

• **FOUR-DAY WEEKEND**
Thanks to George Washington and Abraham Lincoln — and the Congress: No school Feb. 18-21

• **BLACK HISTORY**
The entire month is devoted to the celebration of the Blacks' contribution to history....

• **RECORD BREAKER**
Kate Larrabee needs only three rebounds tonight to break school record in women's basketball

• **INTENT TO REGISTER**
Time to sign up to register if you intend to take summer classes. Times will be mailed to you.

Talon Marks

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ASCC hosts Gaskin today at 2 in Senate

By Carrie Redfox
TM Campus Editor

Student Senators today will participate in an open forum with Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin.

"I think this is an excellent chance for students to come out and talk to Dr. Gaskin," stated Daisy Mae Uy Kimpang, ASCC Vice President and Senate President.

Campus Police Chief Don La Guardia will present a donation of \$500 to the ICC scholarship fund at the meeting.

The donation is the proceeds from last month's Campus Police auction.

ICC Scholarships of \$75 are awarded to between five to ten Cerritos College students at the Spring and Fall banquets.

Along with Dr. Gaskin and Chief La Guardia, John Mc Ginnis, Director of Library Resources, will

be guest speakers, at today's regular 2 p.m. session.

Next week's Senate meeting will feature Dr. Serafin Zaseuta Vice President of Academic Affairs.

"The key to being a Senator is participation," announced Uy Kimpang before the voting of Senate Officers, during the new Senator's orientation meeting.

Three-time Senate office holder Gabriela Covarrubias has been named President Pro Tempore.

Covarrubias will serve as Senate chair in the absence or direction of the Senate President.

Covarrubias also served as Vice President of Finances and Vice President of Administration for Alpha Gamma Sigma, campus Honor Society.

The sophomores appointed Lisa Tatum for the position of Majority Leader, serving as titular head of the class.

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NEWS ANALYSIS/Marla Amendola

Faculty Senate frustrated

By Marla Amendola
TM Associate Editor

During the past three Faculty Senate meetings the biggest piece of business has been the Accreditation issue.

It occupies many lines on the agenda disguised as various ad hoc committee reports, subcommittee plans, College Council, Action Plan Committee, AB 1725 mandates, etc., etc.

There clearly exists a redundancy of administration and the various and sundry administrative functions at all levels.

At the meeting yesterday, it was charged that faculty members were finding it difficult to take an interest in serving on any further committees or crowding yet another

meeting into the Spandex schedules they all seem to be carrying.

The reason given was that everyone was sick of seeing the planning and not the implementation of the plans.

One member said he would have put Cerritos on probation three years ago for the inability to rectify the problems the Accreditation Board perceived originally.

The right hands don't seem to know what the left hands are doing. When asked to state priorities, teaching and learning were listed. Talk about vague generalities.

Later, they were asked, more specifically, to list educational priorities as they relate to budgeting.

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Black History program

A special program in the Student Center yesterday (Feb. 15) featured the Cerritos College Gospel Choir, the college Jazz ensemble. More activities are slated this month.

— TM Photos by FAUSTO RAMOS



Proposed tuition increase may top \$20 a unit

By Jeff Atalla
TM News Editor

Going, going...gone. Once again, Governor Pete Wilson is proposing a tuition increase from \$13 to \$20 per unit, for community college's.

If the proposed bill passes in full, without any changes, classes would now cost \$60 instead of \$42.

According to ASCC President, Aladdin Nabulsi, "They're probably going to say, we'll be nice guys,

we'll compromise and make it \$15 a unit, but they'll keep raising it little by little so students don't feel the costs all at once."

Apparently, that was the case last year when Nabulsi and other ASCC members went to Sacramento to fight the, then proposed \$30 per unit fee hikes.

In the end, Sacramento compromised at \$13 per unit, a substantial increase from \$6.

"If the \$20 increase passes many

students will drop out of college and be forced to work full time and save money in order to come back," stated Nabulsi.

Cerritos College is not the only target the bill will be facing.

The average age at Cerritos is 29. The majority have a home, family, and maybe laid off from work, and trying to advance themselves in education.

Twenty dollars per unit would be out of their league, once all other

ills are considered. They may have to leave Cerritos.

We already had a major decline in enrollment over the past two years alone.

In the 1992 Fall semester, enrollment was 21,033.

In the 1993 Fall semester, enrollment fell again to 19,349.

Enrollment continued its drop this semester.

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\$6 million remodeled library to open in March

By Deborah Rogers
TM Associate Editor

Have you ever thought about doing a little remodeling...

You know...like just a new set of curtains, shelf paper and, and the likes, before you knew it...

Well, back in Sept. '88 the money allocated to remodel the library/LRC (learning resource center) was \$50,000. No frills, no thrills, just the basics.

Then by December, after the initial plans were drawn up, \$500,000 became the price tag, all coming from the Cerritos College general fund.

