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VOTE

WHO: Anyone with a valid student ID card.

WHAT: 1996 ASCC Presidential Elections.

WHERE: Coffee shop Patio, Social Science Patio, Health Science Patio.

WHEN: Today, tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. both days.

Classified air contractual grievances, demand apology

By JUDY JIMENEZ
STAFF WRITER

You could just smell the tension in the air as classified employees filled the extra seats in the Board Room at the Tuesday, March 26 Faculty Senate meeting. They demanded an apology for the discussion that went on about them at the Tuesday, March 5 Faculty Senate meeting.

Classified employee Jan Long stated, "At the March 5 meeting of the Faculty Senate during a discussion of next year's school calendar, the discussion got a little off track, fingers were pointed and the classified were taken to cap for part-time teachers not being able to get their exams graded...Many classified, myself included, pointed out to various members of the administrative team that classified would be off the last day of finals...However, it would seem to be a problem that could be handled."

Jan Long continued, "In looking at the up-coming calendar, considerations should be given to having both that last day of finals and the last day of classi-

fied work before Christmas to be the 20th of December...The idea that classified should return to campus for one day, December 23, leaving them the luxury of being able to start their vacation on Christmas eve is ridiculous... Grades do not have to be in before Christmas vacation ...

"Honestly, search your hearts, how many of you would be in on Monday, the day before Christmas eve, to turn in grades...Grades can be turned in when the classified staff returns from their one week vacation."

Gus Roese, classified employee, then complained, "I am both ashamed and appalled that members of this body would make comments about something like this without first determining the facts. The fact is that December 23 was a published holiday recorded in our contracts a minimum of two and one half years before..."

"I was told by one of the Vice-Presidents, when I brought up the fact that we had a conflict there, that this was in fact reported to administration numerous times...I was told that Dr. Gaskin's response was that faculty does not need classified here in order to issue their exam, we can handle this, let's go forward. I have no problem with that."

Gus Roese added, "Reference was also made to it being a floating holiday. It was not a floating holiday, it was in fact a negotiated day and as I first stated published in our contract...For people to make statements of that nature about the classified staff on this campus really turns my stomach."

Chris Romer, associate chemistry professor, then commented, "I would like to say that I know that I didn't have those feelings and I didn't make that

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Forensics places in top one quarter for team effort, gears up for new challenge

By RAYSA BOTERO
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Out of 85 colleges competing, the Cerritos College Forensics Team took 16th place in Individual Sweepstakes and the 17th place in Overall Team Sweepstakes in open division at the Phi Rho Pi National Championships Forensics Tournament held in Chicago, April 8-14.

On the Falcon Championship team were students Kimberly Fleining, Dawn Haughton, Kristen Kingsbury, Wayne Nunnery, Lisa Strunk, and Anna Valleser.

The team was coached by Director of Forensics Bill Sparks and Kelly Hughes.

Among the individual winners were: Nunnery, gold medal in Impromptu Speaking and a bronze in Extemporaneous Speaking; Kingsbury, gold in Impromptu Speaking; Haughton, bronze in Prose Interpretation.

"The Team Sweepstakes award was a pleasant surprise. This year's National Tournament had 85 different colleges competing, and most schools in open division brought more students than Cerritos. Open division ranged from six

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Talon Marks and 580 other student journalists competed in writing, photography, and design in Fresno last week. The following honors were taken:

Raysa Botero
Honorable Mention
on-the-spot critical review writing
Sharon Hansen
Honorable Mention
on-the-spot news writing
Gabriel Villarreal
Second place, on-the-spot editorial writing; Third place, mail-in photo essay; Honorable Mention mail-in magazine opinion. Recipient.
Wayne Overbeck
JACC scholarship.

editorials

A trip that almost wasn't—WAS! Thanks to two VPs and purchasing

It's the story of the trip that almost wasn't.

A competition trip, that is, in which 13 editors, photographers and writers from *Talon Marks* had settled earlier this year to attend in Fresno.

We went.

We learned.

We kicked a little butt.

But the toughest fight did not take place in Fresno—it took place in the administration quad.

We were in the middle of packing, April 8 when some latter-alphabet administrator decided to cancel our mode of transportation, a bus taken every year, because the 13 delegates didn't warrant a 20-seater bus.

Generally, *Talon Marks* sends about 20 people to the convention to learn with professionals from McClatchy newspapers, the Los Angeles Times, etc. but budget constraints caused the staff to restrict it delegates by a third.

So, we coped.

Our plans to attend were settled by Dr. Adolph Johnson, but the "last-

letter" administrator decided that because he was not consulted on the decision he was going to crash the party.

We attempted to solve the problem through a step ladder on Monday and Tuesday but some administrative rungs were missing.

The Editorial Board left classes and the newspaper for a wild goose chase on Wednesday.

Secretaries told us "last-letter" was off campus for several days. Minutes later we realized he was on campus for the accreditation site visit.

We needed life preservers for swimmers that were slowly sinking.

Dr. Erlinda Martinez, Vice-President of Student Services was, too, in the middle of the accreditation site visit when she took time out to help solve our problem.

She made calls to "last-letter," to Johnson, to Donna Jones in purchasing.

The bus was a no go.

We needed vans.

We had no drivers.

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letters to the editor

• I am writing this as an open letter to Mr. Gabriel Villarreal on behalf of several of the cast and crew of *The Dining Room* in regards to his review of March 20, 1996 published by the *Talon Marks*.

