be lost, observers fear.

Serious consideration during the transformation of such an influential institution is critical. Student leaders insist that it should be evident that with so much at stake there should be more studies and much more input from students than what is apparent.

POSSE BOX

- 1-26—Simple assault on Falcon Way.
- 1-27—Hub caps stolen and both doors of 1991 Toyota scratched in unsuccessful attempt to gain entry.
- 1-27—Because of suspicious circumstances, a warrant check was run on a person in a vehicle on north side of the Technology bldg. There were no outstanding warrants.
- 1-28—Auto burglary of 1990 Honda Civic in Lot C-10. Not recovered.
- 1-30—Auto burglary of \$1030 property from 1981 Mazda RX-7. No sign of forced entry.

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Hiring hit...

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tainly don't mind serving on hiring committees — if the Board acknowledges their input in hiring selections.

During the discussion, one Senator commented that either the Board didn't have any confidence in the professionals, or they just didn't care what the faculty thought.

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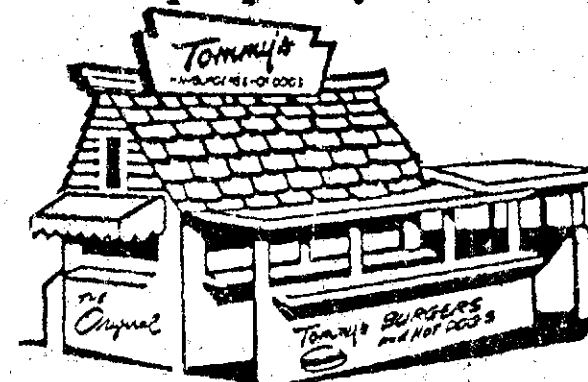
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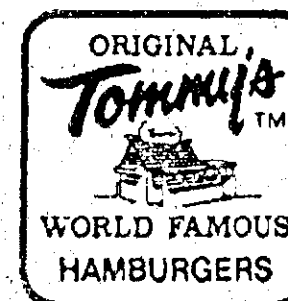
Flowers and candy are nice but novelty items are the things that add the spice. Stop by the campus Bookstore for novelty Valentine items including party shaped mugs (and boxer shaped too), shell roses, heart balloons, and a menagerie of cuddly Valentine teddy bears looking for someone to hug. We also provide a variety of Valentine Day cards from humorous to serious that will bring a smile to any Valentine.

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

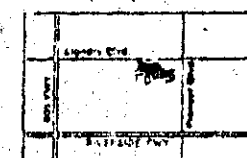


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The Falcons: men's basketball at it's best

Track, field feature frosh

By MUHAMMAD AMIN

This season the men's Track and Field squad will have a new look as they attempt to recover from last year's finish in the South Coast Conference.

Starting the season Feb. 12, at home, the Falcons face Rancho Santiago, Moorpark, Orange Coast, San Diego Mesa, and Antelope Valley in a practice meet.

"We're a freshman oriented team," said Men's Head coach Doug Wells, "we've recruited a very good Freshman team this year."

Rodshirt sophomores Dan Tapia, a transfer from East L.A., where he won the 1991 California community college pole vault championship and Anthony Bearden, a sprinter with 10.3 speed in the 100 meter event are considered by Wells to be the teams top performers.

"Bearden is potentially our top sprinter," Wells said, and we were lucky to get Tapia after East L.A. dropped the sport of track."

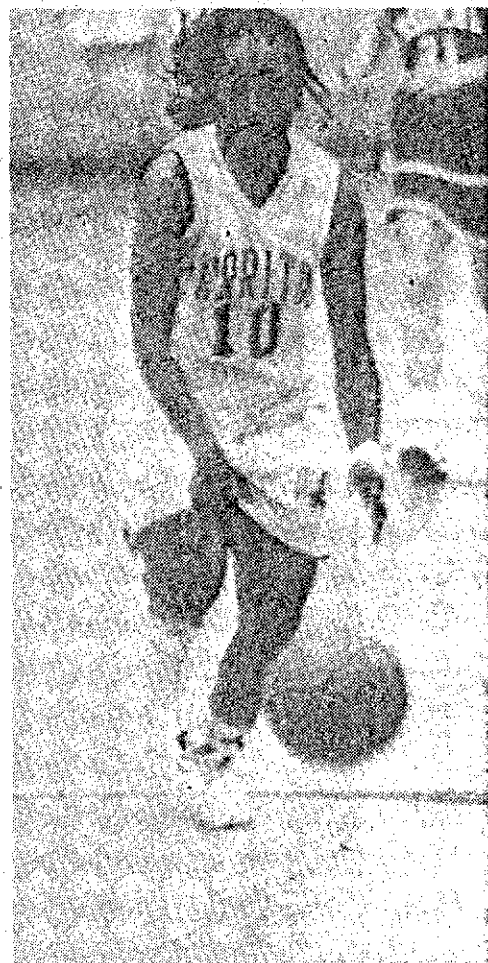
Alot of incoming talent arrives on the scene via the football team.