A decision was then made in Feb. 89 to go all out and apply for state funding, so an expansion could then be possible.

So from approximately 20,000 square feet, we have more than doubled our library service area.

We now have 46,220 square feet of study area's, including tables, carrels, lounge chairs, small group study rooms, and typing areas.

There are rows of bookshelves loaded with periodicals, circulation, reference and a law collection, and just about any other book we could need.

With offices, restrooms, staff

lounge, and paralegal lab, among the other areas that round out the impressive new facility.

This "little" \$50,000 face lift has evolved into a \$6,080,000 extravaganza.

The breakdown of the money spent is: construction \$5,325,000, equipment \$295,000, Architectural and planning fees \$460,000, all from state bond money.

The Associated Students of Cerritos College donated \$100,000 to purchase an automation system for the library that will replace the old card catalogue.

Selection and installation of the

new computerized system will take around eight months.

The library will be closed from Feb. 28 to March 4 so they can install a new security system, fire sprinklers, and move the rest of the furniture and books into the new facility.

The new library is expected to open in March with the Grand Opening Ceremonies planned for April, during National Library Week.

Six million dollars and six years later, we will have the long awaited and anticipated library/LRC.

Calendar

- Feb. 16
Board of Trustees — 7 p. m.
Women's Basketball — Here at 5:15
Men's Basketball — Here at 7:30
UC Irvine Reps — 9 a.m to 1 p.m.
- Feb. 17
CSU Fullerton Reps — 9 a.m to 1 p.m.
"Expressions from the Soul through Quilts," by Women of Color, 11 a.m. to 12:30.
- Feb. 18
College closed in honor of Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 21
College closed in honor of Washington's Birthday
- Feb. 24
Activity Night 6:30 p.m.
Afrikan American Marketplace Quad — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Feb. 28
Student Presidential Applications Available Student Activities Office

With apologies to Mr. Swift...about them non-studying type students

There has to be a better way of weeding out the deadwood before they take up a place in a class only to drop out weeks later. Progress Probation seems like a good idea, but it doesn't seem to be working very well.

Here we are one month into the semester and it is suddenly looking like the thinning of the herd at Wood Buffalo National Park.

Here, instead of men with guns shooting a given number of animals, you have the first round of exams thinning the student population.

It's a pity that there were so many students who couldn't get classes at the start of the semester who would easily find a space in classes with numbers now dwindling due to the threat of having to prove they actually gave a damn.

Nearly all Divisions have lost several instructors and have been unable to replace them due to budget cuts. This means that classes that used to be offered every semester are now being offered only every second or third semester.

If a class is not offered in the summer, a student may be delayed for up to a year and a half in obtaining his degree or in transferring to a four-year school.

Often times, a person cannot afford to carry only a part-time job while he tries to catch a class. Or, he can't afford to pass up an opportunity for full time work to see his college career through to the end.

In either case, a grave injustice is being done when motivated, goal-oriented students can't stay on a stable track due to the caprices of the unfocused student who takes up a space in a class and then drops it because they didn't invest enough time and effort to get through the first exam.

Maybe we should thin the herd like we do the buffalo. After the third class or the second assignment missed, we might consider Jonathan Swift's very modest proposal and shoot the guilty and shock the world's hungry with the meat.

—Written for the Editorial Board by MARLA AMENDOLA

EDITORIALS



Be my Valentine any time, please; don't wait around until it's too...

By now Valentine's Day is over. Past, gone, wait 'til next year. The flowers are in the vase, the cards in the desk and the chocolates are half gone.

Too bad Valentine's Day isn't year round. It should be and there's no reason why it couldn't be. Like many things in this day and age, we take things for granted, like your Valentine, whoever it is.

Whether it's your boyfriend or girlfriend, spouse, parents, or friends, we tend to think of them as being there whenever we need them.

Not of all of you, but some people don't really appreciate their partner.

You shouldn't have to wait til the 14 of February to send somebody roses or candy.

Everyday can be special. You never need a reason or a date to send somebody something, never. The 14th is just a date somebody made up. If you want to show your love everyday of the year, be our guest. You could send a card, write a letter, or walk with them instead of in front of them.

You never need a specific day to say I love you. Tell them how special they are to you. Cherish them, not spoil them. Appreciate all the things they give you, support, compassion, respect, kindness and love.

If you have someone special, consider yourself blessed. Do not take them for granted. Whether you've been together for two years or two months, what does that matter?

Appreciate the time you spend with each other and tell them how much they mean to you. Don't bicker or fight about the meaningless things. Instead do the little things that mean the most.

Why wait 'til February to say you care. After all, it only comes around once a year.

Who wants to wait for that.

—Written for the Editorial Board by BEN VILLA

We could sure do a whole lot worse than of' George W. and Abe L...

Washington and Lincoln. Are their respective birthdays only significant because they mean two day off from our normal occupations?

