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Hoe Down has campus kickin'

■ Students flock to Hoe Down festivities.

By JENNIFER KHO
TM Feature Editor

They came for the games.
They came for the chili.
They came for the chicken.

They left with prizes,
burnt tongues and country
music on their minds.

Western Booth Day, a
chili cook-off, the Mr.
Cerritos Contest and a free
student luncheon were the
activities that filled the quad
from 11 a.m.-noon on March
11-13.

"This is fun! The Hoe
Down Days are a good dis-
traction from just studying.
This is the only time you see
everybody here in one
place!" Claudia Garcia, a
court reporting student, said
during Western Booth Day
on March 11.

Hoe Down Days brings
students together like
Homecoming does in the fall
semester.

This year's Hoe Down
Days drew wide participa-
tion from students.

Amar Patel, a biology
major, came for the "good."
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NOFO TAUTOLO/Talon Marks
Joel Esparza (sponsored by Phi Rho Pi) won the Mr. Cerritos Contest,
March 12. The contest is part of Hoe Down Days, an event that occurs
every spring semester. See related stories on Pages 4 and 5.

Dragon lives after death

■ Student creator of the Dragon gets his account back.

By JENNIFER KHO
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The Dragon has been
revived after two weeks of
being disabled.

"I'm very happy to have
my account back," Ray
Resurreccion, creator of the
Dragon, said yesterday.

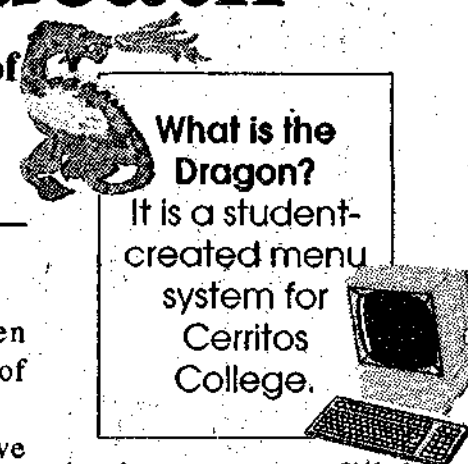
The Dragon is a menu that
allows student computer-
users to access e-mail and the
Internet by pressing a single
letter, rather than typing in a
string of commands.

The Dragon was slain on
March 5 when Resurreccion's
account was disabled by
Computer Services.

Jason Cosper, a film
major, also had his account
revoked.

Many students were upset
when the Dragon was dis-
abled.

"I'm mad about it,"
Joanna Pici, a marine biology
major, said last week. "The
Dragon encouraged me to get
online because it is a program



What is the
Dragon?

It is a student-
created menu
system for
Cerritos
College.

that is easy to use. I'll do
anything in my power to get
it back."

One Dragon user, Greg
Wylie, even passed around a
petition to revive the Dragon.

On the other hand, some
computer users remained
indifferent.

Mohammed Alam, a biol-
ogy major, didn't think the
Dragon was very useful to
begin with.

"I only use e-mail. It
doesn't affect me whether the
Dragon is disabled or not," he
said.

Cosper's account was
revoked because he had
Internet Relay Chat on his
account.

IRC allows people all over
the world to "talk" over the
Internet.

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Administrator elected to the Cerritos City Council

■ Robert Hughlett wins second seat in city council.

By D. S. PEREZ
TM Staff Writer

In a political version of musical chairs
that involved 10 candidates, Robert
Hughlett, director of the Disabled
Students Program, managed to make it to
the chair on time.

Hughlett's grass-roots campaign gar-
nered 2,028 votes and with that tally he,
along with incumbent Grace Hu, took
the two city council seats available in the
elections that took place on March 5.

"My grass-roots campaign couldn't
have been greener," Hughlett said.
"There were no professionals or party
groups involved. It was all volunteer
work," Hughlett said.

Some of Hughlett's concerns are
increasing revenues for the Cerritos
Performing Arts Center, control of
Cerritos Regional Park, and economic
problems in the city of Cerritos with
businesses like BEST, Computer City
and Smith's Food King closing down.

"The East end of the town center is
becoming abandoned. I'd like to fill in
those closing stores and empty build-
ings," Hughlett said.

Hughlett, a former two-term member
of the ABC School Board and whose

wife is the Cerritos City commissioner,
will continue to work as director of the
Disabled Students Program at Cerritos
College.

Hughlett is also part of a group of
faculty members who hold posts in the
area of politics.

Other faculty members who have
been elected to public affairs include
counselor Wayne Rew, Instructional
Dean of Liberal Arts Donna Miller, and
former English professor Sally Havice,
who was recently elected as a repre-
sentative in state government.

"I think it's

wonderful,"

Miller, who is a

member of the

Board of Trustees

overseeing

Cypress and

Fullerton

Community

Colleges, said of

Hughlett's victory.

"People here

are making contribu-

tions to the commu-

nity in a variety of ways, and their

achievements and efforts reflect posi-

tively on the college. It shows that the fac-

ulty of this college are aware of issues

and have the quality leadership skills to

run for public office - to keep up democ-

racy," Miller said.

Hughlett agreed with Miller's com-

ments.

"They've joined me somewhat,"
Hughlett said of Havice and Miller.
"Being elected to these posts shows that
it's a natural extension of opportunities
offered by the college."

Hughlett, who has been on a sabbati-
cal since January, said that his educa-
tional background could be useful in dealing
with civic affairs, which started last
Thursday in a short meeting.

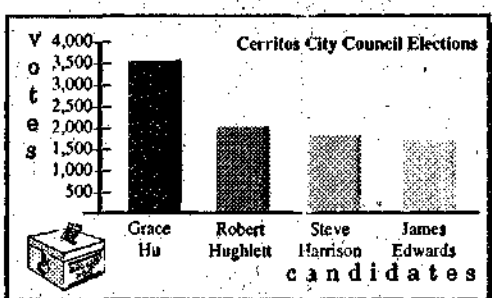
"The matters that were discussed at
my first city council meeting were differ-
ent. I'm used to educational matters,"
Hughlett said. "My career and training

have been in
education and
programs for
youth, but it's as
good a set of
standards make
decisions with
as any other."

Hughlett also
adds that he will
be able to juggle
both jobs, draw-
ing on his former experience of working
as a board of trustees member and hold-
ing a position on campus.

Other faculty members who hold
both a job on the college and a public
office have a little more trouble dealing
with both jobs.

"It's a very demanding job, but I'm
enjoying it," Miller said. "I have to deal
with two campus districts in my two



TOM HERNANDEZ/Talon Marks
Robert Hughlett earned a seat in the Cerritos City Council after
getting 2,028 votes. He was sworn in on March 12.

jobs, and I have to deal with a lot of
paperwork to keep up on."

Rue also shares Miller's sentiment,
and can relate to her dilemma.

"The duties take up a lot of time,"
Rue, five-time mayor of La Mirada and
currently a city councilman for his fifth
term, said.

"Fortunately, as a counselor, I have
flexibility in my schedule, and it's never
a never a dull job."

Despite a looming workload,
Hughlett, a former president of the

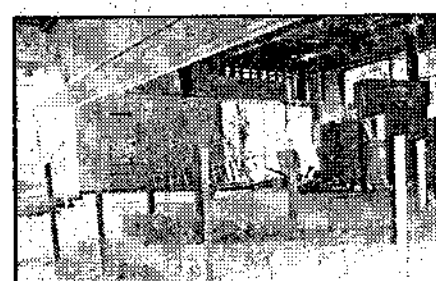
Cerritos Optimist Club, sees a bright
future ahead.

"I want to keep Cerritos a great city
and make it better. I look forward to the
next four years of work for the city of
Cerritos."

And Hughlett not only has the popu-
lar support of the voters, but of his peers
on campus as well.

"The people give the job to those
who can do it," Rue said. "As for Bob,
I've had him work for me in the past and
I know he'll do fine."

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Discussion on feminism scheduled

By JAMES REYNOSA
TM Staff Writer

Different views and a definition is all
that is scheduled for this week of
"Women's History Month."

But that is all but enough when the
word being defined is "feminist."

Dr. Julie Van Camp, California State
University Long Beach philosophy pro-
fessor, is holding a discussion on that very
word tomorrow in LC 155 at 11 a.m.

The title of her conference is

"Feminist Aesthetics: By, for, and about
Women," but don't let that fool you. Her
goal isn't to preach, but to simply explore.

"I want to explore what the word
'feminist' means with regard to aesthetic
theory," Van Camp said. "Is it theory
about art created by women? Art created
for women? Do women appreciate art dif-
ferently? Is 'female' synonymous with
'feminist'?" And that is the main point of
her conference. What does the word
'feminist' mean?"

Now that the word "feminist" has

been hi-jacked by the likes of Rush
Limbaugh, I'd like to back up and get
people to think about what it really means
or could mean, free of the baggage that's
accumulated over the past couple of
decades," Van Camp said.

Before the conference different movie,
about the plight of women will be playing
in LC 155. Today "Persuasion" is show-
ing at 8 a.m. and "Pride and Prejudice" is
at 7 p.m. On Thursday "Emma" is show-
ing at 8 a.m. and "Sense and Sensibility"
is at 7 p.m.

NEWS BRIEFS



Students take a break

School will not be in session during spring break March 24 - 29.



Center offers trip

The Cerritos College Lifelong Learning Center is offering a 10-day educational trip from April 25 - May 4.

The trip will include visits to New York, Philadelphia and many other historic cities on the East Coast.

For more information call 860-2451, ext. 2521.



Award applications due

Applications for the 1997 Spring Awards Banquet will be available March 31 in the Student Activities Office.

For more information contact the Student Activities Office at 860-2451, ext. 2475.



Elections coming soon

Applications for the ASCC president position are due by March 21 at 4 p.m.

Candidates currently include Johnell Vega, Gilbert Grinie, Lester Malta and Kelly Stortz.

The presidential forum will be held April 8 and elections will take place April 16-17.



Panel gets to business

The Job Placement Center, in collaboration with faculty from the business department, will present the International Business Panel March 20 from 11 a.m. - noon in the Board Room.

The panel will include Joan Rollins, president of Rollins and Associates Personnel Services. Richard Swanson, trade specialist, and Alan Test, owner of Test Enterprises, will also be answering questions.



Scholarship offered

A scholarship competition for financial support is open to both undergraduate and graduate women English majors at UC Riverside whose education has been interrupted for two years or more.

The deadline for applications for the 1997-98 scholarship is April 18, 1997.

Further information can be obtained by calling the Re-Entry Center at 860-2451, ext. 2362.



Handy-dandy award

Fourteen students who built new desks for the computers in the library will be honored tonight in the Cerritos College library.

A plaque will be placed in the library at 6 p.m. to commend the students and their instructor, Bob Colgan, on the donation to the library, a project that was completed last semester.

"These new tables are wonderful," John McGinnis, director of the library, said. "They match our bookshelves and they are a fitting compliment with this new library and its state-of-the-art on-line services."

Students are invited to attend and refreshments will be served.



Nunnery gets top honor

Student trustee and ASCC president Wayne Nunnery earned the Bovaro Award, the highest forensics honor from the Pacific South West Collegiate Forensics Association.

The last time a Cerritos College student captured this award was 1987.

"Wayne is a model forensics team leader and we are very proud of him," Coach Bill Sparks said.



Employees recognized

The Employee Awards Committee named financial records clerk Mayra Garcia and accounts clerk II Arais Madan Employees of the Month for February.

