

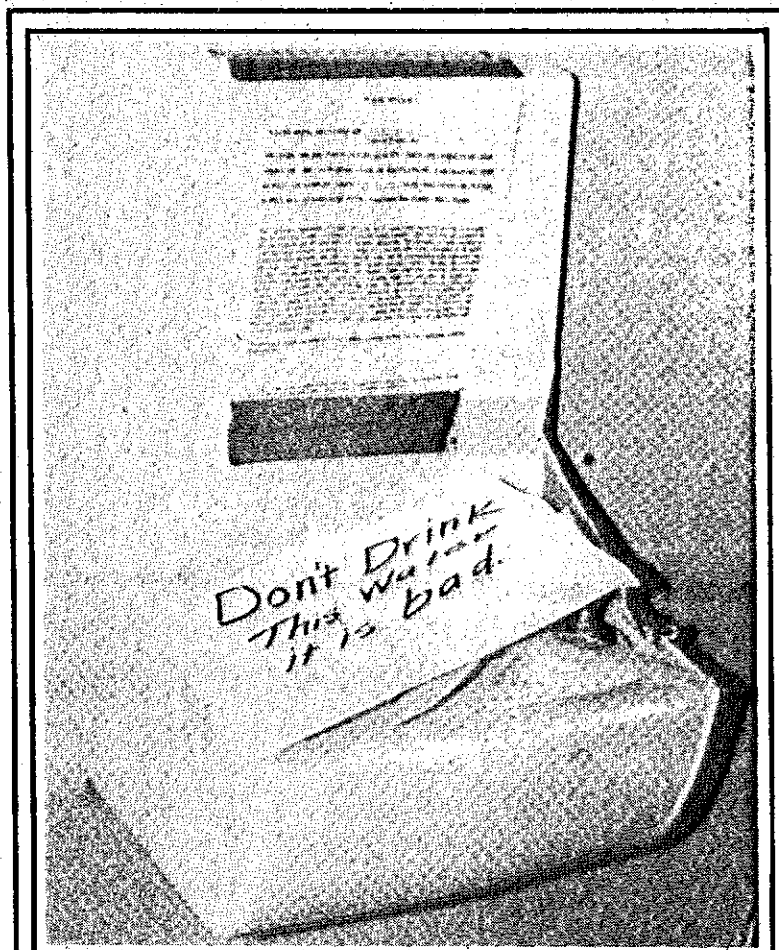
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DON'T DRINK IT! — Water from the campus's two wells has been found unfit to drink. Clearance expected soon with new tests. — TM Photo by EDGARD AGUILAR

Gold Medalist Rigby to speak to peer counselors

By Alicia Salazar
STAFF WRITER

Gold Medalist Kathy Rigby will speak at Cerritos College's annual Peer Counseling conference, "Peer Power 4," will be on Friday, Feb. 24.

Coordinator of High School Relations, Dr. Steve Helfgot, is coordinating the event, along with the office of Public Relations.

This year the conference will consist of five workshops on various topics that will repeat twice throughout the day.

The guest speaker for the event is Kathy Rigby. She was the first American to win a gymnastic medal in 1968 and today is a well-known actress.

The event will take place in the Student Center and in classrooms. The fee for the event is \$20 per person.

This will entitle you to a breakfast, two workshops, lunch, a T-shirt, and the opportunity to listen to the guest speaker.

In years before, this conference has brought hundreds of students to the campus from all over Southern California.

Some of the schools who have

attended in the past are: Artesia High School, Azusa Pacific University, Cal Poly Pomona, Cerritos High School, Cypress College, Downey High School, El Segundo High School, Gahr High School, John Glenn High School, L.A. County of Education, L.A. Southwest College, Lakewood High School, Lynwood High School, Mayfair High School, Norwalk High School.

Whitney High School, Wilson High School, St. Joseph High School, Valley Christian High School, Warren High School, and Cerritos College.

Workshop topics include: Conflict Resolution, Motivation, Family Problems (Domestic Violence), Basic Counseling Skills, and Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

The conference provides training for peer counselors to be more effective in their work, benefits in public relations, raising money for the college's counseling program as well as bringing students to visit the campus.

Peer Power begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m.

If you would like to attend and have any questions, contact Dr. Helfgot at ext. 2140.

Barbera gets 'bounced on' by Steenhoek, bounces back

By Linda Gates
STAFF WRITER

Student President Jackie Barbera took on the entire Board of Trustees Feb. 1 over long-winded member reports.

"I back students totally in having a voice here at the table," stated Board of Trustees member Ada Steenhoek, but as she said this, she was accusing Student trustee Jacqueline Barbera of a personal attack, for her suggestion of limiting the length of Board Member reports.

"I would like to limit Board reports permanently at two minutes each. At the last Board meeting individual member reports lasted quite a long time, and I feel that is unfair," was Barbera's first suggestion, but then she gave an alternative.

"If you want to have them at the beginning, have them at two minutes each. Or have them placed after Consent agenda, after you cover all the various items on it. I just wanted to provide two options."

Barbera's motion was seconded by member Cheryl Epple who added, "I was very disappointed at

the last meeting, although I'm very supportive of Board reports. But when we don't get out of Board reports until nine o'clock, and there are people in the audience waiting to deal with business on the agenda, it becomes questionable. Many of these people came out of classes and others have to come back here and work in the morning. I think it is not respectful to the public and the people on the campus for us to do that."

At this point Steenhoek defended her position, "If we are no longer valued even though we were elected by the public at large, then I will again need to use the podium with a card as a public citizen."

Feeling she may not have made her point clear, Steenhoek added, "I have been elected to do more than that."

Steenhoek then tried to claim Barbera was programmed.

"I don't know who set you up to do this, or if you thought it up yourself I don't even want you to tell me but I did think that it is a good thing for us, for you to give us your opinions and for you to propose resolutions. I want you to."

Steenhoek continued, "What we do say positively about other people on campus, which is what I did last time, is very important. Maybe more so for my stability, than for the campus. But the campus needs to know what we think."

To the amazement of the packed audience, Barbera took this all in



ASCC's Jackie Barbera

and remained calm. She evenly replied, "I respect you (Steenhoek) and that is why I am sitting here listening to you, but nobody programs me. I am not a program type of person. I wasn't pinpointing you, I meant everybody."

