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Alternative ed urged; faculty looks at time

By JUDY JIMENEZ
STAFF WRITER

Everyone should know something about Integrated Thematic Instruction (ITI), which is the combining of courses, Senate President Scott Henderson told the Faculty Senate at the Tuesday, Feb. 13 meeting.

"This is the way education has to go to make changes and to teach the students better. Also, the problem that we're going to have by the year 2000 is we're going to have 750,000 new students," Henderson said, "more students than we have now, and we don't have the money to build for them. So we have to find alternative ways of education which involves telecommunications, etc."

Math professor John Baley complained about not having enough time for the Senate's business. "The Senate is taking up four to five Tuesdays a month ... we do not have enough time to conduct the Senate's business right now. We tried to reschedule it at a different time. Some people once we did it said, 'Oh my gosh, I'm not willing to do that,' but if the Senate met at a different time ... we could allow more time for the Senate to deal with business."

Debbie Schmidt, associate professor of accounting and finance, said, "I think we're one of the few Senates that meets every week. Almost all of them meet once a month or bi-weekly."

President Henderson responded, "My goal is to get us to every other week, and we're getting there."

Senator Hy Finkelstein complained about the AT&T Committee being an ad hoc committee that provides health information and suggests decisions for Dr. Serafin Zazueta, Vice President of Academic Affairs. "As far as I'm concerned, the decision is still Dr. Zazueta's, and however he figures it out, whether he adds up points or asks people to vote for him, he's the person

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Commencement deadline for filing Friday, March 8

By STEVE MUISE
STAFF WRITER

The last day to file a petition to participate in the May Commencement Exercises is Friday, March 8.

Students planning to graduate this semester should see their counselor to file a petition prior to the deadline. The commencement will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Falcon Stadium.

Peer Counseling confab here Friday

Some 300 high school and college students will be on campus for "Peer Power 5" Friday, March 1.

The Peer Counseling Conference is an annual event at Cerritos College.

It is coordinated by the office of Dr. Steve Helfgot, Coordinator of High School Relations.

Basketball victory splash

The Falcon men's basketball won the conference title and promptly tossed interim head coach Dean Ackland in the swimming pool. They won first play-off round and play at Chaffey in the next round tonight (Wednesday) at 7.

Conference champion women play at Cerritos tonight at 7.

At right, guard Richard Mendoza high-fives the dunked coach. SEE SPORTS Pages 8-9-10.

— TM Photo by
FAUSTO RAMOS



Women's History Month kicks off Tuesday, March 5, with Dr. Gerda Govine Steele set as keynote speaker

By MELANIE CURD
STAFF WRITER

This March marks the Tenth Anniversary of Women's History Month. Many events are planned, including lectures, an art exhibit, and an essay contest.

Kicking off the celebratory activities is a free presentation entitled "Herstory: Many Points of View," to be given Tuesday, March 5 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in room LRC 155.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Gerda

Govine Steele, a journalist, entrepreneur, and host of a National Public Radio program. She has also been named "Outstanding Woman in Our Community" by Pasadena City College, and won the "Woman of Achievement Award," given by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women.

"The key benefit of the presentation will be increased cultural awareness allowing better understanding and improved communication among all women and men," said Maureen May. May is an organizer of Women's History Month activities from the Re-Entry Center.

The presentation will focus on how women of different cultures view issues such as education, careers, taking care of themselves, and relationships with other significant people in their lives.

Attendees will also learn what opportunities and challenges women of different cultures face, how they handle those challenges, and what lessons can be learned from these differences.

The late Barbara Jordan, a political activist, said, "When I came here... you were all strangers. There were perhaps mutual suspicions, tensions, and apprehensions. Now I believe they have been replaced with mutual respect."

That is the feeling you are encouraged to come away with after Dr. Steele's speech.

There will be an art exhibit held throughout the month in the Library and Learning Resource Center.

The exhibit, titled "El Quinto Sol," features the works of Mexican artist Leticia Aguilar.

The images depict the mythology of women.

"The artist's paintings manifest a philosophical and spiritual profoundness that transports the observer from the artist's interior to the confines of the universe. From the mysterious origin of life, to the projection and

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KNABE ON CAMPUS — Don Knabe, running for Supervisor of the 4th District, will be at a table in front of the Learning Center Thursday 11-12 to talk student concerns. A college Foundation director, he is retiring Supervisor Dana's chief deputy



Dr. Gerda Govine Steele
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

EDITORIAL

Court Reporting faculty objects to private school ad; paper advertising policy noted

TO: Court Reporting faculty on your recent letter "asking" Talon Marks to "discontinue immediately" a one-column by two-inch \$16 ad from a "private Court Reporting School."

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...Certainly, in no way does the Editorial Board or the staff wish to threaten or diminish the Court Reporting program by running competing ads in today's school market glut.

We have great respect for your program and your club, which are among the most high profile groups on campus, especially since the Associated Students president is a Court Reporting major, as are several others in student government. This involvement, of course, focusses a lot of publicity and coverage on you.

Our ad policy precludes ads for cigarettes, alcohol, abortion (pro or con). Of course, any ads we run are subject to libel, taste, and propriety scrutiny.

We are a public (quasi-public) college student newspaper, and not an administrative or staff publication or an in-house vehicle. Therefore, we are bound by tough academic and professional standards, in the environment of First Amendment free speech. And we have certain restraints of trade, access, and related considerations.

For example, we recently ran advertising for the bookstore across the street in competition with our campus bookstore (who did not object). We often run ads from area four-year schools for certain programs and sessions. There are the food ads that compete with our own campus eateries.

...Some of the questions and issues raised during discussion of this issue were the likes of:

- Why are they so afraid of a very expensive private school when it's \$13 a unit at Cerritos — and with the caliber and reputation of our program?
- Is a little 1x2 ad all that powerful? Does it have that much drawing power to threaten our program?
- Our program is so well publicized and gets so much exposure that it can surely stand up against any "competition."

Of course, editors were sort of wondering why such a high-powered approach via "copies to" all the bigwigs and such before touching base with them.

Incidentally, yes, we will gladly run ads for you at \$8 per column inch. Naturally we can't run free ads for you as you suggested — although we would dearly love to — because we would have to do the same for everybody else on campus.

And, indeed, we will run news stories of your group's accomplishments if we get the information on a timely basis. It's certainly news — at the time it's done — if your people are 100 per cent hitters on tough state tests, compared to less than a 40 per cent state average. Any other special interest or major group gets the same treatment if we know about it.

Nor do we normally run congratulations editorials on this sort of thing, unless we quote some heavy congratulator at the time in a news or feature context.

You can always get the word out with a Letter to the Editor, if it's not newsworthy enough for competing space alone.

Although we certainly understand your view, we cannot in all good professional conscious, not run this sort of ad. (It's been prepaid for the semester.)

Be assured that we will continue to publicize and support your fine program at every opportunity — just as we try to do for others who get the newsworthy word to us.

Ours is the typical college paper policy regarding advertising around the state.

Have your publicity chair keep us posted.

CARTER'S COMMENTS/Tracy Carter

Getting a credit card may be easy but...

"Charge It."

Shopping at the several vendors on campus has been made very easy for students.

Just "Charge It."

Most students on campus are able to receive what is called a student "Visa" credit card.

All students need in order to receive a Visa card is to be enrolled as a full time college student. They don't have to have established credit, or even a job.

Has getting a Visa credit card been made too easily accessible to students?

Yes it has.

What happens when these students can't pay their bill? Who is the creditor going to blame?

If the creditors would put more emphasis on their criteria for issuing a credit card other than just being a student, they wouldn't have that problem.

The criteria for receiving a Visa card should be based on a student's ability to pay, not just because you attend college as a full time student.

Why does a student need a Visa card anyway?

There are some advantages of receiving a Visa card, as well as, disadvantages. The advantage is that it's a good way to establish credit, just as long as you stay in good standing with the Visa company — meaning you pay your monthly bill on time.

However, there is a great disadvantage and that is if you abuse your Visa privilege, and do not pay your bill, that's a good way to mess up your credit....

Once your credit is messed up, that is something that will affect you for the rest of your life. It's also not a good way to establish credit.

Don't "Charge It."

HERNANDEZ ON HAND/Cristina Hernandez

Is discrimination sometimes a ghost?

Discrimination is a real thing that you can see everyday and everywhere. However, sometimes people overreact to it. I mean, some people are always feeling discriminated at work, at school and even inside their own circle of friends.

The problem is that they are not being discriminated at all. Furthermore, everybody accepts and respects them regardless of their ethnicity, language, or skin color.

Nevertheless, these people's minds keep telling them that just because they are Black, Hispanic, Asian, or handicapped, they are going to be discriminated. They are already feeling discriminated even before they go to any place. Most of the time the smallest observation or comment makes them feel harassed, and their logical response is "I am being discriminated."

The truth is that these people who always feel discriminated (even though nobody notices them) have a very low self-esteem. They try to cover up their incompetence and lack of self-esteem by feeling discriminated. Of course it is easier to say that people don't like us because of our color than to accept that we have an attitude problem.

Also, it is easier to say that people discriminate us because we have an accent than to accept our inability to perform our duties. True, it is always easier to feel discriminated than to face the effort of improving ourselves.

I have seen and heard several students complaining among themselves about being "discriminated" by their instructors. But I haven't seen them studying hard enough or even studying at all. Also, there is this particular student who always asks the most incredible questions (from a different subject than the one discussed in class), and he becomes upset because the instructor refers him to books instead of answering his questions.

Moreover, when the class is over

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who's responsible and he's the person who has to make these decisions."

Senator Finkelstein continued, "I think that it's rather wrong to internally make us jump through multiple hoops for decisions on this campus to allocate equipment etc."

Dr. Fred Gaskin, College President, commented about one his concerns. "Last year, 94-95, we allocated \$500,000 for instructional computing and instructional equipment and our process of shared government worked very well and people were happy with it.

"But we spent a whole year before we spent a dime, and what happened was we had a whole year go by and we had money available and students desperately needed computers and we didn't spend any money."