Board of Trustees Bob Arthur and Ted Edmiston presented each woman with a plaque and congratulated them for their dedication to the District.

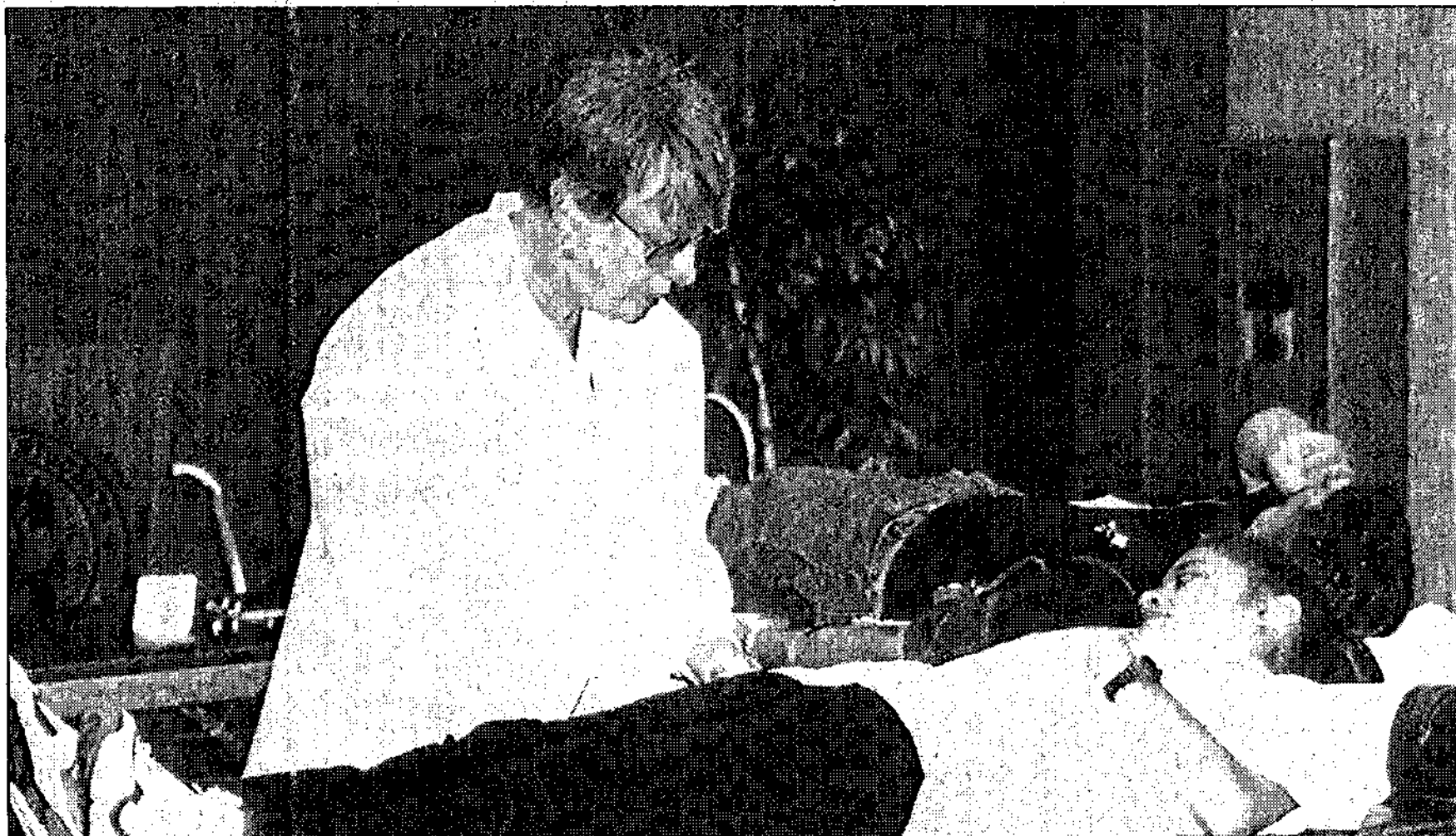


Academic Excellence

The Cerritos College Foundation will host the annual Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony on April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Burnight Center Theatre.

This traditional program will honor students have completed 45 units while maintaining a minimum G.P.A. of 3.5 and achieving excellence in a specific area of study.

A reception will be held after the ceremony in the Board Room.



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Many students participated in the Cerritos College Blood Drive on March 18.

Blood drive a big success

By MARCELA PEREZ
TM Staff Writer

The American Red Cross sponsored the Cerritos College Blood Drive on March 18 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in BK-111 and BK-112.

Co-chair of the Blood Drive, Shamci Stanton said that in order to donate blood, students had to "fill out a questionnaire. There are certain requirements: You must be at least 110 pounds, over 17 years of age and cannot be taking antibiotics

or have had a tattoo in the last year or any type of piercing."

Jill Kendall, Donor Recruitment Representative for the Red Cross, said, "Each person who gives a pint of blood, will be interested to know that everyone's body replaces the blood given within 24 hours, so you are not really losing the blood."

The students that participated in the Blood Drive had to be sure they ate breakfast or lunch prior to donating blood, but not immediately before. The process for giving

blood is as follows:

1. Fill out registration form
2. Meet with the Red Cross nurse
3. Receive a mini health test
4. 5-12 minutes of actually giving blood while lying on a cot
5. Rest for approximately 15 minutes then proceed to the Canteen area for juice and cookies.

After giving blood, the student should refrain from any strenuous activity for the rest of the day.

Lester Malta, Inter-club Commissioner feels that "it is

important that somebody donate blood to somebody that is not fortunate enough to be healthy."

Malta found out about the drive through the Associated Students of Cerritos College: "I am Inter-club Council Commissioner, so I heard it first hand."

Even though some of the donors said they were afraid of needles, they said they were doing for others.

Gaskin accused of stealing papers

■ Beaulieu's leave is questioned, the Master Plan is previewed and Nunnery pledges his support for the school.

By DAVID FEENSTRA
TM Sports Editor

College President Fred Gaskin is once again dodging verbal attacks from both the public and the Board of Trustees.

Donn Irving, community member, spoke to the Board about an incident that occurred in Sacramento at the Joint Auditing Committee hearing.

"I saw the C.E.O. (Gaskin) walk behind the Joint Auditing Committee table and steal documents that were meant for only those on the committee," Irving said.

"The public has brought forth item upon item considering the malpractices of the C.E.O. only to have the items mysteriously disappear or get back-logged in the President's office.

"We, Mr. Verderber, have sat back and waited patiently for these items to be discussed or to be resolved in some way, but nothing ever comes

out.

"That type of behavior is consistent with the rumors of the campus being bugged, phones being tapped... Now I'm not too sure that those allegations are false."

Gaskin denied the claims of the paper theft saying, "I had asked to go behind the table to..."

Before the sentence was even finished Board member Mary Loya echoed Irvings claims saying, "I saw you."

"You never talked to the auditing commission, you just snuck behind the table and took the papers."

Gaskin vehemently denied the allegations, claiming that the whole situation was just a misunderstanding.

Also during public presentations, Gilbert Grinnie, a paralegal major, questioned the Board as to why former Bookstore manager and enterprise director Alan Beaulieu is still on paid leave.

Grinnie reminded the Board that Beaulieu has been on paid administrative leave since early September.

He also asked Associated Students of Cerritos College President Wayne Nunnery about the Bookstore subcommittee.

Nunnery said that there are committees for everything from the enterprise to the food court and that there is no need to start up another one.

There was also a master plan presentation early in the meeting and talk of a new three-story parking structure, two new buildings on the Studebaker side of campus and a fitness center.

During the Board reports, Nunnery began a verbal attack on those who spoke against the school saying, "These people are political opportunists, disgruntled employees and former employees, whose only goal in life is to undermine the integrity of the president of this college."

"These people will stop at nothing. We've witnessed it here at the Board table. They call the president a liar, they will make accusations, they will talk about the outright stealing of money."

Nunnery went on to say that he has a hard time believing the accusations and that he will do his best to uphold the integrity of this institution.

The Board will meet again tonight at 7 in the Board Room.

Bookstore manager getting bored

By AMARA AGUILAR
TM Editor in Chief

Bookstore manager Alan Beaulieu has been getting paid not to come to work for the past six months, and he's getting tired of it.

"I'm getting bored. I want to come back. I'm really worried about the store—it doesn't seem to be doing well," he said.

Beaulieu was put on paid administrative leave after an investigation uncovered problems related to conflict of interest, cash flow, inventory control, purchasing procedures and check cashing procedures in the Bookstore.

A hearing date related to charges of misconduct by Beaulieu will take place the week of April 14, Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin said. The investigation, conducted by

auditors Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Co., revealed Beaulieu had violated the college's conflict of interest policy because he owned another bookstore (Varsity) that engaged in various transactions with the Cerritos College Bookstore.

These transactions enhanced the cash flow of Varsity, according to the investigation.

Beaulieu maintains the charges are "all false."

"Time passing [and there not being a hearing yet] is showing that to be true," Beaulieu said.

The auditor's report was released in mid-November of last year and the hearing date was only recently set.

Gaskin said, "The hearing will give the district the opportunity to present information regarding Mr. Beaulieu and an opportunity for him

to respond."

The winter break, the school's changing of attorneys and the lengthy negotiations between attorneys have been cited by school officials for the delay in setting a hearing date.

A date was set for March 3, but was cancelled because, according to Beaulieu, his attorney had to be in court to testify in a trial in Sacramento.

