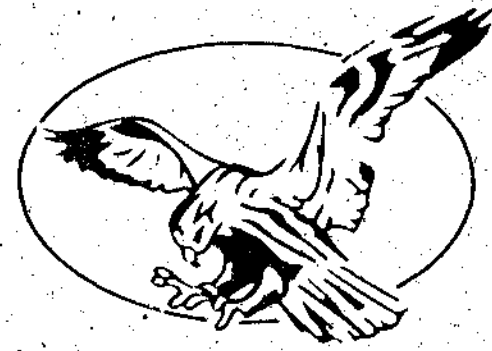


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One-stop registration makes debut

Reach out and use touchtone

By JENNIFER KHO
TM Feature Editor

Touchtone registration has revolutionized the registration process at Cerritos College.

"It's dumb not to do touchtone registration," Associated Students of Cerritos College President Wayne Nunnery emphasized.

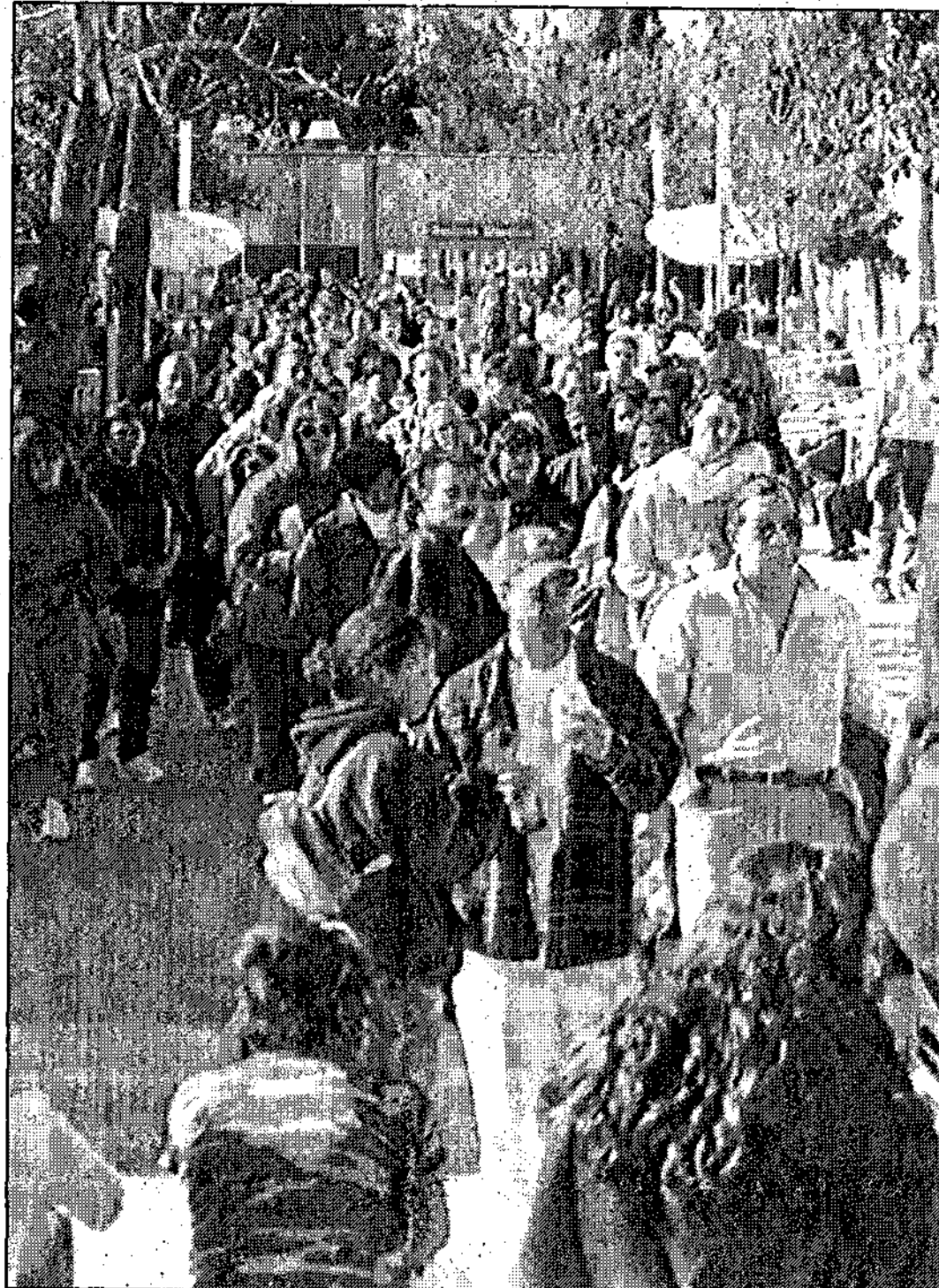
An estimated 18,322 students were registered as of Jan. 14, 1,240 fewer students then were registered by the end of the second registration day last spring.

Robert Bell, director of admissions and records said, "What seems positive is that the full time equivalency status appears to be up."

This means students might be taking more classes, and it is possible that more students are planning to transfer.

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Students wait in line on the first day of open registration, Jan. 8. There was a five to six hour wait as the "one-stop shop" made its debut. Students could register, pay their fees and get their parking permits all at the same time in the admissions building.



TOM HERNANDEZ/Talon Marks

■ New process lets students register in one stop.

By JENNIFER KHO
TM Feature Editor

One line... one stop... one long wait.

This semester for the first time students could register, pay their fees and get their parking permits all at the same time at the "one-stop shop" in the admissions building.

The first day of registration brought lines of up to five hours.

ASCC President Wayne Nunnery explained, "[Students] came here at 6 in the morning and [the admissions office] didn't open up until 8 a.m., so the line was all the way out to Frantone's on the other side of the highway. I exaggerate a little bit, but it could have been that long."

Many students thought the service they received inside was worth the wait.

Robert Bell, the director of admissions and records, said, "What we discovered is that almost every student has commented positively [about the one-stop registration] even though some of them had to wait in a long line."

Cerritos college student Rosie Moore agreed, "[The one-stop shop] is pretty good. Yeah there's a long line, but once you get in there it's pretty fast. It's really effective. They have a lot of people in there to take care of you."

Student Frank Olvera commented, "It works better because I don't have to walk all the way over here and then wait in another line after I'm done."

Not all of the students were pleased. Daniel Agrigoroau admitted, "I think I liked it last semester better because it was easier. First of all they don't tell you instructions or anything, so you go places before you get there and you're making stops before you get to the right place. It's a waste of time."

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One-Stop Shop

"Yeah, there's a long line, but once you get in there it's pretty fast... They have a lot of people in there to take care of you."

--Rosie Moore

Honors program enhances transfer

■ Scholars' Honors Program requires students to go beyond what is required in a regular class.

By AMARA AGUILAR
TM Editor in Chief

A new honors program with additional curriculum could give eligible students priority admission to many four-year institutions including USC, UCLA and Pepperdine University.

The Scholars' Honors Program being implemented this semester is designed to "ease transfer and provide opportunities so that Cerritos College really is the gateway to a bachelor's degree and beyond," Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin said.

Students with a minimum 3.25 GPA and eligibility for first-year coursework in English and math by UC/CSU standards may join the SHP by obtaining letters of recommendation and completing the SHP application.

Those who enroll will be required to sign a contract with professors who teach SHP courses.

The contract will require the student to do additional work that could include research activities, reading, and writing assignments that emphasize analysis and critical thinking.

"This additional work will enhance the student's learning. The student is going to be challenged in a new and

significant way and will be in a position to make some contributions to the class that they wouldn't otherwise," program director Don Karvelis said.

Professor Robert Kreger is teaching SHP courses and said 12 students have already expressed interest in the program.

He said SHP students in his classes may be required to do extensive library, writing and/or computer work. "These students are going to get experience doing university level work and will obtain valuable skills to take to four-year colleges," Kreger said.

Honors classes at Cerritos are not like the ones at most community colleges.

"These are not separate honors classes. That's one of the things that distinguishes our program from most other colleges that are doing separate honors program classes," Karvelis said.

"We felt that the SHP students could be valuable in the classes to the other students in terms of being role models and stimulating the classroom activity and discussion," he added.

Other benefits for SHP students include special registration for classes.

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Requirements for entrance into the SHP

- Minimum 3.25 GPA
- Eligibility for first-year course work in English and math
- Letters of recommendation
- Completion of SHP application

Student Center is a mess, for now

■ After 30 years the Student Center is being completely renovated while the Falcon Grill and Frantone's reside in the Student Activities Center.

By NOFO TAUTOLO
TM Associate Sports Editor

Out with the old, in with the new.

After over 30 years of talking, work is finally being done on the Student Center.

