

# Men's basketball title showdown with LBCC here Saturday; women lead conference by 1

# Talon Marks

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## CLUB INFO DEMO

Cosmetology students gave free haircuts and manicures at Club Info Day where campus clubs had information booths for students checking out the many campus involvement opportunities. -TM Photo by GARY MECIJA

## Houseman fills in at athletic post

*Holly Bogdonavich now helping out with the Student Senate*

By RAYSA BOTERO  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Assistant to Student Affairs Holly Bogdonavich is currently aiding Dean of Associate Students Phillip Houseman in the overseeing of Student Senate, as well as other student government bodies.

Houseman is temporarily filling in as Instructional Dean of P.E./Athletics, since Phillip Clifton has resigned and will retire by the end of the year.

ASCC President Idania Padron called upon the student Senators last week for help in research and review of the student faculty evaluation process.

Padron wants committees to be formed to further research the validity of these forms, and to then combine the students' evaluations with the whole faculty peer folders.

"I'd like to make it clear...that we want to be taken seriously," stated Padron.

Senators signed up immediately for committee positions.

Continuing Senator Jeniffer Fairchild was approved as the ASCC

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**Intent to register filing now open for summer**

By MONICA PERCHES  
STAFF WRITER

Students planning to attend the summer session can already file an intent to register.

You must file in the Admissions Office before Monday, April 15 to receive Touchtone registration.

Summer session first 6-weeks begins May 28-July 5, and first 8-weeks begins May 28-July 19.

8-week intersession begins June 24-Aug. 16. Second 6-weeks is July 8-Aug. 16.

## Remedial, academic factions clash in Faculty Senate; Zasueta optimistic about both funding, enrollment

By SHARON HANSEN  
STAFF WRITER

Will 1996-97 go down in campus history as the year of the Class Wars between the remedial and academic factions at Cerritos College?

At the Tuesday, Jan. 30, Faculty Senate meeting, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Serafin Zasueta denied allegations that remedial courses are downgrading academic caliber at Cerritos College.

Presenting an optimistic outlook for the upcoming year, Dr. Zasueta dis-

cussed funding under Senate Bill 1764 and its impact upon Cerritos College.

While community college enrollments are declining in both Los Angeles and Orange counties, Cerritos College can expect enrollment increases well over last fall's student attendance. Currently, the college stands at six to seven percent over cap.

Zasueta predicted that by the end of the Spring semester, Cerritos College will have matriculated 2,000 students beyond expectations, which may push the college as high as 9 or 10% over cap.

"What we're looking at is the possibility of adding as many as 30 to 50 more classes in the second nine weeks and in the first 13 weeks. This will contribute to an increase in apportionment for the end-of-the-year report."

The new courses will be in areas of basic and job-related skills.

"Most of the colleges are below cap or right at cap or within one or two percent," Zasueta stated. "Colleges, in order to make expenses, have continued to shrink the product. Students have become freeway flyers. Anecdotally, students have reported that they are able to enroll in more courses at Cerritos College that result in degree completion."

At the Feb. 6 meeting, Dr. Zasueta discussed the need to determine why students attend Cerritos College. "If we are going to continue to push the cap issue in Sacramento, we need to get hard information."

In a follow-up interview on Feb. 7, Dr. Zasueta clarified that pushing the cap issue in Sacramento may result in additional funding for the college.

Dr. Fred Gaskin, college president, shares Dr. Zasueta's optimism.

"The board is seriously concerned [about the cap and have asked]—what can we do to break the cap? They're frustrated with our having to turn so many students away, and I'm convinced one of the reasons this happened is because we've done a super job in providing courses at all levels.

"Last week Wendell [Hanks] said, 'Everybody knows that good students

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## Ex-admissions head Viet Be indicted on fraud charges

By GABRIEL VILLARREAL  
NEWS/EDITORIAL LIASON

Former Vice President of Student Services Viet Be will stand trial, Friday, on charges of embezzeling \$7,000 from Cerritos College.

Be, 45, is accused of requiring as many as 100 foreign students to have their transcripts evaluated at International Service Center, a Woodland Hills business that Be owned.

Foreign students were made to believe that they were paying ISC for their Cerritos College tuition, said Deputy District Attorney Richard Goul.

Be entered a not guilty plea at his surrender trial two weeks ago, where

he was represented by his wife Dorothy Carrae, current member of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

The former VP is alleged to have deposited checks amounting to \$7,000 made out to Cerritos College into his personal account, as well as, making off with college computer equipment.

Be's job was terminated in the Fall of 1994 when Board members voted 4-2-1 citing a conflict of interest.

Be will be represented by Norwalk attorney John McDonald at Friday's Municipal Court hearing, and will return to court Feb. 23 for an additional hearing.

If convicted on the three counts, Be faces a maximum sentence of four years and four months.

### FOUR-DAY HOLIDAY

It's no school Friday, Saturday, and Monday, thanks to Abe and George.

### STRAWBERRIES COMING

The strawberry stand on the 'South 40' will be open to the public beginning March 1...just in time to catch their peak flavor.

### MOVIE SHOWS FEB. 22

The star-studded "The Usual Suspects" shows free in Burnight Center Thursday, Feb. 22, at 7 and 9 p.m.

### HOT SPORTS ON TAP

The league-leading 10-1 women's basketball team hosts Pasadena Friday. Men fight for title Saturday.

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"I just wish there was something around here  
that a really cool guy could get involved in..."



REYNOSA AROUND/JAMES REYNOSA

## St. Valentine's Day: Love is looking for Miss Right; lust is looking for Miss Right-Now! Won't you be...

So today is Valentine's Day. It's the most romantic, loving, and elegant day of the year.

God. It's enough to make you puke!

Do you have a "special" someone to share this day with? Or are you like me, single and loving it, laughing at all those guys who are "chained" but, at the same time, doesn't mind a whipping now and again.

Perhaps you're in love *right now* but don't even know it? You can always tell when you're in love by one of two ways.

First, by the way you feel: your head becomes light, your heart leaps within you, you feel like you're walking on air, and the whole world seems like a wonderful and happy place when you're around a certain person. Unfortunately, these are the warning signs of colon disease or a drug overdose, so it's always a good idea to check with a doctor.

Or you can take the Jimmy test. Just ask yourself one question: "Would I mind being destroyed financially by this person?"

After you ask yourself that question, you'll end up like me...single.

When you're single, you're the cen-

ter of the universe with everything revolving around you, but when you get that "significant other" you have to (say it slowly now) *share*. So now you have two centers and do you know what happens when there are two centers of the Universe?

A black hole is formed.

A black hole so powerful that even sarcastic remarks and casual sex can't escape it. And all that's left is a hollow shell of a person, mumbling to oneself with friends and drinking while playing *Trivial Pursuit* on Friday night.

Before you turn the page, don't think that I'm some kind of anti-rapture man. I've fallen before, hard enough to call Med-Alert. My problem is that I've never been lucky in love. I can remember the first time I lost my innocence in the back seat of the family car. It would have been more memorable if I wasn't alone.

Valentine's Day is a day when love and lust can be hard to define. Love is looking for Miss Right. Lust is looking for Miss Right-Now. There isn't a more lustful time than today. So guys/girls better be careful.

You have to be careful, with AIDS and everything. I know it's changed my

lifestyle a lot. I used to go out every night, and try to get laid, fail, and I'd call that sexual frustration. Now I go out every night and try to get laid, fail, but now I call it a "healthy lifestyle."

Dating is a lot harder on guys. Just when we got really good lying about how many women we've had; now we have to lie about how many women we didn't have. You know, I'm just scared of sex now. You have to be. You can get something terminal, like a kid.

