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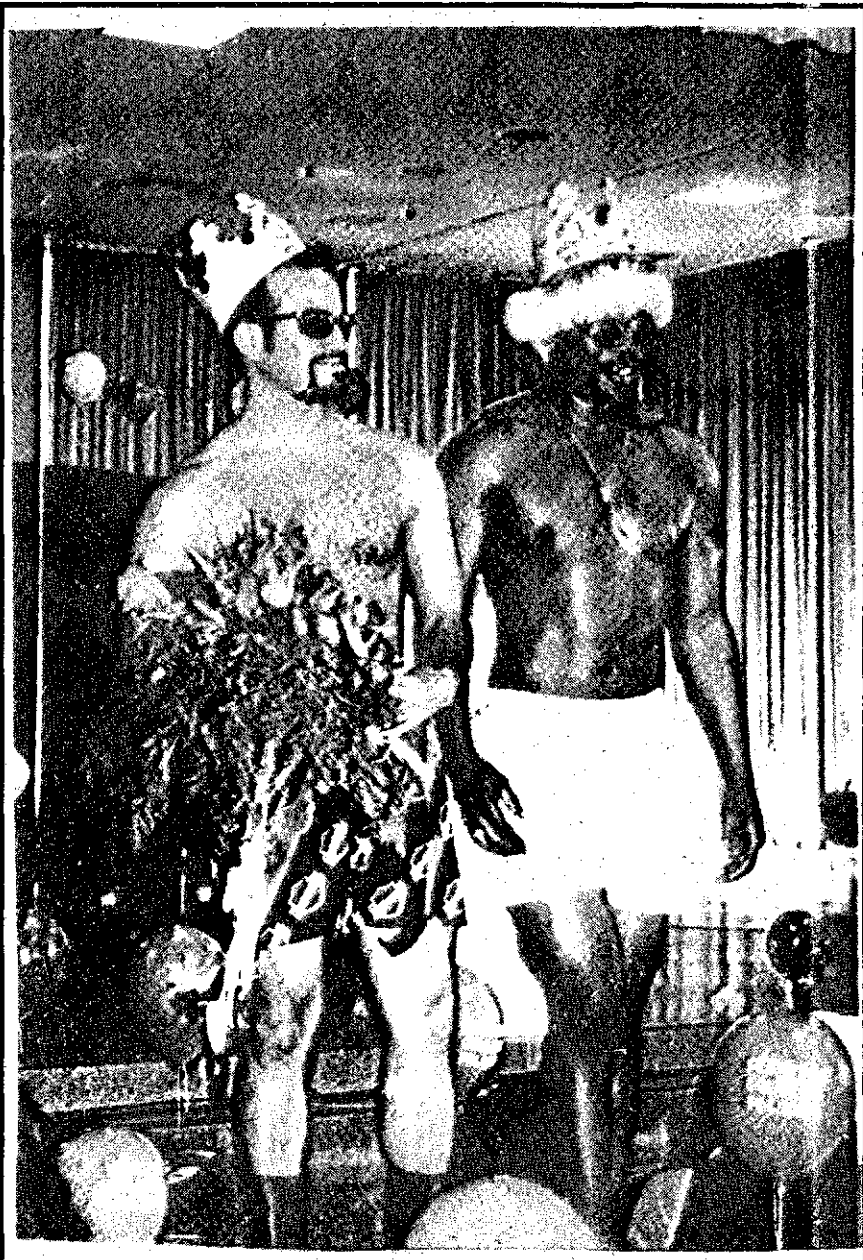
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'Bad To The Bone'



AGS's Daniel Munoz was named Mr. Cerritos by a panel of women. Munoz swooned the judges with roses and performed 'Bad to the Bone' in Harley boxers, motorcycle boots and sunglasses. To his left is runner-up Charles Luscius from football. TM photo by GABRIEL VILLARREAL

Curriculum Committee vetos four unit upgrade

By RAYSA BOTERO
EDITOR IN CHIEF

After weeks of discussion and debate, the Curriculum Committee refused to raise English 1: Freshman Composition units by a slim margin.

Currently, English 1 at Cerritos requires a minimum 4000 word research paper, and no book. However, most English Department faculty try to require students to read at least one book, and to write a minimum of 5000-7000 words. But with the course being only three units, time constraints as well as remedial matters do not allow for these goals to be completed.

The proposed four unit class that could have been implemented would raise the research paper minimum to 8000 words, and would have required

one book a system like the one used at El Camino College.

The need for more remedial work is primarily caused by a growing linguistic diversity here at Cerritos. The Latino/Hispanic population has doubled in the past 10 years; the Caucasian population has decreased by half; and the Asian/Pacific Islander population has increased by nearly 50%.

Linguistic challenges lead to large withdrawal rates from the English 1 course.

In the fall semester of 1994, three out of every 20 Caucasians withdrew; four out of every 20 Asian/Pacific Islanders withdrew; five out of every 20 Latinos/Hispanics; and more than five out of every 20 African

Please see ENGLISH, page 8

Faculty in food fray, considering concessions

By SHARON HANSEN
STAFF WRITER

And you thought gum was a sticky problem on campus... Well, brace up students and faculty. It looks like Cerritos College is headed for a food fight.

"The students are really concerned about the gum and eating in the classroom issue," Student Senate President Idania Padron stated at last Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting.

"The problem is not just the students," Padron clarified. "If you can be responsible enough—but we can't all be responsible enough to pick up our trash."

"... we need to get together with faculty and possibly address the issue by coming to an agreement that faculty as well as students should not drink and eat in the classrooms," Padron suggested. "It's not just the gum issue."

Associate Chemistry Professor Chris Romer agreed. "Idania, I went into Lecture Hall 4 this morning and my students just commented on how awful it was, so we stopped and cleaned up the place."

Analogizing, Padron described an instructor who does not allow hats in the classroom. "As soon as I walk in the door your hat comes off out of respect. So the same way they can make those rules not wearing hats, you can also make rules of no eating and drinking in the classroom, period."

"Every time we talk about this we sit here in our meeting with our cup of coffee and cookies in hand," noted Math Professor John Baley. "Can't we do something that works? A more reasonable policy ... Can't the offense be leaving your mess rather than ... drinking your coke?"

"There's no means to clean up....," Romer argued. "There is no mop around there, John. When something spills in Lecture Hall, it stays spilled."

"Then I wonder if we should work ... on getting a mop or some clean-up kits," Baley suggested.

"It's always great in the middle of a class when you're trying to teach and everybody has to stop and clean up a mess," Romer replied.

"I support John in his approach," stated Administration of Justice Professor Richard McGrath. "Teaching a three-hour class in the evening, I feel very uncomfortable up there without a drink of water or something ..."

"But ... the problem is with students leaving wrappers and making no effort to clean it up, and this is the responsibility of the faculty member."

Cosmetology instructor John Pel-

loni described how his department handles the problem. "We have a clean-up committee at the end of each day, and each student is put on a clean-up committee ... by row [with] a specific function to do ... because we have the night class coming in and vice versa."

Padron's proposal will be evaluated further in a Faculty Senate committee.

The Senate next discussed holding Outstanding Faculty Awards this year, which were thrown off schedule by the school's 40th anniversary celebration.

"This is ... our one way ... to honor other members of the faculty," stated Senator McGrath.

"It has been established as a tradition. It has recognition ... last year we didn't do it... Now to say that we're again going to postpone is downgrading something that adds significance to this institution and to the faculty of Cerritos College."

A vote was taken and the motion passed to bestow awards this spring.

Next, Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin addressed Resolution 96-16 to allow part-time faculty grievance privileges. "I want to preface my remarks by stating very strongly that I certainly am in favor of due process for all employees of the college. So don't misunderstand what I'm going to say as a follow-up that I'm not interested in due process—I am. Please see FACULTY, page 6.

Applications ready for May 10 banquet, scholarships offered

By EVELYN GARRIDO
STAFF WRITER

The Associated Students of Cerritos College will be holding its annual Spring Awards Banquet Friday, May 10, 1996.

The banquet will be held at the Centre at Sycamore Plaza in Lakewood. The program will begin at 7 p.m. and it will include dinner as well as the presentation of awards.

Applications were available to students and staff member as of Monday, March 25. Completed nomination forms are due in the Student Activities Office no later than Friday, April 19 at 4 p.m.

Awards Banquet tickets will be available beginning Monday, April 29. The deadline to obtain tickets is Tuesday, May 7 at 4 p.m.

Award recipients and Advisors will be allowed in at no charge. ASCC students will be charged \$10 and guests will be charged \$15.

THE RACE IS ON...

Seven candidates will vie for the ASCC Prexy seat. See pages 4, 5 for full coverage of slates, platforms, and voting info.

PHOTO EXHIBIT...

Opening reception is tonight for The Gallery which will feature student work until April 11. Page 7 shows just what's in store...

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT...

Football and Track star Jay Young takes a time-out to say winning isn't all that's on his mind...see his story on page 11.

SPRING BREAK...

It's time for one whole week of no classes...April 1-6 is the time to take a break from the hustle and bustle and come back ready for finals...

Your vote does count in the upcoming ASCC presidential election

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

From the office of Phil Hawkins, Assemblyman

We need to support '3 Strikes'

Dear Editor:

Two years ago, "Three Strikes, You're Out" legislation was enacted to target career criminals and dramatically increase penalties for violent offenders. "Three Strikes" now is proving to be the nation's most effective tool in combating crime. More than 1,300 repeat violent felons have been sentenced for third strike convictions and more than 14,000 for second strike convictions. Since "Three Strikes" was enacted, California's crime rate has dropped 7%. This includes double digit percentage decreases in homicide, rape, and robbery. Additionally, the FBI's Crime Index confirms that California's declining crime rate is outpacing other states, with crime rates dropping twice as fast as the overall crime rate throughout America.

with protecting criminals and not representing the needs expressed by their law abiding constituents.

As a member of the California Legislature, I support tougher penalties for career criminals. The proven effectiveness of the "Three Strikes" law confirms how wrong liberal Democrats are "Three Strikes, You're Out" legislation clearly reduces crime by incapacitating offenders who serve long prison sentences, thus eliminating their ability to commit further felonies.

Furthermore, the evidence is clear, the cost of incarcerating violent career criminals is offset by crimes prevented, lower medical costs, lower insurance costs, and averted pain and suffering to victims.

The new Republican majority in the Assembly is continuing its fight against crime. New proposals include increased penalties for juvenile crime and legislation to eliminate the prisoners' "Bill of Rights" (conjugal visits, television sets, sports equipment, etc). I am confident Californians will again join us as they did when they overwhelmingly supported the "Three Strikes, You're Out" legislation.

