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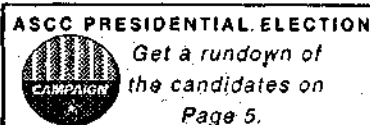
Election is coming, but who cares?

■ As the ASCC presidential election approaches, students remain indifferent.

By DAVID DM COUTANT
TM Entertainment Editor

The ASCC presidential elections are coming, but many students aren't interested. "I don't care enough to even think about it," student Gina Frausto said.

Nevertheless, on April 16-17 in the Student Center, Social Science and Health Science buildings, students with a valid CCID can cast their vote for any of the six tickets on the ballot.



Ticket #1 is Johnell Vega for president, with Lisa Gilmore as vice president, whose focus is on improvement of computer services, communication and unity.

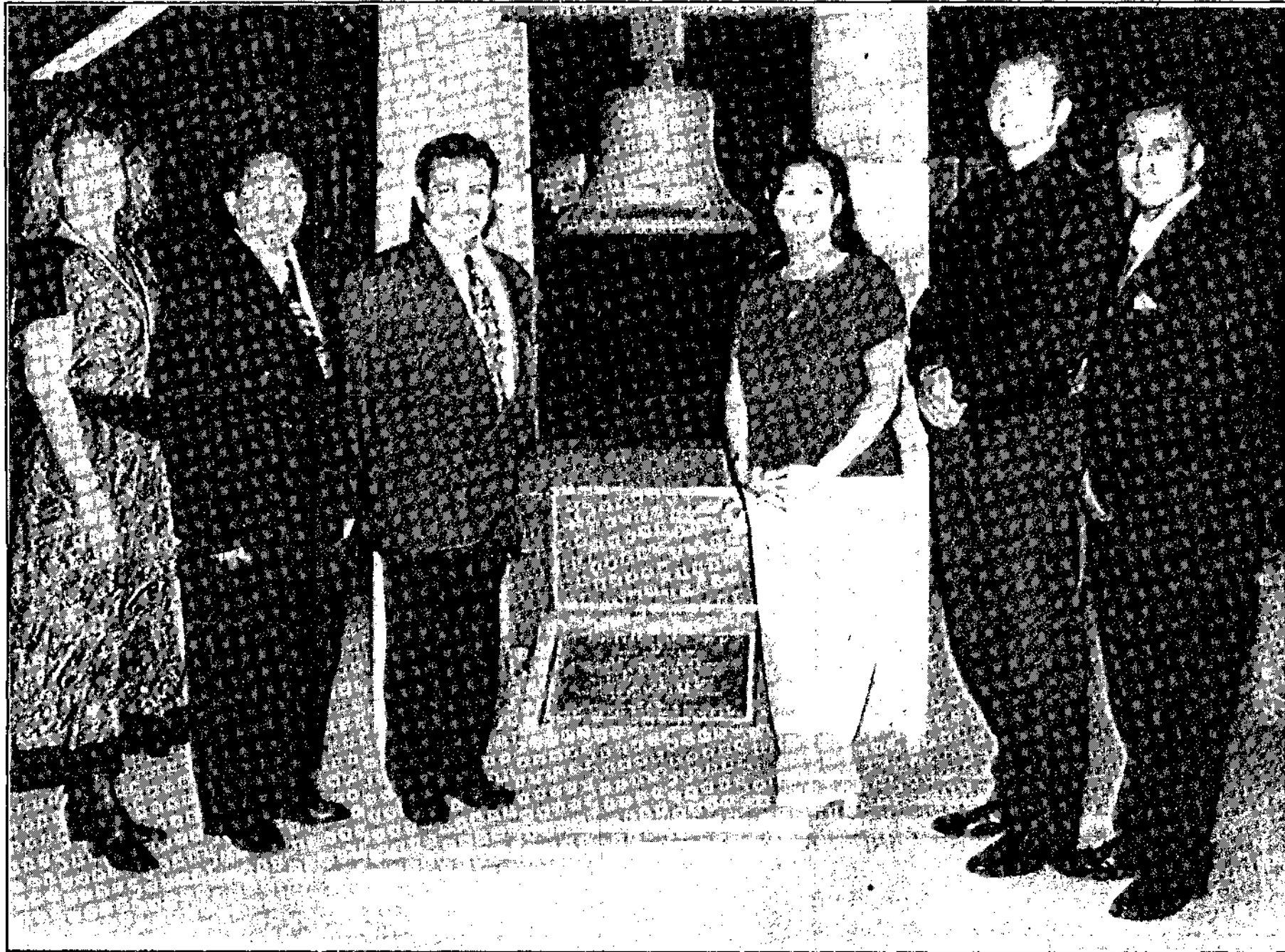
Gilbert M. Grinie and Joyce A. Kelly (ticket #2) will focus on security and bookstore prices, while Lester M. Malta and Yolanda Romanello (ticket #3) are concerned with student services.

Kelly Stortz and Joel Esparza (ticket #4) plan to improve campus safety and student involvement in campus activities.

Franklin L. Perkins II and Vince Vargas (ticket #5) intend to make improvements in technology, library and departmental services.

Armando Borboa and Gregory T. Wylie (ticket #6) are interested in student-initiated changes in school environment.

While the candidates are focusing on the issues, they appear to have failed to peak the interest of students in general.



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The Associated Students of Cerritos College presidential candidates are (from left): Johnell Vega, Gilbert Grinie, Lester Malta, Kelly Stortz, Franklin Perkins and Armando Borboa. The election will be held on April 16-17.

