

M.E.Ch.A. issues harsh demands for Chicano Studies, 'purging' of the house, special privileges, etc.

By LIZ AGUILERA
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It's a hot potato and no one wants to claim it.

The Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A.) of Cerritos College has joined forces with Raza community representatives and the Brown Berets de Aztlan organization to ensure that "we are proactive agents of change, demanding the vital and essential inalienable rights and resources owed to us as we approximate to our victory in recovering Aztlan," as taken from a proposal now circulating in limited circles.

Aztlan, as defined by Ceci Medina, Dean of Multicultural Studies, is the South Western United States. When the indigenous people lived in this region. It is

Pre-colonial and Pre-Columbus.

The proposal also expressed concerns directly related to Multi-Cultural studies, "whereas the status-quo Multicultural Studies program has blatantly failed in its primordial and infrastructural mission in serving as a paradigm which by means of staff and resources combine to form a Raza Think-Tank which nourishes and instills organization, mobilization and activism."

In addition it continuously stated that "only through increasing force and accountability of Racist Conservative and Liberal Gabachos (whites) and/or Rented out or Sold out "Raza" (race) in power at this campus and/or all others where the enthralling spirit of Chicanismo has transcended to and invoked visible action in our resurgent movement."

The proposal brought forth

concerns previously protested at such colleges as U.C.L.A. and U.C. Berkeley.

Both demonstrations were protesting in support of continuing or creating a Chicano(a) Studies on campus.

The Chicano(a) Studies program was absorbed into a Multicultural Studies program in 1991 under the Student Services area "to better serve the wide diversity of students found at Cerritos College."

The proposal was then finished with the "immortal words" from the "late revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara and in the living spirit of our brothers and sisters of the Zapatista Liberation Army in armed struggle:

"Doing is the best way of saying."

Alternative sources concur that Ernesto "Che" Guevara was the

right-hand man to Fidel Castro during the Cuban revolution. He was later killed and it was rumored that Castro was behind the murder.

The Zapatistas were also revolutionaries, but in Mexico as opposed to Castro's Cuba.

Zapata was killed later by the men he had originally revolted with.

Organizations that identify with these revolutionaries fight for the same cause, the liberations against established government.

In addition, eight demands were sent along with this proposal.

Mecha is demanding guaranteed resources such as office space, Macintosh Quadra and means of communication and networking such as telephone, fax and E-mail.

No other club on campus has access to these things.

M.E.Ch.A. wants the "immediate

hiring of a Raza Affairs coordinator" to be at their complete disposal, along with the hiring of five student employees for the club's development.

"We demand a 'purging of house, entailing the termination of obsolete, incompetent irrelevant to the Raza it serves and efficient replacement."

They have also demanded the restructuring of the current Chicano(a) studies and would like to see new courses implemented.

The list goes on to demand a Raza scholarship fund and the allocation of funds for both contingency and emergency funds.

Lastly, the demand calls for student transportation for mobilization and assistance in the formation and mobilization of a Raza grassroots community action committee.

The proposal and demands were signed: "The Joaquin Murrieta Political Action Committee, M.E.Ch.A. de Cerritos College, Brown Berets de Aztlan, and Chicano Community in Solidarity."

College President Fred Gaskin, Vice-Presidents of Instruction and Student Services, Dr. Serafin Zasueta and Viet Be, along with Ceci Medina, have met with Mecha to discuss the demands.

"This search for heritage and demanding empowerment" are according to Medina, a "search for a sense of identity."

Several college officials, declined to discuss the recent actions.

Mecha club adviser Marvyn Martinez who now is the interim Dean of Development, and English professor Sally Morales-Havice who is a member of the ABC High School District Board of Trustees.

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Students vote for next year's President on April 20-21; campaigning heats up

By Debra England
TM Features Editor

A fourth slate, Robert Ramirez from MEChA has thrown his hat into the ring for the ASCC Presidential race which will take place two weeks from now.

Ramirez and Kurani join the teams of Jackie Barbera and Al Reyes, Christopher Ballard and Ana Mota, and Paula Feres and Elizabeth Aguilera on the ballot.

"Being president of the ASCC is a full-time job," said current ASCC President, Aladdin Nabulsi. "It's not the title; it's what you do with your title."

"The experience you get from it is the best because you're working with professionals; you're working with really top people."

"You learn a lot, you see a lot... and understand the issues."

And issues are what the four ASCC Presidential candidates touched upon at Tuesday's orientation meeting.