But if you still want to meet a person today who is rich, sensitive, attractive, intelligent and mentally stable I suggest you use my scientific approach to find you Ideal Mate.

### How To Develop A Psychological Profile Of Your Ideal Mate

Choose the phrase that you feel best completes the sentences below:

Wealth:

The person I wish to have as a mate should be able to afford:

1. Scotland
2. Foodtaster
3. Occasional dinners out.
4. Occasional clean underwear.

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## DEAR EDITOR: The problem of book prices

Dear Editor,

I think we have a problem with the bookstore on our campus.

The prices of the text books are getting out of control.

In just one month's time, they raised some of the prices of the books about .016%, this was from December to January, but it was more than what they pay for from the people who buy the books.

To me, as a student on a fixed income, I would find it hard to buy the books if I did not have financial aid to help me, but some of the students don't have that option.

They work, go to school and pay registration fees and then go into shock for their books.

The school has to check on the bookstore, to see if there is anything

they can do to keep prices fair and reasonable.

This is the only fair way for all students to be able to afford books.

Carla Ortiz

### Speech 3rd in Sweepstakes

A third place in Large Entry sweepstakes was brought home by the Cerritos College Forensics team in the Tabor-Venitsky Speech Tournament hosted by the college Feb. 9-10.

Some 16 colleges from four states competed in the annual event.

Ten Cerritos debaters won awards, including four second place spots and two third places finishes, with four finalists.

Categories included novice debate, extemporaneous speaking, impromptu, and informative.

### HERNANDEZ ON HAND/Cristina Hernandez

## I just love people who drop classes and...

How do you feel about the many students who enroll in all the classes they ask for without facing any problem, such as waiting list or petitions, and then they drop half of those classes?

That is not the worst part.

The most awful thing is that they wait to drop their classes until the very last day.

This deprives other students of the opportunity to enroll into the now available classes because it is simply too late.

It is a shame that a great many have to wait outside of the classrooms to be called, and, most of the time they are unable to get a place in that class before deadline because it is overcrowded.

However, during the last few weeks of the semester, you can see the same classrooms almost empty.

Furthermore, if you take a look at some of the posted grade's lists, you would see lots of student ID numbers accompanied by a "W". What happened to all those people? Did all of them get some strange flu virus?

Most likely they just did not work hard enough. Perhaps they lost interest in the class because of class content, teacher's policies, schedules, the guy on the front row wasn't really all that handsome, and so on.

Are these things significant enough to drop a class?

It is important that you finish a class with the best possible grades, because not only are we filling up a place that someone else might need, but we are supposed to be "going to college" ... with all the attendant grown-up responsibilities.



## ...Let's talk Valentines

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### Sensitivity:

The person I wish to have as a mate should be sensitive enough to:

1. Instantly be aware of my every mood.
2. Serve to avoid driving over pedestrians.
3. Not deliberately back and run over pedestrians a second time.
4. Doesn't shoot would-be pedestrians from the roof no more than once a week.

### Personal Appearance:

The person I wish to have for a mate should be attractive enough to:

1. Be a movie star.
2. Be a movie's star best friend.
3. Be a movie's star intestinal parasite.
4. Be a movie star stalker.

### Intelligence:

The person I wish to have for a mate should be smart enough to:

1. Discuss great works of literature.
2. Hold great works of literature

## Assessment open 8-9

Monday, Tuesday; 8-6

WTh; 8-1 Fridays

The Assessment Center has changed its hours to be open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Assessment Center administers comprehensive tests to assist students in finding their personal success levels in the areas of math, reading and writing.

For information about re-assessing contact Christina The at (310) 860-2451 ext. 2357.

right side up.

3. Uses great works of literature to keep his table's right side up.

4. Differentiate between great works of literature and food.

### Mental Capacity:

The person I wish to have for a mate should be mentally strong enough to:

1. Not take a knife and chop off "Mr. Happy."
2. Not dress up like a clown and drive around for a 12-year old's party.
3. Not send a glove and knife with a note that says, "Thinking of you."
4. Not shoot trees, just because the trees are "taunting" them.

HOW TO SCORE: Add up the number corresponding to your answers, then check the chart.

If you have	You're mate is...
1 - 8	Married
9 - 14	Engaged
15 - 19	In prison
20	Waiting for you in AC42

## Red Cross Blood Drive set March 7

By EVELYN GARRIDO  
STAFF WRITER

The American Red Cross would like to make everyone aware that they will be holding a Blood Drive on March 7. It will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in BK 111/112.

For more information contact the Health and Wellness Center at ext. 2321.

## March Women's History Month; three to be honored at brunch

By MELANIE CURD  
STAFF WRITER

Three women will be honored at the Cerritos College Women's History Month Recognition Brunch on Saturday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Student Center.

The honorees are the Honorable Grace Napolitano, Assemblywoman and former mayor of Norwalk; Diane Keenan, recipient of the 1995 Carnegie Foundation Community College Teacher of the Year award; and the late Connie Mantz, Sociology instructor and leader of women's

studies programs.

ASCC President Idania Padron will be Master of Ceremonies, and serves as another figure of women's advancement.

These women have made a significant impact on the community and the country.

The brunch is the first of its kind for the college, and is being held this year because of its Fortieth Anniversary Celebration.

Registration fee for the brunch is \$10. The deadline is March 5. For further information, call ext. 2362 or 2412.

## ...STUDENT SENATE

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Party Whip, replacing Rick Rios.

There were three new Senator appointments made last week: Gilbert Sambrano, Roger Roussell II, and Min Soo Park.

Seven students were approved to fill ASCC Commissioner positions as well. They are April Tellez, Commissioner of Disabled Students; Adriana Nieves, Commissioner of Student Activities Center.

Scott Almon, Commissioner of Athletics; Aeron Volkoff, Assistant Commissioner of Athletics; Virginia Casas, Commissioner of New Student Orientation.

Dean F. Tedtaotao, Assistant Commissioner for Vocational Education; and Anna Valleser, Commissioner of Inter Club Council.

Twelve Theater Art students attending the American College Theater

Festival at Northern Arizona University from Feb. 19-25 received approved funding in the amount of \$1707.58.

The money comes from account 3C1 approved by the Senate for State and National Competitions.

### WEDDING RING LOST

A woman's gold filigree wedding ring was lost on Feb. 12. It contains a solitaire, white diamond in a marquise shape. Owner was last in Computer Lab. Reward if found. Contact Joyce at (310) 402-7441.

## From Page 1: Faculty Senate debates part-timer status, rights

go to Cypress College and the others come to Cerritos.' I didn't challenge that, but it's simply not true. Cypress has ads in the paper. They're under cap. They're advertising for students."

Several senators expressed concern regarding "emergency hires" for technology and vocational programs. "A person can be a genius, but they are not necessarily trained to teach," one senator commented.

Dr. Zasueta countered in the Feb. 7 interview that the Staff Development Office will conduct teacher methodology workshops to avoid potential problems.

At the Jan. 30 meeting, Pat Pinder, Senate Vice President, encouraged the Senate to tighten committee structure.

Pinder also urged committees to inform Idania Padron of meeting times.

"The students are chomping at the bit waiting to find out the time of the committee meetings so that they can be involved," she said.

Abruptly, class wars resumed with Senators McGrath and Baley leading debate on faculty grievance procedure.

After scattered discussion on issues such as allocating fair workloads for grievance officers, the debate escalated when Baley asked McGrath why part-time instructors are denied grievance privileges.

"Are they part-timers or faculty?" Baley demanded. "Do part-timers have any rights?"

McGrath replied that only full-time faculty or probationary faculty may file grievances.