Barbera drove her point home with, "If you guys want to be in favor of it, fine, but I think someone had to say something. And again no one put me up to this, I have no agenda, and I am an elected official as far as the students are concerned, and students do come to these, and I have students come and lead the pledge."

Barbera concluded with, "I feel that it is my right as part of the Board to be able to make a motion and not have someone tell me that I was programmed. This address includes everybody, not just you (Steenhoek)."

Steenhoek rebutted with, "I didn't say you were programmed. I just asked you if you were."

A vote was taken and it was passed 5-2 to go on the next Board agenda. Board President Dr. Ted Edmiston and Board member Steenhoek voted against the action.

Senate grieves, gnashes getting grievance guidelines going good

By Debra England
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Faculty Senate is grieving over something new when it comes to Senate grievance procedures: where does the line get drawn?

According to Faculty Senate President Scott Henderson and many other faculty senators, the Faculty Senate by-laws are "vague," and do not distinctly describe the duties of Grievance Committee members.

"The procedures are 'nebulous,'" stated Henderson. "It's not specific what to do."

The procedures don't specify the Senate. Is it the whole? The committee?

As presented in last week's agenda, the resolution presented by Senate members Gloria Hassan and John Boyle was moved to suggest that "There are areas of the current Faculty grievance policy, which lacks specifics... and does not men-

tion any involvement of the Faculty Senate President in the grievance procedures... and the grievance officer may need to make decisions on unclear areas... and in the areas of the policy which may have more than one interpretation, the first rule of action will be to follow precedent... and if there is no precedent, the grievance officer shall make the interpretation..."

In an excerpt from the April 1993 grievance procedure, it was stated that with the approval of the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Senate President is entitled to appoint a Faculty Grievance Officer and if needed, the officer may be replaced in his or her term in office by a two-thirds vote by the Faculty Senate.

Now the Faculty Senate is pushing to have committees of 3-5 senators to review with the Faculty Senate Vice President each individual grievance case.

One of the pressing problems is

the status of the Faculty Senate Vice President, who is usually a committee member in going over the cases.

There could be a conflict of interest, and then what next?

"I have never gotten a memo in which there was a conflict of interest with the Vice President," stated Henderson. "And if there was, there is nothing in the by-laws to proceed... there is no next step."

But in the case that the Vice President is called upon as having a conflict of interest, there is a suggestion to replace the VP with one of the five committee members.

At last week's meeting, Senator Gloria Hassan called for an emergency resolution.

She suggested to have three people serve on a temporary committee until a permanent one is formed.

The resolution needed a two-thirds passing, and was carried unanimously at yesterday's meeting.

ASCC picks Casas for top Senate post

By David Vlayra
MANAGING EDITOR

Virginia Casas was elected to the position of President Pro-Tem, while the position of Majority Leader was taken by Myra Hererra in the first ASCC Student Senate meeting.

President Pro-Tem serves as Senate Chair in the event that the appointed Chair is unable to lead the Senate.

The position of Minority Leader could not be filled due to a tie between Lisa Macias and Scott Allmon.

At Reyes, Chairman of the Student Senate, who is responsible for casting that crucial, tie-breaking vote, moved to postpone this decision, until today Feb. 8.

Veronica Hererra was elected to the position of Sergeant-At-Arms, making her responsible for the removal of any Senator whose conduct is "Unbecoming a Senator."

Reyna Casas was chosen as Senate Liaison who represents the Student Senate at the Faculty Senate meetings.

Guitar duo Friday; jazz singer Raney, Broadbent trio Saturday

Two major music concerts are on tap for the weekend at the Burnight Center Theatre.

The internationally known Elgart and Yates Guitar Duo will perform Friday night, Feb. 10, at 7:30.

Jazz Singer Sue Raney and the Alan Broadbent Trio are scheduled Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

The Cerritos Jazz Ensemble will also perform Saturday night.

The Guitar Duo has concertized around the world and will present a program of music ranging from the Baroque to the 20th century.

A four-time Grammy nominee, Raney is equally at home as a song stylist, composer, night club performer, pianist, and recording artist. She cut her first album with Nelson Riddle at 16, and has since

added 10 more albums to her collection.

Broadbent is one of the most respected pianists in the country, according to music professor Dr. Rick Spitz.

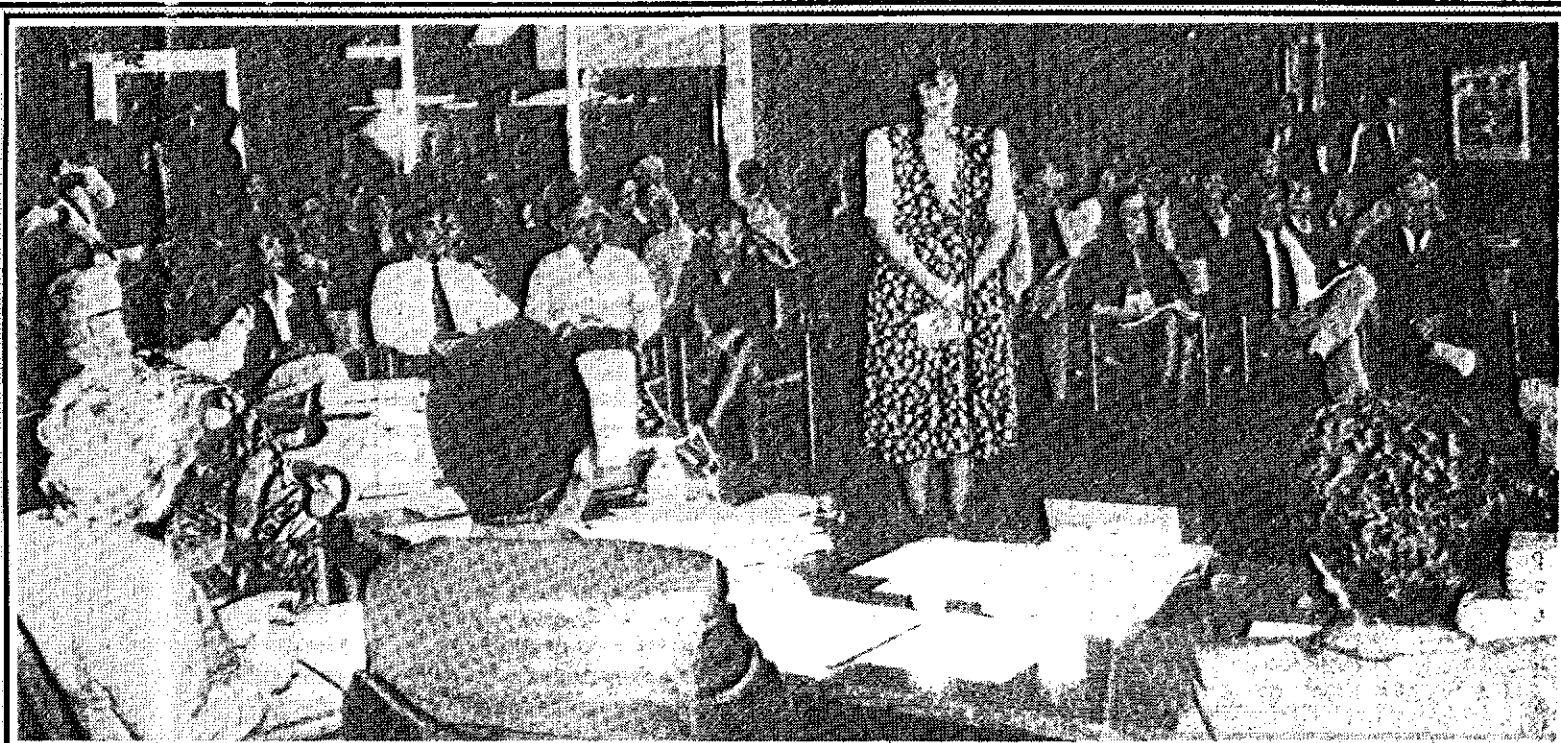
In addition to his many CDs as a leader, he appeared on Natalie Cole's "Unforgettable" album which garnered seven Grammy awards.