"We just got some in the summer and now they're available. We put another \$500,000 more into the budget this year, 95-96, and here we are in the middle of February and we still haven't spent a dime."

Dr. Gaskin stated that he would like to be able to look into next year and be sure that there would be \$800,000. "So let's work for the rest of this semester deciding how we're going to allocate that money, so that over the summer we can spend it and get it working," his objective being to always look one year ahead.

that student feels discriminated because the instructor answered everybody's questions but his—after all, what is the difference between physics and history?

Nonetheless, I am pretty sure that there are a lot of people who discriminate other people in this world. Sadly, most of the time that discrimination exists among people of the same ethnicity, language, color and background. They discriminate each other instead of helping each other.

However, if we have a positive attitude and enough confidence in ourselves the battle against discrimination would be easier. Our own self-esteem would let us know when discrimination is real and when it is only a ghost.

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Chini Johnson-Taylor — New Counseling Dean

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Counseling gets new dean after two long years; Johnson-Taylor sees 'user friendly' service continuing

By GABRIEL VILLARREAL
NEWS/EDITORIAL LIASON

New Dean of Counseling Chini Johnson-Taylor has some plans for Cerritos College and if instituted (modified as she prefers), Cerritos will continue on its path to becoming completely user-friendly.

Johnson-Taylor has spent the last 18 of her 21 year counseling career at LA Trade Tech College where she served as Director of Matriculation Services.

While at LA Trade Tech, Johnson-Taylor served as President of the Academic Senate as well as a director of the Career Center, Transfer Center, JTPA, Work Experience, and she once sponsored the cheerleaders.

"At LA Trade Tech we were able to develop what I think were incredible student-centered programs," said Johnson-Taylor.

Some of the LA Trade Tech programs include a "one-stop" registration process in which admissions, assessment, counseling and registration are all, temporarily, under one roof.

"This was a very comprehensive process that took a number of years to develop but we had the cooperation of a number of campus institutes," said Johnson-Taylor.

"We wanted to make certain we were giving students as much information as possible that they could retain at that time."

Expediency for LA Trade Tech did not stop there.

With her help, the school instituted information kiosks which, in English, Korean, Vietnamese and Spanish relayed campus general information.

"Our goal was to be as complete, comprehensive and easy for the students especially those who are from cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

"What works at one campus may not work at another," said Johnson-Taylor who recognizes the gap between LA Trade Tech's 13,000 student body and Cerritos average of over 20,000 per semester, "but I'd like to take a look at what components we can use."

Johnson-Taylor is a volunteer docent at the USC Gamble House in

Pasadena. "It's my passion. I love the house. It's amazing the level of craftsmanship it has," she said. Her husband, Walter, is a college professor and a principal at Jenkins, Jales and Martinez Incorporated, an architectural and engineering firm.

Since most of her 18 years at LA Trade Tech were devoted to the matriculation process, Johnson-Taylor has a vested interest in Cerritos success in serving students needs.

"Based upon site visits, Cerritos came out fine in technological aspects but there are some areas I think we do need to address," said Johnson-Taylor.

Three primary areas she spoke of include early alert, multiple measures for assessment, and the use of materials that have been developed for students requiring additional assistance.

In early alert, faculty advise students early in their education when they notice academic difficulty.

"I feel the probationary process is in place, but I'd like to see the early alert process work even more effectively," she said.

"In addition, when you look at the process of assessment, you have to look at more than just a single measure of assessment. You need to look at factors like previous education and training, study skills, motivation and number of units," she said.

"There are a number of factors when recommending separate levels for different students. It's also important to look at research and see how the information has been utilized by the different areas of the campus to improve the conditions," she said.

"Right now it's important for me to meet the needs of not only the counseling department but also to learn a lot more about the campus and the varied programs and services offered.

"There are a lot of things we plan to do in the future with the counseling division but what I'd first like to do is make a clear assessment of what programs and resources are in place and from there develop an action plan."

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Mini-Grant applications explained

The Staff Development Mini-Grant Program is holding a general faculty meeting on Thursday, Feb. 29 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Health and Science Building in room 102.

The topic for the meeting is staff development mini-grant, which are monetary awards to staff or faculty members.

The awards are used to improve teaching, equipment, software, training and other class improvements, which fall under the Chancellor's Office criteria.

Questions will be answered during the event.

Refreshments will be served at 11 a.m.

—PATRICIA ROMAN

'Windows' shows international films; Farewell, Postman, Red

By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ
OPINION EDITOR

The "Windows to the World" International Film Festival has arrived at Cerritos College. Three critically acclaimed foreign films will be featured in March at the Burnight Theatre as a preview to the Windows to the World Expo.

Kicking off the festival is *Farewell My Concubine*. Directed by Chen Kaige, the production of this movie brought together some of the finest figures of the Chinese, Hong Kong and Taiwan cinemas.

At the 1988 Cannes Film Festival, Kaige, whose third film *King of the Children* was then in competition, met Madame Hsu Feng, an award winning Taiwan actress-turned-film producer. Hsu Feng proposed to Chen that he make a film of the popular novel *Farewell My Concubine* by best-selling Hong Kong author Lillian Lee.

Along with its themes of passion, politics and betrayal, set against a dramatic historical backdrop, and the colorful work of the opera, its cinematic potential was obvious.

Named Best Film at the 1993 Cannes Film Festival, this movie will screen on Sunday, March 3 at 4 p.m. and is rated R.

The second film to be presented at the Windows' International Film Festival is *Red* by Krzysztof Kieslowski. The film stars French actors Irene Jacob and Jean-Louis Trintignant.

This movie is part of a trilogy *Three Colors* --- *Blue*, *White* and *Red*. The colors are those of the French revolutionary flag and represent the ideals of the French revolution: liberty, equality and fraternity. They are set in three European cities: Paris, Warsaw and Geneva. The film has been described by critics as a "masterpiece." The picture will be screened on Sunday, March 10 at 6 p.m. and is rated R.

Finally, culminating the film festival is the Italian language film, *The Postman (Il Postino)* directed by Michael Radford and Massimo Troisi. The Directors Guild of America most recently nominated Radford as a contender for this year's Best Director Oscar race.

In this story, the life of the fisherman Mario, changes dramatically when the famous Chilean writer, Pablo Neruda, settles on his little Italian island.

Living in exile because of his political beliefs, Neruda needs a postman to deliver the huge quantities of mail sent to him by his admirers.

Mario takes the job since he hates fishing anyway. The two become friends and Neruda helps the shy and clumsy Mario to win the heart of Beatrice, the beautiful waitress at the village's inn by showing him the beauty and power of poetry.

The Postman is rated PG and will be screened on Sunday, March 24, at 4 p.m.

Math club holds book giveaway

By EFRAIN VILLANUEVA
STAFF WRITER

The Math Club will be holding a book give-away to benefit Su Casa, a home for battered women and children.

This event will be held on Thursday, March 28. Book donations will be taken starting today until March 27 in the Physical Science building, room five.

Also, one hour before and following each film, movie-goers will have the opportunity to enjoy an outdoor international coffee cafe featuring a variety of pastries from Mothers' Mudd's.

"We are thrilled to be screening such prestigious cinematic productions. Indeed, the film festival will set the stage for the diverse performances and activities that will unfold during the April event. We invite film enthusiasts young and old to join us at the Burnight Theatre on March 3, 10 and 24," said Windows' Chairwoman Anna Prasad.

John Hall appointed new music director

By URSULA ARMOUR
NEWS EDITOR

Accomplished conductor, John Hall, has recently been named the Music Director here at Cerritos College.

Hall joins Cerritos College with a wealth of knowledge and experience in music, graduating on an scholarship from the Julliard School of Music.

By age 15, Hall was playing his trombone. His first paid Jazz musical performance was for a high school prom.

"We are extremely fortunate that Mr. Hall has joined the team at Cerritos College," stated Fred Gaskin, college president. "His energetic conducting techniques, showmanship, and brilliant arrangements of classical and popular works will surely enhance our music department at Cerritos College."

In addition to being a conductor, Hall has been an instrumentalist for many musical capitals around the world, such as Amsterdam, Berlin, Munich, and Rome.

This will be Hall's seventh year as the Music Director/General Manager and Conductor of the Cypress Pops Orchestra, he has been given outstanding reviews for his programming at the Annetburg Theater of Palm Springs.



Leticia Aguilar
ART ON EXHIBIT

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transcendental found in a woman and the cosmic space she inhabits," May said in a recent press release to Talon Marks.

A lecture on the exhibit will be given Thursday, March 7, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the children's books section of the library. It will be conducted in Spanish and English.

All are welcome to attend the presentation.

A reception will follow in the Library-LRC lobby. Participants will be able to meet the artist. Refreshments will be served.

Applications for the annual Women's History Month essay contest are now available in the Student Affairs office. The contest theme is "Perspectives: Seeing History in a new way."

Submissions must be in by Wednesday, March 13 by 4 p.m. They can be dropped off at or mailed to the Re-Entry Center.

Prizes are \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place.

Winners will be announced Wednesday, March 20.

Other activities include:

* *Stealing Heaven: The Life of Heloise and Abelard*, March 5 at 12:30 p.m. in SS 137.

* *Frieda Kahlo: Portrait of an Artist*, a video presentation and discussion March 11 from 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Teleconference Center, room LC 155.

* *Zenobia: Empress of the East* 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in LC 155 and "Anne Dillard's American Childhood," 2 p.m. in LA 21, both on March 12.

* A women's volleyball tournament at 3:30 p.m. in the gym. Staff vs. Students on March 13.

* "Race, Gender, and Class in Politics," a panel discussion 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Boardroom March 14.

* Recognition Brunch, March 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Student Center.

* *He Says, She Says: An Examination of How Men and Women Communicate*, Part 1 of a three part program, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. in LC 155 on Monday, March 18.

* Also March 18, *The Joy Luck Club*, 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., and *Thelma and Louise* 7 p.m.-9 p.m., in LC 155.

* March 19, *Like Water For Chocolate*, 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., and *The Joy Luck Club*, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., both in LC 155.

