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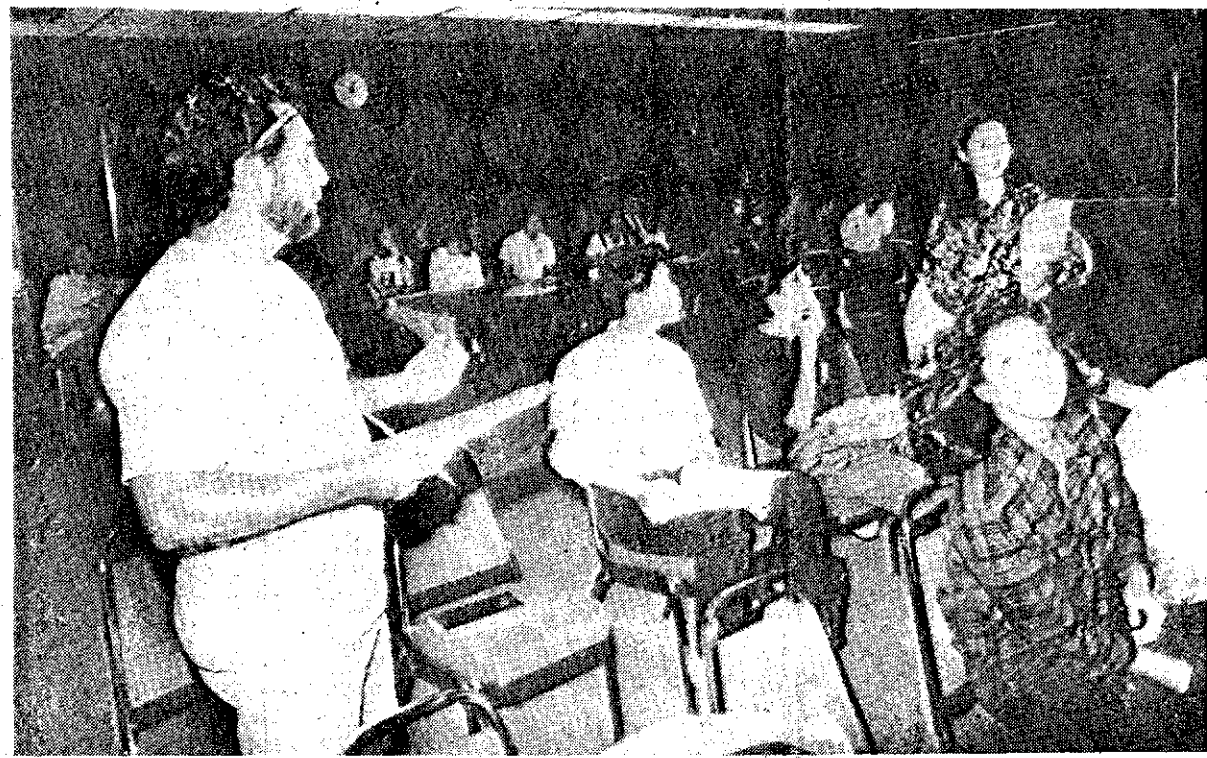
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FLOOR FIGHT — Newly elected ASCC Senator Miguel Lopez, veteran affirmative action activist, is confronted by AHORA Senator Sandra Gonzalez who led the floor challenge to his objection to a Mike Hitz appointment as a Court Justice. Action was tabled until Wednesday meet. — Photo by FAUSTO RAMOS

Lopez ignites Senate battle over approval of Hitz for Justice

By Don Jergler
TM Editor in Chief

The simple approval of a Court Justice may have been turned into an issue of racism at yesterday's Student Senate meeting.

A bitter debate broke out at the first Senate meeting, when Senator Miguel Lopez motioned to table a Bill approving the appointment Mike Hitz to the position of Court Justice.

Hitz, along with several other Court members appointed by ASCC President Helen Reyes was on the Senate floor awaiting approval when Senator Lopez, and affirmative action activist singled out Hitz saying that he needed time to conduct an investigation.

Senator Sandra Gonzalez immediately questioned Lopez's motives, which kicked off a debate that continued well after the Senate meeting ended.

The bill to approve Hitz was tabled, while the others were ok'd.

Lopez's objections to Hitz is seen as a carry over from last semester in which the funding for a club trip which Lopez was involved with was denied by the executive cabinet, of which Hitz was then a member.

The cabinet denied the funds explaining, "If we provide funding for a trip for one club, then we have to provide funding for a trip for any other club on campus."