Sincerely,
PHIL HAWKINS
Assemblyman, 56th District

Despite our State's gains in fighting crime, liberal Democrats are still critical of "Three Strikes," claiming it is too expensive and too tough on criminals. In an effort to circumvent the intent of "Three Strikes, You're Out," Democrats in the State Legislature are trying to enact laws to avoid the levying of strikes and confuse Californians into thinking that it is cheaper to have felons terrorizing our streets than keeping them in prisons. This only demonstrates that liberal Democrats are out-of-touch with the voters and they are only concerned

HERNANDEZ ON HAND/Cristina Hernandez

Let's hear it for the moms...

Every day we see many women bringing their kids to the child development center. For many of the mothers it is the only way they have to attend college classes. It is really hard to be a mother and a student because guilt and joy are almost always hand in hand.

It is a joy seeing our kids smiling, making new friends and learning new skills. However, we also feel guilty for cheating ourselves of those little details that are happening to our kids while we are away taking classes and fighting to obtain a better lifestyle.

Nevertheless, it is happening that women nowadays have to have a higher education in order to survive in the competitive work market. Education is the only way to prove ourselves that we can defeat any barrier erected on our path to success.

During March we are celebrating the women's month here at Cerritos College. We are remembering and celebrating great women including writers, political leaders, community leaders, professors and more.

However, we should not forget to celebrate all the women whose accomplishment will be seen during the next few years. All the women that are coming every day to school and are trying to achieve a successful career. All the women who are learning new skills to become better workers.

Probably the majority of them will never be famous enough to make a headline, but they will be building a better and stronger country for the rest of us.

Time after time we have seen that women play an important role in the development of our society. As mothers they influence the characters of their kids and their behaviors towards the world in general. As partners they play an important role in the relationships of

their special ones with everybody and everything else.

However, now they are playing also more important roles in our society. During the last three decades women roles into the society have change.

There are no more stereotypes (or at least not openly exposed) about women abilities to conquer traditional male careers.

Also society's censure about working mothers or student mothers has lessened to a small level. Today's world is managed by more women than we care to know and hopefully during the next few years women's power would be greater.

Finally, during this month lets celebrate not only the women who have already changed our world, but also the women who will make it possible to keep those changes working to benefit the future generations to come. Congratulations to all the women who are trying hard to achieve their goals without using their kids as an excuse to stay behind the rest of the world.

Remember that every time you see a new little face at the child center, a new woman has decided to become something greater besides what she already is. As I said before being a mother is not an easy task, but being a student working mother is a completely new horizon.

Letters...letters...
Send your "Letters to the Editor" to Talon Marks
Arts & Crafts Bldg. Rm. 42.

Letters must be signed, and may be edited for space or grammar.

THE CURD WORD/Melanie Curd

Women's history made me cringe...

When I was given the Women's History Month beat, I cringed inside.

With a new article due each week, one might think I would be tired of it by now.

But this assignment has taught me something very valuable.

I used to feel Black History Month or Women's History Month was just another excuse for the honorees to whine about the oppression they have been under for the past x-hundred years. Now I know that it is not a whine-fest about "the way we were," but a month-long celebration of who we are and how far we've come.

For years, I would cringe each time I saw a spot on television praising a person or group during one of these months. "What does she want, a medal for being a successful woman? Isn't that what is expected now?" Today, I

feel a sense of pride, knowing how important it is to commemorate what used to be considered minority groups.

I saw the art exhibit in the library and was mesmerized by Leticia Aguilar's representations of women. They were the catalyst for my realization about the beauty of this type of celebration.

It was ironic that I made this discovery the year the theme was *Perspectives: Seeing History in a New Way*. Maybe it was destiny that I cover Women's History Month this year.

I now realize how important it is to have months commemorating certain groups.

So many people in this society are overlooked every day. If women were not usually on the news as victims, and if African Americans were not usually on as criminals, then maybe these celebrations wouldn't be so crucial.

But they are.

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THREE STRIKES YOU'RE OUT?

Life's Not A Baseball Game

By SHARON HANSEN
STAFF WRITER

The freebasers are loaded, and tension mounts as Tommy "Crack" Small shuffles up to the plate. A minor league player, Tommy usually sits on the sidelines. But today he is pinch-hitting for the big leaguers. Tommy looks at the scoreboard, and a drop of sweat falls from his forehead. Only one strike remaining!

After briefly considering the consequences, Tommy refocuses on his play. The hard, white projectile passes smoothly over home plate, and Tommy intercepts it easily, knocking a hard line-drive down third. A surge of adrenaline rushes through his system. "I'm greased lightning," his brain shouts. "Nothing can stop me now."

As the LAPD intercept Tommy at third, he realizes he has made the mistake of a lifetime. "Strike Three!" shouts the judge. The words echo in Tommy's brain like a death rattle. Tommy will never see the big leagues, not to mention marriage or fatherhood. "Yer Out!"

Courtesy of the California taxpayers, 18-year-old Tommy Small has just earned a permanent cure against drug addiction, criminal behavior, human achievement, and intimacy. Without cocaine, Tommy can now expect to live a very long and nonproductive life in a vacuum called jail—all at taxpayers' expense.

The Three Strikes legislation, which took effect in March 1994, gained momentum after repeat offender, Richard Allen Davis, murdered Polly Klaus in Petaluma. Governor Pete Wilson, its chief advocate, knew the taxpayers were fed up with crime. Wilson rode the legislation all the way to re-election.

Three Strikes imposes 25-years-to-life sentences upon two-time offenders upon conviction of their third felony and doubles penalties for the second strike.

Legislation proponents cite a Rand Corporation study that found California criminals commit an average of 187 to 278 crimes per year, excluding drug deals. What they do not state is that most criminals commit 15 crimes per year, with a few hyperactive individuals constituting the rest.

Manipulating these Rand statistics, proponents state "Three Strikes" will prevent more than 100 crimes per year for

each incarcerated offender. In turn, the annual number of serious crimes committed in California will be reduced by 338,000, or 28% lower than the expected crime rate without the law.

But does the law really work? At \$300 per worker per year, California taxpayers must decide.

At approximately \$22,000 per year, it costs almost as much to house a prisoner as it does to attend Harvard. Moreover, the Rand Corporation projects that penal spending will consume 18% of the state budget by the year 2000. That's double its current share. Meanwhile, funding for grades K-12 will soar from its present 36% of the budget to about 47%. How will California subsidize these staggering costs?

During the past quarter century, spending on higher education dwindled from 17% to 12% of the budget, leaving middle-class families to cope with ever-increasing college costs. Under Three Strikes, we can expect to pay far more! Meanwhile, parks, pollution control and workplace safety programs must

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take a back seat to prison expenditures. In fact, the Rand Corporation predicts that funding Three Strikes will require a 40% cut in higher education over the next eight years. Essentially, Californians will spend more on prisons than on colleges.

Before Three Strikes, 12 new prisons were slated at an estimated cost of \$3 to \$4 billion. Now that Three Strikes is in effect, California needs 43 new prisons at a cost of \$10.2 billion to house its 75,000 inmates at an annual operating cost of \$6.8 billion.

California is stating its priorities loud and clear. Our federal prison system maintains 85,000 prisoners and 75 prisons at an annual budget of \$2.2 billion. In contrast, California boasts 115,634 prisoners and 28 prisons at a cost of \$2.8 billion per year.

What will become of a society that values prisons more than secondary education? While several articles have been published concerning Three Strikes legislation in the professional trade magazine, California Lawyer during the past two years, not one has been favorable. Contrary to Phil Hawkins' statement that "California's declining crime rate is out pacing other states," a

California Lawyer claims that prison population has risen 400% although our crime rate has remained stable.

Jerome H. Skolnick, a professor in the University of California's Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program, strongly opposed the Three Strikes concept prior to its inception.

"You will notice that most crimes are committed by males between the ages of 13 and 25," Skolnick declared in a debate against Mike Carrington, Governor Wilson's deputy director of the Office of Criminal Planning.

"Let's take an 18-year-old crack user who sticks up 7-Elevens to get money to buy drugs... when the crack user has done three terrible things, we put him in prison for life. He's 22-years old. We're going to keep him there for 50 years, until he's 72 years old, at a cost to the taxpayer of \$40,000 a year—or \$2 million dollars. "You're talking about the most expensive old-age home in the world," Carrington counterargued that the Three Strikes Law would have significant impact.

"When the word gets out on the street that there are going to be significant consequences... there is going to be a change.

"An indeterminate sentencing system, which would give power to a parole board to decide when a criminal should be released, would be able to distinguish between nonviolent offenders and violent offenders. People who have deep pathological personality problems like Richard Allen Davis, would be kept in prison for life. We would have the flexibility to make judgments about who to keep in prison and who to keep out. You could look at juvenile records, lock up violent criminals and rehabilitate younger criminals....

"I predict," Skolnick continued, "three strikes' will become law because people are scared now, and they'll pass anything that people like you (Carrington) tell them will solve the crime problem. But in 20 years, you're not going to have a reduction in crime. This will not generate public safety. If anything, you're going to make the situation worse."

Although newly instituted, Three Strikes is already a loser. It is the

minor league criminals—the Tommy Smalls—who usually fall into the Three Strikes net while the piranhas remain at large. In Massachusetts, a state with similar sentencing laws, judges bristle. "It's crazy," said Judge Robert A. Barton. "I've got people doing more time for drug convictions than people who have been convicted of manslaughter, or even some who have committed second-degree murder. That is flat-out ridiculous."

Usually, it is the young, the undereducated, and the minorities who fall under Three Strikes sentencing, which does not take factors such as rehabilitation potential into consideration. Instead, prisons are forced to release violent first-time offenders early to make room for the ever-increasing ranks of "Tommy Smalls." It makes no sense to release homicidal first-timers to the public so they can rape and kill before falling under mandatory sentencing.

Meanwhile, the Tommy Smalls of this world pose more danger to themselves than to society. Yet "conservative" America is willing to ignore its Constitution by inflicting the ultimate "cruel and unusual punishment" on small timers—lifetime imprisonment. "A judge either is an automaton, rubberstamping these sentences, or is driven by a sense of justice, to do justice," said Judge Cortland A. Mathers. "What does judgment mean?" asked Judge Suzanne DelVecchio. "Judge means judge. Exercise your sense of fairness, discretion, impartiality. Discretion is a major factor that has been taken away from us."