These days we tend to examine our heroes under a microscope to ultimately find them wanting. It's a symptom of the times to give the tabloid treatment to even the most traditional of our sacred cows.

Washington and Lincoln both can stand up to the vulgar scrutiny of such treatment.

Washington was raised to be an aristocrat. He wanted only to be a gentleman farmer. He had no personal political ambition. Yet, when he saw a need, he could not turn away because of an inescapable sense of duty.

Before the Revolutionary War, he served in the Virginia Militia and in the House of Burgesses.

Later he was the compromise choice for Commander of the Continental Army.

As a military leader he did not enjoy a lot of successes because of recruitment, equipment, and money problems. Still, enemies were known to back off because of his personal reputation for perseverance in the face of dire conditions.

He reluctantly accepted the Presidency to help get things rolling in the new country, and accepted a second term to give continuity to the country because the political climate was unstable.

He set the tone of the American Presidency as one which served the people rather than the imperial presidency others tried to forge.

In the end, he turned down a third term because he was convinced that it would not serve the people as well as some new blood in the executive office would.

Lincoln was a man of strong convictions.

He believed in democracy and he believed that the preservation of the young Union was essential to the common welfare of all her citizens.

He was raised at a time when slavery was a fact of life, but he personally opposed it.

Because he was a lawyer, he fought the issue of slavery on purely Constitutional grounds.

In one of the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates that he said, "a house divided against itself cannot stand."

He felt that we would end up slave or free but not both.

He argued against the Dred-Scott Decision because it allowed for slavery in the territories irrespective of the wishes of the majority of the citizens.

He tried to resolve issues with reason, and failing, imposed radical war power authority, suffering much criticism in the process.

He argued with his advisors against delaying the election for his second term because of his lack of popularity. He wanted to preserve the Union with all its democratic processes intact.

Lincoln fought to bring the South back into the family with as little rancor as possible.

Lincoln, while suffering many personal disappointments, defeats, and tragedies remained steadfast in his belief that this democratic republic of ours was worth preserving.

Neither Washington or Lincoln was perfect, but one was a man of duty, and one was a man of ideals.

If you had to choose a hero, you could do worse.

—Written for the Editorial Board by MARLA AMENDOLA

... by the District. Such negotiations are to comm... on September 1, 1993, and October 31, 1993.

District's initial proposal for changes in the Bargaining Agreement is as follows:

1. ARTICLE 5 - COMPENSATION

Change article (page 22, lines 2-4) to read: There will be a salary adjustment decrease of 5% applied to the 1993 salary schedules utilized to compensate classified bargaining unit employees effective July 1, 1994.

2. ARTICLE 6 - HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

Article 6.1 - Medical Coverage for 1994

Change the last sentence of Article 6.1.1 (page 31, lines 7-11) to read as follows: For the period January 1, 1994, through July 31, 1994, the District will pay the premium for the medical plan.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above copy of a page in the Board of Trustees backup material which listed the item indicated. Some CCEA members were reportedly upset the TALON MARKS printed the public information. Even a couple Board members reportedly publicly quipped something.... We don't make 'em up!

DEAR EDITOR:

What????!!! No coverage of the 30+ retirees of Cerritos College?

Two identical articles on the coffee shop - Strawberries

Are they more important?

How many years do these retirees represent collectively?

You missed the boat as usual.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was sent to the TALON MARKS without a name...

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The Faculty Senate talks

This task could have been completed ages ago since the Accreditation Board categorically stated that planning had to be in budgetary terms.

Hiring policies need not have

been wrangled over for so long, either.

The faculty has felt it has been losing "the battle" to administrative one-upmanship.

The Accreditation Board said that the Board of Trustees was micromanaging.

It was said in the Faculty Senate that the Board needed to be reminded that policy, not procedure was their area of authority.

At the time they were asked to list priorities, no one seemed to know what impact the list would have on

the budget or if it would actually replace the budget. There seemed to be no clearly understood guidelines as to whether faculty was to come up with just a dream sheet or an accountant's budget.

The Faculty Senate is composed of good people who are disposed to help.

The problem seems to be that due to bureaucratic overlap in the past and exponential overload of already tight schedules in the present, it is harder to care. It seems like wheel-spinning.

Retirement dinner leaves bad taste...

By MARWA MORSI

I didn't want to write this, but they insisted. Josephine Condon from the Transfer Center called and asked why we didn't write an article on the Retirement Dinner that was held on Jan. 26.

Straight to the point --- it was a joke.

Don't get me wrong, the people who organized it did a great job as far as decoration, dinner, cake, and the entertainment.

The retirees deserved it all and more.

Tables were nicely arranged and the Mexican dinner was tasty. The cake was huge, a true work of art.

And what other way to have such a sensitive, elegant and fancy dinner but with paper plates and plastic utensils?

You heard me right. Not to mention the soda cans we had to drink from.

What a way to honor those who spent years of dedication and loyalty to this school.

