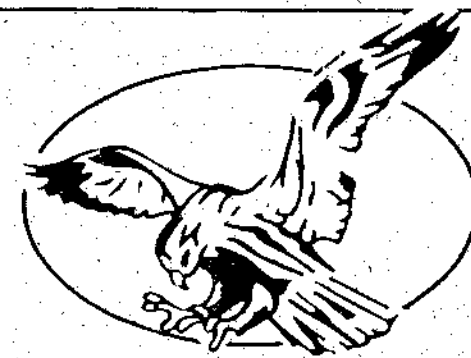


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Architect has a change of plans

■ Construction crew is 18 days behind schedule on Student Center.

By SOREN WILLIAMS
TM Graphics Editor

The food court section of the Student Center, originally scheduled for opening on Feb. 1, will not open for at least another week due to changes in plans by the architect and additional plumbing problems.

"The time frame is around March 1 for the food court and a month later for the rest of the Student Center," ASCC President Wayne Nunnery said.

After a \$380,000 expenditure to remove asbestos from the building, more still needs to be removed.

Construction on the lounge, recently named Friends, has been halted because the chimney still has asbestos that needs to be disposed of.

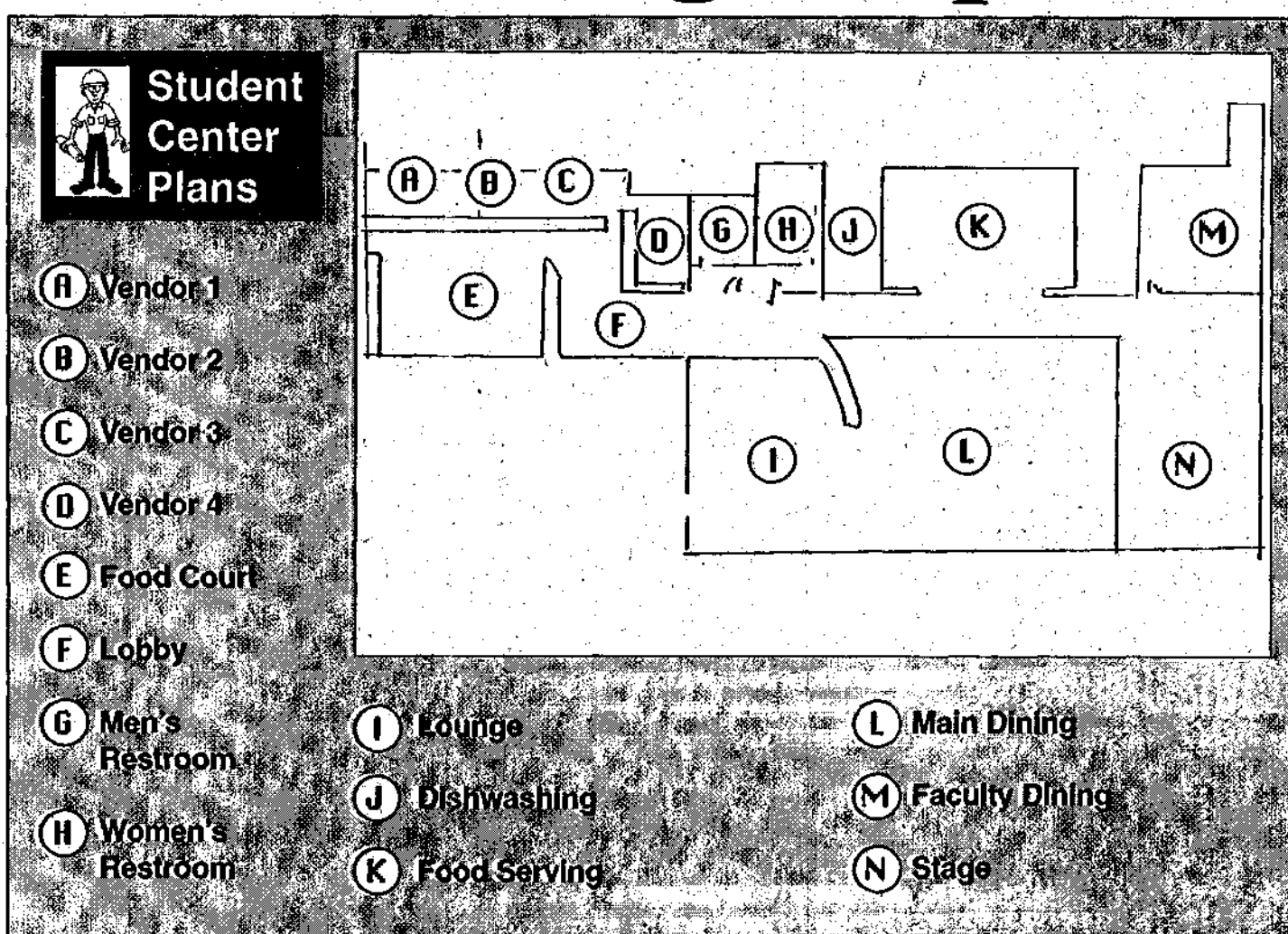
A new wall had to be put in to satisfy fire regulations and sewer problems have continued to plague the construction crew.

The architect's pace of approving plans hasn't helped the construction crew get done any faster either, workers said.

Robert Bradshaw, who works for the architecture firm (Blurock Partnership), had no comment.

"The weather only put us behind a day. The sewer line, water line and [the fact that] we just got the plans for the lighting [last Wednesday] put us behind about 18 days," construction worker Carlos Torres said.

Students seem to understand the delays involved in the construction project.



"Having worked on projects myself, I know they rarely finish on time," electronics student Wayne Stevens said.

Once the food court is finished students can expect to see the return of Taco Bell, Frantone's, and The Falcon Grill. All will have upgraded menus.

The new Asian vendor will be determined later this month. Requests for proposals from two Asian restaurants went out Feb. 11.

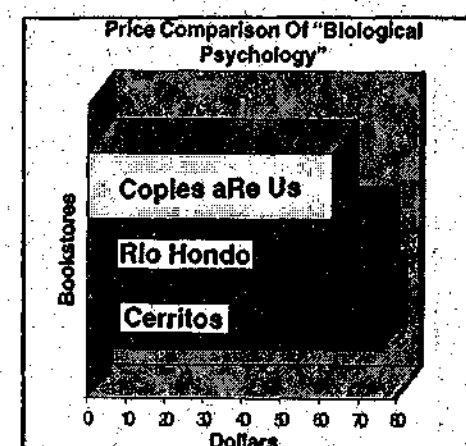
The Asian restaurant will be located on the wall next to where Taco Bell was. Culinary Arts will be filling the spot until the new cafeteria is finished.

Two televisions have been donated for the food court by a local business and will be placed on opposite walls of the food court. Retailers are still being contacted for the purchase of the furniture.

During Hoe Down Days, Mar. 12-14, there will be fund raisers and raffles to

raise money to buy furniture for Friends. "We hope to raise enough money to buy the lamps and the tables for the lounge," Nunnery said.

The total renovation of the Student Center will cost close to \$1 million. In addition to the \$380,000 for asbestos removal, \$250,000 came from the Associated Students. Another \$250,000 came from the District and approximately \$100,000 in extra expenses have occurred.



Hitting the book prices

■ Petition requesting investigation into prices will be discussed at Board meeting.

By AMARA AGUILAR
TM Editor in Chief

High prices have become a high priority for Cerritos College students who are petitioning for an investigation of Bookstore prices.

The petition will be presented to the Board of Trustees tonight at 7 p.m.

"The books are pretty expensive compared to across the street [at the other bookstores]. I guess it's related to the recent financial problems of our store," student Carlos Linares said.

Problems with the Bookstore's cash flow, inventory and procedural operations were uncovered by an audit released in November after Bookstore manager Alan Beaulieu was put on paid administrative leave in September.

Beaulieu is still on leave because, according to Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin, a hearing date still needs to be set and time was needed to conduct a thorough investigation. The school's changing of attorneys and the winter break also delayed the handling of matters.

Vice president of business services Judith Christensen said Beaulieu was "instrumental" in the problems related to the Bookstore because he was the manager and "it appears he wasn't paying proper attention to business."

Charges have been filed against Beaulieu regarding conflict of interest and mismanagement, Board of Trustees President Bob Verderber said.

The audit stated Beaulieu owned another Bookstore (Varsity) that engaged in various transactions with the Cerritos College Bookstore.

The conclusion of the audit stated, "Merchandise purchased by and from the Varsity Bookstore enabled the Cerritos College Bookstore manager to enhance the cash flow of the Varsity Bookstore at the expense of the Cerritos College Bookstore."

Beaulieu responded to the charges saying that "they are untrue. I had the option of going to a hearing or walking away. I'm not about to walk away. [I want to] get to the truth."

A Board hearing date was set for March 3, but it was cancelled and a new date has yet to be determined.

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Students talk and talk and talk...

■ Small forensics team wins big at Tabor-Venitsky Tourney.

By DAVE COWDRICK
TM Opinion Editor

The forensics team had its say at the annual Tabor-Venitsky competition that was held on campus Friday and Saturday.

The competition was started in 1956 by Juliet Venitsky, the founder of the Cerritos forensic program and Ron Tabor, who passed away a few months ago.

There were 15 schools competing in the tournament, including Cerritos and a surprise turnout from out-of-state schools.

"We did have a couple schools that don't normally come down," said Lisa Strunk, co-president of the forensics team. Among these were competitors from Wyoming and Arizona.

Twenty participants from Cerritos were in attendance competing in such categories as poetry, prose, theater, debate, reader's theater, communication analysis, dramatic interpretation, open persuasion and impromptu speaking.

"Compared to last year, we had a really small squad," Strunk said.

Though small in size, the Cerritos team walked away with their share of awards.

Among the placing winners was Armando Barboa, who won first place for novice impromptu and third place for novice pros. "I never even expected to be standing up much less getting two of these [awards]," he said.

Other winners included Jim Terry, who won second place for novice pros, and Quincy Davis, who took second for Lincoln Douglas novice. Wayne Nunnery and Kevin Fulton won first place in parliamentary



MONICA COTO/Talon Marks

The Cerritos College forensics team hosted and competed in the Tabor-Venitsky Speech Tournament on Friday and Saturday. Fifteen schools attended the competition.

debate, and Tasha Anderson took second place for novice poi (programmed oral interpretation).

Matt Davidson and Lisa Santella took first place in top novice duo interpretation. Carl Anderson took third place in novice pros, and Lisa Strunk took second in novice pros.

"This was a great tournament for the squad. We were competing against probably ten of the best schools in the nation," forensics coach Bill Sparks said.

Two of the biggest awards Cerritos walked away with were a third place trophy in the 1996 Tabor-Venitsky International Speech Tournament for Large Schools and a third place award in a 1997 2-year college division sweepstakes. "We're all pretty proud of each other," Lisa Strunk said.

The team will be competing again at L.A. Valley, Feb. 28 - March 2, in their last public tournament before they go to state competitions.

Saddle up for Hoe Down Days y'all

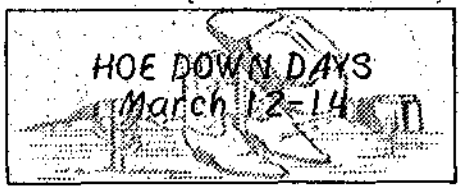
By JENNIFER KHO
TM Feature Editor

Grab yer boots and cowboy hats, Hoe Down Days are coming!

Hoe Down Days are the spring counterpart to fall's homecoming festivities.