"Second class citizens bother me," Baley countered. "They are either a faculty member or they are not."

Baley next challenged the issue of mandatory mediation in the grievance

procedure. "I'm still concerned about the naive faculty member signing and agreeing without really understanding."

"This is simply a step in the process to eliminate the formality and get people together," McGrath rebutted. "In my past experience, I have found that the majority of grievances were ironed out at that level because it was informal."

Several senators expressed concern that allowing part-time faculty to file grievances might result in lawsuits against the college when hours are reduced or contracts not renewed.

Conceding merit on both sides of the issue, Senate President Scott Henderson set the discussion aside for consideration at future meetings.

Topics addressed at the Feb. 6 meeting included the Distance Education Title 5 Report, which was approved.

In open-forum style, Dr. Zasueta returned to address faculty concerns, including the allocation of teaching units (TUs) and the use of wait lists to gauge curriculum needs.

"Two years ago, the strategy was to get the students to market. Now that strategy is obsolete," Dr. Zasueta said.

"One student signed up for 32 wait lists," he added. To stem the tide of "student creativity," Zasueta suggests limiting the number of wait-listed courses students may select and to notify students of their positions on individual wait lists.

Additional discussion concerned rollover dollars.

"If we do rollover funds, we are going to run this college into the ground," Dr. Zasueta said. "The incentive is to spend money as fast as possible or you will lose it."

Faculty discussion revealed divided

campus among remedial, vocational and academic staff.

One senator pointed out that 52% of the student body consists of business students.

"We have to look at this as an entire college," the senator urged.

This "share the wealth" approach is not accepted by all. "The movement is to load the budget the way the budget should be loaded," Dr. Zasueta indicated.

Senator Baley suggested studying the connection between what is being done and how much it costs.

"Put a price tag on it first, and then made a value judgment," he stated in a follow-up interview.

In Baley's opinion, cost analysis is fundamental to the logical distribution of college dollars.

Shifting gears, the faculty spent several minutes debating Resolution SP96-13, which requires individual approval from all departmental members before TU allocation changes may be effectuated.

To offset faculty complaints of burdensome paperwork, the Senate agreed that departmental chairs could sign on behalf of their departments after obtaining consent from all departmental faculty.

Resolution SP96-13 was introduced to prevent individual faculty members from increasing their allocation of TUs at the expense of other departmental courses. Abuses have occurred infrequently in the past.

Last on the agenda was Faculty Senate budget—or rather, the lack of one.

President Henderson pointed out that most Senate monies come from Instruction. "We are by law appointed to de-

vised and be the primary mover of everything that happens instructionally in this institution, but we aren't given the support to be able to do it."

Vice President Pinder added, "It's [the money] been coming by good will rather than allotted to us—so that if we're good boys and girls we'll get the money, and if we're naughty boys and girls, we won't get the money."

Senator McGrath, a past Faculty Senate President, agreed. "It was a scramble every year to get the financial support that we needed to operate the Senate. We did manage to get it all together, but it was never under the Senate control. . . . It worked, but it was not a good process."

The budget issue will be studied further in future sessions.

## Free sessions on handling stress offered Thursdays

Classes, love life, problems getting you down, stressed out?

Could you use a little help to get settled down?

Counseling and guidelines on how to reduce stress are offered every Thursday from 2-3 p.m. at LR C-East.

These stress management groups are sponsored by the Learning Assistance Program, with Counselor Carlos Mejia coordinating the sessions.

Students are encouraged to attend.

**Compiled by Ricardo Flores**

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**Treasure Island—**  
The Muppets  
loosely translate  
Robert Louis  
Stevenson's  
classic novel into  
a somewhat funny,  
then too long  
movie for kids.

photo courtesy Steven F. Morely  
for Jim Henson Productions



## Muppet movie much too slow for younger viewers

By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ  
OPINION EDITOR

Kermit the Frog and the whole gang are sailing towards a wild adventure in their new movie "Muppet Treasure Island" produced and directed by Brian Henson in association with Martin G. Baker and Walt Disney Pictures.

Based loosely on the book *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson, the movie has a great beginning that gives the spectator the idea of a funny and different movie.

However, after its hilarious opening the movie becomes tedious and the action slows down to the point of losing the attention from the younger viewers.

The movie is set in the 18th century when pirates roamed the

seas and their plunder was hidden deep in the ground for safekeeping. It begins with the discovery of Captain Flint's treasure map in the seedy Benbow Inn, where young Jim Hawkins (Kevin Bishop) is given a treasure map by a mysterious sailor. Soon he sets out with his pals Gonzo and Rizzo to an adventure across the ocean to a lone island.

However, the voyage that started as a dream come true, suddenly turns into a nightmare when Long John Silver (Tim Curry, *The Shadow*, *Congo*) and his crew, seize the treasure map and take Jim as their hostage.

It is at this time when Captain Smollet (Kermit) and his men come to Jim's rescue, only to find that Benjamina Gunn (Miss Piggy)

Smollet's lost love is the Warhogs' Queen a salvage tribe that inhabits the island.

Nevertheless, even though the plot is lacking, it is worth to mention that the scenery is wonderful, and the animation and music deserve an outstanding recognition.

"Obviously people like Piggy, Kermit, Gonzo and Rizzo are all part of our fantasies anyway. They are legends and have been part of everyone's consciousness for the last 20 years," stated Tim Curry when he was asked about his experience working with the Muppets.

The film is rated G and the kids would have a wonderful time if you just send them to buy popcorn as soon as they become bored. The Muppets are back and they are wilder than ever before.

## 'Mr. Wrong' soundtrack disappointing

By GARY MECIJA  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

If love sounds as bad as the *Mr. Wrong* soundtrack, then it looks like Cupid will be heading for the unemployment line.

Soundtracks generally help a movie move along. For example the *Clueless* soundtrack added to the movie's fun and light sense of humor.

Sometimes a soundtrack might even exceed the quality of a movie. This was evident in the lively *Tank Girl* soundtrack.

*Mr. Wrong* on the other hand is a mishap on it's own.

Twelve lackluster songs about breaking up, falling in love, and breaking up. Most of the songs are performed by adult contemporary artists such as Shawn Colvin, Wild Colonial, Chris Isaak, Bens Folds Five, and Faith Hill.

The first track by Christian megastar turn main stream pop artist, Amy Grant is "The Things We Do For Love." This by far is the sappiest contribution to the whole set. Lyrics such as "Like walking in the rain and the snow/ and there's nowhere to go," make the listener want to gag.

One of the biggest disappointments is Joan Osborne's song, "Strenuous Acquaintances." The Grammy nominated queen, whose chart topping hit "One of Us," takes a detour with this somber song.

On an acoustic guitar Osborne sings of love gone wrong. You actually might feel sorry for her, but the tempo and huskiness of her voice sound as if Osborne had been sipping too much of the punch before she entered the studio.

The one song that manages to quicken your pulse is by Queen, "Crazy Little Thing Called Love." Its lively tempo makes you wonder how it even worked its way onto the album.

Listening to the *Mr. Wrong* soundtrack is just like taking a couple of sleeping pills. Save yourself the trouble and get a good night's rest.

## 'Violet' debut well written, lacks variety

By GABRIEL VILLARREAL  
NEWS/EDITORIAL LIASON

Writing is about the only strength on *The Violet Burning's* debut release.

Lead singer Michael Pritzl said the band's influence is "mostly post punk" with a "Beatle-y flavor," but the comparison is a little liberal.

In actuality the group sounds like a pseudo attempt at *Smashing Pumpkins* with Pritzl singing karaoke to Billy's *Infinite Sadness*.

The band's downfall may be mixing too many elements which results in a bad musical haberdashery.