Hitz attempted to clarify the cabinet position, using an example of a having to give money to a racist group if they were a campus club.

A related incident later broke out between Lopez and other "club members" and the cabinet in which they singled out Hitz for his statement, and accused the entire cabinet of being racists.

"I feel its a moot point. It's been discussed and distorted many times. I have been more than willing to explain my position to any organization or people. My cabinet decision was unbiased and I was only trying to represent the student body equally. I feel confident that this investigation will prove unnecessary," Hitz said after yesterday's meeting.

The primary task of the meeting was the election of officers, in which Lisa Macias came out as the President Pro Tem in a close vote over fellow incumbent Luis Da Rosa.

Athletes win big at polls; AGS, MEChA, BSU in

The athletic slate, once again, proved to be a viable political alliance, as they overwhelmingly dominated the polls during the recent Student Senate election.

The 10 athletes, who ran as independents, took 10 out of the top 12 Senate seats.

Cynthia Corona led the slate, as well as the entire ballot, seizing an impressive 215 votes.

The second most successful group was Alpha Gamma Sigma, the campus honor society, who had six out of seven members secure a position.

An organization which has not had a strong student government voice in the past is the Black Student Union, who formed an effective slate in which four out of their six members gained a spot this semester.

M.E.Ch.A., who usually exerts a substantial political voice, saw five out of six candidates capture a seat.

The next Senate meeting is Wednesday at 2 p.m. in room BK 112.

— DON JERGLER

NO DOCUMENTATION SEEN YET

Question of \$100 tuition cap apparently not settled

By Paula Feres
TM Campus Editor

A "cap" to be or not to be? That is the question which no one seems to be able to confirm about the maximum for the college tuition explosion.

An aid to Pete Wilson assured the Talon Marks that there is "no maximum" for per unit fees.

A California state legislators claims that there "is" (or should have been) a \$100 dollar cap.

Cerritos college officials vow that there is "no cap."

Everyone has information, but no one really seems to know "the facts."

What is known is that as of Jan. 1, 1993 community college students will be charged \$10 per unit, up from the \$6 per unit with a \$60 maximum.

Others who already have bachelor's degrees will be struck with \$50 per unit.

Future student elections to use scantron ballots

A new scantron automated scoring system may be on line in time for the Homecoming Queen election. Voting students will be given a scantron form with the candidates names pre-printed, and simply fill in the bubble next to their choices.

The new system will be more efficient and will save money, according to ASCC President Helen Reyes.

The old system takes several hours to tally the votes in an election. The tallying of votes was open to human error, and the people tallying the votes earn overtime.

The new system will take as little as one hour to tally the votes and require fewer people to do the work. A computer will count the votes.

Chances that the results might be leaked are less likely with fewer people knowing the counts before it is officially announced.

— KEN GRAY

This does not apply to dislocated workers, displaced homemakers or welfare recipients, who will only pay the \$10 per unit.

What started out as Pete Wilson's attempt at "jump-starting" the states' economy has turned into a state wide disappointment.

His decision has cut deeply into state promises such as low-cost college education for every qualified resident, a strong safety net for the poor and better than basic care for the disabled.

Wilson's redirecting money from distinct programs so that it could be used to support basic funding to districts, has yet to be seen as redirecting—more like cutting, slashing, and killing off.

His suspension of Proposition 98, a voter approved measure that guaranteed 40 percent of the state budget goes for funding of community colleges and other schools, is also under question.

"Part of the short falling of the budget will be made up by the increase in fees and tax loans," said Assistant Vice President of Finance Judy Christensen. "It used to be 89 percent went to schools K-12, with 11 percent to community colleges."

Now the percentage margin is "90 percent to 10 percent." The exact damage, Christensen said, could be several million dollars.

In the past 10 years the education system has lost over \$25 billion. The continuous "putting off" of fixing the budgets grave imbalance is perhaps the deepest "cut" of all. Tough times do require tough choices and they can not be avoided.

In two years this budget increase will "sunset" and colleges will again undergo the same torture of "increase vs. no increase."

Concerned about the importance education will hold in upcoming budgets, Christensen describes a widely shared anxiety about the Legislation, "They like to play games with it (the budget) constantly."

These "games" are costing college students an "arm and a leg" with an even more of a hike a real possibility.

Shades of Sal

Times a' Changin'

by Silverio Panuco, Multicultural Editor

I was five years old when I started first grade at Nottingham School in "Barrio Norwalk."