The college Jazz Ensemble is made up of students in Music 78 and 79 under Dr. Spitz.

Admission to the guitar performance is \$10. It's also \$10 for the Raney and Broadbent appearance.

Tickets are also at the door.

The Saturday night affair will feature Chuck Niles as master of ceremonies.



Board room crowd

The Trustees meeting Feb. 1 was packed with supporters who rallied for Dr. Adolph Johnson over a controversial evaluation. Some 45 testimonials and a special video lasted over three hours. Johnson didn't like a second evaluation, goes to closed session next week. (See related coverage on Page 2.)

CORRECT BREAK DATES

This year's spring break runs April 10-15, and not quite as long as was inadvertently printed in the class schedule. Only one week off....

KASTAN ART SHOW OPENS

The opening reception for Art prof Cynthia Kastan's "Explorations of a Romantic Nature" in the campus Gallery is Feb. 14 from 6-9 p.m.

COMMENCEMENT CHANGE

The date for graduation this year has been changed to Saturday instead of the traditional Sunday — which falls on Mother's Day.

STAR SEARCH

The ASCC's very own "Star Search" will be held March 7 at 11 a.m. in the Student Center. Feb. 14 is the sign-up deadline. Try it.

Are we a 'dysfunctional family'?

"All I can say is that right now this is a very dysfunctional family," said Debra Schmidt during the Feb. 1 Board of Trustees meeting.

She was testifying in support of Dr. Adolph Johnson, a man she feels, "is one of the few administrators that I have seen in my years here that wholeheartedly support instruction."

Yet, this was the same man that received a not-so-positive review.

The family she was referring to was the Cerritos College family. The unity that once existed between the staff, faculty, administrators, classified, and students.

The "family" is no longer thinking in terms of "family unity," instead it has become an "us and them" situation.

This philosophy is what is slowly tearing away at the fiber of the school.

As community member Donn Irving said, "You have a cancer on this campus that is slowly eroding it away."

The cancer is figuratively disunity, but literally it is the few — albeit a small few — on campus who find that they have more freedom if everyone is too busy picking sides rather than working toward what is better for the school and the student.

These "cancerous" people are intelligent people, people with some power and control. They know which buttons to push. And they

have no qualms about pushing them.

There is a saying that "the chain is only as strong as its weakest link." The chain is the school, and the weak links right now are the people saying "us and them."

The people perpetuating this weakening, are doing so with a purpose. When the chain finally gives way and anarchy becomes order, the restraints and watchdogs will be spread too thin to be effective.

By then it will be too late.

At one time people we were proud to be Falcons. Now the meaning of a true Falcon has been diluted.

The true Falcons are a dying breed that needs to be put on the endangered list and be protected.

The true Falcons are being hunted down and fired at. Slowly they are disappearing.

We need to step back and decide if taking sides has blocked the way for compromise.

We need to go back to the beginning and remember that our goal is the education of the students first.

Maybe when we step back and look at the two sides, we will notice that they are not all different, for both of them have the students' interest first.

If they don't, then maybe we need to find out why.

—Written for The Editorial Board by LINDA GATES

Joining a club means support...

Joining campus clubs for their social party settings may be an important prompt, but joining a club because of their value to society at large may be a more redeeming one.

We are fortunate to live in a country that allows freedom of thought—a superpower that generates a great deal of good that must be cultivated and a great deal of evil that must be rectified.

Great thinkers that came before set forth philosophies for a society that must be able to think for itself, solve problems but more importantly, tolerate the differences that live within each of us.

Through groups of common-thinking people, we can better understand the goals we are trying to reach and the paths to them can be clarified. By joining one of the multitude of clubs on campus, we can involve ourselves in the betterment of society and understand the importance of respecting our differences.

The society we live in needs help from each of us, and we're needed now. It is a duty required of each of us to practice what we preach. Through club affiliation we can do this.

If you are partisan party affiliated, join the club that shares your thinking. If you're non-partisan, attend the meetings of each to help in the decision making. If you are an artist, join other artists and share your concepts. If you care about gay and lesbian issues, discuss your thoughts, and if you care about the plight of the Native Americans see if you can be of help.

It is up to each of us to take advantage of the campus clubs. Yes, join them to meet people and to have fun. Join a club to get support from like-minded people.

But, when you join a club, seize the opportunity to learn something more about people, society, the world and the opportunity we each have to make a difference.

—Written for The Editorial Board by GABRIEL VILLARREAL

Soooo...what if I do 'love you'?

You can't help but notice that Valentine's Day is almost here.

Hearts and flowers, the signs of the day of love, are everywhere, serving as reminders to those who are in love to buy those tokens of affection.