*Blind* is a pretty cool song—at least it runs with the literary: "See the light pour through me/searching, but there's nothing at all/see the light when we both collide/and we fall/and I'm blind."

Better efforts on *The Violet Burning* include *Crush* which asks the listener, "Should I take you near me, Did you take what's mine?"

Waiting uses the sea metaphori-



IN WINGS—*Violet Burning's* lead singer Michael Pritzl (center) wrote 11 of the 12 tracks on the band's debut which is in stores Feb. 20. photo courtesy Anna Cardenas

cally in the first person and asks: "I heard you were a sailor/you sailed the seven seas/gathered lots of treasure/ But you never uncovered me."

The album seems to be the survey of a relationship and songs devoted to the stages of its deterioration; Pritzl is very artistic in terms of syntax and flow.

The group says it takes its inspiration from Echo and the Bunnymen and the Cure and from their aesthetic presentation one might derive that.

Listening to the album the feeling is Mazzy Star and Lisa Loeb's love children.

All 12 tracks of the debut (10 written by Pritzl) deal with love but not the

related conundrums.

The problem with *The Violet Burning* is that they are trying too hard to be on the musical cutting edge.

If that is the attempt Pritzl must utilize vocal range and variety.

The album is mellow, verging on benign. And that would be okay if the tracks were varied.

But they're not, and the use of titles like *Feel*, *Low* and *Fever* only work if they incite a mood.

Nothing stands out on *The Violet Burning's* debut.

I wanted some screaming, some yelling, if even for a moment, I wanted the *Violet* to burn.

But it didn't and I lost interest.

## Hoffman's 'Genes' opens free, Feb 20

*Genes 'r' Us*, a futuristic comedy will run one night, Feb. 20, in the Bournight Studio Theatre.

Written by stand-up comic Stan Hoffman, *Genes* is a full staged reading that takes place in the 23rd century.

The main characters, Ram and Andrea, have been in a committed relationship for 78 years and are ready for a baby when they tune in to the Virtual Reality Channel.

Said Hoffman, "The characters are ready to face the challenges of their dream darling."

Jill Forbath directs a cast of 12 characters some of which are holograms, etc.

Hoffman's inspiration for the play come from experiences as a comic and playwright.

Curtain is at 7:30 and the two hour performance is free.

—GABRIEL VILLARREAL



## 'Windows' holds poetry and story writing contests to all

By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ  
FEATURES EDITOR

The journey around the world has started. Several contests are taking place right now as part of the Windows to the World activities.

Literature will be highlighted with a Poetry contest and a Story Writing contest.

The Poetry contest is open to all Cerritos College students and to all High School students in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas. The theme of the contest is to focus on issues of ethnic diversity within the Southern California area.

According to Lee Evans, "The focus of this contest is to explore in the artistic form of poetry themes common to all people regardless of ethnic origin, to celebrate our uniqueness and to provide a 'window' of positive outlook for those in the community."

The requirements for this contest are as follows: only original poetry by the author will be accepted and each poet

may submit up to three entries for consideration. A completed registration form must be submitted by each entrant, listing by title each poem included.

Also, the story writing competition is open to all the Elementary and Middle School students living in the Cerritos College area. The theme of this writing contest is to focus on a true story or unique incident that highlights the diversity of living in the Southern California area.

"I am very pleased that this competition has had a great response from many of the schools in the area, especially from Long Beach schools, where many teachers are trying to involve their students into the Story Writing contest," Evans stated.

Both competitions will be judged by members of the Cerritos College's English and Writing staff. The deadline for both competitions is Feb. 29, 1996. For more information about any of the contests, contact Lee Evans at ext. 2188.

## CARE provides workshops, child care to qualified CC students

By PATRICIA ROMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Cooperate Agencies Resource for Education (CARE) program at Cerritos College offers a variety of services to disadvantaged, single, head of household, and AFDC recipients and students who meet criteria for EOPS and CARE.

The requirements are: students must be a current recipient of AFDC and have been on AFDC for 12 consecutive months. They must also be at least 18 years old, single, head of the household, have at least one child under the age of six, apply for financial aid, and attend the CARE orientation.

The students must also be EOPS eligible, attend EOPS orientation and

approved for services.

EOPS requirements are: must be a resident of California, qualifies to receive a BOGG based on income standard or public assistance criteria only, educationally disadvantaged, enrolled full time (12 units) when accepted, and have less than 70 degree applicable units completed.

The service CARE provides are: child care supplemental, special theme workshops, psychological counseling, community referrals, networking with CARE students, activities for CARE students and their children, brown bag sessions (rap sessions) and video workshops.

For more information contact EOPS/CARE office at ext. 2384.

## Study abroad for credit at U of Paris June 30-Aug 1

By JUDY JIMENEZ  
STAFF WRITER

The French Study Abroad Program will be at the University of Paris, Sorbonne from June 30 - August 1, 1996. The price is \$3390 round trip from LAX.

The program includes: books, breakfast and dinner (or lunch), accommodations (singles available), and courses at the University where five transferable units could be earned.

For entertainment there will be evenings at jazz clubs, ballet perfor-

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For more information, please contact: Roland Bellugue, Liberal Arts Building - Office W, (310)860-2451 ext. 2827.

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This faculty-nominated award honors commitment to excellence through scholarship, community involvement, and leadership. It is given annually.

The Recognition Award Ceremony is Saturday, March 30, 1996.

Note to faculty: The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, February 20. Contact Lola Rizkallah at ext. 2266 for more information and nomination forms.

—MELANIE CURD

## Faculty presents panel discussion Feb. 22 for Black History month

By GARY MECIJA  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In celebration of Black History month a panel discussion on the "African-American Agenda for the 21st Century," will be held on Feb. 22 from 11-12 p.m. in LH 6.

Topics that will be discussed include: civil rights, education, economic mobility, and standards of living.

The four panelists, all from Cerritos, include: Dr. Matilda Barker, sociology; Dr. William Roberts, Affirmative Action Consultant; Professor

Jackie Troup, sociology; and Professor Linda Clegg, English.

The event will be hosted by the Political Science History Association, a newly installed group here on campus.

Faculty advisor Victor Obasohan said that the discussion will include a retrospective on the African American struggle.

"Our main goal is to call to the attention of all the students to be prepared for the 21st century," said Obasohan.

Everyone is invited to attend the panel discussion.

## LAP offers help on writing, foreign languages, reading

By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ  
OPINION EDITOR

The Learning Assistance Program (LAP) is offering three different learning skills workshops during February.

These workshops are free, open to any students on campus, and require no advance sign-up.

The one-hour instructor-led workshops offer relevant and useful information that can help students to gain more confidence in themselves as they learn effective strategies for succeeding in college.

On Thursday, Feb. 22, Instructor Suzanne Ashe-Dudley will be presenting "Guidelines for Writing

Reports." This workshop will bring helpful information to the students who want to improve their writing skills.

Also on the same day Instructor Inge Potter will be presenting "How to Study a Foreign Language." This workshop will be helpful to all the students who are interested on the study of other languages.

On Thursday, Feb. 29, Instructor Bonnie Helberg will be presenting "Study Reading." This workshop will present different techniques to improve student's study skills.

All the workshops are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information about the workshops contact the LAP at the LRC-East.

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## Stengel Tourney entertains four teams on weekend

**Falcons win three, lose three in last two rounds; open at 10 a.m. Friday**

By AMARA AGUILAR  
SPORTS EDITOR

It has been a "streaky" season thus far for the baseball team (3-3) as they get set to play in their third tournament of the season this Friday and Saturday.