Moderated by Alpha Gamma Sigma President, Rod Sneed, each team answered his two questions, "What is the first thing you will do as president?" and "What will you do to increase student participation in activities?"

Candidate Jackie Barbera and her running mate, Al Reyes, vowed to "continue what we started now."

"We already have a goal; we're succeeding at it now."

The team plans to fight the tuition increase to keep the already \$13 from going up higher, possibly to 20 dollars a unit.

They have also worked on expanding services for the students such as Financial Aid "to make it available for all students," including those night students who have difficulty contacting the Financial Aid office since it closes early.

As two of the students who are on the Food Court committee, Barbera and Reyes plan to work on creating a "wonderful renovation of the Food Court..." We will see to it that we provide a quality student service with that."

Christopher Ballard and his running mate Ana Mota plan to "improve faculty relations," and continue the Shared Governance process. Their focus is to become more involved in the decision process with administrators and the Board of Trustees to improve present conditions.

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Faculty election on unionizing BOARD OPENS LINES OF COMMUNICATION April 14 creates campus stir

By Jeff Atalla
TM News Editor

The April 14 election to pick a collective bargaining agent for Cerritos Faculty is rapidly approaching.

Unfortunately, there hasn't been much clarification as to the advantages and disadvantages of going union.

Both the CTA (Community College Association) and the AFT (California Federation of Teachers) have had the opportunities to state their positions and benefits.

The group with No Representation also met yesterday to evaluate their options and hopefully come to a conclusive decision.

With such vague explanations and presentations from each group, confused faculty have been left in a state of indecision.

Both the CTA and AFT have made claims of their power and what they have to offer.

The No Representation group seemed to think otherwise.

According to Faculty Member Wilkoff, "It's the wrong time and

the wrong place...the only thing union allows you to do is strike, that's all."

The questions are clear, but the answers are caught in a dark cloud. What will happen if there is collective bargaining?

One of the questions Wilkoff asked the faculty was, "what are we going to do if we unionize?"

And a dead silence fell over the faculty.

To further the confusion, the Board of Trustees has begun to cooperate, rescinding the one per cent salary cut for all full-time faculty and managers, beginning from January 1, 1994, with retroactive pay to that date.

As of March 24, the District and Faculty have agreed to: the faculty salary schedule remaining the same with absolutely no changes to the published 1992 Salary Schedule; the present Overload Policy remaining in effect as published in the 1992 Salary Schedule; and the Summer Salary Schedule remains in effect as published.

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By Carrie Redfox
TM Campus Editor

Two weeks before the accreditation team was scheduled to evaluate Cerritos College, the Board of Trustees pressed to open lines of communication with the leaders of the college.

This action brought the Board to the March 23 Student Senate meeting.

All Board members were in attendance except for Cheryl Epple and John Moore.

"We want to tap your talent for problem solving," stated Dorothy Carfrae, new Board member, in

opening statements to the Senate. "We want to be here with you," urged Mary Loya, Board member.

But just as quick as the Board was to recognize the Senate as a problem solving governing body, the Senators were ready to get down to business.

The Senators were hard and direct, starting off the discussion with the controversial issue of the Health and Wellness Center.

The Board, appearing to be uninformed on the issue, used this for their only excuse.

"We don't have all the marbles in the basket. We have put together

Full-length Orchestra concert April 9 in Burnnight features Baroque, Classical, Romantic music

A full length concert by the Cerritos College Orchestra will feature Baroque, Classical, and Romantic pieces in the Burnnight Center April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

The St. George Chambre Orchestra will be their special guest.

Admission is free to the public. Some 37 bands, including three bands on tour in Southern

California, and a Canadian group, participated in the Jazz Festival at Cerritos College, March 26.

Among the local schools includes: La Mirada, Montclair, and Irvine High School, Pioneer Junior High and Ramona Middle School.

The schools competed in their own divisions grouped by experi-

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another task force to find the total picture," stated Dr. Ada Steenhoek, Board President.

"This is a new Board, we weren't here when the site [Health Center] was chosen. And now we want to get the students' point of view," continued Steenhoek.

This was unsatisfying to the Senators as they keep probing for more and questioning the \$70,000 already spent on the project. The reply was that the allocated money was nothing compared to the lifetime of service the Center will provide.

Steenhoek dominated the forum

by responding to the questions and openly admitting that she was unaware of the meaning of "micro management."

This is one of the accreditation committee's major concerns.