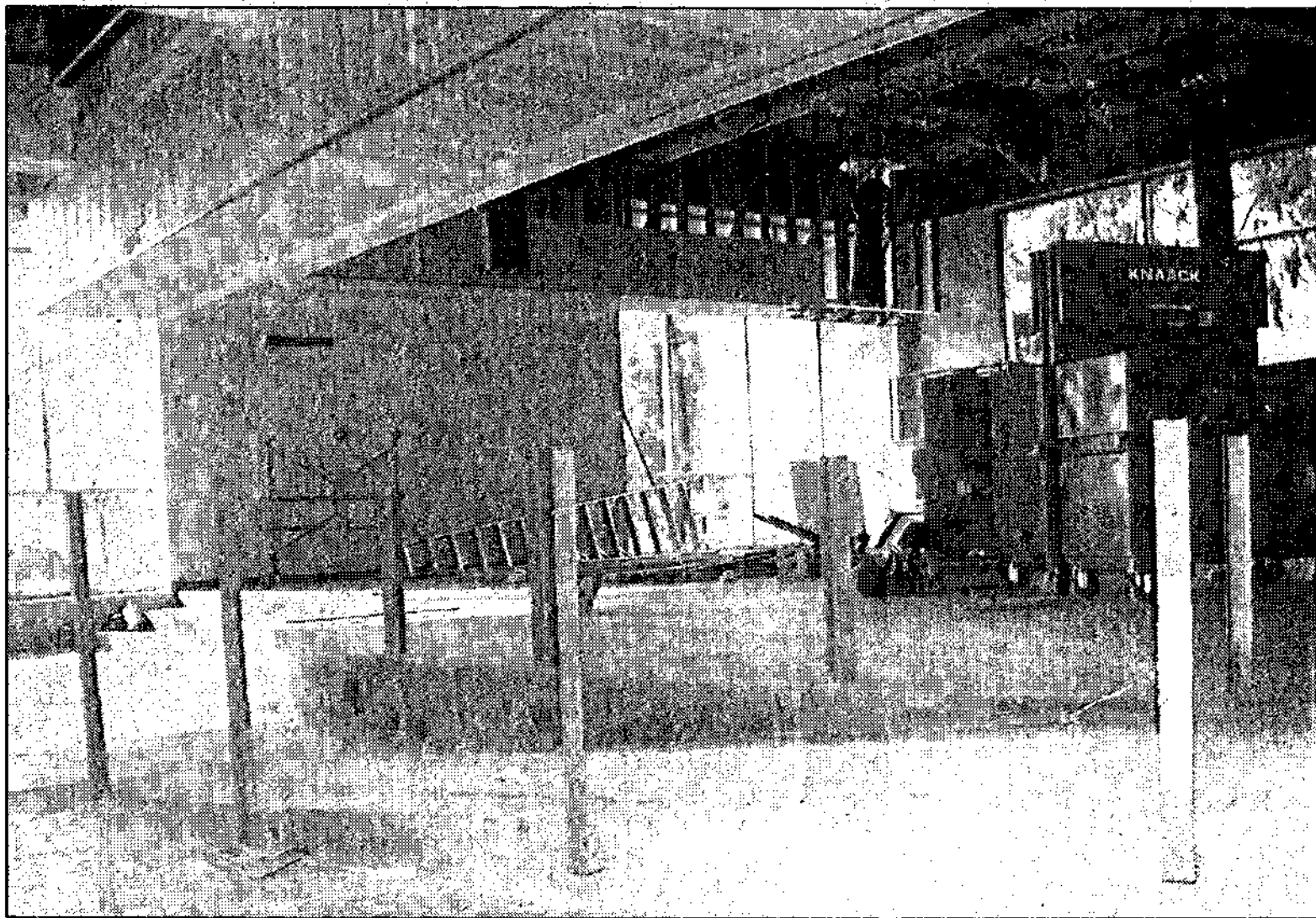
"Things could have been done faster. How much time does anybody need? When you ain't got it—you ain't got it? I don't understand why it's taking so long," Beaulieu said.

Gaskin said, "This hearing would have been over—it was at his attorney's request that it was delayed."

REMINDER

Planning to attend to summer school?

Continuing student should file an intent to register in the Admissions and Records Office for Summer Session before April 11 to receive touch-tone registration materials.



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Student president Wayne Nunnery said he cannot give a positive date for the Student Center opening.

Students' stomachs continue to growl

By SOREN WILLIAMS
TM Staff Writer

Eat lightly during Spring Break, the refurbished Student Center will be open soon after the break with plenty of food for all who are willing to pay.

According to best accounts, the earliest possible opening of the student center would be the first week of April.

"The architect predicted April 15, the builder says April 1 and our facilities people say May 1 which is unacceptable," said ASCC President Wayne Nunnery.

Beginning April 15 the Student Center is reserved for a number of school and community events emphasizing the need for the Student Center to be done.

"We should be done around April 1 if all goes well," owner of Gateway Builders George Nemea said.

Mike Sebak, Director of Physical Plant seemed to disagree. "Based on the builder's

track record, I seriously doubt it'll be done by April 1."

New developments of the Student Center have included the naming of the Asian food and the coffee vendor.

Hong Kong Express will be the Asian food vendor with a full menu of prices ranging from \$1.99 to \$3.75.

Zebra Coffee, the coffee vendor, will be serving high end coffee in Friends, the new student lounge, and at a kiosk near the Elbow Room.

Coffee will range in price from \$1 for an 8 oz. cup to \$2.75 for a 16 oz. cup.

Zebra Coffee will also serve baked goods and pastries which will be purchased from Cerritos' Culinary Arts by Zebra Coffee for a minimum of \$1700 a month.

Blame for the delays is being passed back and forth.

Gateway Builders sites changes in orders and refusal to pay as the main causes of delay.

"The roof drain and new sewer lines were all approved by the college, but now they don't want to pay for the work orders. We've done about 70% of the work on the Student Center and have only been paid for 25%," said Nemea.

According to Nemea, with all the new work orders the final date for the project has been pushed back until March 25.

Mike Sebak has a different scenario.

"The college is going to pay for the new work orders. Gateway just has to submit the bill in the proper form outlining each cost individually. As for the date of completion for the entire Student Center, it's March 21 and that has never changed. The extra days for work orders were for the Food Court section of the Student Center and those days are already up," said Sebak.

"The college pays the builder monthly, according to the bill received from him and the percentage of completed work, we've paid what has been billed to us."

DRAGON: Computer controversy

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Alan Gelhar, Director of Computer Services said, "Opening up the IRC is a violation because it bogs down resources. According to Doug [Brantley, the Programming Services facilitator], Cospir was told two or three times not to do that or his account would be discontinued."

But Cospir denies ever having gotten any warnings. "Computer Services never told me anything. In fact, I was on-line when I was suddenly thrown off. I didn't even know what I had done wrong," he said.

Resurreccion, who was the subject of a feature in the last issue of Talon Marks, said he didn't know what he had done wrong, either.

"I wish Computer Services would talk it over with me. But all they want to do is talk among themselves and then have Callahan talk to me," he complained.

Gelhar said Computer Services had spoken with Resurreccion and Cospir several times while their accounts were disabled.

But Resurreccion told a different tale. "Everything that is happening now is what I wanted to prevent all along. I wish they would just talk to me," he said.

Patrick Callahan is the Coordinator of Judicial Affairs for Cerritos College. Judicial Affairs is responsible for deciding whether Student Conduct Policy has been

violated when a department has a complaint about a student.

Callahan acts as an intermediary between a complainer and complainant and helps them try to reach a settlement.

"A judiciary hearing is a last resort," he said.

Last week Callahan met with Resurreccion and Cospir and decided that there was no reason for their accounts to continue being disabled. "But later," he said, "when I talked with Computer Services I found out that I didn't have all the information."

Computer Services said they would need more time to complete the review of the students' accounts. The review was completed yesterday.

"There were issues which forced us to disable Ray's account while we investigated the use of the program," said Brantley.

According to Gelhar, Computer Services was concerned that security measures might have been breached by Resurreccion. There might have been evidence of intent to circumvent the system. "They found some things in their directories that shouldn't have been there,"

Gelhar said, "We have no evidence that anything like that did happen, but it was enough of a concern that we had to take a look at it."

Gelhar admitted that right now, the

Student User Account Policy doesn't specifically prohibit using IRC, making, modifying or distributing programs.

"The policy is no longer complete enough to deal with issues that the Internet is beginning to bring to us," said Gelhar.

"We're starting to address better definitions of the policy and procedures."

Computer Services is reviewing the policies from several colleges so that it may put together a new policy.

Resurreccion, Gelhar, Brantley and Callahan met yesterday at 2:30 p.m. and decided that Resurreccion would be allowed to get his account back and continue to run the Dragon if he outlines what changes will be made to the students' when they use the Dragon.

"I am glad Computer Services is responsible enough to finally voice their concern," Resurreccion said.

"I am sorry it had to come to this, from now on I'll go through the proper channels to get things," he added.

Gelhar thinks that projects like the Dragon might be a good idea for the future as long as they are controlled.

"Students are looking for ways to expand on their technology uses. We need to start looking at the possibility of teachers, students and staff working on major projects together that could be created and tested thoroughly before being released," he said.

For now students can access the Dragon by e-mailing Resurreccion at resur001 and requesting it.

What will happen to Cospir's account remains to be decided.

He will meet with Callahan, Gelhar and Brantley sometime today.

POLICE BEAT

All stitched up

On March 3 at 6:43 p.m., a female student had her hand caught in a sewing machine.

Officers who arrived at the scene requested paramedics to provide medical assistance. The woman was then transported to Kaiser Hospital.

She suffered cuts to her hand.

Bermuda car lot

At 8 a.m. on March 4, a student reported that she had left her '77 Nova unlocked and returned to find her parking permit stolen.

The woman was not sure whether the permit was stolen at her house or in the college parking lot.

Scratch of fate

On March 7, after finishing some work on the roof of the police station, a contractor accidentally scratched a new police car with a ladder.

Carrying the ladder on his right shoulder, he accidentally hit the left rear panel of the '96 Crown Victoria police car with the ladder's edge, leaving a three-inch scratch.

Target practice

During a practice on the afternoon of March 11, a softball was hit over the fence and crashed onto a car that was parked on Falcon Way.

The softball hit the reporting party's '82 BMW and the impact put a small dent and scratch on the car's hood. A property damage report was filed by the owner.

Badtaste.com

When retrieving her e-mail at the C.A.I. lab on March 11, a student found that she had received several messages of a sexual nature via the Internet.

The student reported this incident to the police and an investigation is pending.

Mad Max clone

At 6:23 p.m. on March 13, an officer stopped and cited a driver for speeding and making an unsafe lane change.

After being cited, the driver left the scene squealing his tires and speeding off in the direction of Falcon Way, directly towards a student.

The student, however, was alert and managed to jump back on the curb.

The driver was again pulled over and was again cited for speeding, and also for failing to yield to a pedestrian.

At 3:45 p.m. on the same day, unknown suspects broke a car's side window and took a cellular phone and a book bag.

On March 5 at 12:30 p.m., a student called campus police and reported that someone had attempted to steal his car.

The student had found signs that someone had entered his vehicle. The suspect had cut off the steering wheel, removed the Club device and pulled out the ignition switch.

A hacksaw blade was also left inside the vehicle.

Leaving his '96 Chrysler Sebring in Lot C-1 on the morning of March 6, a student returned to his vehicle several hours to find it vandalized.

The car had deep scratches to the paint on the hood, trunk, all fenders and doors.

Damage to the car was estimated to be worth \$3,000.

Four hours after parking her blue '68 Mustang in Lot C-1 on March 10, a student returned to find it missing.

At 3:30 p.m. on the same day, another student's car, a blue 1986 Chevrolet Caprice, was reported stolen.

On the night of March 13, a student reported that someone had attempted to steal his black Honda.

Evidence left showed that someone had pried out the driver's side door lock and bent the locking mechanism rods, but the suspect had been unable to enter the vehicle.

As of March 16, 16 cars have been stolen from the campus parking lots and nine cars have been vandalized this semester.

Compiled by CAMPUS POLICE

Officer, student assaulted

By D.S. PEREZ
TM Staff Writer

On March 8, a campus police officer on bike patrol heard a yell for help come from the area of the Social Science Building.

Observing from the ivy north of the Liberal Arts Building, the officer, Rick Bustamante, saw a man holding a woman's right arm while she tried to pull away from him.

"As I approached them, the man let her go and she told me 'We were arguing and he pushed me down the stairs of the Science Building,'" Bustamante said.

She also stated that she had tried to go the Elbow Room for safety when he grabbed her book bag from her shoulder, tore it off and threw it to the ground. He then grabbed her arm.

As Bustamante separated the two, the victim said "Keep him away. I'm afraid he'll hurt me." At that moment the suspect, a 6-foot, 243 pounds 32-year-old black male, started advancing toward the woman, who then took cover behind Bustamante.

Bustamante asked the man to stop and show identification. The suspect responded "I don't have

to give you any I.D.," then grabbed Bustamante's left hand and twisted his wrist.

Bustamante managed to pull out of the grip and then pulled out his pepper spray canister, pointing it at the suspect's face.

