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## Bid to raise student health fee fails

ASCC Senate votes down proposed hike from \$7.50 to \$10; Board will decide

By Debra England  
TM Associate Editor

It's the story of the recommendation that fell flat.

Only two weeks after Coordinator of Student Health Pat Pinder's "State of Health and Wellness" report, the ASCC Senate was called upon to recommend or not recommend the potential rise in health fees.

This is due to the fact that enrollment has increased at Cerritos and that some 4,000 students are receiving Board of Governor's Grants or financial aid and do not have to pay the minimal \$7.50 health fee every semester.

Cerritos is one of the few community colleges who have not raised their fees since 1992 when the Farr Bill was passed, allowing colleges to raise their health fees to \$10 a semester.

Because of a loss of nearly \$65,000 a year, the Health Center and the Board of Trustees are looking at the possibility of raising the per-semester health fee to \$10.

Said Senate Chair, ASCC Vice President Al Reyes, "If the Health Center does not make up their deficit, ultimately they are going to have to close down one day a week, which will impact students."

Since the Health Center began their services four years ago, they have been working out of a trailer near the weight training room.

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### Coffee House anyone?

Rick Frausto got this idea brewing about a coffee house on campus. He stirred it up among some friends in the Art Club — and the fourth presentation will be served on Tuesday, Nov. 22, in the Student Center 4-9 p.m. Live music, art, poetry, good times...Free admission.

— TM Photo by PAULA FERES

## Student Services VP issue still not settled by Board

By Jeff Atalla  
TM Executive Editor

Last Thursday's special closed session Board meeting, set to determine the future of Vice-President of Student Services, Viet Be, was canceled after reports that Be declined the offer to resign from his position at Cerritos College.

Instead, the Board will meet this Wednesday, Nov. 16 in closed session to continue the litigation process.

College officials reportedly offered Be the option to resign from his post, pay the College for the computers, and create a

trust fund to cover any outstanding claims from International students.

Sources indicate he declined the offer, perhaps balking at the bill he was being charged.

Be opted to continue proceedings on a later date.

It is hoped that tonight's meeting will sort out the loose ends left by the last few meetings that has seen three Board members walk out in a state of frustration.

In regards to the International students caught in this web of turmoil—Acting Division Chairperson of Counseling,

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## ASCC Leadership Conference at SD features workshops

By Paula Feres  
TM Editor in Chief

This year's Leadership conference has been set for January 3, 4, and 5.

This year's conference will again be held at the San Diego Princess Resort. Last year over 65 people attended, but due to budget cuts the limit has been set for 50. Those who have previously attended twice re asked not to apply again, and will be put on a waiting list.

This is a three day event set up with the intention of assisting students in increasing their understanding of leadership skills.

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## 'Angel Tree' grows in bookstore to help Norwalk children

By Maria Yuzon  
TM Staff Writer

The traditional City of Norwalk's Angel Tree Program, a community-wide undertaking aimed to provide clothing to less fortunate children in Norwalk, will be revived this year.

The Cerritos College will again volunteer as a site for the project this year.

Cerritos College will join other agencies and entities participating in the project in reaching out to provide gifts to youngsters between 5 to 10 years old in the holiday season.

The Angel Tree site on the campus will be the bookstore.

Participants in the college will choose

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### Nov. 18 drop deadline

• Friday, Nov. 18, is the last day to drop classes without penalty. If you prefer a "W" to what you might get...

### Turkey time Nov. 17

• The traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served by Culinary Arts Thursday, Nov. 17. Holiday is Nov. 24-25

### ASCC Awards dinner

• Over 150 students will be recognized with service, academic awards Saturday, Dec. 2 at Sequoia Club

### Fall Dance Concert features students, faculty Nov. 17-19

The stage has been set for the 1994 Fall Dance Concert, where works from the faculty and students will be presented on Nov. 17, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. in the Burnight Theatre.

Styles of dancing from modern and jazz to ballet and ballroom will be presented by faculty and student choreographers at this event.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the box office, \$6 for general admission and \$5 for students with a current ASCC card, complimentary tickets are available for faculty and staff.

— EDGARD AGUILAR

## TRANSFER DEADLINE NOV. 30

The deadline to transfer for the fall of 1995 is almost here. Applications for both the UC and the CSU will be accepted until Nov. 30. It is recommended that anyone transferring to a private school consult their school of choice.

Representatives from USC will be in the Transfer Center from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, and CSU Dominguez Hills will be stationed by the Social Science building 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., on that same day.

Also available for questioning and comments will be CSU representatives, from CSU Fullerton from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.,

along with UC Riverside's College of Engineering from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., in front of the library.

Anyone interested in meeting with a college representative must make an appointment in the Transfer Center, located north of the library in the Admissions office.

Transfer Center hours are Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m.-7 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For additional information, students can contact the Transfer Center at Ext. 2154.

— ELIZABETH ESPINOSA

### Comedy 'Haunted House' opens 5-day run on Nov. 17

"Haunted House," an ancient Roman Comedy opens its five day run on Friday in the Burnight Studio Theatre, and with both beginning and advanced students is expected to be a success, said Theatre Production Specialist Gloria Manriquez.

According to Director Robin Huber, this production is a translated version of the original written by Plautus. The cast will include improvisational aspects of the Plautine comedy that Huber feels is often left out of such productions.

"Rehearsals are going great," said Manriquez. "The show is tight: Boom, boom, boom—comedy, comedy, comedy!" The play is more farcical than slapstick," she continued.

Show times are Nov. 17, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. Two matinees are scheduled on Nov. 19 and 20 at 2:30 p.m. and the cost is \$2.

— GABRIEL VILLARREAL

### Free goodies for 'Early birds' Nov. 17 at 7:30

Student Activities is sponsoring an Early Bird Special at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17.

Doughnuts and assorted beverages will be offered to all students with a current student I.D.

— JENNIFER PICKETT

### Here's the movie tickets

Students may now buy movie tickets from United Artists, Edward's, and Pacific Theaters for \$3. Two tickets may be purchased a semester for each theater.

A current student I.D. must be presented at the Student Activities Office.

— JENNIFER PICKETT

### Cesar Chavez, Malcom X to be honored in speeches, forum

In an effort to promote social awareness of what is considered to be one of America's greatest social problems, poverty, a panel discussion will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in BK 111 and 112.

The theme of this panel discussion is to address the issues of how to eliminate poverty and to honor the great men who tried, namely, Malcom X and Cesar Chavez.

Imam Abdul Hafiz, Director of Chaplain Services in Terminal Island and Mohammed Khan the Director of the Muslim Network will speak on Malcom X.

Professor of Ethnic Studies, Dr. Richard Santiane and Ceci Medina of Multicultural Studies will speak on Cesar Chavez.

Following the speakers, an open forum will be held for questions and comments.

The event is organized by the Muslim Student Association and sponsored by the Multiculturalism Studies and M.E.C.H.A.

— DAVID VIAYRA

### Strength of Campbell labels sought by Child Development

Can you assist us in helping the children?

The Child Development Center is asking students for help in saving labels from Campbell made products.

Assorted labels and proofs of purchase from over 1,000 Campbell products are eligible for redemption here at Cerritos College.

Campbell Soup Company is sponsoring this program to help achieve their goal of collecting 50,000 labels to help Cerritos College obtain the needed educational equipment: such as books, tapes, art supplies, and musical instruments.

Students interested can bring labels to Patricia Kepner in the Child Development Center between Oct. 1, 1994 and March 1, 1995, located near the Santa Barbara building.

For additional information contact Patricia Kepner at Ext. 2475.

— MONICA RODRIGUEZ

## Here... There... Everywhere...

**PRESIDENT'S BEFORE SUMMIT** — President Clinton traveled to Jakarta, Indonesia to meet with Chinese President Jiang Zemin, Monday for the second time this year.

The two showed that they are working closely together for peace in Korea. They also remained divided over economic and trade disputes, especially over China's drive to be admitted to the new World Trade Organization.

**PROP 187 ON HOLD** — Police are barred from enforcing the controversial ballot measure that target illegal immigrants until the courts can work out the legalities of it.

The hold will remain at least until Wednesday when it is scheduled to go before U.S. District Judge Matthew Byrne in Los Angeles who will decide whether or not to grant an injunction blocking enforcement while the many lawsuits are pending.

— TAMMY WINCHELL

### STORM BATTERS FLORIDA

The deadliest storm of the hurricane season, tropical storm Gordon, reached Florida on Monday, hitting the Florida Keys with winds reaching 60 mph, knocking out power to more than 187,000 homes and businesses.

Gordon hit Florida after killing more than 100 people in Haiti and Jamaica.

— TAMMY WINCHELL

**GUN PERMIT PLAN** — Nick Rust, Stockton City Councilman and a card-carrying member of the N.R.A. has proposed a city ordinance that would allow most of Stockton's law abiding, adult population, to obtain a concealed weapons permit.

Proposals like this are already approved by nine states, which greatly expanded the number of people who can carry loaded weapons on their person or in their cars.

— TAMMY WINCHELL

**EARTHQUAKE OVERSEAS** — A pre-dawn earthquake with a magnitude of 7.1 shook the Philippine island of Mindoro early Tuesday, killing at least two people and causing some damage to several buildings and bridges.

**BIKERS RIDE FOR MS** — The 11th Annual Love Ride in Glendale attracted 21,000 motorcyclists to the Muscular Dystrophy Association fund-raising event.

This event hoped to surpass last year's \$1 million plus mark.

Dozens of celebrities turned out, including Axel Rose, actor Lorenzo Lamas, Peter Montross and the rides' grand marshal, Jay Leno.

**USC COACH RETIRES** — USC basketball coach, George Ravelling, announced Monday that he would retire.

Ravelling, still slowed by injuries from a severe car crash in September, decided to retire Monday rather than return mid-way through the 94-95 season. The retirement ends Ravelling's 22 year career in college coaching.

Charlie Parker was named men's interim basketball coach.

**SAN FRANCISCO SHOOTING** — Two gunmen wearing bulletproof vests went in an alleged shooting spree Sunday night.

Police were called to the scene after a reported carjacking. The gunmen then opened fire on the officers, wounding one in the head and another in the chest. Both were listed in critical condition. A paramedic was also shot in the forearm.

The gunmen ran down the street with as many as six guns firing off as many as 200 rounds.

One gunman was fatally wounded and the other was shot in the leg by police.

— MIKE MYERS

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# POSSE BOX

By DAVID VIAYRA

• **Important Reminder**—Student parking in the first two rows of parking lot C-10 is no longer permitted, not even after 4:30 p.m. This is a citable offense and if caught, you will be ticketed.

• Nov. 1 — A student returned to his vehicle at 2:05 p.m. to find his passenger door opened. After inspecting the vehicle he found that an assortment of tools and his car cover had been stolen.