Steenhoek stated that campus voices on accreditation were using the students, in a sense — getting the students worked up for nothing.

"This institution is not in trouble... if the accreditation team sees something wrong, we will try to improve it," claimed Steenhoek.

Steenhoek also reassured the

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Career Expo 94 set April 19

The Career Expo 94 will be held on Tuesday, April 19 from 9:30 am to 12:30 p.m. in the Student Center.

The program will be sponsored by the Job Placement Office, ASCC, and Career Center.

Various industries such as health, law enforcement, education, engineering, entertainment, retail, and technical careers will be represented by more than fifty

employers and representatives from county and federal agencies.

They will be accepting job applications and will be providing information on such fields.

It is free to students and community. Free parking will be available all day in Lot C-10 only. For more information call Job Placement (310) 860-2451 Ext. 2366.

—CYNTHIA ROBLES

• DROP DATE

If you suspect you may not wind up with the grade you want: April 22

• CAR SALE

The college is selling its used car fleet; get your bids in by Tuesday at 11

• NEED A JOB?

Several companies will visit the campus looking for folks looking for jobs April 19

• 'CITIZENSHIP'..

Tests on the history, government focus set for April 9; check with Multi-Cultural...

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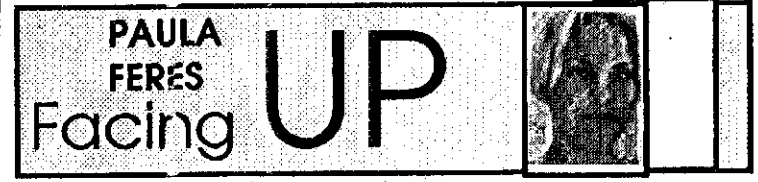
ASCC, faculty should take hard look at voting ventures

Two important elections are coming up on the Cerritos College Campus. Faculty members must vote on whether or not to adopt a union. The student body will cast ballots to select a student body president and vice-president. Past editorials have beaten the drum about the responsibilities of citizenship and the preciousness of our right to choose. At one time elections were regarded on a level with religion. The Sunday before an election, congregations prayed for wisdom in casting ballots. One such prayer written by Leonard Wagner and found in the Lutheran Service Book and Hymnal captures the essence of election time concerns. To paraphrase Wagner: *In the selection of leaders and in the making of policies, we need men... who can't be bought; whose word is their bond; who put character above wealth; who are larger than their vocations; who do not hesitate to take chances; who will not lose their identity in a crowd; who will be honest in small things as in great things; who will make no compromise with wrong; whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires; who will not say they do it "because everybody else does it;" who are true to their friends through good or ill, in adversity as well as in prosperity; who do not believe that shrewdness and cunning are the best qualities for winning success; who are not ashamed to stand for the truth when it is unpopular; who can say "no" with emphasis although the rest of the world say "yes."* So, whether you are voting for ASCC officials or whether to unionize or not, keep the big picture in mind. Don't cast a ballot for which you will have regrets later. —Written for the Editorial Board by MARLA AMENDOLA

Health and Wellness still not getting all that well...

The Health and Wellness Center still has no home. After four years of working and saving for building the new center, problems still stump its progress and completion. Many question if there aren't personal hidden agendas behind those hindering the center's completion. This all began with the request of former Faculty President Connie Mantz in December of 1990 to form an Ad-Hoc committee to study the present health services at the time, a nurse in the library. The idea was that in addition to our own services, other local community colleges be studied to make the best recommendations possible for Cerritos College's future. Soon after, numerous ideas began filtering through the college. A survey was passed to over 400 students in an effort to pin down what exactly was needed and wanted by the students. The results reflected that 56.8% of the students wanted a full-time nurse during day, evening, and summer sessions. Out of 415 students, over 55% of them wanted a physician on campus at least 20 hours per week. Students requested consultation in the following areas as well: family practitioner, 44.7%; internist, 32.9%; gynecologist, 44.5%; sports medicine, 53.5%; dermatologist, 43.1%; and psychologist, 65.8%.