Yes, that is too bad—too bad for our youth—too bad for our minorities—and too bad for the taxpayers. Let's release a few small-timers from prisons to make room for the kingfish. If life is so valuable that we will reach out desperately for any solution—especially the Three Strikes Law—then why not try rehabilitation first?

Japan, which acknowledges the link between illiteracy and crime, mandates that criminals must learn to read before they are released from its penal system. Conservative America, which is the more radical idea? Dungeons for drop outs or education for addicts? This is the issue that Californians of moral conscience must consider.

"Life Is Not A Baseball Game" is the representation of the individual reporter and is not to be considered the representation of the Editorial Board.

PIN-POINTING THE FACTS

• Proponents of 3 Strikes fail to mention that only 15% of crimes are committed by criminals, the other 85% are committed by hyperactive

• "3 Strikes" imposes 25 years-to-life sentences upon two time offenders upon conviction of their third felony and doubles penalties for the second strike.

• The State of California pays \$22,000 annually to house a prisoner. More than it does to send them to college

• The projected operating costs for the 43 new prisons in California exceeds six billion dollars

Associated Students of Cerritos College Presidential Election '96

JURISDICTION

The President and Vice-President of the ASCC preside over three branches: Legislative, Judicial and Executive.

- **The Legislative Branch:** Better known as Student Senate. The Vice-President serves as chair of the Student Senate. The body is comprised of 31 senators elected by popular vote each semester. The Senate votes on issues that affect the student body including budgetary issues.
- **The Executive Branch:** Commissioners are appointed to this branch by the student body president. Each of the 12 commissioners relay the needs of his/her designated areas and meets at a roundtable discussion once a week to address the resolution of such needs.
- **The Judicial Branch:** Eight Associate Justices are supervised by one Chief Court Justice. The body hears student grievances against faculty, other students and administrators. The Justices are also required to supervise all ASCC elections including Senate, Homecoming, and Presidential elections.

The next ASCC president has very big shoes to fill

The presidential candidates have been narrowed, the applications have been filled out and the race is on.

The easy part is over.

At least according to current President Idania Padron it is.

The campaign trail will be a turbulent one this semester as seven different slates composed of myriad special interest groups are in the running with the goal of using their knowledge to lead the ASCC to excellence.

The candidates have very big shoes to fill, though.

It has been a turbulent, yet fruitful academic year for the ASCC Presidency of 1995-1996.

President Idania Padron got herself elected to the presidency with the support of the Court Reporting Club, a large club no doubt but one that could have been overshadowed by her competitors from Alpha Gamma Sigma.

Padron gained the respect of the school Board when they established her rights as a voting Trustee, making her term historic in that it is one of the few in the state that gives its Student Trustee rights somewhat paralleling those of its elected officials.

Padron has asserted her rights as a member of the Board showing a sincere interest in the cultivation of talent at Cerritos College.

In the middle of her term, Padron appointed Stephanie Thomas as her new Vice-President when Oliver took a scholarship and transferred.

Yes, it was a turbulent year, but perhaps one of the better ones in Cerritos presidencies.

The ASCC donated \$100,000 to the Wilford Michael Learning Center.

The Student Trustee renewed rights as a member of the Board.

The Presidency of 1995-1996 has, yes, been turbulent. But for the most part much good has come of it.

Padron's direction has established a credibility that the next ASCC president must continue.

Out of the lot of seven teams one victorious team must continue a reputation.

Candidates, please know that *even* among the 570 who voted in the last election, many people do care about the platform from which you speak and can see through platform rehash.

Scripted concerns can easily be recognized and do know that they will.

The students don't want miracle workers, we want a President and Vice President willing to take the extra step at helping.

We want a candidate willing to address campus diversity from the black to the white, the most liberal to the most conservative, the gay to the straight.

The ASCC now has a comfy pair of shoes allowing a place for every concern.

Candidates, realize the presidency isn't just about your life, it's about the lives of 20,000 other students.

—GABRIEL VILLARREAL

So, YOU want to be President?

CAMPAIGN INSIGHT

What does an ASCC presidential candidate do?

First, pick up an application at the Student Activities office, fill it out and turn it in by March 22 at 4 p.m.

That's done.

The next step is to select a vice-president. Someone to depend on, and be there to offer support. Most importantly, this person will be second in command of the student body.

The teams have been formed.

The race is on.

Current ASCC President Idania Padron suggests that candidates use a personal approach.

"Go out and meet the students. Plan to campaign for one month—from the minute the application is submitted.

"Strategically attend classes whenever possible, so plan on at least an eight to 10 hour day in order to have an effective campaign.

"Plan to attend night classes in order to make night students aware of the election."

"Make sure you get ahead of schedule in classes, you'll have to campaign for two days straight during elections," said Padron. "Don't fall behind."

"A big tip would be to have people to support the duo, so they don't have to do a lot of the leg work themselves. Have a campaign manager make posters. Have someone that can manage to produce the funds for the campaign.

"Keep in mind that it can cost anywhere from \$500 to \$800 if you plan to have an effective campaign running. It gets expensive producing flyers, posters and things you might need."

Many of the candidates running for the presidency have served in office under Padron's administration making for a difficult situation for Padron who said she'd like to see a number of them lead the ASCC.

—TINA CARRAM-KEENER

THE SLATES

• BALLOT # 1—endorsed by PEP SQUAD / DANCE

President MEGAN FOX

& Vice-President DEBORAH ARTHUR

• BALLOT #2—endorsed by WE ARE ABLE

President FRED ESCARCEGA

& Vice-President PATRICIA GUTIERREZ

• BALLOT #3—endorsed by

ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA / PHI THETA KAPPA

President WAYNE NUNNERY

& Vice-President GREGORY NUNEZ

• BALLOT # 4—endorsed by

M.E.Ch.A. and AHORA

President ARNOLD CASTELLANOS

& Vice-President LISA RODRIGUEZ

• BALLOT #5—endorsed by

PHI THETA KAPPA / ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA

President DON STRUPP

& Vice-President SANDY CALIZ

• BALLOT #6—endorsed by

FOOTBALL / CULINARY ARTS

President JENIFFER FAIRCHILD

& Vice-President AARON VOLKOFF

• BALLOT #7—endorsed by

LATTER-DAY SAINTS STUDENT ASSOCIATION

President ARMANDO BORBOA

& Vice-President CHRIS VALENCIA

The Presidential Hopefuls...

photos by GARY MECIJA and GABRIEL VILLARREAL



BALLOT 1 Megan Fox and Deborah Arthur

Fox is a liberal arts major and Arthur is a physical therapy major. Both are Senators and are on the finance and budget committee. Fox and Arthur are on the Cerritos College Pep Squad and are peer counselors. FOX/ARTHUR are endorsed by Pep Squad, Dance and Men's Basketball.



BALLOT 2 Fred Escarcega and Patricia Gutierrez

Escarcega is a business finance major and served as the Commissioner of Student Services. He is president of We Are Able. Gutierrez is a physical therapy major and has served in both senate and as Assistant Commissioner of Disabled Students. ESCARCEGA/GUTIERREZ are endorsed by We Are Able.



BALLOT 3 Wayne Nunnery and Gregory Nunez

Nunnery is a business administration major. He has served as president pro-temp and chair of the student services committee. Nunez is a physical therapy major, Senate Majority Leader. NUNNERY/NUNEZ are endorsed by Alpha Gamma Sigma and Phi Theta Kappa.



BALLOT 4 Arnold Castellanos and Lisa Rodriguez

Castellanos is a history major and Senator. He currently serves as External Chair of M.E.Ch.A. Rodriguez is a nursing administration major and currently serves as Commissioner of Student Activities. CASTELLANOS/RODRIGUEZ are endorsed by M.E.Ch.A and AHORA.



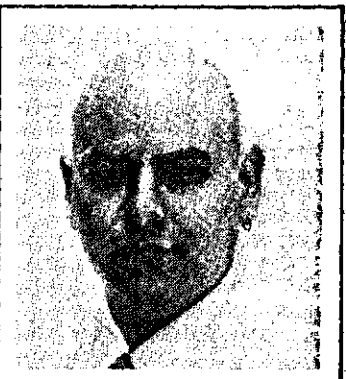
BALLOT 5 Don Strupp and Sandy Caliz

Strupp is an automotive technology major currently serving as Sergeant at Arms for the Student Senate. Caliz is a paralegal/administration of justice major and Commissioner of Extended Day Operations. STRUPP/CALIZ are endorsed by Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Gamma Sigma honor societies.



BALLOT 6 Jeniffer Fairchild and Aaron Volkoff

Fairchild is a psychology major. She currently serves as Party Whip and has been on several campus committees. Volkoff is a Pre-Med major and the Assistant to the Commissioner of Athletics. FAIRCHILD/VOLKOFF are endorsed by the football team and culinary arts.



BALLOT 7 Armando Borboa and Chris Valencia

Borboa is an English/Speech major. He is an LDSSA council member and Inter-Club Council representative. Valencia is a photography major. BORBOA/VALENCIA are endorsed by LDSSA.

STANCE

The following are partial platforms from which the running mates have chosen to speak.

#1 FOX/Arthur

- Maintain high quality of health care for the lowest possible cost
- Remodel and modernize the Student Center

#2 ESCARCEGA/Gutierrez

- Improve and update resources centers
- Improve student participation in school activities

#3 NUNNERY/Nunez

- Maintain the student trustee's rights on the Board of Trustees
- Increase time limit on book returns
- Establishing price controls on books

#4 CASTELLANOS/Rodriguez

- Campus Safety
- Beautification
- Student Center upgrade
- Parking
- Fees

#5 STRUPP/Caliz

- Fairer book prices
- Let students get the most out of the money they spend
- Continue the program for better resource material in the library

#6 FAIRCHILD/Volkoff

- Prevent tuition hikes
- Continue support of the capital campaign for new library books
- Refurbish Student Center/Cafeteria

#7 BORBOA/Valencia

- Make non-academic services available to students
- Make study resources available

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WHO: Anyone with a valid student ID card

WHAT: 1996 ASCC Presidential Elections

WHERE: Coffeeshop Patio, Social Science Patio, Health Science Patio

WHEN: Wednesday April 17 and Thursday April 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. both days.