Hoe Down Days will kick off on March 11 with Western Booth Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the quad. There will be a DJ, line dancing, games and prizes.

On March 12 there will be a chili cook-off at 10:30 a.m. and the Mr. Cerritos Contest at 11 a.m. in the Student Center. Applications



can be picked up at Student Activities.

All faculty, staff and students may enter the chili cook-off. Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on March 11.

"There are three categories: judges' favorite, hottest and best overall. After the judging, bowls, water and spoons are put out and students are allowed to help

themselves," Dean Ackland, Coordinator of Student Activities, said.

Applications for Mr. Cerritos will be accepted until March 11 and are open to enrolled students in good standing. Contestants will lip-synch and dance.

Holly Bogdanovich, Community Education Specialist, said, "Mr. Cerritos is the [male] alternative to the homecoming queen. The contestants are usually sponsored by a club and the winner is Mr. Cerritos for a day."

Hoe Down Days will wrap up March 13 in the Student Center at 11 a.m. with a chicken luncheon and a concert. The luncheon will be open to students with ID cards.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Memorial service held for former librarian

Retired Cerritos College librarian and professor Betty Jones passed away Feb. 4 following a long illness.

Jones joined the college in 1964.

An active member of the faculty senate and many other campus committees, Jones was in the first group of professors to be lauded as a "Most Outstanding Faculty Award" Recipient in 1985.

After retiring from the college in 1989, she continued serving the faculty, staff and students as a part-time librarian until November, 1996.

A memorial service was held Feb. 15 at Stricklin-Snively Mortuary in Lakewood.



Petitions due soon

Students who wish to participate in commencement May 17 must turn in a petition to graduate by March 7.

Students may see their counselor to file a petition.

Commencement will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Falcon Stadium.



Give the gift of life

Someone needs a blood transfusion every 12 seconds. By donating blood you ensure a safe blood supply for your loved ones.

A blood drive will be held March 13 in BK 111/112 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Blood donors should be 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and not be at risk for HIV or AIDS.



Students sell books

Students who wish to sell books back to the Bookstore may do so today until 6 p.m.

Bookstore hours are: Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.



Noted professor visits campus

Education and sociology professor Vincent Tinto will address the Cerritos College campus community Feb. 20 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in HS-102.

Tinto has carried out research and written extensively on higher education.

He is the author of the theory of student leaving that has become the benchmark by which research on student attrition is judged.



New artist shown

The Cerritos Art Gallery will be featuring "Portraits of My People," photopaintings and digital images by Willie Middlebrook, from Feb. 18 - March 13. Opening reception will be Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. The artist's talk will be at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (310) 860-2451, ext. 2612.



Small business conference held

The fifth annual Home-Based and Small Business Conference will be held at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel Towne Center on April 19.

For people who are starting up a business, maintaining an existing business or surviving a business in transition there are specially designated classes.

For more information, contact the Lifelong Learning Center at ext. 2521.



Applications for student elections will be available

Applications for the ASCC president position will be available at the Student Activities Office beginning March 3 and the deadline to submit them is March 21 at 4 p.m.

Elections will be held on April 16-17 and, if needed, a run off on April 23-24.

Requirements include a sophomore standing and a 2.25 GPA, previous and cumulative.

Students are required to have at least 6 units to maintain office status and no F's on the spring semester.

Cosmetology students put best face forward

Three students from the Cosmetology Department placed at the Long Beach hair show, Jan. 27-28. Camille Cabrera took first place in hair/makeup evening category, earning \$300.

"I was really surprised. It wasn't the money—it was the achievement," she said.

She won for making thin lips look appealing, covering up scars using concealer without making it look cakey and for hair style.

Amber Stober was fourth in the fantasy make-up category and Sylvia Herod took sixth place in the sculptured nail category.

—Evelyn Garrido



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Board reviews article

Board of Trustees also talks about Bookstore and conflict of interest in the golf range project.

By DAVID FEENSTRA
TM Sports Editor

The Board of Trustees could once again be confronted about problems in the Bookstore.

At the Board meeting Wednesday night disgruntled students are going to present the Board with a petition calling for an investigation of Bookstore prices.

The Enterprise financial report from Oct. 1-Dec. 31 as well as the detailed records from the month of December will be available.

When the Board began its individual reports last Wednesday, talks turned toward an editorial cartoon and an opinion article in *Talon Marks*.

ASCC President Wayne Nunnery questioned whether or not the student-operated paper had a right to claim freedom of the press.

"You all saw that picture. That was not a nice black man. That was a mean black man, a vindictive man out to get someone," Nunnery said.

"Throughout student government and across campus I've been getting a response from those items."

"In fact I took it to the editor and the

faculty advisor of *Talon Marks* and gave them some guidance about it. They gave the old freedom of the press cry and said that it was only an opinion.

"Well I would buy that if that was the opinion of someone from the campus community, but I don't buy that (freedom of the press) if it's the opinion of a *Talon Marks* staff writer."

I believe that this is something we cannot tolerate on this campus."

Censorship continued on as the hot topic when Pinder gave her board report.

She responded to complaints from Board Vice President John Moore regarding *The Senate Voice*.

"I am not one to limit what people say," Pinder said. "I don't have to agree with them, but I do respect their rights to say what they have to say."

"As far as their right to express that, I find no argument with that and I will not censor that, whether it be for its content, its size or where it goes."

Moore totally disagreed with those

"I don't have to agree with them, but I do respect their rights to say what they have to say."

—Pat Pinder

comments saying, "I just don't buy it, I'm sorry but that is just ridiculous."

Moore also turned down an opportunity to write a rebuttal claiming that it would be childish.

In other news the Board had a discussion regarding the petition that has been going around regarding bookstore prices.

College President Fred Gaskin said that there was nothing the school could do.

There has always been a 28 percent mark up on books.

Nunnery also spoke upon the situation, saying that he knows of teachers who tell their students to buy their books across the street because they are cheaper.

Talks continued on but no Board action was taken.

Community member Donn Irving once again spoke against the golf training center project claiming that Board Secretary Bob Arthur was in conflict of interest on the project.

Irving gave a handout to the Board attempting to prove his claims. The handout was the minutes from the Norwalk city council meeting in 1993.

In the minutes it shows Arthur voting to put in a driving range in Norwalk.

Irving says that record justifies his claims of the conflict of interest violations.

Arthur denied the claims saying that he has had no access to the financial records of the driving range.

TRANSFER NEWS

UC Riverside will be hosting a Chicano/Latino Community College Day Feb. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be two workshops, information tables and campus tours for students to get more information about transfer requirements, support services and academic majors.

For more information call Chicano Student Programs at (909) 787-3821.

Cal Poly Pomona's College of Engineering is having an open house March 1 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for students and their parents.

The day will include guided tram tours, department sessions and a picnic.

Information tables will also be set up.

For more information or to make reservations call (909) 869-4831.

CSU Hayward is giving on-the-spot admission to transferring students.

To be eligible, resident students must have a minimum 2.2 GPA and nonresidents must have a minimum 2.4 GPA on all transferable units accepted. Students can pick up a checklist of requirements at the Transfer Center.

Bad credit leaves students bookless

Faculty senate reviews new academic calendar and *Talon Marks* article.

By DAVID DM COUTANT
TM Entertainment Editor

The Bookstore is making news again, as well as censorship and a newly-proposed academic calendar.

At last week's faculty senate meeting, John Gallant introduced another prospective calendar to replace the last proposed version.

One of the refinements made to the new calendar was to change Veterans' Day back to Nov. 11 after it was arbitrarily placed on Monday, Nov. 10.

The final date for teachers to turn in grades was also in question.

Gallant recommended making winter break part of the time in which to prepare grades, thus moving the deadline to Jan. 5.

Faculty member John Baley, however, suggested that this would encourage laziness and that a strict

deadline should be enforced at the end of the semester. Bookstore problems discussed included credit holds preventing the shipment of books.

Sen. Scott Henderson brought the issue to the table, saying that several publishers, including McGraw-Hill and its subsidiaries, refused to send orders due to bad credit.

An estimated 60 to 70 students reportedly could not purchase textbooks needed for their classes, including Music First, published by McGraw-Hill.

Vice President of Business Services Judith Christensen stated that the bills the Bookstore was "made aware of" were taken care of.

She went on to say that if problems still existed, she should be informed of the specific publisher and book title, and she would pursue the individual matters.

Regarding book prices, Christensen said, "[We will] investigate, is there a source where we can get a lot more used textbooks... so that they are there for the students."

Freedom of speech was brought into question over articles appearing in the senate's newsletter.

Dr. Fred Gaskin argued that Pinder was not

censoring letters reprinted in the *Senate Voice*, a newsletter produced and distributed by the faculty senate.

Gaskin took an "unfriendly" composure, according to Pinder, who stood firmly by her belief in freedom of opinion.

A tape was reviewed in which Board of Trustees vice president John Moore launched a verbal assault on Pinder for allowing statements made by Henderson to appear unedited in the *Senate Voice*.

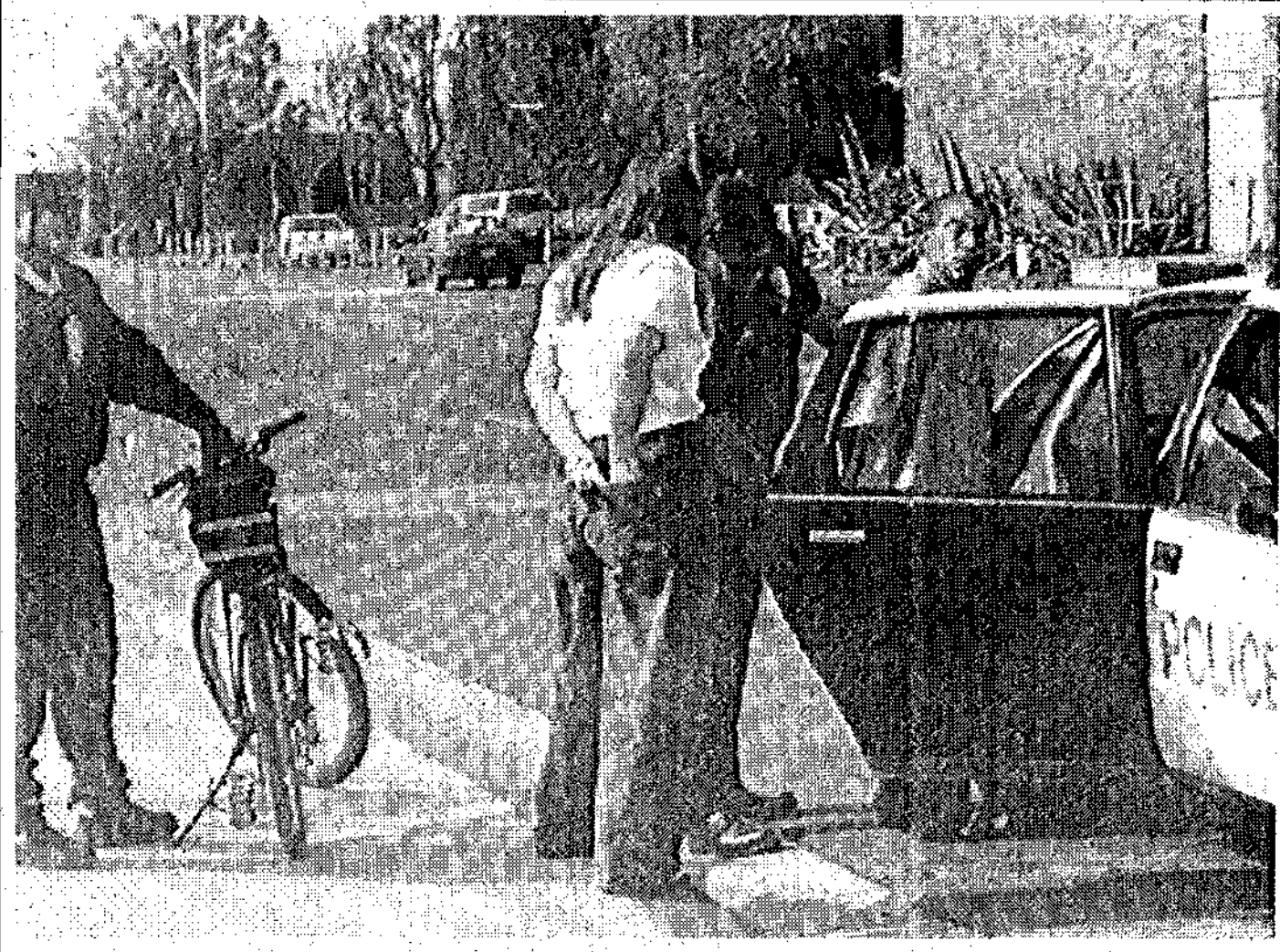
Pinder distributed a letter from counselor David Young regarding an article appearing in the Jan. 23 issue of the *Talon Marks*.