• Nov. 4 — In parking lot C-6 the rear window of a 1994 Chevy Corsica was smashed.

• Nov. 7 — Between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. two vehicles were broken into.

The first, a Chevy Celebrity, the thief gained access by breaking the passenger side window, and stole a Kenwood stereo.

According to police officials, the second vehicle, a blue Hyundai was entered by prying the door open. Items stolen were a toolbox, wallet, and a checkbook.

• Nov. 8 — In parking lot C-1 a student returned to his vehicle to find that someone had broken his window and taken about \$1,100 in stereo equipment, including a Sony stereo, a Clarion equalizer and Pioneer speakers.

Police Chief Don La Guardia suggested that students should etch their driver's license number on such commonly stolen products as stereo equipment.

If the stolen products are recovered, the local police department will have a way of identifying and returning the stolen merchandise.

• Nov. 10 — Jose Ramon Montoya, an undocumented immigrant, was taken into

custody by Campus Police at 6:30 p.m. after they had received reports that a male Hispanic was seen in the women's locker room.

Paula Pineda, a faculty member, reports that the alleged suspect fits the description of an individual who was seen in the women's locker room on four prior occasions, including that morning.

The suspect offered no resistance and claimed that although he was in the women's locker room, he was only searching for a restroom.

The suspect was cited for misdemeanor charges, given a court date, and then released.

Female students are warned by faculty to use caution while in the locker room and while walking to their vehicles.

Angered female students feel precautions should have been taken to prevent such an incident and stronger penalties should be imposed.

According to La Guardia, if the suspect fails to appear in court, a warrant will be issued. If he shows up on campus again he will be arrested and brought up on further charges.

The suspect is 5' 4" and 140 lbs. He has short black hair and dark eyes.

As always, students are encouraged to report any suspicious activity.

Campus police can be reached by using any of the red phones located throughout the campus or by simply dialing 911 on any campus phone.

The campus police office is located in parking lot C-10.

## Re-Entry Center goes beyond familiar assessment testing

By Debra England

TM Associate Editor

Okay, so you've been to the Assessment Center to take your tests to get into that math or English class.

But the Assessment Center offers more than just tests.

Included in the Assessment Center are the Re-Entry Center and the Career Center.

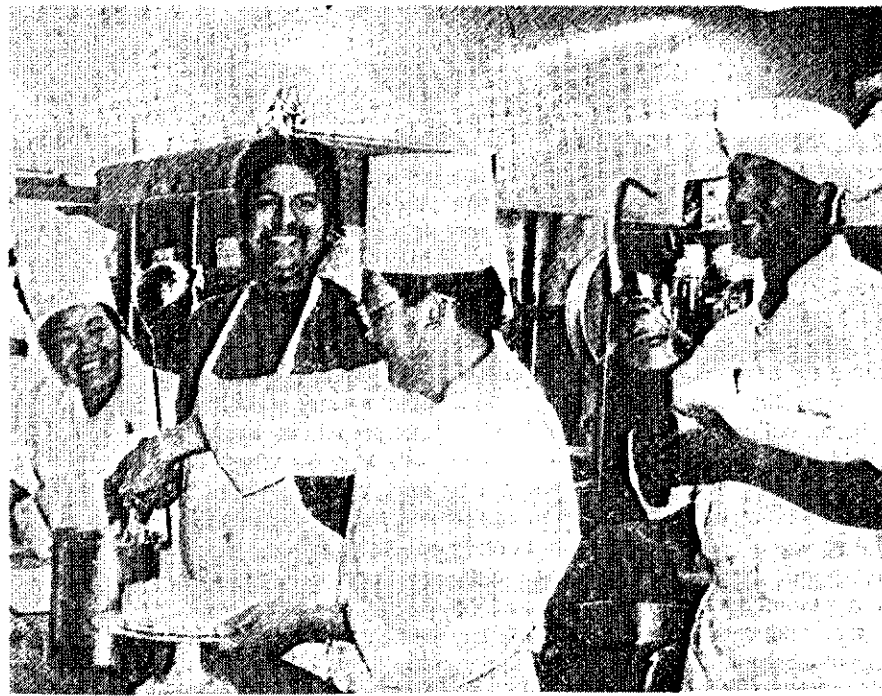
The Re-Entry Center is designed for the adult student 25 years of age or older who has returned to college after an extended leave from their education.

It offers a myriad of counseling programs and workshops as well as enrollment assistance and financial aid information.

They also include a Welcoming Committee that offers advice to Re-Entry students from other "seasoned" Re-Entry students on how to balance home and school and to survive the first semester back in college.

The Career Center, also located in the Assessment Center offers a system called the Eureka System that helps students find careers that best suit them and the best colleges for their particular career goal.

## TURKEY ON TAP



Culinary Art students ready Thanksgiving dinner goodies for Thursday, Nov. 17...since college is closed Nov. 24. — TM Photo by EDGARD AGUILAR

## Campus AJ members win variety of top awards at Regional competition

By Deborah Rogers

TM News/Copy Editor

Cerritos College's Criminal Justice Students' Organization—Lambda Alpha Epsilon—was represented by a winning team of nine members at the recent American Criminal Justice Association's Western Regional Competitions in Fresno on Nov. 4 through 6.

Over 100 representatives from two and four year Colleges participated in Lower Level (65 units or less) and Upper Level Collegiate Division competitions.

The events that each team member participated in included; written exams, crime scene investigations, physical agility, and firearms competitions. They also attended workshops given by experts in the fields of physical and psychological forensics.

The award winners include Mario Chavez, 1st Place in Team Firearms (Upper Collegiate Division), 2nd in Individual Firearms (Lower Collegiate Division), and 2nd in Criminal Justice Knowledge (Lower Collegiate Division); Kim Ponce, 1st Place in Team Firearms (UCD) and 2nd in Criminal Justice

Knowledge (UCD); Norma Aceves, 1st Place in Womens' Physical Agility (26 to 35 age Division); Danny Molina, 1st Place in Criminal Justice Knowledge (UCD), 1st in Team Firearms (UCD), and 2nd in Mens' Physical Agility (26 to 35 age Division); Eileen Reyes, 1st Place in Criminal Justice Knowledge (LCD), 2nd in Criminal Law (LCD), and 3rd in Crime Scene Investigations Team (LCD); Bridget Ewell, 3rd Place in Criminal Justice Knowledge (LCD), 3rd in Crime Scene Investigations team (LCD), and 3rd in Criminal Law (LCD); Cindy Rodriguez, 3rd Place in Crime Scene Investigations Team (LCD).

The two additional team members were Dominic Sarabia and Joseph Baltazar who along with their other teammates received, for their school Chapter, the "Conference Spirit Award" for exemplifying the Association's objectives of education, professionalism, ethical conduct, and positive contributions to the conference.

## Job Placement Office can help you find a job

By Debra England

TM Associate Editor

The Career Center also offers financial aid information as well as scholarships and grants.

Adjacent to the Assessment Center is the Job Placement Center.

Job Placement helps students and graduates of Cerritos College to find employment opportunities such as Federal, State, and County listings and private industry jobs.

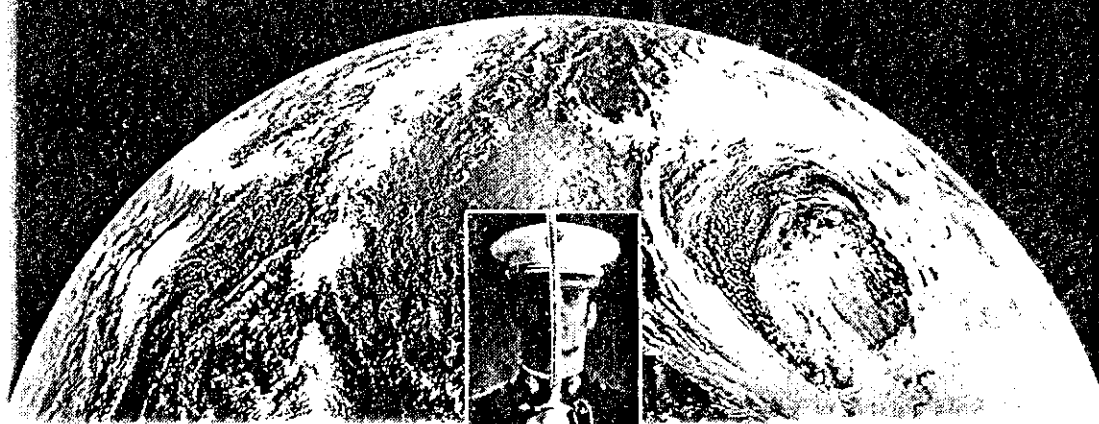
A listing of jobs are posted daily on the bulletin board outside the office. They include full-time, part-time, temporary/summer jobs, on-campus jobs, and internships.

Students must complete a Job Placement application and select at least two jobs. The Job Placement Center will then set up an interview.

Whether or not the student is hired, the student must report the results back to Job Placement.

In addition to employment services, the Job Placement Center also offers career-related workshops such as Resume Writing and Job Search workshops, Successful Interview workshops and California Youth Authority and Careers in Law Enforcement Workshops, as well as others.

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## Board President writes a controversial letter....

To The Editor:

In regard to October 7 Downey Eagle article, "Furor over what's wrong with Cerritos College", and its accompanying editorial, "College intrigue...", I would like to provide additional details, facts and perspective for the faithful readership and voters. As a former resident of Downey with many remaining friends and associates who share my views, I feel you have done a disservice by taking a rather narrow, simplistic view of a very, very serious problem, calling it a problem of "style." The editorial runs contrary to an editorial published last year which called for greater efforts to be made by Cerritos College to take strong affirmative steps to comply with public law, reduce the use of too many committees, and begin addressing the future educational needs of the increasing ethnic diversity in our communities. Voters will be called upon to vote for candidates seeking office as a Board of Trustee member for Cerritos Community College in 1995. They must take their votes seriously and see that their tax dollar is well spent, and the college students get the full benefits of a community college education. In the meantime, they must hold the Cerritos Community College Board of Trustees wholly and totally accountable for what transpires at their community college.