It seems so sweet, you almost want to wish there were more Feb. 14ths.

But why should there?

There shouldn't have to be more of Valentine's Day to show the one(s) you love you care.

On Valentine's Day, all the flowers smell good, the heart-shaped candles taste sweet... but what happens when those 24 hours of Valentine's Day are gone?

Are those I love you's stashed away for use next time or the Valentine's Day after?

"I love you" are three little words that should mean so much, but are too often taken too lightly. Most often, those words are overused and abused. And sometimes, they're rarely used at all when they should be used.

Imagine never telling someone you love him

or her. And then one day that person is gone... and you never said *I love you*.

Did you show that person your love?

That trite expression "actions speak louder than words" is something to consider. You don't have to tell someone you love that person 50 times a day to let them know you do. Sometimes just *doing* means a whole lot more than saying.

Of course, Valentine's Day isn't just for lovers.

You don't need to have a main love interest to say "I love you."

They are not the only people those words are meant for.

You can tell your mom, your dad, your best friend you love them... and show it, too.

On Valentine's Day and every day, do a little something extra to show your love.

Be there when your best friend needs you. Help your mom with the laundry. Do something—anything to express your love.

And when the flowers are wilted and all that's left in the chocolate box are wrappers, be certain that there's still a little love left.

Anybody got any hidden agendas?

The question on the minds of fearful faculty and administrators is: "Who's going to be next?"

It was standing room only at last week's Board meeting where more than 45 teachers, students, and other school employees spoke on behalf of Dr. Adolph Johnson, Dean of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Johnson recently received a less-than-satisfactory evaluation from Dr. Serafin Zasuda, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, which runs counter to the opinions of his co-workers, prompting them to attend the meeting.

"When I came (to Cerritos College) everybody told me, 'You don't know how lucky you are to be coming to an institution where everybody is a family,'" began accounting professor Debbie Schmidt. "All I can say is that right now this is a very dysfunctional family."

The Board listened to over two hours of public presentations and was handed a petition

signed by 113 classified employees, all giving their full support to Dr. Johnson.

Board President Edmiston then surprised everybody, including other Board members, when he announced that a second evaluation of Johnson had already been written and would replace the first, completely "expunging" it from the records.

Johnson stated that he had seen the new evaluation but called it "unacceptable" and he "will be appealing that one as well."

The Faculty Senate currently has a pending resolution regarding faculty evaluations, but questions remain as to the exact administrative evaluation procedures.

When Board Member Ada Steenhoek inquired about how there came to be a second evaluation, Edmiston noted her question but refused to answer, stating, "We're in a different part of the agenda."

We agree...

—Written for The Editorial Board by MARK NEWTON

GATES OPENLY • Linda Gates

Barbera vs. Steenhoek exchange views — and here's what it really does mean



As I sat listening to the Feb. 1 Board Meeting, I began to wonder what they meant. What the meaning was behind the words, what was going through their minds.

So I whipped out my crystal ball and glanced into their thoughts. There was not much action until Barbera offered her motion to limit Board reports.

ASCC President Jackie Barbera: I have a two part motion. I have two alternatives. First I would like to limit Board reports permanently to two minutes each. At the last Board meeting they lasted quite a long time, and I feel that is unfair.

The meetings are long and boring, and I really want to try to shorten them up.

Barbera: And I am here as a student too, and I would like to see that we get the opportunity to go through business and so forth, then maybe do

Board reports, as they're for us too as well.

If placed at the end of the meeting, it will not look as rude if one starts to yawn.

It's just that if you want to have them at the beginning, have them at two minutes each.

Short is sometimes good.
Or have them placed after the Consent agenda, after you cover all the various items on it.

Put them at the end and maybe we'll forget all about them.

Dr. Edmiston: So are there two recommendations available or just one?

I was never strong at counting.
Barbera: That was two motions for one. I just wanted to provide two options.

It's a two-for-one sale.

Dr. Edmiston: I think in her motion she provided discussion for

two choices. Was there a second anyone?

Yes! I can count.
Epplie: I'll second that. I will second her motion to discuss the alternatives on how to deal with Board reports.

I was very disappointed at the last meeting, although I'm very supportive of Board reports. But when we don't get out of Board reports until nine o'clock, and there are people in the audience waiting to deal with business on the agenda, this is questionable. Many of these people came out of classes and have to come back here and work in the morning. I think it is not respectful to the public and the people on the campus for us to do that.

I, too, think the meetings are too long and sometimes boring, but I also personally know that most of it comes from habit.

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The MECIJA MIX • Gary Mecija

It's a major decision deciding on one's major, but somebody has to do the job

The dealer looks across the table at you.

His dark eyes strike fear in your heart. He takes a puff from his Cuban cigar and blows it in your face. With the smoke in your eyes, he begins to speak, "Pick a major, any major."

So here you are at Cerritos College. Have you chosen a major yet? Or are you taking the usual potpourri mix of classes you do every semester?

The school offers a wide variety of majors to choose from. Everything from Automotive Collision Repair to Zoology. So what seems to be the problem? Why isn't everyone following a specific educational plan that will lead to getting a degree?

There seems to be a lot of undecided students out there. They wait until they finish all the required General Education classes and then try to pick out a major, with no clue at all in what interests them.

The majority of college students these days will tend to pick out majors that are more practical to today's job

market. Take, for example, an accounting major. Now I'm not saying that all the people in accounting aren't enjoying themselves, but there are a few out there that I know who would be happier having a different major.

I ask them why they torture themselves like this if they know that they aren't enjoying themselves. Some of the answers I got were, "I need to make money," "It's the only thing available to me," or this one, "My mother and father would die if I chose to be a liberal arts major."

Take my case for example. When I first enrolled here, I applied as a psychology major. Thinking that in four years I would be rich and happy. My only motives for choosing this major were basically for the availability of future jobs and, more importantly, the money.

After one psychology class I said forget it, and I changed my status to undecided.

I went through another semester of classes and I felt that I still wasn't

doing what I wanted.

So against all familial traditions and social practicality, I took a major that I knew I would enjoy.

After I did this I made myself a plan in which I could comfortably achieve my degree.

Now don't get me wrong, if it's business that interests you, then by all means go ahead and become the best business person ever. The point I'm trying to make is that you shouldn't sell yourself short by picking a major that doesn't interest you.