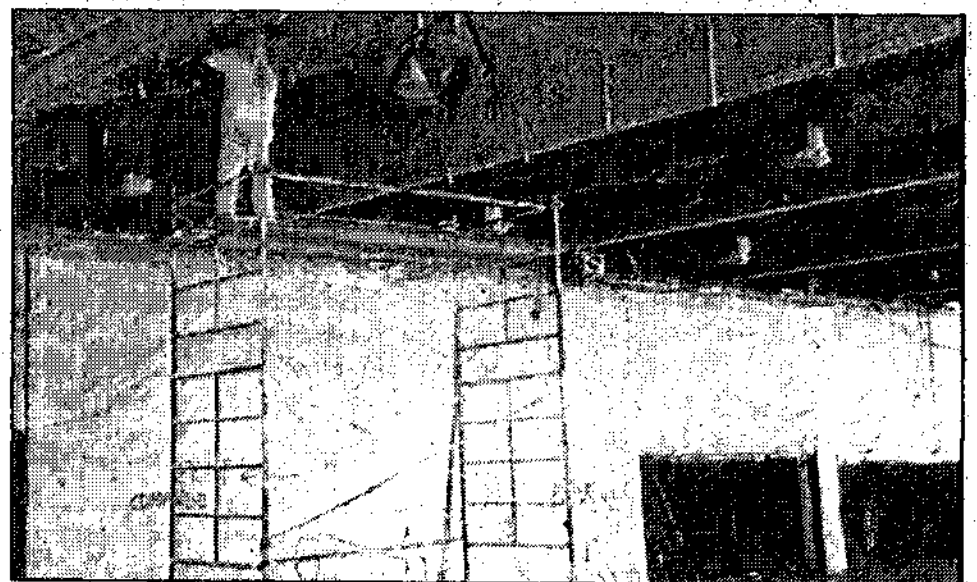
Phase I of the Student Center renovation plans have been completed and Student Body President Wayne Nunnery anxiously awaits its grand opening scheduled for Feb. 1.

According to Nunnery, if everything goes as scheduled, the demolition phase of the coffee shop should be over and the installation process is ongoing.

Despite the weather conditions, contractors were able to tear up the floors last Tuesday and install the plumbing and electricity the following day in the coffee shop area.

Like the sitcom "Friends," Nunnery hopes to have this type of setting with two 31-inch screen televisions.

The coffee shop will contain a sports bar setting along with its own name. The seating areas will include two-person tables and students are more than welcome to pull them together for a bigger group.



TOM HERNANDEZ/Talon Marks

The Student Center renovation will be complete March 24.

Even though the cafeteria is not scheduled to be done until March 24, the culinary arts students continued to work in the kitchen and are presently serving at the Student Center off of steam tables.

At the moment, most students aren't aware that the Falcon Grill and Frantone's are open and are located in the Student Activities Center.

"It's been a real inconvenience for students, but I think in the long run this project will be good for them," Nunnery said.

Right now, the asbestos has been checked and the fireplace has been demolished. "This whole area," Nunnery said, "will be kind of a rest area for students in between class."

Since the coffee shop will have its own name, Nunnery hopes to make a contest out of naming the coffee shop and the new cafeteria area.

The installation of new walls, lighting and glaze glass has really made Nunnery optimistic that students will appreciate the wait.

Once the restaurant is completed, students and faculty will have the option of having fast food or relaxing and enjoying a nice quiet atmosphere in the newly installed lobby and restaurants.

With only one entrance going into the two areas, students will now have a lobby to rest.

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Faculty Reviews One-Stop Shop

By DAVID DM COUTANT
TM Entertainment Editor

Ideas for streamlining the new one-stop registration were considered by the faculty senate Jan. 14.

Vice president of student services Erlinda Martinez answered questions and explained the improvements being sought to make registration more efficient.

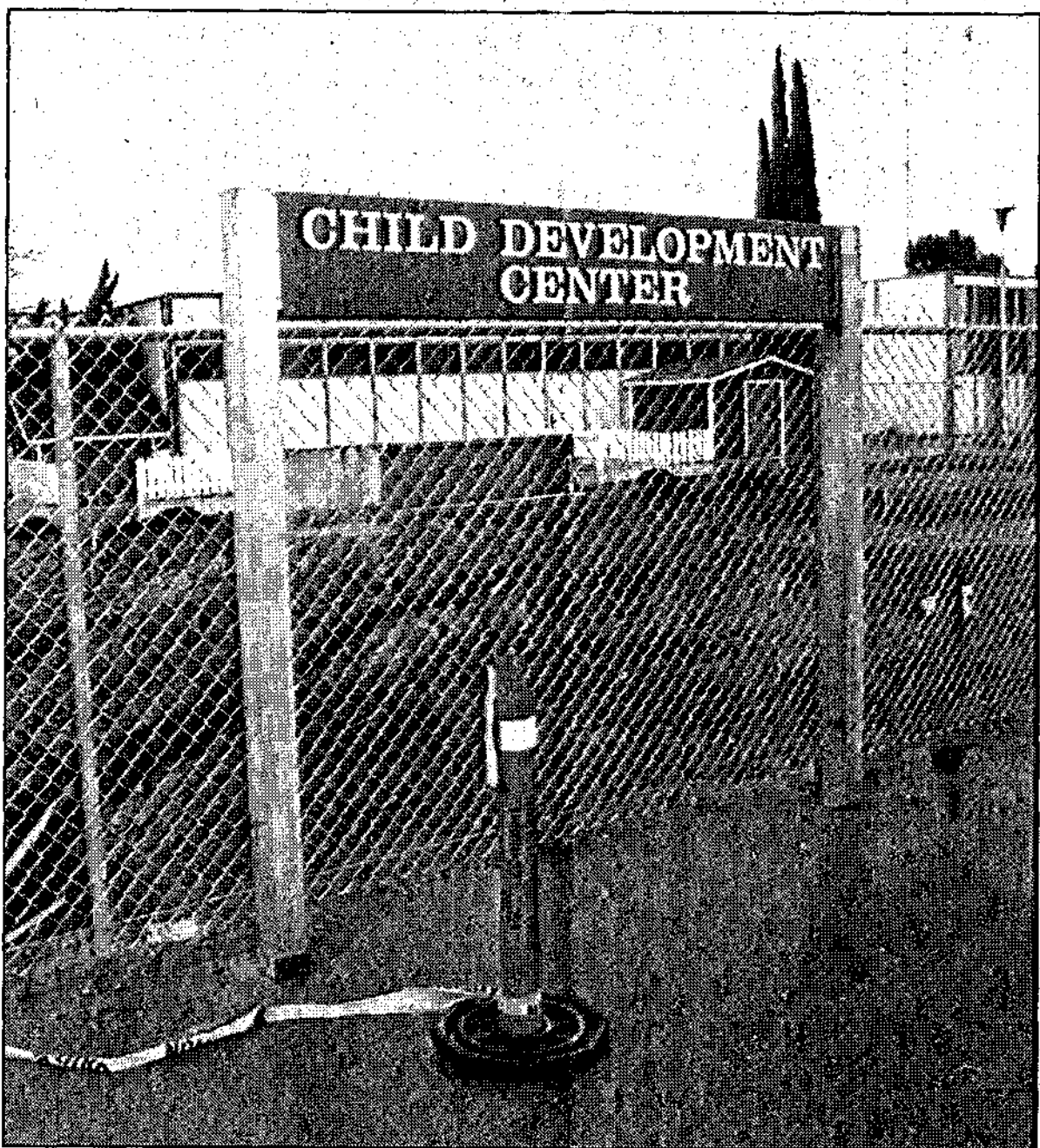
The discussions included talk of adding more terminals and training employees on the newly-combined software packages for class registration and fee payment.

Despite the long lines, "as soon as students found out they didn't have to go anywhere else, they were okay," Martinez said.

Additional stations were considered to divert such line-lengthening procedures as lost programs or pre-paid parking permits.

Questions were raised about add/drop students being attended to separately, but Martinez pointed out that a majority of students were in line for add/drop purposes, and that it would make little impact on the length of time students spend waiting.

Also on the agenda was the topic of nomination for the Hayward Award, granted annually to a teacher for outstanding achievement.



Works continues as the Child Development Center collects pennies for the new playground.

Kids get more space, more fun

■ New equipment will make play area safer.

By CHRISTINA HERNANDEZ
TM Editorial Editor

It is not just a sand box anymore.

The Child Development Center will get a new playground next month.

The new playground project began this spring and will be completed in about one month weather permitting.

Patricia Kepner, director of the center, said "We are really excited about the new playground. Our kids will have more space and the new equipment will be modern and safer for them."

She added, "For a long time one of our concerns was that all the equipment in the old playground was too old and it wasn't enough to satisfy the kids' needs. Last year during a parents' meeting we started looking for ideas on how to renovate our playground and finally with the help of the district, grants and other funds the project will be completed."

Most parents have expressed their support for the new play-

ground and other aspects of the Child Development Center.

Kepner said, "Even though all of them are busy people that work, and go to school, they come over and volunteer their time to the kids. Some parents read to them while others contribute with other projects."

One young father expressed his enthusiasm about the new playground saying, "It was about time for our kids to have a new playground. This is great. I am excited about this project."

As part of the project the center is having a fund-raiser activity called Pennies for a Playground.

Pennies will be collected Feb. 12.

Proceeds will be used to buy picnic tables, play equipment, a shade covering, sand toys, etc.

The center is asking the help of all Cerritos College students and staff in this project.

There are several yellow collection cans in division offices, Student Activities, Publications and in the center.

Roller pennies are accepted.

POLICE BEAT

•MONDAY, JAN. 13

At 12:20 p.m., an officer responded to the cafeteria to investigate a burglary and vandalism to college property. A student reported that someone had removed a couple of knives and a stereo from his locker.