Dr. Fred Gaskin, the college president, and real subject of your most recent article, came to our community college in May of 1993 from an eight year tenure at Moraine Valley Community College and soon following a one year stint in the state of Indiana's system at an appreciably lower salary than offered at Cerritos Community College. He claimed a clean bill of health in terms of his capabilities to lead a troubled school that once held acclaim high within California's 107 campus system. His representations to the board of trustees as a candidate, one of seven hopefuls located by contracted search team consultants, supported his resume that he possessed the capacity to head up a school with a yearly budget of nearly 50 million dollars. Although asked specifically about a problem at Moraine Valley College, Dr. Gaskin dismissed the matter with a claim that one board member at Moraine Valley was "mentally disturbed," and as the result of her opposition to his continued capacity as the president, he settled a "lawsuit" for

\$150,000. His statements seemed most plausible and he was judged well qualified to move forward, updating and upgrading programs and facilities at Cerritos College, and raising additional funds. To assist him in acclimating to the tasks that awaited him, he was paid for six weeks of consultant salary at \$14,500 from mid-May, 1993, until July 1, six weeks later. Then he officially took over as the president at a salary of \$115,000 per year with a reasonable expense account and other allowances and perquisites for his new position. And with this, he was given a three-year contract.

However, within days after he assumed the helm as president, he began to put into place courses of action that ran contrary to wishes of the board of trustees. This latter point can not be emphasized enough. Too often, he was, as he is now, less than candid in the face of necessary disclosure of facts required for proper consideration and action by the board. Too, he quickly began assuming he could promise or make key staff appointments without abiding by a clearly stated selection process, one which included the oversight by the board of trustees and a shared participation by the governance of the school's faculty, personnel, students and community representatives. His actions, also, were often contrary to the mandates of the omnibus legislation, Assembly Bill 1725, authored by Assemblyman John Vasconcellos, and chaptered into law in 1988.

Soon, revelations of his troubles at Moraine Valley came to light in the form of numerous articles and editorials from four newspapers in the Chicago area, articles which were never provided to the board by the search team consultants. These articles and their content gave a portrayal of an administrator whose autocratic and manipulative style caused a great deal of divisiveness within the Moraine Valley College governing board and the school's administration and faculty. Protracted arguments by board members centered around budget manipulations, failure to reveal political campaign donations made to board members with monies from his college expense account, his travel budget uses, his severe problems with an elaborate but failed financing scheme to build a performing arts center, and his abusive style with his staff and faculty. It was

found that his contract was in fact bought out for \$150,000 in the summer of 1990. This buy out came as the result of the governing board's willingness to reveal publicly only two of nineteen charges made against him in closed sessions, and not as a result of a lawsuit against a board member.

Some members of our board in 1993 became extremely concerned, feeling that we had made a mistake. And I for one felt that, indeed, a big mistake was made. In the meantime, several board members, however, were given special attention by Gaskin, which resulted in his strengthening opportunities for him to do what he wanted to do without anyone knowing clearly what he was doing. After the November of 1993 election of new board members, Gaskin was able to garner more support for his "style" without revealing the content of his stealth-like administrative approach to the school's program and projects. He acted, as now, as the proverbial street angel and the home devil. While the board had been accused of micro-managing the administrative affairs of the school, it was obvious that those making this claim against the board had no intention of complying with board mandates or the mandates of AB 1725, itself a very worthwhile reading but too lengthy for this response. And again, I must repeat, your paper supported implementation of AB 1725. Thus, we currently have serious problems with the school's \$49 million plus budget, old and out-of-date policies, serious needs to upgrade many areas of the curriculum and matriculation, to comply with affirmative action, to maintain an effective shared governance policy, to adjust the school's total programs in light of the changing demographics in our communities, and to upgrade the school's programs in order to meet the needs of the state's changing industries and technologies. Any changes in that direction, at this point, have been accomplished by dedicated faculty and staff, too often and unfortunately, without the help of our current president and some of his administrators. Meanwhile he has made it crystal clear that he will move harshly against any administrator who poses a threat to light the darkened corners of his administrative style.

Cerritos College will not, at this point in time, be subject to an in-depth audit be-

cause the Community College Chancellor's Office in Sacramento lacks the finances and staff to do so. This occurs even while having a statute responsibility to assure that the 70 boards of trustees for the 107 community college system in California in compliance with public law. Thus, the Catch 22, referred to in your article, is a clear and concise observation; however, the problem lies in the fact that the Chancellor's Office must rely solely on the ethical and academic integrity of schools to present claims of compliance in writing without the Chancellor's Office having the ability to hold errant and/or troubled schools and/or districts responsible and accountable lest there be a strongly worded formal complaint from faculty, employees, administrators or students. Here, we find that Cerritos is, as considered by key staff in the Chancellor's Office, on the bottom rung of the ladder of functionality and on the top of the list in terms of not adhering to the laws, especially AB 1725.

Yes, Downey Eagle readers, there is brewing turmoil at Cerritos Community College, one that will be destructive if not curbed through enlightened action of a truly public service oriented board of trustees dedicated to the duties and responsibilities that rest squarely upon their shoulders. This is not time for petty politics and vested interests by board members who seem often to focus upon their own agendas and future political fortunes. The Cerritos Community College Board of Trustees is the body that voters must hold accountable for what is currently transpiring at the school.

Ada Steenhoeck, Ed.D.,  
President,  
Cerritos Community College  
Board of Trustees

• EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a letter originally sent to the Downey Eagle newspaper by Cerritos College Board President Dr. Ada Steenhoeck, reportedly in response to an earlier missive by a reader. It is printed here for the enlightenment and information of the entire college district audience.

Responsibility for the validity of public statements and information by no less than the President of the Board we attribute to her as a matter of record.

The accompanying response is the opinion of the Editor of the TALON MARKS and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Editorial Board. HOWEVER....

### PAULA FERES • Commentary Editor appalled at audacity of THE letter....

Controversy has surrounded the Board of Trustees and their actions for well over a year and nothing has been done to either resolve the problem or educate the public.

Now, out of nowhere, Dr. Ada Steenhoeck, President of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees, bares her soul to a source that is not within what she has time and time again called "our family."

I have found through many years of covering "political" policies and procedures, that those who accuse others of wrong doing are often just as guilty. Steenhoeck blasts the public/voters many times throughout the above "letter to the editor" piece, on how important it is to "...hold the Cerritos Community College Board of Trustees wholly and totally accountable for what transpires at their community college."

We wholehearted concur—and accountability has no better place to start than with the President of the Board.

It seems the credibility of Steenhoeck has diminished since her stand fluctuates from, "We need answers to your questions as well. The Administration has to answer your questions. We are your advocates, we sit here and make policies and administrators answer your questions," she stated at the Nov. 7 Board meeting to students of the Amnesty program.

Yet, Steenhoeck says in her "letter to the editor," "Yes, Downey Eagle readers, there is brewing turmoil at Cerritos College, one that will be destructive if not curbed through enlightened action of a truly public

service oriented Board of Trustees dedicated to the duties and responsibilities that rest squarely upon their shoulders."

Does this reinforce her efforts to encourage students to keep their problems and questions within the family?

Does this show the trust and reliance that the Board will make sound decision as she urges students to believe?

Once again, less than eight months before at a March 23 visit to the Student Senate, she was quoted as saying "If you can spell my name you can call me. I'm listed."

Is it proper for us to ignore the chain of command? After many attempts to contact Steenhoeck—she has changed the number listed—we got no response.

Where are Steenhoeck's loyalties? Is it with the voter/tax payers or the students?

Or are they only with those tax payers who are students?

The information given to the Downey readers contains information about which the Talon Marks, the administration, and particularly Norwalk and Downey Community members have voiced concern for some time.

More importantly, why is Steenhoeck stepping forward now?

Where was she and the rest of the Board of Trustees when the questions were raised during Dr. Fred Gaskin's hiring?

The Board repeatedly stated, "Gaskin deserves a fighting chance to prove himself."

Has he? It is imperative that the Board members who claim they are an accountable and "truly public service oriented Board of Trustees," respond candidly and without rancor when the questions and concerns are brought to them by their constituents.

Yet, it is infuriating how personnel matters—which affect a community of students many of middle or low income—are kept so discreet and discrete that it is very difficult for anyone to know the questions, let alone find the answers.

Did Steenhoeck know of Gaskin's background or not?

If she did, why are his answers suddenly unacceptable?

The point is no longer, "Is Gaskin the problem?" If it is...what does Steenhoeck expect to prove by "coming forward," a year late, and to the wrong crowd...or at least the just the Downey political base?

Gaskin's not the first president Steenhoeck has had problems with, starting back when Steenhoeck first joined the Board, when rock-solid Wilford Michael was at the stable helm.

Do all the Board members agree with President Steenhoeck's Board behavior?

If not, why haven't they been heard?

We aren't sure about everyone else, but we students are concerned about the stories behind the stories.

## Implementation of Proposition 187 is put on big freeze

By David Viayra

TM Staff Writer

Cerritos College has put Proposition 187 on hold.

Although Proposition 187 passed by majority vote, the fight for implementation is far from over.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Stuart Pollack wasted no time in ordering the three systems of public higher education to put a temporary hold on the implementation of Proposition 187.

Together with the University of California and the California State University, the Community Colleges have stipulated with the court that the status quo that existed prior to the enactment of Proposition 187 will be maintained pending a hearing on a preliminary injunction to take place on Nov. 29, 1994.

According to Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin, "We have entered into this stipulation in the interest of providing an orderly implementation of our legal responsibilities under the proposition."

According to a spokesperson from Taxpayers Against 187, Proposition 187

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## EDITORIAL: Here comes the Faculty Senate 'Phoenix'

It had become a panty-waist, ineffectual, eunuch of a body over the last few years, but the Faculty Senate has surfaced this year as a new organism.

It has started the painful process of restoring its influence and power to what it once was and what AB 1725 has mandated that it be again.

Over the course of years and in small and sometimes barely noticeable increments, the Faculty Senate has lost its influence in the college's decision-making process.

This has been due to an accumulation of small sins, both of omission and commission.

A complicated morass of redundant committee work, meetings, workshops, etc. were part of the problem. And for some, there is just the unwillingness to deal with anything other than instruction.

It became easy to bypass the Faculty Senate and eventually even instructional

and curriculum decisions were being made by committees which may not have included any faculty representatives from impacted divisions.

This isolation of the Faculty Senate has resulted from scheduling changes, communication inefficiencies — and by design.

Whatever the reasons, the Faculty Senate, representing instructional personnel, has found itself "out of the loop" too often in the decision-making process.

Faculty Senate President Scott Henderson has worked to streamline the Senate process.

The new agenda format lists what the senators should read in preparation for the meeting and what materials to bring. Agenda items are allotted time and an effort to conform to time constraints is made.

Last year, it seemed that all items before the Senate got tabled and resolution on any issue was frustrated.

While the process is still deliberate, more

items seem to find resolution and closure and for this the Senate should be applauded.

Henderson has called for senators to institute a Board watch and a College Council watch within their Divisions. The College Council and the Board of Trustees have both been charged with at least bypassing and at most, usurping the authority of the Senate.

A commitment to become involved in the budget reduction process has been adopted to make sure that instruction will no longer be among the first items impacted.