In the column, the length of time some Cerritos students attend the college was under scrutiny.

Young stated that many courses of study may take longer than the five-year period suggested in the article.

"I believe," Young wrote, "that the piece demonstrates the need for the very kind of education available in the community college arena."

He went on to say that many students, who maintain full-time jobs and support families, may take longer to earn their degrees.



TOM HERNANDEZ/Talon Marks

Officer David Barr arrests Isreal Hernandez on Falcon Way Feb. 11 for allegedly driving with a suspended drivers license. There also allegedly were several arrest warrants out for him.

BOOKS: Different prices, same books

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Beaulieu wants the hearing to be held in public rather than in closed session.

"Sunlight has a tendency to show the truth. When you tell the truth, you don't have to worry about what you said. When you don't tell the truth, you have to have a good memory."

"I am not worried about it," Beaulieu said.

Christensen said students are not paying higher prices for books because of the recent problems.

"The mark-up on the inventory is the same as it's been for a long time. It's 28 percent and it's been that for years. Of that amount, five percent goes directly to students to support their programs," Christensen said.

"Our prices haven't been higher than other college bookstores because surveys have shown that other college bookstores are within the same percentile of mark-up that we are."

"There are costs [such as health benefits and reasonable salary requirements] attached to our bookstore that aren't necessarily present in a private bookstore," Christensen said.

One textbook, *Biological Psychology* (Psychology 2), is \$76.05 at the Cerritos College Bookstore and \$73.75 at Rio Hondo College's bookstore.

The same book is \$62.95 at Copies aRe Us.

Another book, *Advocacy and Opposition* (Speech 8), is \$45.85 at the Cerritos College Bookstore and \$44.55 at Rio Hondo College's bookstore. That book is \$37.50 at Copies aRe Us.

Student Victor Diaz said, "I think the prices [at the Bookstore] are average. I don't think they are expensive."

On the other hand, Verderber said, "I'm a book lover and I was shocked at the book prices in the Bookstore."

"There should be a complete study of how books are priced and how they compare with other bookstores."

Gaskin said a thorough investigation of bookstore prices is underway.

"We need to find out how the store across the street sells books cheaper than we do. The staff is working on that. We want to do everything we can to ensure that our students are charged a fair price," Gaskin said.

Design depends on students

By MONICA COTO
TM News Editor

The administration building is going to be remodeled and everyone is invited to help out.

Vice President of Student Services Erlinda Martinez addressed the student senate Feb. 5 to inform and ask for input about architectural changes that are being planned to improve one-stop registration. The project will include changes that

range from getting new furniture to moving the financial aid office to the admissions and counseling area.

"We need to have our facility support our function," Martinez said. "The whole idea is that when students come to register at Cerritos they can come to one place and basically take care of all the major things they need to get done without having to run all over campus."

Architectural concept drawings are currently posted in Martinez' office and all students are encouraged to take a look at them and offer any feedback they might have.

"I'm hoping to move from concept drawing to hard drawing by the end of this month," Martinez said. "From there it will take from three to four months to get approval from the state architects."

Overall, director of maintenance Mike Sebak estimated the whole project will be done in about one year.

LETTERS!!

Talon Marks welcomes letters from students, faculty and staff. Letters may be dropped off at AC 42.



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POLICE BEAT

• MONDAY, FEB. 3

At 12:15 p.m., a student reported that his 1966 Ford Mustang had been broken into, and that his parking permit had been stolen.

The student had been away from his car for two and a half hours.

At 1:45 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle code violation in Lot C-1. When the driver was asked to produce his license, he stated he did not have it in his possession.

A computer records check was conducted and revealed that the driver was driving on a suspended license.

A misdemeanor citation was issued and the driver's vehicle was left on campus grounds.

At 7 p.m., an armed robbery took place on Falcon Way, just west of the pool.

A female student had been walking east on Falcon way when she was grabbed from behind.

A man wrapped his left arm around her chest and held a black semiautomatic pistol to her head, then threw her against a wall.

The suspect demanded money, then searched her purse and took her ATM card and threatened to kill the student if she did not reveal her card's PIN (Personal Identification Number).

Fearing for her life, she told him the number. The robber then pointed the gun at her head and made her beg for her life.

The suspect then fled the area heading east on Falcon Way and disappeared. Officers from the L.A. County Sheriff's Department were called in to assist in searching for the suspect, but were not successful.

The student was treated by paramedics, but was not seriously injured and was taken home by her mother-in-law.

• TUESDAY, FEB. 4

At 2:05 p.m., a fight was reported in the inner quad area.

When officers arrived on the scene the fight was over and only one suspect, a female student, was still present.

After interviews with the officers and an administrator, she was charged with battery, suspended from the college and escorted off campus.

At 2:45 p.m., after spending three hours away from his car, a student reported that his white 1985 Toyota Camry was missing.

• WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

A staff member slipped and fell while walking down the hallway at the Business Education building at 11:20 a.m.

Officers took the worker to the Health and Wellness Center and assisted with first aid.

The victim will seek additional medical treatment.

At 1:15, a grey 1990 Honda Civic was reported stolen.

The student who owned the car had left and locked his car less than three hours earlier.

• THURSDAY, FEB. 6

At 11 a.m., an officer observed a man in the bushes in the Strawberry Field.

The officer approached the man and started to say something when the man suddenly started to run.

The officer caught up with him and discovered that the individual possessed an illicit controlled substance.

The man was arrested and transported to the Cerritos College Police Department.

At 8:15 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle code violation that took place in Lot C-7.

The driver in question failed to show a license and was found, via a computer records check, to be driving on a suspended license.

The driver was issued a citation and his vehicle was forced to be left at the scene.

• FRIDAY, FEB. 7

At 2:15 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle in Lot C-2 for a traffic violation. The driver of the car did not have a license to show and a computer check on the driver showed he was driving on a suspended license.

A citation was issued to the suspect and he was prohibited from taking his vehicle away from the scene.

• MONDAY, FEB. 10

At 2:15 p.m. a campus police officer saw a person having a seizure in Lot C-1.

An ambulance was requested and the victim was transported to Pioneer Hospital for further evaluation.

• TUESDAY, FEB. 11

At 9:15 a.m., a vehicle was stopped for a vehicle code violation in Lot C-9.

The driver of the car failed to produce a license and a check by the officer showed that the driver of the vehicle was driving with a suspended license.

A misdemeanor citation was given to the driver, and the car was taken away.

At 12:35 p.m., during a traffic stop for a violation committed in Lot C-1, a driver was asked to produce his license and he stated he did not have one in his possession.

A check on state records via computer revealed that the man had been driving on a suspended license and had several outstanding warrants against him, including a no-bail arrest warrant for assault with a deadly weapon, using a firearm, and a \$25,000 arrest warrant for attempted robbery.

Further inspection also showed that the suspect had two separate identities with long arrest records.

The suspect was immediately arrested and booked.

An investigation by the college's records office will find out whether misrepresentation or fraud took place since the suspect was a current student and was receiving financial aid.

At 7 p.m., a staff member reported that some college property, totalling \$65, had been taken by unknown persons during the months of November and December of last year.

• WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

At 11:10 a.m., a student reported that his white 1968 Ford Mustang was stolen.

An hour and 45 minutes had past from when the student had left his vehicle and came back to discover his classic car gone.

At 1 p.m., a student came back to his 1989 Toyota Corolla and saw wires sticking out of the front bumper.

Further inspection showed that his vehicle's fog lights had been ripped out.

The student had left the car for four and a half hours.

At 9:30 p.m., a student reported that his yellow 1984 Pontiac 6000 LE was missing.

The driver had been away from his car a little less than three hours.

• THURSDAY, FEB. 13

At 1:30 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle for a violation committed in Lot C-9.

The driver of the car was driving on a suspended license and was issued a citation for the misdemeanor violation.

The driver's vehicle was left in Lot C-9.

At 3:55 p.m., police officers found a man in the Student Center's men's restroom who was unconscious and vomiting.

The man was taken by ambulance to Pioneer Hospital.

At 9:55 p.m., a green 1996 Ford Contour was reported stolen.

The owner of the car had been away for three hours and 20 minutes.

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EDITORIALS

To golf... or not to golf?

The strawberry patch and what will become of it has been an interesting topic of debate in recent weeks.

The proposal being strongly considered now is that of a double-decker driving range and a golf learning center.

The Board of Trustees seems to think that this driving range will greatly benefit the college both financially and academically. The Board of Trustees should seriously reconsider their options.

First of all, the academic aspect of this project just isn't there.

The most a student could learn from this driving range is how to hit a ball a long distance, which can be done at a number of places within a 10 mile radius of this school.

There has been talk from the Board of starting a Maintenance of Golf Course certificate program, potentially drawing many new students to this campus. Unknown to the rest of the world, there must be a huge demand for golf turf growers, or maybe it's a new term for gardener.

Perhaps an agricultural program would better suit the use of the strawberry patch. Especially considering California is one of the biggest agricultural centers in the United States.

Just to name a few golf courses really close to this campus, there are the Los Amigos and Rio Hondo courses in Downey, Norwalk Golf Course, Pico Rivera Golf Course, and Ironwood-Nine golf range just down the street. The two main companies being considered for the course development are All Seasons Golf and Family Golf Centers, Inc. Both companies have similar plans for development of the course and curriculum, but All Seasons is pointed in more of a country club-ish theme.

Family Golf Centers has been in business since 1992 and has \$60 million in cash to finance the project.

All Seasons, being privately financed, will most likely have to take an escrow in order to secure the money, making their investment less stable than Family Golf.