At 3:45 p.m., an officer responded to the police department lobby to interview the victim of an attempted grand theft auto and burglary. A student reported that he parked his vehicle in Lot C-1. Upon returning he discovered that the ignition and gear box was damaged and that his cellular phone and his parking sticker had been stolen.

•WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15

At 11:15 a.m., an officer responded to the police department lobby to investigate a student's report of grand theft auto. The student stated that she parked and locked her vehicle in Lot C-1. When she returned, she observed that her car had been stolen.

At 2:30 a.m., an officer responded to the police department lobby to investigate a student's report of grand theft auto. The student stated that she parked and locked her car in Lot C-6. When she returned to the lot she found her vehicle missing.

•THURSDAY, JAN. 16

At 11:15 a.m., an officer reported to the police department lobby to investigate a student's claim that her vehicle had been stolen from Lot C-1.

At 1:35 p.m., officers responded to a medical aid at the Arts and Crafts Building. A student was having a seizure, caused by unknown reasons. The victim was transported to Pioneer Hospital by ambulance.

At 2:30 p.m., officers responded to a medical aid in Lot C-9 where a student was reportedly light-headed and had

vomited. The victim was transported to the Health and Wellness Center for observation.

At 3:30 p.m., a student reported to the police that his had been broken into and that his vehicle's CD player, cassette player and speakers were missing.

At 6:00 p.m., a student reported to the police department that she had slipped and fallen the day before on the stairs near the bookstore. A report was taken to document the student's statement.

At 6:10 p.m. an officer responded to the police department lobby to investigate a petty theft. A student reported that he parked his vehicle in Lot C-2. Upon returning he discovered that the tail light covers were stolen.

At 10:20 p.m., an officer responded to the police department lobby to investigate a report of a stolen vehicle. A student had parked and locked her car on Falcon Way. Upon returning that night she found that her vehicle had been stolen.

•FRIDAY, JAN. 17

At 8:20 a.m., an officer responded to Lot C-1 to investigate a report that a car was on fire. The Fire Department was requested to extinguish the fire.

At 12:30 p.m., an officer investigated a student's report of grand theft auto. The student stated that he parked and locked his vehicle in Lot C-6. Upon returning he found his vehicle missing.

•SUNDAY, JAN. 19

At 4:15 p.m., an officer responded to Lot C-3 to investigate a report of a stolen Taylor-Dunn Cart. A resident reported to the police department that two black males had the cart at Elmcroft and Barnwell streets. The cart was recovered and returned to the campus. No suspects were apprehended.

—Compiled by D.S. PEREZ

Students get loan checks late

By MONICA COTO
TM News Editor

Financial aid checks, the Presidential Summit, Club Information Day, and a shortage of senators were the topics of the first student senate meeting this semester.

The issue of financial aid was brought to the floor by Party Whip Joel Esparza who reported that student loan checks were sent out late angering many students.

"I filed for financial aid in August and still have not gotten any money," Sen. Maureen Higgins added.

ASCC President Wayne Nunnery explained, "There are dishonest people out there that go out and get the loans, get the money and drop out of school and we never hear from them again. Those are the people who concern us because they are screwing it up for everyone."

"People are not paying back loans and we've reach a 25% default rate."

Once the 25% default rate is passed, the college is in danger of losing federal and state funds that are loaned to students.

Nunnery then promised to get

someone from the financial aid office to answer any further questions the senate had.

Discussion then turned toward the Presidential Summit.

As a result of a suggestion brought forward at the Leadership Conference, Nunnery announced that he will meet with all club presidents and vice presidents.

The aim of this summit will be to unite all clubs and student government with a common direction and goal for the semester.

"We have to let them know what we need from them and they have to let us know what they need

from us," Nunnery said. "We need clubs behind us as we pursue goals in the future."

Gregory Nuñez, ASCC vice president, encouraged all senators to attend Club Information Day Jan. 30.

"It's a great way to get out there and get in touch with your constituents," he said.

Before the meeting was drawn to a close, Nuñez reminded senators that six senate seats were open.

Nunnery said, "It's really a shame that we're losing these people. We need a full senate to represent the students properly."



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Students attending the Leadership Conference break up into groups during a workshop.

Conference leads to leadership

By DAVID FEENSTRA
TM Sports Editor

Blue skies, nice weather and two busloads of Cerritos College students converged upon the San Diego Princess resort for the 1997 ASCC leadership conference.

The conference brought together various campus clubs and organizations. From the Black Student Union to the student senate, everyone who is anyone was in attendance.

Activities consisted of various seminars, country western line

dancing and recreation time.

"I feel that the conference was a success, the workshop speakers were great and the students really enjoyed themselves," Dean of Student Activities Phil Houseman said.

A workshop was taught by Wayne Rew, currently the mayor of La Mirada and a Cerritos College counselor.

His workshop was entitled "So You Want To Get Elected." It touched upon how to make public presentations.

Professor of Speech communi-

cations Max Freifeld held a workshop entitled "Affirmative Action Training Session."

After the workshops Freifeld informed the students that they are now certified to serve on hiring committees for managerial positions.

During recreation time there were several options for students. Miniature golf, bike rentals and a fitness center were all available to the students.

The Leadership conference is a long-standing annual event occurring during the winter break.

Math without fear

Hate math? You're not alone. Math instructor Sue Parsons is presenting "Math Without Fear," a workshop to be held Feb. 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Assessment Center.

Club goes to expo

The Cosmetology Club will be competing Jan. 25-27 in the Long Beach International Beauty Expo where members will be using their hair care systems and salon management skills.

The gala will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center Ballroom and everyone is invited to assist.

Tickets are \$25 presale and \$36 at the door.

In addition to competitions, the convention will include a nail classroom and presentations on world theater, hair care systems, salon furnishings and more.

The club will also compete in New York in March.

Club day on its way

Club Information Day will be Jan. 30. Applications for booths will be accepted until Jan. 28. No vehicles or amplification will be permitted.

Booth selection will take place at 9 a.m. on Jan. 30 in the quad area. One table and two chairs will be provided for each club. Club Information Day hours will be from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. during the day and 6:30-8 p.m.

Photos focus on women

By DAVID DM COUTANT
TM Entertainment Editor

"Women Educated/Educators in the Arts" is an exhibit focusing on the work of photography department head Elizabeth Kenneday and three of her former students.

The exhibit will be in the gallery through Feb. 6. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday-Thursday evenings from 6-9.

The prints of Lydia Dickerson Rich, April Tucker and former Cerritos photography instructor Susan Malmstrom are being displayed alongside Kenneday's works.

The exhibit emphasizes relationships between women artists and stresses the concept that as they have learned, they have tended to teach others.

"The entry of women into higher education and the arts is a relatively recent phenomenon... The impact has been profound and I am honored to be a part of it," Kenneday said.

Rich's work consists of pieces using photography, oil, varnish, tape and text.

"I know Elizabeth Kenneday



TOM HERNANDEZ/Talon Marks

Several students attend the reception of "Women Educated/Educator in the Arts."

as both a teacher and a friend sharing similar interests," Rich said.

"Her encouragement and guidance with my direction as an artist is reassuring to my own sensibilities.

"This exhibition inspired me to investigate my thought process

and its relationship to where I am today," she concluded.

Malmstrom's display features three poster-size prints of blurry scenes including fictional characters and a still-life.

The pieces representing Tucker's art show surreal subjects in sometimes harsh, industrial settings.

"My first photography instructor was a woman and that initial encouragement enforced my confidence and creative ambition," Tucker said.

"Museum of Miniatures," a small gallery of statuettes, is included in the exhibition.

TOUCHTONE: No-wait system to be improved for summer

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According to Nunnery, 50 additional classes were added this semester. This statistic supports the theory that more students are now full time.

Just over 15,000 of the students who were registered by Jan. 14 had taken advantage of automated registration. This method of registration allows students to register without having to wait in a line.

"You don't even have to come

here to get your parking sticker because they mail it to you if you pay by credit card. At the most all you have to do is get your parking sticker if you don't pay by credit card," Nunnery explained.

The only complaint that Cerritos College student Jaime Perez has with touchtone registration is that it stops too early. Touchtone is currently run by two computers in the admissions and registration building. According to Bell, someone is constantly

on call in case the system shuts down.

"We're going to work on extending touchtone registration longer and keeping it up and running longer," he said. "We are hoping to get new software so the computers can pretty much fix themselves. We also want to have more than one person available to help troubleshoot."

If everything goes according to plan, the new automated system should be in place this summer.

CENTER: Restaurants will get new and improved menus

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The Faculty lounge will be turned into a restaurant and the student lounge will become a coffee bar which will also sell pastries.

The plans not only include construction and a new vendor, but also the upgrading of the menus. For instance, Frantones will be serving more than just pizza and pasta now.

With their new display window, students will be open to a

variety of entrees such as the ones included at its franchise.

The Falcon Grill will also be upgrading their menu in hopes of grabbing the attention of students and faculty again.

Taco Bell will return as part of fast food chains at Cerritos. The only type of changes to expect is the expansion of their menu.

The fourth vendor has been identified and verified by Nunnery as an Asian restaurant. However, no name has been given yet.

As far as the Student Activities area is concerned, Nunnery reports that talks are still going on about a vending room.