* *He Says, She Says, Part 2*, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. in LC 155 March 20.

* Barbara Kingsolver's *Pigs in Heaven*, about being a single parent and Indian adoption, also March 20, at 11 a.m. in LA 21.

* March 20 is also the date of Reader's Theater, "Seeing History in a New Way," in LC 155 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

* Thursday, March 21, *Thelma and Louise*, 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and *The Color Purple*, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., both in LC 155.

* *He Says, She Says, Part 3*, March 25 from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. in LC 155.

* March 26: *The Beijing Vision: Reexamining Justice and Multiculturalism From a Feminist Point of View*, 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. in Rm. 137, and *Not Just a Pretty Face*, 12:30 p.m.-4 p.m. in SS 312.

* March 28, Su Casa presents "Domestic Violence," 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in LC 155. A "Book Give-Away" in front of the Library will also accept donations to Su Casa. Sponsored by the Math Club.

* Saturday, March 30, the AAUW will honor women students of Cerritos College at 9:30 a.m.

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A PLANTING OF TREES...

Bloomfields donate valuable palms

By TINA CARRAM
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Cerritos College philosophy instructor Dr. Edward Bloomfield and his parents were recognized at a Tree Dedication Ceremony Thursday, Feb. 22, at 11 a.m. at the entrance of the Wilford Michael Library and Resource Center.

Everything was different over 40 years ago when longtime Cerritos College supporters, Mabel and Henry Bloomfield first built their Norwalk home. The Cerritos College educational buildings were homes to cows for a dairy farm. Also, the now high-tech library and resource center was the site of a barn.

"Much has changed," said Mable Bloomfield. There were no tracts, freeways, shopping malls, auto squares or sophisticated gadgets such as voice-mail and computers.

However not everything has changed.

90-year-old Henry Bloomfield's passion and hobby of collecting Sago Palm Trees has turned into his legacy.

The Bloomfields recently donated six of their prized 40-year-old Sago Palm Trees valued at several thousands of dollars to the campus as a tribute to the college's 40th anniversary celebration.

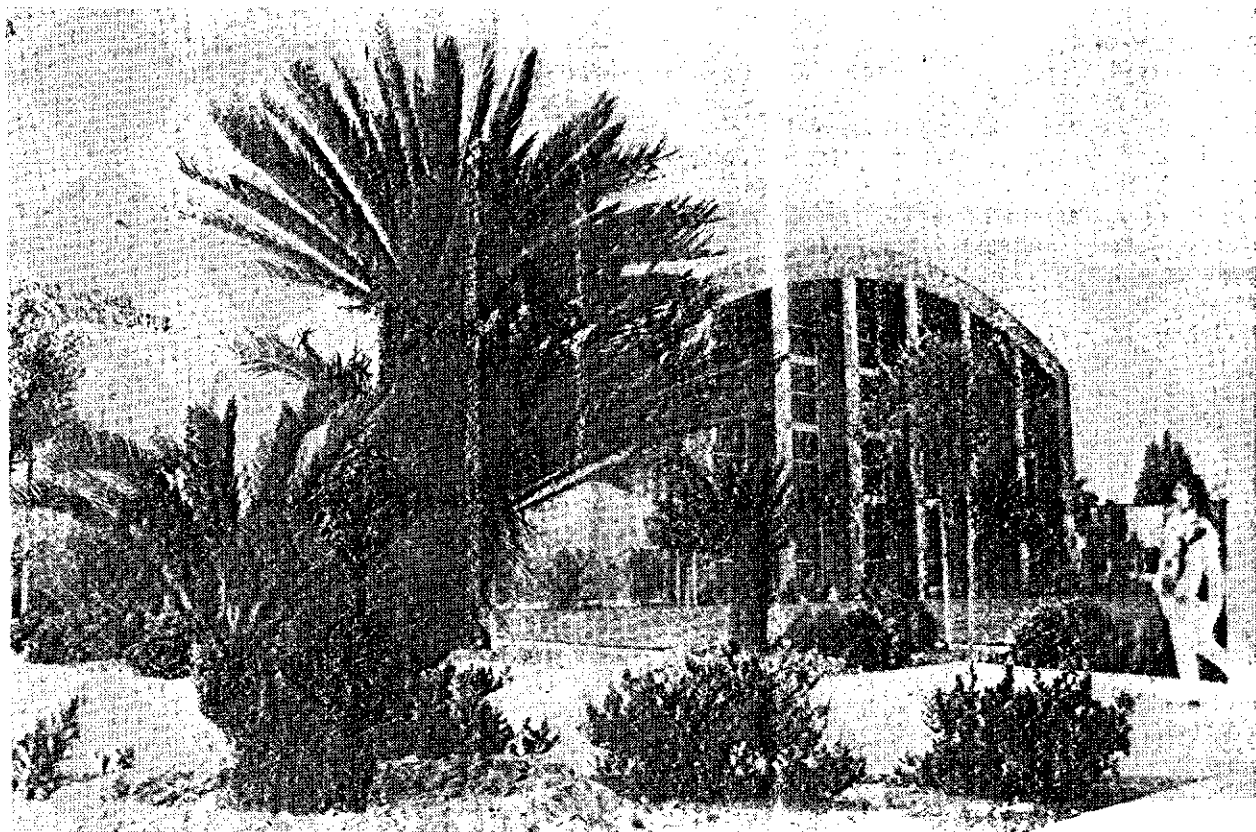
A special bronze plaque was raised on the day of the ceremony.

"We know we won't be here forever, but our trees will. This way our son will have the opportunity to look at them everyday when he goes to the college," expressed Mable.

The Bloomfield's son is a Harvard schooled-philosophy professor, who grew up in Norwalk. Dr. Bloomfield is a full-time instructor at Cerritos College.

College President Dr. Fred Gaskin said, "I can't tell you how delighted and thankful we are to receive the Sago Palms. We just planted them and they complement the surrounding landscape perfectly."

"My parents are extraordinary individuals. I am so proud of their decision. It serves as a salute to my endeavors, but most of all the trees are a gift to students and staff and a salute to the college. And, yes, I will make a special trip to stop and view the palms as often as possible," said Dr. Bloomfield.



PLANTING OF MEMORIES — Philosophy prof Dr. Ed Bloomfield and his parents, Henry and Mable, were on hand for dedication ceremonies for six prized Sago Palm trees. Center, Henry and Mable Bloomfield. Above, from left, Board members Bob Verderber and Ted Edmiston, College President Dr. Fred Gaskin, Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield; Dr. Bloomfield; and ASCC President Idania Padron. Right is Professor Bloomfield leading a cheer.

— TM Photos by GARY MECIJA



Faculty Senate... a lot of motions...but no action

By SHARON HANSEN
STAFF WRITER

The constant wave of motions at last Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting resembled bad surf – they were too poorly formed to give much of a ride.

Math professor John Baley opened with a motion to allow part-time faculty to file grievances.

Business co-chair Hugh Wilkoff contended the document had not been passed and therefore could not be amended. But former Grievance Officer Richard McGrath explained the policy had been adopted in April 1993.

"To clear the mud here," Senator Baley suggested, "my intent is to pass the document as it exists without modifications. And then I will conclude with a series of motions to modify it."

Baley's motion carried unanimously, and he returned to his original motion that part-timers be allowed to grieve.

Political Science instructor Bryan Reece needed clarification. "Is there any tricky definition as to what a faculty member is that I need to know about? Does he have to be currently teaching or can he have taught last semester or this year or this semester?"

Cerritos College President Dr. Fred Gaskin interceded. "I don't know whether I personally am in favor of having part-time faculty members in

the grievance process or not. . . .

"Dr. Baley talked about faculty members – we're all faculty members. But I would caution you to allow us Vice-President Dr. Serafin Zasqueta some time to scour this thing to view what the ramifications may be of including part-time faculty. I think that would be a prudent thing to do.

"We have this question of who is a faculty member. There are some clear definitions in the code. . . .

"But as much as John Baley wants to say that a faculty member is a faculty member, and as much as we all want to embrace that, quite frankly folks – it ain't the case.

"There are differences – very clear differences – in the way you're compensated – in the rights, honors and immunities that you have – and the way in which part-time faculty members operate. And I think you want to be real careful that you don't get yourself flooded with a bunch of grievances."

One Senator identified the need to consider longevity. "In our department one part-time instructor . . . has been here 22 years – and to think that you've been someplace and faithful for 22, years you couldn't grieve something?"

Business instructor Debra Schmidt stated, "The reason we voted that down specifically is because part-timers

sometimes do get bumped – and rightfully so – for full-time teachers, and we didn't want to open that can of worms."

"I am very disturbed by any group reserving their right to continue injustice," Baley countered. "Because traditionally this group has been treated wrongly, do we have to reserve the right to continue treating them badly?"

Ultimately, the motion was tabled until a group could be formulated to research legal ramifications and make recommendations.

The Senate next addressed Faculty Grievance Officer compensation. Faculty pay is a complex matter that is regulated by state, county and local mandates. And determining fair compensation in accordance with funding regulations is no easy matter.

Payment alternatives include hourly pay, overload time, and reassigned time. Each method presents certain benefits and drawbacks. All methods provide fuel for debate.

Grievance officers spend between zero and 200 hours per semester mediating grievances, and reassigned time can result in officers being paid whether they are working or not. While hourly wages would resolve this problem, one Senator felt hourly pay also is subject to abuse.

"Our legal cost for the college is going up and up and up because the college counsel are dragging matters on because they're paid hourly. And we're afraid that the same thing could happen here, and officers will be tempted to prolong the grievance procedure as much as possible," the Senator warned.

Senator Reece had a problem with assigning overload credit. "If we go as John Baley suggested . . . there isn't a one-unit overload course in our department. So I would have to drop one of my three units. . . . and in essence take a two-unit per semester pay cut to do the job. . . . That puts the person who accepts the position in a situation where they're forced to take a pay cut."

Senator Wilkoff foresaw problems with release time. "Release time affects our 75/25. Hourly doesn't affect our 75/25."