Mr. Villarreal, do you have any clue as to what it is you watched the evening (or day) you wrote your review of "The Dining Room" or did you simply allow yourself the luxury of "blind luck" in hopes that there wasn't somebody out here who cares about the show or our Theater Department?

I am not doubting your claims as to the performances of Brent Vidal nor that of Cristina Nava, both of which were exceptional as were the performances of the other eight cast members in addition to the approximately forty other people that it took to even have a show.

A.R. Gurney's "The Dining Room" is as it was portrayed, various W.A.S.P. families experiencing the decline of their sanctified lifestyles. Your review portrays the show about being nothing more than "love affairs and gay children." Is that all you saw? If so, your outlook on life must be seen in very narrow perceptions.

I am only one person and as I stated, I am writing on behalf of most of the cast and crew from this production all of whom feel remarkably the same about not only your review of the show, but also your article written about David Carriero, that appeared in the *Talon Marks* about two weeks prior to this one, with anger and disgust.

Mr. Villarreal, again I ask do you know what it was that you were writing about? In your article about David Carriero, you not only misquoted Mr. Carriero on innumerable occasions, but you also stated, in no uncertain terms that we, as performers are without talent which in itself is a highly slanderous remark but you sir, could not stop there. You insisted on continuing on and blatantly alluded to the fact that it would be by "blind luck" if

"The Dining Room" were to be a successful show.

For the record Mr. Villarreal, "The Dining Room" was one of the most successful dramatic pieces put on by Cerritos College. On top of that, it was a student who directed it! Apparently, this school must be doing something right.

Mr. Villarreal, your review was not only ludicrous in its attempts to put down our production, but it was also an obvious example of your ignorance in regards to theater. For if you had any knowledge of theater you would have known that what you described as, "Burnight Studio Theatre was a poor location whose structure (stage center, audience surrounding)..." Is called a thrust stage.

Although this type of stage usually causes at least one performer to have his/her back to the audience at all times, most audiences enjoy the experience because it allows the viewers to feel as if they are in with the action as opposed to just being there. In addition, you will find that the thrust stage is one of the more common stage set-ups used in community theater today, second only to the proscenium stage. What were you expecting, "Phantom Of The Opera"?

Mr. Villarreal, you are entitled to your opinion as a journalist, but we as performers are also entitled to our opinions, especially when the journalist has obviously had no theater classes whatsoever. If I am not mistaken Mr. Villarreal, Cerritos College does offer a fine Theater 1, Intro To The Theater, class which does teach the very basics of theater.

If were you, I would look into taking the class, it might not only help you look a little less ignorant when it comes to the school productions, but you also might learn something and possibly avoid future letters like this one.

Respectfully,
Sean Melton

An unlit campus, a health fee hike: Don't complain, VOTE

Are you a student?
Do you pay tuition?
How would you like it if there were another student health fee increase?
How would you like not having any parking space?

Would you like to be kept in the dark about Financial aid?

Would you like to walk through an unlit campus?

It can happen.

But it won't if you have someone to keep an eye over these things for you.

It's election time again.

This year there are seven slates.

That means students must choose one of seven platforms presented. One of seven teams, ultimately one Student Body President.

The responsibility of the president is to serve and represent the students.

The Student Body President is there as an advocate of student rights. This person's main responsibility is to make sure students are getting the best education for their money and to assure they have a safe, clean and well equipped campus to do so.

You may wonder why elections should concern you, and why we put such an emphasis on them.

The *Talon Marks* is ran by students,

therefore we share the same concerns as other students.

We care how much money we spend and how it is spent. We care about what the administration and faculty are doing for us.

We care when the Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees put their needs above those of the students.

We care when Student Senate disregards your opinion as to whether or not you want them to serve a second term.

We are aware students have a lot of responsibilities as it is, and that sometimes they just don't have the time to protect their right to have a good education at an affordable price, but fortunately they have someone who can.

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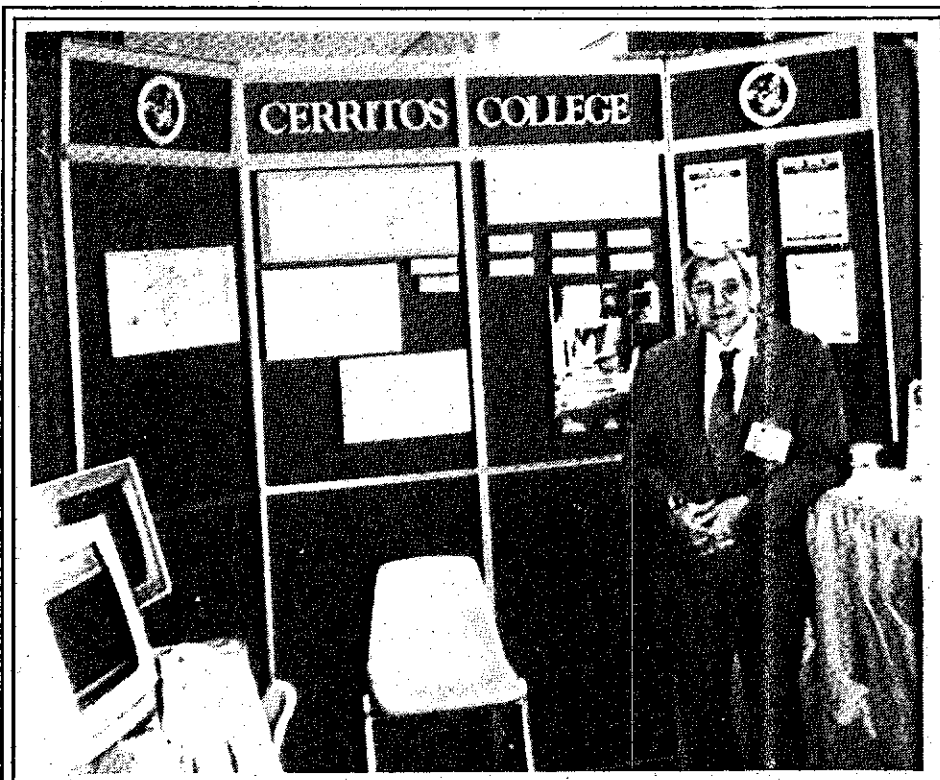
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Letters to the Editor