The Falcons will host four teams in the Casey Stengel Tournament. They take the field at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday against Imperial Valley and L.A. Valley. On Saturday they match up against Bakersfield and Cerro Coso.

In the Western States Tournament last Friday and Saturday, the team edged College of the Canyons, 5-4, before losing three straight against L.A. Valley, 7-4; Moorpark, 4-3; L.A. Pierce.

The game was tied at four going into the seventh inning against College of the Canyons until Danny Mororro, who had three hits in the game, drove in Abel Orozco who singled to begin the inning.

Orozco went went 3-4 against College of the Canyons. He blasted a three-run homer in the fourth, scored the game winning run in the seventh and had a double in the eighth.

Chuy Peinado (2-0) pitched until the sixth inning when Ernie Sarinana came in and went 2 2/3 innings without allowing a hit.

Jason Marr then entered the game and went on to pitch a perfect ninth inning.

Against LA Valley, the team's loss may have been partially due to missed opportunities. The Falcons left six runners on base, three of which were at third.

"We did that for the rest of the tournament. We didn't really cash in on runs and we didn't play really good defense in those games either," said Coach Ken Gaylord.

"We hit the ball right at some guys. We just needed to do a better job of scoring those guys," he added.

The team had eight hits, four of which were doubles, in the game. Tyrus Acoba and Mike Garcia had two hits each.

Moorpark won the game in the ninth with two consecutive hits after a lead-off walk.

The Falcons only run against L.A. Pierce came in the fourth after Jim Stout tripled and brought home Tony Moreno.

At the Copperhead Classic, the Falcons crushed Moorpark, 14-1, and doubled up L.A. Pierce, 10-5.

Peinado pitched seven solid innings against Moorpark, allowing just four singles and no walks. He also struck out two.

John Ruiz also pitched well allowing only four hits, no walks and striking out four in six innings against L.A. Pierce.

Pierce pitchers allowed 10 walks and the Falcons converted four into runs.

"We're a lot better when people walk us. We just have to find ourselves offensively," said Gaylord.

Chuck Lopez had two hits and four RBI in the game, including the three he knocked in with a triple in the ninth

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## TRACK: 'GIVE US TWO MORE WEEKS'

By GEORGE TONIKIAN  
STAFF WRITER

The season's starting gun fired on Saturday, Feb. 10, as the track and field team traveled to Mt. San Antonio

### Tennis goes to 3-2

Experience is a little hard to come by when every player but one on your team are freshman, but the men's tennis team isn't having too many difficulties.

The Falcons dominated Glendale last Thursday, 6-2, to give them a 3-2 record thus far.

The team travels to Citrus tomorrow for a 2 p.m. match.

### Swimming opens Saturday

The swim team dives into a new season as they travel to Santa Monica Saturday for the Santa Monica Relays.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, the Falcons host the South Coast Conference Relays at 2:30 p.m.

for their first conference competition, where they didn't fare as well as they expected to.

"We were not in shape yet; give us about two more weeks of training" said coach Doug Wells, Director of Track and Field.

Although both the coaches and athletes feel they have to work out a few problems before they feel as if everything is rolling along smoothly, the runners and fielders still turned in some impressive performances.

In the four man 100 meter relay, the team consisting of top returning sprinter Corey Kelly, along with speedy teammates Jay Young, Leron Stephens, and Guillermo Chay swiftly clocked in with a time of 43.2 seconds.

Kelly and Young returned to also run beside Omar Naranjo and Jose Ramirez in the four man 400 meter relay, crossing the finish line in 3:26.3

Fullerton College transfer Jarrod Naab threw the shot-put far enough to place him second with a throw of 40 feet, 5 inches. Naab also flung the

discus 124 feet, 6 inches and launched the javelin a distance of 148 feet, 7 inches.

He is projected to qualify in the state meet for all three events.

Long jumper Josh Barker took to the air and finally came down with a jump of 19 feet, 3 inches.

Keirstin Galloway recorded a triple jump with a respectable measure of 44 feet, 9 inches.

Coach of the women's team Jeff Clingan said, "We have a real small team and we are looking to improve."

Women fielders action was highlighted by impressive throws from Nofu Tautolo and Carrie Zazueta.

Distance runners Mariluz Duran and Lupe Garcia, who both qualified for the state meet for Cross Country, are expected to be standouts in track as well.

These track and field athletes have the Long Beach Relays to look forward to next Saturday, where they will work out all the remaining finishing touches before hosting the Cerritos Invitational on Feb. 24 and 25.



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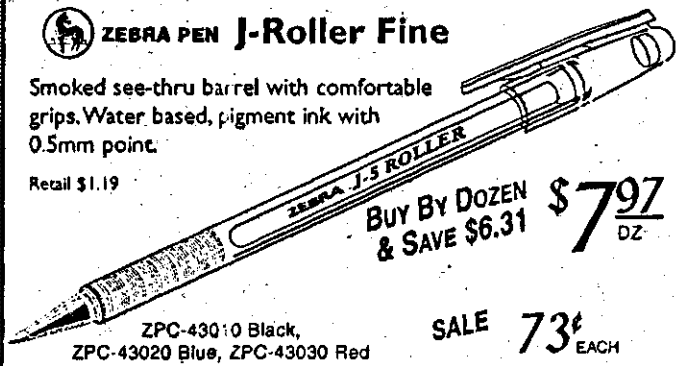
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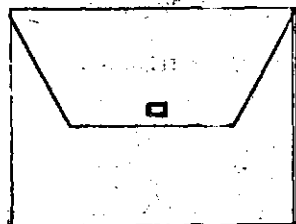
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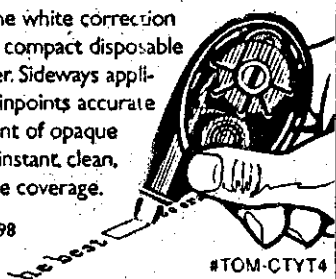
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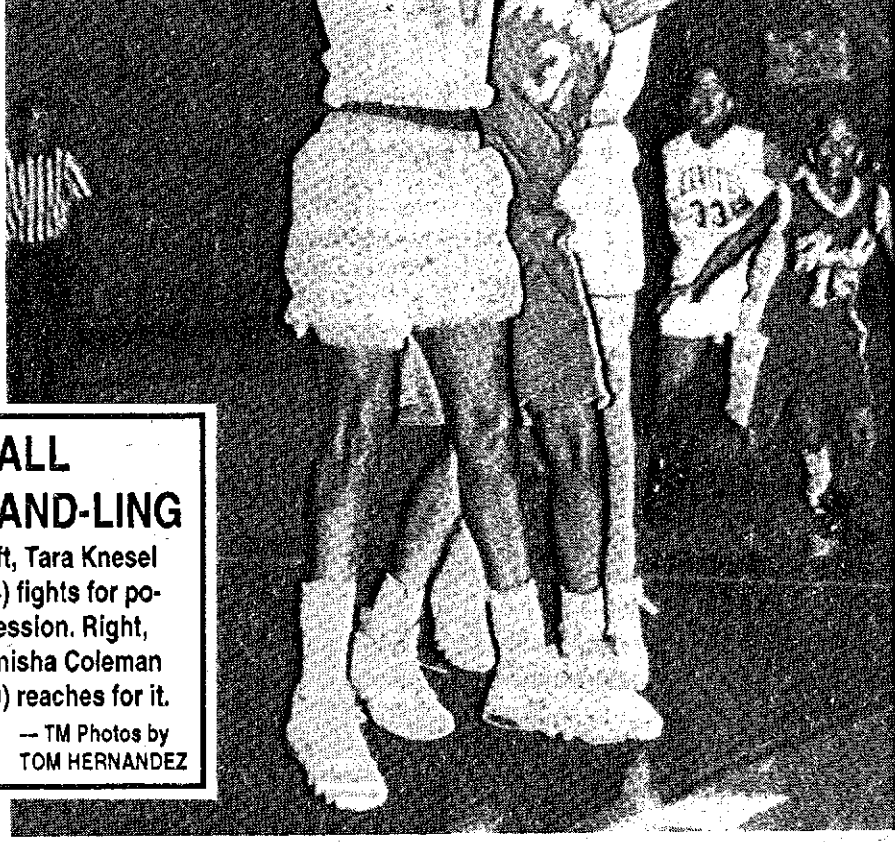




## BALL HAND-LING

Left, Tara Knesel (24) fights for possession. Right, Tanisha Coleman (40) reaches for it.