The 75/25 ratio refers to the state-mandated balance that community colleges must maintain between full-time (75%) and part-time (25%) faculty.

After lengthy discussion, President Scott Henderson suggested that Senators Wilkoff, McGrath, Vice-President Pat Pinder, and Baley get together to formulate a suitable motion to present to the Senate.

Faculty Senate Officer's terms will be discussed at next week's meeting.

KCEB offers music for your ears; punk, rap, reggae, etc.

By DIANNE BOYD
STAFF WRITER

Hidden in a small corner of the Burnight Center complex behind a concrete facade lies a buzzing little box-like facility called KCEB.

It's a room full of music propaganda, crazy hip hop stickers on the lockers, wacky punk posters on the wall, and about a dozen different D.J. personalities crammed into little practice booths, running around trying to get their shows together.

But beneath all the hubbub lies a very organized group of students just trying to accomplish one thing: get the music played.

The radio station started out with a lot of negative feedback, mainly because of the little diversity of music that was played. "It was all heavy metal, a lot of purple hair, safety pins, and spandex," said faculty advisor, Craig Breit.

But now with all of the mixed cultures and backgrounds of the student DJs, the music is very diverse. The DJs are able to choose what kind of music they want to play. "I only tell them what they can't play, and what they can't say, and let them go from there," said Breit.

He added, "The student body didn't really listen to us before, but I really

think they should give us a try now. The music is more brooding and much more wider reaching. The variety is more vast. This time I am sure they will like it."

The music that comes out of KCEB ranges much more now, and should please anyone with purple hair, or dread locks.

Tune in your ears and your Walkmans to 1610 am, KCEB.

Currently the Top 10 Alternative Bands are: Red Hot Chili Peppers, No Doubt, Green Day, Ash, Folk Implosion, Replicants, Ruth Ruth, Alanis Morissette, Joan Asborne, and Foo Fighters.

DJ, prizes in quad March 5, 11-12 p.m.

Campus radio station KCEB will host a special D.J. program all day Tuesday, March 5, on the outside stage in the campus quad.

Prizes, giveaways, and special guests will be featured.

The station will play a variety of favorites.

Health and Wellness offers tests, screenings, referrals to students

By RITA LARA
STAFF WRITER

A variety of medical services are available to students on campus through the Student Health and Wellness Center.

Hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. - noon. However, it will be closed daily from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Services available include diagnosis and treatment of short-term illness, first aid care, and immunizations.

Blood pressure checks and monitoring, immunizations, hearing, vision, breast, and pelvic tests are always of-

fered. PPD screenings are given on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

A fee is required for lab tests, urinalysis, pregnancy tests, and sexually transmitted disease screening.

The Health Center provides referrals to specialists for off-campus health agencies to patients with serious illness or in need of medical follow-ups. Reduced cost prescriptions are also available.

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'Slam.site' offers a sneak-peek at the next generation of arcades; Internet access and retail, too

By **BOBBY KEENER**
STAFF WRITER

It's time for an old idea to be reinvented when Slam.site attempts to build a better mouse trap, and hopes that the public will buy it.

The old arcades with their change machines and pinball games need to move over and make room for the arcade of the future, Slam.site.

Located in La Palma, Slam.site is an interactive arcade for teenagers. But it is not only designed for playing video games like Doom II and Mortal Kombat III in head to head competition.

Slam.site is also planning to add Internet services through company designed software.

Slam.site, which is currently closed during high school hours, will also offer free Internet access and training for adults between the hours of 8 a.m.-

3 p.m., Monday-Friday

Hoping to appease concerned parents, Slam.site staff will screen all chat rooms offered on the Internet for their content.

"We do all the work for the parents so they don't have to worry," said Frank Westhall, chief executive officer of Strategic Planning Inc., the parent company of Slam.site.

Beyond video games and Internet services, Slam.site will be an on-line retail outlet offering the latest in a wide range of software. All three of these services will be located under the Slam.site name.

The 2000 square-foot Slam.site facility is located off of the Riverside(91) Freeway and Orangethorpe Avenue.

Westhall believes, that with all it has to offer, Slam.site will be the future of arcades. He said, by next year, there will be 50 more Slam.sites located throughout the country.

Ten actors, 53 characters, four shows in one 'Dining Room'

Student David Carrero will direct 10 students in 53 roles March 8 through 10 in A.R. Gurney's *The Dining Room*.

The play takes place in several dining rooms and is set as different scenes commenting on the downfall of the traditional American Family.

Carrero has directed seven student plays as a Theatre Arts major, including *Attack of the Moral Fuzzies* and *Same Time Next Year*.

He received Irene Ryan Acting Awards for his performances in *bad Habits* and *Tom Jones*.

The Dining Room will run March 8 and 9 at 8 p.m.

Curtain is at 2:30 p.m. for the March 9 and 10 matinees.

Tickets are \$6 and the performance will take place in the Burnight Studio Theatre.

—GABRIEL VILLARREAL

The plot was never proven 'Before,' during or 'After'

By **GABRIEL VILLARREAL**
NEWS/EDITORIAL LIASON

In Hollywood Pictures recent release, *Before and After*, veteran actors Meryl Streep and Liam Neeson portray parents caught up in a chain of lies and altered stories in an attempt to cover a murder their son is accused of committing.

Carolyn (Streep) is a doctor convinced of her son's innocence and Jack (Neeson) fears his son's guilt. But Carolyn and Jack never keep to their character's initial motivations.

Chalk it up to moody, grieving parents? Perhaps unrealistic outlines...

The movie had several sub-plots meandering through. Like a daughter (Julia Weldon) who begins and ends the movie with solemn philosophies—perhaps it was an attempt to tie in her weak character.

And then there was the attempt at a love-hate relationship between a father and son. It didn't work.

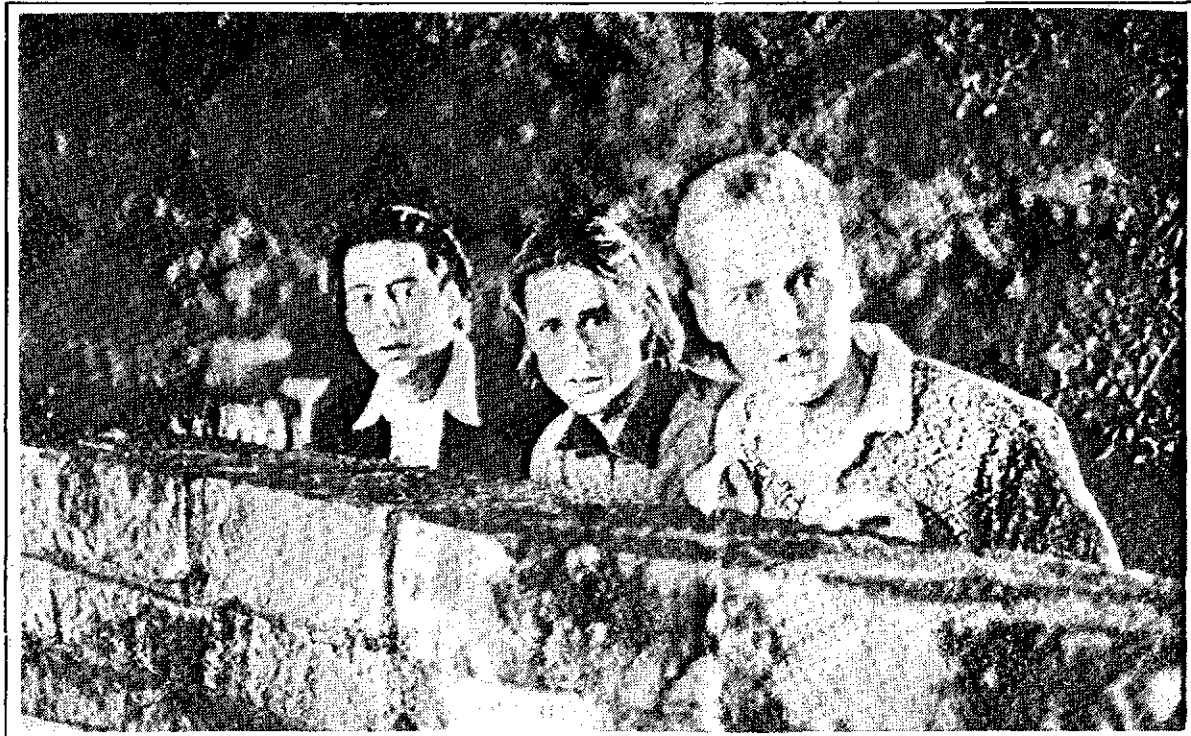
The times that there were exchanges of emotion between Jack and his accused son Jacob (Edward Furlong), the moments were too tense and executed like an initial read through.

Alfred Molina's character, Panos, (Jacob's lawyer) provides an interesting comedic commentary on the process of legal defense. He and a legal secretary take the Ryan's on a ride fueled by the family's own fabricated stories.

The movie is then supposed to become a guessing game as to who is going to tell the grand jury what story about the murder their son may or may not have committed.

What about Edward Furlong? He broods and never fully develops.

The movie would have best proved a solid point if Jacob would have let us in his sad, sad mind.



From Left, Bob (Robert Musgrave), Anthony (Luke Wilson) and Dignan (Owen C. Wilson) star in *Bottle Rocket*.

photo courtesy Deana Newcomb for Columbia Pictures

Spring films offer love among partners in crime

BOTTLE ROCKET

Columbia Pictures. Rated R.

"Bottle Rocket" is the story of three friends in search of love, family and honor in the life of crime.

Owen Wilson, Robert Musgrave and Luke Wilson all make their feature film debuts as three would-be hoods proving the importance of friendship in a life of little stability.

Wes Anderson directs his first full length film and the movie also stars Lumi Cavazos and James Caan as Mr. Henry.

The movie is billed as a zany soul search.

Love, The Proclaimers and The Rolling Stones have cuts on the soundtrack.

The film is rated R.

IF LUCY FELL

Tristar Pictures. Rated R.

Two friends agree to jump off the Brooklyn Bridge if they do not find love by the time they hit their 30th birthday in Tristar's "If Lucy Fell".