The Faculty Senate deserves our support. Their efforts to assure that the AB 1725 intent of instructor oversight in the decision and policy making process serves all our best interests.

They are protecting the academic priorities of Cerritos College which is the core mandate of the taxpayers.

Written for the Editorial Board by MARLA AMENDOLA



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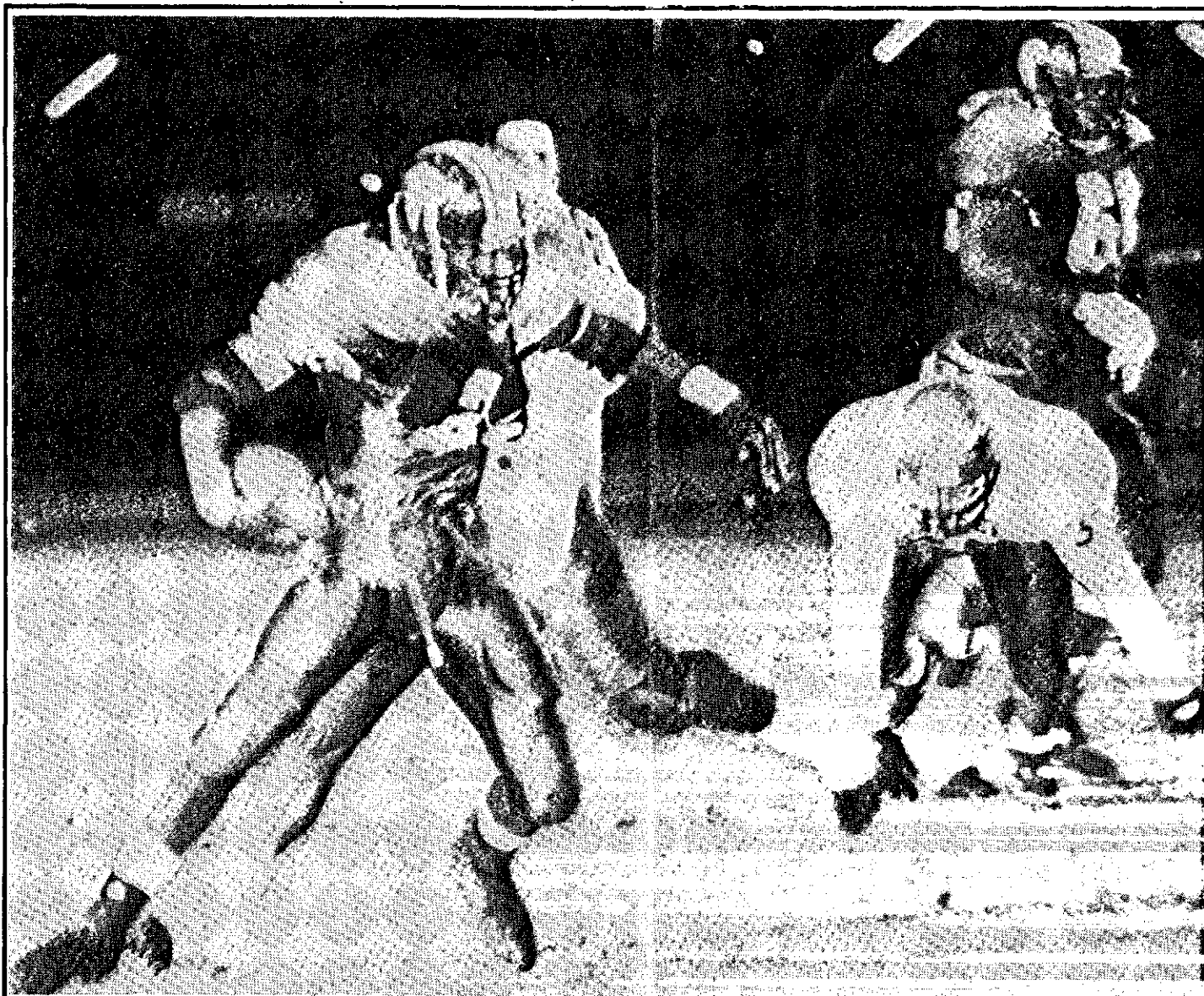
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## Falcons win bowl time with 30-16; it's Palomar Saturday



**INTERCEPTION RUN** — Cornerback Andrew Hosley takes off for 20-yard dash after first of three interceptions for the night in 30-16 romp over Pasadena City. It's defending national champs Palomar Saturday. — TM Photo by EDGARD AGUILAR

By James Reynosa  
TM Campus Editor

With a 30-16 win against Pasadena City Saturday, Cerritos put itself in contention for a major bowl bid in December.

The Falcons will take on the defending national champions Palomar next Saturday Nov. 19, at Palomar.

But even with their victory the Falcons failed to receive any praise from their biggest critic.

"This was a ugly win. Offensively we still can't throw the ball well enough to win. Luckily our offensive line was strong enough for us to win," said Head Coach Frank Mazzotta.

As usual, the defense put the offense in a position to score.

Early in the game, defensive end Troy Antee set a new single-season record for defensive linemen by picking off his third pass.

With the great field position, Cerritos got on the scoreboard, first with a 42-yard field goal by Vincent Guerrero who saw his streak of five straight sail wide left.

Pasadena took a 6-3 lead midway through the first quarter, but would relinquish it and never get it back.

Late in the first quarter, Charles Ephraim would end a six play drive for 80-yards on a 15-yard scamper for a touchdown.

The offensive line was dominant again by pushing the Pasadena defense anywhere and everywhere for a rushing total of 200 yards.

"The line is where we need them, confident and healthy," stated Assistant Coach Keith Harrison.

After a Lancer punt and a 15-yard unsportmanlike penalty, the Falcons would only have to go 30 yards for their next touchdown.

After four plays running back Corey Kelly hit paydirt with a 2-yard touchdown run.

On the very next series, cornerback Andrew Hosley picked up his third interception for 22-yards putting the ball on the 19-yard line for Cerritos.

Five plays later, Ephraim would score his second touchdown. He led the team with 16 rushes for 90 yards.

The score at half-time was 23-6 and Cerritos was in control. Mostly because by half-time, Pasadena had lost both their quarterbacks.

After a lackluster third quarter of fumbles, mistakes and errors, Cerritos let Pasadena back into the game with a margin of 23-16.

Cerritos closed out the scoring with 7:47 in the game with 7-play drive, topped off with a 10-yard pass from quarterback Gary Tessitore to wide receiver Brian Briggs. Tessitore went 11-of-22 for 102 yards and one touchdown.

## WRESTLERS FACE TOUGH TITLE BATTLE

By David Viayra  
TM Staff Writer

State Dual Championships already have enough pressure and Cerritos could have been fine without the added weight.

A discrepancy in the "Five Pound Allowance Clause," a questionably adjusted scale, technically superior team all were contributing factors in the defeat of Cerritos at the State Dual Championships on Nov. 11.

According to Coach Jeff Smith, despite their loss they are already preparing to do battle again at Regionals which will be held on Nov. 18-19 at Bakersfield.

The five pound allowance clause was originally instituted to provide an extra five pounds for wrestlers over the Thanksgiving weekend.

This clause is to ensure the wrestlers would not have to take extreme measures

to maintain competition weight.

According to Coach Smith "The scale used for the match, I believe, had been tampered with by a member of the Fresno team and may have been off by up to 1.5 lbs."

The Falcons suffered their first defeat of the season against Palomar on Nov. 2, with a score of 25-18.

The Palomar Comets were off to a strong start as they swept the first six matches.

Then All-American Rick Carreon took his stance and stopped the momentum of the relentless Comets as Cerritos won their first match of the dual meet with a pin in the second period.

Jake Harmon added to the momentum started by Carreon as he also pinned his

opponent in the second period.

Joe Field received a forfeit win at 190 lbs.

The outlook of the match had gone from grim to hopeful as Cerritos pulled itself into position to win the match.

Unfortunately, Cerritos came up short in the heavyweight match as Adimu Madyun who was wrestling underweight lost to the Palomar wrestler by one point.

Cerritos placed third in the Cal Poly Tournament held on Nov. 4-5, finishing 68 points behind Fresno and 48 points behind Palomar.

Despite their loss to Palomar and the loss in the State Dual Championships against Fresno, wrestlers from Mt. San

Antonio were crushed by the infuriated Cerritos grapplers with a score of 31-7.

## Water Polo plays best game only to lose 12-11 in last seconds

By Mike Myers  
TM Asst. Sports Editor

The Falcons traveled to Belmont Plaza Pool for the two day South Coast Conference meet on Nov. 4 and 5.

In the opening round, Cerritos found themselves matched up against El Camino College.

As the first quarter began, both teams defense seemed impenetrable. El Camino started the game's scoring friadged with a goal at the 3:09 mark and again with 1:53 left in the first quarter.

Coming into the second quarter El Camino continued their scoring onslaught, adding two more goals, including a two pointer.

Not until Vince Trotter's goal late in the quarter was El Camino's 5-0 run ended.

Cerritos answered with another goal

from Vic Apkarian. El Camino picked up their offensive attack and scored two goals, and went into half time with a 7-2 lead.

The Falcons came into the second half a focused team. Chris Feier scored a quick goal for Cerritos which seemed to get the wheels moving.

El Camino answered with a goal, but was quickly silenced with 5-0 run from Cerritos including three goals from Argumosa, which lead the game at 8-8.

The Warriors were able to rebound and score two quick goals in the closing seconds of the third quarter.

As the fourth quarter started, so did the back and forth scoring battle.

Cerritos opened up with a quick goal from Apkarian and Castanon to the game.

El Camino scored the tie to pull ahead by one, but Cerritos wouldn't go out without a fight and once again tied the game at 11-11. In the closing seconds it seemed it

could go either way, until El Camino scored with 25 seconds left to win a close contest 12-11.

Saturday, Cerritos went into the second round facing Mt. SAC, who they had defeated once already. Mt. Sac didn't want history to repeat itself and it showed in their first quarter play.

Mt. SAC's offense set the pace and scored a quick goal. Cerritos seemed to be caught off guard and didn't attempt a shot until late in the quarter, which turned up unsuccessful.

The Falcons seemed to wake up as Vince Trotter scored their first goal of the game. Vic Apkarian then added another goal to tie the game. Cerritos was on a roll and scored again to pull ahead by one. Mt. SAC wasn't out yet, and quickly tied the game, but seemed to lose their first quarter intensity. Cerritos took advantage of this as Chris Quintero scored, and

ince Trotter scored two quick goals in the losing seconds of the half. Cerritos went into the half with a 6-3 lead.