Nunnery would like to keep the pool tables and video games. These would be moved back towards the ID center in order to make room for a video rental section, an ice cream parlor and a possibly a barber shop.

Nunnery hopes these plans will get on the way before his term in office has completed.

CSEA members demand contracts

By DAVID FEENSTRA
TM Sports Editor

Riding on the energy of a packed house, 12 different California School Employee Association members demanded a certified contract from the Board of Trustees.

Public presentations ignited an hour long attack of the Board.

Taking matters into their own hands, various CSEA members spoke to the Board, calling for an end of contract negotiations.

"Where's my contract?" cried CSEA member Ed White. "We've been waiting almost two years."

White questioned the Board concerning its handling of the contract negotiations, calling the classified employees the most loyal on campus.

He reminded the Board that many of the CSEA members have a longer history with the school than many of the Board members do.

"We've been through presidents, vice presidents, Board members and administrators," White said. "Who is refusing to agree to the retro active pay?"

Alicia Maya, a typist in counseling, also spoke to the Board regarding the CSEA contract.

Maya complained about the working conditions saying, "Why don't you just tie a collar around our necks because your working us like dogs."

She also mentioned to the Board that many people need the retro active pay the Board is holding up.

Janet Long told the Board that the lack of a contract is lowering employee moral on campus.

"One-hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars is peanuts out of a 53 million dollar

budget," Long said.

Eighteen year Cerritos College employee Mario Morales also spoke to the Board about the lack of a CSEA contract.

Morales claims the family feel of the school is gone, that it feels more like a big business.

He also stated that the staffs are so downsized that they are being asked to do more work for less money.

Gus Roth, a 23-year Cerritos employee, also attacked the Board and its handling of the contract negotiations.

"You can't tell us that there is no money for the retro active pay," Roth said. "We are the ones who process all the information."

"When we signed the hiring freeze two years ago we were under the impression that every one was to be affected. Why in the hell was the only group affected the classified employees?"

Robin Thompson, a division secretary since 1975, also demanded a contract saying, "We want a contract. We've earned a contract. We deserve a contract."

Debora Cariente CSEA labor representative for 12 years ended CSEA's presentations.

Cariente said that not all the employee groups have been treated fairly.

She also said that some groups are treated more fairly than others.

Contract negotiations were held in closed session with no word yet on any actions taken.

In other news the Strawberry patch subcommittee is scheduled to announce their decision regarding the golf training center next Wednesday in the Board room at 7 p.m.

After that special meeting the Board will next meet on Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

Bookstore hours for this week are: Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Regular hours will resume on Monday. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SHP: Program debuts

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a faculty mentor and participation in regional and national honors program events.

After completing the program students will receive priority consideration for admission to selected four-year colleges and universities, special recognition at commencement, SHP course designation on transcripts and a letter of recommendation from the president of Cerritos College.

"I think the designation for the honors program is very important and it's going to be very beneficial to me," student Greg Alvarado, who plans on transferring to USC, said.

"It could be the point that gets me over the top. It's going to set me apart from everyone else," he added.

To complete the program students must be enrolled in the SHP for three semesters with at least 20 percent of their coursework in SHP designated classes each semester.

Applications for this semester are still being accepted and an orientation meeting will be held today at 6 p.m. in the Teleconference Center located in the Learning Resource Center.

Approximately 1,800 students received applications at the end of last semester and some students received the application after they registered for classes.

Students who have already registered and want to be in the program may change their schedule by contacting SHP professors.

"Instructors have been advised to take students who want to get into the program... as a priority," Karvelis said.

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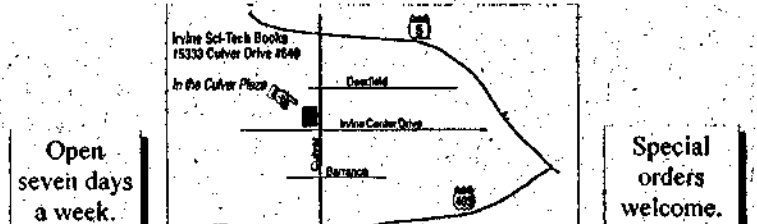


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EDITORIALS

Honors program opens new doors

Finally, there's a *real* honors program on campus.

The Scholars' Honors Program being implemented this spring offers students with a minimum 3.25 GPA priority admission to many four-year institutions including USC, UCLA and Pepperdine University.

Students must be eligible for first-year course work in English or Math by UC/CSU transfer criteria, need letters of recommendation and must complete the SHP application.

This program provides a challenging environment for academically motivated students by offering SHP courses that will require students to go beyond what is required in a regular class.

Honors students will have the opportunity to do additional research activities, reading and writing assignments and other activities that emphasize analysis and critical thinking.

This will not only benefit the student academically, it will benefit others because those in the SHP will be in classes such as English I and Geography I that are available to all students.

In this way students enrolled in SHP can make a positive contribution to the class.

Students in SHP also have the opportunity to better interact with faculty and gain experience doing what could be considered university level work.

SHP may provide you with a key to a good four year school, but you have to do the work to make it to the door.

Other bugs still need to be worked out, but that's usually how it is with any program during the first stages of its development.

In any case, the benefits to those who enroll in the SHP will far out weigh any inconveniences (such as changing a class schedule) that students may encounter.

'One-stop shop' creates long lines

With every debut there must be some drawbacks and with every drawback there is room for improvement.

This should have been the motto for the new on-campus one-stop registration this semester.

In the past, on-campus registration has been a complicated task of jumping from station to station and line to line in hopes of obtaining a desirable class schedule.

Now, it's still complicated, but at least if you're in a line you can be pretty certain it's the right one.

Once in the line you may find yourself a little disoriented and anticipatory finally getting on Space Mountain only to realize you're not at Disneyland at all. Don't worry it happens.

Some have also reported being very disappointed when they found they weren't in line for Pearl Jam tickets (some have been disappointed when they found out they were).

The line may seem unbearably long but it does have an ending point. It says so in all the physics books.

When you finally reach your destination you may find that some of the cashiers are one cash drawer short of a register, but don't worry they'll point you in the direction of someone who can better assist you.

You couldn't have expected them to anticipate that some people might actually be paying with cash.

After the whole ordeal at least you can rest assured that you have no more lines to wait in.

Of course, those with touchtone registration didn't need to leave the comfort of their own homes to register for their classes.

While the masses gathered on the doorstep of the admissions office, those with touchtone registration just sat at home eating their Froot Loops and preparing their lone digit for the grueling task ahead of it.

They didn't even need to have all of their digits. One digit is sufficient enough.

All it would have taken was one simple orientation and you wouldn't have needed all of your digits either.

But then who would have been there to test the efficiency of the "one-stop shop?"



C.C. Falcon

- The one-stop registration is a fair idea but makes for foul lines in the administration building. No matter which door you go to, it's the wrong one. Well, you can't have everyone flocking unorganized through the registration process.

- Speaking of lines, the bookstore has a lot of traffic passing through it, but they are doing a bang-up job of whizzing people through there.

- I've got a bone to pick with the school: if they keep tearing out trees I'm going to have to find a new place to roost. There are chopped-up stumps in lot C-9, outside of child development, and I hear that a dear little twig of a sprout is going to be yanked from the quad to make way for an electronic marquee. Come on, fellas, did you ever see a sign as lovely as a tree? Don't forget your roots.

- Speaking of trees, is there a harsher wood with which you could make our toilet paper? It positively plucks me to sanitize myself with that rough fiber.

- I about lost some tail-feathers to one of those speedy electric carts roaming the campus. Those guys don't really care what lay ahead in their daily travels, barreling around corners with no regard for safety. Why do we never see the little blue maintenance truck-ette pulled over by the campus police with the driver sitting on the curb with his hands on his head?

- I may eat like a bird, but I cannot live on the rainy-season worms alone. Where's all the food gone? I know they have big plans for the Student Center, but in the mean time I'm getting tired of flapping all over town for some grub.

- So I'm in kind of in a fowl mood, but I can't overlook the advantages of the redesigned Student Center. Plus I have a little time to save up a nest-egg and really splurge when it debuts.

- We need books for our classes. That's a given. That's why we have a bookstore. But what good does it do when the books we need aren't in stock? One of my flock-fellows tells me of a book being used for several years while the bookstore only carries the out-dated edition. Let's all get on the same page!

- I drifted past the Art Gallery to light on my old friend the bear statue, and wouldn't you know, there's this fantastic art show going on from the photography department. Stop by and give it a gander, but please don't touch!

- Soaring over the parking lots I noticed a lot of people rushing and rivaling over parking spaces, and yet a little farther out there's a barren, empty expanse quiet enough to build a nest in. It's just a hop and a skip from the school, and still legal parking. There isn't a parking problem, there's a walking problem. And I'm not just saying that because I have wings.

—D.D.M.C.

Campus Comment

"What is the best thing about coming back this semester and what is the worst?"



"The best thing is hanging around with my friends. I don't have a worst yet about coming back to school."

Richard Briones
Mathematics



"Seeing all of the new students is the best and the worst is seeing all of the old ones."

ML Bettino
Reading Teacher



"The best thing about coming back to school is learning new stuff. The worst thing is the responsibility in 17 units."

Franklin Franzen
Art



"The best is that I'm getting closer to finish the year. The worst for me is that it's difficult to find the classes for my major."