The tart comedy stars Sarah Jessica Parker and Eric Schaeffer as Lucy and Joe who seek love from Elle Macpherson and Ben Stiller (Jane and Bwick) as their 30th birthdays grow closer.

Schaeffer directs the film and garners experience from last years "My Life's a Turnaround" which he wrote, directed and starred in.

The film is rated R.

RACE THE SUN

Columbia Pictures. Rated PG.

Inspired by a true story screenwriter Barry Morrow, "Race the Sun" is a fictional drama about a group of rough, low income kids who pull together to achieve the extraordinary.

"These kids were all from local working-class Hawaiian families representing the spectrum of ethnic and racial backgrounds. It would be easy to think of them as under-grounds, but that's not how they saw themselves," said Morrow.

Halle Berry stars as Sandra Beecher an English teacher who, forced to teach a science class, assigns a group full of procrastinators a science project.

In order to inspire the students she requires each pupil to attend a district-wide science fair where instead of getting ideas, they receive insults.

Words lead to blows and blows lead to detention hall, where the Kona Pali High kids come up with an idea...teamwork.

The cast includes James Belushi who plays Frank Macki a shop teacher who doesn't want the kids to get hurt anymore than they already have. His answer: don't inspire them to take on challenges they can only fail to meet.

The Tristar film is a coming of age offering in which four boys and four girls find friendship in teamwork.

• Compiled by Tina Carram and Gabriel Villarreal

FILM

Windows to the World

WHO: Windows to the World Foreign Film Festival

WHAT: Showing of Chen Kaige's *Farewell My Concubine*

WHERE: Burnight Center Theatre

WHEN: Sunday, March 3 at 4 p.m.

COST: \$3 admission

Farewell my Concubine won the best film at the 1993 Cannes Film Festival. The Burnight Center Theatre showing is part of the Windows to the World celebration. Two films will follow on consecutive Sundays including *Red* and *Il Postino*. International Coffees can be enjoyed at all showings.

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Little big man Louis starts at 5-8, leads team in assists

By JIM REYNOSA
STAFF WRITER

There are two quick things that come to mind when you first spot Traevon Louis on the basketball court.

The first is, "Who let their kid play on the floor." Listed at 5'8" 158 pounds (more like 5'6" 140 pounds) Traevon has the face of someone who just rode their bike to the gym and not of a player who just made the second team of All-Conference team in the South Coast.

The next is his smile.

When he's on the court or walking to class, he flashes a smile that can cut through the darkest of times. A smile so powerful it could drain a hydroelectric dam and yet mischievous enough to make you think he knows something you don't.

And he'll tell you when he's good and ready.

But a month ago that smile was all but gone.

On Jan. 21, Traevon was one of the first persons to find his dad shot and killed inside his father's music studio.

"I found him about twenty minutes after it happened," said Traevon.

"It was a big shock when I first found him. I've had people die who were close to me when I was younger and it would bother me, but only for a second. I understood death but I didn't let it bother me. But with my father it was a lot different.

"My father and I had a great relationship. We talked with each other every day, I even worked with him. At the time when he died, it was hard.

"It's still hard.

"After that a whole lot of other stuff started happening. Things just went from bad to disastrous. My family started fighting, I couldn't do anything in school, just a lot of commotion and to top it off my car died.

It couldn't get any worse. I mean, it hasn't got any better yet, but I feel that at that time nothing was going to go right.

"I know that over time it'll get better, everything will heal. I'm all right now, I'm able to deal with it. But those games were the hardest ones."

Even though his father had died on the weekend, Traevon suited up and started the following games on Wednesday and Saturday.

He had to play. Basketball was his only release.

"That was the best way for me to work through it. I had to do something. I didn't play that well, I had too much on my mind. But I had to play basketball.

"You see, this is what I want to do. I want to play basketball and as far as I can take it. If I can't make it here [NBA or CBA] I'll play overseas. If not there then I'll get a job and work with my degree. But I want to play basketball as far as I can take it first."

But the down side is that I get hit pretty hard. One time I took an elbow and my tooth went through my bottom lip."

But even that hasn't stopped him from stepping in the lane. He still averages almost four charges a game. But now he wears a mouthpiece which has hurt his main function, running the offense.

Because whenever he gets a play from Coach Dean Ackland, Traevon tries to yell out the call but all that comes out is a bad impression of Marlon Brando from *The Godfather*.

"I've got to remember to take it out when I'm calling the play because for some reason Joey [Greni] can't hear me." Flashing that smile, "I think he does it just to bug me (laughing)."

The secret of his success with Cerritos basketball is simple.

"I know my role. With this team and all their offensive players in David [Henry], Everett [Ratleff] and Stacey [Nolan] I'm not supposed to score much. I just try to give them the ball at the best opportunity.

I have my best game when I get a couple of charges to go with around ten assists and no turnovers. And I have no problem with that, because that's what the coaches want me to do and I'll do whatever it takes to win."

Right now that means traveling tonight to face off against eighth seeded Chaffey in the second round of the State Playoffs.

When practice started in late August, to even think that Traevon Louis was going to make the second team All-Conference, let alone start, and get a lot of playing time, would have been ridiculous.

But not to him.

"The only reason I got an opportunity to play was that I made it happen. Coming in I don't think the coaches were going to play me that much, they may have, but I wasn't going to get that playing time I have now. I had to fight for it in practice. Day in and day out I had to be tough every minute.

I guess they finally realized that I wanted it. And I wanted it bad. I don't think they've had a guard my size start before, so I had to show them something."

Being only 5'8" and playing in a sport where height is a must, Traevon had to show the coaches something bigger than his size. And he did.

His heart.

"My heart doesn't fit my body. My desire is just too big sometimes. And that gives me the courage to do something's that I shouldn't do."

Taking a charge from a 6'7" 250 pound forward, who's had two full strides could be something he really shouldn't do. Especially when it looks like a bull going through a matador.

"I love taking a charge from one of their big men and getting them in foul trouble. It sometimes energizes the team.

Wherever Traevon goes next year, the same questions will come up when fans and players first see him, "Whose kid is this and why is he smiling like that?"

The answer is simple.

They're aren't too many people who can go through what he has and end up stronger.

But he has and he knows that no


matter what happens he'll survive and go on.

"When people see me on the court, they look at my size and forget all about me. But if you sleep on me, by the end of the game I'll have awakened you because I'll win. No matter what it takes."

Meanwhile smiling his way to another challenge.



Traevon Louis (45) on the move... — TM Photo by TOM HERNANDEZ




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Improving women's softball opens conference today with Mt. Sac at 3

Women's softball heads into the South Coast Conference today as they host Mt. San Antonio College at 3 p.m.

In the San Diego special double header last weekend the Falcons fought to gain a victory over Southwestern College, 8-7. That was followed by a defeat against San Diego City College, 2-7.

The victory over Southwestern

College went into extra innings.

The winning run came in the eighth inning when Shiela Reeves singled to bring in Karen Rosales.

The loss to San Diego City was tough. The highlight of the game was the first home run for Cerritos College this season, hit by Kathy Stempson.

The first time the two teams played, Cerritos shut out SDC, 8-0.

—DAVID WARD

Cerritos takes title with 78-74 victory over arch rival LBCC

By JIM REYNOSA
STAFF WRITER

Walking into the Cerritos gym, you knew this game was big. You could just feel it all. The rivalry, the pressure, the crowds filling up the stands and an ugly luck yshirt.

Cerritos versus Long Beach City.

And of course, there was the aura of playing for the South Coast Southern Division Title. For an added bonus the winner would receive a homecourt bid for the first round of the State Playoffs.

Simply put, it was the game of the year and Cerritos came up big.

Using a hard-noised defense to clamp down on Long Beach's Mike Batiste, South Coast Conference Player of the Year, and running an efficient and potent offense, the Cerritos Falcons beat Long Beach 78-74, making a splash towards the playoffs and setting up a home game against Imperial Valley.

The last time these two teams played, Long Beach used a 2-2-1 trap to force over 20 turnovers on their way to a 75-74 victory over the Falcons, this time Cerritos would be prepared.

"Last time we played these guys, we didn't attack the trap. We were too cautious and it cost us. But since then, we've had a lot of practice dealing with that problem," said Head Coach Dean Ackland before the game.

But Cerritos didn't have to deal with the trap because Long Beach hardly ever used it, the Vikings were more inclined to play halfcourt defense and run a one-on-one offense with Batiste (25.5ppg and 11.6 rebounds) being the go-to man.

At the end of this game the Player of the Year went 8-18 from the floor and was shut down by the Cerritos center duo of Chad Bell and Roger Roussell.

"As soon as he got the ball we collapsed around him and forced them to beat us with someone else," said Forward David Henry, who scored 15 points to go along with his team high eight rebounds.

Roussell, on the other hand, had an incentive.

"The last time we played them I made Batiste look like an All-World player. I played lousy and he couldn't do anything wrong. This time I worked on my foot speed to try to beat him to the spot, I also bodied him up all night long. By the end of the game he was just frustrated," said Roussell.

Both teams came out determined to let their defenses win the game. By

denying every pass, blocking off every drive to the basket and contesting every shot, the end result was a low scoring half.

In fact with eight minutes to play both teams had 24 points combined.

At halftime Cerritos had a 37-32 lead with both teams shooting a scrawny 40% from the field.

In the second half the Vikings tried to pick up the tempo by bringing out the 2-2-1 trap, but Cerritos was ready and made three quick baskets. The Vikings called a quick timeout and put the trap away for the night.

"We thought we could force a few easy turnovers and make them press a little bit, but they were prepared and we didn't execute," said Long Beach City assistant coach Tony Lipold.

The rest of the game the pressure really mounted. Every rebound became important and was pounded off the glass and tempers began to flare as baskets became a little bit harder to come by.

With 1:29 left, and leading 74-71 Cerritos did something that haven't done all year against Long Beach.

They switched from their man-to-man to a 3-2 zone.

And it worked perfectly.