Yet, one of the biggest surprises were the presenters, the Board of Trustees, who awarded the retirees...only 21 out of the 43 of whom bothered to show up.

The messing up of names, and even gender, was cute. They claimed that the retiree "is my long time friend." Yet, they had difficulties pronouncing their names. There was hardly a paragraph, sentence, or a word that wasn't mispronounced or asked about.

Whispers on stage were as obvious as a pin drop. Microphones help the audience hear the chit chat, didn't you think we would hear you loud and clear.

The heart of the school who are supposed to make it all "better" somehow managed to take some of the "heart" out of the occasion. The people who are holding the future of Cerritos College in their own hands.

The "Retirement Dinner" was no classy picnic.

You know by now why I didn't want to write this.

But they asked for it. The intent was doubtless admirable, the overall campus spirit these days was dampening.

However, hope is still only a sincerity away.

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Cosmetology a cut above

Most of us may believe Cosmetology is nothing to get excited about. You learn to cut someones hair. That's not always the case, there's alot we don't know about this profession. It takes alot of hard work and dedication to be successful in this competitive field. Here at Cerritos College, the hard work paid off for two first year students of this department. On the weekend of Jan. 28-30, Alicia Grandos and Shontoya Hooker participated in the 26th Annual Long Beach Beauty and Trade Show, held at the Convention Center. It's participants in attendance were roughly half a million, including students from Japan and other countries. Competitions were held for students as well as professionals. Alicia was awarded fourth place in the Manequin Styling category, while Shontoya placed third in the Female Model Styling category.

Both competitions were entered by more than forty students. The students visit was a field trip to learn the newest techniques for Cosmetology. The Cerritos College Cosmetology Dept. is well staffed with students, but have very little business. These students are trained to complete the same service as the professionals. The Dept. welcomes the public as well as students six days a week, Mon-Sat. It is an economic alternative to the expensive salons and right now they are offering a 10% discount to students with an ID through the end of Feb. There hours are, Weekdays: Mon-Wed; 11:30-3:30, Thurs; 12:00- 3:30, Fri; 8:30- 3:30, and Sat 8:30- 2:30. Weeknights: Wed-Thurs; 5:30-9:00. For more information call ext. 2950.

By PATRICIA CRAWFORD

Uy Kimpang, Ballard, Kaupa take firsts in Speech Invitational; 16 colleges here

Cerritos College hosted the Annual Tabor Venitsky Invitational over the weekend and did not come out disappointed.

The team looked very impressive with three first place finishes, one second place, two third places and four finalist.

The speech tournament included

INTENT TO REGISTER

Continuing students who wish to take classes during the 1994 summer session need to file their intent to register in the Admissions Office between Feb. 7-April 19.

Student I.D. is required to complete the process.

After completion, students will be sent an appointment card to see a counselor in the mail.

—DEBBIE ENGLAND

16 schools from all over Southern California, plus San Francisco and Arizona.

The next speech tournament will take place this weekend, starting on Friday at the Spring Regional Championships to be held at Long Beach State.

Some 325 students participated in events held throughout the campus.

Cerritos placed fourth out of the 16 schools, with three first place individual awards.

"They did so well, fourth out of 16 schools. The squad is really coming together and were getting ready for state," said Speech Coach Max Freifield.

The weekend was highlighted by the performance of ASCC Vice President Daisy Mae Uy Kimpang who placed first in the Lincoln-Douglas Open Divisional Debate. Christopher Ballard took top

honors in the Extemporaneous Novice Division and was a Finalist in Novice Impromptu.

Betsy Kaupa also finished in first place for the Poetry competition. Loneth Man placed third in Novice Informative, Mathew Pizzo was a Finalist in Impromptu and Patty Ramirez came in third in Novice Drama. — BEN VILLA

Art Gallery to receive facelift

The Cerritos College Art Gallery is going over a face lift.

Out with the old such as The National Society of Watercolors and in with the new display, called Urban Realities.

The show opened Feb 15 and will continue through March 10.

—Joe Bass

CC Falcon Martin Luther King Jr. revisits

• **ATTITUDE CHECK**—We can't figure out if the Photo-journalism students have Spring fever or are just over-developed. If that's the case, they should beware of becoming over exposed. • **MID-TERMS**—Have you noticed how the first round of tests have thinned the population? By mid-terms we should all be able to find a parking place. So far, the \$15 parking fee has been just a hunting license. • **SAY WHAT?**—Who had the bright idea to lock the 65 cents-a-pop candy machine and charge \$1 for the same items at the basketball games. Good fund raiser, bad public relations. • **NO RESPECT**—One of the Long Beach City College basket-

ball players was seen shooting baskets during the playing of the Star Spangled Banner. This is a real lack of class, guys. • **FOUR SEASONS**—Who says we have no seasons in California? We have fire, flood, earthquake, riots, and longish Board Meetings. So there! • **MORE BAD DRIVERS**—To the people who are driving around all crazy. Remember, you are not the only ones on the road. Think before you get into your car, because one of these days you may hit something or even someone, and then the warden or grim reaper will judge your moves. • **BLACK HISTORY**—The best program we've seen in a long time. Cleveland Hunter as Martin