previously determined, and the possibility of having an open fund for the revenue brought in by the Wellness Center to better benefit the whole campus. In response to the open fund, Viet Be, Interim Vice President of Student Services, stated at the March 16 Board meeting that according to Title V of the State Educational Code, a co-mingling of the funds accumulated by the Health and Wellness Center was prohibited. Pinder, coordinator of the Health and Wellness Center, also stated that she had not been informed of there being any task force to better study the center as stated by Ada Steenhock, Board of Trustee President, at their recent visit to the Student Senate. Pinder questions the Board's sincerity, since no Board member, except for former Board member Rick Sanchez, has ever visited the students' Health and Wellness Center. Why would the Board want to hold back something so valuable and supported by the students during a time when health care is needed most? It is well past time for the Board to reach a decision about the Student Health Center. Our health can not wait. Maybe this time "Mama" Steenhock does not know what's best for her "children." The Health and Wellness center has only months left before it must be out of its present location. As of February 1995, they must be in the new building, or request an extension to allow the Board more time to waste. "The electrical hook-ups for the new center have already been completely wired," stated Pinder, "and are waiting only for the building of the structure. Why are we all of a sudden changing locations when money has already been spent on the previously agreed location?" Officials fear time and money are being wasted on something the Board knows full well has already been researched by the Health and Wellness Committee and College Council. The students want to pay for their own center and the Board seems to want to interfere with this dream. The Board obviously has problems functioning as a unit and completing important jobs. But if the students and those in support of this center have full capabilities of completing and running it, the time has come for Steinhock to pay attention and give credit and support, instead of holding back and denying the students what they have worked so hard for. The Board better step back. It takes 10-20% of the district's registered voters, which is 35,000, to recall any Board member. Maybe it's high time for some "Board turn-over" instead of so much management turn over.



More than 65% of all the students surveyed at the time had no medical coverage and over 72% reported they would like to see Cerritos College offer the above student health services. Most of the students, 55.3%, agreed they would be willing to pay for the services, with 27.1% saying they wouldn't, and 17.6% unsure or indifferent. With this information they proceeded, and in August 1991 an Interim Coordinator, Patricia Pinder was hired. By June 1992, the floor plans and blue prints for the students' new Health and Wellness Center were finished. Joint ventures were discussed with Lakewood Regional Center, but ultimately were not of interest to either party. Plans proceeded until recently when the Board of Trustees tabled the bill to approve the building of the Health and Wellness Center even after being approved by the College Council, Advisory Committee, and the Health and Wellness Committee. The Board felt they needed to have a task force formed to study alternative ideas and proposals, such as referrals sent to those interested in partnerships or joint ventures, a different location than

ASCC voting

(Continued from Page 1) "We advocate Shared Governance," stated late-filing candidate Robert Ramirez. Ramirez, 19, has had experience in student government for two semesters as ASCC senator and Court Justice. He has been MEChA's academic coordinator and campaign chairperson. He is currently active in Alpha Gamma Sigma the honor society, and is working on several bills to create scholarships for students and plans to raise money for the Learning Assistance Program. Ramirez's running mate, Daksha Kurani, 20, is a newcomer to Cerritos College and sees the possibility of becoming ASCC Vice President as a learning experience, to get more involved with the campus. Said Ramirez, "We believe in satisfying the needs of a diverse student body." Ramirez is currently starting a Senate Ethics Committee. The committee will be made up of senators "to write recommendations to the college regarding the creation of an ethnic studies program to fulfill the students' needs." Presidential candidate Paula Feres and Vice Presidential candidate Elizabeth Aguilera vow change for such issues as one of their main platforms, affordable student housing for students at the two-year level; Student Equity, the fight for no fee hikes, the renovation of the Student Center, creating a computer info-structure for students, and creating a "student friendly Campus Police." "It's important to get the ball rolling for everything," they said. "The first thing we want to do," said Feres, "is to meet with everybody we can—the Board of Trustees, the administration, faculty, and go over our points and ask for any suggestions; ideas of how to better the campus, the community as a whole." To create a higher awareness of activities and encourage students to

participate in various collegiate activities, each team expressed different ideas of how to get students involved. "Word of mouth," was Feres' idea to "pull more people in to activities," and to have closer communication with teachers to see what it is the students want. "I want to be able to set a good example; be active," stated Ramirez "By students seeing the ASCC President active, they will be motivated to get involved." To further increase participation in activities, Ramirez encourages students to run for student government positions. Barbera wants to be able to "maintain a high visibility around campus and in the classroom." She plans to meet with students in classrooms on a one-on-one basis. "I believe the one-on-one basis of going to a class and talking to the students is what we plan to do so that they may see us and tell us what concerns them and what they would like to see so we can better serve them," said Barbera. Ballard believes "Student participation is this: firstly, the Cabinet, and secondly, making ourselves accessible to the students, because if the students don't know who we are, how do they know how we're going to change things?" Voting is scheduled on April 20 and 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and resumes at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Locations are at the Student Center, the Social Science quad, and the Health Science quad. Ballot tabulation is April 21.