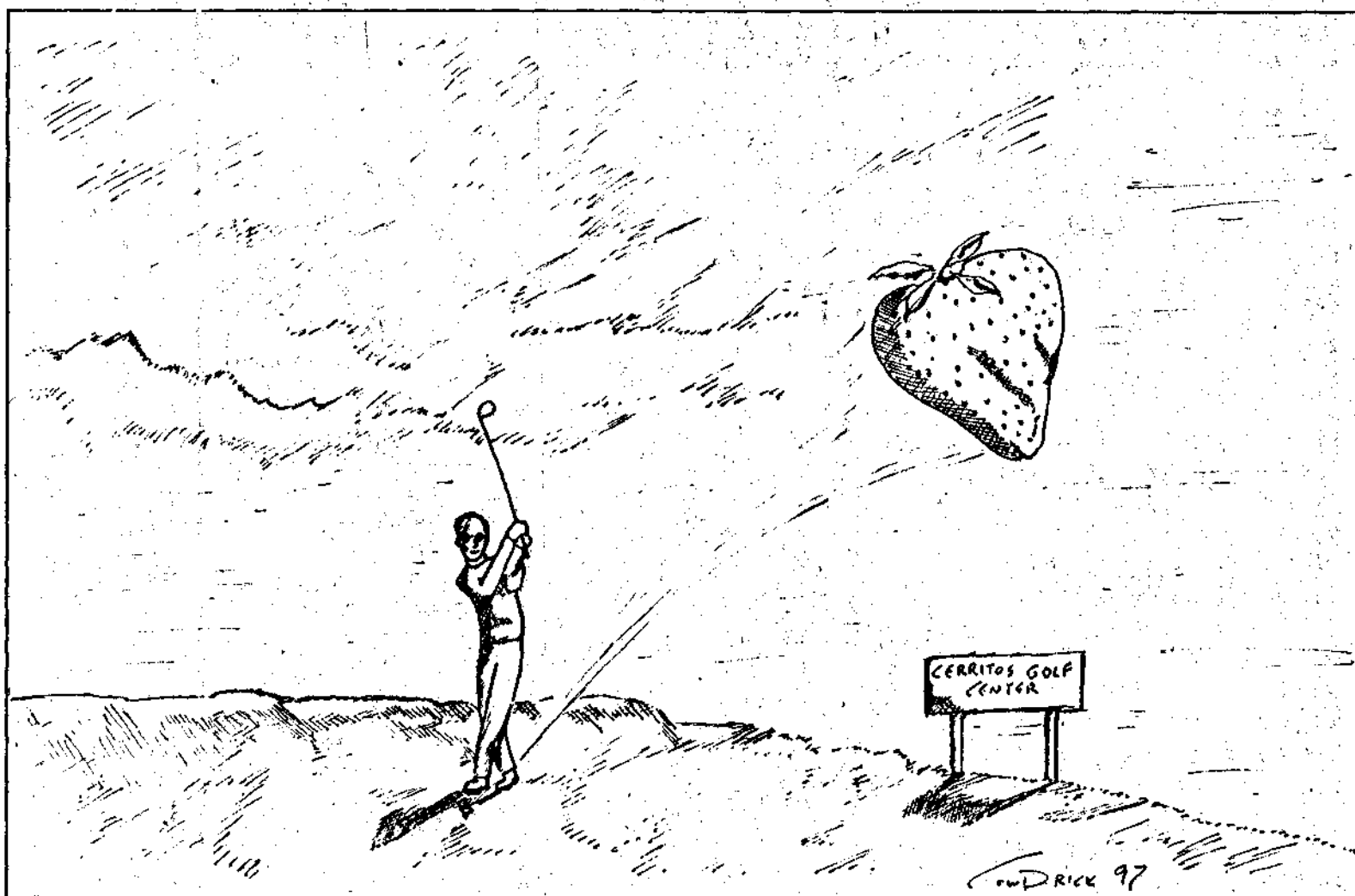
The company that will be running the driving range is the one that will finance the building and managing of the facility, and the school will potentially benefit from the projected large revenue generated by the driving range.

Even if students were to use this driving range, the cost per bucket of golf balls would have to be below \$3. All driving ranges mentioned above have a price of at least \$6 per bucket. Hopefully the driving range will at least employ some students, but seeing that not many are PGA-certified golf trainers, that doesn't seem too much of a possibility.

Parking is another real problem which has barely been addressed. One of the companies addressed the parking issue by saying that they would build a parking lot with two hundred spaces. How can they build two hundred parking stalls without taking student parking away and at the same time have enough room for a large driving range? Especially considering the classrooms and restaurant being proposed, the numbers just don't add up.

Sure, the companies could build a state-of-the-art golfing facility and staff it with PGA certified trainers and the people who use it might become better golfers, but those aren't the issues that need to be addressed.

Perhaps the Board of Trustees should ask: How many people will actually use the facility? Is there that much of an overflow at the other courses that will come to the college's driving range? Will these new facilities be so much better that people will be willing to pay a higher price? If not, can this facility be competitive with all the others while still making a profit?



Students forever, what a deal

If only we could be students forever.

Just think about all the benefits: special student credit cards, low movie prices, even special deals on jewelry, cellular phones and clothing.

At Cerritos College, we probably save nearly as much money as we spend.

The automotive and cosmetology departments at school offer deals that are impossible to beat.

And what could be more convenient than getting your hair cut or your car fixed at school?

Where else can you get your entire car repainted for only \$30 plus the cost of materials?

Students even get a discount on those materials.

Where else but the cosmetology department do haircuts cost \$3?

Even Supercuts charges \$9.

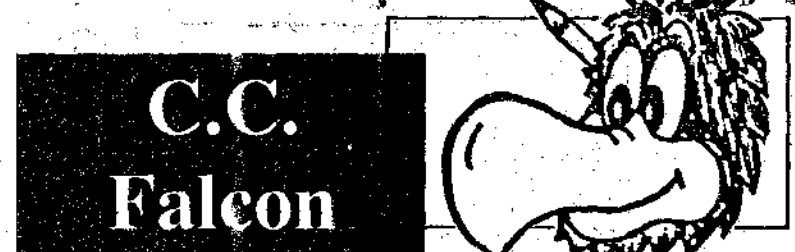
At the college, hair is cut by students who are within a few months of receiving their cosmetology certificate.

The cosmetology department has afternoon and evening hours to accommodate most customers.

Of course, not only students are eligible for the services from cosmetology and the automotive department.

Unfortunately, many students and community members don't take advantage of these low-cost services.

Think of all the money they are wasting that they could be investing at the college.



Two feathers up to the maintenance crew. Though the custodial staff was sliced in half, the campus still looks darn good. Mike Sebak's new cleaning schedule is for the birds; us Falcons!

I heard someone complain about the music playing in the rec room. Okay, listen. There's this big machine up against the wall

with shiny little discs spinning in it.

Take one of those round metal things out of your pocket and put it into the slot. At the push of a button YOU get to pick what plays. Marvelous! (Okay, so maybe it is a little LOUD.)

The Student Center. What can I say about it? 'We have a

Student Center??

What's going on with the Bookstore NOW? There don't seem to be the books some of us need. And if you can find it, good luck affording it. I'd try the little shop across the street. Hey Wayne, Nya nya!

And another thing! (Finger pointing sternly.) What's with this Bookstore "manager" still being paid to sit home? Go ahead, wash your car.

If you have more blood than you need, swoop in on the annual Cerritos College blood drive on

March 13. It's in BK 111/112 from 8:30 - 2:30.

Some of our teachers are not teaching their students everything... like what days we have off from school. We had people standing around outside of buildings on Friday waiting to get into their classes.

The Child Development Center was making great progress for a while there, but what happened? They got the grass down, dug some holes, then washed their hands of the whole affair. I know what they forgot! They didn't put back the kids.

-DDMC



Campus Comment

"How do you think the new golf range will affect you?"



"I like the strawberries. The golf range will create parking conflicts."

Felice Reyes
Dental Hygiene



"The strawberry patch should be turned into a parking space instead of a golf range."

Walter Rivera
Music/Art



"It may create more jobs by putting the golf range though."

Gioconda Rodriguez
Spanish



"Hopefully it won't affect me at all because I really don't golf."

Ramon Fonseca
Admin. of Justice



"I need to know how much money is going to come in or if the school is going to lose money."

Yolanda Romanello
Psychology



"I like the strawberries. I feel bad for the people who work on them, they'd lose their jobs."

Bianca Knight
Undecided



"If we're going to benefit, then it's ok, but if they're going to raise tuition I don't think it's fair."

Georgina Hanna
Biology



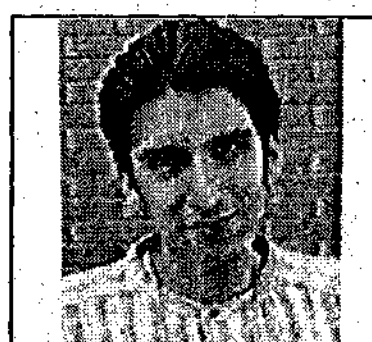
"I think it'll be great. It'll raise a lot of revenues for the campus."

Alfonso Gutierrez
Liberal Studies



"Hopefully the revenues that it generates will help in the classroom."

Gary Sarell
Math Dept.



"I think the only thing that it would affect is the transition in parking."

Sam Gonzales
Political Science

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Skiing isn't just for vending machines anymore

By JAMES REYNOSA
TM Staff Writer

After coming to the conclusion that most of my friends have the shape and athleticism of vending machines, there is only one sport left for me and my friends to master... Skiing.

But the problem is trying to get friends to the mountain.

You see, whenever I mention the word "skiing" the first thing that usually comes to their minds is that snippet of film at the beginning of "Wide World of Sports."

This is where the Agony of Defeat is depicted by an unfortunate person who loses control of himself going off the end of a ski jump launcher and various organs come flying out of his body.

But I'm going to take them anyway, screw them! They're going to have fun or die trying.

The trick to having fun when you're a beginner skier is knowing your options.

There are three main options of skiing that you might want to try. One option is cross-country, which has become very popular with older people because it is highly "aerobic," a term health teachers use to describe how dull an activity is.

What you do is find a patch of country and slog across on skis but for some reason you have to do it in the same manner as a herd of cattle.

Another option is downhill ski-

ing, which is when a machine takes you up a hill and you have to find a way down.

And finally there's the option of snowboarding, which is getting on a flat board, swaying from side to side and trying to piss

off all of the downhill and cross-country skiers.

Before you go skiing you should select a course that's for you.

The choice can range from the "Bunny Hill," which means you're a wimp and you should go home, to "The Wall" which means

that this course is a little vertical, to "Hamburger Hill," which means that there are pieces of beginners and cross-country skiers who went and tried this course by

honest appraisal of the slope conditions. Most resorts use the Standardized Ski Resort Five-Stage Condition Description Systems:

"F#%ing Awesome": This means the entire resort has been hit with a blizzard and people are freezing to death left and right, but it is the best time to ski!

"Really Incredibly Superb": This means the entire slope is encased in a frozen substance of some kind.

"Really Superb": This means there are large patches of sludge, but persons with good motor skills can still slide all the way down.