Talon Marks publishes letters to the editor. Submissions can be made to AC 42 and deadline is Monday preceeding publication. Publication is Wednesday. Did the Board upset you? Are you concerned about campus safety? The ASCC? Write it! Send it!



Professor Al Frankely held the Cerritos College booth at WESTEC's annual fair. WESTEC's is the largest metalworking/manufacturing event.

'Career Expo' April 18; Dr. Cook to speak Pepperdine doctoral program

By BOBBY KEENER
STAFF WRITER

You are thinking:

"I'm at Cerritos College and everything seems fine...but what about life after Cerritos, what about my future?"

These are questions that many students ask of themselves. With some of the programs currently being offered they may be able to find answers.

Over the next couple of months, Career Expo '96 will present a how-to on, "Earn Your Doctorate From The Pepperdine University," hosted by Cerritos College, and UCLA Extension will offer foreign language workshops for people who see travel in their immediate future.

Career Expo '96 takes place at Cerritos College Thursday, April 18, and is expected to have over 50 employers in attendance.

Admission is free and services include resume critiques, career counseling, and a business panel.

The employers are from a wide range of fields and vary from a local to world scope.

Dr. Jack Cook will be at Cerritos College Thursday, April 25, to discuss with students what they will need if, in

the future, they would like to be admitted to the Pepperdine University Doctoral Program.

He will answer all questions, giving special attention to those concerning finances, time commitment, and requirements for admission to the program.

For those planning a trip overseas this summer, UCLA Extension may have exactly what you need.

Beginning June 1, UCLA Extension will offer classes for those wanting to get a basic grasp of a foreign language or for those needing to brush up on their current speaking skills.

The languages that are included in the basic skills program are German, Italian, and Spanish. The cost is \$250 for four days.

The review classes include the Spanish and French languages. There is a \$50 fee per class.

These programs are only a few that students are able to attend over the next few months.

Contact the Career Center for information about other programs or call: Career Expo '96-(310) 860-2451 ext. 2366; Pepperdine Doctoral Program-(310) 860-2451 ext. 2204; UCLA Extension-(310) 825-1898.

Ceja, Gifford provide steno and captioning assistance

By DAVID WARD
STAFF WRITER

In a recent five day conference on "Technology and Persons with Disabilities" sponsored by California State University, Northridge, Center on Disabilities, two Cerritos College court reporting students were chosen, Melodie Gifford and Norma Ceja, provided captioning and steno-interpreting services during the conference workshops.

Gifford captioned the conference onto a large "Silent Radio" light board that was easily read by the hearing impaired. Ceja, using a computerized stenotype machine, instantaneous translation software, and a laptop, provided steno-interpreting services.

Cerritos College professor, and 17 year court reporting veteran Sherry Perkins was very confident that her

court reporting students would do well on the California exam.

They, in fact, did perfect.

"We usually score higher than the state average, but a perfect 100 percent pass rate is very exciting and very rare. We did it before. We did it this time, and we'll keep trying to do it again and again," emphasized Perkins.

With a three year program, classes held five days a week, five hours a day, it's no wonder that most of Perkins' students go on to successful careers.

"One former student of mine is now making \$120,000 a year," she said. Three students grossed together over \$1 million last year. For information on court reporting call the Court Reporting department at (310) 860-2451 ext. 2746.

AJ major Rajyagor hailed as PET example

By SHARON HANSEN
STAFF WRITER

Criminal Justice Professor Richard McGrath openly admits that Sandhyadevi Rajyagor of Norwalk was one of his PET students. In fact, he believes the dedicated, hard-working woman personifies the successful transfer candidate under the President's Emphasis on Transfer (PET) program.

Examining successful students like Rajyagor is just one aspect of the four-year transfer program launched by Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin.

Glancing at a thick pile of successful transfer stories, Gaskin beamed. "Students like Sandy Rajyagor and faculty members like Dick McGrath epitomize what Cerritos College is really all about.

"Actually, [Sandy] represents one of the 20,000 students we want to reach," Gaskin said. She has succeeded in her studies. She has transferred to a four-year institution. The bottom line is that we want all of our students to do just that.

"Sandy is an example of what a Cerritos College student can do and what Cerritos College can do for a student," Gaskin noted.

"She may have been the smallest person in the class, but she made up for it with personality, persistence, perception and promise," McGrath alliterated. "She was deeply involved in the program, and she was always willing to help others. I'm not surprised that Ms. Rajyagor has landed a successful position at the Justice Department."