The Falcons came into the third quarter with their same intensity as David Rucker scored a two point goal. Mt. SAC answered with a two point goal of their own and pulled within three. Vic Apkarian scored his second goal of the game, but once again Mt. SAC scored a two pointer cutting the Falcons lead to only two points. At the end of the third the score was 9-7 Cerritos.

The Falcons didn't seem bothered by Mt. SAC's late surge as Castanon scored his first goal of the game. Vince Trotter then scored his fourth goal, putting the Falcons up by four. Mt. SAC scored but it wasn't enough as Chris Feier scored with a minute to play to give Cerritos a 12-8 victory and a fifth place finish in the South Coast Conference.

## 'Quad Squad': Volleyball runs season to 18-0 for 4th conference title

By Kelly Barth  
TMSports Editor

Stop if you've heard this before. The Cerritos College volleyball team clinched the South Coast Conference title with an impressive sweep of El Camino 15-9, 15-4, 15-12.

The conference title is the Falcons' fourth consecutive.

Before clinching the conference title Cerritos hoped to continue their winning ways, and their unwilling victims were the Lancers of Pasadena City.

Cerritos was exquisite in their 15-3, 15-10, 15-13 sweep of Pasadena.

The Falcons are a more seasoned, disciplined squad who played to their strengths by using solid serves, and stifling defense.

Also, Falcon hitting seemed to be mas-

terful as well. In the first two games the Falcons' team hitting registered a team average .360.

Throughout this season Cerritos has proved all too often that they have too many weapons, more than the competition could handle and against Pasadena things were no different.

A host of Falcons gave distinguished performances lead by Paula Makridis.

Makridis came on strong with 13 kills, two aces, and three blocks.

If there's one thing Cerritos will never be accused of, that's about being a one woman act.

Cerritos' vast talent pool came at Pasadena in waves, as Colleen Jewell, Kirsty Benson, and Cruz Mendoza helped to lead a Falcon attack that would not be denied.

Jewell delivered another fine performance with seven kills and 36 assists, while Benson and Mendoza were key in pacing the defense.

Cerritos remained undefeated at 8-0, 17-0, as they next hosted the Warriors' of El Camino.

The Falcons continued to be masters of the broom as they swept past El Camino.

After putting a sluggish beginning behind them Cerritos got rolling and once again it was Makridis who helped to get them going in game one with six kills and nine digs.

In game two Cerritos went after several loose balls, and played suffocating defense as they blew by the Warriors 15-4.

Freshman Quan Vong took control of the offense in game three and dealt out 16 assists.

Paula Makridis produced a double-double with 14 kills, and 17 digs.

The defense was lead by the solid play of Yolanda Plascencia who came up with six blocks.

On this night there was no shortage of Cerritos' power as Shannon Walker delivered seven digs.

While Makridis was racking up double figures in two categories. The Falcons got great play from another double duo in Cruz Mendoza, and Jennifer Macias.

Mendoza and Macias recorded 11 digs each.

With victories over both El Camino and Pasadena Cerritos ran their home winning streak to an impressive 48 games.

The Falcon will be on the road today at Mt. SAC.

## Men hoopsters 2-0 with wins over Compton, Oxnard; here Saturday

By James Reynosa  
TM Campus Editor

All you have to do is look at the walls at "The Aviary" to find out what Coach Jack Bogdanovich expects.

State champions in 1988, 1992 and five players returning, three of which are starters, you would think expectations would be high this year.

"We don't have a true center this year, so a team with a center is going to give us some trouble. We're going to have problems rebounding because we don't have a lot of size," stated Bogdanovich.

Last year the Falcons finished the year with a record of 26-7 and a second place finish in the South Coast Conference.

"We won't have a problem scoring this year, we have plenty of offensive weapons," stated Bogdanovich.

Guards Monty Owens and Kelly Hambrick will provide some of that offensive firepower, each of which averaged over 10 points a game last season.

And with the help of double trouble, also known as, twins Derrick and Eric Barnes. The Falcons look strong at the point.

Forwards Wayne Allen, Darius Rutledge and Earnest Douglas will have to compensate on rebounding because the lack of a big man.

"Wayne and Darius will have to key up our rebounding for us to get some quick points on the other end," stated Bogdanovich.

The bench will be held down by freshmen guards Joey Gorini and Scott Thomas and forwards David Henry and Jon Marquez.

The Falcons came into their first home game against Oxnard on Friday, Nov. 11 with already having a win over Biola.

Oxnard came in with only two returning starters, a coach in his third year

and building on a record of 12-18 from last year.

It had the set up of being a blowout. But with Cerritos being out rebounded 48-36 and shooting only 53% from the charity stripe, the Falcons showed some vulnerability with a 90-80 victory.

Against Oxnard five players scored in double figures with sophomore guard Derrick Barnes leading the team with 17 points and five steals. Freshman forward David Henry added 17 points of his own, while adding seven rebounds. Forward Wayne Allen scored 15 points, with guard Kelly Hambrick making three shots from the far arch en route to his 14 points.

Sophomore forward Darius Rutledge had 12 points and a team high 10 rebounds.

All but one player scored for the Falcons.

The game started slowly with both teams looking like two teams just getting on there way.

Cerritos established a 13-point lead at half-time but with sloppy play and turnovers let the Condors creep to take the lead down to four.

Luckily the Falcons forced enough turnovers to end the momentum and close out the game.

The very next night Cerritos defeated Compton 100-72.

Sophomore forward Darius Rutledge could not be denied pulling down a career-high 22 rebounds and added 16 points.

Cerritos held on to a 10-point half-time lead, but blew the doors wide open in the second half.

The combination of Owens and Hambrick proved to be too much for the Tartars.

Monty Owens put in 17 points, eight assists and five steals with Kelly Hambrick placing 10 points and four assists of his own.

## Women's basketball at LBCC tournament; open with impressive 75-64 win at Bakersfield

By Kelly Barth  
TMSports Editor

Coming off a 22-11 campaign a season ago, and losing three starters including All-American Kate Larabee, you might think that coach Karen Noel and this year's squad would be concerned.

If they were it sure didn't show in the teams opening game at Bakersfield as Cerritos won 75-64.

The Falcons were led by sophomore forward Keri Pesanti.

Also playing valuable minutes were Babita Singh, and Tara Knesel both chipped in with 14 points apiece. Singh also crashed the boards hauling in six rebounds.

Behind 16 of 22 free throw shooting Cerritos would take control and grab the lead.

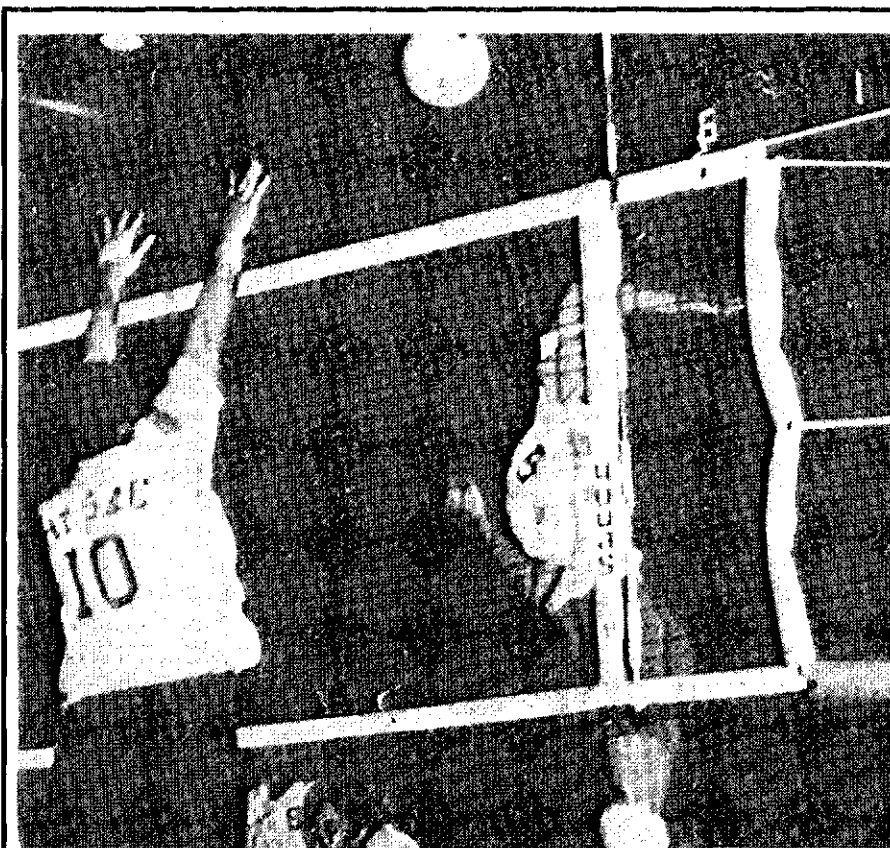
The Falcon offensive attack was led by guard Liz Espinosa. Espinosa led the Falcons by dishing out six assists.

On defense the pesky guard made herself known by disrupting Bakersfield with six steals.

Cerritos also got strong rebounding from Michelle Coleman.

Coleman got into early foul trouble and sat out much of the first half with three, she would however return and put in nine second half points.

At 1-0, the Falcons will return to action Thursday in the Long Beach City Tournament.



SPIKE STRIKE — Freshman Midori Bruel goes for hot shot over Mt. SAC whom Cerritos faces again Thursday.

— TM Photo by EDGARD AGUILAR

## Soccer faces No. 1 East LA here today

With a 2-6-1 record to date, the Cerritos College soccer team will close their season when they host the state's No. 1 ranked squad in East Los Angeles, Thursday, Nov. 17.

Coach Vladimir Nieto will be looking

to forward Jose Nunez and winger Luis Cortes to close out a tough season on a strong note.

Results from the Nov. 15 game against Mt. SAC were not available at press time.