POLICE WATCH

Compiled by Ricardo Flores

The following is a summary of the Cerritos College Police Report for the weeks of March 11-17, 1996.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1996

• At 11:20 a.m., an officer responded to the student center, coffee shop, where it was reported that a student was injured. The student had fallen on her knee. The student was transported to the Health and Wellness center for further assistance. (96-0313)

At 10:30 p.m., an officer responded to the Cerritos College Police department, front counter area, to investigate an auto burglary. The student's vehicle, a maroon 1985 Chevrolet pick-up truck, had the driver's side window smashed and the stereo and compact discs stolen. (96-0314)

At 4:20 p.m., a suspect in an ongoing grand theft investigation turned himself in at the Cerritos College Police Department and made a complete confession. The case will be submitted to the District Attorney's office for filing. (96-0315)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1996

No significant incidents.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1996

No significant incidents.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1996

At 11:30 p.m., an officer responded to Lot C-11, row B, to investigate a report of a subject vandalizing vehicles. Upon arrival, the officers contacted the reporting party who was detaining the suspect. The reporting party placed the suspect under Citizen's arrest for vandalism. The reporting party released the suspect to the custody of the Cerritos College Police Department and he was subsequently

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"...I would recommend that you consider jointly with a group of part-time faculty that you develop a separate grievance procedure ... because there are certainly great differences between the terms and working conditions of your responsibilities as full-time faculty and the expectations of part-time faculty.

Dr. Gaskin continued, "By and large, your responsibilities are guided by your faculty handbooks.... It says all employment is predicated on a 40-hour work week for all regular full-time faculty.... That's the expectation, and I think that's the condition that you want to perpetuate.... It's not the case with the part-time faculty members.... "The fundamental point is that we don't have a guide for our part-time faculty that can be the basis by which someone might file a grievance. ... let's think about a grievance procedure for the part-time faculty that is specific to them that recognizes the differences in the terms and working conditions.

"When you think about a grievance, ultimately grievances are settled by a remedy. There is some conclusion reached. Sometimes the grievant likes the remedy, sometimes they don't. But there is always some type of remedy. What's the remedy for a part-time faculty member if in fact they file a grievance because they were bumped? ...

"When you think about the remedy, does the remedy have the potential of diminishing the rights that you have as a full-time faculty member? I don't know that you want to do that.

cited and released. (96-0316)

At 1 p.m., an officer responded to the Social Science building, room 141, to investigate a reported petty theft. Two students reported that they left items in their classroom for a few minutes and upon returning they were found to be stolen. (96-0317)

At 4:35 p.m., an officer responded to the library to investigate a petty theft. A student reported that she left her book bag for a minute and upon returning it was found to be stolen. (96-0318)

At 8:20 p.m., officers responded to Lot C-2, row B, to investigate a reported vehicle fire. Officers requested the Los Angeles County Fire Department, station #115, who put out the fire. No other vehicles were involved. (96-0319)

At 9:12 p.m., an officer responded to Lot C-11, row A, to investigate a reported auto burglary. A student reported their vehicle, a 1994 Nissan Sentra, had the rear window smashed and the rear seat taken. (96-0320)

At 9:21 p.m., an officer responded to Lot C-10, row U, to investigate a reported auto burglary. A student reported their vehicle, a 1994 Nissan Sentra, had a window smashed and items taken. (96-0321)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1996

No significant incidents.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1996

No significant incidents.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1996

At 4 p.m., an officer responded to the Cerritos College Police Department, front counter area, to investigate a reported petty theft. A student stated that on 3-14-96 the taillights to his vehicle were taken. (96-0322)

"... I say that not to suggest you not have a grievance procedure, but I say it to suggest that their grievance procedure should be distinctly different from yours."

Without further discussion, a vote was taken and the Senate unanimously agreed that a separate part-time grievance document will be drafted in committee.

Next, the Senate discussed the merits of Emergency Resolution SP-18 and the institution of a president-elect position in the Senate.

Senator McGrath objected to the proposal, stating that it requires a Constitutional amendment and the implementation of certain protocol.

President Henderson defended the president-elect position, stating that the three months span between election time and taking office allow insufficient time for learning the duties.

Several Senators agreed that the president-elect's duties were clearly defined in the resolution's documentation, including serving on the steering committee, assuming presidential duties in the absence of the Faculty Senate president and vice president, serving as nomination committee chair for the election of division senators, and helping develop the Faculty Senate events calendar.

The measure passed with majority approval.

Final discussion covered last-minute preparations for the accreditation team.

CalSACC votes no confidence in Senate

By GARY MECIJA
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In an unanimous vote the California Student Association of Community Colleges (CalSACC) passed a resolution to declare no confidence in the ability of the leadership of the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges to implement Senate Bill 450.

Last year community college students worked with Senator Hilda Solis to introduce SB 450, a bill that would require the Board of Governors of the California Community College to develop and maintain a universal course numbering system.

Course numbering at present time varies from school to school. For example, English 1 here at Cerritos is the same course as English 100 at Cypress Community College.

The system was designed to address the problems of inter-campus transfers between community colleges.

The Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges has continuously opposed the concept, suggesting that the curriculum within

the community college is far too diverse for the implantation of the statewide standard.

As a result of the opposition, almost no progress has been made on developing a universal course numbering system.

David Lawrence, president of CalSACC said, "The leadership of the Academic Senate is failing to effectively carry out the legislative mandate of Senate Bill 450. Their conscious decision to 'look the other way' regarding student concerns on this issue is disappointing to the state's students."

Policy Director for CalSACC, Lance Lewis said, "The Academic Senate has thrown road blocks in our path every step of the way. It is clear that they don't want universal course numbering and will do anything to prevent the original intent of the law from being fulfilled."

As a community college student who's been witness to the politics at play, I have very little confidence in the Academic Senate's ability to effectively lead the way on the development of the universal course numbering for California's Community Colleges."

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Teleconference links all 108 community colleges

By MELANIE CURD
STAFF WRITER

Norwalk and Sacramento were the sites for a high-tech teleconference orchestrated by Cerritos College's technical staff.

The meeting was held to launch the Industrial and Technical Education Statewide Advisory Committee's mission and goals for technical and industrial education throughout the state.

Appropriately enough, attendees in the Norwalk location gathered in a room called the Technology Solutions Center (TSC).

Approximately 50 representatives in both Sacramento and Norwalk were in attendance, representing all 108 California Community Colleges.

Their task: to identify academic and vocational skill and competencies required by the industry; review curricula, equipment and instructional strategies and recommend improvement; recommend new technologies and emerging occupations; recommend strategies for meeting the retraining needs of current employees; and develop new industry standards.

For four hours, members on both sides of the San Francisco Bay rolled

AAUW honors CC women students March 30

By MELANIE CURD
STAFF WRITER

Women's History Month wraps up this week with *Domestic Violence*, presented by Su Casa on March 28 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in LC 155.

The same day, the Math Club will sponsor a Book Give-Away from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the same room. Donations from the Give Away will be given to Su Casa.

The final Women's History Month event is the AAUW award ceremony to honor outstanding women students of Cerritos College. The program is Saturday, March 30 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room.

For further information, please call ext. 2362.

Native American Club brings Spirit of Spring Renewal Pow Wow

By JUDY JIMENEZ
STAFF WRITER

The 2nd Annual Spirit of Spring Renewal Pow Wow will be held Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28, in the Cerritos College soccer field.

The event, presented by the Native American Club, will be from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

This cultural experience is open to the public. All dancers and drums are welcome to join in the festivities.

Vendor spaces will be limited to 25. For vendor information, call Terye at (310)407-6904 or Linda at (310)864-9875 or (818)500-0106.

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up their sleeves and reviewed their vision for industrial and technical education for the future.

The result will be to propose new industry standards and recommend changes to the industrial and technical education curriculum to reflect workplace needs, according to Marvin Martinez, director of economic development and contract education for Cerritos College. Martinez attended the Sacramento GTE center.

The Industrial and Technical Education Statewide Advisory Committee is coordinated by Phoebe Helm and sponsored by the California Community College's Office of the Chancellor in Sacramento.

A \$12,000 grant from the California Community College's Office of the Chancellor finances the committee forum and expenses.

"Cerritos College is very excited to serve as the host and coordinator of this statewide policy initiative," said Dr. Serafin Zasuesta, vice president of academic affairs/provost.

The next meeting is slated for May 1.

For information on classes in industrial and technical education, call ext. 2912.

SCBAA sponsors local high school jazz competition

By URSULA ARMOUR
NEWS EDITOR

A two-day music festival and jazz competition will be held on Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30 from 7:30 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Southern California local high school juniors and seniors, sponsored by S.C.B.A.A., will compete for awards in several competitions.

Day one begins with sight reading in BC Rm. 53.

The event continues in the Burnight Center, where 24 bands with 40 to 110 students per group, will play festive music in 30 minute intervals. Conducted by Artesia High School teacher Victor Solitiff and over-looked by Cerritos College's Dean of Music John Hall.

Day one begins with the Jazz Festival Competition. 32 bands will compete throughout the day in the Burnight Center. This event is conducted by Jamie Hall.

A professional Jazz concert will begin at 12:00 p.m. in the Student Center featuring Andy Marin, Wayne Bergeson, and Bill Liston. The hour event will also include a performance of the Cerritos College Jazz Band conducted by David Scott.

FIDM, CSU and USC schools provide information at CC

By DAVID WARD
STAFF WRITER

The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising will be in front of the library today from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. They will be joined by California State University Dominguez Hills from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

CSUDH will also return tomorrow from 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in the Transfer Center. Also on campus will be the University of California Irvine from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

'OUT-DOOR PORTRAIT'—
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Bertha Ramirez is just one of the many students that will be showcased in The Gallery. Opening reception is tonight at 6 p.m.



By DIANNE BOYD
STAFF WRITER

Cerritos College photography exhibition is now open weekly Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday evenings 6-9 p.m. giving the students an opportunity to participate in a professionally organized event.

"Student shows are always exciting. There are many talented photography students and this show validates their

long hours of hard work," says Gallery Director Mary Lenihan.

The faculty are also allowed to exhibit their work so students and bystanders may find an interest and want to enroll in their classes.

Opening reception with refreshments will be held tonight from 6-9 p.m. Other events scheduled include an artist talk with Micheal Coppenger on Tuesday, April 9 at 1 p.m. and a directors walk-thru on Thursday, April 11 at 2 p.m.

Monday, April 8, after Spring break the Transfer Center will be hosting California State University Fullerton from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The University of California Los Angeles will also be here from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

CSUDH will return on April 9 from 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, Whittier College will be in the Transfer Center between 10 a.m.-1 p.m. On Monday, April 15, California State University Long Beach will be in front of the Library from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. CSUF will be in the Transfer Center between 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on that same date.