In May 1994, Rajyagor began working at the California Department of Justice as a Criminal Intelligence Specialist.

By day, Rajyagor collects sensitive narcotic information from various local, state and federal sources. In addition, she analyzes, evaluates and correlates complex information pertaining to target criminal groups and case-specific investigations.

At night, Rajyagor attends CSU-Fullerton to obtain her degree and certi-

fication as a criminal analyst. Ultimately, she hopes to become either an investigator or a Criminal Justice Intelligence Specialist, Level II.

Rajyagor plans to obtain her master's degree as well. McGrath is confident she can achieve this goal. "These are not idle dreams," he said. "Her goals are concrete realities."

Instead of apples, PET student Rajyagor lavishes praise upon McGrath. "[He] helped to focus my career goals. Cerritos College Professor Marvin Engquist's classes were also valuable in content and presentation. They cared about their students and how they progressed academically," she said.

Rajyagor also recognized the support of career counselor Dr. David Young and Assistant Spanish Professor Dr. Nierka Medina-Valin. "Dr. Young made me question my career goals, and Dr. Medina-Valin supported my career goal decision," she said.

"All around, Cerritos College was a positive experience in my life," Rajyagor stated. "Two-year institutions enable students not be overwhelmed compared to four-year institutions. Cerritos College is filled with resources to enable a student to achieve his or her goals."

While at Cerritos College, Rajyagor was an active member of the national law enforcement organization, Lambda Alpha Epsilon. Her hobbies include reading, writing, poetry and music.

Professor Richard McGrath served the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department for 10 years. Since joining Cerritos College in 1963, McGrath has received the Outstanding Faculty Member award and is past President and a current member of the Faculty Senate.

With 400 majors, McGrath's Criminal Justice Department is one of the nation's largest programs and is the oldest department at Cerritos College. Students interested in Criminal Justice may call (310) 860-2451, Ext. 2775, for additional information.

may have come out of that...It was three or four people that stated opinions...

"There was a tremendous outpouring of feeling about this and I think that everyone confirmed with me that it was not meant in that way and we do want to publicly apologize for that."

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expression...That was the voice of a faculty senator, not the group..."

Senate President Scott Henderson then stated, "I want to apologize on behalf of the senate for the perception that

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Building the future with recycled steel

By EFRAIN VILLANUEVA
STAFF WRITER

Every year, many commercial and institutional facilities adopt recycling programs.

The programs cut down thousands of pounds in solid waste.

The main item of topic in the recycling programs are steel cans.

97% of all food cans are made of steel.

By using recycled steel to make new steel, the industry saves the same amount of energy each year to meet the electrical power needs of Los Angeles for the next eight years.

Recycling awareness has definitely taken its toll.

In 1988, 15% of all steel cans were recycled.

Six years later, 1994, recycling almost tripled to 53%.

In 1995, it was estimated that 17.6 billion cans were recycled.

With the recycled cans of yesterday, the steel will be used again in the future whether it's used for an appliance or even a car.

By this, there will be less waste in landfills, more natural resources will be considered, and it will help make the future a lot less cluttered and the environment much cleaner.

Proffitt to speak on disability history

By RITA LARA
STAFF WRITER

Dr. T. D. Proffitt will appear at El Camino College in Torrance April 19 for the Fourth Annual Conference on undergraduate teaching.

Proffitt, who teaches courses in the History of the Americans, is giving a paper as part of a panel discussion on "Incorporating Disability History into the Curriculum."

He is continually seeking to add more material on the disabled population to his curriculum.



KARMA LOUNGE—On March 28, the art club and Flores Negras rocked the Student Center with music, student art, and coffee in a smaller version of its predecessor Coffee-house Night.

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With months of preparation now behind it Windows to the World fair expects 20,000

By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ
FEATURES EDITOR

The excitement is increasing because the first-ever Windows to the World fair is almost here for everybody to enjoy and learn.

The festival will take place on campus from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 27 and 28, 1996. Featured at the fair will be international foods, live cultural music and dance, world crafts and exhibits, Kid's World, outdoor history and educational museums, world environmental mural and art exhibits, and great raffles every hour.

This event is free of charge and open to the public. More than 20,000 visitors, including families and prospective students are expected to experience the fair.

The opening ceremony April 27 will

include honorary Chairman, Los Angeles County Supervisor Deane Dana, event chairwoman Anna Prasad, and Board of Trustees President Cheryl Epple. In addition, state, county and city officials, as well as consulate representatives, are being invited to join the festival during the weekend festivities.

Proceeds from the event will be used to provide library resources for students.

A campus committee chaired by Dr. Jan Dennis-Rounds (JDR), has worked on the fair for months to make it an entertaining and enlightening two day event. Dennis-Rounds reported that almost daily, new sponsors are participating, including Cerritos Auto Square Dealers Association, Lakewood/Los Alamitos Regional Medical Centers, Downey Community Hospital.

Also American Instant Press, Angelica Rental Services, Los Cerritos Community News, and the cities of

Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, La Mirada, Norwalk, and Santa Fe Springs.

The committee is now seeking volunteers in several key areas: creating a classroom assignment to encourage student interest in the fair; giving a lecture on a topic related to the festival theme; giving a demonstration related to the theme; displaying an exhibit or collection; helping to set up or take down booths, stages, etc.