— TM Photos by TOM HERNANDEZ



# Women's basketball goes for sole possession of title

By ANDREA AGUILAR  
STAFF WRITER

Whatever it was Head Coach Karen Noel told her women's basketball team during half-time last Wednesday against Los Angeles Harbor, it sure worked.

The Falcons (10-1), who host Pasadena Friday, burst onto the court to start the second half capturing an 11-point lead which carried them to an 80-74 win and sole possession of first place.

After the first half, the Sea Hawks had the edge, 38-37, but the Falcons stole the momentum in the first four minutes of the second, outscoring their rivals 12-0.

"That got us the cushion we needed. We knew they were going to make a comeback. We knew they weren't going to just roll over," said Noel.

Coach Noel said she emphasized to the team to go after every offensive rebound they could get their hands on.

"Babita (Singh) opened up the second half by diving on the floor for a loose ball and that set a tone for the whole

team, saying this is how we're going to play," she said.

The tone was set for the rest of the game as Harbor never recovered the lead. They threatened with 4:35 left closing in, 66-64, but the Falcons were capitalizing in clutch situations.

"Near the end of the game, Adriana (Villafobos) hit a humungous 3-pointer when they got within two to get us the lead again. That got us all fired up again and gave us the confidence to keep going," said Noel.

The Falcons were able to keep the fire going with Ebony Charles and Tanisha Coleman putting up 17 and 15 points respectively.

Amy Brockman also converted four of seven 3-point attempts before coming out of the game with an injury.

Looking to clinch the conference title, Cerritos will play their last game of the regular season Friday against Pasadena City. Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m.

Cerritos dominated the previous meeting between the two teams in a 70-46 victory Jan. 24.

The Falcons also were dominant over Long Beach City last Friday, 74-57.

## TWO BIG GAMES

Men in a must-win situation with Harbor here tonight to face LB City for conference crown

By JIM REYNOSA  
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes the strongest words are the words not spoken.

During the bus trip back after a 73-82 loss at Los Angeles Southwest College, not too many syllables were uttered from a Falcon player.

"We didn't shoot the ball well and we didn't make the right decisions. We did things we haven't done all year. When you're on the road, you can't make those type of mistakes," said Head Coach Dean Ackland.

The Falcons won't have to worry about the road because this week they take on both LA Harbor tonight and LBCC this Saturday, at the friendly confines of "The Aviary."

Cerritos must win tonight to force a title game against Long Beach City.

In the first half against LASW, the Falcons tried to play an up tempo, run-and-gun style. But that's something they're not used to; and it showed on the scoreboard.

At halftime Cerritos was trailing 32-47 and worse yet, were shooting a

dismal 25% from the field.

"We got sucked into playing their type of game and we didn't run our offense," said Ackland.

With the start of the second half, the Falcons tried to slow the game down switching from their man-to-man defense to a 3-2 zone.

The plan worked as Cerritos climbed back and grabbed the lead 58-55 with 11:35 to play.

But that would be the only lead they would have, as LASW adapted and Cerritos players got in foul trouble.

Leading the Falcons were sophomores Guard Everett Ratleff (19 points, two rebounds, four steals), Forward David Henry (17 points, eight rebounds) and Point Guard Traevon Louis (eight points, eight assists).

## Softball hosts double-header

The women's softball team came out of the Bakersfield doubleheader Monday with two wins as they destroyed Bakersfield, 8-0, and defeated Taft, 12-1.

The Falcons will host College of the Canyons Saturday in a doubleheader at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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## REYNOSA AROUND/James Reynosa

### For the last seven years, Long Beach and Cerritos have swapped conference titles

This wasn't by chance. It was expected.

"As soon as I saw the schedule, I knew this game would be for the conference," said Head Coach Dean Ackland.

Cerritos will play Long Beach City for the South Coast Conference Southern Division this Saturday night at Cerritos College in "The Aviary."

Again.

For the last seven years both schools have swapped at having the conference title.

The title isn't the only thing these two teams are playing for. Whoever wins the game will probably have a higher seed ranking and home court for the first game in the playoffs.

But this game isn't just about two schools lobbying for position but about two schools who play basketball with

two distinctly different styles.

Long Beach tries to run an in-your-face-slam-bam-wham-look-at-me-I'm-better-then-you style. They pressure teams in a full/half court press, looking for the errant pass which creates easy points and excites the crowd.

"They'll try to cause some turnovers. It worked the last time we played, especially in the first half," said point guard Traevon Louis.

The Falcons will try to dictate the game with their defense and rebounding while running a meticulous offense which can be described as ... boring.

So it will be the tale of two teams. It was the fastest of times, it was the slowest of times.

And for whoever wins, it will be the best of times.

Again.

## WORST OVER FOR TENNIS

By AMARA AGUILAR  
SPORTS EDITOR

The worst is almost over for the women's tennis team, who were overcome by Saddleback, 8-1, Thursday, and tomorrow face Palomar away at 2 p.m.

The team was originally scheduled to scrimmage Palomar Feb. 1, but the game was rescheduled due to rain.

"Palomar and Saddleback are two of the toughest teams we will play. Generally, I like to schedule the hardest teams first so we can kind of see who the toughest schools are and what we can expect.

"Also, if we play the harder schools, it makes the practice better and it makes us realize there's more to achieve," said Coach Terri Button.

Korin Masselink posted the only point against Saddleback for the Falcons at the number four spot, 4-6, 6-1, 6-0.

"I lost the first set, so when I started the second match, I just wanted to get ahead. She (my opponent) got a little frustrated and I took advantage of it.

"In the last set, I just started moving her around and she got tired and slow and I got some points," said Masselink.

Despite the one-sided loss, Button said, "Even though the score was 8-1, we had a lot of three-set matches. Nasy [Diaz] went three sets. She lost the first set and came back and won the second, 6-4, before losing the last match."

Number three singles player, Esther Gomez, won her first set and lost the next two.

## VICTOR LAP/Victor Juan

### Inside scoop on Shaq becoming a Laker; for new dean, it's Mazzotta, Mazzotta, Mazzotta...

The world of sports is providing plenty of conversation these days...

The Orlando Magic are in big trouble if they plan on winning an NBA championship anytime soon...

Not only must they defeat the Chicago Bulls, who can well be the greatest team ever assembled, but they will suffer when Shaquille O'Neal leaves the team at the season's end due to free agency...

Speaking of Shaq being a free agent at the end of the season, don't be surprised to see him in a Laker uniform next year...

During my employment at a big time retail store, Kurt Rambis, who is an assistant coach of the Lakers, was at the Grand Opening signing autographs. I was fortunate enough to be in charge of the autograph booth and he let me in on some inside stuff...

To my knowledge, from our conversation, Shaq will be a Laker, if he wants to be...

Imagine the outcome if this happens, Shaq and Magic on the same team? The Bulls would definitely have a competitor to keep their eyes on...