There will be a campus tour of CSUF on Tuesday, April 16. For information on the tour or to sign up go to the Transfer Center located in the Admissions office.

Higher education means higher pay

By DAVID WARD
STAFF WRITER

The speculations are over. If you get an associates degree from Cerritos College or one of the other 107 community colleges in California you will earn a higher salary according to a

recent study.

The study, released by the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, looked at 173,535 students from one year before graduation to three years after. The results were that those students who attained the associates degree earned an average of \$30,158 compared to that of students who completed 24 units or more, but did not get a degree earned \$24,176.

Students who dropped out of college before completing any units earned an average of \$23,442 a year.

"These findings do not surprise me at all. I am confident that students that graduating with an associates degree from Cerritos College will benefit both intellectually and economically," said Cerritos College President, Dr. Fred Gaskin.

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West Side Story dinner/play to feature Gaskin in May shows

By TINA CARRAM-KEENER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

President Fred Gaskin will play "Doc" in the Cerritos College theater performance of *West Side Story*.

The role of "Officer Krupke" was won by Bob Epple, a Cerritos College Foundation member, a former state assemblyman and a former Cerritos College trustee.

A majority of the cast members are current students, former students, faculty and staff members. Rehearsals are now underway with a rigorous four-day-a-week nightly schedule.

"The production of *West Side Story* is the perfect way to celebrate our 40th anniversary year. Our festivities spotlight and embrace our multiculturalism, while the subject matter of the play also addresses the issue of ethnic diversity, in a thought provoking manner," said Theater Arts Director, Choreographer and Associate Professor Georgia Well.

Gaskin said, "I told Georgia Well that I would do it if she helped me with drama coaching." He added, "Actually I am somewhat qualified for the role of Doc, the soda fountain owner, because growing up my father owned a store that had a soda fountain and in high school I worked in a drug store."

Gaskin explained that he does come to the role with professional experience. "In college (at West Virginia University) I was in the Gilbert and Sullivan production of *H.M.S. Pinafore* and I have to say that I have very fond memories from that experience."

Musical Directors for the college performance are students Hector Salazar and Dr. Christine Lopez. The production

showcases the music by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim.

West Side Story will be presented Friday and Saturday, May 3, 4, and 10, 11 at 6 p.m.

A Mother's Day Brunch performance is scheduled for Sunday, May 12 at noon, with a 2 p.m. curtain call. All meals will be prepared by the Cerritos College Culinary Arts students.

The *West Side Story* is presented in conjunction with festivities of the College's 40-year anniversary celebration. *West Side Story* will also be celebrating its 40th anniversary next year.

For tickets call (310) 467-5058. The performances will be held in the Burnight Theater. Dinner and show tickets are \$22.50 for students and seniors, and \$25 general admission.

Campus alarms to be activated

By EFRAIN VILLANUEVA
STAFF WRITER

Campus Police is reminding employees on how important campus security really is.

"The campus is our personal work place, and we should keep safety and security in mind at all times," according to the memo from Acting Chief of Campus Police, Louie Kemp.

Alarms will be activated Friday evenings at 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. Monday mornings.

All employees will be required to show staff I.D. and sign in at the Campus Police Station, south of the Assesment Center in Lot C-10.

IN THE NEWS

Compiled by Patricia Roman

TAIWAN'S GOAL — Taiwan's newly democratic government said it is willing to reconcile with China.

"We should pursue a policy of detente...based on the principles of equality and goodwill," Taiwanese Prime Minister Lien Chan said. "The most important thing is to work together with China to abandon the zero-sum mentality."

China, on the other hand, regards Taiwan as "a renegade providence," and in recent weeks, has stepped up verbal and military pressure on the Taiwanese government, to try to persuade voters to shun notions of independence.

TIMBER THEFT — A 24-page report produced by the Public Employees for Environment Responsibility and the Government Accountability Project, contained allegations that the U.S. Forest Service hindered an investigation into allegations that Weyerhaeuser Co. illegally harvested millions of dollars of timber from national forest in Oregon and Northern California.

Other allegations that the Forest Service quietly acquiesced in the harvesting and has failed to combat large-scale thefts in the nation's vast national forests, while at the same time warning Weyerhaeuser employees that they were the targets of the investigation.

DOLE'S CAMPAIGN — "We're not going to write off California in 1996," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole declared at the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda, while campaigning in California.

IRAQIS VOTE — Since Iraq's defeat five years ago in the Persian Gulf War, millions of Iraqis voted Sunday for a National Assembly.

FIRST LADY'S TOUR — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, and daughter, are on an eight-day tour of Europe, which began in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

She is scheduled to visit troops at a relatively secure U.S. base, then travel by helicopter to posts outside the camp.

The first lady will continue her trip in Turkey and Greece to promote her campaign for the rights and welfare of women and children.

PRISON RIOT — A prison riot, on Thursday, in Al Kuwaiyya, about 13 miles northeast of the Mediterranean city of Benghazi, killed 16 guards and freed at least 400 prisoners, mostly government soldiers and Islamic militants.

The escapees were believed to be armed.

ISRAEL OPENS — Israel took steps Sunday to slightly ease the strict closure it imposed March 3 after a rash of suicide bombings.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres told his Cabinet that Palestinians may return to their jobs in Jewish settlements in the territories and that Palestinian patients will be allowed to seek treatment in Israeli hospitals.

BODIES FOUND — The bodies of two men buried in an avalanche on Mt. Washington, the highest peak in the Northeast, were found.

The avalanche happened at the 4,500-foot level in the Gulf of Slides, a remote gully for hiking and skiing.

JAPAN'S QUAKE — A powerful earthquake of magnitude 6.9, killed 24 and injured over 50 in the remote region of Xinjiang, on Wednesday, March 20.

The epicenter of the quake was located 35 miles northeast of the city of Kashi.

Create own web page at one day World Wide Web seminar

By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ
FEATURES EDITOR

If you think that www is a new brand of car or a new sports club then you should attend the Cerritos College World Wide Web seminar on April 19.

The college computer service experts, through the Technology Division, will present a World Wide Web Seminar, for those who want to learn about the Internet at a one day seminar on campus.

Participants will learn about the fastest-growing segment of the Internet with this hands-on clinic for the World Wide Web using Netscape Navigator. Attendees will also learn the basics of Hypertext markup Language or HTML; have the opportunity to create their own web page; and serve their page to the Internet.

Among the questions to be answered will be as basic as "What is the Web?" "Where did it come from and how does it work?", "What is a 'Web Browser' and a 'Web Server'?", "Why are American Businesses so interested in the Web?", and "How can your business benefit from a Web presence?"

In addition, seminar participants will have the opportunity to access Internet service providers, government information, e-mail services, job listings and Internet publications.

Leading the seminar is Douglas Brantley, program services facilitator. He has worked as a systems analyst and part-time instructor here at Cerritos for more than 14 years. For the last three years, he has been the training coordinator for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Statewide Information Server Project.

The seminar opens at 8:00 a.m and continues throughout the day until 4 p.m. The walk-in registration fee is \$119 and includes seminar materials and lunch. Early registrants will receive

a discount and are encourage to call the center for details. This event will be held at the Teleconference Center, Room LC 115. For additional information, contact ext. 2927.

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Americans withdrew.

Beginning in 1988 with El Camino College, surrounding community colleges have raised their Freshman Composition courses to four units, including Long Beach, Saddleback, Irvine Valley, Golden West, and Orange Coast College.

Studies done at El Camino College show that student grade point averages have steadily risen since the four unit increase was implemented. Likewise, the withdrawal rate of students has also dropped.

As for now, students can make use of other alternatives such as the Learning Assistance Program and

Writing Labs in order to keep up with the present curriculum.

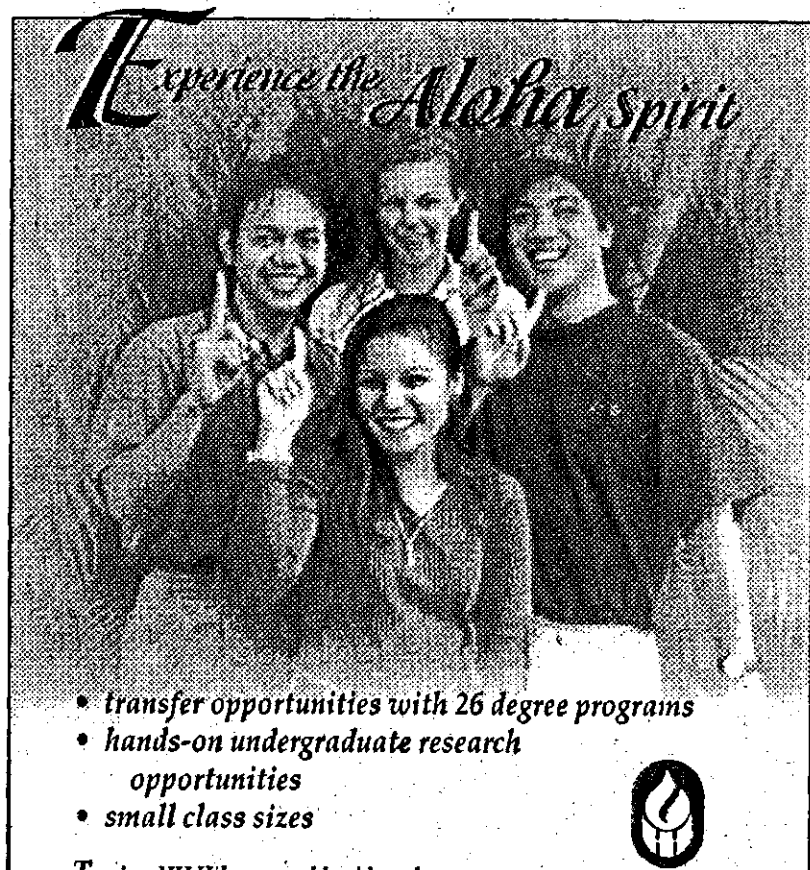
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'Windows' hosts International Children's Choir, Kid's World

By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ
OPINION EDITOR

Kids will have a special place reserved at the upcoming event Windows to the World.

The international festival will feature a special village dedicated to hands-on activities for youngsters and children at heart; Kid's World will be sponsored by Lakewood Regional Medical Center.

There will be a puppet show presented by girl scouts, Judy Johnson and Anita Ravi. Also the Anthropology club will be participating featuring mask making, bead stringing, and cultural face painting.