Lina Flores
Word Processing



"The best thing is just trying to finish school. The worst is having to get up early in the morning."

Martha Flores
Fine Arts



"The worst thing for me is that I have to deal with all of the classes and all of the different instructors. The best thing I guess is meeting new people."

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Why Black History Month?

By DAVID FEENSTRA
TM Sports Editor

Since it be Black History Month I be deciding to brush up on my Ebonics.

What began as a joke on the Airplane movies, Ebonics has become a national controversy, heating up during "Black History Month".

What is the deal with Black History month? It is a separatist celebration.

Why should Blacks get their own month of history? Other cultures are just as deserving of a history month.

Why do we get Martin Luther Kings Jr.'s birthday off and not some one like Caesar Chavez?

They both did great things for their people but one is singled out over the other.

What about W.A.S.P. history month? Or how about Mexican history month?

I mean it is just plain ludicrous to celebrate the history of one culture over another.

Why stop at cultures? Why don't we give each religion it's own history month?

During Amish history month we could...uh, well, I'll get back to you on that one. We could have Branch Davidian month where we light model farms on fire.

Or how about evangelical history month? A month were all married men can go out and pick up hookers, only to be forgiven and still have their wives give them money.

No, I have a better idea. We should just put all the cultures and all the religions in hat and then pick them out giving them each an equal amount of time in the sun.

There are plenty of other things that deserve a history month, things like the remote control.

The remote control is the most powerful entity in any given house hold, it just about runs homes.

How about the clapper or the T.V. timer or even the microwave oven?

All those revolutions changed the face of the country.

Why don't we celebrate John Crapper's birthday? His contribution to mankind is immeasurable.

What kind of a world would we live in without toilets that flushed?

Holidays are given out of shame and guilt, they are not given out of need.

Then again if every culture put forth the effort the Black Student Union has put forth here than there would probably be more cultural celebrations.



A long stay only hinders success in life off campus

By DAVE COWDRICK
TM Opinion Editor

Everyday I see students on campus who are in there middle to late twenties or early thirties and I think it's great that they've come back to school to continue their education.

Imagine my dismay when I found that many of them weren't returning students but have instead been here since they were teenagers.

How long have you been here? A month, a year, five years? If you've been here for more than five years it's time for you to leave.

Yes, it is possible that completing your general education or obtaining some sort of certificate in two years or less is unrealistic, but if you're here for more than five years you better either be a twinkie in the Elbow Room or an instructor.

It's hard to believe that anyone who has the resources to attend a community college in the first place can't muster up the ambition to transfer to a four year institution in a reasonable amount of time. Five years is not reasonable.

Sure, some of the classes offered seem very interesting and exciting. But if the class isn't leading you up to your goal then you're only prolonging your stay.

"If you've been here for more than five years it's time for you to leave."

here.

Maybe some people just really enjoy it here that much. If that's the case then stay all you want but this is as far as you're going to go.

Taking the step of attending a community college is a plus but it doesn't end there.

Don't be sucked in by the glamour and

President Clinton gives 'em what they want and gets what he deserves

By JOSH SCHOPFNER
TM Staff Writer

A couple of years ago singer Natalie Merchant had a hit song entitled "The Candy Everybody Wants."

In it she playfully sings the lyrics, "hey, give 'em what they want."

Although she wasn't scheduled to perform the song at any of this year's Inauguration celebrations, I can't think of more appropriate theme for the swearing-in ceremony as Bill Clinton begins his second term as the 42nd President of the United States.

Votes in last year's elections ignored several dubious allegations of personal wrong doing on behalf of Clinton and chose instead to focus on his more prominent political record, one of mediocrity and moderation in all things.

For votes in last year's elections, a vote for Bill Clinton seemed a vote for the lesser of two evils, and in an underwhelming show of support (Clinton received less than 50 percent of the popular vote) he was once again elected President.

Among the slew of personal and po-

litical scandals that Clinton brings into his new term in office, the most pressing seems to be the charges of sexual misconduct brought against him by former Arkansas state worker Paula Jones, which finally reached the Supreme Court last week.

Lawyers for Clinton cited the precedent set by the Supreme Court in the case against Richard Nixon which stated that Nixon had complete immunity from all lawsuits for official acts during his presidency.

The lawyers argued that the same immunity should extend to the alleged private behavior of the President.

Whatever the Supreme Court decides, Clinton will continue to be the President of the United States.

Not only that, he will also go down in history as the only Democratic President since Franklin Roosevelt to be elected to a second term, and as the President whom the people chose to lead this nation into the 21st century.

My parting words of advice for the newly re-inaugurated President, just keep giving 'em what they want.

sophistication of becoming a lifetime Cerritos College member. It's not all it's cracked up to be.

Two or three years is all it takes to be successful at Cerritos. Most of the classes are designed even for people with full-time jobs to be completed within that time. Even chimps with full time jobs.

It's great that some people have such a great interest in education that they want to remain at Cerritos permanently. But there comes a point in every student's life when they must move on or apply for tenure.

Maybe it's fear of change that is keeping so many people here. They've become so comfortable with the atmosphere that they couldn't bear to be on any other campus.

If that's the case just think of how it was in high school. That was four years of adaptation only to be ousted. Then you came here and adapted. You can do the same thing at as four year college or university.

So go. Spread your wings and fly. You're taking up too much space.

Students should always be considered in equal light

By JOYCE KELLY
TM Staff Writer

Our college campus is as diversified as our country.

In the spirit of this we should help President Clinton "build a bridge into the 21st century."

I'm suggesting a review of the Preamble to the Constitution to get us started on the right road.

Remember, "we the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

I'm pointing in the direction of the teachers who are grading students by their skin color, rather than by their merit.

The legacy of Black Culture

By D.S. Perez
TM Staff Writer

February may be a time to get love letters written up for Valentine's Day, but it might be a good time to listen to jazz and reflect on black history.

Yes, the short month of February is the time to look at products of African Americans, whose society, individuals and accomplishments are recognized during Black History Month.

Although some may frown upon "revisionist history," facts are now coming to light recognizing feats that Black Americans have accomplished.

Black History Month is more than PBS airing "Roots," "Eyes on the Prize," and biographies of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X for 28 straight days; it is a clearing of history, a reflection of what the African-American community has given to America.

Take some of the contributions and contributors African Americans have given to the world.

Entertainers? Bill Cosby, Oprah Winfrey, and Richard Pryor all revolutionized their entertainment fields.

Music? Dizzie Gillespie, Jimi Hendrix, Nat King Cole, Sammy Davis Jr., rap, jazz, soul, blues, and zydeco are black contributions.

Inventors? Where would we be without peanut butter, made by George Washington Carver?

National heroes? Black battalions that served in both World Wars and General Colin Powell, who was one of the masterminds in Desert Storm.

Sports figures? Joe Louis, Muhammad Ali, Jackie Robinson, Magic Johnson, Arthur Ashe, and Jesse Owens all inspired the nation.

And there's more, for the list goes on and on for these and other categories.

Although some may complain that Black culture may get too much attention and that it isn't fair for other ethnic and religious groups, the fact is that America's major minority groups already get their well-deserved attention.

Take, for instance, Easter and Hannukah, which have traditionally been a boon time for Jews to relate on their society and historical experiences.

But regardless who has a day, week, or month, all of these people, their successes and failures have had an effect on American society, and it's a time to reflect and learn the truth about what really happened and what these people have done for our culture.

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Auto theft steals top spot in campus crime

■ Statistics show that more than 30 vehicles are stolen from campus every year.

BY D.S. PEREZ
TM Staff Writer

Coming out of class and slunking after hours of study is a mild shock for a student, but to find his or her car stolen is a bolt of lightning.

Unfortunately, many students have felt this effect and more are expected.

Police statistics indicate that auto theft is the only major crime on campus that has been on the rise for the last couple of years, going from 33 reported cases in 1993 to 47 in 1995.

During the first week of December, six cars were stolen from campus parking lots.

In the first week of this semester, three cars and two trucks were already reported stolen.

Students can prevent such unfortunate instances from happening to them.

"It takes only 30 seconds to steal a car," Lt. Richard Bukowiecki said. "Prevention of auto theft is impossible, but you can reduce the chance of it."

One way to deter auto thieves is to be responsible and pay attention when parking — and remembering to lock your door.

"We need eyes and ears in the parking lots," officer Garth Dale said. "It's not just the parking attendants and officers worry but it's also the student's responsibility to keep his or her car from being stolen."

"We only have two or three parking attendants out there and one or two offic-

ers available to check on the lots at any given time.

"Most students are in so much of a hurry they forget to check their surroundings and even forget to lock their doors."

"If they happen to see someone loitering or carrying a tool or a toolbox, they should notify the campus police," Dale said.

Students can also reduce the chance of having their car stolen by purchasing and using devices such as the Club, car alarms, kill switches (which choke off the fuel line if a car has been hot-wired) and other security measures.

"Thing is, if they want your car, they'll go for it. But just simply locking your door and having a deterrent such as an alarm, Club or some sort of device might make a guy think twice about it," Bukowiecki said.

"I prefer the Club myself, but if you have a car that's expensive or you really care about, you could buy a Lo/Jack computer system, which traces your car," he suggested.

Troy Cagle, an instructor in the auto technology department, also said the Club is a good choice.