If you're not sure on what interests you, try taking a class that isn't on your required list of courses. Dabble around a bit, but don't take too long.

And if you're still having trouble, there's always the free counseling services that the school offers. They are there for a reason — YOU.

Shake the smoke from your eyes. Go ahead.

Pick a major.

At least, you'll seem more like a college student.

DEBBIE ENGLAND • Editor

Valentine's Day is not worth \$70 for flowers...just to say youknowwhat



I am not excited about Valentine's Day.

No, I am no Valentine's Day Scrooge and I'm not one of those anti-commercialists who thinks the V-day is much too overrated (which it is). And I was not dumped by some jerk of a boyfriend yesterday and that's why I am so indifferent about it.

Valentine's Day isn't exactly the epitome of romance for me.

That you may find surprising with me being the romantic of all romantic.

(Just visit my room and you'll see why. It's all decorated in Victorian-era style goodies.)

You may find it surprising, that I didn't lose any sleep over it. Especially since all you see when you walk into the Hallmark shop is rows upon rows of Valentine's Day cards and helium balloons. And when you go to the florist, all you see are splashes of pink and red roses everywhere.

And at 70 bucks a dozen.

And you don't even get a pretty vase.

And if I hear Celine Dion's *The Power of Love* one more time...

But really though.

Oh, I used to get all crazy-excited about Valentine's Day. When I was little, I used to have my 30-pack of Valentine cards ready to give to my classmates, custom-prepared with tiny boxes of conversation hearts that taste like chalk. (I kept the Life-Saver heart-shaped suckers for myself.)

And when I hit high school, I'd see all the popular girls with their

hunky boyfriends as the girls carried around their 70-buck roses to show off to all of us non-boyfriended ones who, at the most, got those boxes of conversation hearts from our sympathetic best friends. Yuck.

(I think one year I did have a boyfriend who gave me a single red rose, but what does it matter?)

By now I'm sure you're wondering what my point is.

Valentine's Day is not all romantic candlelight dinners, 70-buck roses, and candy that makes your hips swell up just by looking at it.

It's not even saying "I love you" for the first time or the hundredth time.

It's about love.

Love in all ways.

Some people think you have to spend 150 dollars (or 70, if you buy the roses) to show someone you love him or her.

You don't have to take a partnership in See's Candies to prove it to your "significant" other.

You can, and it's nice, but it's not the point.

Valentine's Day lasts 24 hours.

You can take your sweetest out for dinner or take a day-long walk in the park. Or you can see "Before Sunrise" and get all caught up in the romantic fantasy that the movie ads ask, "Can the greatest romance of your life last only one night?"

Maybe so, but what happens the next day?

The Hallmark shop starts clearing out the cards, the leftover roses at the florist get marked half-off for belated valentines.

Does the love get packed away, too?

Love is not taken seriously.

It's taken for granted.

What happens when the roses wilt away and the 10 pounds of chocolates are left over?

You could say, there goes my 70 bucks.

It doesn't matter, really, and I'll tell you what counts.

It's not the roses, the candy, or even the romance.

It's love.

Who cares if you're lover-less?

You don't need a boyfriend or a girlfriend or even be married.

And you don't need expensive gifts, either.

If you have people that are close to you, it's just as important as being in love.

And the expensive stuff?

Spare yourself.

Instead, expend your love to your sweetest, your family and your best friends by showing them and spending time with them.

Let them know you care about them not by saying, "Hey, never mind this is the 300th time I've told you today... but I love you," but by doing things that mean the most. Like "they" say ever-so-often, "It's the little things."

And spare those words (*I love you*) for when they're really needed.

Hey, you'll save at least 70 bucks... and any problems if the See's Candy thing falls through.

Now you see my point...

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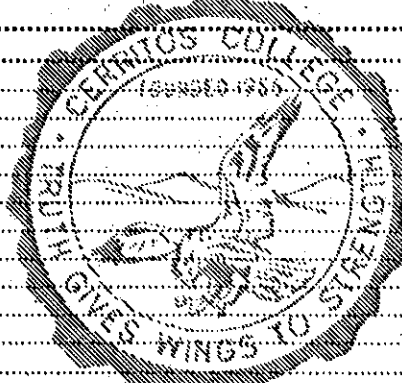
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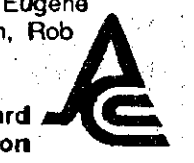
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Ridesharing: the answer for closer parking

Tired of never being able to park close to your classes?

Fed up with the way the staff gets to park close but there is no way for you to reserve a closer parking stall?

There is a way to park closer to your classrooms and to help the environment at the same time. If the question running through your mind is, "How do I do that?" then the answer is simple. Rideshare.

Ridesharing will put you closer to your classes and preserve fossil fuel at the same time.

The Rideshare program has reserved stalls in C-2, C-6, C-10, the same stalls that have been roped off for the past week.

Right now you may be asking, so what is the

catch? The catch is that the person who is driving must have a parking permit already and must sign-up at the Campus Police office.

The criteria is each student in a carpool group will participate at least a minimum of two days a week or more than eight days a month.

Once you join the Rideshare program, you will be issued a special blue, 5 by 8, plaque.

The Rideshare program was started last year, but Sergeant Donald Hatori does not feel daunted by the slow response to the program. "It is usually three years before you see even a little dent."

We hear that there might even be some prizes!

—Written for The Editorial Board by LINDA GATES



Rogers' Rewrites

CC Re-Entry Program is for all ages

When I first considered coming back to College I didn't know about the Cerritos College Re-Entry program.

I thought to myself, could I, after taking all these years off from my education to raise my family just go back?

Here I am thirty-something, aren't these "kids" going to laugh at me? And I'm sure academically I could never keep up with 19 and 20 year olds.

Besides, after dividing my time between my work, taking care of my home, and my child, I would only be able to take a couple of classes at a time.

At that rate it will take me 10 or more years just to finish my General Ed., then I'll have to take my major-related classes.

I haven't needed to use math or correct "English" in years and as far as history goes, I can barely remember who our new President is let alone all the ones before him.

And even if I did get the courage to go back I wouldn't know where to start, what classes to take, and how I will be able to afford it.

There's just too many obstacles, too many unanswered questions.

Then I found out the Re-Entry program could help me solve some of my problems. It could answer these and many other questions I had, I never realized there were workshops to help us returning students adjust to coming back.