Also an important part of Kid's World will be a presentation of several storytellers featuring stories from around the world. Linda Clegg will present Mercedes, Trudy Ettelson will feature Jewish legend for children, Joal Schwartz will present Folk and Ecological Tales, Maya the Storyteller will bring African Stories to the little ones.

The YMCA Indian guides will present a teepee and totem pole.

An important festival highlight will

be the participation of The International Children's Choir. This Choir's existence was inspired by the song, *Let There Be Peace On Earth* and since 1957 the group of children has been traveling around the world. Comprised of children ages five to 17 years, dressed in authentic costumes representative of their own unique ethnic heritage. The choir is a celebration of America's diversity.

In 1966 the choir opened at the "It's A Small World" attraction at Disneyland and received a gold record for the recording of the ride's theme song. In 1984 the choir was part of the opening ceremonies of the XXII Olympic Games in Los Angeles. In 1986, the choir performed for Pope John Paul at the LA Coliseum as part of his American Papal tour. They also have entertained presidents and other important personalities.

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower called the International Children's Choir, "The world's littlest ambassadors." Through song and dance the choir continues to carry on the tradition of spreading the message of peace and good will throughout the world.

Career counseling and jobs highlight College Career Expo April 18

By JUDY JIMENEZ
STAFF WRITER

More than 50 employers will be on hand to accept job applications and provide information on career opportunities at the Cerritos College Career Expo.

The program, sponsored by the Job Placement Office and ASCC, will be on Thursday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center.

Various industries will be represented

such as health, law enforcement, education, engineering, entertainment, retail and technical careers. Representatives from county and federal agencies will also attend.

There will be recruiters to fill intern positions. General career counseling and resume writing information will be available.

For more information, call the Job Placement Office at (310)860-2451 ext. 2366.

Outstanding Faculty Award nominations due April 24

By EVELYN GARRIDO
STAFF WRITER

Nominations are now being accepted for the recognition of outstanding Cerritos College Faculty.

Those instructors who demonstrate such qualities as "teaching talent, dedication, knowledge, enthusiasm, humor" are being sought out for the award.

All Cerritos employees and currently enrolled students may nominate.

All full time Cerritos College teaching faculty, counselors and librarians are eligible for the awards.

Factors that follow the criteria are: Outstanding classroom teaching and/or, unselfish dedication to students and the college.

Other factors which may be considered include: publications, club and student activities involvement and committee assignments

Other criteria may include: service to the community in the name of the college, art exhibitions, concerts, and public performance.

In the coming week there will be blue ballot boxes located at various locations around campus. Students are

asked to nominate the instructor that they feel has inspired them to "think a little more, work a little harder."

Nomination forms are due April 24.

Lakewood holds self-defense class

By BOBBY KEENER
STAFF WRITER

Fact: One out of four women will be assaulted during their lifetime.

Fact: By learning self-defense techniques a woman can reduce the possibility of serious harm to herself if attacked.

Fact: Professional martial-arts instructor Stephen Smith, who specializes in women's self-defense, is teaching classes in The Centre at Sycamore Plaza.

The \$27 course is made up of three class sessions.

Classes are available from 7-9 p.m., on the first, second, and third Wednesdays of the month, through May 29.

For more information call (310) 866-9771 ext. 2408 or 2801.

General Motors offers training partnership for Cerritos students

By RITA LARA
STAFF WRITER

Over 100 automotive industry professionals packed into a Cerritos College auditorium recently.

Their aim was to format an introductory framework for a national pilot program to train auto body technicians at Cerritos College.

General Motors and Cerritos College combined forces to propose its introductory plan to GM dealerships, insurance companies, parts and material suppliers, independent body shop owners and equipment manufacturers in hopes of training entry-level women and men.

GM College Program Regional Manager Mike Braman stated that the training vision is to also improve the repair industry image and standards.

Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin welcomed attendees and thanked them for support to the program. He stated that a recent survey, of body shop representatives, indicates that there is an immediate need for skilled body repair technicians.

"The industry wants top-notch trained technicians. We want to address the needs of the industry by partnering with the business community," Gaskin explained.

Many managers and owners of the businesses surveyed, prior to the seminar, expressed a strong interest in an Auto Body Repair Industry Training Program at Cerritos College.

"The development and implementation of this program represents our commitment to the business community, as well as a sizable investment of time and resources. As a successful businessman and educator you understand that investments of this type cannot be made without the advice and direction of knowledgeable people," Gaskin added.

Braman and his colleagues then presented their findings and needs for such a program and questioned the participants for input.

Among those in attendance were Larry Seely, General Manager; Rich Gunther, Pontiac Zone Manager; Craig

Shantz, Buick Zone Manager; Josh Williams, Cadillac Zone Manager; and Andy Anderson, GMC Zone Manager.

In attendance were also six chapter presidents of California Auto Body Association; Terry Fiskin and Herb Lieberman from Auto Dismantlers Association; Jimmie Alberg of the Auto Club; GM dealership and independent body shop owners, John J. Choulochas, national college coordinator for GM presented a supportive statement via a video presentation backing Cerritos College in its effort.

Cerritos College Instructional Dean of Technology Dr. Randy Peebles also addressed the crowd and detailed the auto body collision repair resources at Cerritos College and potential plans for an intense, technical and fast paced GM Body Service Educational Program (BSEP). He also outlined the program's implementation process. He indicated a launch date of January '97. "Recruitment will soon begin," Peebles added.


Braman then asked for direct support from participants to form a steering committee. An overwhelming number of company and dealerships pledged their support and volunteered to assist.

After the event, Peebles talked about the program. "Basically the bottom line is that Cerritos College has the training facility and resources to successfully support and run a new Auto Body program." He further noted, the high number of key executives and personnel in drafting their support for the program, "clearly indicates the beginning of partnerships that will ensure the success of the program."

"Now we will proceed by scheduling our first steering committee meeting to move us toward the January 97 program start date. The support offered through GM demonstrates a major commitment nationally and at Cerritos College to support this program."

Currently there are more than 805 students enrolled in automotive classes at Cerritos College.

For more information on automotive courses and programs please call (310) 860-2451, ext. 2912.




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Baseball holds on to beat ELAC

By AMARA AGUILAR
SPORTS EDITOR

With the tying runs on base and no outs in the ninth, Jason Marr found himself on the mound for Cerritos (8-2) in a tight situation, for the second time in three days.

With East Los Angeles down by two last Saturday, Marr allowed a sacrifice fly, struck out a batter, and got the next one to ground out as Cerritos edged ELAC, 5-4.

Marr collected his eighth save of the year in a game that was expected to be close all the way through, considering the two teams tied in thirteen innings when they met the first time in conference, March 2.

The game last Saturday was tied, 2-2, going into the fourth, until Chuck Lopez hit a double after Danny Mojarro and Gerry Bueno walked. Fito Marquez singled in the inning to drive in the final two runs for the Falcons.

Reliever Ernie Sarinana struck out two in the game and allowed one run off one hit in two innings.

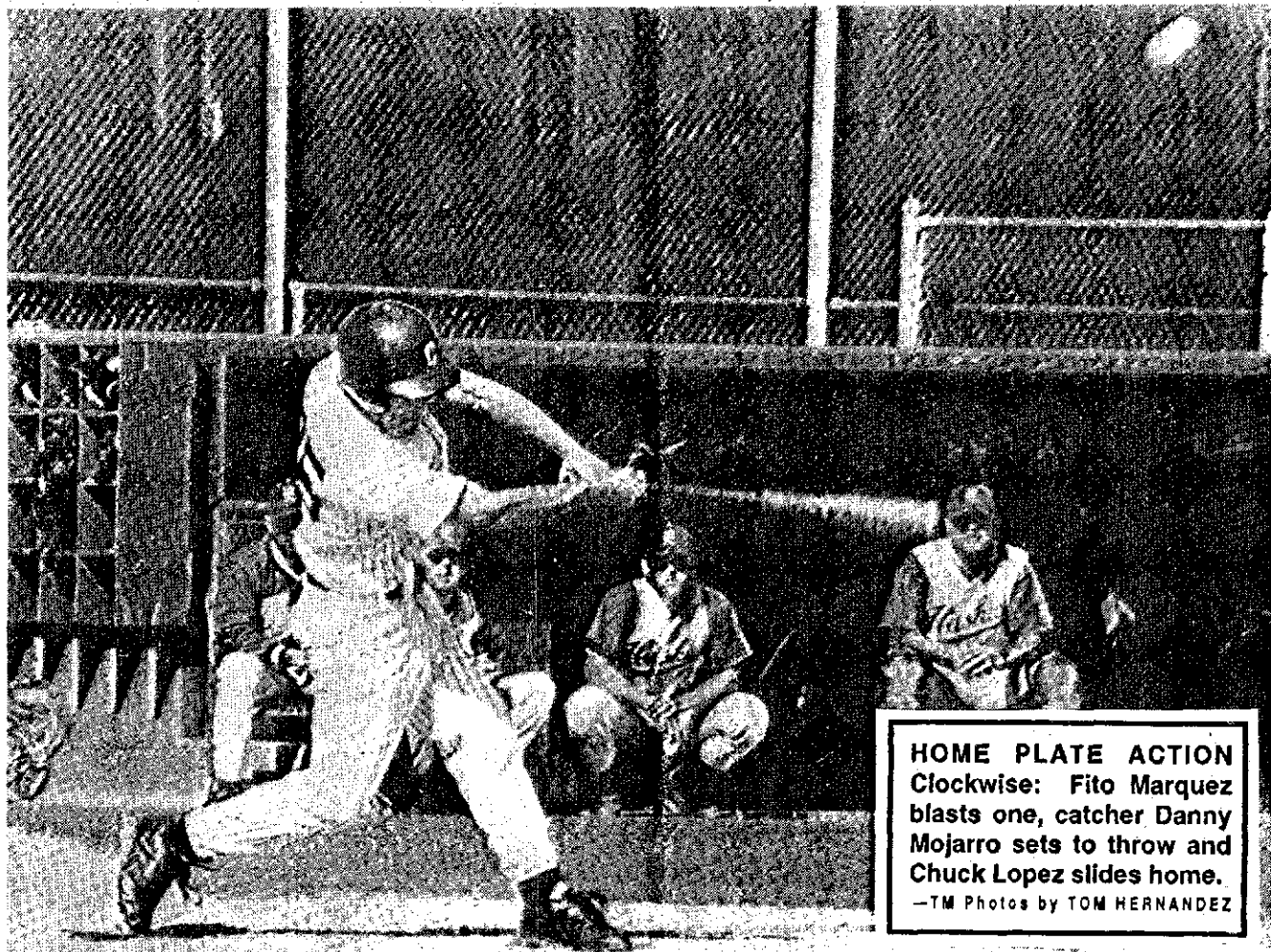
Sergio Salazar made his second start in conference with a strong performance. He struck out six and didn't allow a walk in six innings.