The man then stopped, but as Bustamante started to place handcuffs, the man pulled away and turned towards him.

"He turned like he was going to charge at me," Bustamante said. "I took out my baton, his eyes got wide because I told him I would use it if I had to. From there on he complied."

The suspect was charged with assault and battery, assault and battery on a police officer and disturbing the peace.

The man and woman involved had been in a relationship which had a history of domestic violence.

Bustamante was not hurt.

"Rick showed incredible restraint for being confronted with an aggressive suspect," Lt. Richard Bukowiecki said. "He did the right things to make it a situation where no one got hurt and the arrest was made."

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Speech candidate wins Mr. Cerritos

By MARCELA PEREZ
TM Campus Editor

Contestants spoke, sung and stripped their way to campus fame on March 12.

They were competing for a chance to represent the school for a year as Mr. Cerritos.

The Mr. Cerritos contest, with its record of nine contestants, was the highlight of Hoe Down Days—an 18-year tradition.

The contestants, who were sponsored by their clubs, were judged in three different categories.

They had to answer questions, lip-synch to their favorite songs, and then show their stuff in the flexing portion.

One of the funniest moments was Gabriel Villarreal's impersonation of Gwen Stefani of No Doubt, a

ska band from Anaheim.

He sported a blonde wig and a beige bra underneath his clothes.

Villarreal was supported by the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Club.

When it came down to choosing Mr. Cerritos, the panel of judges had a tough decision.

All participants were very funny and entertaining and did their best as nervous as they were.

Beta Phi Gamma's David DM Coutant said, "it was very, very funny."

"I was standing in the back and they were all pumping themselves up, doing their push-ups. It was fun."

The judges then announced the runner-up Alfonso Urbina, supported by A.H.O.R.A.

The proud and surprised

winner was Joel Esparza, supported by Phi Rho Pi/speech and debate.

"I wasn't expecting to win, I just did it to make Cerritos College more fun," Esparza said.

Sergeant at Arms and senator Alfonso Urbina recalls feeling "very nervous to do it. I went out there, doing my best, as nervous as I was."

Esparza is not just Mr. Cerritos.

"He is a member of various clubs: Alpha Gamma Sigma, A.H.O.R.A., M.E.Ch.A., Phi Rho Pi, Phi Theta Kappa, Business Club and the Leo Club.

"I'm very active on campus, I am also part of the Senate Orientation Committee, the Forensics Speech and Debate Team, and I'm the senate's Party Whip," he said.

Esparza began at Cerritos College in the Spring of '95.

He won a Gold Falcon at the Awards Banquet last fall in the Sequoia Club.

As a continuing student and business administration major, he wishes to "graduate from here and to help others, and as far as my major goes, I want to own my own business."

He will be graduating from Cerritos in a year and a half.

He has competed at various competitions.

He recently competed at the annual Tabor-Venitski debate tournament that was held on campus.

Although he didn't win anything, the experience was good.

Being named Mr. Cerritos gave him a sense of satisfaction for having won by himself rather than running with a group.

In La Mirada High School, Esparza was involved in football and wrestling and often assisted in school functions and rallies.

He was always involved. In 1994, he won a California Inter-Scholastic Federation award that made him a champ in wrestling.

He also took part in the



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1997 Mr. Cerritos contest winners Joel Esparza and runner-up Alfonso Urbina.



AMARA AGUILAR/Talon Marks

Daniel Moyer makes a point about the Y.M.C.A.

football team and got recognized for his athletic abilities.

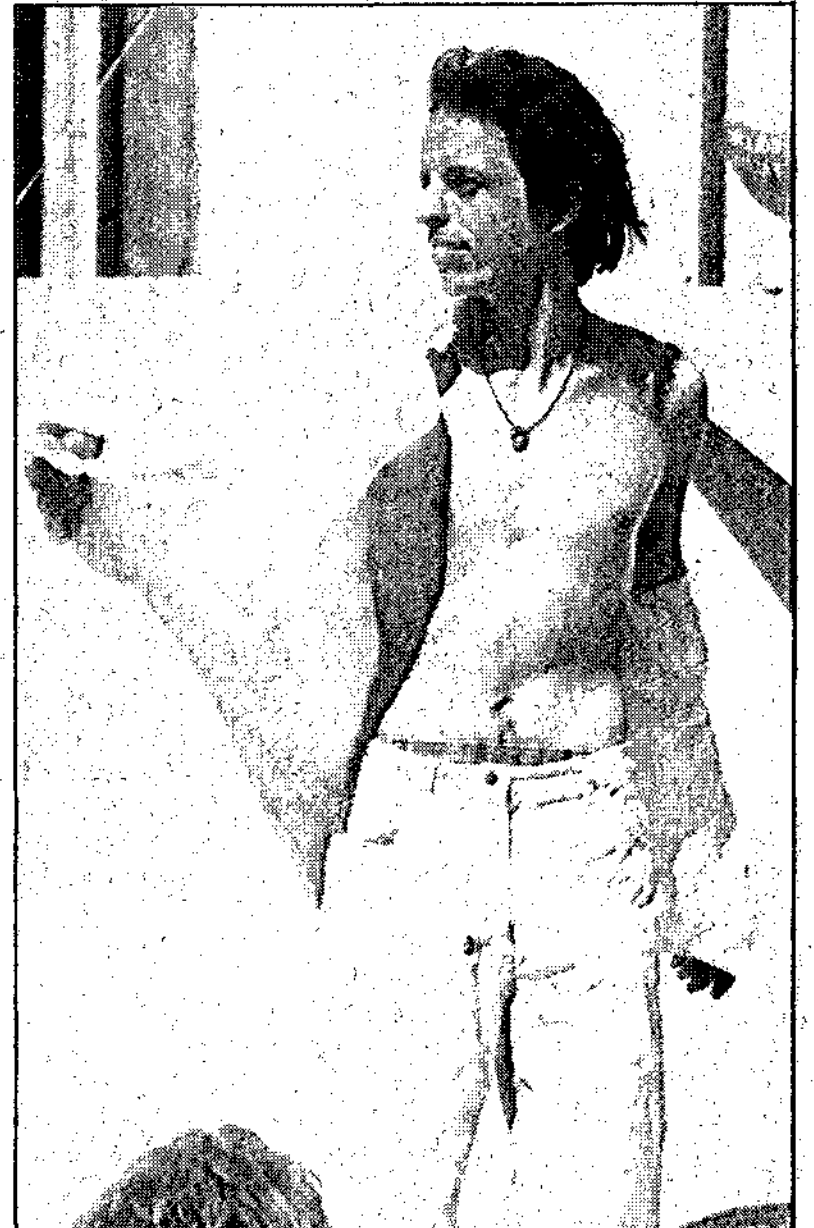
He may not be involved in any sports here at Cerritos, but he is very active in our student government.

Last fall he helped to register voters for the presidential elections.

Urbina, also an active student, is vice president of the A.H.O.R.A. club.

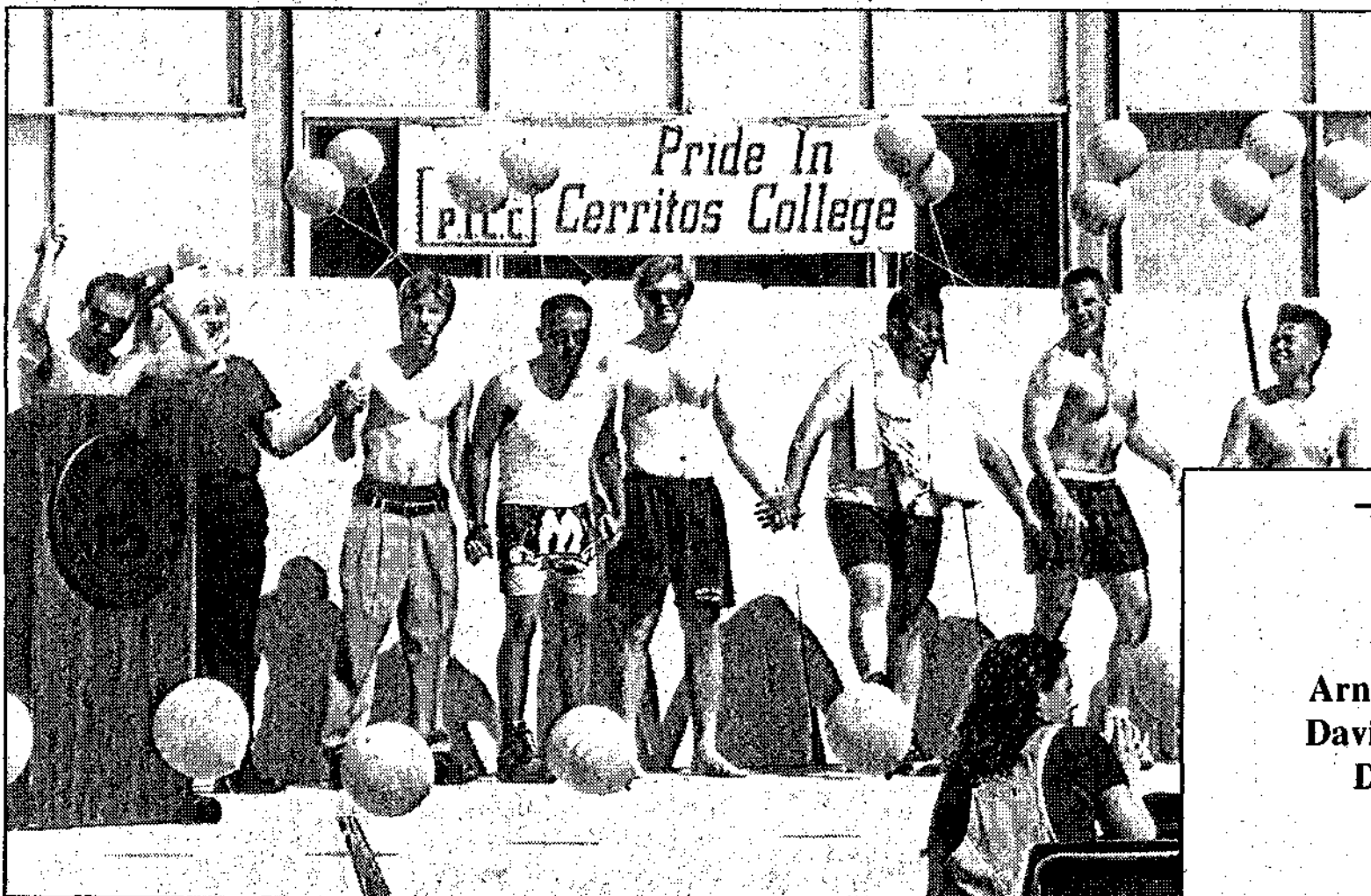
He was satisfied with his participation and said, "I am grateful to have been a part of Hoe Down Days."

"I am glad that Joel won. I'm sure he'll represent us well."



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Journalism's David Coutant flaunts it in round three.



Contestants await the announcement of the 1997 Mr. Cerritos.

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—1997 Mr. Cerritos contestants—

- Joel Esparza — Phi Rho Pi
- Alfonso Urbina — A.H.O.R.A.
- Josh Barker — Track and Field
- Arnold Castellanos — Alpha Nu Omega
- David DM Coutant — Beta Phi Gamma
- Daniel Moyer — Phi Theta Kappa
- Daniel Munoz — A.G.S.
- Curtis Nosaka — Cosmetology
- Gabriel Villarreal — G.L.B.C.