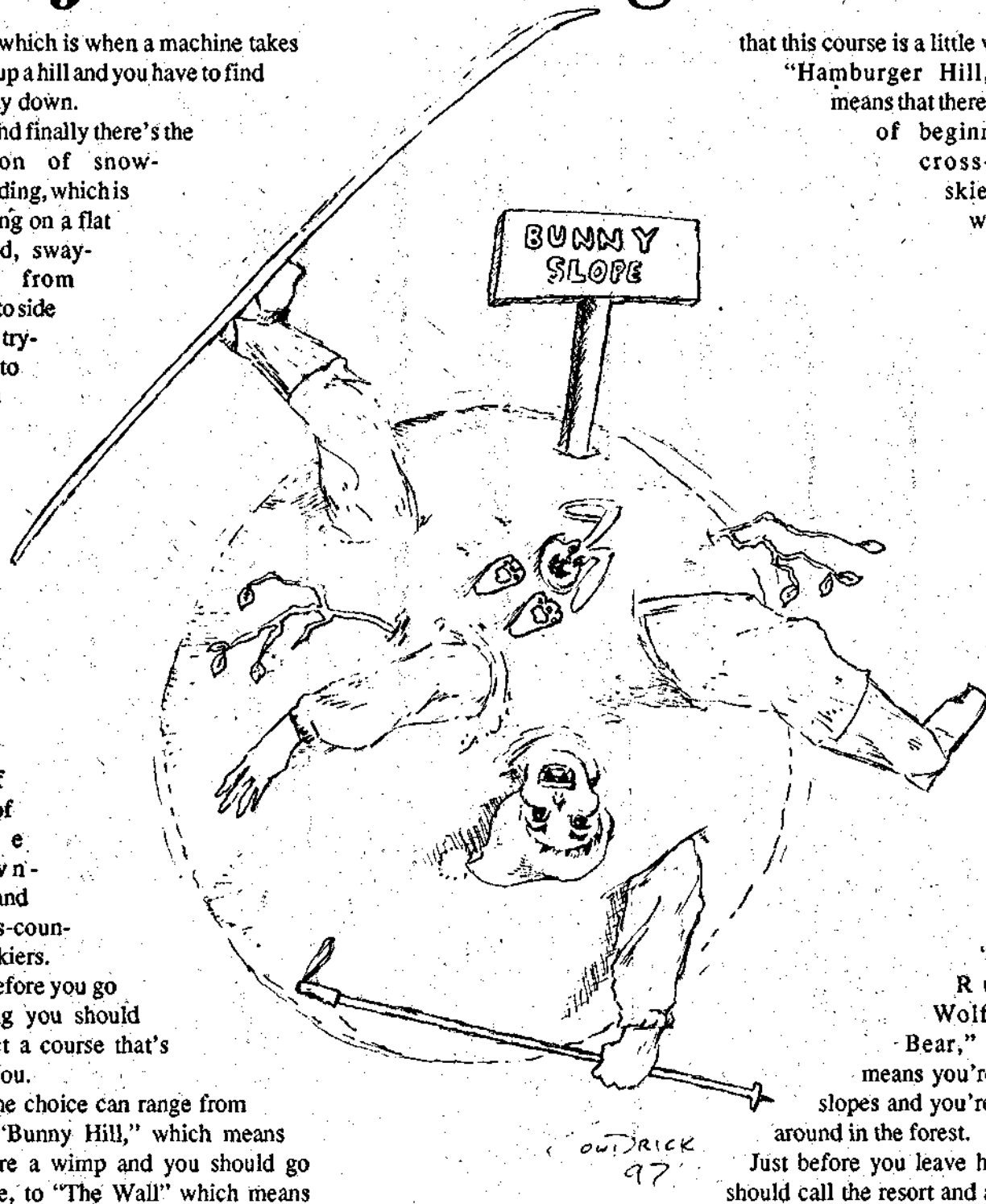
"Superb": This means persons wishing to get to the bottom will have to clamber over rusted poles of skiers who didn't make it during the "Really Superb" point.

"Excellent": This means it's June.

When you go skiing, you might see something strange. All around the slopes there are these little creatures, small and quick, with a taste of attitude. Don't worry, they're just rich people's larvae.

Do what I do. Swipe them with a pole and say, "I'm sorry, I didn't know what I was doing," and laugh all the way down. You will get some applause from other skiers.

With all this new-found knowledge I hope to see you on the slopes. I won't be hard to find. I'll be the third vending machine to the right dressed in green.



mis- take, to finally "Large Rugged Wolf and Bear," which means you're past the slopes and you're roaming around in the forest.

Just before you leave home, you should call the resort and ask for an

Do you know where your food has been?

By JOYCE KELLY
TM Staff Writer

Will eating fast food kill you or make you healthier?

When you are rushing from class to class and you need something to curb your appetite, do you stop for a slice of that delicious-smelling Frantone's pizza?

You are so hungry and in such a rush, you eat the pizza without thinking of any serious consequences.

Consider this: was it sitting in the open air, on a table without a protective covering or screen, with only a heating lamp to keep it warm, and gathering the germs from the passers-by?

Did you ever see the guy serving the pizza wash his hands? You have eaten your pizza from the hands of the guy who just took your money and gave you your change.

Money has so much filth and germs that it could be one of the

leading ways of transmitting diseases.

Something else to consider is the fact that tests and experiments have given proof of fecal matter showing up on practically everything we come into contact with in our daily lives.

How much of that fecal matter was on that slice of pizza you ate? If you say none, how positive are you?

Should our health concerns be considered when the vendors readily take our money?

There are concerns when it comes to the Health Department. Granted, there are more drastic occurrences in the preparation and selling of foods.

Seeing the server of your pizza pick the table cloth from the ground and put it back on the table without washing it is something we as consumers should not have to tolerate.

Think about what you are paying that \$1.75 for: life or death.

An eye on The Man's world

By DAVID FEENSTRA
TM Sports Editor

I spy with my little eye The Man and he is holding me down.

The Man makes me pay for barbecue sauce at Burger King. He makes me pay \$30 dollars to pay another \$30 to go to traffic school.

I spy with my little eye a world of taxes that the forefathers of this country would have rioted over...

Sales tax is just plain ridiculous. What kind of a world do we live in when we get taxed because we buy something?

I spy with my little eye student body president Wayne Nunnery condoning censorship to suit his needs.

When only one percent of the school population votes, it's hard to believe that the ASCC president speaks for the students.

He only speaks for the 200 people who voted for him.

I spy with my little eye a student government that has more people in it than people who actually vote...

I spy with my little eye people in student government who actually believe that the students at large care about what they do.

It is time to wake up and smell the coffee, no one cares about the student

senate and what they do.

The only thing people will remember the student senate for is that they took away all the food on campus for a building that won't be finished until the next millennium...

I spy with my little eye a Board of Trustees Vice President John Moore pushing for censorship.

If you don't like what people say about you, don't run for public office...

I spy with my little eye a President's office that is impartial to the needs of students.

The office is looking out for its own needs, pushing away the real purpose of this institution...

I spy with my little eye a lot of problems from this so-called golf training center...

I spy with my little eye a student representative on the Board of Trustees who is just a puppet to the wishes of the Board.

Hopefully after this next election there will be a student representative who speaks from a student's standpoint, not my father's...

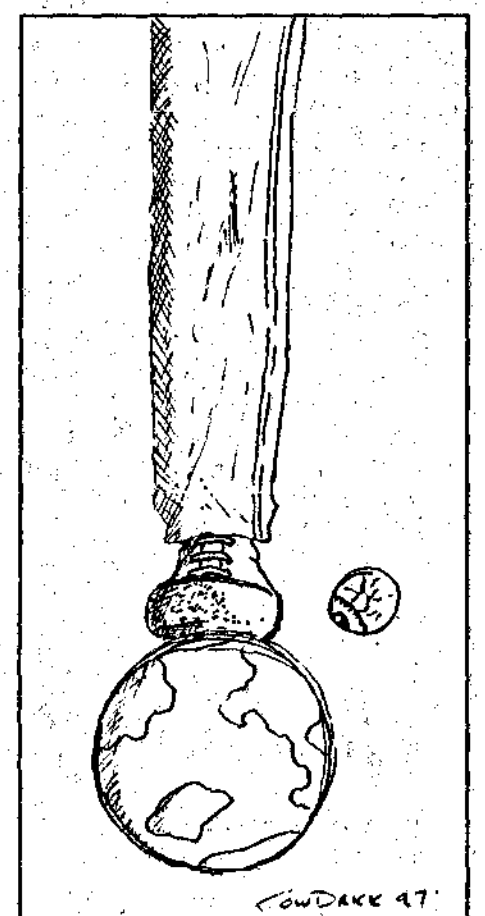
I spy with my little eye the passing of a national holiday that has lost its meaning.

The ideals of which are being questioned on this very campus, faculty senate president Pat Pinder is one of the few

people taking a stand.

Pinder claims that she will not stand for censorship on any level...

I spy with my little eye Big Brother and he is watching me...



Lost in the ideal world of telecourses

By DAVE COWDRICK
TM Opinion Editor

As I looked through the schedule of classes before the semester began I couldn't help but notice the TV course listings in the beginning of the schedule which appeared to be the most attractive classes.

The classes only meet five times during the semester, including two optional review sessions, there's no homework and you get to be taught right inside your own house by means of the best appliance, the TV.

What more could anyone ask for? It seems almost too easy for any course credit to even be offered for the class.

These were my exact feelings when I enrolled in the class. As time went on,

however, I came to the conclusion that, in taking the class, I was going to have to become solely responsible for everything.

It was up to me to set the VCR every other night to tape the telecourse programs and to pace myself in the reading.

There was going to be no instructor there monitoring my progress.

In essence, aside from the television, I was my own instructor.

This is where my paradise crumbled just a little bit.

With the freedom to pretty much ignore the fact that I even had a tele-

course until the day of the final, it was set in my mind that the midterm was nowhere in sight.

Now, having not even looked at the textbook or watched one of the programs, I find that the midterm is only four weeks away. Okay, there's still time.

The time is running out though. For anyone else in this situation, I suggest a reevaluation of where you stand. Know where you are in the class.

If four weeks turns into two weeks it could be a problem. This appears to be the biggest prob-

lem when it comes to telecourses. There is no one to guide you, no homework to do and no deadlines to meet.

When the time finally comes to take the test, it might be too late.

You don't want to go on the notion that you'll have plenty of time to study for the midterm no matter when you start studying.

Most likely you won't. I think I've caught the errors of my ways in enough time to prepare for the midterm, but for others this might be a wake-up call.

Keep up with the programs on television. When the program covers a chapter, you should cover that chapter as well.

Don't fall behind because you might not have the ability to catch back up.

"It was up to me to set the VCR every other night to tape the telecourse."

LETTER Progress gets recognition

I want to compliment you on the beautiful issue you produced last week. Never in my eight years teaching at Cerritos have I been as impressed with the professionalism and optimism of the front page of the Talon Marks as I was last week.

Progress was recognized. People seemed happy. The college seemed modern and growing. It was as if our motto was: "Cerritos College: The 21st century is just around the corner."

I was, however, surprised to find an editorial that questioned the need for a Black History Month.

Frank Gaik
Instructor

Disabled Services loses faculty

By MONICA COTO
TM News Editor

For Cerritos College Disabled Student Programs and Services the number and complexity of students is constantly on the rise, but unfortunately faculty and staff are dwindling.

The only things that seem to keep the facilities running are the generous funding of the district and the hard work of dedicated educators.

According to director Robert Hughlett, there was an 11 percent increase in the number of students served by the program over the last year, while there was a 6 percent decrease in staff.

These numbers do not include students served in Central Intake and Services who could not be claimed due to lack of medical information corroborating their disabilities.

After the students have verified their disabilities, their individual needs have to be assessed.

Problems may range from mobility and vision to acquired brain injuries and the developmentally delayed.

"And many hours of staff time are needed to meet the multiple needs of each student," Kay Follett, specialist in charge of Central Intake and Services, said.

There are now only about 15 staff members to serve the 780 disabled students on campus.

"We especially need a teacher to work with the psychologically disabled," Hughlett said. "That's one of our larger populations and we don't have anyone to spend much time with them now."

The psychologically disabled students did not officially exist in the disabled program until a few years ago.