The first chance against it Long Beach turned the ball over, the second they fouled Chad Bell on the rebound and on the third try forward Stacey Nolan jumped in front of a cross court pass and slammed the final nail against the Vikings with :19 left.

"It's a good defense to stop the three-pointer. They didn't have any time to try and figure it out. Stacey is great as the boss man in the zone and he made a nice play there at the end," said Ackland.

After the game and the tradition of jumping in the pool, reactions over the conference title spanned all areas.

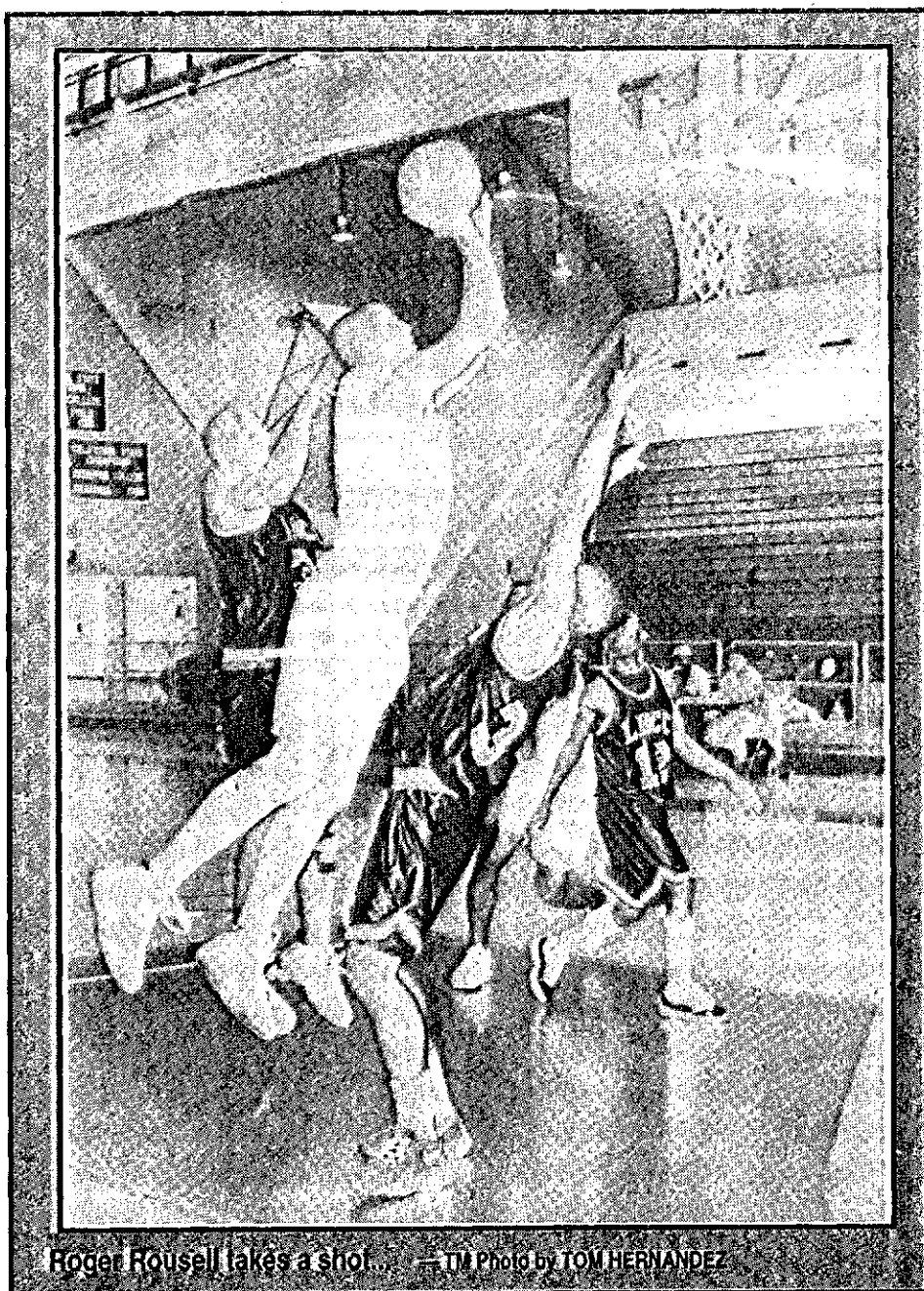
From excited:

"This is why I choose to come here. I wanted to win a title. I never won anything like this before, not in high school or even junior high. I guess I made the choice in coming here," said Forward Deontaye Chisholm who came off the bench to grab eight rebounds and tip in nine points.

To the sublime:

"We haven't won anything yet. It's not like we won the state tournament or anything, we still have six games to go," stated Forward Everett Ratleff who led Cerritos with 19 points and three rebounds.

He's right. At Cerritos College a conference title is expected, only with a state title is there reason to celebrate.



Roger Roussell takes a shot. — TM Photo by TOM HERNANDEZ

Falcons open with 74-65 win over Imperial Valley; it's Chaffey tonight

By JIM REYNOSA
STAFF WRITER

After coming down from the high of beating Long Beach City for the championship, Cerritos needed a dominant second half to defeat a travel weary Imperial Valley 74-65.

With the victory, the Falcons travel to play eighth seeded Chaffey at 7p.m. in the second round.

Head Coach Dean Ackland was afraid that his Falcons might not be mentally up for the Arabs.

"I told the guys that is was going to be a little bit different tonight [Friday] then the game against Long Beach. They weren't going to have the crowd or the anticipation to pick them up," said Ackland.

Imperial Valley, (16-14) seeded 24th in the regional, and having only one starter over 6'2", almost zoned and out-hustled the Falcons.

But the Arabs only had one half in them.

In the first half, Imperial Valley came out with their patented 2-3 zone to take away Cerritos' size advantage and inside game.

And it worked, Cerritos shot a flat-lining 32% form the field and was behind, 26-41. Guard Everett Ratleff had 16 points in the first half.

But Coach Ackland wasn't worried.

"I told the guys, let's play their game. So we trapped off the halfcourt line, run our 3-2 zone and forced them to run a little bit," said Ackland.

That strategy worked perfectly and was exactly what the Falcons needed to come alive in the second half.

Imperial Valley scored only 14 points in the first eight minutes of the second half and failed to score during a five minute stretch.

The defense took control, but the Falcons didn't take a 52-51 lead until 5:48 was left.

The rest of the way it was defense and free-throws and led the Falcons to victory.

Cerritos went 13-14 form the line and out-lasted a late charge to win.

The homecourt advantage was huge according to Coach Ackland.

"They had to drive five hours to come here and that takes a lot out of you," said Coach Ackland.

It was a game of season-highs as sophomore guards Everett Ratleff (26 points) Traevon Louis (14 points, 8-8 from the line) and forward Deontaye Chisholm (nine rebounds, four points) played their best game of the season against Imperial Valley.

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Women's tennis wins big opener

By TRACY CARTER
CAMPUS EDITOR

The women's tennis swung into high gear last Thursday, as they edged Mt. Sac, 5-4, in their first conference match.

"The game was very close, the score was 4 all. 'It came down to the last doubles match that helped clinch the win,'" said Head Coach Terri Button.

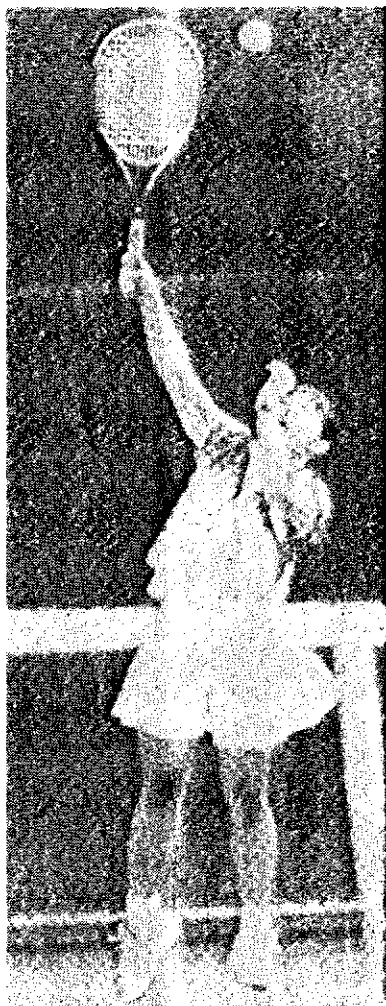
The Southwestern Tournament turned out exceptionally well for the team. Players Nasy Diaz and Rosanna Guevarro won their singles matches and advanced to the semi-finals.

Terry Frederickson and Guevarro won their doubles match. The three players will compete in the finals Saturday.

Two other doubles teams (Esther Gomez, Melinda Nedilsky and Nasy Diaz, Korin Masselink) advanced to the semi-final and lost.

The team is scheduled to play El Camino tomorrow at home. The match will start at 2 p.m.

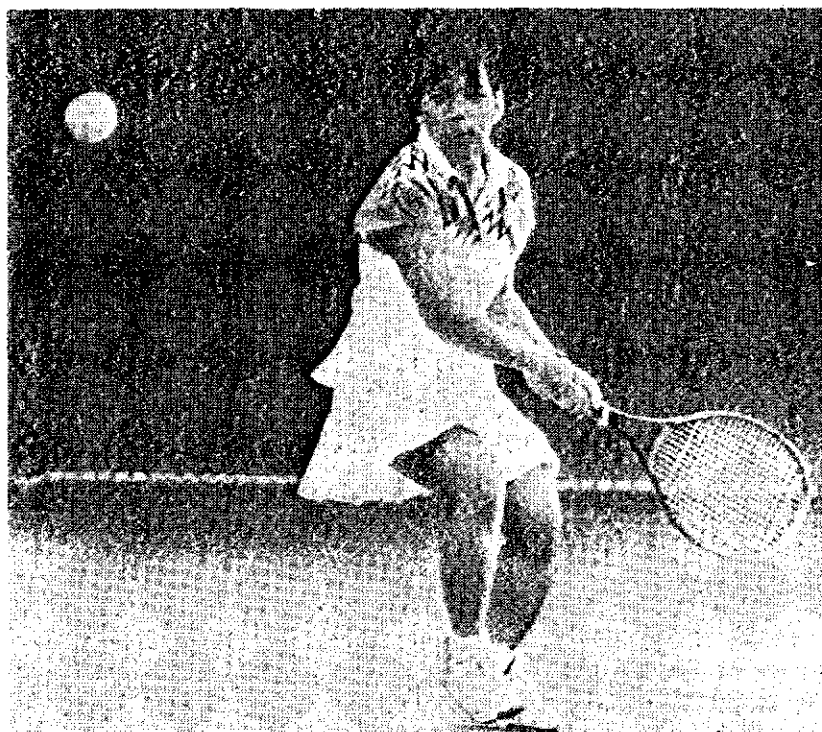
"El Camino has a tough team. It should be a pretty good match as well as a close one," said Terri Button.