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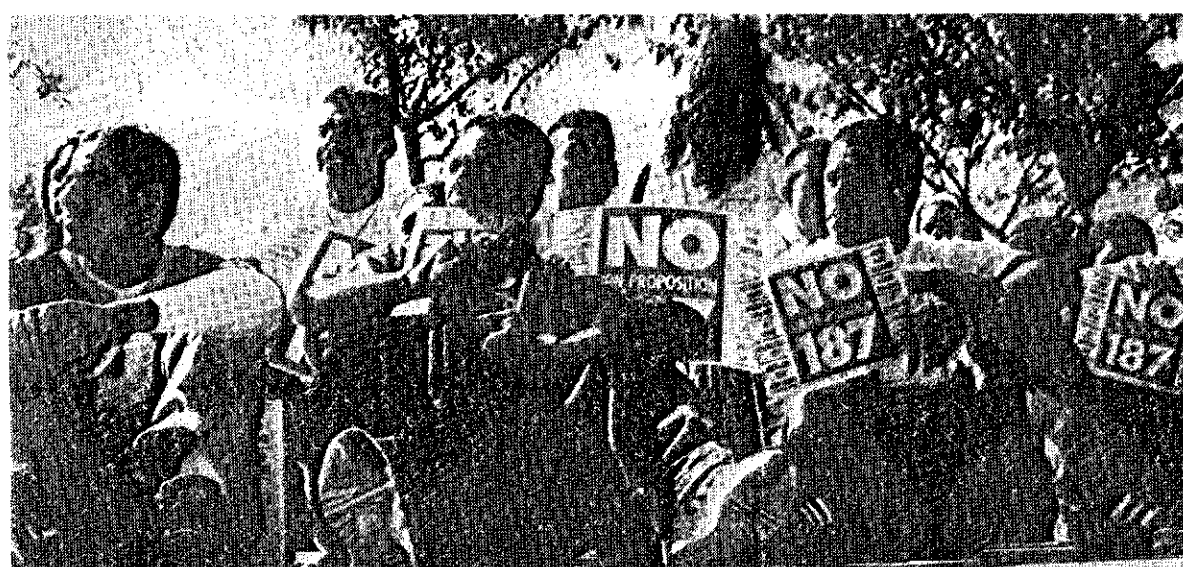
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## Brown beret militant taunts establishment

Story by PAULA FERES and DEBORAH ROGERS  
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## Diverse speakers voice opinions for/against Proposition 187 at M.E.Ch.A. sponsored rally

"You attract more flies with honey than with vinegar!"

It's an old adage that still holds true.

One of the main reasons Prop 187 passed was the way America—thus the voters—were treated by the "No" group.

What was revealed on television was just a sample of what was happening or what was being said by the "No" group.

Hundreds of people marched down the streets carrying flags of Mexico—but that wasn't what really got to people—the American flags were carried upside down, they had "No On 187" stickers plastered over them, and the ultimate insult—they were burned.

While "No" activists were calling "Yes" proponents racist in one breath—in the next they were screaming down with gringos. Wouldn't that be called hypocrisy or racism itself?

Viva La Raza was the theme chant of the activists and students who protested at Cerritos College on Nov. 3. Accusations such as "you stole our land and we will take it back" and "Adolph Hitler Wilson" were shouted out at the rally.

When this all started, you heard, "Don't do this to our children, they need an education to succeed, medical care to survive...but near the end it changed to "We were here first," "We are the youth, the majority, we will rise up and take back the land you stole from us."

But when students were asked if after the rally they would return to school, they responded with "We don't want to go to school."

Has a point been lost along the way?

The majority of immigrants did not risk their lives—as well as their family's—to cross the border to come to America to "take it back."

They were not happy in their home land. They wanted a better life. They came for the work, education, and health care. They wanted the "American dream."

Yes, it is hard to believe to a native who knows nothing else.

Even if California, Texas, and the other states that were once a part of Mexico still were—what makes someone think there would be any difference at the borders today?

When this all began, most people just saw the children as the innocent victims—by voting day they felt the hatred and prejudice that was being taught to those same children by certain members of the "No" group.

They were hurt and angry—they voted that way.

The polls confused many people because they seemed to lean towards the "No" side, but many people lied to the pollsters because they were afraid of retaliation by the "No" activists. Others changed their minds at the last minute.

At the rally organized by M.E.Ch.A. a militant member of the Brown Berets de Aztlan, and a representative of M.E.Ch.A., Augustin Sevedia jumped to the stage dressed in camouflage to welcome the crowd by saying, "It's good to see all these brown faces, you have done yourselves proud."

He continued by claiming, "The whole establishment, all the gringos and their banditos are shaking. What you are doing is historic. Whether 187 wins or loses, they cannot stop the youth of Aztlan. The youths of Aztlan will take over Aztlan."

Just minutes before a speaker spoke of the importance of thought, intellect, and political power instead of violence and mayhem.

Yet, Sevedia supported such statements as "They believe in abortion and homosexuality. We believe in having a lot of babies." "It's a matter of time and the land that was stolen from us—Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, California—we will unite with Mexico."

Co-advisors of M.E.Ch.A., Marvin Martinez and Sally Morales-Havice, did not respond to whether they supported Sevedia's statements.

Sevedia continued by blasting, "Our youths are demonstrating that they will not take the racism either from Wilson or anybody else and they will not put up with sell-outs who are trying to channel these movements into just the schools...our youth are showing California and the nation that we are the majority here and in the future all this useful energy will be translated into political energy which will empower us to take over..."

This puts forth the question: "Are they fighting for the forgotten land, or are they interested in the future as a nation of immigrants of every race?"

If Aztlan doesn't exist, maybe there is a good reason for it?

Something better came of it.

Ixtana Lopez, a student of Cerritos, spoke up at the event to place a valuable complaint, "I'm a teacher and I do not want to have to be a police officer...Prop 187 will entitle racists in society to harass Mexicanos and Mexicanas just because they have brown skin."

Many students stressed the point that they rallied because their parents couldn't. "They are illegal and can't be here," said one student.

...The point being that these adolescents are being fed information that is only valid if they want to burn the pueblo and steal the horses.

We have to look forward and work toward education.

It's questionable that the majority of immigrants pour into California for the health care, and apply for welfare and stiff the working Americans with the costs, and then they fill our schools with children that ditch and fight to leave.

Lopez also stressed that "A group in the state called 'save our state' were the people who proposed this proposition and Pete Wilson endorsed those people—these are racist...who want to keep the white rich upper class empowered and keep the Mexicanos and Mexicanas oppressed."

What of the Jewish upper class, or the Asian upper class, or the African-American upper class, or the Mexican-American upper class? How do these levels hurt their cause? Are only white rich?

Lopez spoke up of how, "It is up to us to educate our people," and yet they are asking US to educate "their" people.

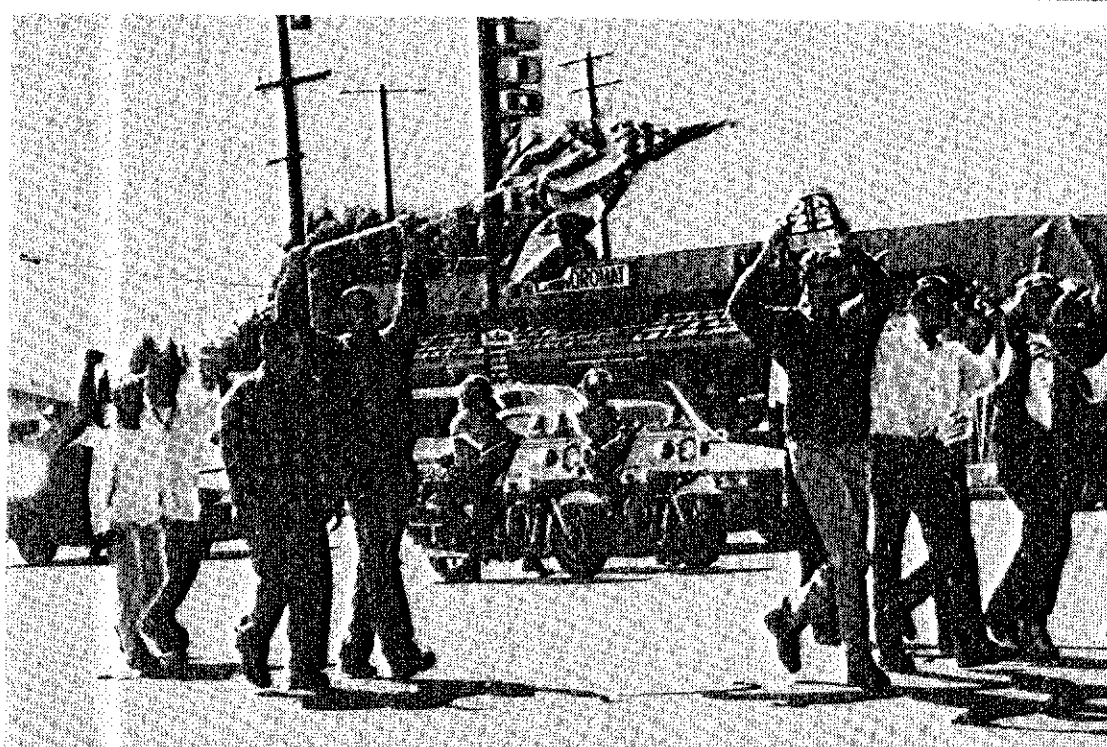
In the end, a male student sang the National Anthem of Mexico, and then a female student sang the American National Anthem. The female student from Norwalk who sang the American Anthem put it best, "I thought they were going to boo me—this isn't a racial thing."

This helped by showing not racism and hatred like those some would describe as militant radicals who spoke before, but rather, that we can share two races' pride and beauty through song in the same room without burning each other's flags.





## ON THE MARCH



Young protestors march back to their high school in opposition to Prop 187 after rally held at Cerritos College



## Names on the tree

Get a tag with a child's name from off the "Angel Tree" and return it with a gift

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## Bookstore helps in 'Angel Tree' effort

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an Angel tag that lists the child's name, age, sex, and clothing size. The tags are returned with the gift wrapped items not later than December 7.

In turn, the gifts will be delivered to the Social Service Center at 11929 Alondra Blvd. or at the Norwalk City Hall.

As a participant, the college will display Angel Tree tags conspicuously to give emphasis on the nature of the program.

Sponsored by the City of Norwalk's Social Services Commission, Angel Tree expects to benefit more than 2,000 Norwalk children come Christmas time. The commission, city staff, Norwalk Lions Club and Norwalk Kiwanis Club will oversee the gift distribution.

Cerritos College will have a representative on hand to assist in the distribution.

If you have additional questions, please call Marilyn Morin at 310-864-3785.

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must hurdle at least three major obstacles before implementation can begin.

They are as follows:

The 14th Amendment guarantee of equal protection provides that all people be treated the same under state and federal laws. By trying to deny public education to undocumented immigrants, Proposition 187 comes in conflict with the 14th Amendment, they say.

According to federal officials, requiring schools to release confidential family information to immigration officials violates the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

In the 1982 Supreme Court ruling of Pylar vs. Doe, all children in the United States, including undocumented immigrants were granted the right to public education. Proposition 187 lies in direct conflict with this ruling.

Legal experts suggest that enforcing the new law as written would require nothing short of another Supreme Court decision and one or more acts of Congress.

Sources claim that Judge Stuart Pollack is scheduled to consider issuing a formal restraining order that would halt the proposition until the conclusion of a civil trial.

## LEADERSHIP

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Records indicated the first ever Leadership conference was held as a four day event in Lucerne Valley Sept. 7 through the 10 in 1962.