The first-place Falcons, who travel to Compton Thursday and host Pasadena Saturday, got another narrow victory against LA Harbor Thursday, 7-6.

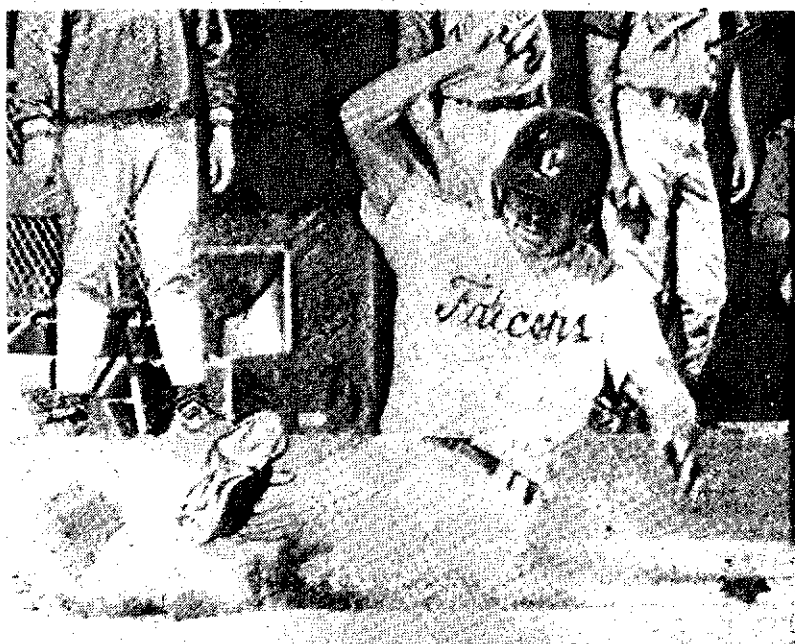
Cerritos was leading, 7-4, when Marr came into the game in the ninth with a runner on first, but the seemingly harmless situation developed into a tense one when the Seahawks scored a run and later got an intentional walk to load the bases.

Marr, who has a 1.50 ERA in conference, walked a batter but came back strong as he froze the last batter on strike three.

Starter John Ruiz (2.88 ERA) pitched well as he collected his seventh win of the year. He allowed nine hits and collected four strike-outs in eight innings.



HOME PLATE ACTION
Clockwise: Fito Marquez blasts one, catcher Danny Mojarro sets to throw and Chuck Lopez slides home.
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Women shut out Marymount

By ANDREA AGUILAR
STAFF WRITER

After two tough losses against El Camino and Mt. San Antonio, the womens' tennis team (4-4) bounced back with a big win over Marymount last Friday, 9-0.

All the singles players won in two sets losing no more than two games except Korin Masselink who won in three sets 6-1, 4-6, 6-4. The doubles teams won 8-5, 8-4, 8-4.

Undefeated El Camino beat the Falcons, Mar. 21, 7-2. Three of six singles matches went to three sets, but only Rosanna Guevarra recorded a victory 6-2, 0-6, 6-2. Guevarra also recorded the only win in doubles paired with Terry Frederickson, 9-8.

Another disappointing loss for Cerritos came against Mt. San Antonio, Mar. 19. "We had a tough loss against Mt. San Antonio, we didn't expect to lose that one. It was almost like they rose to the occasion, they just wanted to beat us so bad. They barely beat us, 5-4," said Coach Terri Button.

The Falcons were edged in singles when four of six players lost in the third set, Nasy Diaz (6-1, 5-4, 4-6), Esther Gomez (6-4, 1-6, 1-6), Melina Nedilsky (6-4, 3-6, 4-6) and Frederickson (6-1, 2-6, 4-6). Taking

their matches easily were Masselink (6-1, 6-3) and Guevarra (6-3, 6-1).

"If you look at these four singles matches we lost it indicates we won the first set from all of them and then dropped the next two. We need to be tougher," said Button.

Going into the doubles matches the Falcons needed a sweep but their number one doubles lost in a crucial match, 3-8.

"We're a little disappointed in where we are in overall team standings. I really feel like we are the second best team, I just think some of the other schools played tougher when we played them last. I think in the conference tournament we'll probably get more points and do much better individually," said Button.

The team will have a bye tomorrow and aren't scheduled for another match until Apr. 9, when they play at home against LA Harbor.

With three matches left in conference the Falcons will face teams that they have beaten 9-0, 8-1, 7-2.

"For the team we're either going to take second or third. We're not going to be first, so we're not looking at the team thing right now we're looking more at what we can do individually in singles and in the doubles combination," said Button.

Former Falcon baseball player passes away at age 23

Former Cerritos College athlete and student, Randy Donisthorpe, passed away in his sleep at the Cincinnati Reds team hotel, March 19.

Donisthorpe, a 23-year old native of Fayette, Iowa, is believed by medical personnel who arrived at the scene, to have died from a seizure. However, an autopsy will be performed to determine the exact cause of death.

The son of Judi and Scott Donisthorpe, Randy was an All-

Conference baseball player at Cerritos College.

He was signed by the Reds to a free agent contract in January, 1996, and was slated to start the 1996 season at A Charleston, WV.

The Cincinnati Reds shut down their minor league operations, March 20, and a moment of silence was observed before last Saturday's game between Cerritos and East LA.

—AMARA AGUILAR

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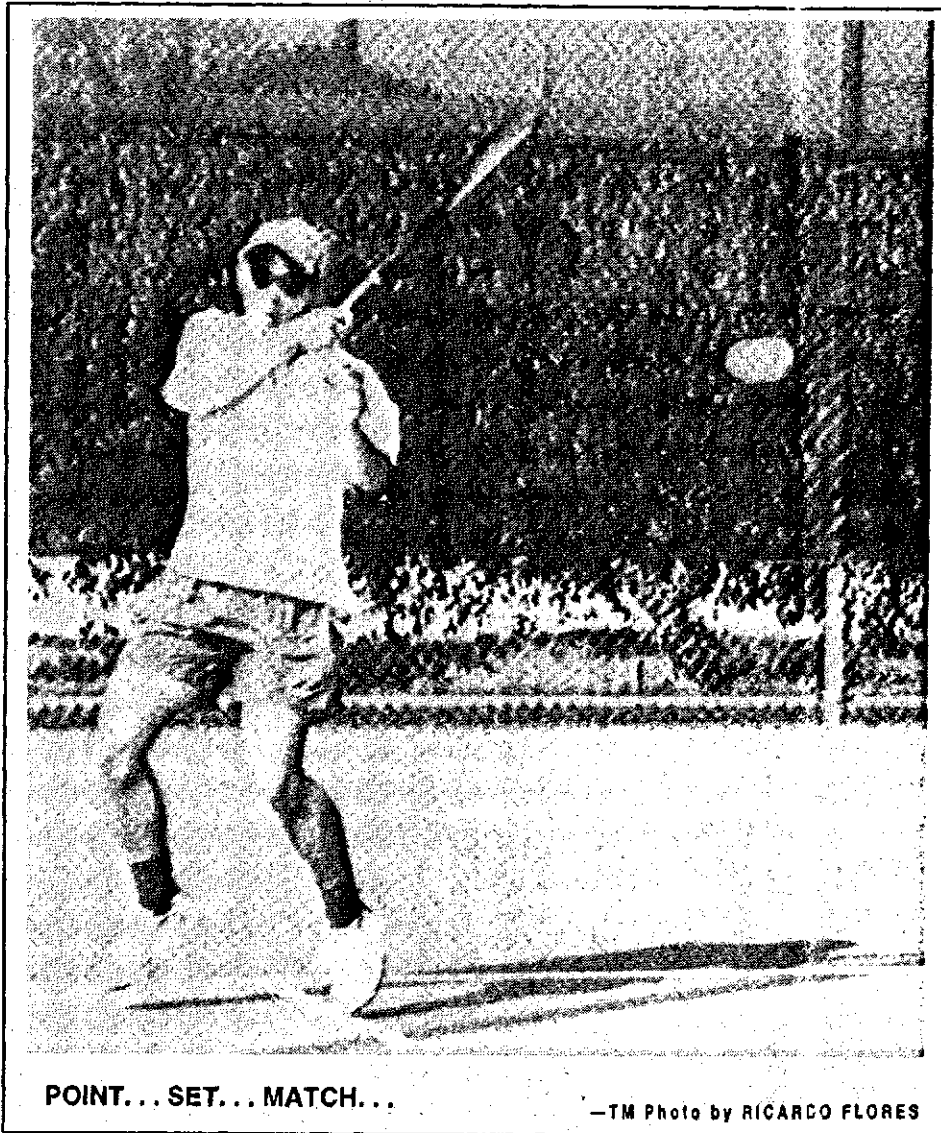
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Tennis clinches second place early in season

By JIM REYNOSA
STAFF WRITER

With their 7-2 victory over El Camino last Thursday and a possible win today over Pasadena, the Cerritos mens' tennis team can all but guarantee a second place finish in the South Coast Conference.

In their victory over El Camino, the Falcons captured five of six singles matches and two of three doubles matches.

The single wins included Tem SykyHua (6-4, 7-5), Frankie Arroyo (6-3, 6-3), Joey Estrella (6-2, 6-3), Lamar Hooks (6-3, 6-1) and Mike Boulos (6-2, 6-2).

Coach Tom Spence couldn't be happier with their 5-1 conference record.

"This is what we were going for. Second place was our goal for this year, but I didn't think we would have clinched it this fast."

And although settling for second might seem weird to some people, for Coach Spence it's the highest and most realistic goal his team can reach when competing against a Marymount team, their only loss, which is allowed three scholarships.

"Everybody pretty much concedes first to them [Marymount]. They're the only junior college in the state that has scholarships for tennis and they give them all to foreign players with international junior rankings.

"They have the number one ranked player from Australia, the number two player from South America and the number five ranked player from Mexico.

"And if you relate that competition to what we have here, where we don't even have too many players ranked in the top 150. You can see why they're [Marymount] granted first place," said Spence.

The Falcons only setback is a 6-3 loss to Marymount two weeks ago.

But don't start feeling sorry for the Falcons. For whatever they lack in talent, they make up in heart.

"We've won more 5-4 matches this year than I've ever won. These guys are real competitors.