Luther King and the gospel choir were great. Thanks to Multi-Cultural Studies and BSU and others. • **FILE INTENT**—Don't forget to file your intent for summer session between Feb. 7 and April 19. I.D. is required for filing. • **3-MAN HOOPSTERS**—This week is the last chance to sign up for three-man basketball. Sign up at Student Activities Center. • **\$100 PRIZE OFFERED**—Write a 500-word essay on the importance of knowing about your roots and maybe win one of two \$100 scholarships to be given. Call Julian White at Ext. 2487 for more info. It's due Feb. 25, by 4 p.m.

DENNIS ANYONE...Dennis Pangilinan You're guilty until proven...and the cops are scary

Six weeks into the regular doldrum of college, my life took a turn for a U as I became suspect, convict, and freed prisoner within a span of three hours. 12:30- Returning from school, I found a most curious business card jammed precariously on my doorframe. In utter angst, I read the quickly scrawled writing of "Please call Me!" atop a Police Detective Barney Miller (all names have been changed to protect the guilty), Juvenile Department of Buena Park. Immediately, I thought of my little sister trapped in jail with her brother her only savior out. After calling the number, I realized the note had nothing to do with my sister but rather me. "We need you to stop by the station and answer a few questions, Mr. Pan-geet-linan?" replied Barney. "We have your friend, John Doe, over here who claims he gave you the goods in exchange for the money he owed you." My heart raced as a series of questions I couldn't answer were posed to me over the phone. "Where were you on the

morning of January 21? Did you ever shop at...a major department store...?" and "where did you put the goods?" After some hesitation, I quickly agreed to stopping by to clear my name. I made an assessment of my clothing and realized that my long black jacket and baggy shorts could put on an unfavorable impression of me. 1:43- Freshly changed in my Wally Cleaver attire, I sprinted over 91 East to get to the Buena Park Police Station. Once there, I couldn't shake the uneasy look of a condemned man that the officers gave me. I offered my hand. Barney didn't take it. He walked behind me and studied my responses. After reaching another room, another detective took one absolving look at me and said, "He's not our guy." He continued, "Do you know a lot of Filipinos?" I said, "I guess so," to which they snorted as if it was a sarcastic remark. I was shown the surveillance

footage of John Doe at work in a major department store, giving his accomplice the stolen goods. After being unable to identify him, I quickly showed them how Pangilinan could be spelled in three different ways, noting how my name was misspelled on their suspect list. Barney thanked me and shook my hand. "Have you ever been to a police station?" After saying no, he said "Well, you could put it in your memoirs." I smiled back and said that I was a journalist and perhaps I could write about the experience. Frowning, he retorted, "Well, there's no need to get that excited about the whole thing." Feeling enormously relieved to the point of being a citizen again, I realized that my views on capital punishment and the law have changed. Mistaken identity always seems to draw the laughs in the movies, but in real life... Meanwhile, there's a guy out there with my name and stolen goods still at large. A regular Dennis to Society.

Last session in positive parenting Friday night at 7

Cerritos College will be offering the last of their three-day workshops on "101 Ways to Positive Parenting" this Friday, Feb. 18 from 7 to 9 p.m.. The workshop is being sponsored by the Community Education Office and is designed to help both parents deal with their children from both marriages. Discussions on self esteem, limit setting and instilling hope will be presented by Dr. Charles Ara, a licensed marriage counselor and Community Education instructor. The lecture fee is only \$29 per person and \$39 per couple. For more information, contact the Education Office at (310) 467-5050 Ext. 2521. —CYNTHIA ROBLES

Transfer workshop today, tomorrow answers questions

Are you a student with questions or doubts about transferring to a four year college? The Cerritos College Transfer Center is here to answer questions regarding admissions, applications and workshops. The Transfer Center also hosts a calendar of beneficial events and holds college fairs on a regular basis. The following schools will have representatives on campus for UC Irvine, Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 9-1 p.m. and Cal State Dominguez, Thursday, Feb. 17 from 9-2 p.m. For more information on these and other events, contact the Transfer Center at Ext. 2154. —TASHA WIGGINS

University Women to honor outstanding Cerritos students

Cerritos College is the newest member of the American Association of University Women. AAUW is the oldest and largest national organization working for equity and advancement of women through education. The La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the AAUW will honor outstanding women students from Cerritos College at a general meeting on Saturday, April 16, in the college Board Room. Professors have been asked to submit nomination forms by March 18. —Maria Amendola

Men's basketball gets back on track after losing 2 straight; El Camino here tonight

By Ben Villa
TM Editor-in-Chief

After Cerritos lost its last two games to Long Beach City and Pasadena City, the Falcons knew it was gut check time.