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New transfer workshops rescue lost students

■ Cerritos hosts first transfer workshops in college history.

By AMARA AGUILAR
TM Editor in Chief

When biology major Jay Delacruz first came to Cerritos College, he got lost.

Now, as he prepares to transfer, he doesn't want it to happen again.

"You need some kind of security stepping on to a new campus," he said.

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—Jay Delacruz
Biology Major

That's why he's planning to attend one of the first two transfer workshops in the history of Cerritos College, April 29 from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and May 1 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

"The studies show it's not the concerns about the academic work that students are wor-

ried about, it's the psychological and social issues of going to an unknown place," said Carol Beato, coordinator of the Transfer Mentor Program that pairs Cerritos students with alumni mentors currently enrolled in four-year schools.

The transfer workshops will provide students with the opportunity to ask questions and hear transfer experiences

of former Cerritos College students who are now attending four-year colleges and universities.

Seven schools will be represented, including UC Irvine, Cal State Fullerton and Whittier College.

The transfer workshops are geared toward students who have already applied to a four-year school and are ready to transfer.

"[Students will learn] more specifics about what they need



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Jay Delacruz (left) and Carol Beato look forward to attending the transfer workshops.

to know about the campus, if it's better to live on or off campus, if the commute is realistic and even how early they have to get there to get a parking

spot," Beato said. Students, including Delacruz, who plans to transfer to UC Irvine or UCLA, are eager to have such input.

"It would help me a lot if I knew what I had to do when I get [to a new school]," he said.

Another student, physical therapy major Chris Wright, who plans to transfer to Cal State Long Beach, said, "The goal [at Cerritos] is to make the transfer process easy [for students so they can] get into the four-year college, get out and have a career."

That's exactly what 60 percent of students who come to Cerritos say they want to do. But only 15-20 percent, slightly lower than the state's average, actually do transfer.

"We want to get that number up," Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin said.

One way Gaskin is trying to get that number up is through the President's Emphasis on Transfer, a project designed to enhance transfer at Cerritos

College. No other community college has this type of project.

The transfer workshops and programs such as the Scholars' Honors Program that gives eligible students priority admission to four-year schools are just some of the transfer-enhancing activities that have emerged from the P.E.T. project.

"Cerritos needs to be the gateway to four-year institutions," Gaskin said.

"We want to close the gap between those who say they want to transfer and those who actually do."

Students who wish to attend the transfer workshops on April 29 or May 1 in the Board Room should confirm attendance by April 20 through Carol Beato in counseling. Messages may be left at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2140.

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Your choice: Beauty, politics

By MARCELA PEREZ
TM Campus Editor

Political and social discussions will commence as the celebration of Women's History Month continues.

Cosmetology sponsored make-overs yesterday in the Cosmetology Salon from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in honor of the two-month event.

"I personally wouldn't [get a make-over for Women's History

Month], but for those who feel they need to change their physical, mental and inner side—go ahead," Cerritos College student Pia Santiago said.

Tomorrow, students may meet in LH 101 from 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. to learn about women and the political sphere.

"It's good to celebrate achievements of different cultures," commissioner of financial aid Fadel Lawandy said.

Also ahead for Women's History month, winners of an essay contest dealing with women and community leadership will be announced at the Tribute to Women Writers, Artists and Thinkers program, April 16 from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Teleconference Room, LC-155.

For more information on Women's History Month call public relations at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2285.

NEWS BRIEFS

Support for future teachers



A \$1,000 Scholarship for Future Teachers is available in the financial aid office. Applications are due April 17. For more information call Elena Lopez at ext. 2386.

Nomination forms due soon



Nomination forms for the 1997 Spring Awards Banquet are available in the Student Activities Office and are due April 18 at 4 p.m.

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

Forensics attend Nationals



The forensics team sent 10 students to the Phi Rho Pi Nationals in St. Paul, Minn.

Forensics instructor Bill Sparks presented the team members to the Board of Trustees at a recent meeting.

At the last competition, held at Pasadena City College, the Falcons earned four medals.

Out of two-year schools in the nation, Cerritos is ranked fifth in parliamentary debate.

Engineering major honored



Cerritos College engineering student John M. Dahl was named "Outstanding Student in Engineering" for 1997 by the College of Fellows Institute for the Advancement of Engineering, according to Engineering professor Farid Wissa.

He was presented with a certificate and a \$150 book scholarship.

Dahl plans to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona and earn a master of science degree in engineering.

Master Plan all planned out



A meeting dealing with the conclusion of the Master Plan will be held April 15 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in HS-102.

Refreshments will be served and all campus members may attend.

Center offers historical trip



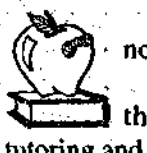
The Cerritos College Lifelong Learning Center is offering a 10-day educational trip.

The trip will take place from April 25 - May 4.

It will include visits to New York, Philadelphia and many other historic cities along the East Coast.

For more information, contact LAP at 860-2451, ext. 2521.

LAP opens on Saturdays



The Learning Assistance Program is now open on Saturdays on a trial basis.

The services offered on Saturday in the LAP include discipline-specific tutoring and Internet access and facilitation.

Collaborative study skills groups on study reading, test taking, time management, note taking and classroom presentation will also be available.

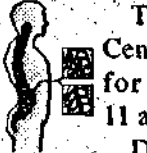
Learning skills workshops



The LAP is offering several learning skills workshops. "Writing to Survive Finals" will be offered on May 1.