Eyes on the balls

Women's tennis players are, upper left, Korin Masselink; above and right, Rosanna Guevarra; upper right, Nasy Diaz

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WOMEN OPEN WITH HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

By ANDREA AGUILAR
STAFF WRITER

Just how big is home court advantage in the playoffs?

Any team would rather play in their own building with their home crowd cheering them on.

And why not?

The home team wins over 85% in the California regional. So let's just say the home team has a slight edge.

The Falcons (24-6) don't have just a slight edge in having home court advantage for the playoffs, they've got a lot of other things going for them.

Consider this.

Men's tennis hosts Pasadena Thursday at 2; seek sixth win

Tomorrow the men's tennis team host Pasadena City at 2 p.m. as the Falcons look to gain their sixth win of the season.

Last Thursday the team doubled up Orange Coast, 6-3. Singles players went 4-2 and doubles took two out of three matches.

"We have all freshmen except one player and they're coming along, getting stronger and playing better as they get involved with each match.

"We've won a lot of three set matches. That shows they have a lot of endurance, a desire to play hard, to compete and to win. They don't quit," said Coach Tom Spence.

—EVELYN GARRIDO

Swim opens conference

The swim team travels to El Camino College Friday to open conference play against Mt. SAC and El Camino. The meet begins at 2:30 p.m.

The Falcons have the South Coast Conference MVP, Babita Singh, and four All Conference Players.

Ebony Charles, who broke the school record for most rebounds in a season with 438, was named to the first team.

Amy Brockman, Tanisha Coleman and Tara Knesel were named to the second team.

Add to that Cerritos hasn't lost a home game all season, you get an idea of how much the odds are on their side.

That's the position Cerritos will be in tonight when they face Cuesta (18-13) in the second round of the playoffs.

The Falcons are seeded third in the Southern California Regional and Cuesta nineteenth. Cerritos had a bye in the first round and Cuesta defeated Fullerton to advance.

Last year in the playoffs Cerritos was eliminated in the second round by the number one seed Ventura, 70-52.

This year Ventura is seeded number one again.

But this time the Falcons have the home court and the Player of the Year to match and go far in the playoffs.

Maybe all the way to San Jose.

Baseball explodes with six straight wins

By AMARA AGUILAR
SPORTS EDITOR

Dynamite might be the best word to describe the way the baseball team (9-3) has played recently. They have been on fire, winning their last six games, while exploding offensively outscoring opponents, 61-18, during the win streak.

The team looks to stay hot as they host L.A. Harbor tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Last Friday the Falcons left rival Rancho Santiago in smoke as they defeated the Dons, 9-7.

Rancho Santiago burned Cerritos last year in the State Championship game, 12-2, but this time it was the Falcons' turn to burn.

"We've got a good rivalry with them because they beat us last year in the state tournament. It was a dog fight and we played really well," said Coach Ken Gaylord.

Cerritos was trailing, 4-3, after three innings but exploded offensively scoring two runs in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings to take a 9-5 lead.

Rancho Santiago was sparked in the ninth by two runs, but Jason Marr put out the fire, with runners on first and second, to record his fourth save of the year.

Jose Vasquez earned his second win of the season after coming in for starter Chuy Peinado (2-0) in the fourth.

Anthony Moreno and Jose Alvarez kept the heat on Rancho Santiago as Moreno drove in three runs in the game and Alvarez went three for five.

Thursday the team blasted Fullerton, 7-1.

John Ruiz left batters fuming by pitching a complete game, striking out five and allowing one walk.

Tyrus Acoba scorched Fullerton pitchers as he collected three hits and four RBI. Tony Vasquez and Brad Vidinha also did some damage piling up two hits each.

The Falcons extinguished the hopes of four teams at the Casey Stengel Tournament, Feb. 16-17.

Cerritos, who hosted the tournament, incinerated Imperial Valley, 11-2; L.A. Valley, 15-3; Bakersfield, 9-5; Cerro Cosa, 10-0.

All Conference

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach of the Year
Dean Ackland

First team

David Henry, forward
Everett Ratleff, guard

Second team

Traevon Louis, guard
Stacey Nolan, forward

Honorable mention

Joe Gorini, guard

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player
Babita Singh, guard

First team

Ebony Charles, forward

Second team

Amy Brockman, forward
Tanisha Coleman, forward
Tara Knesel, center

POLICE WATCH — Compiled by David Ward

The following is a summary of the Cerritos College Police Report for the Week of February 5 - 25

MONDAY, FEB. 5

• At 7:16 a.m., officers responded to the Maintenance, Operation and Transportation (MOT), where a staff member reported a traffic collision (non-injury). Party #1, student and Party #2, MOT.

• At 10:30 a.m., officers contacted a student at the Cerritos College Police Department, front counter, where a student reported that someone had taken his parking permit.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

• No significant incidents

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

• At 1:30 p.m., officers responded to lot C-1 where a traffic control officer observed a stolen student parking permit, reported stolen 1-30-96. Officers initiated contact with the owner of the vehicle who was subsequently arrested for possession of stolen property. The student was issued a notice to appear at Downey municipal Court and released in the field.

• At 2:30 p.m., officers responded to the Bookstore building, where a student reported that someone had taken his backpack and contents.

• At 3:15 p.m., officers responded to the Auto Technology Building, where a student hurt his left ankle while closing a metal garage door to the vehicle stalls.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

• At 9:40 a.m., officers responded to the Library, room 139. A student reported that she was having chest pains and experiencing back pains. She refused medical aid and requested transportation to the student Health and Wellness Center.

• At 10 a.m., officers responded to lot C-5, where a student reported a vandalism incident. Responded to lot C-5, where a student reported a vandalism incident.

• At 11:20 a.m., officers responded to the quad area of Cerritos College Campus, where they contacted a male, non-student, who was disturbing students while passing out flyers for a rock concert. He refused to leave, was detained and cited.

• At 3:30 p.m., officers reported to lot C-1, where a student reported that someone had taken his student parking permit.

• At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to lot C-1 row "E", where an abandoned vehicle, a blue 1971 Datsun, was stored.

• At 9:14 p.m., officers reported to lot C-10, where a student had reported that someone had damaged her driver's window and steering column of her blue 1984 Chevrolet.

FEBRUARY, 9 - 11

• No significant incidents.

MONDAY FEB. 12, 1996

• At 12:30 p.m., officers responded to the Social Science Building, room 215, where a staff member reported that she found a grey gym bag containing a mini-tower computer in the middle of her classroom.

• At 3:30 p.m., officers contacted a student at Cerritos College Police Department, front counter area, where a student reported that someone had taken his student parking permit.

TUESDAY FEB. 13

• At 4:53 p.m., officers responded to lot C-1, where a student reported that someone had taken his white 1991 Suzuki motorcycle. A stolen vehicle report was taken and processed at the Norwalk Sheriff's Station.

WEDNESDAY FEB. 14

• At 11:30 a.m., officers responded to the Library Building, Learning Resource Center area, where a student reported that someone had taken her backpack and contents.

• At 5 p.m., officers responded to the Social Science Building, Room 314, where a student had reported that someone had stolen her purse and contents.

• At 5 p.m., officers responded to lot C-11, where a student reported that someone had entered his 1991 Honda and taken his stereo.

THURSDAY FEB. 15

• At 9:20 a.m., officers responded to the Bookstore Building, where a student reported that she saw a student matching the description on a video tape taking her backpack. The student was contacted, a subsequent arrest was made for petty theft.

• At 4:54 p.m., officers contacted a student at the Cerritos College police Department, front counter area, where he reported that someone had taken his parking permit.

• At 8:51 p.m., officers responded to the Health Science Building, Room 301, where a student was having an asthma attack. Los Angeles County Fire Department #115 responded. Adams Ambulance transported her to Pioneer Hospital.

• At 9:41 p.m., officers responded to the Social Science Building Room 131, where a student was having breathing difficulties. He declined assistance and said he would seek his own medical aid.

FRIDAY FEB. 16

• At 9:14 p.m., officers responded to the Gymnasium, where a student was having an asthma attack. Los Angeles County Fire Department #115 responded. Adams Ambulance transported her to Pioneer Hospital.

SATURDAY FEB. 17

• No significant incidents.

SUNDAY FEB. 18

• At 2:36 p.m., officers contacted a student at the Cerritos College Police Department, front counter area, who turned in an Ericsson telephone that was found in the water drain, northside of the Library Building. Also a check of the Ericsson telephone extension showed it belonged to the Social Science Building, basement area, where it was discovered that a CPU computer had been taken.

MONDAY FEB. 19

• At 9:15 a.m., officers responded to the Student Center Cafeteria, where a student had fallen unconscious. Los Angeles County Fire #115 was requested. Adams Ambulance transported the student to Pioneer Hospital.

• At 9:50 a.m., officers responded to lot C-1, to investigate a reported traffic collision. A student hit another student, while driving on a suspended license, his vehicle was impounded and a citation issued. The disabled vehicle was towed.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20

• At 1:55 p.m., officers responded to the Financial Aid Office, where it was reported that a student was causing a disturbance. Officers monitored the area until the student finished with the Financial Aid staff. No report was taken, information only.