Cerritos was coming off two straight losses and L.A. Harbor knew coming in that if they won they would be tied with the Falcons for second place in the South Coast Conference.

If the Falcon's confidence was shaken they sure didn't show it as they went on to handily defeat Harbor 105-84 in business-like fashion at last Saturday's action.

Cerritos improved its record to 23-6 and 6-2 overall and trail Long Beach City by one game with two left.

The Falcons tip it off tonight against El Camino here at Cerritos at 7:30 p.m. in the final home game of the year.

In the game against Pasadena City on Feb. 9, Cerritos shot 60 percent but still game up short 81-78 because Pasadena was unconscious all night long as they

hit everything in sight.

That brought the Falcons into Saturday's game against Harbor, a team they already beaten earlier in the year in impressive fashion 102-80.

Harbor started the game with the intention of slowing the game down and limiting the action to half court action. It worked for awhile but Harbor still trailed Cerritos 59-45 going into the first half.

Monty Owens owned the baseline as he scored 16 first half points and Jovan Rouzan was a force inside as he managed 17 of his own and grabbed eight rebounds before entering the locker room.

The second half was basically a walk through as Cerritos built leads as many as 25 and never had a need to look back.

Cerritos was too talented and too quick for Harbor. The Falcons started to run more behind the guard play of Ryan Brass, the Barnes Brothers Eric and Derrick, and converted on easy lay-ups plus the fact that they shot well all night.

Harbor never really got in sync

and didn't have anybody to go to run their offense as they played sporadically the rest of the way.

Head Coach Jack Bogdanovich got to exercise his entire bench as they played most of the remainder of the game.

"We thought we came in ready to play and I think we did a good job. We still have some problems with errors and some guys are not as serious as others but we still have a week to go to get back on top. We know now that we can't just score and expect to win, we have to play better defense," said Bogdanovich.

With the win it will probably hold the Falcon's ranking to Fourth in the state and second in Southern California.

"The team was a little down after our two losses but we just tried to bounce back tonight. We're still turning the ball over too much and standing around on offense, we have to work on that," said Brass.

Falcon Guard Timmie Seals saw his first action of the season as he was sidelined with several injuries during the year.

Women's tennis working on getting 'mentally tough' for conference bid

By Nofu Tautolo
TM Sports Editor

With all the rain and stormy weather, the Cerritos College Women's Tennis team were in full gear as they took on Irvine, Saddleback, and Golden West in a group of scrimmages.

The team had no trouble winning their first scrimmage match against Irvine, which was played Tuesday, Feb. 1. Despite the team's efforts, Saddleback and Golden West came out on top defeating the Lady Falcons in their final of three scrimmages.

According to Coach Terri Button, the team seems to be doing really well; however, they would need to work on mental toughness and a little more on foot work which will enable them to have solid games. Because the team is mainly made of freshmen, Coach

Button says the scrimmages were good learning experiences for both new and returning players.

As far as the returning players are concerned, Coach Button is much impressed with the performance coming from the sophomore players. Button said Bernadette Mendoza is improving despite her injuries. "Bernadette is strong in doubles competition because she's very aggressive at the net," says Button.

Veteran player Denise Wilson, who is seeded number one and has already won the majority of her matches, will team up with Mendoza in what Button describes as a "very competitive pair."

Returning player Kathy Taing, according to Button, has shown a lot of improvement in more ways than one. "Kathy has really improved competitively, and she's

really focused and mentally tough," says Button.

Taing will pair up with veteran player Carolyn Pham when available. Pham is enrolled in the Cerritos College Nursing program, and will probably participate in doubles when the matches are played at home.

When Pham is not available, Taing will continue playing doubles with her regular partner, Ester Gomez.

Team wise, Button feels that their singles game is coming a lot stronger than doubles only because it's still the beginning of the season and the doubles partners are still unfamiliar with each others strategies.

With pre-season matches already starting, Coach Button feels that the scrimmages are good learning experiences to prepare the team for Conference which opens Feb. 24.

NO BIG DUMB JOCK HERE Nuclear engineer is a tough road study on; Ray McArthur is set on making the grade

By Ben Villa
TM Editor-in-Chief

Ray McArthur is no dumb jock.

He may be big, he is a football player, but dumb, hardly.

He could single handily crush that stereotype all by himself.

As an athlete, he played football in the fall and will continue to compete in track in the spring.

X's and O's aren't exactly the easiest things to learn.

As a student, he excels with A's and B's in most of his classes.

Now here's the difference, he's a student first, athlete second.

Surprising, in this day and age where most kids who play sports are looking to skip practice, miss class and only get a free ride on their athletic ability.

It doesn't matter that some of them can't read or write beyond a fifth grade level.

Ray McArthur is no such person.

He has his priorities straight, he knows what he wants to be, a nuclear engineer.

Nuclear Engineering?

It's different.