"Elementary, Dear Watson," the problem solving techniques of Sherlock Holmes, will be offered May 6.

Spinal screenings available

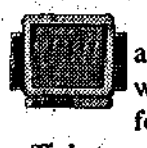


The Student Health and Wellness Center is offering free spinal screenings for students on April 16 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the student quad.

Diane Madrid, an independent assessment person for various chiropractors, will conduct the screenings.

For more information contact ext. 2321.

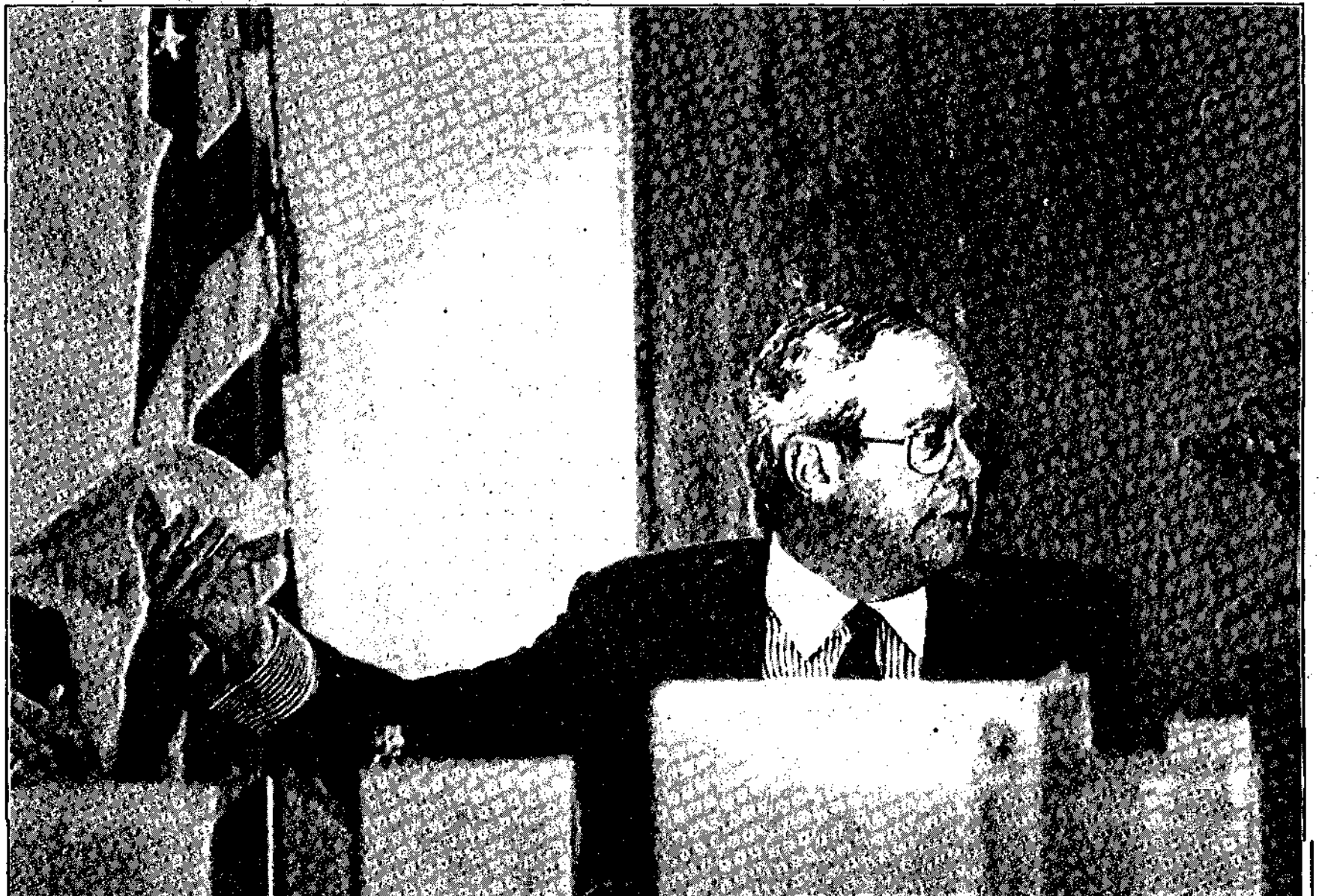
Drawing held for color TV



There will be an opportunity to win a 27" color television in a drawing that will take place after the presidential forum in BK 111/112 on April 15.

Tickets are \$1 and can be bought at the Student Activities Center or from any club representative until April 11.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will be used to purchase furniture for the new Student Center.



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The Board of Trustees debate whether or not student representatives should get a vote on the curriculum board.

Book prices are not high

Board discusses the Enterprise financial report, the strawberry field, ethics on campus and governance.

By DAVID FEENSTRA
TM Sports Editor

The Bookstore prices survey is in. All Seasons Golf is out of the picture and the public was once again upset, as was Associated Students of Cerritos College President Wayne Nunnery.

At last Wednesday's meeting, Board of Trustees members was presented with the Bookstore pricing survey.

Overall the survey showed that prices at Cerritos were for the most part the same everywhere else except for a few exceptions.

Dr. Ted Edminston, Board member, mentioned that some of the larger price discrepancies could be a result of different editions of the book or partial copies of a certain book.

"Those reasons could have caused any of the apparently high

prices," Edminston said.

Along with the Bookstore survey the Board was presented with an Enterprise financial report.