Other needs include acting as an ambassador to one of the fair's venues; giving out information or program guides; hosting the hospitality room; assisting with Kid's World; staffing a ticket booth or concession stand; assisting with parking control and security or some other activities.

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IN THE NEWS

Compiled by Patricia Roman

MANIFESTO FOUND—The original typewritten manuscript of the Unibomber's 35,000-word manifesto was found in Theodore Kaczynski's isolated Montana cabin by Federal law-enforcement officials Friday.

The officials said the manuscript left little room for doubt that Kaczynski was the Unibomber.

Kaczynski has been charged only with the illegal possession of explosives, a charge not specifically tied to the Unibomber.

\$625 FOR CALIFORNIA—The \$625 million summer job program made available by the Clinton Administration Friday will provide Los Angeles County about \$17.8 million, Long Beach \$1.5 million and \$2 million to serve about 1,500 young people.

In Orange County, the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim will receive \$1.3 million and \$863,000, respectively.

The \$625 million program will provide summer jobs for 539,500 young people, 6,000 of whom live in

California.

ANOTHER BOMB—Guerrillas from the Party of God, the Iran-backed organization in Lebanon fired a few random Katyusha rockets at Northern Israel.

In the deadliest incident of the day, an Israeli helicopter fired a rocket at a Lebanese ambulance, killing two women and four girls and wounding several others.

"Due to the developments, we call on the martyrs' brigade to join their predetermined posts, and we call for general mobilization in the ranks of Hezbollah," said the head of the Guerrillas of the Party of God, Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah.

Palestinian resistance movements, Hamas and Islamic Jihad, also vowed to avenge the Israeli attack, vowing to "strike deep in the Zionist territory."

SPEED LIMIT CRASHES—During the first 11 weeks of higher speed limits in California, an Associated Press review found that deadly vehicle accidents increased by more than 17 percent in the state.

Softball two games behind Pasadena

By RICARDO FLORES
STAFF WRITER

With a 2-1 win over Mt. SAC last Friday, the softball team stays two games behind second place Pasadena City.

The victory brings the Falcon's record to 18-12 overall and 6-5 in the South Coast Conference.

They will travel to East Los Angeles on Wednesday for a 3 p.m. game, and return home to play El Camino on Friday at the same time.

The Falcons were down 1-0 until the bottom of the fourth when Sheila Reeves was brought home with a single by Veronica Jaramillo to tie the game.

In the sixth Karen Rosales scored the winning run on two consecutive wild pitches.

Pitcher Shannon Stanovich finished the game walking two batters, allowing five hits, and striking out three.

Women win five straight matches

By ANDREA AGUILAR
STAFF WRITER

Rain cut short yesterday's women's tennis match against Long Beach City but not before the Falcons could muster up their fifth straight win, 5-1.

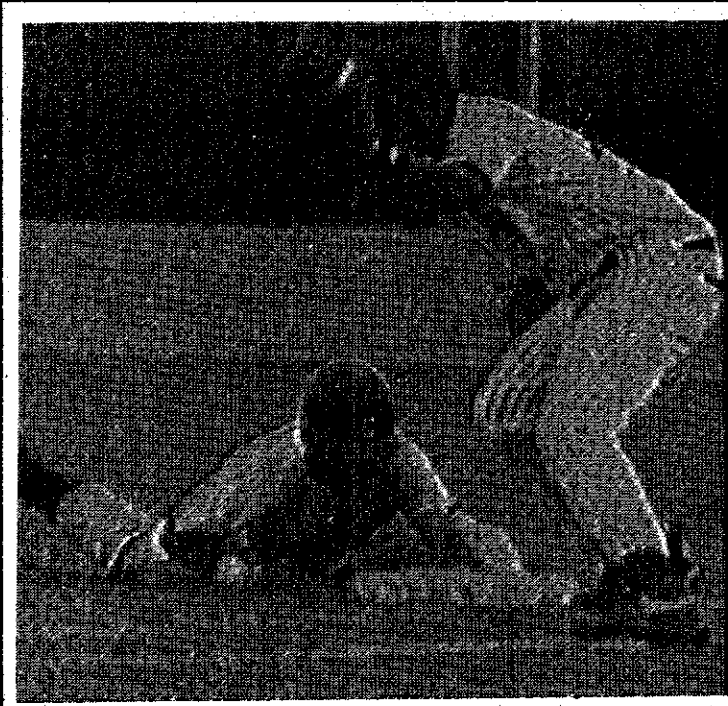
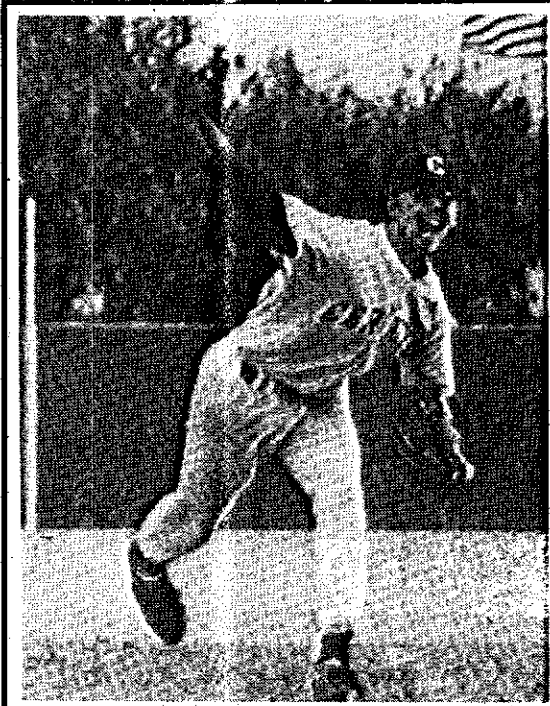
Last week the Falcons bloodied Marymount, 7-2, and sunk Harbor, 9-0.