"What happened was that in Sacramento the decision was made that a new population was coming to us — students with psychological disabilities — and that decision was made with no funding."

LAP offers new college perspective

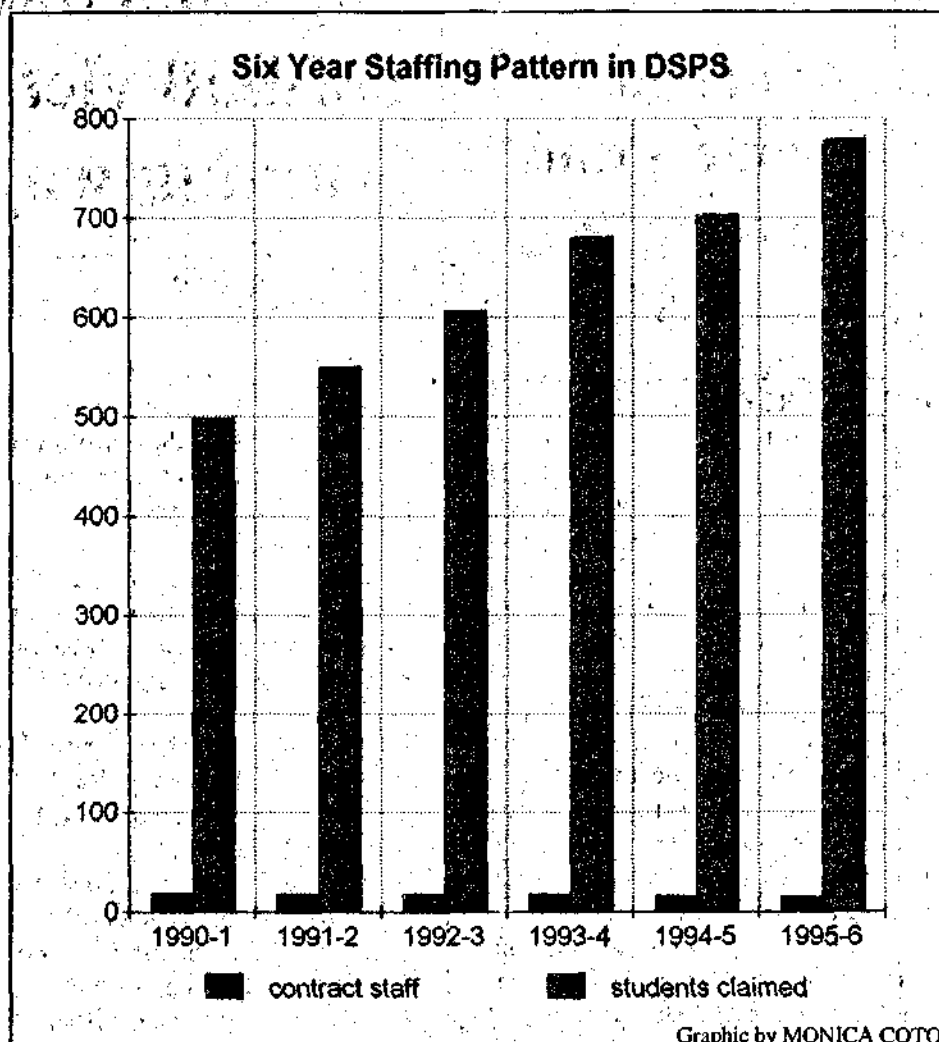
By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ
TM Editorial Editor

The LAP provides more than assistance to students, it provides a new perspective into their college life.

The Learning Assistance Program (LAP) is a campus support system designed to provide services and information to students who want to acquire, review, or maintain personal learning skills.

The LAP has a centralized location where students can go to develop learning skills that will improve their efficiency and effectiveness in the classroom. The program's information referral system connects students with all the campus learning assistance programs services, personnel and materials, enabling students to learn more in less time with greater ease and confidence.

The program offers a tutorial service.



Graphic by MONICA COTO

attached," Follett explained.

Some of the educational limitations of the psychologically disabled include poor concentration, panic in unfamiliar situations and difficulty formulating and executing a plan of action.

Therefore, this is a population with a high need for classroom support that, with current funding, Cerritos cannot sufficiently provide for.

Even if the college could afford to hire another full-time specialist this would not solve the problem.

"None of our specialists work in a vacuum," Follett said. "None of us have a job where we can be with a student and solve everything right there with them."

One of our biggest problems is we don't have sufficient support staff that we necessarily need in order to keep the mechanism running and provide all the necessary follow through."

Vice president of faculty senate John Pelloni agreed that the cut in staff has led to classified staff being over-worked, but does not think faculty is affected by the cuts in staff. "It isn't like they're asking the faculty to take on an extra burden because we can only teach so many units per semester."

However, DSPS faculty activities are not confined to teaching in a classroom. That doesn't mean that they're not doing a lot of other things.

This is discipline-specific tutoring. It is free and designed to enhance classroom instruction on a short-term basis. Tutoring is provided in small groups. A form has to be filled out in order to get the service.

The LAP offers the SRSE (Survey of Reading and Study Efficiency), a self-check of skills that are important for students' efficiency and effectiveness in college courses.

"This is not a test. It is only a survey that helps students to improve their performance in college. They receive an individually designed printout showing their strengths and weaknesses. Also, a list of options directs the students to the many services and materials offered through the LAP that will help them to improve their weaknesses," explained Judy Bulanek, LAP tutorial technician.

The LAP helps students to identify their learning style. Every Wednesday from 11

to noon the learning skills specialist and LAP instructional aides offer meetings to help students identify their learning styles.

The Internet is an international collection of computer networks that allows people to do research and communicate with others. The LAP offers Internet training to everyone who is interested in receiving a user name and password Monday - Friday 11 a.m. to noon.

The LAP is also offering students the opportunity to utilize interactive technology for research and presentations.

The LAP offers the use of Internet to all students with a valid ID card. This service gives the opportunity to access World-Wide Web information, create your own web page and correspond with other Internet users around the world.

Martha Medina, a computer major, said, "The Internet helps me when I have to do research in various subjects that involve

Follett said she works a large number of uncompensated hours to make up for the shortage of staff. "That's a personal choice I make because I have to try and do the job in a way that I can feel proud of."

Follett said this eventually leads to burnout. "If the situation isn't solved, what is going to happen is I may not be able to keep up and then it hurts the program."

As a result, students are waiting longer for a lower level of service. "We need time to just be available," Follett said. "The less available we are the less students can just walk in and see us. If we don't have the time to make all those interconnections, things will start breaking down along the way."

However, both Hughlett and Follett said that they did not want to give the impression that DSPS was not doing a good job serving students.

"Considering that staffing is composed of so few individuals, it remains remarkable the number of students served," Hughlett reported to the Board of Trustees.

One of the most common services offered in DSPS is test-taking assistance. For example, blind students often have to have tests read or done up in braille. These students may have tests from various courses proctored in the Resource Center.

"In my 23 years, we haven't lost a test yet," Hughlett said. "That is something we're pretty proud of here."

Peter Choi said the programs have really been helpful to him. "During orientation I really learned a lot about where things were. It really helped me to get to know the campus."

Jose Moreno also said his encounters with the staff have all been great. "In a wheelchair you can't use a regular desk. [DSPS] assigns you a table if you need one. All the counselors have been really nice."

There are several tests specially designed to provide learning style measurements such as learning style inventory (LSI), Keirsey temperament sorter, personality color code, learning type measurement (LMT) and Barsch learning style inventory. All of these tests are provided for free.

"The personality color code test really helped me to identify certain patterns of my behavior that were affecting my achievements at school and at home," said Ana Guerrero, a computer systems major. "It is only too bad that I didn't know about these kinds of tests until one of my friends told me about them. It would be great if everybody took these tests before they even started choosing their classes," she said.

Multimedia is a free service provided by the LAP that enables students to utilize interactive technology for research and presentations. Laser discs, CDs and interactive videos are some of the tools that multimedia offers to the students to bring live interactive presentations into the classroom.

The Learning Plus is a computer-based learning of skills and strategies. The LAP is offering students the opportunity to improve their basic skills in reading, writing, math and test-taking. The students are able to learn at their own pace with this personalized program without pressure.

The LAP also offers open lab facilities to all students that may need it. It provides walk-in assistance on specific days and hours in the following areas: WRITING, an open writing center, provides writing assistance for any student in any class. ESL Writing and Conversation, the open ESL writing lab provides assistance for any ESL level students while the open ESL conversation lab assists any ESL student in developing English conversational skills.

"All these labs are great. All of them helped me to improve my knowledge of the English language. All the people here help you any time you need it and if they don't have an answer to your questions, they will refer you to other places," Lili Chen, a biology major, said.

Finally, the LAP offers a large variety of learning skills workshops. These one-hour workshops are led by college instructors and offer relevant and useful information that can help students to gain more confidence in themselves as they learn effective strategies for succeeding in college.

Net Head News

By SOREN WILLIAMS

Web nets faster information

The World Wide Web is a great place to have fun and look up meaningless information but, believe it or not, it can also serve as a useful tool in everyday life.

It seems no matter what your dilemma or hobby (or possibly both) the Web can help answer whatever questions are left lingering from your half finished project.

For instance, because I enjoy messing with my computer and other people's computers so much, I inevitably have to find new ways to repair them.

The Web is perfect for just that. Everything from directions on how to repair your computer to drivers you can download for updates is easily available.

Say you just got a new CD-ROM but Windows 95 doesn't like it enough to make it work.

The first thing you can do is reinstall everything over and over. If that doesn't work, chances are the Web can help.

The best scenario would be that you already have the CD-ROM maker's web address, and then you could just type it in.

If you don't have their web address, try typing in the company's name with a .com after it. This works most of the time.

If the company name doesn't work look it up at Yahoo (www.yahoo.com) or Alta Vista (www.av.yahoo.com).

Once you reach their site, you will probably have to look for the product you just purchased which is usually categorized by the type of product.

Once you find your product, just click on the drivers and wait for them to download.

Speaking of waiting, if you get a quick modem, unlike me, you might not have to.

Just recently Rockwell and U.S. Robotics revealed their 56K modems, which are supposed to be the fastest modems out.

My suggestion at this time would be to stick with the 33.6K modems and wait to see which company, Rockwell or U.S. Robotics, will win the fight to have their modem as the standard 56K modem.

If you buy now you may be stuck with the loser's modem which may not be supported by future Internet servers.

All this talk about fast modems and download times really doesn't matter much if you're connecting through Cerritos College.

I'm not sure what the college is waiting for, but we need to get a good, fast, graphical server installed.

It isn't too expensive to start, would greatly enhance the experience for students who have to dial in from home. It could also pave the way for Internet site development classes.

At least that Magic Man (www.cerritos.edu/~resur001) helped make it more user friendly with the Dragon menu system.

Lets face it, the Internet will eventually replace television, slow the use of shopping malls and open new worlds to everyone across the planet.

The only wrong time to jump on the Internet bandwagon is when it's fully developed, which won't be too long.

It's about time this college, which just recently got an automated library system, actually put itself somewhere on the technology curve.

Graduate finds career on Falcon Way

By DAVID DM COUTANT
TM Entertainment Editor

From his studio in Riverside, Calif., Dan Cautrell has been working on the printmaking, woodcuts and linoleum prints that have secured his place in the Riverside Arts Foundation, art festivals from San Francisco to San Diego, and now in the Cerritos College Art Gallery.