The report showed solid financial progress in the Enterprise, bringing out some excitement from Board President Bob Verderber.

"I knew we could do it!" Verderber said. "All it took was for us to get on the ball and now we finally are getting the job done."

Discussion then turned to the strawberry patch.

After two months, the Board has pulled out of contract negotiations with All Seasons Golf.

Organizational problems, including an alleged dispute between John Mahoney, a one-percent owner, and the 97-percent shareholders contributed to the pull-out.

The dispute was over Mahoney's role in the golf training center development.

Donn Irving, community member, handed out a letter from Board member Dorothy Carfrae to College President Fred Gaskin.

In her letter Carfrae questioned the handling of the golf training center.

She wanted to know how All

Seasons could be so highly recommended and then suddenly pulled off the table.

The letter questioned if the school was now settling for second best with Family Golf Center.

Carfrae also stated five reasons, many of which have been mentioned by community members, why she feels Gaskin was in a conflict of interest.

Earlier in the meeting, Gaskin denied the accusations by saying that living near someone could not constitute a conflict of interest.

He stated that to be in conflict of interest one must have a financial stake in a project, not just be neighbors.

Carfrae also claimed that Gaskin

"I knew we could do it! All it took was for us to get on the ball and now we finally are getting the job done."
-Bob Verderber

is using the strawberry patch subcommittee as a shield, a claim that Gaskin has also denied.

The public once again spoke out about various issues on the campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods.

While Irving handed out the aforementioned letter, community member and attorney Anthony Torres spoke upon the lack of leadership ethics on campus.

Torres claimed that "there is a lack of God" and of good Christian morals when decisions are being made at the administrative level.

There was also a lengthy discussion on the curriculum board.

Nunnery and Edminston both lobbied for a student vote on the committee.

Meanwhile Faculty Senate President Pat Pinder argued that the instructors know more about what should or should not be taught.

In the end, Gaskin asked for Pinder to get a vote from the committee on whether students should have a vote on the committee.

The Board will meet again next Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Board room.

COPs Program working

By JENNIFER KHO
TM Feature Editor

The remodeling of the Student Center marks only the first of several sets of projects made possible by the COPs program.

The program consists of certificates of participation, or bonds, which were sold March 26 to fund projects expected to total \$6,500,000.

The next set of projects is already in the works. This set includes the one-stop registration project, a new copier for publications and fiber and hardware to set up campus connectivity.

According to Michael Sebak, Director of Facilities, the copier has already been purchased and should be delivered tomorrow.

Plans for the one-stop registration, which includes the remodeling of the entire admissions and administration areas, are being completed but have not been finalized.

Specifications for the fiber and

hardware project are also being finalized. This connectivity project will consist of buying and installing up to 3,000 new computer workstations that are wired to the mainframe.

The mainframe provides access to e-mail and the Internet. "That project should start next month," Sebak predicted.

In July, those projects will make way for the next set.

A total of 15 major projects are to be funded by the COPs. In the face of all this work, Sebak remains confident.

"It's not too much work. Even though many of the projects are starting at about the same time, the work will be spread out."

The COPs are considered short-term bonds because they will be repaid over the next seven years.

The bonds will be financed using money from expiring lease purchase agreements and district retirement annuities.

Money that was set aside each

year to make payments on the leases and extra retirement benefits can be used to finance the bonds once the agreements are paid off.

This will result in a total of \$8,280,816 after seven years. That amount is more than the \$6,955,223 necessary to repay the bond debt.

This way the college can finance the bonds without affecting the operating fund, Dr. Fred Gaskin, Cerritos College president, said.

Vice President of Student Services Judith Christensen said, "The COPs program is a wonderful vehicle for districts to do much-needed projects without waiting for the state to maybe fund them."

Ivan Limas, an art major, agreed. "This program is great. The school does compete with other schools for students."

"But good surveillance of the money is also important. The school should be sure to use good contractors and materials so everything will last a long time."

REMINDER

Summer students need to file intent

All continuing students should file an intent to register in the Admissions and Records Office for Summer Session before April 11 to receive touchtone registration materials.

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And the wait continues

By SOREN WILLIAMS
TM Graphics Editor

The food court section of the Student Center is still being occupied by construction workers and equipment more than two months past the original opening date.

Gateway Builders was originally scheduled to be finished with the Food Court section of the Student Center on Feb. 1.

Changed orders and unforeseen problems such as a burst water main and problems with the roof drain have added to the delay in the opening of the Food Court.

According to Director of Physical Plant Mike Sebak, Gateway has been given a 26-day extension on the contract, meaning the Food Court should have been done on Feb. 27.

"As of last Friday, Gateway has been 36 days over schedule for completion of the Food Court section of the Student Center," Sebak said.

