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Vote Sept. 13, 14

51 seek 31 ASCC Senate seats on line

By RAYSA BOTERO
TM MANAGING EDITOR

Over 50 students will vie for 31 seats this week in the Student Senate elections. One third of these seats are reserved for freshmen.

Voting is Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 13-14, and will require a current ASCC Student I.D. card.

Booths will be set up outside the Coffeshop and in front of the Social Science building from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m.

Votes will be tabulated and the new Senators will be announced Thursday evening. A list of the winners will be posted on the Student Activities window.

The first Student Senate meeting, headed by ASCC Vice President Matt Oliver, will be Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 2 p.m.

Electing of the President Pro Tem, Sergeant at Arms, Majority and Minority Leaders will take place at the first Senate meeting.

President Pro Tem presides over Senate meetings when the ASCC Vice President is not present. Sergeant at Arms has full floor privileges in maintaining order. Majority and Minority Leaders act as titular heads of their class.

All Student Senate meetings are every Wednesday at 2 p.m. thereafter, and attendance is crucial for Senators. These meetings are open to the public, and all students are invited to attend.

Each Senator represents 500 full-time students on campus.

Senators handle a \$1/2 million budget, which includes administration, organizational programs, athletics, special operations such as the summer session, and services like registration and security.

ICC luncheon set for Sept. 19

By ALICIA SALAZAR
TM CAMPUS EDITOR

The Inter-Club Council is holding their Officer's Luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in BK 111/112.

Each club is highly encouraged to send two representatives.

The I.C.C. will discuss club policies, procedures, finances, and upcoming club activities.

For more information on club activities contact the student activities office located next to the Bookstore.

40th Anniversary Convocation

Keynote speaker Dr. John E. Roueche emphasizes on the importance first impressions have on prospective students during the Aug. 30 convocation luncheon. He commended Cerritos College for giving a positive and inviting image to the community for the past 40 years.

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EDGARD AGUILAR



Faculty convocation kicks off 40th Anniversary celebration

By RAYSA BOTERO
TM MANAGING EDITOR

"The essence of Cerritos College is its faculty," emphasized Dr. John E. Roueche, Keynote Speaker at the 40th Anniversary Convocation/Luncheon on Thursday, Aug. 30.

It is their 'hope and promise' that has helped unify Cerritos College after 40 years, added Dr. Fred Gaskin, President of Cerritos College.

This year's 40th Anniversary Celebration, "Excellence in Diversity," highlights faculty, staff, and students alike and their faith in Cerritos College's educational rewards.

At the luncheon proclamations recognizing Cerritos College as an outstanding leader in education in the community from the cities of Artesia and Norwalk were presented.

ASCC President Idania Padron presented a \$100,000 check to the Wilford Michael Library and Learning

Resource Center on behalf of the ASCC students.

Foundation to the Wilford Michael Library and Learning Resource Center President Jack Cassidy also presented a \$100,000 check to Cerritos College.

Keynote Speaker Mr. Roueche touched on the importance first impressions of schools can have on prospective students, and commended Cerritos College for giving a positive and inviting one for the past 40 years.

The Convocation/Luncheon kicked-off the 40th Anniversary Celebration activities for this year, which include special Homecoming Activities, a Black Tie Ball in Washington to honor "Professor of the Year" from Cerritos College, a special presentation of "West Side Story" in Spring, and Commencement in May.

40th Anniversary Planning Committee members are Ed Bloomfield, Craig Breit, Francine De France, Chris Joseph, Ana Torres-Bower, David Young, Dennis Lloyd, Lilia Rodriguez, and Serafin Zasueta.

Board extends ASCC Prexy's voice privileges

By EDGARD AGUILAR
TM EDITOR IN CHIEF

After an evening full of arguments, discussions and gavel-banging, last week's Board of Trustees meeting was continued to this past Monday.

The main item on the agenda concerning the students of Cerritos College was the rights and privileges of the ASCC president.

The privileges of the Student Trustee were extended by the Board to emphasize the role of the student body president at Board meetings. "It gives me a sense of being able to achieve more goals for the students," said Idania Padron, ASCC President. "It affirms me that I can approach issues that lay before me and be taken seriously...as an equal."