There are math anxiety and English grammar workshops, there are self esteem, assertion training,

time management, and parenting workshops, they even provide counseling and a support group for the re-entry student.

You can take tests to help you find out where your interests and talents lie or what career you may want to get into.

They help you find the best and shortest route to get there, from certificates to degrees.

They will even help you find out about getting training awards.

Now I'm in my last semester. I will walk down the aisle on graduation day to receive the three certificates I have earned over just the last two years, with them, my 3.8 GPA, and all the knowledge I have collected. I now have the confidence and skills I need to get out there and become the "best I can be."

—LINDA GATES

Campus News Briefs

Art Club Meets

The Cerritos Art Club will hold its first meeting of the semester Feb. 9 at 4:30 p.m. in AC-33.

The Art Club president is Rick Frausto. Steven Portigal is faculty Advisor.

—RAYSA BOTERO

Math tutors sought

The Math Club is now looking for volunteers to help out with their tutoring program.

The tutoring is free but donations will be accepted for math scholarships.

For more information on times and location, call ext. 2666.

—JENNIFER PICKETT

Inter-Club Council Luncheon Feb. 9

The Inter-Club Council is holding their Officer's Luncheon on Feb. 9 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in BK 111/112 for all new and returning representatives.

Each club is asked to send two representatives.

The ICC will discuss upcoming events and update on club activities.

—JENNIFER PICKETT

'Star Search' March 7 in CC Student Center

The ASCC is holding the first ever "Star Search," on March 7 at 11 a.m. in the Student Center.

Now you can be on star search without ever leaving campus. If you can sing, dance, act, or model, get your act together and sign up.

Bands and stand up comedians are also welcome.

Those who are interested should sign up in the Student Activities Office, or attend the meeting in BK 111 on Feb. 14.

—HECTOR BARRAGAN

Transfer Tours

Planning on transferring to a four-year university?

The Transfer Center is here for you. They offer college fairs, application workshops and tours to university campuses.

To find out when these tours are, the Transfer Center has calendars up to two months in advance.

To sign up for a tour, students must make an appointment with a counselor at the Transfer Center.

Hours for the Center are Mon. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tues. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thurs. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

—EFRAIN VILLANUEVA

CC Blood Drive Begins March 9

Student Activities Blood Drive begins March 9. Beginning at 10 a.m., students, staff and faculty can stop by BK-111 and BK-112 to donate blood.

—LINDA GATES

'Coffeehouse Night' Thursday, Feb. 16 in Student Center; art, live music, performances, and a full service coffee bar

By Raysa Botero
NEWS EDITOR

The first of two Coffeehouse Nights this semester is Thursday, Feb. 16. "I have a feeling it will top all coffeehouses," states organizer Rick Frausto.

Coffeehouse Night is the brainchild of Frausto.

Introduced last semester, it involves a night of live music and performances, various presentations from the art department, and of course, a full service coffee bar. "It's my version of what a coffeehouse should be," says Frausto.

The birth of the Coffeehouse idea took place back in Spring 1994. Surprisingly, it was in response to a Writing Lab topic—How as a student you could improve the school.

Frausto immediately saw that there were no real open relations between

people at school. He wanted to do something that would give students a chance to mix and at the same time bring out the aesthetic side of Cerritos College. With the help of Art Club Advisor Steven Portigal, the idea of a coffeehouse was born.

The original plan of the coffeehouse was to actually build a permanent one on campus. But since the whole idea was too new, Frausto was instead given the opportunity to transform the Student Center into his very own coffeehouse for a few nights last semester. Thus his "brainchild" was born.

Frausto admits that he was pretty much the only one with real confidence in the idea before the coffeehouse debut last semester. But little to his surprise, the idea took flight. With a \$40 expense, Frausto and his small group of volunteers had a hit.

But it didn't stop there. Frausto gathered everything he used that first night for feedback. With his

this, or if you thought of it yourself, I don't even want you to tell me, but I did think that it is a good thing for you to give us your opinions, and for you to propose resolutions. I want you to. I back students totally in having a voice here at the table.

You can say whatever you want as long as it does not make me look bad.

But after nearly twelve years of service, the only thing I have left is the Bill of Rights as part of the Constitution. I still have the right to speak freely. A lot of other things I don't have any more. But what we do say positively about other people on campus - which is what I did last time - is very important. May be more so for my stability than for the campus.

Nobody can make me shut up. They have been trying for years but they always failed.

Barbera: I respect you and that is why I am sitting here listening to you, but nobody programs me. I came here, I talked to Dr. Edminston, I talked to Cheryl (Epple), I brought it up, and I am not a program type of person.

Just because what I said made sense does not mean someone had to tell me what to say.

I wasn't pinpointing it at you. I just meant as everybody. Not just the Board, the whole thing.

But I just wanted to bring up that it has happened on various occasions, and I think that it is important that I respect your response and whoever's response, but I think maybe I should

bring it up because no one else has brought it up.

You're not the only one who drags on, we all are guilty of it. But if the shoe fits a little more snugly on you, then so be it.

And I think I should address this and I had a second. If you guys want to be in favor of it, fine, but I think someone had to say something.

And again no one put me up to this, I have no agenda, and I am an elected official as far as the students, and students do come to these, and I have students come and lead the pledge.

But I feel that it my right as part of the Board to be able to make a motion and not have someone tell me that I was programmed.

This addresses everybody not just you (Steenhoek) and I respect that, and I listen to you and the things you have told me.

I respect all comments as well, but I just wanted to have the chance to get this out in the open. Sometimes people come here and like to listen to all the business, and maybe some like to hear the Board reports as well. That is why I said bring up an alternative - maybe a time limit.

I, too, am a politician, trying to keep my votes but I am also human and tend to fall asleep before the meeting is over.

Steenhoek: I didn't say you were programmed, I just asked you if you were.

Are you sure you are not?

Student arrested for having staff parking permit

Compiled by Gary Mecija

At 9 a.m. last Thursday a student was arrested for possession of a staff parking permit.

Earlier in the year Phil Clifton, Dean of JPER/Athletics reported that his parking permit had been stolen from his car.

Last week officers found the permit in the student's car, which was located in staff parking Lot C-9.

The student, a former parking control attendant, was arrested, cited, and released. His car was also impounded.

Following is a log of other events that happened during the week of Jan. 30 - Feb. 5.