HOE DOWN: Chili cook-off, country music are part of fun

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free refreshments." Free sodas were served every day of Hoe Down Days.

Jill Collins, a Black Student Union member, participated in the bake sale. "Everything turned out nice," she commented.

Twenty-two clubs participated in the Western Booth Day. There were 19 game booths, supplying students with the chance to win prizes like beaded necklaces, balloon hats and stuffed animals.

There was even a dunk tank that gave students the chance to dunk members of the student government.

In addition to the games, Western Booth Day included a snow cone booth, run by the Math Club, that sold snow cones for 50 cents. The Cosmetology Club sold hair cuts and Beta Phi Gamma/Press Club had a photo booth.

March 12 brought the Chili Cook-off and Mr. Cerritos Contest. Fourteen clubs competed for the three awards: Hottest Chili, Best Chili and Judges' Favorite.

The Talon Marks entry, "C.C. Falcon's Chili," won the Hottest Chili Award. Representatives from A.H.O.R.A. won the Best Chili Award with their entry. Maureen Huggins and Janet Vincent from the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Club won the Judges' Favorite Award.

Bob Arthur, a Board of Trustees member, said "This is really special. There is a lot of effort that went into the chili entries."

"I made the mistake of sampling the hottest chili first. There's an old line from a Cheech and Chong movie about 'Come on, ice cream!' and that's what I thought of when I tasted it. It was hot! I had one that was a favorite and it wasn't that one!" he added.

Many students also sampled the chili after the judges were finished.

"The chili cook-off," Henry Lopez, an administration of justice major said, "is a really nice experience. All the chilis are outstanding!"

A record of nine representatives participated in the annual Mr. Cerritos Contest. Joel Esparza, sponsored by Phi Rho Pi is the new Mr. Cerritos. Alfonso Urbina, sponsored by A.H.O.R.A., is the runner-up.

The student luncheon was held outdoors this year, since renovation on the Student Center is not complete.

But the weather on March 13 was sunny, and the last day of Hoe Down Days was well-attended by students.

Dean Ackland, Coordinator of Student Activities said, "I think the outdoor luncheon is something we'll continue, weather permitting. Everybody liked it."

The luncheon consisted of fried chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, bread and soda. All of this free with the ASCC ID.

Leo Perez a Liberal Arts major said that "the best part of the Hoe Down Days was the free food and it was great food."

"I liked the music and the food but the best part is seeing everybody getting together at this kind of events, I wish we will have more events like this one."

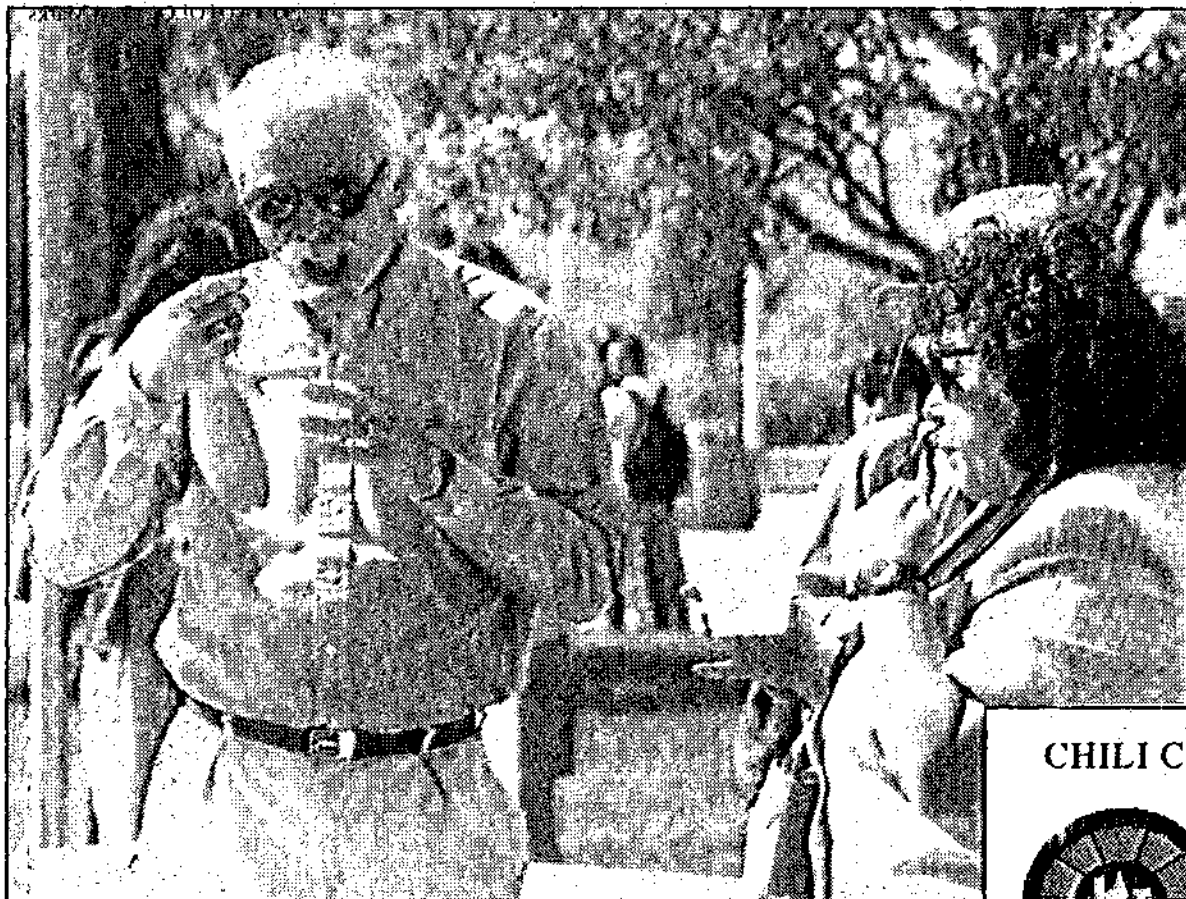
The chicken is great." Eduardo Hernandez a Drafting major commented.

Patty Gutierrez said "I really love the music and I appreciate all the time and effort that was invested in this event."

The three-day event came to an end with lots of memories to share during the upcoming months and new records to break for next year's Hoe Down Days.

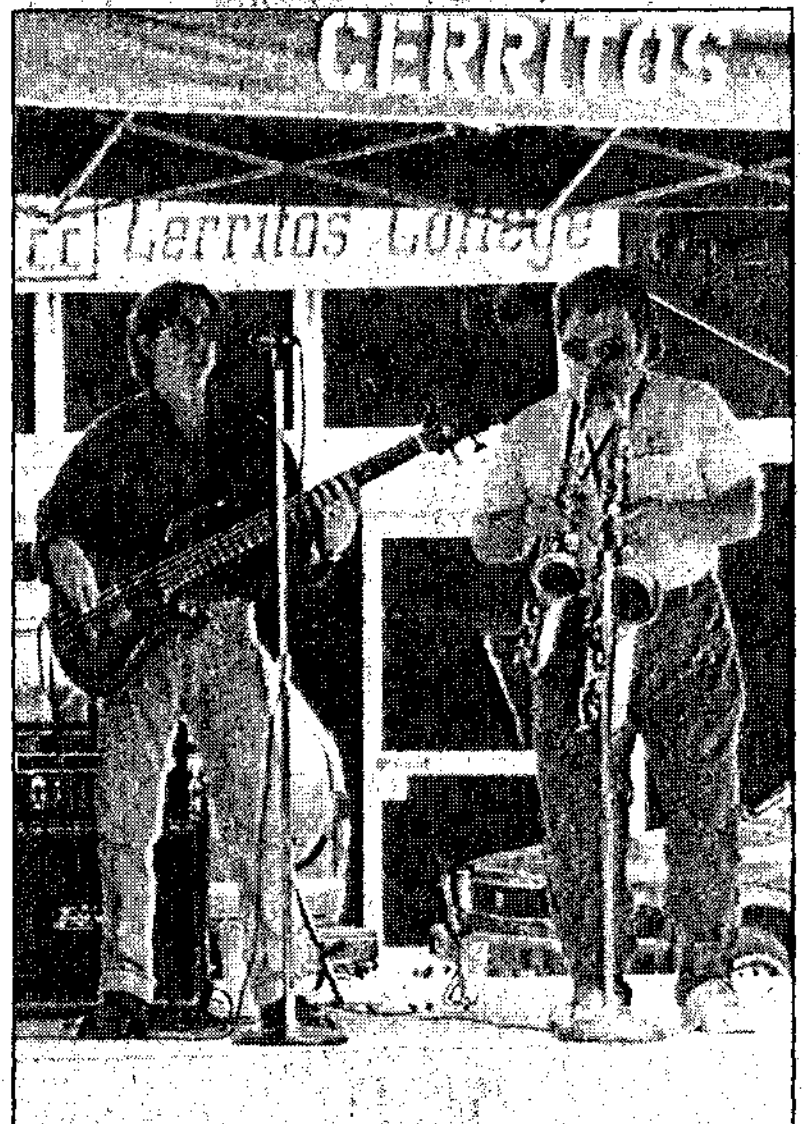


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Photos clockwise from top: A student is sketched by an artist on Club Booth Day, March 12; A country western band entertained students in the quad, March 13; Many students flocked to the quad during Hoe Down Days; A student gives it his best shot at one of the attractions, March 12; Bob Arthur (left) and a staff member taste the hottest chili, C.C. Falcon's Chili, made by Talon Marks.



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CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS



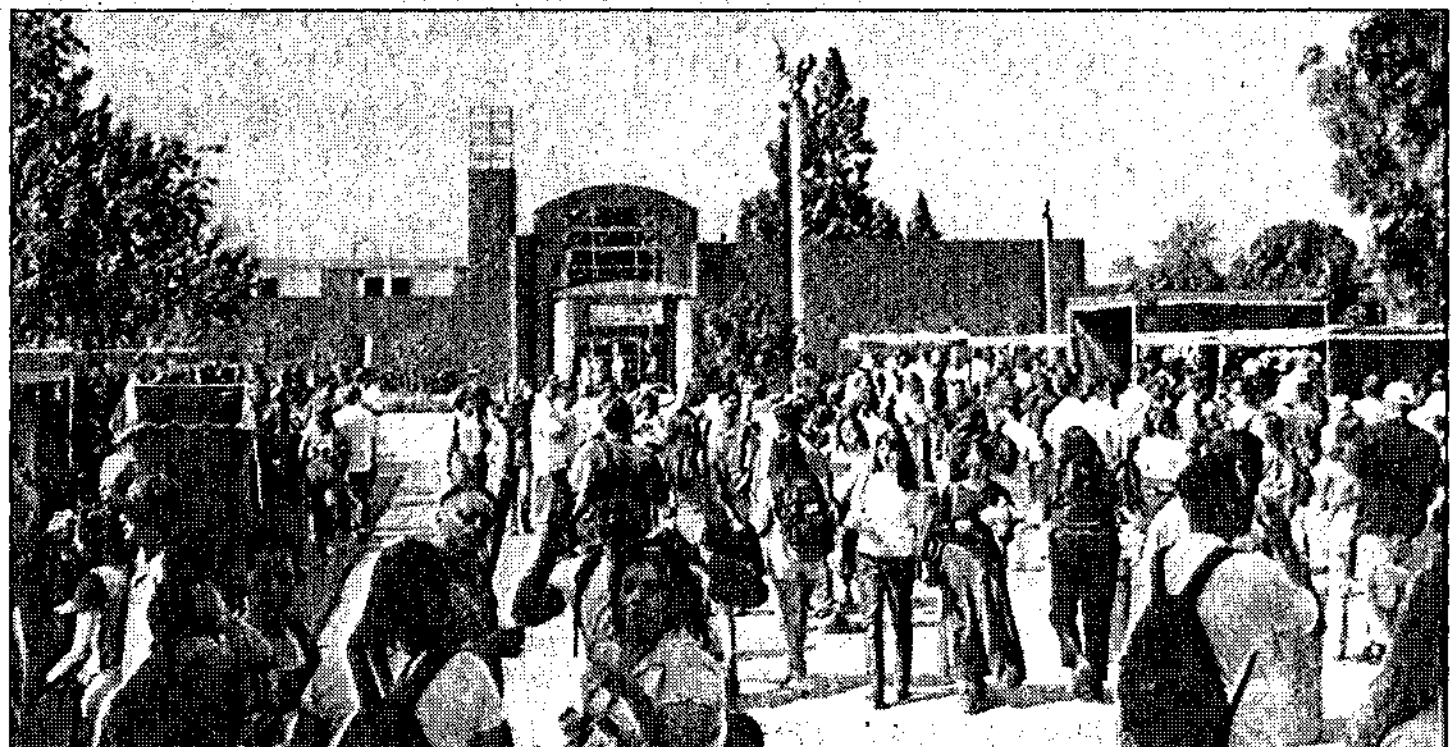
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C. C. Falcon's Chili
(Talon Marks)