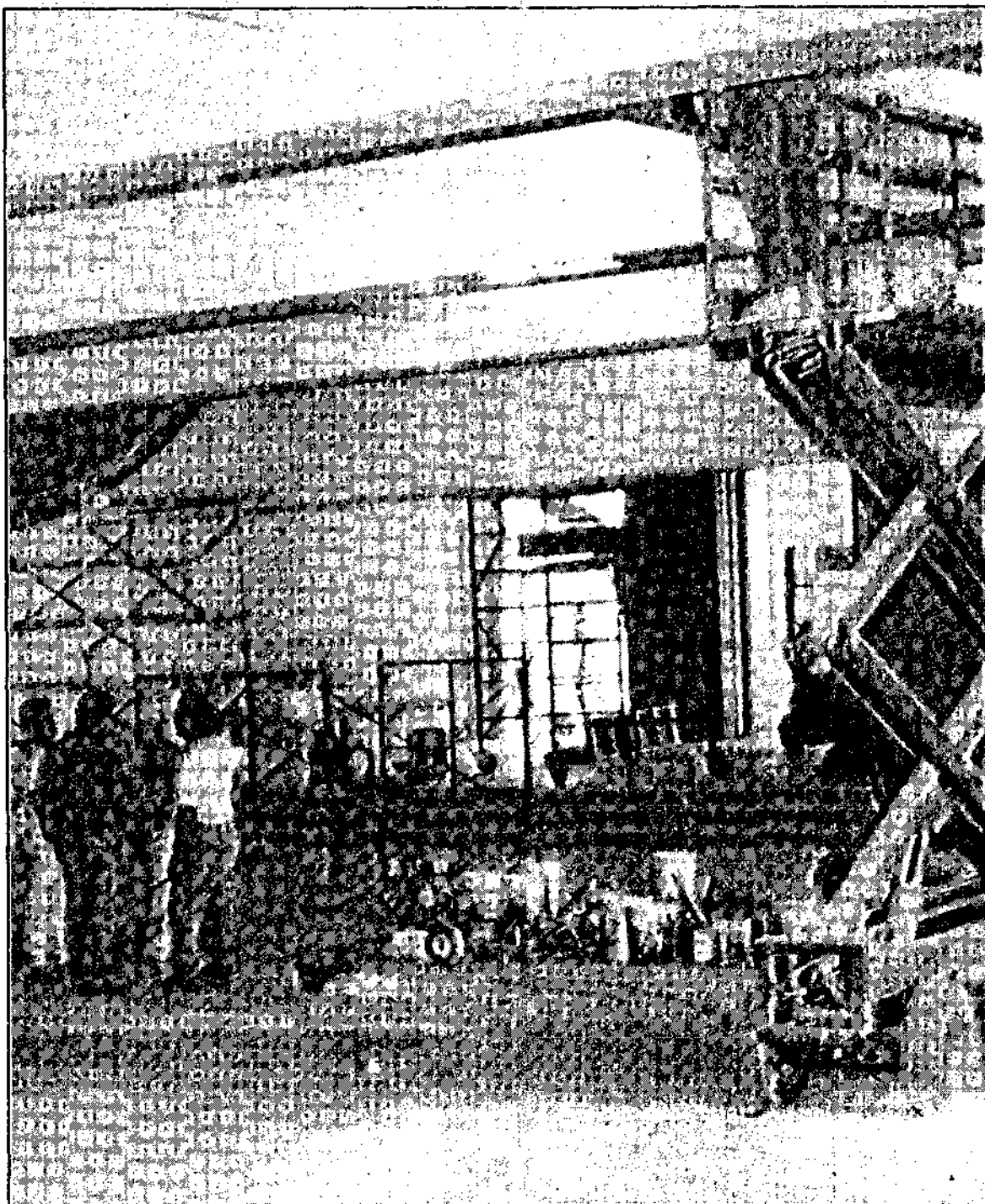
The completion date for the rest of the Student Center was March 21 meaning the builders are over by 19 days.

When it will be done is a question no one seems willing to answer.

"We don't have any date set, but if the builders continue at their present pace, they should be done by the end of this month," Sebak said.

"We can't control the pace of the builder. All we can do is impose penalties for their days over schedule."

George Nemea, Owner of Gateway Builders also used vague terms to describe his progress. "We should be done



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Although it was scheduled to be open Feb. 1, work continues on the food court by the end of the month.

A penalty of \$500 in liquidated damages is being imposed on Gateway by the school for each day they are over.

Although the Student Center is usually used for school and community events this time of year, none have been scheduled because of the uncertain state of the building.

Toni Sallade, who is in charge of all scheduling of Student Center, said, "I am not going to plan any events until there is a confirmed date for the opening."

ELECTION: Many students express apathy

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Early childhood education major Heather Haagsma said, "I've been here five years and I've never voted."

"I've never voted either," Evelyn Caso, who also studies child education, said.

"They don't campaign enough. They don't target the night students."

In the event that one candi-

date does not receive 50 percent-plus votes, there will be a run-off election the following week.

One student who plans on voting is John Longlais, student representative to the faculty senate and a political science major.

Longlais hopes to see changes in student government's involvement in campus

issues.

"I would like to see the ASCC have more of a voice about what goes on on campus."

In the past, free tacos encouraged students to vote for student senate members.

"That helped," Longlais said. "There was an increase in voters. If nothing else, just bribe them."

Student I.D.s are required for voting. A presidential forum will be held on April 15 in BK 111/112 at 11 a.m.

Program doing well

By JENNIFER KHO
TM Feature Editor

Only one year after the first planning meeting for the Scholars' Honors Program, a solid program is already under way.

This is the first semester of the honors program.

At least 51 courses and 88 sections will be available in the fall. This summer, 19 classes are on the schedule.

SHP students agree that the honors program has many benefits.

At the SHP workshop on Friday, Francisco Montez, Business Administration major in the SHP, thanked the program committee for finally giving students like him a good label.

Yolanda Romanello, who is on the SHP advisor council, said that the program might convince more people to transfer by showing them new possibilities.

The SHP currently consists of 44 students and 14 faculty members.

Students who qualify choose an honors class from a list of 19 classes and 30 sections. Then they contact the instructor.

The student and instructor then work together to decide what work the student could do in addition to the regular class.