Jan. 30 - At 8 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle that went through a red light signal at Studebaker Rd. and Falcon Way.

A check on the student revealed

that he was driving on a suspended license and his vehicle was towed.

At 8:45 a.m. officers responded to the Library where a student felt dizzy.

At 9:50 officers responded to the Arts and Crafts building where a student suffered a possible seizure.

Both students were transported to the Student Health and Wellness Center, and are reportedly doing fine.

At 3:05 p.m. a student reported that his 1985 blue Oldsmobile was stolen.

Jan. 31 - Officers responded to Lot C-10 and Falcon Way where they observed a vehicle violating a California Vehicle Code.

A check on the driver revealed that he had traffic warrants and his vehicle was towed away.

At 7:24 p.m. officers reported to

Lot C-10 where a student reported that someone had taken his black 1993 Toyota.

Feb. 1 - At 1:15 a.m. officers recovered a black 1993 Toyota.

At 6:35 a.m. a visitor reported that his rear license plate "tags" were stolen.

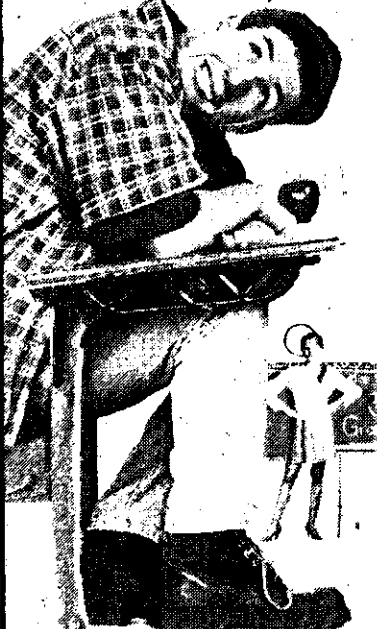
A staff member reported that the hubcaps from her Toyota, parked in Lot C-8, were stolen.

Feb. 2 - Officers responded to Lot C-1 and Alondra Blvd. where a traffic collision between a school bus and vehicle took place. No injuries were reported.

As a reminder, parking tickets received here at Cerritos College or any college campus are the same as parking tickets handed out by the city. Penalties for not paying the fines are the same.

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Falcons take on defending state champ Long Beach

By James Reynosa
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Cerritos made sure this time it wouldn't be close.

Using a suffocating defense and running their offense at will, the Falcons defeated Mt. SAC 87-61 and improved their record to 25-1, 6-0 in the South Coast Conference.

Tonight the Falcons travel to Long Beach to play the defending state champions, in a much anticipated rematch.

"Long Beach is 'it.' It's very hard to get a win there," said Point Guard Monty Owens.

Three weeks ago Cerritos traveled to Mt. San Antonio for the start of conference play. The Falcons went in with a record of 19-1 and a No. 3 state ranking, where as the Mounties of Mt. SAC were struggling at 7-10.

It wasn't to be much of a game.

But to the surprise of everyone it turned out to be one of the most exciting games of the season, with the Mounties taking the Falcons to double-overtime before losing 90-85.

"In the first game, we didn't have much respect for them and that almost cost us," said Assistant Coach Dean Ackland.

Since then, Cerritos has beaten every conference opponent by an average of 15 points, while Mt. SAC has gone 2-3.

Last Saturday, in the Aviary, the picture was the same. The Mounties were seen as a huge underdog and Cerritos the heavy favorite.

Only this time Cerritos wouldn't take Mt. SAC for granted.

The game started with the Falcons playing stiffl defense, forcing Mt. SAC to shoot a faint 41% from the field and causing 17 turnovers, which led to easy baskets. Cerritos' plan was simple.

"Their guard (Eddie Powell) is left-handed and he always wants to go left, so we had Monty (Owens) and Eric (Barnes) force him to his right all night," said Ackland.

At halftime Cerritos had a 43-28 lead.

The second half started with a predictable Falcon jump-start, this time it was a 12-2 run. And late in the second half the lead ballooned to a 72-41 score.

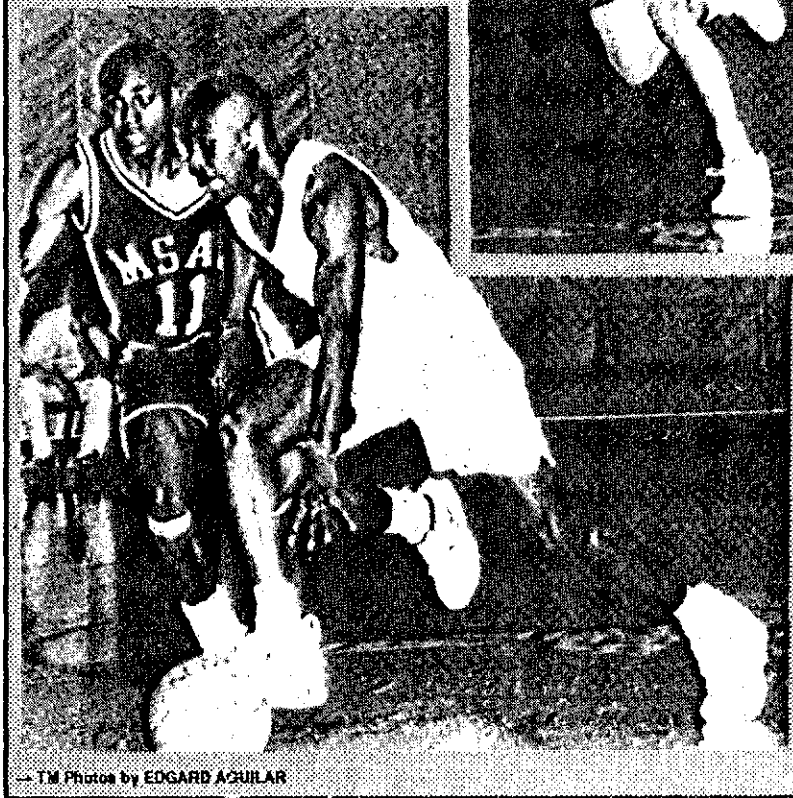
The ally-oops were flying and the game was over.

The forwards for Cerritos dominated the game, with Wayne Allen putting in 22 points and eight rebounds and Darius Rutledge adding 20 of his own to go with his eight boards.