On my way to school, I would fling rocks at the cows in the field across the street from the school which is now Hermosillo Park.

But the Nottingham that I once knew is now Arturo Sanchez Elementary.

I didn't know whether to make much ado about it or not, but even the hill where we used to play as boys at Hermosillo Park is no more.

Supposedly it became a hangout for too many "locos." The "Norwalk Barrio" sign that was painted on the wall on 162nd St., had served as a "welcome sign" for intruders is gone, too.

Times are changing. And it ain't the same neighborhood that brought me up.

Norwalk's new motto is "City on the Move."

Hopefully...in the right direction.

Arturo Sanchez, Sr., who moved about a lot, was a famous guy in town.

The kids of the barrio knew him because they bought his candy, and parents bought LA Opinion, the Spanish newspaper, from him.

He'd let you go "scot free" if you were a few cents short, or work out something in special circumstances.

His little grocery store, Sanchez and Sons, which is still there on 162nd St., was not only a place where you could get menudo on Sunday, but it was the town's information center.

Residents of the barrio, many of whom spoke no English, often had questions for Mr. Sanchez who was bilingual.

He often brought the people's concerns to the city and served as mediator in the community.

The civic leaders knew him because of this, and for his involvement in local politics.

Because of his influence, he became a prominent leader, and made things happen on behalf of his neighbors.

He could call you by your name and knew your older brothers and sisters, and even your family troubles.

What stands out the most, however, is that he loved kids.

Not only was he involved in the Cinco de Mayo program, but dressed and marched with the kids in the Halloween parades.

The parade is now the Arturo Sanchez Parade.

It's only befitting that they should also name the school after him.

One night he helped me and Mom out when she got a flat tire at what used to be the Boy's Market on Pioneer Blvd.

Two days later, Mr. Sanchez passed away. I was about nine years old when it happened, more than a decade ago.

In a ceremony Wednesday the school's name was changed.

It means that a man is being honored for his exemplifying the ideal citizen; the ideal that gives light to the barrio community that has recognized the virtue of a good man who loved kids.

Ramona Lopez principal at "Sanchez Elementary" said, "I don't think it means much to the kids now because they don't know who he was, but they're going to be learning about him in a social studies section."

Lopez hopes this will heighten the importance of community leadership and social responsibility.

"Man interested only in himself...is very small, large when interested in his family...but when interested in his community he is larger still," said Aristotle.

Mr. Sanchez liked living large and courageously. If people continue to love and value people like he did, then they will create heaven in Norwalk.

Gibson, Glover bring their 'Lethal Weapon' Thursday

"Lethal Weapon 3," a movie with plenty of action and adventure that keeps you breathlessly clinging to your chair from start to finish, is one of the top box-office hits of the summer, and is coming to Cerritos College tonight, Thursday, Sept. 17, at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Burnight Theatre.

Riggs (Mel Gibson), and Murtaugh (Danny Glover) are back in action chasing after the bad guys.

The movie opens with Riggs attempting to defuse a bomb that's in a car inside a building.

After playing with the wires, he innadvertently sets the timer. Both he and Murtaugh narrowly escape, along the way grabbing a stray cat and thus avoiding a "catastrophe."

Later in the movie, the two discover that an ex-cop Jack Travis (Stuart Wilson) is involved in selling illegal drugs and guns to gangs.

At the same time, Murtaugh, who is retiring in six days, would like to capture the bad guys before then. Leo Getz (Joe Pesci) returns as a real estate agent trying to sell Murtaugh's house.

Riggs finally meets the woman of his dreams, Lorna Cole (Rene Russo), a lady detective who spends her time trying to keep herself and Riggs out of trouble.

Students with a current CCID card get in free. —PHIL MILLER

EDITORIAL

Frats and sororities provide service—not just fun and games

The search for "new blood" began with the joint-club day, where members of these particular clubs give out information on the club's rules, purpose, and interests.

A major purpose of the Panhellenic organizations is to provide a sense of brotherhood/sisterhood.

Pledging should and always will be a bit challenging with close attention paid to what is challenging and what is extreme.

Some of these methods employed have been counter-productive, to say the least.

"Questionable" activities are being replaced.

No longer are people tolerating the "mishaps" that occur during pledging. There are specific rules and guidelines set up to provide uniformity and fairness for all involved.

Hazing, a method of initiation into a student organization that is likely to cause bodily danger or physical harm to a student, was ruled illegal in 1989.