Best Chili
A. H. O. R. A.

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EDITORIALS

Dragon slaying done out of fear

What kind of school judges first, and asks questions later? The answer is Cerritos College. The reason for the dark view of this school is Computer Services and what it did to the Dragon.

The Dragon is a student created menu system for Cerritos College. The student, Ray Resurreccion, who created it has lost his account and is facing possible academic probation.

Computer Services closed the account because it felt that the Dragon may have misused system resources and may pose a threat to the system.

After investigating the account, Computer Services found that there was "no evidence of any misuse, just concern about possible intent to circumvent the system," according to Alan Gelhar, Director of Computer Services.

The problem with the Dragon and this whole issue is that Computer Services has no real policies to safeguard against student-created programs and has no real way of preventing the programs from being used.

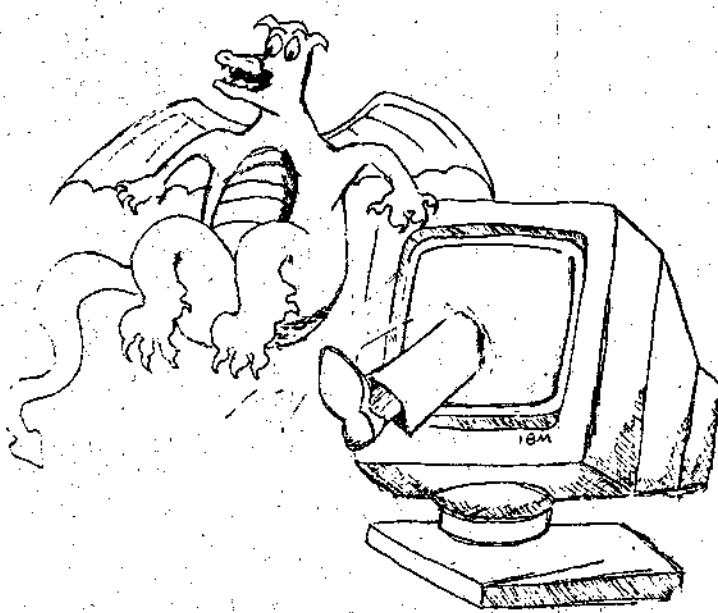
The student user policy is very vague and only addresses system resources. All it says is that students cannot attempt to "circumvent system policy, system security or access confidential information." The only systems Resurreccion accessed were e-mail accounts in the college which are easily accessible to anyone on the network.

It says nothing about modification of accounts or how a student chooses to use them other than they cannot propagate anything, which does not apply in this case.

Computer Services is a dictatorship controlling how information is exchanged on this campus. A handful of people from Computer Services have access to anything and everything on the system and there is no real way to monitor them. The student user policies are vague and yet Computer Services is somehow able to enforce anything it feels like with no checks on itself.

When it comes down to it, the Dragon was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. Had the Dragon been from a site somewhere off campus, all Computer Services could have done would be complain about it and wish it hadn't happened.

The system at Cerritos is extremely rudimentary and any per-



son who has a basic knowledge of intranets, individual computer systems and the Internet could have made this program. Computer Services has made the Dragon a scapegoat because of their fears, lack of foresight and lack of skills to keep people out of the system. Jealousy probably also plays a part in Computer Services' slaying of the Dragon.

These college trained computer users who are supposed to be able to understand and protect the system, can't. Instead of dealing with the problem that anybody can get into the system and do as they please, they are persecuting an innocent do-gooder and making it seem as though they caught the evil infiltrator.

It would be nice if this world had more "evil infiltrators" like this, maybe then the students could easily use this ancient system without learning the programming language first. The only thing the Dragon did was create an easy menu system for students to use so that they can easily explore and contribute to the fastest growing most useful technology in the world: the Internet.

It is time to take care of business

How would you like to have a job that allows you to stay home for months at a time and still collect your paycheck?

Raise your hands... let's see... well, just about everyone would like a job like that.

Welcome to the world of former Bookstore/Enterprise manager Alan Beaulieu. Ever since mid-September he has been raking in his salary in the comfort of his home.

How is this possible?

How can this be?

Beaulieu was put on paid administrative leave after Bookstore problems were uncovered by an audit completed in November.

Then came winter break and the school's changing of attorneys and lengthy negotiations—all factors that have been thrown out as excuses for the lack of a hearing related to charges against Beaulieu.

Enough with the excuses, it's time to take care of unfinished business.

It's time to stop wasting the school's time and money. There are more important things that this money could be used for.

The president of the college should look into what's going on and follow up on the investigation. The bookstore issue affects us all, and should especially concern him.

Instead, he's just hiding behind lame excuses, such as:

10. These events took place before my administration.

9. If the problem was reported to me sooner I could have handled the situation.

8. Bookstore? I didn't even know we have a bookstore on campus. I get my books from across the street.

7. I was out playing golf when all this occurred.

6. Let me talk to my lawyer, I'll get back to you.

5. I've talked to my lawyer but now I need a second opinion.

4. My lawyers say I should evoke my 5th amend... wait that's not right, I mean I have no comment at this time.

3. It's just a matter of how you look at the situation. We didn't lose \$500,000 it was just...misplaced. I mean it's just a small setback. We will survive.

2. I've got to go out and get a third opinion from my lawyers, you can never be too sure about these situations.

1. Alan who?

C. C. Falcon



• Mr. Cerritos: they call him the male counterpart to the homecoming queen. So why don't the students get to vote for him? He's picked by a panel of judges. Does that really reflect the opinion of students at large?

• Women's History Month, the 54-day month celebrating the achievements of women, kicked off early this month.

While there are women whose efforts should be celebrated, we don't have enough months in the year to recognize all of the 'segments of our society who have been suppressed' in history. We might want to start making them weeks.

• At last week's faculty senate meeting, Pat Pinder announced that there was nothing important on the senate agenda, and that they should adjourn

early and join the Hoe Down Days festivities. Dr. Fred Gaskin dropped by the meeting for coffee and brownies.

• Those Hoe Down Days were a real kick in the denim shorts, eh? I was hoping to see Elvis Presley strutting between the booths singing about the Carny lifestyle. (Hasn't anyone seen 'Roustabout'?) We had a really good turn-out this year, and of course the Mr. Cerritos contest was a big hit.

• People are raving about the culinary arts' new creation, the 'Potato Bar.' Loaded with potassium, it really fills you up. Just \$3.50 with a drink.

• The student senate met on March 5 because they were supposed to, but

Wayne Nunnery was not present. Therefore, Party Whip Joel Esparza took the helm. There was some confusion and a couple of statements about a raffle that wasn't a raffle, and then the meeting was adjourned. So that's the student senate.

• A couple of weeks ago Wayne Nunnery waltzed into the student senate meeting and asked for \$10,000 for couches, when he's been complaining all along that he's going to have to make all these budget cuts. At least he got some of the furniture for free.

• I saw some dirty bird carelessly toss a soda can toward a trash can. Aside from his total lack of effort to

recycle, he didn't even turn to notice that he missed the trash completely. He walked right past without looking back, leaving the next thoughtful passer-by to pick it up for him. Just because we have an effective cleaning crew doesn't mean we don't have to do our part. Clean it up.

• Wayne Nunnery, never failing to make the news, is now running for vice president under Greg Nunez. I don't know...them or Joel Esparza. What's the difference between a puppet and a marionette?

• Good going, y'all. It looks like we had a great turn-out for the blood drive, and you're being so nice about it!

campus comment

"What do you think about censorship on the Internet?"

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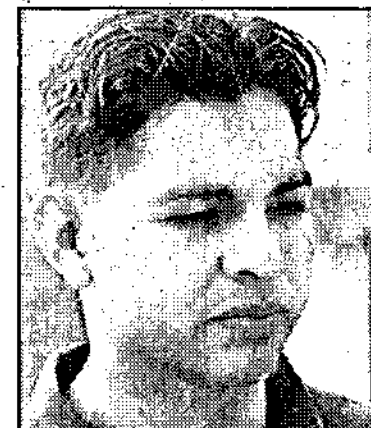
"Anyone who knows how to use computers has access to anything. It is probably necessary."

Ron Kosol
Art



"I think (censorship) is a good idea, like when kids look at the porno stuff. In some places the government has blocked that."

Irene Friis
Architecture



"There ought to be restrictions. At least in terms of porn or certain messages that are sent out to students or staff."

Sergio Avina
Psychology



"The Internet is educational, but it should be censored."

Maria Deleon
Fashion Design



"It is important to set limits to avoid people from looking up stuff they shouldn't."

Michelle Ludeking
Early Childhood Ed.



"It should be censored. Alcohol commercials are shown on the Net and kids see it and think it's cool."

Jennifer Bontrager
Sociology



"I really don't use it, but I think it should be censored like everything else."

Angel Jacques
General Ed.



"For the kids, there should be a lock—not for adults."