"We didn't make too many mistakes tonight, this is the type of basketball we're capable of playing," said Head Coach Jack Bogdanovich.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Kelly Hambrick (top), and Monty Owens (bottom) drive to the hoop against Mt. SAC Saturday night. Cerritos won 87-61, boosting their record to 25-1.



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Women's softball look good with a 2-0 mark

By Kelly Barth
ASSOCIATE EDITOR/SPORTS

It may only be the first two games of the season and they may not even mean anything in the win-loss column.

But for Coach Nancy Kelly and the 1995 edition of the Cerritos College softball team the opening game's on the schedule against College of the Canyons and USC had to be positive signs.

Cerritos is coming off a disastrous 1994 campaign and a pair of wins over College of the Canyons and Southern Cal is a good way for a team with only one returnee from last season to get started.

The Falcons wasted little time by striking for a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

Cerritos' first inning was highlighted by catcher Kim Johnson's two run double that scored Karen Rosales and Lisa Musick.

Johnson would later score in the same inning following a baserun by Lauren Moody and a sacrifice fly by Amy Balangkura.

The lead would hold up on a solid pitching performance from Trisha Cox.

Cox didn't allow a run in three innings. In the fourth Cox moved behind the plate, once there she threw out a runner attempting to take third.

Cox had a fine afternoon at the plate singling twice and collecting an RBI.

The Falcons' also got exceptional pitching from Karen

Rosales and Susan Norio.

Cerritos carried there good play into Friday's game against the Trojans of Southern Cal.

It was apparent early that the Trojans would fall like the Roman Empire.

Cerritos raced out to a 4-0 third inning lead and never looked back as they used every opportunity to build the lead.

The Falcons pitching was once again a strong point but it was the

defense by the Cerritos infield, particularly third baseman Dara Bills.

Bills and the rest of the Falcon infield snagged every ground ball and every line drive.

Coach Kelly and her staff are not surprised by the stellar play of Bills. "She has such a strong desire to improve," said Assistant Coach Colette Yonce.

Cerritos' offense was also in high gear as they gained an early lead.

The lead would hold up. In the third Cerritos would erupt for three runs pushing the lead to 7-0.

Susanna Durate set the tone for the inning with a solid triple that scored Sara Ledesma. Durate scored one batter later when Dara Bills belted a double down the third base line.

The seven run lead was more than enough as the Falcons hung on for a 9-5 win. USC did challenge in the last of the seventh as they loaded the bases but Cerritos was able to hold off the late rally.

The Falcons are now 2-0 and will play at Rancho Santiago Friday.

REYNOSA AROUND • Jim Reynosa Seven returners see it as revenge on the 'seed' scene

Jack Bogdanovich, head coach of Cerritos men's basketball, was sitting alone Saturday night after his team just issued their latest drubbing. A 87-61 win against Mt. SAC.

"Good team this year?" I asked. "Not bad," he said while he sat back and gave off a little grin.

Coach Bogdanovich has reason to smile. He might have the best team in the state.

With a No. 3 ranking in the state of California and a record of 25-1 — their only loss coming from No. 1 Ventura — Cerritos might be on another championship run.

But don't tell Coach Bogdanovich that.

"Yeah, we're playing pretty good right now but not that good. We still aren't playing good enough team defense, and we haven't been tested by a really good big man, also injuries are hitting us and..."

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Don't try to con us coach. Just say that your team is good.

"That is one of the best shooting teams they've ever had," said Pasadena Head Coach George Tercian. "They have some many weapons, you can't guard them all."

Coach Tercian should know, his team lost to Cerritos 91-72.

But, for that matter, every team should know by now. Cerritos has beaten everybody in the South Coast Conference by at least 15 points, so far.

The reason for the consistent dominance?

To right a wrong.

Last year, coming into the last week of season play, Cerritos lost to LBCC and Pasadena and even though they had a better record than LBCC, LBCC got the higher bid.

Which means while Cerritos journeyed from gym to gym,

LBCC stayed home and rested.

LBCC won the State Championship last year.

"This is a revenge season for last year. At the end, we just didn't have any more energy to compete," said Point Guard Monty Owens.

"We're not going to give them (the seeding committee) any choice this year. They have to give us a high bid," said Bogdanovich.

Maybe Coach Bogdanovich has the right idea in sitting back and smiling.

Remember, he who laughs last...

Birds play Western State Tournament this weekend

By Mike Myers
ASSOC. SPORTS EDITOR

Take a handful of talented returnees, a group of impressive newcomers, and two new assistance coaches, and put them in the hands of Coach Gaylord and what you'll have is a very promising Falcon baseball team.

"I feel good about these guys, it's just a matter of performance," said Coach Gaylord, who with just three seasons under his belt, has already posted a 76-43 overall record.

This year's squad has the talent to allow them to surpass last year's 27-15 finish.

Though the team has no clear dominating position, it does have several good returning "position" players.

Leading these returnees are catcher Rod Barajas, 1st Team All-SCC selection.

Another 1st Team All-SCC selection Norm Padilla who will hold down the hot corner of third base. Keeping the second base position will be Carlos Olea who batted .322 last season.

A solid outfield unit returns,

Cerritos' Lady Falcon basketball squad's dreams of capturing the South Coast Conference title were dashed Friday night by LA Harbor 89-59.

Harbor, the defending state champions, used a 29 point effort from Michelle Duckworth to build their conference leading record to 9-1.

Cerritos, who trailed by 16, 40-24, at the half never got into the game as Harbor had three players scoring double figures.

Compounding the Falcon problems were their own turnovers, and

foul trouble.

The Falcon offense never got rolling and when point guard Liz Espinosa fouled out it was all down hill for Cerritos.

Cerritos is currently 8-2 in conference and still are in contention for a playoff berth.

The Falcons got 17 points from Michelle Coleman in the losing effort.

In the second half Harbor ran of 49 points to continue the domination of Cerritos.

The Harbor home victory over Cerritos was nothing new consider-

ing the Seahawks haven't lost a home game in three years.

Earlier in the week it looked as though the Falcons would make a run at the conference title with a 61-59 win over LA Trade Tech.

The win was the Falcons sixth consecutive in the conference.

Against Tech Cerritos overcame a three point halftime deficit by out scoring Tech 28-23.

The Falcons got 18 points from Babita Singh and 11 from Liz Espinosa.

The Falcons are on the road today against Long Beach City.

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