From there the student and faculty member write a contract detailing the work they decided on.

The contract must be approved by the advisor council, which includes students.

"The whole idea is great," Giselle Morales, a biology major, said. "I have a contract with Romer in chemistry and it works well. School is much more meaningful when the connection with the instructor is there."

Getting together one-on-one with a professor is a good experience. It makes it much easier to ask questions.

To join the honors program, students must have a minimum of

a 3.25 GPA, be eligible for first-year course work in English by UC/CSU transfer criteria, be eligible for intermediate algebra, get letters of recommendation from a current and a former instructor, as well as a counselor then complete an application.

One big topic was peer support.

"No one wants to be alone. If there's a connection so you can stay and talk with other students and faculty, you don't get bored," Morales said.

Ron Bandolini, who directs the honors program at Valencia Community College in Orlando, Florida, was the main speaker at the workshop.

He said that the school has had terrific success with their program.

The college has beat four-year institutions in National Collegiate competitions.

Students from that honors program enjoy direct transfer and many scholarships to some 4-year institutions.

Valencia College has honors resource centers with desks and books where honors students can do work or have intellectual discussions.

Bandolini said the students take big trips together and enjoy a sense of friendship, as well.

Don Karvelis agreed that social interaction among the students is an important part of the program.

The council hopes to improve the contracts by making a template so it will be more clear what kinds of contracts the advisory council will accept.

Karvelis deemed the workshop a success. "Bandolini has given us some ideas that will be valuable to us. He's opened our eyes to more possibilities and given us ammunition for getting more supplies. There is nothing quite like talking to someone who's been successful."

"I want to aim high," Karvelis said. "I told Bandolini to watch out...in a couple of years our honors program might beat Valencia's!"

POLICE BEAT

Spring breakout

During spring break, at 6 p.m. on March 24, a student arrived on campus and proceeded to her class in the Social Sciences Building.

Entering through the east side stairwell, she saw that there was no class, she exited through the west side stairwell.

However, the first floor doors were chained shut, and the door on the second floor landing had self-locked, and thus she was trapped in the stairwell.

Panicking, the student broke out the first floor glass window with her hands and her shoe, and was able to escape her confinement.

The noise, however, alerted a officer who responded and interviewed the student.

The student stated that she had been told to attend class on Monday by her instructor, but was not aware that the campus was closed for the week.

Hot car here

At five minutes past 10 a.m. on March 17, officers responded to the scene of a car on fire at Lot C-9 and Falcon Way.

The officers requested the fire department to extinguish the blaze, which was believed to have started as a result of an electrical problem.

Although the car, a black 1983 Honda Accord, was dam-

aged, no injuries were reported.

Cast fit the role

At 7:20 p.m. on March 18, a student practicing for a performance in the Burnight Center Auditorium fell and hyper-extended her arm.

A call was placed and officers and paramedics responded and placed the student's arm in a splint.

Fools' permit

On April 1, at 10:10 a.m. an officer observed a student's vehicle parked in Lot C-5 did not have a valid parking permit.

The permit in the car was a vendor parking permit which had been issued to a Taco Bell Express employee.

An investigation found that the employee had given the student the permit to use while the Student Center was under construction.

The permit was confiscated and turned over to the Police Department Administration.

Buck is not here

On the morning of April 3, an instructor in the auto technology called police to report a commercial burglary.

The instructor said that someone had entered his office, opened his desk and removed a 3.5-inch Buck knife.

Lots of misery

At 9:30 p.m. on March 19, a student called police to report that someone had attempted to steal her car that was parked in Lot C-10 and that she had possibly seen the responsible party leaving the scene.

While returning to her black 1989 Honda Civic ten minutes earlier, she observed a white pick-up truck leaving the parking lot at a high rate of speed.

Upon arriving to her car, she saw that it had white paint transfers and scratches on her vehicle's rear bumper.

Opening the car, she found that the stereo was missing and the ignition had been punched.

After filing the report, the student left in her car.

In Lot C-3 on April 3, a staff member called police at 5:15 p.m. and reported that someone had stolen her 1965 Ford Mustang.

On the same day at 9:55 p.m., a student reported that her driver's side window had been smashed out while she was in class.

As of April 6, 17 cars have been reported stolen from the campus parking lots and 11 cars have been vandalized this semester.

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Many motivations for re-entry

By ELVIRA JENKINS
TM Staff Writer

Al Day adjusts the mask on his face before attempting a welding assignment.

The roof on his new condominium was leaking when he left home.

However, he must detach himself from thoughts of legalities, damage or costs and pay close attention to what he is welding.

Day is 51 years old. Although he is taking general education courses, he has elected to study welding as well.

He has worked on too many jobs that ask too much and pay too little.

He feels that attaining this new skill will help him get a better job while studying for something more.

Stephanie Green is 40 years old and is a single mother raising a 12-year old daughter. She is employed full-time on the day shift and attends school in the evening.

She determined that continuing her education would be essential to securing their future. She is taking a "full load" of required subjects in addition to related ones that will qualify her as a physical therapist.

But, if you ask her what her hobbies are, she will simply say, "I make time for my daughter. School is my hobby right now."

Vernell Anderson raised three sons to adulthood as she worked for the same employer for 25 years.

The positions she held were neither desirable nor stable.

At age 45, it dawned on her that she needed to return to school to accomplish what she believes her career should be.

There are as many scenarios and motivations as there are men and women who are re-entry students. The accounts of Day, Green and Anderson are obvious.