Students must file an application with Student Activities on or before Monday Dec. 5, by 4 p.m..

Those interested must represent a club they belong to, receive the signature of their adviser and pay the registration fee of \$50.

The benefits sought by this event are to develop your image as a successful leader,

increase your self-confidence and personal potential, build alliances with Cerritos College faculty, administrators, staff and student leaders.

It's also hoped that the conference will enable students with the added tools to gain insight and skills to assume a leadership role on campus or in their career field.

All who are approved will be sent letters of confirmation on Friday, Dec. 9.

For additional information contact the office of Student Activities at ext. 2475.

## Health fee hike spiked in Senate

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They have made plans since then to build a permanent facility.

"They have to build a permanent building," said Reyes. "If not, eventually the state is going to kick them out of the trailer."

Recently the final plans went to the Board for final approval and were granted.

According to Pinder, building could begin in as soon as two or three months.

Said Senator Gene DiMonaco during the meeting, "Fridays are especially busy and we can't afford to have it closed one day a week. There are a lot of students who have no insurance and need the Health Center....

"We do need the Health Center."

Senator Manuel Marin took the podium after Di Monaco. "I've talked to my constituents. I've found it was unanimous that no one supports the raise in the health fee."

The Senate turned down the recommendation 4-17-6.

However, this does not mean that the health fee will not go up. Said Reyes, "This is only a recommendation based on what the Senate perceives as the needs of the students. The Board of Trustees will look at it and then decide... they may do it anyway."

The issue of whether or not to hike up the health fee may go to Board the last meeting of the semester.

## Talk time

Members of CACRC (Commercial Airline Composite Repair Committee) discuss plans for program which Cerritos hopes to be a part of. Left is host Terry Price.

— Stories and Photo by DEBORAH ROGERS



## Cerritos seeks airlines training project

The Composite Technology Department of Cerritos College is not just one of those departments that sit around waiting for something to happen.

Beginning with the various workshops and clinics the department plans and hosts—to the Industry—Education Partnership they have with major companies, the department has its hands full.

Department Chair Terry Price and Composite Repair Instructor Richard Barrett are currently working on a new committee CACRC (Commercial Airline Composite Repair Committee), that they hope will bring a new International Training Program here to Cerritos College.

"If Cerritos is chosen as one of the training sites," said Terry Price, "it will mean increased International recognition for our school and will help when applying for grants and other support to our College."

CACRC is an International committee that has

invited all the commercial airline companies to participate in training at facilities throughout the world.

The Committee was started about 18 months ago and is made-up of members from England, France, The Netherlands, and the United States.

The airlines and companies that are represented in the committee are Continental, United, KLM, Northwest, TWA, Dynair, Evergreen, British Airways, US Air, American, Airbus, Fokker, Nordan, DuPont, Boeing, and Douglas.

Abaris Training, Pima College, King's River College, and Cerritos College are the schools that are included in the group.

There are also a couple of FAA Inspectors on the committee.

The intent is to train people to an international standard so they may bring their credentials with them, whether they live in the US, England or wherever.

## Autoclave clinic Nov. 18

The Cerritos College Composites Technology Center will be hosting an Autoclave Clinic on Friday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

The clinic is a prerequisite for those requiring autoclave certification.

The one day event will begin at 8 a.m. with Registration and a Continental Breakfast and continue on to include Vendor Exhibits, Computer Software Demonstrations, and Hands-On Experience and Maintenance.

Experts who will be there include the Thermal Equipment Corporation, a leading manufacturer and rebuilder of autoclaves and Airtech International, they have a worldwide distributor network.

Registration for the clinic is \$79.

The next event will be on "Viable Processes for Commercial Applications" on Dec. 2.

For more information call the Center at (310) 860-2451 ext. 2927.



## Foreign students sent letters from counseling

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Preston Hampton, has sent out letters to foreign students who may have used the International Service Center and have received no response.

Hampton is asking these students to contact Division Secretary in Counseling Robin Thompson, at (310) 860-2451, Ext. 2126, to schedule an appointment with him to discuss a "remedy for this situation."

Nearly a dozen students have already contacted the counseling office, which is helping them sort out and find paperwork from the Service.

## Flu shots still offered at Wellness Center

Hurry, before it's too late to avoid the flu!

The Student Health and Wellness Center is continuing to administer the flu vaccine until Dec. 16.

Students who have paid the student health service fee can obtain the vaccination for \$8 and also qualify for free nursing, physician visits and discount prices for medication and treatments.

Operating hours are every Monday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and again from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The immunization can also be obtained every Friday at 8 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. or by selected appointment.

The Wellness Center also offers other services which include pap smears, First Aid care for illness and accidents, Pregnancy tests, and Life-Style Counseling.

For further information students can contact the Wellness Center at Ext. 2321.

— MONICA RODRIGUEZ

## Math and biology needs make for easy homework

Heard of easy math and biology homework?

Math professor Sue Parsons and biology professor Connie Boardman say some house cleaning will make the grade.

With a little rummaging throughout the house, the assortment of small items needed can be found to assist these needy teachers.

For the "Teacher Eisenhower Grant Workshop," these instructors need the following items.

Items required: small metal items; nuts and bolts; buttons; keys; and rare dry foods like pastas, nuts, seeds, and dried beans.

They also need any low in value foreign moneys (i.e. coins, tokens, or paper money);

## Sociology Club's essay contest entries due Tuesday, Nov. 22

Submissions for the Sociology club essay contest are due no later than 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22 in the Humanities/Social Science office in the basement of the Social Science building.

Essays are to answer the question, "What Is The Relevance Of Sociology In Today's Society," in three to five typed pages.

Submissions will be judged by a panel of faculty from a variety of disciplines and are to be submitted with an entry form which can be obtained from the Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Divisions. Entrants must identify each page with their identification number only.

Two winners will be announced Tuesday Nov. 29 at 11 a.m. in IIS 102 and will be awarded \$75 and \$50 for first and second place, respectively.

For further contest information stop by the Humanities/Social Sciences division in the Social Science building basement.

— GAERIEL J. LLARREAL

empty check boxes; discontinued stamps; and tiny rocks or shells.

Contact Sue Parsons at Ext. 2671 or Connie Boardman at Ext. 2687 if any of these items are found and can be donated.

— RAYSA BOTERO

## Tickets go on sale for annual Fall banquet

Tickets for the Annual Fall Awards Banquet will go on sale Monday, Nov. 21. Students who will be receiving an award will receive their letter of notification by Friday.

Over 100 are expected to receive an award at the event Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Sequoia Athletic Club in Buena Park.

Award recipients attend the banquet for free.

For students who are not receiving an award, the price is \$10 with a current CC I.D.

For guests, the price is \$15.

Awards this semester include Service and Leadership awards, ICC Scholarships, recreation awards, Homecoming awards and instructionally related awards.

— DEBBIE ENGLAND

## ICC pushes campus Canned Food Drive

Many families will have a little more to be thankful for as the holiday season draws near.

ICC is holding its annual canned food drive to help support needy families in the Norwalk/Cerritos area.

The Student Activities Office is accepting donations of canned goods and other non-perishable items, from dried noodles and soup to cake mix, through Friday, Dec. 9.

Clubs on campus are welcomed to compete in collecting the most items. The top three clubs will be presented with plaques at the Fall Awards Banquet on Friday, Dec. 2.

The deadline for club competition is Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 4 p.m.

Donations will be sent to Norwalk Coordinating Council for distribution.

For more information call Student Activities, Ext. 2471, or Richard Garcia at Norwalk Coordinating Council at 864-0178.

— MARK NEWTON

## Cerritos Speech first in Novice, fourth overall team at Pasadena

Cerritos College's speech team competed this past weekend in the Pasadena City College Lancer Invitational and left their opponents speechless.

Out of 14 community colleges competing, Cerritos placed first as a novice team, and fourth overall.

The following members were first place champions in their categories: Jacques Martin, first place informative, first place radio speaking; Cynthia Golembeski, first place extemporaneous speaking; Harmony Blossom, first place dramatic interpreta-

tion. The team has now reached their season's high in awards and rankings.

Past placements include a fourth place finish among community colleges at the Biola Invitational and third out of 27 colleges in awards earned at the Mt. Sac Invitational. Cerritos was also first out of all community colleges at Mt. Sac.

The next competition the forensics squad hopes to overtake is the Fall Championships, Dec. 2-4, at C.S.U.L.B..

— RAYSA BOTERO

## On November 5, Cerritos College sponsored a Pride in Cerritos College (PICC) Fall Festival and Concert.

During the day, 82 craft booths were visited by more than 1,500 people. The evening concert featuring Poncho Sanchez attracted approximately 750 students, staff and community members to our campus.

This event could never have taken place without the hard work and dedication of many people, departments and clubs. Our gratitude to:

**Lilia Rodriguez, June Hurtado, Dick Dumont** and the rest of the Publications and Public Information staff who handled all of our publicity and all of the details for the vendors.

**Peter Gaimi** and his crew from Maintenance who laid out the quad for the craft booths, delivered our equipment, set up for the concert and cleaned up after us.

**Don LaGuardia** and Campus Police who planned and directed traffic control and provided security.

**Etta Walton** who house managed the concert, **Alan Beaulieu** who arranged for the food and drink vendors, **Phil Clifton** who facilitated our use of the gym,

**Judi Christensen** who kept us on budget, **Wendell Hanks** who wrote our radio ads, made signs and bombarded us with advice.

**Tom Nelson** and Talon Marks who printed our news releases.

**Dean Ackland** and Student Activities who allowed us to use their facilities and equipment.

**Gene Blackmun, Dr. Ted Edmiston, Dr. Fred Gaskin, Preston Hampton, Dr. Adolph Johnson, Donna Jones, Joyce Ricci, Dr. Serafin Zasqueta, The Theatre Arts Club, and Phi Beta Kappa** who either set up for the craft fair, registered vendors, sold tickets or ushered.