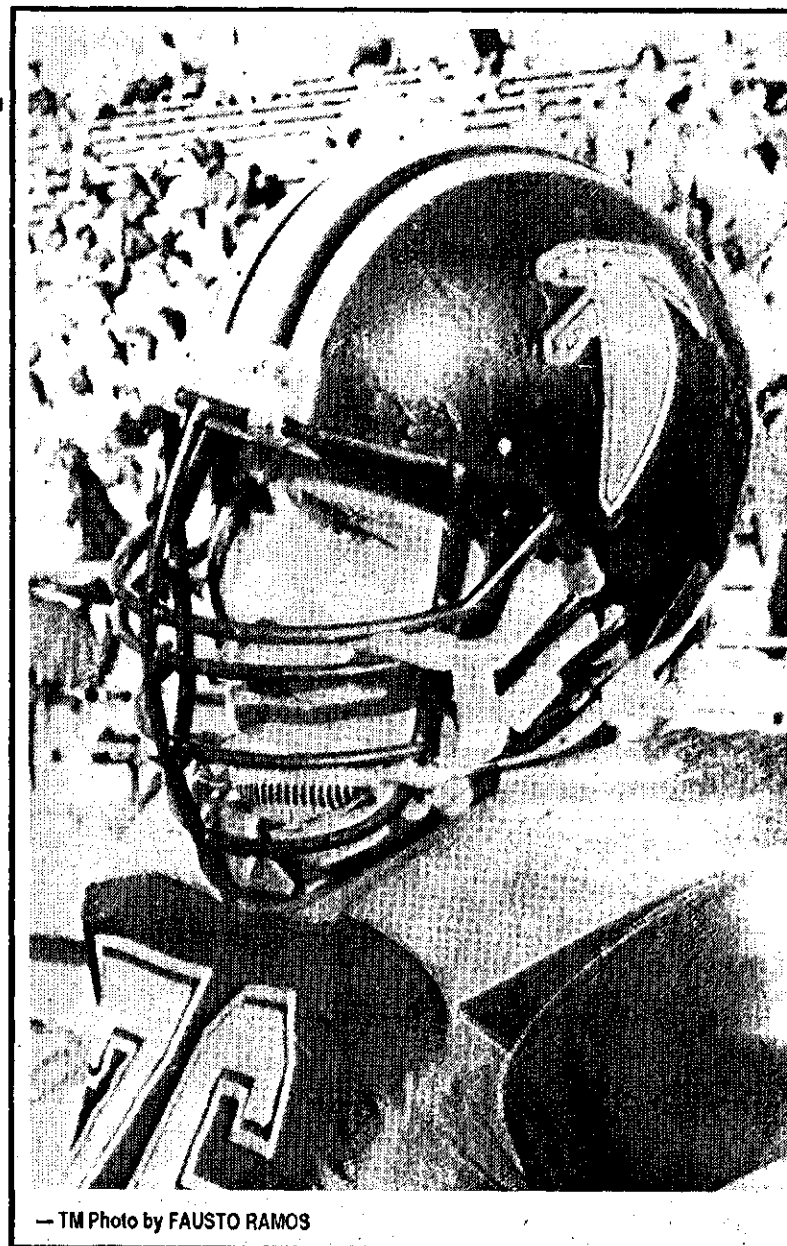
"I remember in high school (Downey) when I went to see my counselor. She asked my plans for the future and I said yeah, nuclear engineering. She looked at me and laughed. I guess because I'm so big she thought I'm not supposed to be smart. She thought I was a typical dumb jock."

What that high school counselor didn't know at the time was that I already had visited the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power plant by Pismo Beach. It really impressed me. I was intrigued by what went on and I still love it to this day.

The only obstacle that might get in his way is the job market. Let's face it, can't look in the classifieds for a job in nuclear power.

Not too many schools offer it and the ones that do are USC and Oregon State and they cost a bundle.

"The two toughest jobs to get right now in the United States are Public Accountants and Nuclear Engineering. With the end of the cold war, nuclear power is on the decline. A lot of people look at nuclear power as just weapons and the incidents like Chernobyl about ten years ago doesn't help, but people don't realize that nuclear power can be a great source of alternative power.



Ray McArthur focusses energy on nuclear power

If that doesn't work out then McArthur would like to try Anesthesiology. "I like them both because they're exact sciences. There's not a lot of room for error, I like that, I like precision."

By now you can pretty much tell that McArthur is no dummy.

His GPA is around 3.6, he's made the Dean's list numerous times, he averages 17-19 units a semester, handles playing football on the offensive line and throws the hammer and discus in track.

His classes? Just the usual I guess. Semi Independent Math 21, Pre-Calculus, Physics, and Chemistry plus the assortment of General Ed.

If that's not enough to keep him busy and to make sure that he never goes home at night he has other responsibilities. President of LDSSA, on Student Senate the past

two semesters and helps young adults, ages 18-30 with his church activities, all voluntary.