According to Wells, running backs Dione Tyler, Darnell Morgan and defensive back Mario Bradley top the list of two sport competitors. They will be utilized in Cerritos' strongest area, the sprint events.

Top single sport recruits figure to be high jumper Andrew Hosley (Compton), hurdler Kelvin Gamble (Centennial), distance runner Omar Naranjo (Garfield) and discus thrower Troy Strickland (Warren).

"We are in the nations toughest conference," Wells said, but we're trying to improve and move up in the standings."

Handy at handling the ball



• HOT BALL HANDLING has helped Falcon women basketballers to a 5-2 league mark. Schleice Pitts (No. 10), above, recently turned the first triple double in five years. She had 14 points, 10 assists, and 10 rebounds. Fellow playmaker is Michelle Duckworth, above.

— Photos by FAUSTO RAMOS

Conference leaders No. 2 in state; see 'em here Saturday

By Ben Villa
TM Sports Editor

In the gym, then on the Vikings. The lights went out on both as Cerritos defeated Long Beach City 108-95 in last Saturday's South Coast Conference action.

The Falcons, currently ranked second in the state has had a week off to prepare for Pasadena City who comes to Cerritos this Saturday.

There is no love lost between Cerritos and Long Beach City and tempers flared early in the game as L.B.C.C. guard Heath McCoy knocked down Falcon guard Jahi Bacon, seemingly intentionally.

It didn't seem to faze Bacon, it only made him stronger as he knocked down a 3 pointer to open the scoring.

In fact, nothing bothered Bacon who has been on fire lately, scoring 26 points and pulling down 6 rebounds.

Sophomore forward Raymond Johnson also had a big night scoring 26 points and 8 rebounds as he and Bacon scored the first 18 points for the Falcons.

With Cerritos up 18-12 in the first half, the lights went out in the gym, as the game had to be halted for ten minutes. Both teams were allowed to warm up again.

The delay didn't bother the Falcons as Cerritos took a 57-46 lead going into the locker room.

The first half ended in controversy as L.B.C.C. forward Jerry Davis shot widely as time was running out. The ball hit the top of the backboard, which by rule should have been out, but instead the ball came back into play and the rebound went to Viking forward Pat Thacker who hit a 15 foot jumper

as time expired in the half.

Nothing would rattle the Falcons on this night as they came out firing to start the second half, stretching their lead to 19 points at 70-51 behind clutch 3 pointers from Bacon and Johnson, while Javan Rouzan contributed with strong inside play scoring 18 points and a team leading 14 boards.

The Vikings did put a minor scare into the Falcons late in the game as they closed the gap to 95-88 with three minutes left in the contest.

Long Beach never got any closer as the run ended when forward Kevin Beal was called for charging driving to the basket.

"They hit some Circus shots. I think sometimes the hardest team to defend is the one in desperation, they were just coming down and shooting it and had a few go in. You figure'd they would make a run at us, they just weren't going to quit," said Head Coach Jack Bogdanovich.

The team held on to win the game behind free throws and fast break opportunities behind Todd Anderson and Darius Rutledge.

The win improves the Falcon record to 21-3 overall and 5-0 in conference play while L.B.C.C. falls to 22-6 and 3-2 in conference.

Coach Bogdanovich on the importance of this win. "It's very good going into the second half. It puts L.B.C.C. down two games, but right now you got to look at Pasadena who's only one game down. We only beat them by two on their home court and Pasadena comes in on Saturday and it'll be a tough ball game. This win still only puts us up by one game and if we lose on Saturday, this one won't mean to much, so we have to be ready."

Lady basketball strongest in years; host No. 1 Harbor

By Jimmy Baro
TM Editor in Chief

Just as the drought is over, so are to the women's basketball teams horrendous play of a year ago.

Cerritos 16-8 overall, and 5-2 in conference have already doubled their wins of a year ago.

"We're playing good fundamental basketball," said Head Coach Karen Peterson "They're understanding each other, recognizing what's going on, making that one extra pass, but more importantly, playing as a team."

The Lady Falcons could have not picked a better week, to be playing at top form, as they ripped Long Beach City and El Camino by more than 20 points.

With the Southern California Regional play-offs rapidly approaching, the women's basketball team season dreams lie on two crucial games this week.

Cerritos hosts first place, LA Harbor, Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Against LBCC and El Camino the Falcons used good combination of fast break offense, coupled

with tight defense that kept their opponents in check.

Sophomore point guard Schleice Pitts had the first triple-double in five years, as she led the team with 14 points and 10 assists, while also pulling down 10 rebounds.

As a team, Cerritos established a new school rebounding record.

The Lady Cagers pulled down an astonishing 70 boards, with four players recording double figures in rebounding, while another five had 10 or more points.