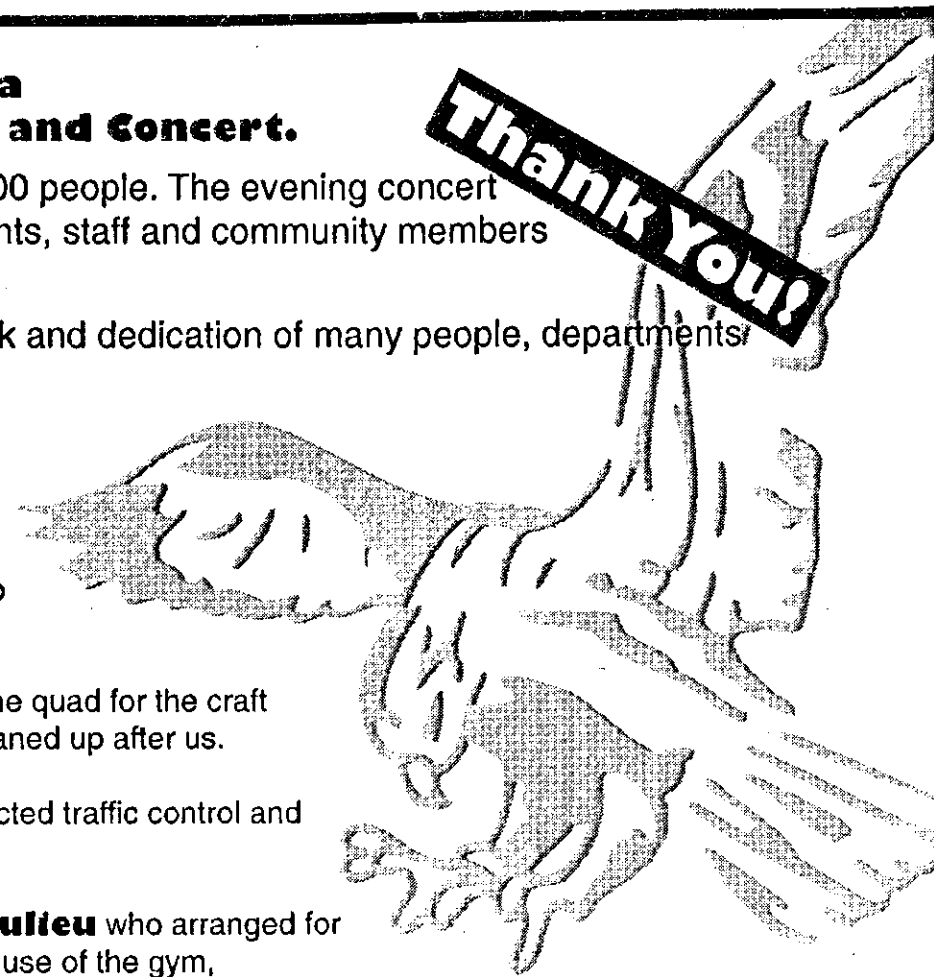
And last, but far from least, my co-workers in **Community Education** who helped me coordinate this massive event. A very BIG thank you to each of you. You proved that team effort and Pride in Cerritos College can make a difference.

**Ilean Rabens**, PICC Chairperson

Thank You!

Thank You!

Thank You!



## FACE UP...FACE UP...FACE UP

by Paula Feres

### Some leaders need to learn

This year's Leadership conference will come and go and all that will be heard is "What a great speaker he was," and "I learned so much about..."

But no one will be proud to boast about the sick politics, or the hidden agendas those in highly respectable positions took into account before what normally is a wholesome event.

The common students will hopefully never know how the power of one's position can overwhelm one's common sense and good judgement and allow them to ask for certain additions and exceptions that make laws or regulations obsolete.

As students we trust that our elected Board of Trustees members will make and implement policies that do not help with their own personal questionable agendas, but, better the college for us—the students and tax payers.

We expect the president of the college to oversee all doings at the college, not with an eye for personal gain, but with an open mind that will benefit the students and college as a whole entity. We should function as family, not of children but of adults. This kind of example we hope would come from what some have called the father of the family—the example the president sets is exemplary.

We, as students, hope that our top administrators will not double charge us for fees or books, cut our sorely needed General Education courses, nor lie to us about application paperwork and expensive fees that are not needed by law or regulation.

We assume that, as instructors, those who specialize in teaching us, will not teach us to be prejudiced or biased, towards anything, race, religion, or frame of thought.

We feel confident as students that when we vote for a president, we choose what is best for many students and not for few. We rely on the fact that this one person, who promised to carry our

voices to all levels of the administration and government, will not waste our breath on petty ideas — such as alumni requesting attendance to events limited to currently enrolled students.

Or the dogged insistence of one in power that someone be on the event roster who has already gone the limit — unless they're on the program.

We try to sleep well at night, knowing that the clubs that form on the holy ground of the campus are to better the student's minds and values, and expose each mind to ideas not available in the classroom settings.

We expect students to be accountable for their actions and reactions, like those who have come before us with their example, our teachers, administrators, and presidents.

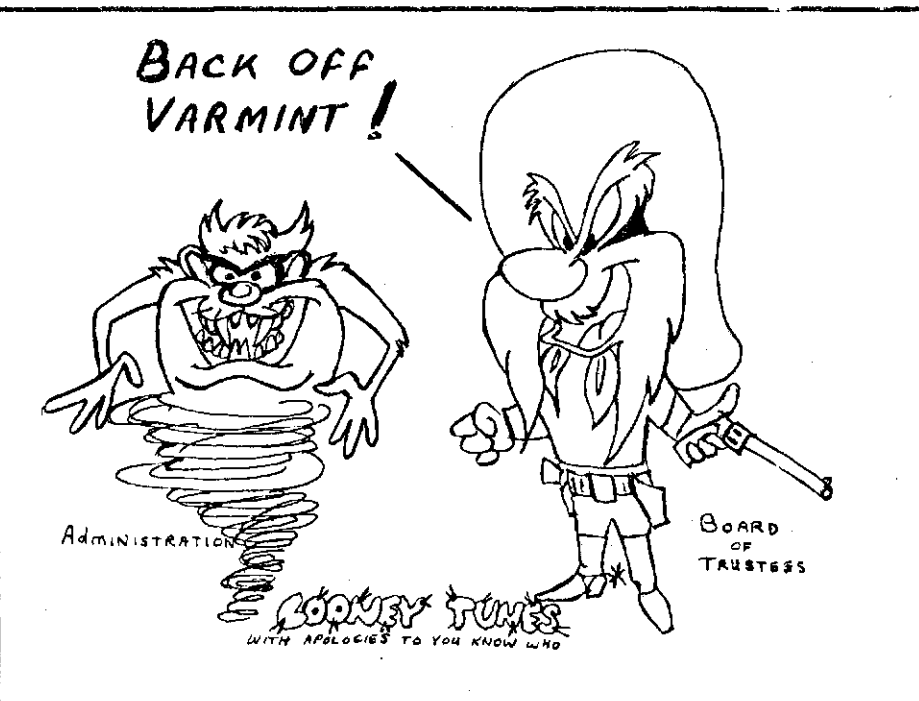
College campuses from all over the world have seen revolutions. Some peaceful and violent, sit-ins and protests, and they have even seen the face of death take students from the clutches of classrooms for reasons questionable and harsh, from war to sick. No matter the age a student must be held accountable for their words and actions. We are just like anyone else, President of the United States of America, President of Board of Trustees, President of Cerritos College, Student elected ASCC President, to Editor-in-Chief of Talon Marks Newspaper.

Let us be optimistic as students, compelled to give our trust—100 percent—to those who represent us, work to help us, and are elected by us.

Republican or Democrat, young or old, let us be open to the ideas and actions set before us.

And lastly, let us work to help these leaders better represent us, and reflect us. For maybe, they do not understand what power our voices carry, or maybe they hear us but are not listening to what we say.

Or maybe I'm over reacting....



## TO MY THINK... MARLA AMENDOLA

### The silence—too easily kept

The political brouhaha happening at Cerritos College is the stuff of which bad movies are made. If the next Board meeting could include a car chase and one disembowelment with a broken bottle, George Lucas would be willing to do lunch.

Many students here are too busy with complicated lives and multiple responsibilities to pay much attention to all the intrigue.

If the situation escalates, we may all have to take notice when our transferability and/or employability is compromised due to the college's declining reputation.

Clearly, the power players have established two diametrically opposed camps, declared war, and drawn battle lines. At stake — their monumental egos, power bases, and hidden agendas. At risk — our education, college stability, credibility, professionalism, and, ultimately, accreditation.

Each side has leveled charges at the other camp. These charges are of serious, even criminal misconduct.

It is difficult for the average person to tell the players without a program.

On one side is President Fred Gaskin, hired by the Board with the help of a contracted search firm.

Dr. Gaskin resigned from Moraine Valley Community College in the Midwest, reportedly with 19 charges of official misconduct leveled at him. According to sources, the College Board there voted 4-2 to buy out the remaining two and a half years on his contract for \$150,000 rather than risk the cost of possible litigation.

This information was known by the Board or by the search firm agent or by both.

Somebody dropped the ball. It's been said that the Board did question these matters and that Gaskin did explain the situation to their satisfaction.

However, Board President Ada Steenhoeck claims in a letter to the Downey Eagle that these troubles did not come to light until after Gaskin assumed the presidency here at Cerritos.

Since the Board deals with personnel matters in closed session, it is nearly impossible for the average person to learn the whole truth.

The Board vs. Administration battle may be just a matter of oil and water not mixing.

Mrs. Steenhoeck has accused Gaskin of having a "heavy-handed" and "stealthy" style of management, steamrolling decisions into fait accompli, difficult to undo before anyone even gets wind of them.

Further, Dr. Gaskin has gained something of a reputation for using a vendetta style to squelch opposition and control information.

Dr. Serafin Zaseta, Vice-President of Academic Affairs is characterized as the "enforcer" to Gaskin's godfather.

This scenario would seem almost comedic in scope except for a few sobering realities.

The term "hit list" is used a lot these days. People whose ideas run counter to the administration's are certain they will find themselves on this list. They sincerely believe that they may suffer reprisals which could include the destruction of their career and reputation via fair means or foul.

You could charge moral cowardice when it's time to speak and they remain silent. But, people have families, mortgages, and the investment of years.

It is no small thing to risk all this. It is too easy for an outsider to say, "Yeah, go for it. Blow the whistle."

And so, the silence, when desired, is easily kept.

But, just as Dr. Gaskin's style might be characterized as godfather-esque, Dr. Steenhoeck's could be characterized as Mommy Dearish.

Mrs. Steenhoeck has a maternalistic and condescending vision for Cerritos. She is utterly convinced that the direction should be one-way — her way. Dr. Steenhoeck seems to think that she, and only she has the ability to assess what is best for the college.

This, of course, is a very irritating attitude in a community of educated people, where Master's Degrees are as common as house cats and Ph.D.'s are coming out of the woodwork.

Now, our problems have become a shameful and ridiculous public airing of dirty laundry.

The local newspapers have painted a picture for the public of real war. The armaments are everything from petty innuendoes to criminal charges. The nature of the conflict is variously described as everything from heated debate to a vicious cat fight.

What both sides should understand is that neither any longer has much respect or credibility left as far as the public is concerned.

They've forgotten who they work for and they've forgotten the higher ideals they are supposed to serve.

Ph.D.'s not withstanding, it is apparent that they were all asleep in Political Science and English classes since they don't seem to understand the democratic process in a two-party system and they can't even spell common welfare.

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