Karen Lievano
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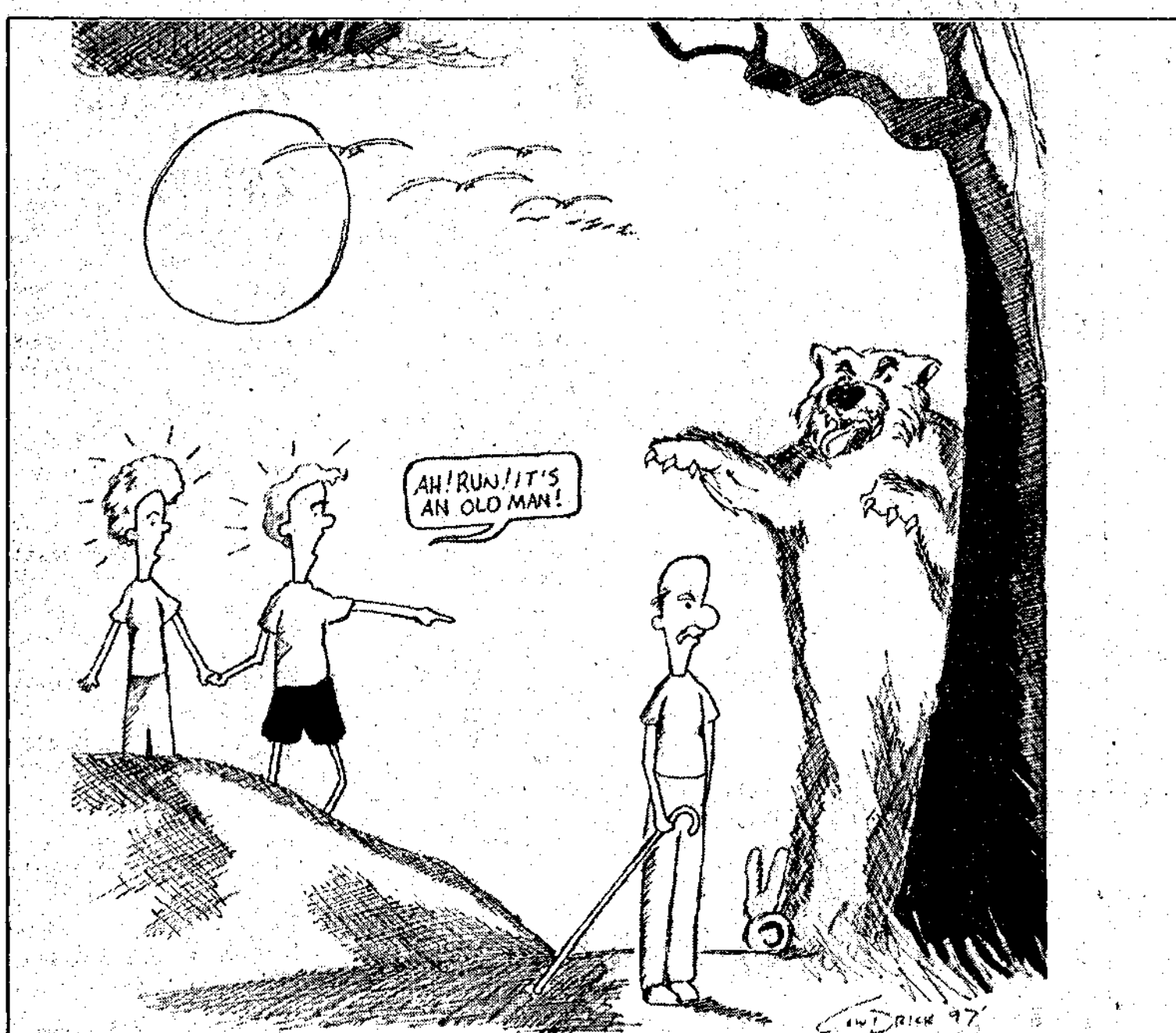
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Respect our elders, don't trash them

By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ
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Most people think that age is an important factor affecting their attitudes about life and the way they act.

For many, it wouldn't be right to wear a silly outfit if they are over 45. Others think that after a certain age it is embarrassing to do certain things and act in certain ways.

Is there any law that prevents old people from doing the same things as young people? Is our society afraid of becoming old? Why are older people considered unskilled, slow and sometimes even a dangerous disease to our society?

Isn't it true that when we are driving and we see old people driving we try to get as far away from them as pos-

sible? Yes, it is true, and it is embarrassing the way we treat our elders.

Instead of respecting them and taking advantage of the knowledge and wisdom they possess, we try to dispose of them at home care centers and forget that they even exist.

Other times we embarrass them by making fun of their advice and opinions.

However, that is not the worst thing. I have seen some individuals abusing older people, hitting them, taking away their property and slowly killing their dignity.

Why is our society permitting abuse to the elderly? There are many forms of abuse ranging from the small prejudices about age to more extreme abuse.

Sadly there are no answers to these questions.

But there are a lot of things we can change about the way we think

and act toward the elderly.

We can change our attitude about what should and shouldn't be done by older people. Let's try to respect their ideas and eccentricities as long as they are within the limits of the law.

We can be more understanding about their lifestyles and more than anything else we have to respect their dignity.

They are the owners of great knowledge and wisdom. I remember that the best teacher I ever had was my grandfather. He taught me about life and age among other very important things.

When I was sixteen and very eager to turn eighteen, he told me "give life to your years, not years to your life." At first it did not make sense to me, but after a few years I understood the real meaning of that lesson.

Some kids are eager to grow up

in order to be able to do grown-up things like drinking, gambling and smoking. This prevents them from enjoying their lives the way they should be; little by little, step by step.

I think this is the main reason why so many grown-up people are afraid of age.

They have never really lived and all their years are empty without memories to enjoy in their older years. Their fears are usually what provokes their prejudices.

Fortunately I was taught to venerate the elders. Helping them and learning from them are privileges in my family.

After all, there are only a few fortunate people who make it to the stage of elderly life.

They are champions by themselves. Let's treat them like winners, not losers.

Shrink, pet cat have his tongue

By JAMES REYNOSA
TM Staff Writer

It started innocently enough with just a Freudian slip. But it ended with catnip.

I was having dinner with my mother, a very tedious and dangerous task (but that's another column) and I started to say, "Pass the hot buns, please." But instead I said, "You've ruined my life, you bitch!"

That was it. I had to go to have some analysis done.

They (I don't remember their names, all I saw were some bright lights after I took the pretty little pills) told me I had an unresolved Oedipus complex, which, according to them, meant I want to sleep with my mother. Which is perposterous. My dad doesn't even want to sleep with her.

I mean, I love my mom, I just don't love my mom. She looks good for her age—nice rear, firm breasts—but I never could look at her as a sexual thing.

Sitting in their office I quickly realized two things: 1) I remember when a couch was used for making love instead of telling about it and 2) they really hate it when you answer them in question form.

After five weeks, they told me something that brought tears to my eyes. He said, "No hablo ingles."

They also told me to get a pet. I think they gave up!

Anyway, I got a cat, because a pet was supposed to calm me, but I didn't know how to take care of one.

But I was in luck, my friend Ben has a kitty. And not just any ordinary cat, his cat (Sammy) is a mega-pussy. He weighs almost 45 pounds for each foot.

When he walks the floor creaks but the scary thing is that Ben's house has cement floors.

I like my friend but I don't like

what he's done with his cat. He had Sammy neutered and declawed, so that makes him (Sammy, not Ben) sort of a pillow that eats.

So now I have my cat, but what do I name him? A woman will name a cat Muffy, Buffy or Fluffy. Women always have sensitive names for their cats. Meanwhile, the only names I can think of are Tuna Breath, Fur Face or Meow Head.

Cats are intended to teach us that not everything in nature has a purpose.

It is said that cats are untrainable. That is not totally accurate. I believe that cats listen very carefully to what I say. They understand perfect English as well as anybody.

How else would it be possible for them to so uncannily do just the opposite?

It gets to the point where I want to say, "Please, whatever you do kitty, don't put your paw in that power outlet."

After getting a jolt

here-and-there, my cat is usually hungry. I saw a commercial the other day for cat food. It said, "All natural food for your cat." All natural food.

But cat food is made out of horsemeat. That's how it works in nature—the cat right above the horse on the food chain.

Last night I discovered the troubles of washing my cat. I gave my cat a bath and he loved it.

He sat there, he enjoyed it and it was fun for me.

Oh sure the fur would stick on my tongue, but other than that there were no problems.

Psychiatrists tell us one out of five people is completely disturbed. And the reason is that the other four are nuts!

But that doesn't bother me anymore. I'm having dinner again with my mom tonight.

She's treating me to shish kabobs.

LETTER

The Dragon Slayer cometh and taketh away

This is a story about a friendly dragon (some would call him user friendly) who freely roamed the Cerritos College campus or maybe he just lived in Cyberspace.

But Cyberspace belongs to everyone (you know, it's thought to be free of governmental interference and regulation), and so the Dragon would greet everyone in Cerritos Cyberspace.

The Dragon would say to the technologically compromised, "Fear not the bits and the bytes, the unix code and the command line, I will guide you until you find the land of the Netscape."

Ah, what a benevolent and altruistic Dragon he was.

After all, his creator was the light or maybe a ray of light or maybe just a guy named Ray.

Anyway, when the Dragon appeared it was like a ray of light.

I wish that our story ended here, but then cometh the Dragon Slayer, fierce and cruel.

He sayeth to the Dragon, "You are eating up bandwidth. You are confusing those with learning disorders with your utter elegance

and simplicity."

"Also, the Keepers of the Kingdom have said more than aught against thee, for they weary of their subjects inquiring of thee."

(Translated, this means "We would not like to have anyone recommend a superior alternative to the way we have set up for doing things. It makes us look bad and gets us very angry.")

"So, mighty Dragon, I banish thee to the land of electronic oblivion."

"I revoke your user account. I trample on your academic freedom. I hereby abridge your free exercise of the privileges and immunities of Cyberspace. I pronounce upon you the sentence of a 'hacker' and you are condemned to the fate of extinction like all dragons should suffer."

Thus, I propose a salute to the Dragon. I propose a moment of silence to honor his memory, and a memorial to his majesty.

Name withheld,
Cerritos College community member

No more red meat here

By TOM HERNANDEZ
TM Staff Writer

Meat me!

That's all I have to say to the waiter as he approaches the table at my favorite restaurant.

When he hears those simple words he knows all he has to ask is "porter house, pot roast or pork chops?"

But, just as I pucker my lips to speak that pot roast into existence, my wife intervenes on behalf of some unknown cow to remind me that it's the day of the Great American Meatout.

As I cringe the menu in my tightly fisted hands, I remember that I promised to observe the event by abstaining from meat for 24 hours.

As I slowly turn to the waiter, he can see that the gleam has left my eyes. He now begins to wonder about his tip as I reluctantly whisper "Gardenburger, please."



If you don't know what the Great American Meatout is, let me give a brief explanation.

The G.A.M. is a campaign organized by F.A.R.M. (Farm Animal Reform Movement) to ask Americans to "Kick the meat habit, at least for a day, and explore a more wholesome, less violent diet."

This year's campaign is scheduled for tomorrow.

The meatout, which has be-

come an annual event, stresses that there is more to vegetarianism than carrot sticks and tofu.

With F.A.R.M.'s campaign they offer recipes as well as samples of vegetarian dishes, cookbooks, and information on the benefits of a meatless diet.

If you would like to participate in this year's meatout, try not eating meat for one day.

You can also call the Meatout hotline at 1-800-632-8688.

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So, I invite you to take part in the Great American Meatout.

By the way, my garden burger was great.

Inconsistency plagues baseball

■ Team falls to 7-2 in conference, heads into tourney during spring break

DAVID FEENSTRA
TM Sports Editor

An emotional late-inning comeback over Long Beach City this weekend helped the Falcons improve its Conference record to 7-1.

Yesterday however, the Falcons were beaten by L.A. Harbor 9-3. Cerritos was dominated from the beginning of the game, committing several costly errors to help Harbor pull ahead 5-3 in the fourth inning.

From then the game went down hill.