After a respectable 8-4 season, the team will head to Long Beach City tomorrow and Friday to begin the conference tournament. The semis and finals will be at L.A. Harbor Saturday.

Coach Terri Button said Nasy Diaz should be seeded. "She's one of the top four players in the conference. She's really improved on making her groundstrokes more consistent and aggressive."

Diaz said, "If I'm seeded I might get a good draw and my goal is to make it to state. Last year I made it to Southern Cal and lost in the semis to the number one seed. If I made it that far last year I hope to do as well or better this year."

Singles player Rosanna Guevarra's improvement is also evident. Guevarra has lost only one singles match this season to the number five player at El Camino. "I've worked hard this year to improve my game from last year. I want to win and I hate losing," she said.



BASEBALL PLAYERS—Left, starter Chuy Peinado. Anthony Moreno dives back to first in yesterday's game against LBCC.
— TM Photo by TOM HERNANDEZ

Hernandez gets academic award

By RICARDO FLORES
STAFF WRITER

Softball team captain Lisa Marie Hernandez is scheduled to receive the 3C4A Achievement Award April 18 in Sacramento.

The 3C4A award is given to students who had to overcome great personal, academic, or emotional odds to achieve academic success while participating in intercollegiate athletics.

Lisa Hernandez, a graduate of Pioneer High School said it was really rough working 3 part-time jobs in addition to attending school and being the mother of a 2 year old girl, who happens to be her inspiration.

Two men and women from the North Region, and two from the South Region will receive the award.

Hernandez is the second Cerritos College softball player to receive this honor. Carolyn Cisneros, a 1992 member of the Intercollegiate softball team, also traveled to Sacramento to receive this achievement award.

Lisa:

Did you quit your job with Carol in late August or early September of 1995? If so, please call...

Bill @ 310-316-1305 (8-11 p.m.)

Long Beach soaks Falcons

By AMARA AGUILAR
SPORTS EDITOR

It didn't just rain yesterday when the baseball team traveled to Long Beach City College, it poured as the Falcons were drenched, 13-0, by a team they have not beaten in conference this season.

Right-hander Chuy Peinado (4-1) surrendered a grand slam home run to LBCC's designated hitter in the bottom of the third, one of five hits the sophomore allowed in the inning.

"I kind of got down on myself, but at the same time, I also knew I had to keep us in the game. It was one bad pitch. It was supposed to be an inside fastball and I kept it up, and he jumped on me."

"It was just that one bad inning that set the tone right there," said Peinado.

The grand slam highlighted a six-run inning for LBCC.

"I just don't think any of us came ready to play, including myself."

Basically, we just gave up after that inning. It was like the whole team went down," said Peinado.

The Vikings added one run in the fifth, four in the sixth and one in the seventh and eight innings as the hottest team in conference improved to 11-6 in the South Coast Conference and 21-11 overall.

The Falcons (12-4 in SCC; 22-7 overall) were in first place by two games before playing LBCC.

Cerritos, who hosts LA Harbor tomorrow at 2:30 p.m., has suffered three losses at the hands of Long Beach and one from El Camino.

Peinado said he couldn't come up with any kind of answer as to why the Falcons haven't been able to defeat LBCC this season.

"They play us hard every time. . . I don't know. I guess there's just something about this team. They just have our number," he said.

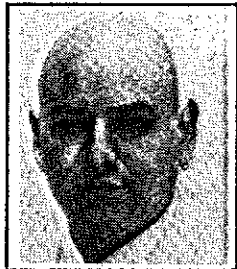
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Track team breaks individual records, look toward next level

By GEORGE TONIKIAN
STAFF WRITER

San Diego was the site where the Balboa Relays were held last Saturday as the Track & Field season began to wind down to its end.

With only the Mt. SAC Relays left this Friday before the Conference Preliminaries held at Cerritos on Apr. 23, it's time for the athletes to take their performances to the next level.

Gail winds were gusting in the face of the athletes as they ran their races on a slow track and performed their field events.

But these conditions weren't enough to hold back a large handful of athletes from recording new personal records.

Sprinters Wes Bell and Guillermo Chay both clocked in with new individual bests in the same 100 meter race, with almost identical times.

Bell crossed the finish line with a time of 11.2 seconds, while Chay recorded a 11.21 second mark.

Kirstin Galloway also ran the 100 meters and finished strongly with a time of 11.33 seconds, a personal record.

With a time of 32.3 seconds in the 200 meters and 14.9 seconds in the 100 meters, Andrea Janikowski displayed her talents along with the rest of her sprinter teammates.

Hurdler Jay Young ran the 400 meter low hurdles in a respectable 53.1 seconds in a very competitive heat.

His time was .4 seconds slower than his state record time of 52.7 seconds set only weeks ago.

The Balboa Relays was also the site where a large number of fielders set new personal records.

Terrance McCarthy's first place finish in the triple jump might have outshined all the others, however, with his impressive mark of 46 feet 3.5 inches.