According to the latest available statistics from the U.S. Bureau of the Census (U.S. Department of Commerce), "Most growth in college enrollment has been among students 25 years of age and older."

As published in the Journal of Counseling and Development, "Delaying



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Marla Amendola is one of many re-entry students at Cerritos.

vocational enrollment until age 35, after family roles change, is another indication that increasing numbers of non-traditional-age students are returning."

Figures from Research and

Development at Cerritos College show that the ages of re-entry students range from 25 to 50 years of age, with about 27 being the median.

The statistics for 1992 to 1996 show

that students in this age group who had a three-year break in education comprised over 50 percent of the college population. Of this percentage, there have also been a few students enrolled from 50 to 73 years of age.

There are physically challenged re-entry students on campus as well. Some using crutches, some with braces and some in wheelchairs.

Many have re-entered to continue their formal education, others are retraining to enhance present employment.

Information from the Disabled Student Center suggests that some students with disabilities have returned for personal enrichment.

The Disabled Student Resource Center offers non-classroom, special instruction and classroom-related services to support its re-entry. The Re-entry Resource Center's aim is to provide returning students with special needs aside from physical impairments, programs such as, Career Counseling, Personal Counseling, Educational Counseling and Financial Aid information.

"Strategies for Success Workshops," are designed to give direction and make the transition easier.

The Re-entry Resource Center also offers referrals to social service agencies that can assist re-entry students in overcoming chemical barriers to their educational goals.

Jim Blank, Robert Rooks and Marla Amendola share the experience of already having achieved at least one degree, but returned to college to enhance their present jobs or to study other subjects.

Anderson, who is now enrolled in the general education program that will lead her to an associate degree, said, "I don't know why it took me so long to wake up."

Greg Andrew, who is 46, enrolled in a music appreciation class, just because he likes music.

For more information on re-entry, call the Re-entry Center at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2362.

Net Head News

By SOREN WILLIAMS

Just behind the technology curve

Interested in purchasing second-hand computer supplies for a fraction of the cost of new supplies? How about selling your computer stuff?

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NBA websites swish the Net

All you Laker fans have to check out their website. Everything from pictures to game clips to interviews can be found on this interesting site.

The Laker site is linked to the NBA website, so if the Lakers are for some reason not your favorite team, you can easily find yours.

The Laker site can be found at www.lakers.com.

Program helps students STEP ahead

By JOY POTTER
TM Staff Writer

A journey, as the proverb goes, begins with a single step.

At Cerritos College, a student's journey to reach his or her goals begins with the STEP program.

STEP is the Student Training Employment and Placement program.

Christina The, Interim Student Placement Specialist at the Assessment Center, said that STEP is interesting to students because it provides students with the opportunity to gain work experience in their major. It also enhances their chances of being hired when they graduate.

According to The, STEP internships help students gain contacts in the workplace, as well as help students learn more about a major they might be unsure about.

Most of the positions are unpaid positions such as communications internships with Lang and Murbau and Wong, education internships with the Museum of TV and Radio. Administrative clerk positions with Mount San Antonio Gardens and operations assistants with KGER Radio are also unpaid.

However, there are some paid positions.

For example, communications positions with Sony, life science internships with ANGEN, INC., planning internships with the City of Alhambra, administrative internships with the City of Santa Ana and technical internships with Walt Disney Imagineering are all paid internships.

One student, Nancy Chern, who has worked as a Media and Promotion Specialist Intern, said the STEP program helped her to get the internship she wanted.

"Christina The and Andrew Ahn were extremely helpful in teaching me how to prepare my resume and preparing me for

interviews," she said.

According to The, the highly motivated students realize that, despite the fact that some positions are unpaid, the training and knowledge benefits they receive through internships definitely make the program a great opportunity to help them reach their future goals.

"The advantage for the employers is that, by using students from this program, the employer can see the work habits,

commitment and motivation of the students as employees," The added.

"Therefore, there is an excellent possibility for students to be hired by the company, or to receive an excellent reference to other future employees with openings," she explained.

Meyenda Balana, another student, said she feels the STEP program will really help her in her future career, but that it has also already helped her learn about

her major.

"Through the STEP program I was introduced to the California Job Connection and was then able to be placed in a job in my field, which is Accounts Receivable/Accounts Payable," she said.

Students who are interested in enrolling in the STEP program can contact Christina The, Andrew Ahn, or Joyce Thigpen at extension 2368.

Accountants meet challenges as a team

By MONICA COTO
TM News Editor

Both Mayra Garcia and Arais Madan have an office with a view, but when they gaze out their window, it's not to escape the daily routine — it's to face it head-on.

As cashiers at the payroll window, Garcia and Madan must do meticulous accounting work while helping the constant stream of students and faculty who knock at their window everyday.

It is for their teamwork that they were honored as Employees of the Month for February 1997.

"We form a really good team," Madan said. "If she's really swamped I take over and make sure she can get her work load alleviated."

And that work load can be great — for both Garcia and Madan.

As financial records clerk, Garcia makes all the deposits for the district and works closely with the bank on any discrepancies in ASCC and enterprising accounts.

She also is in charge of employee keys, employment verifications, and registration monies.

"My desk is a series of deadlines," Garcia said. "It's very monotonous because I do repetitive work day in and day out."

Garcia said the most stressful part of her job is trying to meet a deadline while helping students and staff at the payroll window.

"The window is knocking constantly. It not as if you can just sit there and finish your work. You get



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Mayra Garcia and Arais Madan were awarded Employees of the Month for February.

interrupted and you have to know exactly what you're doing and remember exactly where you left off in order to come back."