Dream Team III will have no problems this summer at the '96 Olympics, the only problem will be filling up the team roster...

There are three players who are well worth considering... Dennis Rodman, Cedric Ceballos and Rod Strickland. Since they were already robbed of an All-Star spot, they will probably lose out on this one as well.

If Magic Johnson ever decides to retire again, he'll probably comeback once again, but this time he'll enter the WWF. Magic Johnson versus Lawrence Taylor in the main event at Wrestlemania...

Los Angeles wants a football team so bad, the speculation of the Seattle Seahawks coming here, has everybody excited...

They're willing to change the name of the team, the colors, and even a brand new stadium...

On the subject of football, Troy Aikman deserves a standing ovation. Here is a man who took a payout from his contract last year in order to sign Deion Sanders and win the Super Bowl...

Aikman is at it again and will take another cut in his check to re-sign a couple of players...

That is one of the few athletes that we can say is true to the game. Look for another Super Bowl ring on his finger.

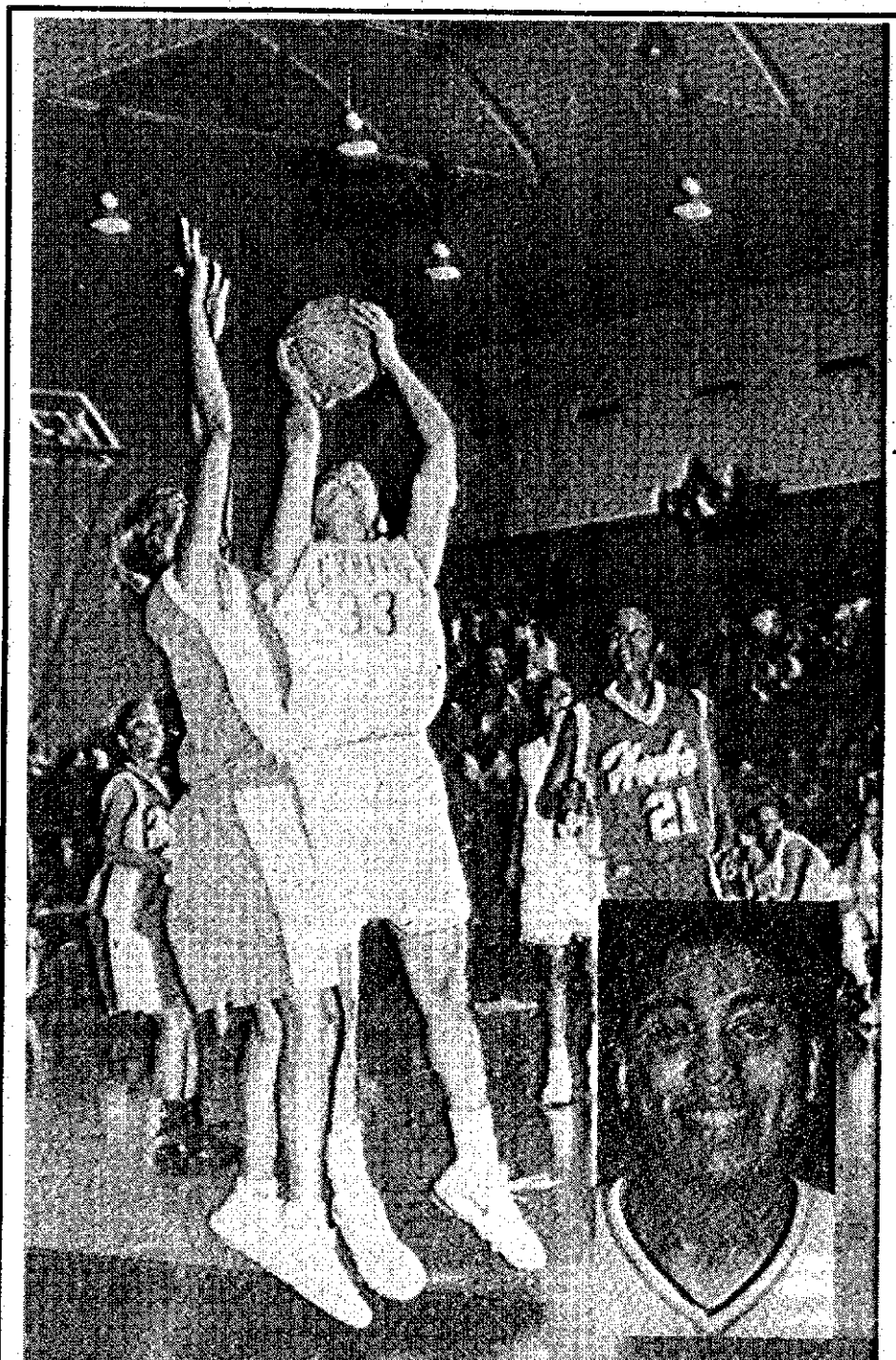
Deion Sanders will soon decide whether or not to play baseball...

The NFL should let the Dallas Cowboys be associated with Nike. I guess the only problem they see is in Emmitt Smith's case, who happens to live on Planet Reebok...

A hot topic at Cerritos College is the resignation of Phillip Clifton, the Dean of Athletics...

Who will fill his spot?

Frank Mazzotta, Frank Mazzotta, Mazzotta, Frank Mazzotta...



EBONY CHARLES (33) - Rebound record breaker — TM Photo by TOM HERNANDEZ

## 27 REBOUNDS IN SINGLE GAME

### Frosh forward Ebony Charles shatters two rebound records

By AMARA AGUILAR  
SPORTS EDITOR

When Ebony Charles is under the boards, there's only two things on her mind—get the basketball or "knock someone down."

Charles is doing a pretty good job of getting the basketball under the boards, considering she leads the women's basketball team in rebounds with 411.

That's 63 more than Michelle Coleman's record set last year, and with two games left in conference, Charles will undoubtedly widen the gap even further.

Charles not only broke the school record for most rebounds in a season, she also crushed another of Coleman's records when she collected 27 rebounds in a single game.

As if that's not enough, she is also set to shatter Coleman's standard of average rebounds per game. Coleman's mark was 11.6 a season ago and Charles' current average is 14.7 rebounds overall. In conference, it is 19.7.

Charles, a freshman forward at Cerritos, is no stranger to the game of basketball. She is a graduate of Artesia High School where she was named league Most Valuable Player and Best Defensive Player her junior and senior year.

Charles' father, who played basketball in high school, got her interested in the sport.

"When I was little he always told me to sharpen my 'bows (elbows) because

he always wanted me to knock people down because everyone was smaller than me. Plus, when I was smaller I couldn't always score over everyone else but I could just push them out of the way and get the ball," said Charles.

At just under 6-foot and 170 pounds, Charles still may not be the tallest person on the court but she makes up for it with her quickness.

"About 90% of the people at my position are bigger than me, so I have to be quicker or smarter than them to get things accomplished," said Charles.

Charles is definitely getting things accomplished this season for the Falcons, considering not only does she contribute rebounds but she has also added to the team offensively piling by up 327 total points this season and 132 in conference. That's an average of 11.2 per game.

Practicing two hours every day, helps Charles stay sharp offensively, but she said rebounding pretty much comes naturally to her.

"To score you can practice your jump shot all day, but there's nothing you can really do to practice rebounding. You just have to go after it," she said.

Charles and the first place Falcons are definitely "going after it" this season as they have only one loss in conference.

At that rate, it seems Charles and the team just might continue to "knock opponents down" all the way up to the state championship.