Jarod Naab threw the shotput further than he ever had with a competitive mark of 45 feet, 8 inches.

A mark of 30 feet, one quarter inch in the shotput was good enough to be Carrie Zazueta's best throw of the season to date.

Nofo Tautolo, with a hammer throw of 98 feet, 6 inches was only a couple feet shy of her personal record (100 feet, 4 inches) set two weeks ago.

Recovering from an injury, Reneka Thomas triple jumped 32 feet, 11 inches as she travels the road back to returning to top shape.

Coach first at Olympic Trials

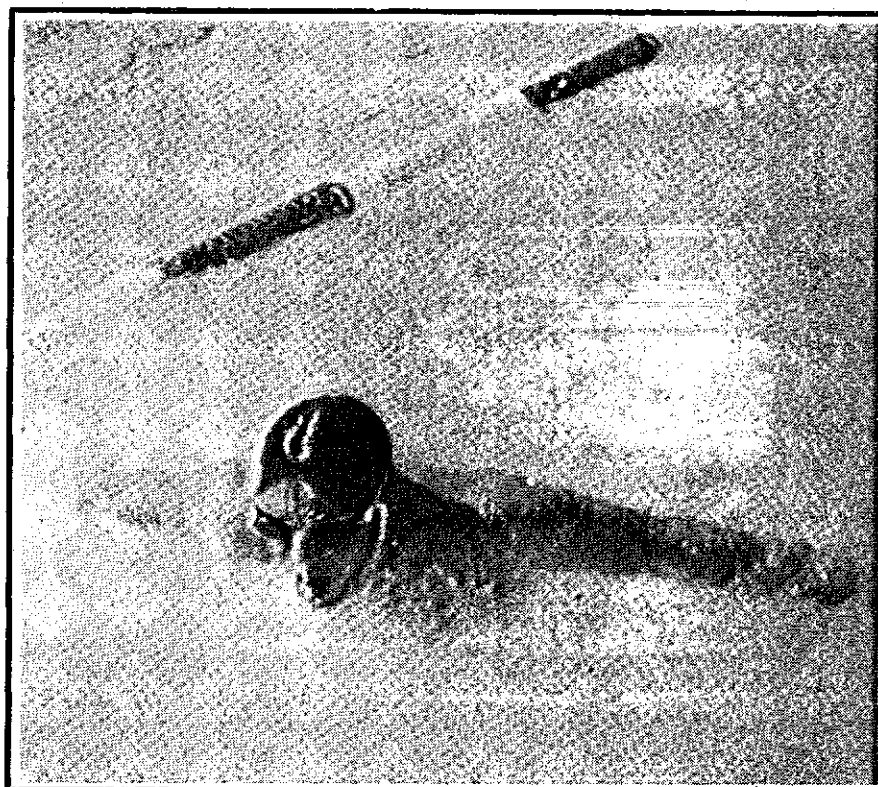
Assistant wrestling coach Sheldon Kim (125.5 lbs) took first place at the Western Regional Olympic Trials held last week in San Jose.

Three Cerritos wrestlers also fared well at the regionals. Randy Bowers (136.5) and Greg Jackson (163) were fifth, while Fred Leavy (149) finished eighth.

Bowers, Jackson and Leavy will attend the National Open Tournament in Las Vegas, April 26-28, with hopes of qualifying for the Olympic Trials.

Last season, Jackson took first at the State Championships, Leavy second and Bowers third, as the wrestling team won a state championship for the second time in school history.

—AMARA AGUILAR



TAKE A BREATH—Scott Jacobson does the butterfly in a meet against Long Beach City last Friday at Cerritos. — TM Photo by RICARDO FLORES

After big wins, swimmers turn sights to State Championships

By JIM REYNOSA
STAFF WRITER

A win can bring you happiness.

But winning big will make you optimistic.

And after the men won 54-22 and the women breezed to a 81-37 victory last Friday at Cerritos College, the Cerritos Swim Team could be looking ahead.

"I'm pleased on how well they did," Pat Tyne, head swim coach stated simply. "We might be able to get some more swimmers in the State Championships at CSULB."

To qualify, the swimmers have to

post one of the top 12 times in their event.

So far only Ben Garcia has qualified. Swimming a 22 flat in the 50 freestyle, 50.02 in the 100 freestyle, and 53.41 in the 100 butterfly.

"We have a good chance for qualifying in the 200 meter freestyle and 200 medley relays," said Tyne.

Their last chance for qualifying in the South Coast Conference is Friday and Saturday, April 26-27 at Belmont Pool in Long Beach.

The following week is the State Championships at CSULB.

Hopefully, their current success will make a splash in Long Beach.

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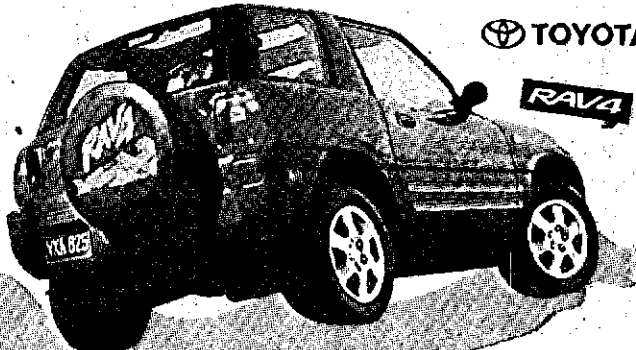


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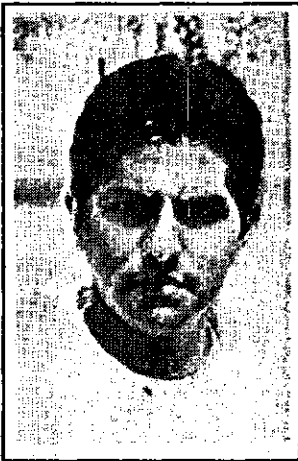
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Soapbox

Compiled by Judy Jimenez
Photos by David Ward**"What would buy your vote in the ASCC presidential race?"**

"The message they get across. If they ask me to vote for so and so, I immediately ask them why should I vote for them. It wouldn't be the candies."