Class drop deadline April 22; no penalty

Time is running out for those students who might be considering dropping a class. With more than 2/3 of the semester completed the final date for withdrawal has been set for April 22. Go to the Admissions Office to speak to a counselor or drop a class. —DEBORAH ROGERS

FACULTY VOTE ON UNIONIZING

(Continued from Page 1) lished in the 1992 Salary Schedule for the Summer Sessions of 1994-5. It seems unionization may be losing support, as more and more issues are presented, researched and dealt with. CTA/CCFA President John Baley wonders if all these decisions would have been made had there been no talk of unionization and feels there is still a strong need for a collective bargaining agent. While other faculty feel the need for unionization is fading fast.

Dance concerts

Celebrate the renewal of nature with the Cerritos College Dance Department as they present their Spring Dance Concert, Saturday, April 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the Burnight Center. Featured performances will include works by student and faculty choreographers.

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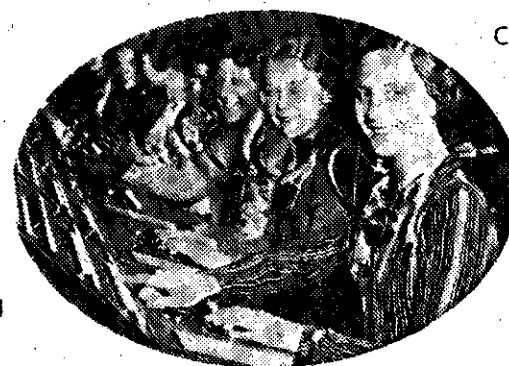
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GLBC members lose College Bowl title back to Press Club



College orchestra prepares for big concert Saturday. Special guest is St. George Chambré.

Orchestra concert...

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ence levels including beginning and advanced for Middle Schools with a category for High School "heavies" who are the more experienced musicians.
600 musicians played for over 11 hours with four bands an hour all day on two stages.
"Over 400 people in the evening concert attended the festival. The Cerritos Jazz Band gave a very pleasing performance and got a chance to perform with the Frank

Collette Trio, which consisted of renowned musicians Frank Collette, Jack Sheldon, and Sandra Booker. The guest performers were complimentary to the performances and we may collaborate with them in the future.
"It was also exciting to see enthusiasm among the jazz musicians and the students who attended the performance. The standing ovation was a pleasant surprise," according to Rick Spitz, Music Professor who coordinated the event.
April 25, the Cerritos Jazz Band and Downey High School will join concert in the Student Center.
—CHRISTY BOTERO

Next citizenship test set April 9

Are you at least 18 years old and have been a permanent resident in the U.S. for a minimum of five years?

If you answered yes to the two questions then you could be eligible to vote, apply for city/government jobs, travel conveniently and finance your education through grants and scholarships. How can you reap these benefits? By becoming a U.S. citizen.

The Cerritos College Multi-Cultural Center is fostering a Citizenship Project class that will help you with taking the mandatory test for citizenship.

The test which focuses on History and Government is given monthly, with the next tests being April 9 and May 14.

The Multi-Cultural Studies Program has developed a three-step program.

- They suggest you should:
1. Register for the Citizenship Exam.
 2. Prepare for Exam (by taking classes).
 3. File U.S. Citizenship Application and Send to the INS.

For full details and information regarding the program contact the Multi-Cultural Office.

—TASHA WIGGINS

Un-named Sources take College Bowl

Beta Phi Gamma emerged the victor in the third round of Cerritos' annual College Bowl by downing GLBC 245-140.

The first place team received \$50 each, and the runner-up \$25.

As it got underway, the College Bowl looked a lot more like past Super Bowls—decisive and one sided.

Led by team captain Maria Amendola, Unnamed Sources, the Beta Phi Gamma team coasted into the championship round, their opponent, the team that defeated them a year ago, GLBC.

Seeking redemption, Beta Phi Gamma regained a title they lost the year before.

Board to ASCC

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Senators that the College is not in financial trouble.

"We have a very sound foundation. It is on rock not sand," said Steenhoek.

Steenhoek urged the Senators to call on her and the other Board members at any time.

"If you can spell my name you can call me. I'm listed," said Steenhoek.

Also giving the okay to break the chain of command, Vice President of the Board Dr. Theodore Edminston stated, "Bring your concerns to us."