This action moving to a better shared governance policy has to be discussed at another meeting in May next year and either be ratified or

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Letters to the Editor

Ms. Cristina Hernandez,

Regarding your article in the orientation issue of the Talon Marks, "Myriad choices with over 50 clubs in CC campus." We the members of the greek council (Panhellenic) are outraged and offended that we were not acknowledged or recognized as an active part of this campus. There are four fraternities and five sororities that are still recognized as active organizations (sic) in student activities. We are all actively in on campus activities as well as various community services. We do not understand the oversight but are trying to keep an open mind about the situation. We currently support as well as read the Talon Marks and would appreciate some recognition and/or support as well. If it is impossible to print a public response to our complaint of the overlook, we would appreciate a written response delivered to all active Panhellenic mail boxes (they are not hard to find.)

Alpha Chi Epsilon (sorority), Alpha Phi Beta (fraternity), Beta Theta Chi (fraternity), Delta Phi Omega (sorority), Gamma Phi Sigma (sorority).

Iota Phi Omicron (sorority), Lambda Phi Sigma (sorority), Sigma Phi (fraternity), Upsilon Omicron (fraternity).

Sincerely,

Vivian Lopez

President

Iota Phi Omicron

Lisa Lopez

Pledge Mistress

Alpha Chi Epsilon

We welcome all letters to the Editor. Letters must include name and student ID number and will be edited for space and grammar. For inquiries contact Talon Marks at Ext. 2618

To the Greek Council,

Sometimes in our lives it is really hard to remember that we are human beings. We try our best at everything we do.

I try to be the best mother by trying to provide my child with the best stuff on earth, and I am not talking about Snapple. I try to be the best daughter by trying to make my parents proud of me.

Finally, I try to be the best writer and journalist, trying not to have headaches during the deadlines of my stories. I try not to make grammar and spelling errors. And the hardest thing is to concentrate only on the stories while trying to make them the best of my efforts.

However, as hard as I may try, unfortunately not everything always comes out perfectly.

Nevertheless, I am thankful that there are always nice people trying to help me to remember that I am human, either by sending me letters requesting that I spend some of my free time writing letters to them explaining that I am human, or by coloring my days with extra large, fancy, and colorful envelopes.

I am glad that these people know my tastes, my needs, and my schedule. I love large things, and they sent me a large envelope.

I use glasses, and they wrote my name with large letters; that way I will not mistake the envelope for anyone else's.

I need a lot of writing practice to improve my skills, and they requested that I write several letters to them.

Finally, I was given an assignment during summer for the Orientation issue of the Talon Marks, and some readers assumed they knew what my

assignment was because they complained that I overlooked them as part of my article.

I am glad that they wrote me because that letter made me realize several things: first, that more people are reading my articles; second, that some people can become offended and outraged rather easily and without reason.

Third, that according to Webster's American Dictionary, the spelling of fraternity, sorority and Greek council is not the same as the spelling of clubs; nor do they mean the same.

Lastly, my last name is a Spanish name and is spelled with an accent on the letter A (of course I am trying to keep an open mind about this).

I keep the envelope close to my bedside, and every morning when I wake up, it serves as a reminder that I am human and I try to take it easy with every aspect of my life.

Thanks again for the reminder, and once again, I wrote about the clubs on campus, not about the sororities and fraternities. The Greek council is so great that it deserves a separate story of its own.

How is that? Cool enough to soothe everybody's sensibilities?

—CRISTINA HERNANDEZ

Buddy system always works

By RAYSA BOTERO
TM MANAGING EDITOR

Getting the best education I can is my main concern when I come to school.

I never thought the day would come when I would have to be afraid, not of whether or not I'm getting a good education, but whether or not I'm safe.

Take for example our campus Bookstore. You walk in, and you're greeted by the nice security man. He's busily guarding the camera-protected cubby-holes where you can leave your belongings while you shop.

But can you safely assume your things will be there when you return?

I personally know two different people who had their backpacks and books stolen right from under the security guard's nose in two days.

Even accidentally leaving a book or bag in class isn't smart. Chances are someone else has snatched it up by the time you figure it out.

What about the parking lot? Maybe in broad daylight nothing will happen, but what if it's right after your night class and you need to hike it to the strawberry patch?

I wouldn't step foot outside without a buddy.

...BOARD

Continued from page 1 amended to accommodate the next ASCC President.