"We're killing ourselves," shouted falcon assistant coach Ray Sanchez.

Sophomore pitcher Mando Gonzalez picked up his first loss of the season. Failing to make it through the fifth

inning, a chorus line of relief pitchers came in and helped slow down Harbor and its opportunistic offense.

"We couldn't hit or field today," said head baseball coach Ken Gaylord.

The loss drops Cerritos' record to 16-6-3 and 7-2 in conference.

Saturday against Long Beach the Falcons broke a 2-2 tie in the bottom of the sixth when freshman first baseman Nick Swanson hit a double to put him in scoring position. One out later Sophomore second baseman Mike Luera hit a run-scoring single putting the Falcons ahead 3-2.

That lead held as sophomore starter Mikie Garcia went seven innings, giving up just the two runs and freshman closer Shane Sullivan came in and shut the door on the visiting Vikings to pick up his seventh save of the season.

The Falcons head out to play East Los Angeles this Thursday at 2 p.m.



Sophomore Mando Gonzalez struggled yesterday in Cerritos' 9-3 loss to LA Harbor dropping his record to 5-1

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Tennis comes up big

DAVE COWDRICK
TM Opinion Editor

After finishing their first round of play in third place with a 4-2 record, the Cerritos women's tennis team began its final round of play yesterday against Mt. SAC.

The Falcons seemed to have an edge even before the game began due to an ill player on Mt. SAC.

The loss of the player resulted in Cerritos being one match ahead before gametime.

This may have had some effect on the seven-player Cerritos team consisting of one sophomore and six freshman, but it still played as though every match counted.

The absent player may have just evened out the odds. While Mt. SAC forfeited one match due to illness, the Cerritos team refused to

forfeit any matches even though one of its teammates was injured.

"I think I did good considering my ribs were swollen," doubles player Nancy Gutierrez said after the game.

Her injury didn't seem to affect her game at all as she and her partner Annette Lazarin made their way to an 8-2 victory.

Though suffering from a 6-1, 6-0 loss, Jiselle Salvilla was also putting her all into the game.

"Considering this is her first tennis season, she's doing real well," coach Terri Button said.

The Falcons went on to win seven out of the nine matches, securing their third place status. They will be playing here again tomorrow against El Camino.



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Jiselle Salvilla volleys in Cerritos' 7-2 victory

Season cut short after 87-80 second round loss

■ Women end season at 20-10 after loss to Compton

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After going 20-10, finishing second overall in their conference and placing new milestones, the women's basketball team saw all its hard work go for naught in 40 minutes.

Leading at halftime 39-33 in the second round of the Southern California Regionals, the team lost the lead and its season in an 87-80 defeat to Compton College.

Compton College, which will be suspended from playoff action next year for illegal recruiting, was then eliminated by Ventura College, which went on to win the State title.

"We really battled," coach Karen Noel said. "We just didn't handle the full-court press that Compton put on us in the second half."

The full court pressure put the Falcons on the spot, and the Tartars then capitalized on the Falcons miscues to take the lead.

Sophomore forward Tanisha Coleman scored 35 points, tying a season high in the loss to the Tartars, going 15-20 from the field and grabbing 13

rebounds.

Freshman center Keisha Harris also kept the statisticians busy, notching 19 points, 12 rebounds and five blocked shots, along with four assists and three steals, scoring on her first — and only — three point shot of the season.

"Keisha Harris and Nicole Larson (four points, three

assists) played well against Compton," Noel said.

"They're both freshman, and they're promising, but I'm not going to start pointing everybody out for next year."

Although the women's basketball team lost a heartbreaker, the season didn't fall flat on a sour note for the players.

Coleman's efforts during the

season were recognized and she was picked as a first team all star in the state.

Coleman, along with Harris was also selected to the All Conference team. Ware made second team all-conference.

"I'm proud of how they battled through. They have represented their school real well," Noel said.

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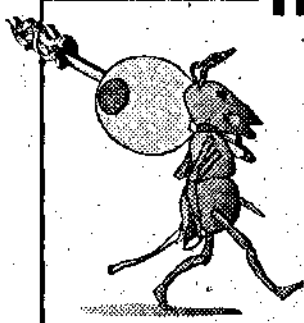
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Improvers hit hard with sequel



"Psycho Cop" Joe Herrera displays pull-over techniques on interviewer Bill Blush during the Improvers' "Meet the World" sketch.

By DAVID DM COUTANT
TM Entertainment Editor

Improver, in this case, is not one who improves, but who improvises.

"A Night of Improv (the Sequel) The Improvers Strike Back," presented by the Theatre Arts Society, was a non-stop, hilarious series of skits prompted by suggestions from audience members.

Bill Blush and his bawdy band of 'improvers' made their way onto the Studio Theatre

stage around 8:15 Friday night with a tale of a doctor's wife who is also a doctor who is looking into the connection between vegetables and insanity and the cure of pulling the hair by the roots.

Ernie Macias and David Carreiro bounced the story back and forth with Blush behind them, prompting the switch with a clap of his hands.

Then "Emotional Rescue" brought Nancy Louriero and Joe Herrera into a labor room and a variety of mood swings.

"A Day in the Life" saw an audience member, 16-year-old Sarah Finley, facing her worst fears of math and pets and her ideal settings of Spanish class and yacht shopping, all in a few moments before being eaten by a shark played by Marie Holley.

Dave Wrathall, in his first performance with the group, did a marvelous job as 'sand guy' in "Changes" and the husband in "Serious Improv."

The troupe dragged its breathless audience through a series of settings varying from a beach to

a talk show to hell to a donut shop.

The night of improv included a trunk of props supplied by audience members and a microphone used for sound effects, narration and the voice of Satan.

Phil Silverman and Society president Jennifer Zaragoza did their part to take the crowd where it least expected at a moment's notice.

Directed by Blush, "The Improvers Strike Back" was a hysterical, well-acted fundraiser that was well worth the \$5.



Above: Ernie Macias and David Carreiro talk cows in "What Am I Selling?"

Below: Joe Herrera and Dave Wrathall escort Sarah Finley through the various levels of love and hate in "A Day in the Life"



Photos by DAVID DM COUTANT/Talon Marks

A brief look at this year's Academy Award hopefuls

By EMILY MADEWELL
TM Staff Writer

It is time once again for the Academy Awards, when all of the filmmaking greats come together to pat each other on the back. That is what makes the Oscars so special: They are voted on by their peers.

"The English Patient," with 12 nominations on the table, is the frontrunner for best picture. Set in wartime and its aftermath, it is a beautiful film about reflections of life because of death. "The English Patient" is like many wonderful still photographs brought together to tell a story visually.

Michael Ondaatje's novel comes to life and Anthony Minghella could definitely take home an Oscar for adapting the screenplay.

The underdog for film would have to be the Coen brothers' twisted and supposedly real-life story "Fargo." It is fun and easy to follow.

Although I do not think it will beat out "The English Patient" for film, I think it is a definite for original screenplay.

For Best Actor, the one to beat is Geoffrey Rush for "Shine." This film takes you through the troubled life of pianist David Helfgott. The character is whimsical and joyful yet greatly disturbed. Rush's job was a very difficult one and he accomplished it.

Even so, my favorite for actor is Billy Bob Thornton for "Sling Blade." Thornton wrote, directed and stars in this fictional account of a murderer who has spent most of his life in a mental institution for the criminally insane.

It is the story of the life this man finds for himself after his release. It is a wonderful story with complete, well-written characters.

The actress with the most

attention right now is "Secrets and Lies" star Brenda Blethyn. She has won a Golden Globe for this performance, as well as a Best Actress award from the Los Angeles and Boston Film Critics Associations.

"Secrets and Lies" is the story of a lonely factory worker and mother who feels as though she has failed in so many aspects of her life.

Everything gets turned around when the daughter that she gave up for adoption returns to her life. It is a comical film centered on family politics.

My favorite for this category would have to be Diane Keaton. It has been exactly 20 years since she won an Oscar for her performance in "Annie Hall."

This time she stars along with Meryl Streep in the touching drama "Marvin's Room."

Keaton plays a woman who has spent her entire life taking care of others.

Through reuniting with her sister she gets a chance to see what her life would have been like if she had made other choices.

Best Director is an extremely difficult category to pick this year. Anthony Minghella is nominated for "The English Patient," and many times the winner of best film also receives the Oscar for directing.

Creator Joel Coen is also nominated, so he has a chance if "Fargo" takes Best Picture.

I think that Milos Forman has the best chance even though "The People vs. Larry Flynt" is only up for two Awards. He won the Golden Globe this year and he has a history of excellence that is continued with this film.

This past year has given us many wonderful films, so this year's Oscars are bound to be exciting.

'Selena' role breaks trend for young actress



Constance Marie plays the mother of slain singer "Selena."

By ISIS SAUCEDA
Contributing Writer

The most difficult role to play in a movie is that of a real person. Actress Constance Marie discovered this while working

on the 1997 biographical drama, "Selena."

The film tells the story of Selena, the 23-year-old Latina singer from Texas who was killed by her fan club president in 1995.

Directed by Gregory Nava ("The Milagro Beanfield War," "Mi Familia"), the film will be released this Friday.

An East Los Angeles actress who first auditioned for the role of Selena, Marie was shocked when Nava asked her to play Marcela Quintanilla, mother of the slain singer.

"Tons of other women were auditioning for the part," she said. "But because Nava believed in me, I got the role."

"This is the hardest role I've ever done in my entire life. You have an obligation to a real person."

In order to give her best performance, Marie met with Quintanilla in San Antonio, Texas.

Although she admits she was a little nervous to meet Quintanilla at first, they became good friends.

"Marcela is a very down-to-earth person, very young at heart," Marie said.

"She is a best friend to her kids and has unconditional love

for her daughters.

"She is the most loving, devoted mother I have ever seen."

Though it is often difficult for parents to talk about the life of their deceased children, the Quintanilla family was very open with photos and home videos of the artist.

"Marcela would tell me all these wonderful stories about Selena," Marie recalled. "They were really helpful."

Her role in "Selena" is different from her fictional characters such as Toni Sanchez, a rebellious nun-turned-wife and political activist in "Mi Familia," or a husband-stealer in the soap opera "Santa Barbara."

"There are a lot of emotions involved. That's why making a true story film is so difficult," Marie said.

Although Quintanilla was proud of the film being made, there were times she had to leave the room because Jennifer Lopez, the actress portraying Selena, resembled her daughter so much. "It was difficult for all of us and especially for her," Marie said.

Overall, Marie was pleased with the result. "This is a celebration of Selena's life and an example of the American dream."

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS



"Lone Child" is among the "Enchanted Path" prints.

Art instructor displays in Board Room
Cerritos College art professor Cynthia Kastan is displaying her artwork, "The Enchanted Paths Series," in the Board Room in the administration quad. The series consists of ten photoscreenprints depicting paths and trails from around the world. The prints are on display through April 4.

Student/faculty photos on exhibit

The Cerritos College Art Gallery will present the "Student/Faculty Photography Exhibition" April 1-10.

The exhibit will feature works of students enrolled in the Cerritos photography program as well as photography faculty members Elizabeth Kennedy, Michael Coppenger, Suzy Skaar, Liza Ryan, John Humble and Don Cole.

Concert Series presents Galisteo Duo

Soprano Donna McRae and Flutist Gwen Powell will be accompanied by pianist Christine Lopez in the Burnight Theatre on April 6. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for students.