Freshman center Kate Larrabee had 13 points and 11 rebounds, forward Michelle Coleman had 11 points and 10 boards.

Guard Michelle Duckworth added 10 points and 11 rebounds, while the third Michelle, Michelle Barisdale contributed 12 points, six assists and four steals off the bench.

Eight different players recorded at least one steal, the Falcons stole the ball 20 times, as a team.

"This is probably the best crop of women freshmen that have attended Cerritos in a very long time," said Peterson.

BEN THINKIN'

Racism in sports is...as racism in sports does...

Okay, okay, so I was wrong. Dallas is a better football team and they proved that last Sunday. Congratulations to them and all the Cowboy fans.

Now to the business at hand. Jesse Jackson has been in the news in the past month.

Nothing strange about that with the inauguration and all.

But this had nothing to do with politics.

This is about baseball. Well, not just with baseball, but something much bigger. Racism.

Jesse Jackson and his followers are threatening a boycott on opening day in baseball at all Major League Parks unless there are more minority hiring in upper management and coaching positions by opening day.

This all stems from Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott's alleged derogatory statements about Blacks and Jews.

Jackson has called for Schott's resignation. The boycott can be stopped if more minority hiring happens soon. There might be a few. Enough to please Jesse Jackson? I doubt it.

To start with Jackson wants

baseball to hire retiring National League President Bobby Brown, a Black man to take over the now vacant job of Commissioner.

Problem is Brown doesn't want it. The job is for anybody who wants to be a puppet.

What disturbs me is that if Schott's statements turn out to be true then something has to be done.

She should resign and sell the team immediately or turn over the reign of power to somebody else while still owning the team but having no control over the daily operations, a.k.a. George Steinbrenner.

But this goes beyond Management. This also leads to the playing field where players are constantly saying race is the reason their playing time, respect and money problems are coming from.

If a White coach benches a Black player or vice versa, the player automatically says it's because of race.

I never heard this kind of talk 20 years ago when John Wooden was coaching UCLA, or 10 years ago at Georgetown under John Thompson.

It's become fashionable to use race as an excuse. Today's players are spoiled.

All this talk sends a bad message to the kids who look up and idolize these players.

If they see players using race as an excuse of lack of hustle, soon they will to.

Players on all levels are going to start realizing that the reason there not playing is because maybe their just not good enough or not doing the job. Instead of pouting about it and crying to the press they should just prove it on the field.

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*Friday, February 5
Women's Basketball vs LA Harbor at 7:30 p.m.
Softball vs College of Canyons at 3 p.m.
Baseball, Cerritos / Fullerton Tourn at Cerr/Ful.T.B.A.

*Saturday, February 6
Men's Basketball vs Pasadena City at 7:30
*Monday, February 8
Softball vs L.A. Pierce at 2 p.m.

*Tuesday, February 9
Women's Tennis vs Cypress(Scrimmage) at 2 p.m.
Men's Tennis @ Southwestern at 1:30

*Wednesday, February 10
Men's Basketball @ LA Harbor at 7:30 p.m.
Softball vs U.S.C.(Scrimmage) at 3 p.m.
Baseball @ Pierce at 2 p.m.

*Thursday, February 11
Men's Tennis vs Golden West at 2 p.m.
Women's Tennis @ L.A. Pierce(Scrimmage) at 2 p.m.

*Friday, February 12
Women's Basketball vs Mt. San Antonio at 7:30 p.m.
Men's Tennis (Invitational) @ Irvine at 8 p.m.

*Saturday, February 13
Men's Basketball @ El Camino at 7:30 p.m.
Baseball @ Canyons at 1 p.m.
Softball @ Rio Honda Tourn. T.B.A.

*Monday, February 15
Softball @ Taft, Bakersfield at 3 and 5 p.m.
*Tuesday, February 16
Women's Tennis @ Azusa Pacific(Scrimmage) at 2 p.m.

Baseball vs Fullerton at 2 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs Riverside at 2 p.m.
Golf vs Orange Coast @ Costa Mesa T.B.A.

*Wednesday, February 17
Men's Basketball vs Mt. San Antonio at 7:30 p.m.
Women's Basketball @ Pasadena City at 7:30p.m.

*Thursday, February 18
Women's Tennis vs L.A. Harbor at 2 p.m.
Baseball @ Casey Stengel Tourn. at Cerr/Rancho T.B.A.

*Friday, February 19
Women's Tennis @ Southwestern Tourn at S. Western.
Women's Basketball @ El Camino at 7:30 p.m.
Softball @ Fullerton Invit. at Fullerton.

*Saturday, February 20
Men's Basketball @ Long Beach City at 7:30 p.m.
*Tuesday, February 23
Women's Tennis vs Long Beach at 2 p.m.

*Wednesday, February 24
Baseball vs East Los Angeles at 2 p.m.
Softball vs Orange Coast at 3 p.m.

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