"It took a lot of effort from previous presidents," Padron continues. "We have to commend the Board in being pioneers on this issue. This shows that this time we have pro-student Board members...that's a good thing."

Tips for the hot weather bluers

By ALICIA SALAZAR
TM CAMPUS EDITOR

When is the hot weather coming to an end?

Good question?

Wouldn't we all like to know the answer.

The temperatures day after day have been in the 90's. It seems as if the heat is here to stay.

This type of heat wave that we are having just makes you want to relax—sipping a cold drink that is tall and frosty. Unfortunately, most of us can't because we have to go to school or work.

If you're lucky enough and don't need to go out in this heat, then spare yourself. Believe me you're better off somewhere nice and cool.

Every day it seems like it's hotter than the previous day.

Well, maybe it just seems that way because we have been having this extremely hot weather for several weeks now with only a short weekend break.

I'm fed up with this weather and I'm sure that I'm not the only one.

Here are some suggestions on how to keep cool:

1. Take two or three showers daily.
2. Wear cool clothes.
3. Carry a water bottle with you.
4. If you have time, go to the beach.
5. Go to the shopping malls; they're cool.
6. If you don't have to go out, then don't.

All we can do is wait for this hot weather to end. Hopefully it will be soon because I'm going to go crazy.

Remember, keep cool and follow my suggestions.

Even campus at nighttime isn't too comforting. Not a lot of students are left, and there's no really good lighting either.

And don't we have emergency phones somewhere? What if there is a problem, are we supposed to run and play hide and seek?

I would like to think that making this campus safe is a priority. But how come I don't see any real changes happening?

I understand the crime rate can't just drop to zero overnight, but humor me.

I guess until we can all have our own personal bodyguard on campus, we'll have to be on the lookout and take a bite out of crime.

CC FALCON

BOOK CROOKS-Better think twice about leaving your book bag in the cubby hole at the bookstore.

You might come back to find your bag without books in it.

I think we learned the 7 commandment in kindergarden. Thou shall not steal.

-EM

MAD HATTERS-Do you find yourself wasting gas by circling the parking lot while waiting to see if someone is on their way out? Do you get to the end of the row to find out that the car you just passed-up was leaving?

To avoid making yourself and/or late to class, you should: leave for school about a half hour earlier; or station by where you want to park, so that when a car is pulling out, you'll be the first car in line.

-JJ

TABLE TALK-We all have at least

one thing in common, yet we can't even sit next to each other.

We all know how crowded our library can get, yet throughout the library its easy to spot tables with one person sitting at it.

There are four chairs at every table for a reason. Let's take advantage of the fact.

-TH

BUSY SIGNAL-You're darting across campus looking for pay phones, only when you do find them; half are broken, lines are forming, and social hour has begun. You have babysitters, your kids, and your ride to call.

What can you do? You can only hope you're not waiting behind a phone hog. You would think people could be more sensitive considering our limited resources. What ever happened to common courtesy?

-ME

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Student Aid Emergency Action Week began Sept. 11

By EDGARD AGUILAR
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President Bill Clinton kicked off "Student Aid Emergency Action Week" with a speech at the University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale, on Monday, Sept. 11.

Tens of thousands of students from colleges and universities in Illinois, Missouri, and other states attended the event as a show of support for the President's higher education policies, and to protest congressional proposals to cut student aid programs.

Students across the nation are urged to stage their own protests during this week, to show Congress the importance of continued funding for student aid and other education programs.

ASCC Pres to Wash. state

ASCC President Idania Padron will be travelling next week to Seattle, Washington to attend the ACCT annual convention.

The convention, held at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center, provides all the participants with different educational sessions and the opportunity to improve their knowledge in many issues.

There will be a wide variety of topics covered such as: Academic policy, Community College History and Development, Community Relations, and Education Trends and Issues.

Employee Relations, Ethics, Financial and Business Policies, and Governance Systems.

Internal Governance and Decision Making, Legal Considerations, Nature of Trusteeship, Political Implications, and Presidential Relations will also be addressed.

There will also be three different Showcase Technology sessions sponsored by IBM, Microsoft, and Hewlett Packard.

—CRISTINA HERNANDEZ

The federal government provides 75 percent of all financial aid for college, last fiscal year meant \$31 billion which will help six million students.