## Soapbox

Compiled by Gary Mecija and Tina Carram  
Photos by Gary Mecija*What are you expecting from your Valentine?*

"A romantic candlelight dinner, rest near a fire and go the whole nine yards."

Carlos Diaz  
Electronics



"I don't know, maybe a dinner, I'm not sure."

Selena Garcia  
Music



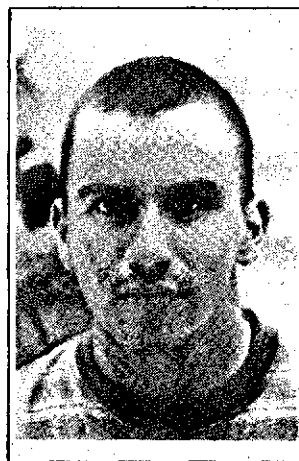
"I don't believe in Valentine's Day, there's no mystery to it, it's just a Hallmark holiday."

Steve O. Burtle  
Sociology



"Something out of the ordinary, send me roses, take me to a nice dinner and buy me chocolates."

Carolina Tavar  
Liberal Arts



"A long day at work followed by algebra, and just maybe a date."

Victor Perez  
Pre-Med



"A homemade candlelit dinner with a passionate long night."

George Olivera  
Psychology



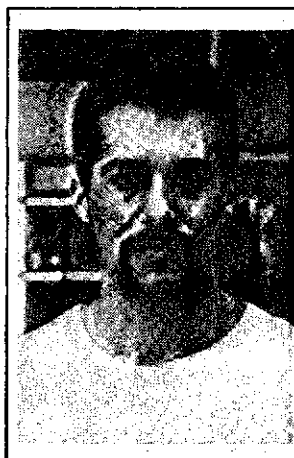
"To be surprised."

Darrin Walker  
Sociology



"15 dozen roses, 14 boxes of chocolate and 13 broken hearts."

Irene Friis  
Undeclared



"I really don't know what to expect for me, but, I'm going to put a rose on my girlfriend's windshield in the morning."

Julio Avila  
Business



"If all goes well...a kiss."

Guillermo Ruiz  
Philosophy

## Separating the myths and realities of Affirmative Action

By EFRAIN VILLANUEVA  
STAFF WRITER

Affirmative Action is a form of racism.

Is this a myth or reality?

According to David Hawkins, Legislative Advocate from the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC), many people believe this is reality, but it's not.

"It's very important to know about Affirmative Action since it has been challenged," said philosophy teacher Anna Torres-Bower.

This civil rights bill which was created in the 60's so that things like racism wouldn't deny minorities what they are qualified for.

Yet there are still ignorant people who practice this belief.

Without this action, Americans will be opening up the doors to discrimination even more.

Some perceptions of Affirmative Action are:

**MYTH:** Affirmative Action programs set aside positions for "affirmative action hires."

**REALITY:** It's simply not legal to set aside or designate specific positions

for a person from an underrepresented group. Neither Title five nor California statutes require or suggest set asides. Such a practice would clearly be prohibited under California Community College regulations. Several Supreme Court decisions have deemed set aside impermissible on constitutional grounds.

**MYTH:** Affirmative action means hiring less qualified individuals because they are minorities or women.

**REALITY:** There has never been a requirement, guideline, or recommendation stemming from affirmative action regulations to hire less qualified individuals because they are minorities. Under certain limited conditions an employer may be able to consider gender or ethnicity but only as one of many factors, only for qualified candidates, and only at the final stage of the process. Community College Title 5 regulations allow, but do not require such a consideration.

**MYTH:** Affirmative action promotes "reverse discrimination."

**REALITY:** The concept of reverse discrimination assumes that non-minority candidates are being denied employment based upon their "white"

or non-minority status or because they are male and not female. This is clearly illegal. Affirmative action does not promote reverse discrimination; however, the existence of affirmative action provides a vehicle for some to claim that they did not get a particular job because an ethnic minority or female was hired instead. Such claims rarely come from those in a position to have an objective view of all the candidates' strengths and weaknesses.

**MYTH:** Affirmative action goals and timetables are skewed due to the inclusion of undocumented immigrants in these figures.

**REALITY:** Goals and timetables are based upon census data from the population with the requisite skills and education to do the job.

Undocumented immigrants are not likely to be included in the availability figure from which the goals are drawn. The availability pool includes only those within the appropriate age range, and with the appropriate educational background to do the job.

**MYTH:** Affirmative action encourages the consideration of less than qualified candidates for position vacancies.

**REALITY:** Affirmative action is intended to require special efforts to diversify the pool of qualified underrepresented persons for the position. No state or federal statute or regulation suggests that unqualified underrepresented persons be considered in any way.

**MYTH:** Affirmative action means that quotas are established by the Chancellor's Office.

**REALITY:** The Chancellor's Office never provides quotas, only availability data. The districts then provide goals they will use as guidelines for success over a three year period of time.

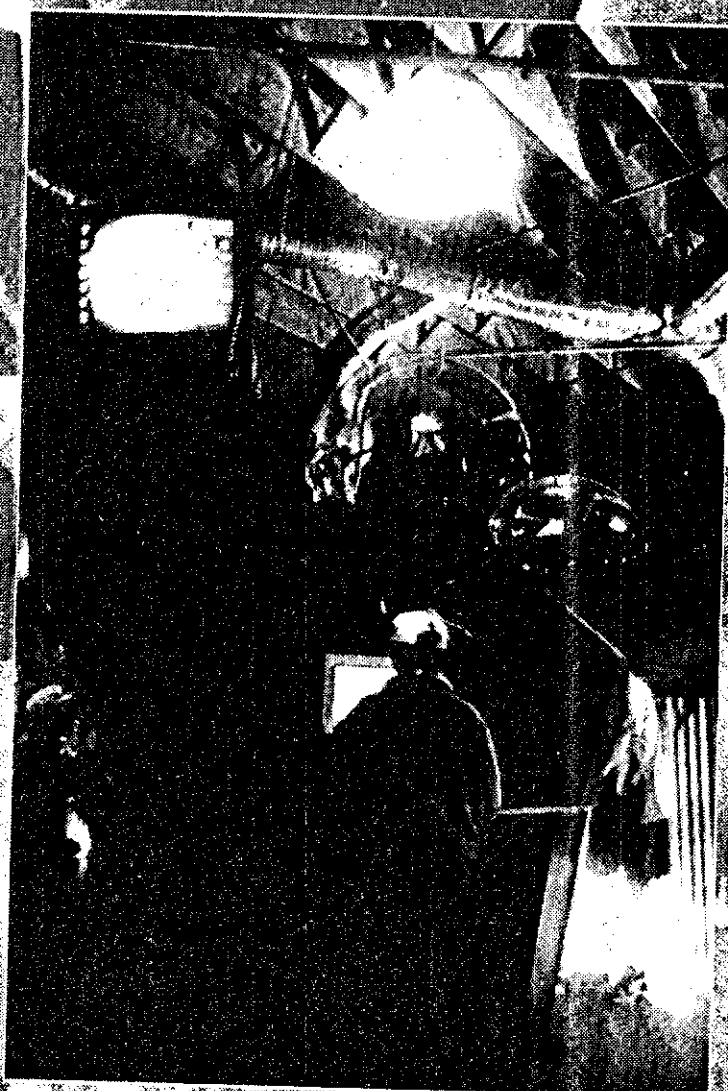
Quotas have been implemented in other states when ordered by court to reach a certain target. To our knowledge there has never been this kind of court intervention or a consent decree in California's entire system of education.

**MYTH:** Minorities and women are granted priority preference in the issuance of state financial aid Cal Grants.

**REALITY:** All financial aid in the California Community Colleges considers only economic status, not gender and not ethnicity.



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