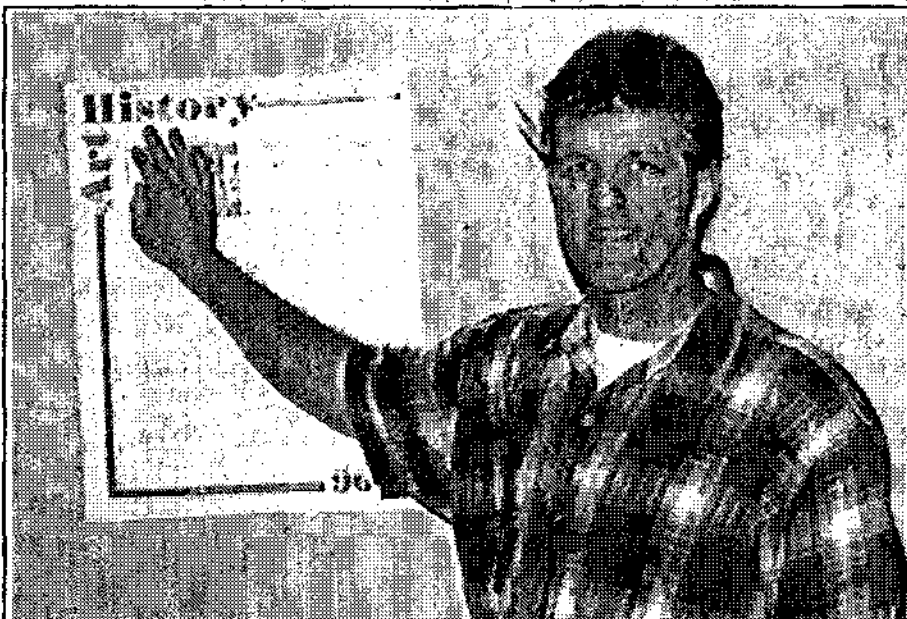
Dean of Fine Arts Larry Brady announced that the Art Gallery has appointed Cautrell as coordinator.

A former Cerritos student and gallery assistant, Cautrell said he accepted the responsibility "to present the gallery in a professional manner and maintain its status as an educational tool."

"As a gallery assistant, I was exposed to other artists' work and was able to research and apply proper techniques for the presentation of artwork."

Cautrell earned his associate in arts degree from Cerritos in 1988.

"I am a virtual product of Cerritos College and its art department. I dis-



TOM HERNANDEZ/Talon Marks

Dean of Fine Arts Larry Brady announced that the Art Gallery has appointed former student Dan Cautrell as the new coordinator.

covered my direction and adopted a medium that would define me as an artist."

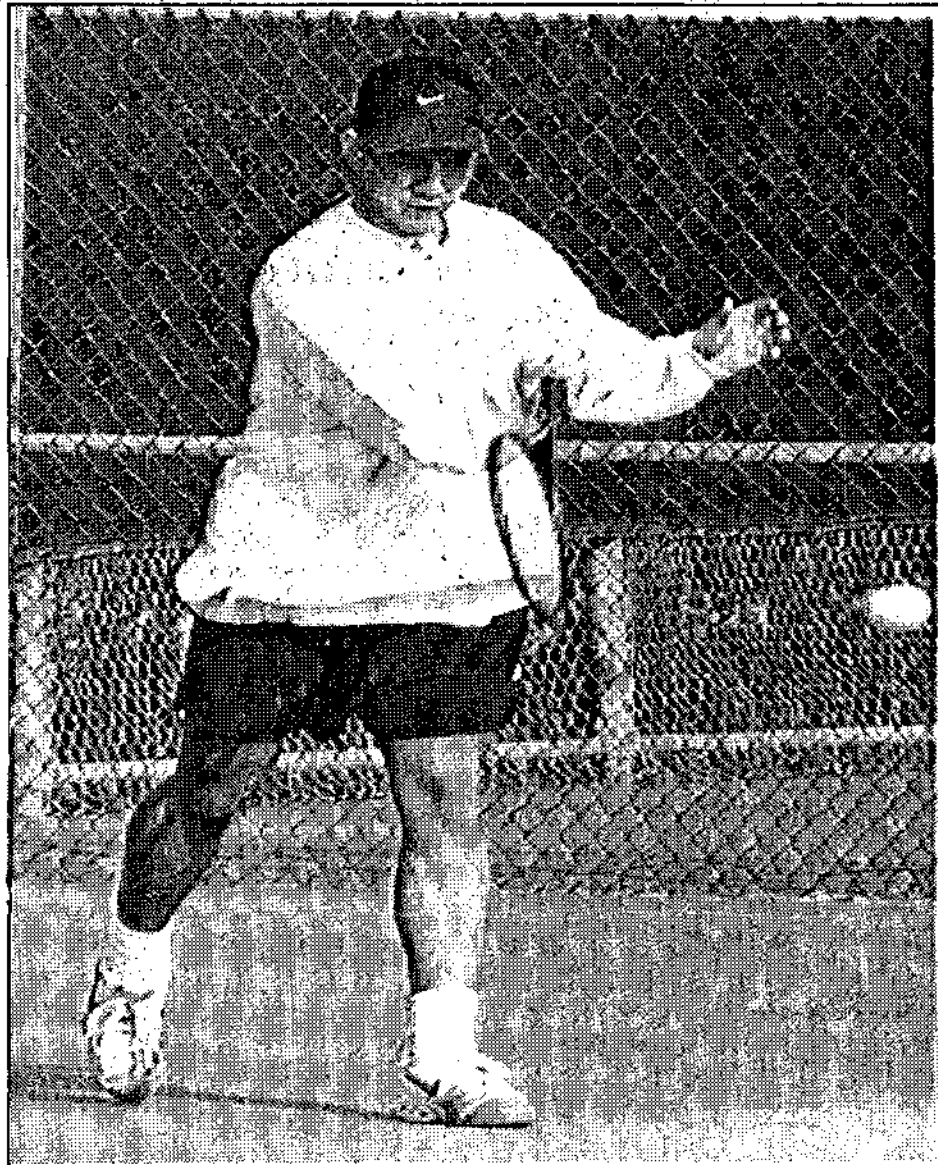
He created the college's Art Club logo and a design for the CC Arts Calendar.

"Now I guess it's only fitting that the college is providing me with yet another opportunity to grow and progress as an

individual involved in the arts," he said.

As the Gallery coordinator, he will schedule and install all the Gallery exhibits throughout the year and will be responsible for all supporting activities.

Tough times ahead for young teams



TOM HERNANDEZ/Talon Marks

Returning sophomore Joey Estella works on his forehand.

■ Both teams are winless thus far in their '97 campaigns

By JAMES REYNOSA
TM Staff Writer

Youth and the future are the slogans for the men's and women's tennis team for 1997.

With no returning starters this year Coach Teri Burton is honest about the women's tennis chances.

"This isn't going to be a banner year," Burton said. "We're pretty much playing for experience for next year."

The women's tennis team has stumbled out of the blocks this year going 0-3 with conference matches starting this Thursday.

"I don't know how good the rest of the league is. Hopefully they lost some returning players also," Burton said.

The men's tennis team is almost in the same position, with only Lamar Hooks and Joey Estella returning.

The men are also off to a winless start. Both of the tennis teams open up their conference schedule at Mount San Antonio Thursday at 2 p.m.

Big comeback keys softball victories, winning ways continue

By KELLY BARTH
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With its back placed firmly against the proverbial wall, the Cerritos College softball team did something all good teams need to do.

They responded.

Cerritos erased a 7-2 San Bernardino Valley College lead with eight runs in the games final two innings as the Falcons posted a 10-7 win.

Cerritos' win was its second of the day as the Falcons swept the Early Bird Trio Monday afternoon at Falcon softball stadium.

Prior to its game against San Bernardino, Cerritos defeated L.A. Valley 6-0. Trailing 7-6 in the bottom of the sixth inning with runners on second and third freshman Ramona Pacheco singled to center field scoring Tara Yeargin and Sara Ledesma good for an 8-7 lead.

"Great comeback ... great comeback," said Cerritos head coach Nancy

Kelly. "This team never gives up, this is just fantastic."

"It felt great. For a while I thought I was in a slump and to come back with a great hit like that made me feel good," Pacheco said.

One batter later Pacheco scored when Kaiti Stempson singled to right.

Cerritos' rally began an inning earlier when a single, hit batter and error loaded the bases opening the door to a four run Falcon fifth inning.

Cerritos' comeback was allowed to develop when Kelly removed starting pitcher Veronica Cornejo in favor of Reanna Mendoza.

Cornejo struggled through 3 2/3 innings as she allowed seven runs.

Cerritos will look to carry over the momentum of Monday's comeback win today when they travel to Citrus College. The game is scheduled for 3 p.m.

From childhood pick-up games to capturing a conference title

■ Conference record upped to 8-0 after 86-75 victory

By D.S. PEREZ
TM Staff Writer

From childhood pick-up games to the Cerritos basketball team, Jason Sanders and Jason Pickett have had a long relationship with each other.

Their bond worked well together as the two guards both energized a Falcon team to a 86-75 victory at L.A. Harbor, a win that clinched the South Coast Conference for the Falcons and stretched the Falcons winning streak in the conference

to 8-0.

"It was tense, emotional and physical out there. We had to stay focused. Sanders and I picked it up during the game and we won," Pickett, who had 20 points, said.

Sanders had 25 points, 15 of which came from three-point shots, and Tony Harvey twice performed the impressive alley-oop dunk, one of which was assisted from Sanders with less than two minutes left in the first half and dazzled the attendance.

However, the Seahawks weren't deflated, and pushed to close the gap to seven points, making it a 43-36 contest at the half. "Damn, they came back," Sanders shouted at the halftime buzzer. "This is our game baby, so let's not let them stay this close."

Sanders' comments precluded an explosive second half — a half where the Falcons went ahead by as much as 16 points and then almost blew it with less than a minute left.

"We could have been playing better in that first half, and then in the second half we showed Harbor how we should have been playing," Sanders said.

"Everybody played the defense when it was needed and got the shots when our team needed it."

Harbor College could say the same. Behind by 11 points, the Seahawks started to put pressure on the Falcons, and came within six, highlighted a crucial steal by Tarron Williams on Sanders.

Then the Falcons committed several fouls and gave the Seahawks chances on the free-throw line, but the Seahawks were riding on fumes and lost the momentum — and the ball game.

"That steal was a bad thing, and I was angry that it happened, but I wasn't frightened about that mistake. It was too late for them, but it won't happen again," Sanders said, grinning.

Sanders' teammates also agreed with his view.

"We play to the level of our opponents

sometimes, and sometimes we get nonchalant when we take the lead, and that often hurts us. After the half we concentrated and took the game back," center Roger Roussell, who had eight rebounds, said.

Falcon coach Jack Bogdanovich was pleased with the Falcons' effort in the game.

"Both teams loosened up emotionally and started taking and making three-point shots and that was dangerous," Bogdanovich said.

"Coaching goes out the window when emotion and looseness come into play. But it was a consistent game."

The promising defense that the Falcons showed at moments could be boosted up with the arrival of another big man in the mix, Eddie Ellis, who had brief stints in the game against Harbor.

"We're getting Ellis back in shape," Bogdanovich said. "He missed a couple of games but should make it for the playoffs."

"I'm trying to slowly step up and get back to the team," Ellis said. "I'm hoping to add a little bonus depth; an extra body out there or a little something."

"After we get used to another big strong

guy in the mix, we should really be good," Roussell said. "He should help us, and he'll give us something, like a scary look."