"I put the club on in a different way," Cagle said. "On my truck, I put the lock facing the instrument panel."

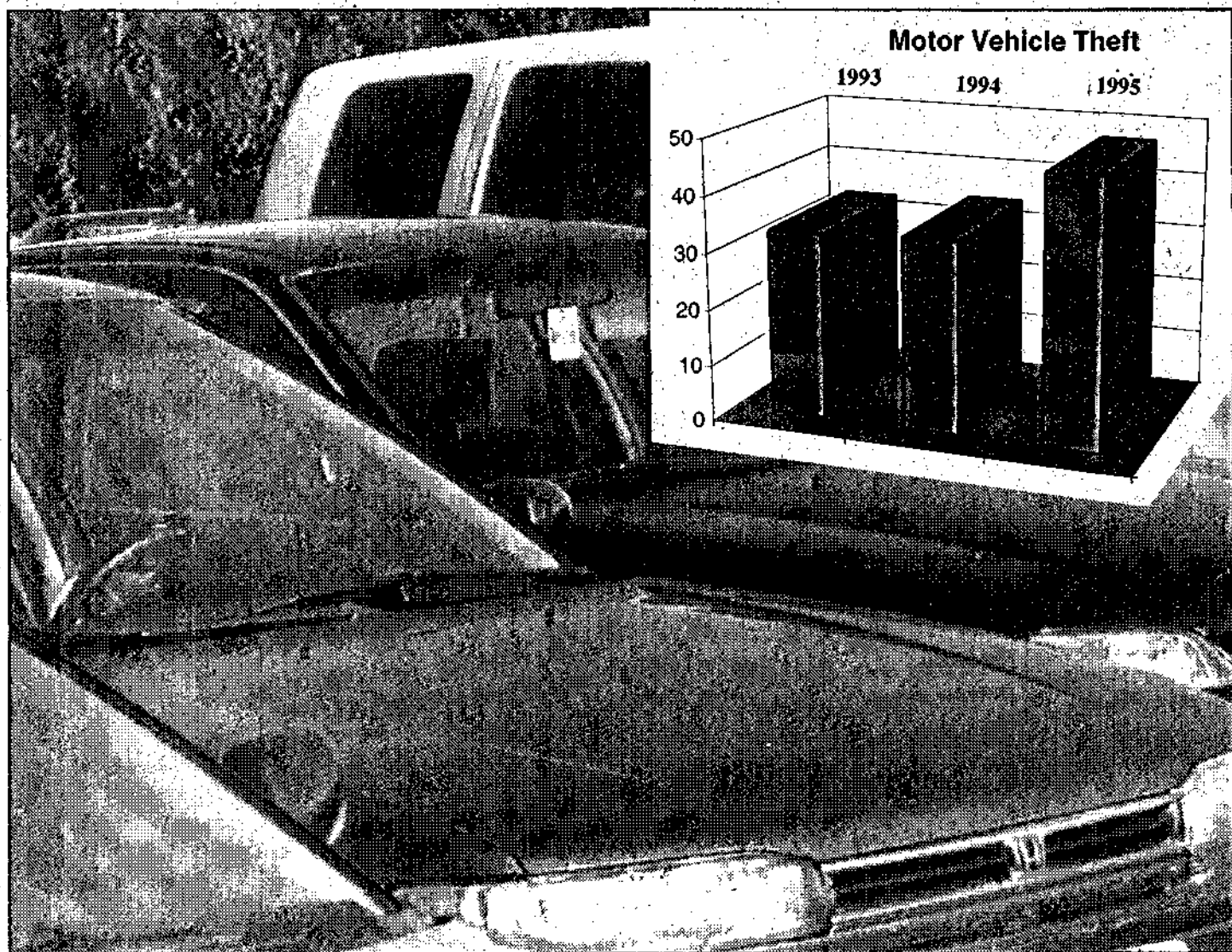
"It's awkward and harder for me to unlock, but for a thief, it would really stall him."

Another fact to know is what cars are popular with thieves.

According to Dale, pick-up trucks and Hondas, such as the Civic and Accord, are the usual choices of car thieves.

These cars are easier to break into, and according to Cagle, they have valuable parts.

"Late model cars from Honda, like the Accord, have very good seats. The parts, like the engine and drive train are good



choice parts for lowriders," Cagle said.

However, should a student find their car missing, he or she should not immediately panic.

Not all missing car cases are the result of thieves breaking into automobiles.

Some cars have been towed away and are taken by repo men because the owner owes money on the car.

Often, it is the student's fault of not remembering where he or she parked.

"We all lose our cars at the malls once in a while," Dale said. "Fifty percent of

all calls we get are someone saying that they have lost their car and it ends up with us finding it in a parking lot search."

"The parking lots are just like Disneyland," he explained. "The rows are labeled, so just look for the row letter and number on the posts when you get out of your car."

But these cases are exceptions. Cars do get stolen.

If a car is missing, there is something a student can do that is more productive than running around the parking lot and

developing an ulcer.

"The thing to remember when you find your car missing is this; don't panic," Dale said. "Call the campus police immediately, and make sure you have your car's license number and insurance."

"If we don't find the car in five minutes, we report the car into the national computer database where other departments will be alerted to look for it."

"We'll make a report out for you to give to your insurance company and we'll even find a way to take you home."



Inez Pineda has worked at Cerritos College for 10 years.

Purchasing her way to satisfaction

By EMILY MADEWELL
TM Staff Writer

Inez Pineda was named December's Employee of the Month. She has worked on campus for 10 years.

For the last six, she has worked in the college's Purchasing Department.

Pineda's job includes placing orders for several campus departments, processing requisitions and purchase orders, and contacting vendors regarding discrepancies.

She is currently a business administration student.

She began working for Cerritos College in 1987. At that time she was placed in the Accounting Department, where she was responsible for doing accounts payable.

Pineda enjoys her job because she gets to meet people.

She said that the award gives her a "very satisfying feeling," because it makes her feel like she is doing something right.

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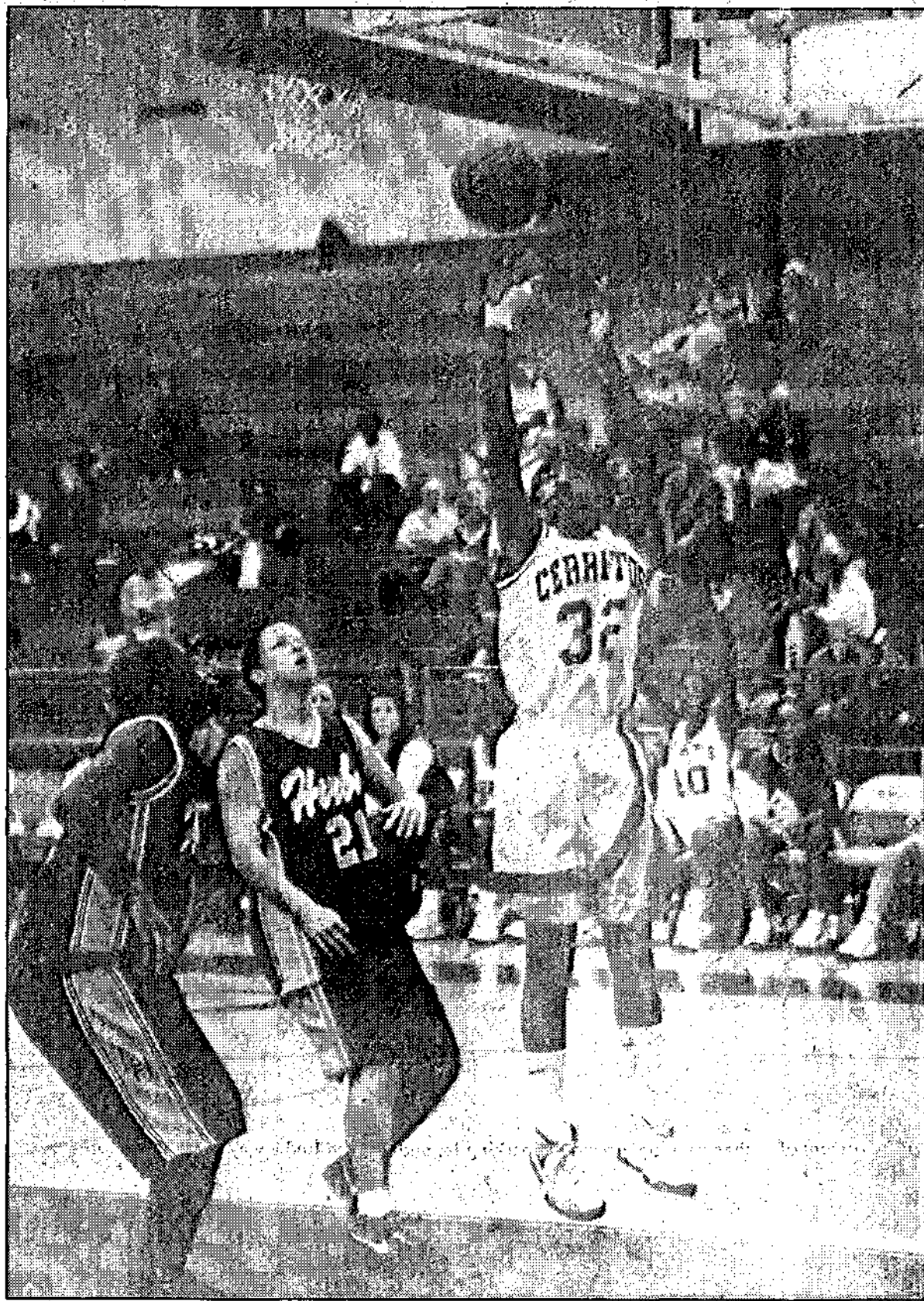
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Charles in charge in 88-76 win



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Anitra Washington picks up 2 of her 16 points during the Falcons win over LA Harbor

By D.S. PEREZ
TM Staff Writer

Although they were down by 16 points at the half and having two players in foul trouble, Harbor College's women's basketball team still had a chance to come back.