FEBRUARY 21-23

• No significant incidents

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

• At 2:32 p.m., officers responded to lot C-1 to investigate a reported traffic collision. No persons were injured, both parties removed their vehicles from the scene.

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

• No significant incidents

Re-entry Program makes it easier to get back in swing

By MATTIE NICOLIS
STAFF WRITER

The re-entry program offers men and women age 25 and up who are returning to school after a three year or more break in their education and opportunity to come back with ease.

The average California Community student is age 30, are highly motivated, and do well academically.

Reasons vary as to why students return but some of the most commonly stated reasons are: the desire for better jobs, new careers, meeting interesting people, retraining, preparing for job advancement, desiring to increase income, wishing to build confidence, and getting perspective on new dimensions.

Furthermore, over half of the re-entry students balance families and employment while attending school with help in such areas as setting realistic goals, to learning time management as well as the other options opened through the re-entry program.

Even with young children, students were able to take advantage of the night and weekend classes as well as the courses offered to be viewed at home on television. Other classes are offered on a Independent Study basis. These options, combined with the Child Development Center (for children from 2 years-9 months up through 7 years of age) is a winning combination.

Then, there are personally designed plans which may include: career counseling, personal counseling, enrollment assistance, academic fitness program, success workshops, educational counseling, pathfinder career ideas, adult orientations, financial aid, and other information.

Workshops for Success Strategies are offered free in the areas of building self-esteem, time management, assertiveness skills, parenting, reading and study skills, mid-life career planning, job interviewing, resume writing and searching for employment.

Come and view your "Choices" then let Re-Entry help by "Putting the Pieces Together." Call the Re-Entry Center at (213) 860-2451 ext. 530.

The VICTOR LAP/By Victor Juan Conference title lands Ackland 'Coach of the Year' honors, etc.

Cerritos College is the home of the Falcons...

Men's and women's basketball are both at the top, once again winning the SCC crowns, but what will happen in the playoffs?

MEN'S BASKETBALL head coach and South Coast Conference Coach of the Year **Dean Ackland** will step down from his position and let the legendary **Jack Bogdanovich** make a comeback. Bogdanovich will take the helm next season, but Ackland deserves a standing ovation. Besides the drop in the team's record, the ballers still maintained the competitiveness to earn the SCC title. Ackland is also the Coordinator Student Activities...

I REMEMBER WATCHING women's basketball sensation **Babita Singh** play for my rival high school John Glenn. I knew she would turn out to be as incredible as she is. As a matter of curiosity, I was a Norwalk Lancer...

TRACK IS UNDER WAY and the Falcons are ready for the

competition, especially **Jay Young**. The sprinter and hurdler from Bellflower High has on eyes on the gold medals...

CERRITOS BASEBALL will remain alive on the positive note throughout the season. Besides the loss of many players on last year's squad due to the major league baseball draft and university scouting, it won't affect them too much...

THERE MUST BE something wrong with UCLA basketball head coach **Jim Harrick** for sitting **Charles O'Bannon** out for the entire first half of the game in a humiliating loss to Duke. Have a clue Harrick! That answers why his assistant coaches will be leaving after this year...

LORENZO ROMAR, a one time standout at Cerritos College and UCLA assistant coach/recruiter, will become coach at Pepperdine University...

WHAT'S THE WORD on the Dean of Athletics? This situation has been a little too quiet lately. **Mazzotta**, **Mazzotta**...

Rain washes out track

By GEORGE TONIKIAN
STAFF WRITER

Heavy rain came swooping down to cancel all track and field events scheduled for the Cerritos College Invitational on Sunday, but there was nothing to get in the way of the athletes on Saturday, when they recorded some impressive performances.

With over 20 schools represented, including Mt. SAC, Bakersfield, Long Beach and a host of others, this was a very competitive meet.

Cerritos was up to the challenge.

The 800 meter races proved to be quite prosperous for the runners participating.

Both Yvette Guerrero and Mariluz Duran crossed the finish line first in their 800 meter races, with Lupe Garcia and Patty Rodriguez finishing second behind them.

Manuel Ayala outraced all his opponents in his 800 meter race to finish first.

Cerritos wasn't about to stop there. Jay Young ran the 110 meter high hurdles in 14.9 seconds, which was well enough to place him third in the

most competitive heat of the race.

Corey Kelly also ran in the most competitive heat, but for the 100 meter race. Despite straining his hamstring in the final stretch before crossing the finish line in 10.7 seconds, he managed to place fourth in a very tightly run race.

Coaches felt that the athletes' improvement was shown out there on the track, and as the weeks pass, expect to see more of the same.

The Bronco Relays are next on the agenda for the track and field team. They will be held at Cal Poly Pomona on Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m.

If the athletes' rate of improvement continues this week, and as they become more conditioned as the season progresses, expect to see more athletes cross the finish line first triumphantly.

Letters...letters...

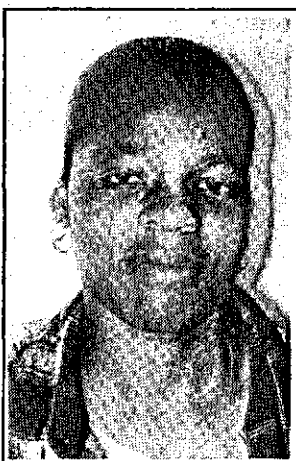
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Soapbox

Compiled by Ursula Armour, Ricardo Flores
Efrain Villanueva, and Gary Mecija*How do you feel about capital punishment?*

"It makes me sad to think about it. It shows what the world is coming to."

John Garcia
Linguistics



"In some cases I agree with it. For instance in some countries if a man rapes a woman they cut off his privates, or if they kill they get killed."

Reneka Thomas
Engineering



"I disagree with the thought of killing a person. They deserve another punishment—such as serving more time or finding a way to stay out of society."

Steve Hernandez
Undecided



"I don't believe in the death penalty. They make too many mistakes. How can the government decide that we can't kill, but they can?"

Chris Clever
English



"I am for it. I don't think it's right that people who commit a murder are able to get away with it. It's almost like saying an eye for an eye."

Chris Castaneda
Drafting/Design



"I agree with it. I think they should be punished because they are sick people. They need to be punished."

Christian Figueroa
Electronics



"I'm in favor of it. If you go and kill someone you should receive the same punishment. We need to shorten the time on death row and do it quicker."

Michael Davis
Nursing



"They should be locked up and be made to suffer. The death penalty is too easy."

Sarah Ramirez
Pre-Optometry



"I feel that it is good and that it should be used. It would deter criminals from killing people."

Lamar Melson
Criminal Justice



"To tell the truth I haven't really looked at both sides of it. I don't really have any certain view, I'm not for it or against it."

Gina Martinez
Social Welfare

MARCH MADNESS

The Associated Students of Cerritos College will be hosting basketball tournaments for the entire month of March.

The various basketball events will be held in the gym on Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. to noon. If no winner is determined by noon, the matches will finish up the following Thursday.

To be eligible for the tournament, individuals must sign up in the gym prior to the 11 a.m. start.

Both men and women are invited to participate with prizes being awarded in several categories of play.

- A free-throw contest is scheduled for March 5.

- On March 12, a hot shot tournament will be held.

- On March 14, a 3-point shooting contest is planned.

- Ending the "March Madness" on March 26 is three-on-three tournament.

IN THE NEWS

Compiled by Patricia Roman and Bobby Keener

PLANES DOWNED — "I condemn this action in the strongest possible terms," President Clinton said in Seattle, on Saturday, after Cuban government fighter planes shot down two Cessna 337 Skymaster planes, belonging to the Brothers to the Rescue, a humanitarian group in Miami.

A third plane returned unharmed to Miami, claiming that the attack took place in international waters.

A Pentagon official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that while details were still unclear, early indications suggested the planes may have been heading to Cuba to land, pick up people and fly them out of the country.

BOMB ATTACK — A bomb exploded on Sunday, in Jerusalem at a bus stop and only one hour later another bomb exploded at a bus stop in the southern town of Ashkelon.

The bombings killed 13, and wounded more than 50 others.

Israeli officials said they had received reports that Muslim militants were planning attacks, however, there was no immediate claim of responsibility.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE — Fifth grade teacher Alfredo Perez, shot in the

head by a stray bullet at Figueroa Street Elementary, was one of 40 teachers assaulted on school grounds, according to the Department of Justice estimates.

Two thousand students are estimated to be assaulted on school grounds every hour of every school day.

COWS DIE — In Sylmar, a truck driver of a double-decker rig lost control of the vehicle, overturned on the Foothill Freeway, and started to burn while transporting 142 cows.

Sixty-eight cows survived, but 74 cows died in the accident or were so severely injured they had to be destroyed.

EXECUTION — Friday, Feb. 23, 1996, William G. Bonin, confessed "freeway killer," ate some pizza, drank some Coke, watched a little "Jeopardy!" and then walked to San Quentin's former gas chamber where, shortly after midnight on the 24th, he was executed via lethal injection.

WINTER WONDERLAND — Late Sunday from LA, north along the grapevine stretch, Interstate 5 was closed as snow blanketed the Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys. The foothills of Glendale and Burbank also experienced snow, while hail dropped in LA.

NGOR KILLED — Academy award winning actor Haing S. Ngor, star of "The Killing Fields," was discovered shot to death outside of his Anaheim apartment police said Monday.

Ngor's cousin said motives might be revenge by the Khmer Rouge, while neighbors say a probable robbery occurred.

SPY OFFICIALS OUSTED — The top two secret agency officials in charge of the spy satellites were removed Monday after being charged with "mismanagement and gold-plated spending practices."

CIA Director John M. Deutch and Defense Secretary William J. Perry disposed of Jeffrey K. Harris, director of the National Reconnaissance Office, and deputy Jimmy D. Hill.

FERTILITY DOCTOR MAD — Former UC Irvine Clinic Director Dr. Ricardo H. Asch blames school for problems at clinic and says reporters are too willing to believe accusations against him. He is accused of stealing the eggs and embryos of scores of women and giving them to other patients or using them for research. At least seven births may have resulted from improper transfers, University officials allege.