Ellis couldn't have been coming at a better time. Most of the players are already thinking of what could happen for the remainder of the season, and what awaits.

"We're on a winning streak right now and we should be tough to beat in the playoffs," Ellis said.

Sanders had a clearer, more optimistic view.

"From here on, we'll end the season going 10-0 against teams in our conference, then get into the state championships," Sanders said.

The Falcons' other Jason had a differing view of why the Falcons are doing so well and what will keep them on the same track.

"Practice," Pickett said. "It's the reason why we have such a good record right now."

"From these practices we start for the state championships."

The Falcons' remaining games take place tonight at Cerritos against L.A. Southwest and Saturday night at Long Beach City College.

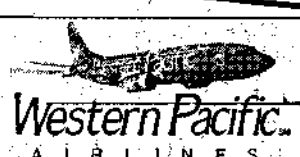
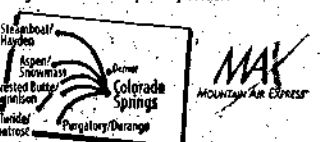
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SPORTS BRIEF

If a tie is like kissing your sister, then Los Angeles Valley must be a long-lost relative.

Cerritos ended the Casey Stengel Tournament with a record of 2-1-1, that pushed the Falcons' record up to 8-3-2 heading into this week's game against two-time defending state champions, Rancho Santiago this Wednesday at 2 p.m.

"This season has been kind of disappointing, I think we should be playing much better than we are now," said Head Coach Ken Gaylord. "We've been playing down to clubs that aren't that good."

One of those pitchers is closer Shane Sullivan who has recorded four saves along with 17 strikeouts in only 12 innings. The defense has been the most inconsistent part of the team, the pictures have had to deal with all the extra base runners.

"I think we have the best pitching staff in our conference, we can send out four, five or even six pitchers and have confidence in all of them."

The season continues to heat up for the baseball team with seven games coming up in the next two weeks.

Horny Toad!'s wild ride

By DAVID DM COUTANT
TM Entertainment Editor

From street karaoke à la Parisienne to hemp craftsmen and underground revolutionaries, Venice has spawned its share of unique individuals.

Add to that list a young Kid named after fish eggs, a Latino guitarist and a suicidal bass player who share a love for snowboarding, and you arrive at the conclusion of Horny Toad!

One of the hottest new acts on Domo Records, this group from the Southern California coast released its debut album "Thirteen" in November.

"They are doing really well on radio. They're being picked up on stations all over the country," Patrick Lugo of Domo Records said.

The name Horny Toad! came from the group's original drummer. "We didn't like it at first," guitarist Moises Casillas said, "But it kind of grew on us after a while."

Since 1989 Horny Toad! has been playing in the Santa Monica/Venice area to a very diverse crowd.

Bassist Louichi Mayorga, formerly of Suicidal Tendencies, said, "It's not just skaters or snowboarders out there. It's like doctors and secretaries—our crowd is well-mixed."

The band's line-up is diverse as well, including Casillas, Mayorga, vocalist Kid Caviar, and rotating drummers Doug Sanborn, Jerry Angel and, also from Suicidal Tendencies, R.J. Herrera.

"The whole key about that is to use different drummers to fit the style," Casillas said.

"They can do it all, but they're all specialists in certain areas. One drummer was good at the reggae and ska, the other was really good at the funk and one guy was really heavy with the rock stuff."

Domo Records, the label which carries new-age artist Kitaro and former Winger frontman Kip Winger signed Horny Toad! in 1996 after a period of pursuit.

A representative of the company "ran into [the band] and for two years she pretty much courted



Photo courtesy of BLOCK

Horny Toad! is (from left) Louichi Mayorga, Kid Caviar and Moises Casillas.

them," Lugo said.

Before signing with the label, Horny Toad! had the distinction of being the only English language group on the "Rola '92" tour through Mexico.

In America, "Thirteen" has reportedly been added to the playlist of over 330 college radio stations, and Lugo said the album is now being released in Europe and Japan.

Horny Toad! began in the late '80s after Suicidal Tendencies, a

south coast punk staple, disbanded and gave Mayorga and Herrera over to a new and more innovative musical style.

"They're able to open up a lot more than what they were doing," Casillas said.

"We have a lot of different influences. There's some James Brown, some Ozzy, and then there's Carlos Santana. There's the thing of punk bands doing that whole style like Bad Brains doing the reggae."

One of the selections from "Thirteen" includes the chorus of "Youth of Today," a 1979 Musical Youth song. Caviar wrote two verses to accompany the chorus.

"It fit the song. It fit it really good," Casillas said.

And the message: "It's getting too crazy around here, and it seems like there's a lack of discipline to kids and trying to teach them the right way instead of growing up to be gang members or criminals."

Music from a darkened Danny Elfman

By DAVID DM COUTANT
TM Entertainment Editor

When sitting in a darkened theatre, there are certain things one expects, such as the rustle and murmur of other moviegoers, the smell of hot buttered popcorn and the cool breeze of overworked air conditioning units.

Lately one can almost count on a magnificent score by Danny Elfman. An ever-growing but under-recognized list of movies bear the music credits of the Boingo frontman.

From "Amazing Stories" to "Dolores Claiborne," some of the most memorable, remarkable music ever to accompany a screen visual can be found on Elfman's "Music for a Darkened Theater Vol. 2."

Some of the most powerful and moving music from the "Edward Scissorhands" soundtrack begins the compilation.

"Still probably my personal favorite score," Elfman said of "Scissorhands." "I could have done variations on Edward's theme forever."

The tracks on this album display the versatility in his writing as well as his playing. A bonus track on the CD is a demo version of "This Is Halloween" from "Nightmare Before Christmas," in which Elfman plays and sings all the parts.

As for the rest of the album, and his other soundtracks, the orchestration is done by Steve Bartek, one of Elfman's Oingo Boingo bandmates.

"I finally got to play my guitar," Elfman said of the "To Die For" soundtrack. One of this film's selections fluctuates between



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harpichord/xylophonic sounds and spooky pipe organ to thrash metal with super-crunchy guitar and double-bass that would make Celtic Frost quiver. "The schizophrenic nature of the film made for a great time," he said.

The two-CD set contains 29 songs, from his beautiful compositions to his brief, jerky little television tunes and a commercial.

Included is the main theme for "Shrunken Heads," a film directed by his brother Richard. Incidentally, Elfman's first score was for the film "Forbidden Zone," also directed by Richard, the music for which is on "Darkened Theater Vol. 1."

"Working for my brother for the first time since 'Forbidden Zone' was a blast.

Got to pull out the old voodoo hoodoo."

The collection ranges from haunting strings punctuated with crescendoes of boy's choirs to zany little romps with squeeze-horns and synthesized spring sounds, with everything in between, such as the bagpipes of "Sommersby" and the orchestrated funk of "Dead Presidents."

From theme songs for superheroes like "The Flash," "Batman" and Charles Barkley, to cartoon ditties like "Beetlejuice" and the campy callopie of "Pee Wee's Playhouse," Elfman does it all.

Half of this album was never before released, and all of it is worth its weight in movie tickets. After you hear it in a darkened theatre, you'll want to hear it at home.

Danny Elfman provides marvelous movie music.

'Quake' a one-pointer

By D.S. PEREZ
TM Staff Writer

"Be careful what you wish for," is the slogan for Id Software's gloomy 3-D maze shooter "Quake," the most anticipated game the PC has seen since Id's "DOOM II."

But if you did wish for "Quake," be careful, because it is a big disappointment.

Sure, "Quake" is what the pictures and shareware copies billed it to be: a gory, truly three-dimensional experience.

Set in exotic locations, "Quake" features an entity and its hell spawn attacking Earth via teleportation—and your character is the sole survivor of a secret military lab and—hey, isn't this the "DOOM" story line?

"Quake" boasted it was revolutionizing the way 3-D maze games are played, and it does. Unlike the "flat 3-D" view of "DOOM," you can see everything (like a guy's severed head) from any angle, and you can be on floors directly above and below opponents, which no other game allows.

With beautiful architecture, devious traps and appropriate sound effects (like wind howling through the caverns, clanking drawbridges and sewer water sludging around your soldier's ears), "Quake" has atmosphere.

That's why the game should probably have been called "Water," since its best mazes take place in moats, grottoes and sewers, where the life-like blurriness and inertia of being underwater can amaze (and lose) you.

The monsters in the game are also an exotic bunch, ranging from a half-bear/half-mole creature, satanic samurai and a jumping midget with foot-long teeth and blades for arms.

And the baddies look even better in their reactions to injury, such as gargling on their own blood, groaning and falling down, or limping, only to get up and charge at you again—a revolutionary feature.

The sad part, however, is that there aren't enough beasts and the bosses are so lame it's a waste of time to play this alone.

Add to that an unimaginative assortment of weapons, bad lighting and an atrocious soundtrack by Nine Inch Nails singer Trent Reznor.

With no map viewer and a lack of the mega-battles that made "DOOM II" famous, "Quake" gets rocked off its foundation.

And in death-matching, the game is too complicated to set up and connecting to play someone else is impossible.

There are aid drivers available on the Internet however, so look around if you're shaking in your boots to play one or seven others.

Bowie takes a bad turn

By VICTOR JUAN
TM Staff Writer

It's no surprise at all that David Bowie has once again jumped on the bandwagon.

"Earthling," his new release on Virgin Records, is deeply influenced by the jungle rhythms that have expanded overseas from Britain in recent years.

A switch-over to electronic music is a very common display of late, but Bowie should think about the competition he has.

Many artists are depending on the jungle and house beats to jump-start their career.

For example, U2 just recently released their single "Discotheque" that is very electronically produced.

It took them over a year to make that song and it sounds good. Bowie will not get the jump-

start because his songs are not as fantasizing, probably because most of the tracks were written and recorded in a short period of time.

There is one convincing track on the LP called "Little Wonder" that mixes the sounds of pure jungle with the play of an electric guitar spiced up with Bowie-written lyrics.

This song can bring your emotions up and down and may even let you explore an unknown world.

Bowie has definitely lost his vision, but then again it could be his jump-start back to popularity.

During his career, Bowie has been a soloist, a drag, a rock star, a normal guy in a band called Tin Machine, an industrial artist and has even had a brief retirement.

I don't think he'll ever find a secure home in the world of music.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Lopez and Schreiner together at the Burnight

The Music Department's spring concert series will continue Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. in the Burnight Theatre.

Piano duo Dr. Christine Lopez and Greg Schreiner will perform with accompaniment by soprano Rona Klinghofer.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$8 for students and senior citizens.

Thoughts for tots: Cerritos children's improv

The Center for Lifelong Learning Children's Theatre will present a retelling of "Jack and the Beanstalk" Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. in the Burnight Theatre.

The audience will be asked for ideas that actors from the Imagination Company will improvise into the story.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the Center for Lifelong Learning.

For more information call (310) 467-5050.

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KCEB, 1610 AM, will be having a promotional event on March 5 from 11 a.m. to noon on the stage in the quad.

KCEB will be featuring live music spun by Meltdown's DJ Spills and the Beat Junkies' DJ Havik plus a special guest to be announced.

Contests and trivia questions will be rewarded with prizes including T-shirts, CDs, cassettes and stickers.

Portraits of a people on display in the Gallery

The Cerritos College Art Gallery will be featuring "Portraits of My People," photopaintings and digital images by Willie Middlebrook, from Feb. 18 - March 13.

For more information call (310) 860-2451, ext. 2612.