Oscar Arciniega
Criminal Justice



"A solid and clear plan, an idea about what the problem is and how they're going to fix it."

Miguel Martinez
Social Science



"If they try not to come at we with a fake smile and candy, trying to lure me into getting my vote; that's not going to sell it. They have to be more direct and serious."

Fernando Peterson
Film Production



"It would be what they're fighting for, what they want to do for the campus itself."

Deana Scofield
Education



"It would honestly be what they're doing, what they want to do for the college."

Chris Hall
Administration of Justice



"Their ideas and their plan to make the college better for us."

Carlos Jaramillo
Pre-Med



"The ideas they present."

Angel Miles
Undecided



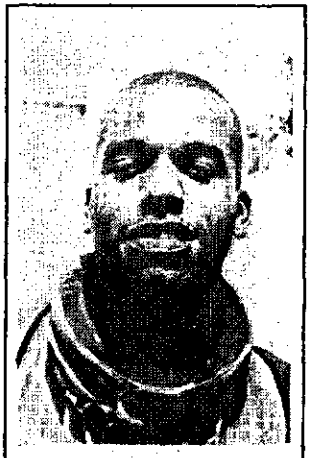
"It depends on what they are going to do for the student body. That means working for us not against us."

LaQuessa Johnson
Liberal Arts



"It would be based on what they can do for the school as well as the students."

Webster Ware
Theatre Arts



"Money!"

Yuset Pie
Undeclared

KING JAMES' VERSION/ James Reynosa

I was feeling good that morning. I woke up to the happy discovery that not one of my major home appliances had been stolen during the night and I still had running water, which is highly unusual in my household.

Then I got my dog all the way inside without getting the Weewee of Joy on my feet.

It looked like it was going to be a great day.

Then, like a fool, I picked up the newspaper.

You should never pick up a newspaper when you're feeling good, because every newspaper has a special department called the Bummer Desk, which is responsible for digging up depressing front-page stories with headlines like DOORBELL USE LINKED TO LEUKEMIA or OZONE LAYER COMPLETELY GONE OVER YOUR HOUSE and GUM IS BACK!

On this particular morning the story that punched me right in the eyeballs was headlined: FAT IS GOOD? STUDY SAYS SO.

You probably read about this. Researchers did a study showing that being a little (10 -150 pounds) overweight is actually a positive thing.

Do you know what that means?

It means that myself, the Librarians of the World, and half of my friends will live forever!

Forget the meek, the mass shall inherit the earth.

I'm sitting here and thinking of all the wasted opportunities of fat I've had.

I tried to cut my fat intake in half, which means ordering only two double-bacon cheeseburgers instead of the four. Oh, and of course, the diet coke.

But after reading the headline I think this might have been doing more harm than good. I didn't read the rest of the article. Who wants to be bogged down by facts?

My own personal theory is that the extra (10 - 150 pounds) of fat works like a living formaldehyde, shielding us from diseases, cushioning us from broken bones and excusing us from exercise.

The first two are obvious, but the third theory on exercise might need some explaining.

It's really simple. Ask yourself these questions: Have you ever seen a jogger smile? And how come at the end of a marathon the winner usually falls down, exhausted and aching from

pain? Why do we think that if it hurts, it's good for you?

If that was the case, then a penile enema with a jagged blade would be the best and healthy act I could do for myself. Right?

It comes down to one idea. Eat right, diet and die anyway!

So eat another round of Twinkies, drink that quart of Mr. Pibb, and watch that episode of Married with Children.

Because if it's not broken, then don't (Burp!) fix it.

...VOTE

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The ASCC President.

The *Talon Marks* is aware of the internal battles that occur between the ASCC President and the Board of Trustees. The president is the one who is able to speak out against injustices plotted for students.

But the competent candidate, the prepared candidate, and the stronger candidate will not be elected unless we all take five minutes to vote.

Just thought you may want to take advantage of the opportunity and vote.

After all there aren't too many op-

portunities for students to speak up.

But the ASCC Presidential Elections is one of those times.

...TRIP

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Rental cars called for drivers to be over 25 years of age. School regulations said the drivers had to be paid employees of the district. We had one—an adviser.

Three of us are employees of the district, all under 25.

Needless to say, Dr. Martinez solved the problem.

We crammed into two seven-seater vans and sketched plans for our luggage, "you straddle this duffle, I'll sit on her lap."

We managed to make it to Fresno with an ample supply of deodorant and Breath Savers.

We won.

But not without a fight.

If it was up to last letter the weekend might have been lost.

But there's a lot to be said for shared governance.

Thanks Dr. Johnson.

Thanks Dr. Martinez.

Thanks Donna Jones.

The trip was a success.

FAT'S NOT FOOLISH