"They just know how to win the close matches and the record shows that," said Spence.

The record also shows that Cerritos clinched second place in a conference where first is a given.

Young finds success on both track and football fields

By JIM REYNOSA
STAFF WRITER

The gun sounds and into full swing sprinter Jay Young catapults and cracks four feet away onto that perfect wall of concealed mass down the lane, he catches air and thrusts it behind him thrust after thrust, cunningly moving his body forward.

Thrift is his wonderful secret; he has schooled out all the extravagance, practicing it since the second grade. No muscles used without compensation. Wrist cock to heel snap and knees high, his mouth siphons in the air that nourishes him while running at 24 miles an hour.

Time: 52.76. State record in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles.

Time: 14.74. First place in 110 meter high hurdles, third fastest time this year.

On the field he watches for signs. Trying to get a glimpse of what defense is being used in front of him. Two-deep zone, nickel, or man-to-man.

It makes no difference.

His arms are steady at the catch, his feet hop in the stretch, they know the lesson well. Lungs know, too; he does not gasp for air when the football comes racing towards him, but instead he takes little sips.

When the ball finally comes he hears nothing but his heart pumping and the sound of the safety crashing through him, as soon as the hit is made, he makes one final surge.

Thirty-one receptions for 421 yards and three touchdowns. All of which being team highs.

The two-sport athlete is vogue right now.

Deion Sanders, Bo Jackson, Michael Jordan and Brian Jordan. All have made millions because of the claim of being "special" for playing two different sports at one time.

Cerritos' Jay Young is a two-sport athlete, excelling in track and field and football, but unlike the above mentioned athletes, Jay doesn't want prestige or glory.

He could care less.

All he wants is a chance to move on.

"I just want to get a scholarship and finish the rest of my schooling," said Young.

A psychology major, Jay has seen what can happen to athletes when they come to a junior college and get too comfortable.

"I don't want to stay here. When I first came here to Cerritos two years ago, I saw a lot of people playing football and running track and I still see them around today. They're still here.

"I don't want to become one of those people. One of those persons who was considered one of the best athletes, but still didn't go anywhere at all because they didn't finish their classes. I don't want to be a failure."

And talking to him, you find out what it is that motivates him.

The fear of failure.

That drives him when he's practicing his 400 intermediate hurdles, by running three 300-yard sprints, two 100-yard dashes for about two hours, and topping it off with an hour of weightlifting for four days a week.

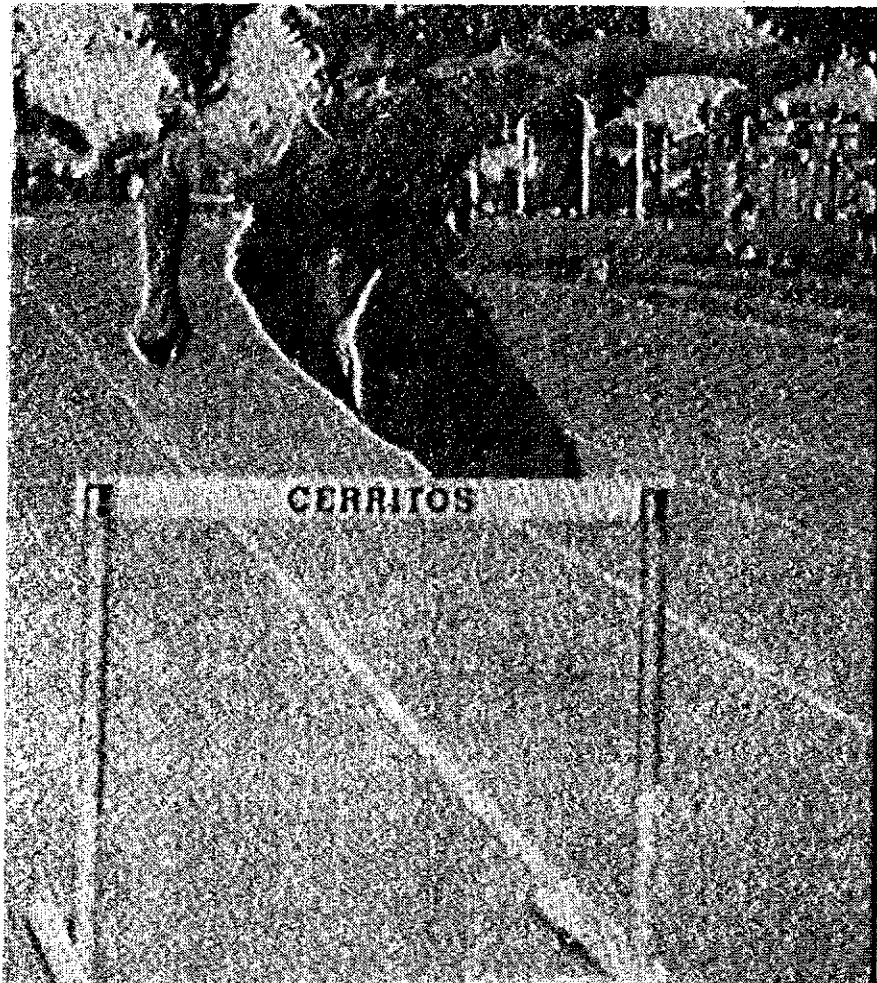
The fear of knowing that, right now, he's one of best in the state in the 400 intermediate hurdles but he has to improve if he wants to go anywhere.

"I have to keep on lowering my times, but that's pretty simple. It really depends on how hard you train. Your results, from the clock, is your reward on how hard you trained.

"The clock is the main opponent and it's the toughest one too, because it's unforgiving and shows no mercy, but it never lies.

"If I just try to run my fastest time every week for every meet and try to lower it, that's what it's all about. That's why I think track is more competitive than football.

"In track you have to run a certain time to qualify for a meet, you have to get a certain place just to be able to get in the regionals and to make it to the State Finals you have to be one of the top nine runners in that one event. If you lose in any of those steps, you don't make it."



You fail.

"Football is strictly a team effort. You might practice hard, everyday of the week and play your hardest during the game, but if one person messes up you can still fail.

"I love football and the whole aspect of being part of a team. How the guys come together on a Saturday night, just to do the job they have to do and that's all.

"But my favorite is track, and I'll probably go further in track, because I have complete control on the amount of success or failure."

The fear of failure can be a ruthless motivator, that sometimes leaves success in its wake.

Success only needs to be around 50 seconds long for Jay Young.

Softball awaits crucial games

Although the Falcons have lost half of their South Coast Conference games, the next three will prove to be the most crucial.

The Falcons have dropped two of their past three games to fall behind the leader in conference, Long Beach City.

This week Cerritos will be at El Camino on Wednesday, before they go up against Pasadena on Friday and Mount San Antonio, April 1. The games begin at 3 p.m.

The Falcons hope to improve on their Huskie Invitational, where they lost three out of five games.

—RICARDO FLORES

• **POINT** Bobby Keener

AIDS calls for precautions

Just because people are HIV positive it does not mean that they are bad people. It does, however, make them carriers of a contagious disease.

The Human Immunodeficiency Virus is a mysterious disease that is constantly mutating into different subtypes.

So little is known about HIV that until recently medical authorities were not even positive that it was the virus which causes AIDS.

The most common transmission of HIV is through sexual and blood on blood contact. Yet with a virus as mysterious as HIV we cannot say that these are the only methods of contact.

The Center for Disease Control concurs with this viewpoint. In 1994 the CDC issued a warning that in-home care givers to AIDS patients run a risk of acquiring HIV.

Included in this warning were cases where some of these care givers, through no more than normal contact, had become HIV positive.

If these people can contact HIV through non-sexual, non-blood contact, then it only stands to reason that through daily contact with a co-worker or teacher diagnosed with HIV or AIDS there is a certain risk.

This risk may be small. However, as with any risk a person should be informed and have the choice to accept or not accept it.

HIV infected people are not being condemned.

People must simply realize that HIV is a mysterious disease. Different methods of transmission of HIV have been and are currently being found. Precautions must be taken.

• **COUNTERPOINT** Cristina Hernandez

Private life belongs to them

The right to keep as a secret the suffering of an illness such as AIDS belongs to everyone. It does not matter if the person is a teacher or a governor; their private life belongs to them and to no one else.

Unfortunately the origin of this illness has been closely related to the homosexual lifestyle and the use of illegal drugs. That is why many people link the those who suffer from AIDS or are HIV positive to these groups that are strongly outcasted by society.

Furthermore, even though the transmission forms of AIDS have been growing, many people are not completely aware of the way this illness is transmitted between humans.

Only through blood or body fluid exchange or the common use of needles is this virus transmitted from one person to another. This same ignorance is the cause why many people discriminate the AIDS infected persons.

I think that there are not enough reasons to force people who are suffering an illness like AIDS to reveal their health condition to anyone or to the public.

AIDS is like any other terminal illness such as cancer, leukemia, etc.

No one cares to know if their teachers or community leaders are suffering from other terminal illnesses, unless, of course, they want to share their sympathies.

On the other hand, when people are suffering from AIDS, or are HIV positive, and reveal their condition, almost everyone seems to see them as potential lepers.

Finally, if people feel that their health problems will not affect their performance at work, it is not their obligation to reveal their health condition to anyone. On the contrary, it is their right to keep their private life as private as possible.

Soapbox

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Is it necessary for teachers to reveal they are HIV+?



"No, it's their privacy. People who are HIV+ often get discriminated against. I don't see the problem."

Giselle Morales
Pre-Med



"Only if there will be physical interaction."

Ibn Johnson
Business



"No, not necessarily, because it's their private life. If a good teacher tells a class and some people worry, it might ruin the teacher's credibility and career."

Rachel Garcia
English



"Yes. I wouldn't want to be around them if they cut themselves. I wouldn't want to be in contact with contaminated blood."

Damon Hawn
Criminal Justice



"No, it's their personal business."

Rashell Hewett
Computer Programming



"No, because it's their private thing, and I don't need to know. It's not like I'm going to be doing anything intimate with my teachers."

Alejandro Ochoa
Undeclared



"Yes, I have a right to know so if there's an accident or a disaster I'll know what precautions to take."

Tram Huynh
Biology



"No. If you're not coming into sexual contact with them, then it's not your business. If they conduct themselves appropriately, I feel it is unnecessary for you to know."

Ernie Garcia
Photography



"It's not necessary. Information like that is personal. There's no real physical contact with a boss or teacher."

Kieu My
General Education



"No, it's none of my business."

Eddie Salinas
Undeclared