After all, Cerritos' team had already blown large leads in the past and had just come from a devastating 78-57 loss two days earlier.

But, frustration along with fouls, eventually destroyed Harbor's efforts to get back into the game.

The deciding moment came when Harbor coach Jim DeSalvo argued with the referees on the calls and was slapped with two technical fouls, just when his team was within six points of the Falcons.

"When their coach got those two technical fouls and we went 4-6 from the free-throw line, that fired us up and it helped since we were already pissed off over our 21 point loss to Compton," forward Ebony Charles, who had 19 rebounds and 16 points in the winning effort, said.

The Falcons took advantage of this and went 4-6 on the following free throws. From there the Seahawks had no chance to come back, as the Falcons (14-7, 3-1 in South Coast Conference) breezed to a 88-76 victory.

Leading the way for the Falcons was forward Anitra Washington, who had 16 points and shot 8-11 from the field, and center Keisha Harris, who had 16 points and six rebounds. Adriana Villalobos also had 10 assists in the effort.

"When we get a lead, we get lazy and they start to come back, it's happened more than a few

times," Charles said. "But we held on. It was a tough game, but we just dominated the boards."

Point guard Tenesha Ware agreed with Charles on the toughness of the game, where 35 fouls were issued, including four to Charles and five to Aisha Savage, Harbor's key player in their effort who scored 17 points in a losing effort.

"It was tough out there, we did have to complain about getting hit often," Ware, who had six points and nine assists, said. "But in the second half, we didn't start too well. We got too comfortable with our big lead and they came back."

Falcon Coach Karen Noel also noticed the team's lapse at the beginning of the second half.

"For the first two minutes of the second half, we played way too casually," Noel said. "But we didn't panic. We had great shooting and the team played aggressively for most of the game. We didn't go for it in Compton, so this would be a chance to get back. This was a really big win for us."

But even though the team won, its members still have the thoughts of the earlier loss to Compton in their minds — and what lies ahead in the future as the season winds down.

"Since that loss, we now know that we cannot lose and we have to win every game from here on," Charles said. "Everyone expected us to roll over and die after the Compton game. But we are the defending champions. The conference has gotten stronger and we have to play every game as if it were our last."

The Falcons' next game will be at Long Beach this Friday 7p.m.

The F-Files

By DAVID FEENSTRA

Batter up!

The first signs of spring are upon us, softball and baseball are here.

The frozen tundra of Cerritos is being braved by these bold and noble athletes.

Who else but truly dedicated athletes would go out and brave the elements?

Temperatures have dropped to as low as 60 degrees with the wind chill at an unbearable 50 degrees above 0.

These athletes display the eye of the tiger in pursuit of greatness...

Just kidding!

John Kruk said it best in his book, "I Ain't an Athlete Lady, I just play one on T.V."

To play any of the other major sports, i.e., basketball or football, you need to be big.

Let's face it. Not everyone is 6'5", 250lbs. Only a select few can even attempt to play those sports.

Baseball is the every-man sport, it is the only real sport that you don't have to be physically imposing to dominate.

Everybody knows some fat old man who tells you that he would've played pro ball.

The only problem was that he threw out is arm in little league throwing curve balls.

Baseball only plays in good weather, no rain games or fog games, it has to be 75 degrees with a slight breeze for baseball to be played.

On top of all this, baseball players miss games for the lamest reasons.

Ouch, I've got hang nail.

Ouch, I got turf toe.

Boo-hoo, my astrologist said I should sit out because Uranus is undergoing an astroidal flare-up.

The list goes on and on.

Some players even find ways to get hurt in the off-season.

Well at least baseball fields have size.

Softball plays on little league dimension fields and in the smaller fields lies the secrets to the pitcher dominance in softball.

Back up another 20 feet and lets see how unhittable you are.

Sophomore forward Ebony Charles has been pulling down rebounds like they were going out of style.

After setting a school record for rebounds last year Charles has shown no signs of letting up after pulling down 19 rebounds last Saturday against Harbor College.

The men's basketball team has gone from contenders to pretenders of late losing 6 of their last 9 games after starting out an impressive 11-0.

It's put up or shut up time for the Falcons. If they don't make a quick recovery any hope for a strong showing in league will go down the drain.

Big comeback takes extra period

By JAMES REYNOSA
TM Staff Writer

The rain was falling again at Cerritos College.

The men's basketball team have been getting soaked from the unseasonable high rains from the winter storms and the recent losses.

Before the Winter break the Falcons started the season 11-0, their best start since they went to the Elite Eight in 1994. But recently, the wins have become scarce.

On Jan. 15, Cerritos edged a sub .500 L.A. Trade Tech 58-57, before that they were 2-6.

The season looked like it might be washed away while traveling to Compton College last Saturday.

Compton had three players in the top 15 in scoring. It didn't look like the Falcons were going to escape the squall of current games.

So with all that against them how did Cerritos (14-6) defeat Compton 87-83 in overtime?

"We played good defense and hit some big shots," Head Coach Jack Bogdanovich said.

It wasn't that simple.

Falcon forward Bobby Terrell made a three-pointer with two seconds left in the game to send the game to overtime on a play that wasn't even designed for him, they also made 27 of 31 attempts from the free throw point line and came back from a 17 point deficit in 14 minutes.

No problem. But it certainly didn't look that way in the beginning.

Cerritos started the game with a 2-3 zone instead of their man-to-man defense.

"We wanted to slow them down. They try to get you in a up and down game and coming in we knew we didn't want them

having to many fast break opportunities," Bogdanovich said.

Early on the plan backfired, because while the 2-3 zone helps slow down the game and clamp down on side play, it leaves the outside shot wide open and Compton took full advantage hitting 5-11 three-pointers in the first half.

Within the first nine minutes of the game, the Falcons were trailing 27-13. And Compton was doing what they do best, forcing Cerritos to play an up-tempo game

"That's how we play," Compton Head Coach Rudy Washington said. "We like to use the whole court and wear teams out." Cerritos used a late surge of offense and tight defense to gain some momentum and trail only 36-31 at halftime.

The game continued with Cerritos changing defenses and going man-to-man,

but Compton was still able to hit the three-pointer, making three in a row.

The Falcons came out ice cold, making only two field goals in six minutes. They trailed 53-36 with only 14 minutes left but even worse, self doubt began to settle on the Falcon bench.

The Falcons called timeout and did something that most teams never do when trailing. Absolutely nothing.

"They couldn't hit the outside shot forever. We just stayed with our game plan and worked on offense," Assistant Coach Dean Ackland said.

The play worked, as Cerritos clawed their way back. A big contributor was Terrell, who had 21 second half points. But it was his last shot that meant the most.

With 10 seconds left and Cerritos trailing by three, the Falcons tried to run a play

for Jason Pickett, but he was tripped teamed as soon as he got the ball, so instead it was Terrell who calmly made the wide open three.

In overtime, with both teams in the bonus, meaning that with every foul they would shot two free-throws, the Falcons made all of their six attempts.

"This is a big win for us. We gained a little confidence with this one," said Bogdanovich.

The rain cleared up a little for Cerritos last weekend and if they want to achieve their goal of a South Coast conference title and a high ranking for the playoffs, they can barely afford a couple of losses.

The possibility is that winter still has a few more storms in her and the basketball team as a chance of their season becoming a washout.

Softball makes a call to arms

By KELLY BARTH
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When asked if her team's chances of capturing the South Coast Conference title are realistic, Cerritos College softball coach Nancy Kelly just smiles and replies "oh yes, oh yes."

Entering her 38th season in coaching and 19th year at Cerritos, Kelly is enjoying one of her deepest rosters in recent years.

In a day and age when some colleges are dropping softball due to low roster numbers, Kelly is thrilled to be heading into 1997 with 19 players including five red shirts.

"This is tremendous, we started out with 35 players and with some schools (Rio Hondo) dropping softball because they can't get nine players, this makes us feel good about our situation," Kelly said.

In recent years Cerritos softball has been plagued by questionable depth and lean pitching staffs. In 1997 Kelly believes these problems will not afflict the Falcons' progress especially with a staff made up of strong arms and good athletes.

Pitchers, Veronica Comejo, Reanna Mendoza and Michelle Gummi are 3 of the 16 freshmen that make up this young Falcon

squad.

With an influx of youth in the pitching rotation Kelly seems unconcerned about the staff's ability to respond to a community college rule change that moves the pitching rubber from 40 feet back to 43 feet.