Congress is now debating over whether or not to cut federal student aid programs.

If aid is cut, this would impede many student's ability to attend college.

For information on staging rallies, petition drives, letter-writing campaigns, and phone-a-thons to Congress, contact the Alliance to Save Student Aid at (202) 939-9365.

To register views with Members of Congress, call the student aid congressional hotline toll-free 1(800) 574-4AID.

Review accreditation report at workshops

Review of the 1996 draft accreditation report will be made possible during three upcoming workshops this month.

The first is Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Student Center; on Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Social Science Building; on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Workshops will cover the following (room numbers for Tuesday's schedule are included):

Standard one: Institutional Integrity, Purposes, Planning and Effectiveness, SS212; Standard two: Educational Programs, SS213; Standard three: Student Services and the Co-Curricular Learning Environment, SS214.

Standard four: Faculty and Staff, SS215; Standard five: Library and Learning Resources, SS224; Standard six: Physical Resources, SS307.

Standard seven: Financial Resources, SS308; and Standard eight: Governance and Administration, SS309.

Receiving accreditation from the state enables students at Cerritos

MOCA offering students an Old-fashioned price for Modern-art

By SHARON HANSEN
TM STAFF WRITER

The Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) is offering its regular \$45 membership package to full-time students at the reduced rate of \$20 per year.

MOCA presents art exhibitions extending from 1940 to the present. Displays range from traditional paintings, sculptures and prints to the latest in contemporary art, including dance, theatre, performance, film, video and music.

1995-96 student membership includes:

—Free admission to all museum exhibitions;

—Free weekend parking in the California Plaza parking garage;

—New Members Tour (one guest allowed) to learn about the museum and its programs;

—10% discount on MOCA Store purchases including unique gift items such as hand-crafted jewelry, novelty

t-shirts, and exclusive art books, catalogues, magazines and posters;

—Admission for two at one Members Opening, where exhibitions can be viewed before they open to the public;

—Option to attend additional Members Openings for only \$4 per person;

—Discounts on subscriptions to a variety of art publications;

—Home delivery of the museum's quarterly publication, *The Contemporary*.

In addition to the membership benefits, students who join before October 13 will receive an invitation to attend MOCA's Temporary-Contemporary re-opening celebration on Oct. 14.

Membership applications are available at MOCA or by mail. Call 213/621-1794 for further details or write to MOCA, California Plaza, 250 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Volunteers needed for Health and Wellness Center's new building

By RITA LARA
TM STAFF WRITER

The Student Health and Wellness Center's new building is nearing completion. It has been in the planning since 1991.

At a cost of \$86,000 a year on a lease purchase, the new building is financed through the Student Health and Wellness Budget.

"Our budget has had fiscal problems for the last two years," said Pat Pinder, Coordinator of Student Health and Wellness.

College to receive their certification of general education requirements.

For copies of the report, contact Henrietta Baramki at ext. 2579, Donna Miller at ext/ 2801, a faculty senator, or the California State Employees Association Board.

—RAYSA BOTERO

Like a lot of colleges, Cerritos' Health Association is working through the consultation process to see if they can relieve the fiscal crisis.

"Despite all these setbacks, the new building should be completed in the middle of October or sometime in November.

The new facility will have a section for students to come in and watch videos. There will be staff on hand to answer any questions they may have.

An opening ceremony is in the planning stages.

The Health and Wellness Center is in need of volunteers, part or full-time. Donations for the new building such as hospital beds, etc. will be appreciated.

Those interested in volunteering, donations, or for more information, call Pat Pinder at ext. 2322.

Speak Up

Compiled by Gary Mecija and Tina Carram
Photos by Gary Mecija

Do you think Student Senate on campus is important?



"It's good to have representatives to inform the students about what's going on."

Brian Lozano
Graphic Design



"Yes, because they remind the Administration to keep the student's best interest in mind."

Sergio Nunez
Environmental Analysis



"I personally don't think it's important. I am not into all that. I wasn't in high school, and it's just not me."

Adam Aguilar
Theatre



"Yes, because they can go straight to the top gun and tell them what we, the students, need."

Ed Crawford
Electronics



"Yes, because each member hears the students' needs, and their thoughts about teachers and the school."

Veronica Herrera
English