Women's softball hosts East LA Thursday at 3

You can't always tell a team's improving by their won-loss record.
Take Cerritos Women's Softball team for instance.

In their last league game against Long Beach City, the Falcons lost 2-1 but that didn't mean that they didn't play well. A couple of bounces here and there and Cerritos would have pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the season.

During the Fullerton Tournament two weeks ago, the Falcons beat a state ranked team in Chabot, in convincing manner, 5-1.

The problem Cerritos has had all year is consistency. One game they look like world beaters and the next they struggle against an opponent they should have beat.

The Falcons host East L.A. today at 3 p.m.

"What we really need is consistency from our group. If we can play a first class team like Chabot and beat them and in two hours lose a game we could have won is difficult. The positive in all this is that were improving every day. I like where were at now a lot more than I did at the beginning of the season," said Head Coach Nancy Kelly.

One problem Cerritos hasn't

faced all year is swinging the bats. Kristy Beck, Carolyn Cisneros, Kandice Ernster, Terri Fisher, Teresa Negrete, and Ramona Rios are all batting at or over 300.

Ernster leads the team with two home runs and Cisneros has a team high 20 R.B.I.'s.

Even though her record wouldn't indicate it, Pitcher Deanna King has been a pleasant surprise on the year as she boast the teams best earned run average at 1.76. Cisneros also pitches and has a 6-6 record on the year with a 2.73 E.R.A..

If Cerritos could put all their players on the field at once, their record might be different. Injuries have hurt the Falcons all year long but when there infield is healthy and the outfield is steady, the Falcons have been a formidable team. The infield of Ernster at third, Beck at shortstop, Patty Powers at Second and Stephanie Ourique at first have been on the field together only a handful of times all year.

We've had faithfulness. People who haven't even played one inning all year have stuck around. If you start something, then you should finish it and I think that's a good attitude to have. We'll be much improved next year," said Kelly.

—BEN VILLA

Baseball No. 3 in SoCal; Camino here Saturday

Cerritos baseball keeps rolling along as they improved their record to 20-7 over the break. They will play host to El Camino Sat. 2:30 p.m.

The Falcons who participated in the Hancock Tournament made it to the Championship game. They lost to host Hancock 5-2.

In the first and second round they faced Harbor and Cuesta. They won 9-4 & 4-3.

The Falcons are ranked #1 in Southern California and third in state.

—WILLIAM TORRES

Swimmers still on course for state berth

The Spring recess didn't slow down the Cerritos swim team as they remained on course for state.

Team leader Dan Poppin dominated the competition at the Fullerton Tournament.

The team's constant improvement has coach Tyne pleased, and the competition wary of Cerritos.

—KELLY BARTH

Bridges at Special Olympics in Stadium

By Marwa Morsi
TM Staff Writer

Skill, courage, sharing and joy. It's the Special Olympics uniting the world. "How far is far? How high is high? We'll never know until we try." That was the slogan for this year's Special Olympics which took place Saturday, March 26 at Cerritos College.

The football stadium was filled with those who made the event very "special" - the Special Olympics Athletes.

The program started with the parade kick-off which included organizations such as the U.S. Marine Corp Color Guard, Mayfair High School Marching Band/Drill Team, and many more.

After the parade, the Athlete's Special Olympics Oath—"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," was led by one of the athletes.

More than 260 Athletes competed in events such as the 200/400 meter run, wheelchair events, swimming, 50 and 100 meter dash, softball throw, standing long jump, relays, and frisbee throw.

All Athletes were awarded for their participation and outstanding efforts, and special awards were given to first, second, and third place winners.

Presenting the awards were actor Beau Bridges, and representatives from the National Football League with the help of Miss Artesia and her court.

Beau Bridges is especially fond of the Special Olympics.

"I love the Special Olympics. My cousin, Daniel, is nine years old and he's one of the Athletes, and they are all just wonderful. It's all about effort and trying, and they give 125%," said Bridges.

A special thanks was extended to the volunteers of Cerritos College—the Anthropology Club, AGS, Sociology Club, Football Team, and USA.

This event requires a lot of volunteer help to make it successful. Anyone interested in either joining the Southeast Los Angeles Special Olympics, or volunteering may contact area director, Joe Zenzola at (310) 424-5959.



Jeanne Alkire is the winner of the Women's History Month Essay with "In Every Generation, Action Frees Our Dream." Michael Chen took second, and Michele La Porta and Katherine Lamas tied for third.
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