"They've (the pitchers) been working with it since August. I asked them about it and they say it doesn't bother them," Kelly said. "Actually if you have a pitcher that has some off speed, some junk and a little speed it'll give her ball a little more time to work, so it may turn into an advantage."

It is Cerritos' hope that the pitching problems of the past

will be a distant memory as the team moves deeper into the season.

Along the way Kelly will attempt to take a young team and shape them into a formidable unit that will contend for a conference title.

At this point their is no set line-up as players continue to battle for defensive positions with the start of the season on Feb. 3 when Cerritos plays host to Victor Valley College.

"We have so many combinations and our pitchers are all good athletes at other positions," Kelly said. "We have to find out through alot of scrimmages."

Maguire's mission: A movie with heart

By EMILY MADEWELL
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Tom Cruise has received the "kwan," love, respect and community. "Jerry Maguire" will be his fifth film to make over \$100 million. He has also received a Golden Globe award for this role.

Jerry Maguire, played by Tom Cruise, is a dynamic character. The film starts with him at the top of his game, newly engaged and climbing his corporate ladder steadily.

Maguire is a sports agent with many clients and a lot to do. One day he realizes that he is doing more to further his economical, standing than help out the players, thanks to one of the players' children.

When this happens he sets out to change. He composes a 27-page mission statement entitled "The Things We Think And Do Not Say: The Future of Our Business."

He comes to the conclusion that the company should focus on real caring for fewer clients. Quality not quantity.

This turn changes his entire life. Sports Management International, the company that he works with, does not agree with his new philosophy at all.

Maguire is forced to start anew because of his ideals, a true challenge that he has to face.

His business partner Dorothy Boyd, played by Renee Zellweger, is an accountant that admires the person Jerry Maguire wants to become.



Photo Courtesy of Andrew Cooper

Jerry Maguire (Tom Cruise) and Dorothy Boyd (Renee Zellweger) share an unlikely bond in TriStar's "Jerry Maguire."

The true star of this film is Ray Boyd, Dorothy's son, played by Jonathan Lipnicki.

He and Maguire have an ongoing trivia contest that Ray always wins. He is endearing, honest and worth the admission alone.

The film also stars Cuba Gooding Jr. as Maguire's best friend and only client, Rod Tidwell. His character is both well-

written and well-acted, and is entertaining to watch.

The role of Maguire's fiancée Avery Bishop is played by Kelly Preston. He sees who she truly is when she shows no compassion for his plight.

Dorothy's sister Laurel, her main support and confidant, is played by Bonnie Hunt.

Regina King did a wonderful

job playing Marcee Tidwell, Rod Tidwell's wife. They are the perfect couple, completely devoted to each other. They provide the goal for a relationship in the film.

Cameron Crowe wrote, directed and produced "Jerry Maguire." He has worked on "Fast Times at Ridgemont High," "Say Anything," and "Singles."

Crowe did a great job writing

"Maguire." He managed to give even small characters depth. One of the amazing things about his work on this film is that he felt it important for there to be a real mission statement. He wrote a 27-page document about Jerry Maguire's hopes and dreams.

This film is both entertaining and meaningful. It is a wonderful study of humanity.

Everybody was kung fu fighting

By DAVID FEENSTRA
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Real men don't need stunt men. Jackie Chan's "First Strike" proves this point with a passion.

Action hero Jackie Chan stars as Hong Kong policeman Jackie Chan who gets tangled up in some nuclear arms dealings.

For those of you not in the know, Jackie Chan does all his own stunts. When you see him snowboarding down a mountain, it's him snowboarding down the mountain.

Whether he's falling off a helicopter into freezing water, racing down a mountain on a snowmobile, or running along the ledge of a building, it is all Chan all the time.

Chan does everything from stripping in the parking lot to put on a big penguin suit, to wearing

koala underwear.

He follows an old CIA informant from Hong Kong to the Ukraine in search of nuclear weapons and equipment.

The chase leads to a big fight on the slopes of a mountain, which is the second biggest action sequence in the entire movie.

After plunging into freezing water only to be saved by the Russian Mafia, Chan travels to Australia in search of the spy's sister.

In Australia there is non-stop action including swimming with sharks, fighting on stilts and fending off twenty or so with only a ladder for protection.

If it is even remotely humanly possible, Chan will try it.

Go see this movie. Forget Stallone. Forget Van Damme. You haven't seen action until you have seen Jackie Chan in action.



Photo Courtesy of Sidney Baldwin

Courtney Love and Woody Harrelson as Mrs. and Mr. Flynt in "The People vs. Larry Flynt"

'Flynt' grabs Golden Globes

By EMILY MADEWELL
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"The People vs. Larry Flynt" is not only a great film, but it is also an important one.

At the college level we are the most idealistic and radical in our beliefs.

Larry Flynt is an important historical character, more so than leaders of wars or governmental agencies that continue to rewrite our laws.

Larry Flynt, portrayed by Woody Harrelson, comes from a rural, very poor background.

He and his brother Jimmy, played by Harrelson's brother Brett, run a small string of strip joints, and "Hustler" magazine begins as a promotional stunt for these clubs of the same name.

The moral majority starts a war against Flynt that puts him in and out of court and jail, finally ending in the Supreme Court with the

argument that a price we pay for freedom is tolerating things that we do not approve of, and that censorship on any level is wrong.

The film also takes us through Flynt's personal life. His wife Althea Leasure is portrayed by Courtney Love.

Leasure is the most fully-developed and interesting character in the film. She meets Flynt when she gets a job dancing in one of his clubs.

They form a quick connection because she is different from most of the girls. She knows what she wants and has chosen her life.

Leasure becomes one of the people who put together "Hustler" and she comes up with the most provocative ideas for the publication. Her character also symbolizes true love and support for Flynt.

Edward Norton plays Larry's best friend and attorney, Isaacman. His character is a culmination of

many attorneys, but Isaacman is the one who gave the speech to the Supreme Court.

Larry Flynt makes an appearance as a judge in one of the many courtrooms.

Crispin Glover and Vincent Schiavelli play friends of Flynt that are there throughout his career.

James Cromwell plays Charles Keating, a leader of the moral majority. Richard Paul plays Jerry Falwell, the defendant in the case that went to the Supreme Court.

Milos Forman won a Golden Globe for directing the film, produced by Oliver Stone, Janet Yang and Michael Hausman.

Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski also won a Globe for the screenplay, after receiving attention from their first biographical screenplay, "Ed Wood."

This is a film that should not be missed. It is as important as it is entertaining.

Shaken, not good

By DAVID DM COUTANT
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The holiday season brought some troubling visions to theaters during the year, and among the more upsetting is this story of murderers being transported across the country in a 747.

Prisoner transportation has been the subject of a lot of attention over the decades, with the possibility of escapes, murders and violent protests egging us on.

This is the subject of the MGM film "Turbulence" starring Ray Liotta and Lauren Holly.

Liotta plays a way-too-crazy murderer/rapist being transported to death row on TransCon flight 47. After the marshals and the pilots are killed, Liotta almost wins over the remaining crew with his charm and intelligence, but forfeits his stance for no good reason.

The movie doesn't make a lot of sense, and Holly, as the Lucille Ball-meets-Woody Allen flight attendant, is relatively unconvincing as the heroine of the drama.

The only good role is that of Captain Bowen of Tower Air flight 91. The slightly gratuitous use of such an appealing character doesn't keep him from being the only likable person in the story.

Liotta's Ryan Weaver could have worked if he had an intention. His only goal seemed to be to fly the plane up his arresting officer's... well, you know.

Watching this film was kind of a turbulent experience. It's rather pointless and anticlimactic.

This is not Beverly Hills

By DAVID DM COUTANT
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Eddie Murphy has made another cop movie. This time he's not in Beverly Hills. Nor does he have Bronson Pinchot to deliver additional comic relief.

In Touchstone Pictures' "Metro," Murphy plays Scott Roper, a San Francisco hostage-crisis negotiator.

After losing two partners to hostage situations, he is teamed up with rookie SWAT sharpshooter Kevin McCall (Michael Rapaport) and winds up pursuing the jewel thief who killed his last partner.

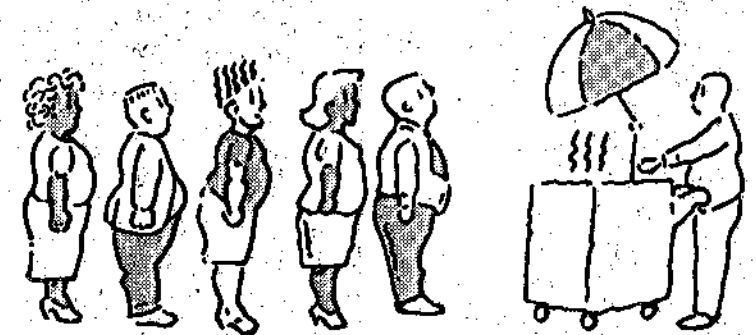
Bitter about locking him up, the thief (Michael Wincott) tries to have Roper's girlfriend killed, but fails.

This leads to the dramatic struggle which is the climax of the film.

Murphy doesn't try too hard to be funny, but manages in a casual manner to keep the film light-hearted and entertaining. Don't expect silly joviality, though. There is drama, there is suspense and there is violence.

"An Intimate Evening of Jazz" featuring Mark Massey and Richard Hastings will take place in the Burnt Theatre Saturday at 8.

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