Humiliating traditions such as not being able to acknowledge a girl/guy, eating dirt, being paddled, running through cemeteries at midnight, eggs in mouths, military exercises, black books, and memorization, are some of the activities previously making up the two weeks of pledging.

In the recent past, one campus fraternity was suspended from campus activities for one full semester due to an incident in which a pledge was injured in the traditional end of pledging.

The Fraternity now has changed questionable traditions and tightened up procedures to ensure the well-being of would-be members.

Fraternities and sororities at Cerritos College are not for everyone, representatives say, but they provide real services not only for members, but for the community as well. They may have a rap as beer drinkers and party-goers, but not necessarily so for all.

Don't knock 'em all until you check 'em out. Most are your normal legit.

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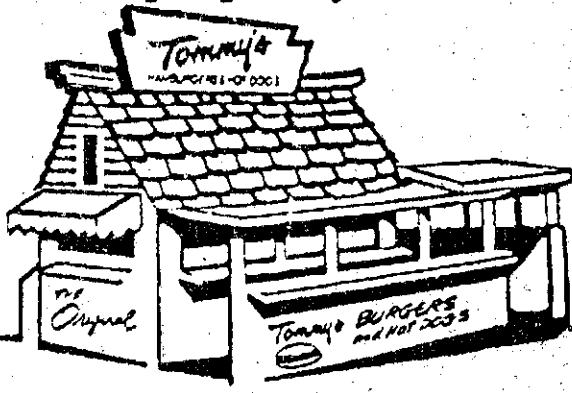
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CAMPUS COMMENT

What was your reaction to the passing out of pamphlets and condoms at the recent club booth days?

Interviews by Paula Feres, Jacquie Acevedo and Deborah Rogers. Photos by Fausto Ramos.

I didn't know about it, however, I don't agree. I believe people have a right to make their own decisions and it should be taken care of privately. I feel distribution of condoms increases sexual promiscuity.
Desiree Joslin
Theatre Arts/Sophomore

It took me by surprise since I am fresh out of High School, but now that I am in college, one tends to be more liberal. If you don't like it turn your head and walk away.
Alexander Duran
Business/Freshman



I like it. I think it's beneficial to a lot of students that do not care or involve their sexuality in safe sex-it's a very influential start.
Julius Kelly
Business/Freshman

I feel that passing out contraceptives to students is a good idea. It shows that the school is trying to make people aware of the crisis we are now in. There is no such thing as safe sex—only safer sex.
Desiree
Nursing/Freshman



I probably would have been embarrassed, but, things being the way they are, we should promote safe sex and get use to the idea of condoms and lose that sense of shame that some people feel about buying them.
Gina and friend
Undecided/Freshman

I think that it is beneficial to the cause. It makes people aware of diseases. It is better to have accessibility of condoms in school instead of taking the extra effort of getting it yourself.
Helen Wilson
Political Science/ Soph



I believe it doesn't belong in school. Sex is a personal thing. If you are old enough to have sex you should be old enough to know where condoms are sold. The ones who use them buy them, the ones who don't WONT!
Debbie Rogers
Journalism/Freshman

Passing out of condoms is a good idea because it gives those who are interested in practicing sex safe an incentive. Guidelines for safe sex is a reality that must be adhered to.
Preston Hampton
Faculty/Counselor

I think it was a good ideal Safe sex is the best kind. Safety should be reinforced.
George Deremo
Faculty

They should not have distributed the condoms. Condoms promote sex instead of reducing sexual activity.
Ashwin Patel
Biology/Sophomore

Education is necessary. Being that this is a college, I feel that people would understand that condom distribution is not to encourage sexual activity, but for safer sex. If it is passed out to limit disease rather than to glamorize their cause it is beneficial.
Michael Gregg
Sophomore

I think it's good, too bad I didn't get one! Keep them circulating!
Adam Iniguez
Undecided/Sophomore

I think it will influence people to have safer sex and to be more aware. I feel condoms represent safer sex rather than promote sex.
Pallavi Bhakta
Nursing/Freshman



I think that it should happen more often, that way people are more educated and are more ready to learn.
John J. Angel
Marketing/Sophomore

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A large selection of CSU, UC, independent colleges, and universities have been invited to participate in an annual College and University Day.

The Counseling Department will be hosting the event on Thursday, Sept. 24, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Quad area.

Among these are UC Berkeley, UCLA, Cal State Fullerton, Biola, and many more.

Students are encouraged to participate in this event and explore the possibilities other campuses have to offer.

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-ED GONZALEZ

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