Free time? Not really. Most of his time is used up between school, sports and church. How does he cope? Music.

"It helps me vent, it's my release. Sometimes I might listen to classical music if I'm down and sometimes I'll have Gun's and Roses cranked up if I'm feeling good."

McArthur owes a lot of what he is today to his mom. She made every game in high school and every game here at Cerritos: She used to work for the sheriff's department and it was just her and Ray when he was growing up. Even though she wasn't always at home, she instilled something in McArthur that is still with him today, discipline. "She's a tough cookie," said McArthur.

No one made McArthur study, no one was home. He had to do it by himself. I prepared him for the future, made him a better person.

It's that person who enjoys helping people, going on missions when you don't have to, but because you want to.

A rare breed. "I went on a two year mission in Sweden and it was the happiest and proudest moment of my life. All our time was devoted to missionary work. I loved what I was doing. We didn't go on dates or anything like that but I learned more about what I believe in, it strengthened my convictions. Today, if somebody called me and said we need you in Sweden, I would drop everything and go back. That's how much I enjoyed it."

McArthur knows it's not going to be easy to accomplish his dreams. He's going to have work harder than he ever did in his life. It won't be easy, few things in life ever are. The cost is expensive, the job market is small and the real danger of something going wrong is there.

He's not looking to get rich, but rather to pay the bills and raise a family. That's what means the most to him. Family, values, they're almost one in the same with him.

The little things from such a big man.

Still, he knows what's he's getting into. Nuclear Engineering is tough.

It's not rocket science, but it's close.

Baseball looking good at 5-1

By William Torres
TM Staff Writer

The baseball team has started off strong as they have a record of 5-1 on the young season.

This week the Falcons are playing in the Casey Stengel Tournament beginning on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 2pm. The tournament runs through Sunday, Feb. 20. Their first round opponents will be Los Angeles Valley. Cerritos and Rancho Santiago are co-hosts.

This past weekend the Falcon's hosted two games. They beat L.A.

Pierce 6-2 in the second game and lost the opener to College of the Canyons 8-1.

Leading the attack for Cerritos through the first six games has been catcher Dusty Wathan as he is hitting .427 with a team high 11 RBI's. Center fielder Santos Cortez leads the time in homeruns with three. He is also hitting at a .370 clip.

The pitching staff has done well as they have a team earn run average of 1.86. Starting pitcher Eddie Sanchez has a record of 2-0. Andy Smith has a save.

Cerritos College Sports Schedule

Women's Basketball		
Feb. 16	Wed.	5:15 p.m. El Camino
Feb. 18	Fri.	7:30 p.m. Long Beach
Feb. 23	Wed.	TBA @ TBA-Southern Cal. Regionals
Feb. 26	Sat.	TBA @ Orange Coast
Mar. 3-4	Thur./Fri.	TBA @ Solano-State Championship
Men's Basketball		
Feb. 16	Wed.	7:30 p.m. El Camino
Feb. 19	Sat.	7:30 p.m. Mt. SAC
Feb. 26	Wed.	TBA TBA-Playoffs
Mar. 2	Wed.	TBA TBA-Playoffs
Mar. 5	Sat.	TBA TBA-Playoffs
Mar. 10/12	Thur./Sat.	TBA TBA-State
Women's Tennis		
Feb. 16	Wed.	2:00 p.m. Orange Coast
Feb. 17	Thurs.	2:00 p.m. @ Fullerton
Feb. 22	Tues.	2:00 p.m. Palomar
Feb. 24	Thurs.*	2:00 p.m. El Camino
Men's Tennis		
Feb. 17	Thurs.	2:00 p.m. @ Riverside
Feb. 22	Tues.	2:00 p.m. @ Pierce
Feb. 24	Thurs.*	1:30 p.m. @ El Camino
Mar. 1	Tues.	2:00 p.m. @ Pasadena
Softball		
Feb. 18	Fri.	12:00 p.m. College of the Desert (DI)
Feb. 21	Mon.	10:00 a.m./2 p.m. Rio Hondo/South Western
Feb. 24	Thur.	3:00 p.m. @ Orange Coast
Feb. 26-27	Sat./Sun.	TBA @ Husky Tournament
Baseball		
Feb. 17-20	Thurs./Sun.	TBA @ Corr/Rancho Casey Stengel Tournament
Feb. 24	Thur.	2:00 p.m. @ Fullerton
Feb. 26	Sat.	1:00 p.m. @ College of Canyons
Mar. 1	Tues.*	2:00 p.m. @ Long Beach
Track		
Feb. 17	Thur.*	2:00 p.m. @ Long Beach(P.C.C./L.B.C.C)
Feb. 19	Sat.	10:00 a.m. @ C.S.U.L.B (Long Beach Relays)
Feb. 26/27	Sat./Sun.	12:00 p.m. @ Cerritos-Cerritos Invitational

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