Madan also must take on a large work load.

Some of her duties as accounts clerk II includes closing and reconciling account at year-end closing, supervising fee collection during registration and preparing chancellor reports concerning enrollment fees, bad debts and delinquent accounts.

Despite the complexity of her work, however, Madan said the worst part of her job is dealing with irate students and faculty.

"Sometimes that set the mood for the rest of the day. Just trying to have all the right answers for

everyone is hard, but overall we work pretty well here. We get students through the system they need to go through," she said.

Both Garcia and Madan agree however that the most rewarding part of their job is helping students.

"Sometimes students come to the window and you see the frustration on their faces. We do our best to help them and give them information about procedures they have to go through," Garcia said.

"Very few students will actually come back and say you really made a difference, but when you get that letter in the mail or that phone call saying thank you, I think that's rewarding."

"Overall," Mayra said, "I really like this job."

VOTE

Check out these candidates

By D.S. PEREZ, TM Staff Writer

Six students are running for ASCC president, and the winner will become the representative of the student body. The following is a brief look at the candidates, their campaign stance and plans if they are chosen to be the student's voice at this year's elections, April 16-17.



JOHNELL VEGA

Running mate: Lisa Gilmore (left)

TICKET #1

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION
Major: Paralegal, Real Estate, Psychology
GPA: 3.56

Student Government Experience
Extended Day Operations Committee • Curriculum Committee • Shared governance task force

Platform
• Improve computer and library services • Improve communication and unity • Further development of Student Center • Promote economic development • Improve lighting, security and parking • Provide evening child care • Increase student involvement in curriculum decisions • Increase vocational education programs

On-Campus Activities
Leo Club (officer), Circle K Club (officer), AGS, Psi Beta Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Political Science History, AHORA, Philosophy Club (officer), BSU, International Students Association, Women's Studies

Presidential Statement
The ASCC president must have experience, dedication and maturity. My student government involvement, business ownership and life experiences provide the best possible combination of qualities to prepare me to serve as your representative.

With age and experience comes wisdom, time management skills, patience, flexibility and the ability to make prudent decisions. We offer all of our expertise to you, the Associated Students of Cerritos College, and dedicate our efforts to accomplishing the goals we've established in our platform. Our doors will always be open to our constituents and their issues.



GILBERT GRINIE

Running mate: Joyce Kelly (left)

TICKET #2

Major: Paralegal
GPA: 3.09

Platform

• Safety and security—the Cerritos College campus more lighting and patrol • Child care—extended for evening students • Bookstore (Enterprise)—competitive prices not only on books but merchandise overall • Student welfare—provide transportation for night students (and give them) access to student government

On-Campus Activities
Cerritos College Guitar Ensemble

Presidential Statement
My chief concern is for the safety and welfare of the students on campus. We need more attention to security issues. Anyone who reads the *Talon Marks* knows we have a high crime rate. Lighting on campus and patrols are issues that need to be addressed.

Because of recent welfare reforms, there will be more students coming in that will need child care.

Complete resolutions may not be possible, but now is the time to begin to work on these issues.

I will seek increased student involvement and participation and will endeavor to provide the student body with much needed voice in campus affairs.



LESTER MALTA

Running mate: Yolanda Romanello (left)

TICKET #3

Major: Spanish
GPA: 3.76

Student Government Experience
Student Budget and Finance Commissioner • Inter-Club Council Commissioner

Platform

Student Services
On-Campus Activities
Peer counselor • Alpha Gamma Sigma president • Phi Theta Kappa president • Future Teachers Club president • V. P. of Finance and Budget of the Astronomy Society • LAP tutor (Spanish) • Teacher's aide (Spanish Department) • Library student assistant

Presidential Statement

One of my team's strengths is that we have been working as peer counselors for the past year. By working as peer counselors, we have obtained valuable information as to what the needs of students are.

As peer counselors, we have daily contact with many students who constantly express their concerns, problems and satisfaction. This is an advantage for us as a team because we know from daily experiences what the students of Cerritos College want and need.

"Experience, dedication and maturity," is what Johnell Vega believes will give her an edge in the race for the ASCC presidency seat, and it might even be her campaign slogan as well.

Although she only admits that she is much older than most of the students on campus, Vega and her running mate Lisa Gilmore believe that their maturity and life experiences will serve the student body well.

"I run a small business and I'm aware of business and community dealings," Vega said. "With a lot of life experience, you have a better grasp of what is practical, what is possible, and what is do-able."

But her platform goes much further than harping on the fact that she's earned her wrinkles and wields a triple major in the paralegal, real estate and psychology fields.

Vega's desires are to make the services on campus, such as the bookstore, child care and library computers more efficient and more available, and hopes to implement more lab hours and parking enforcement.

She will also continue the efforts of the current student government and ASCC president Wayne Nunnery, and will also further the vocational programs offered and business and community involvement with the campus.

"We want to continue to expand on the positive things that Cerritos College offers," Gilmore said.

After reading "Police Beat" and security-related articles in *Talon Marks* and hearing questions of safety on campus, Gilbert Grinie felt that he had to do something for the students' safety.

"One person cannot solve all of the problems facing Cerritos College," Grinie said. "But I feel I can make a difference."

Despite being the only candidate who has no prior student government experience, Grinie, a 49-year-old paralegal major believes he can learn "on the job" and his lack of extra-curricular duties gives him an edge.

"This job requires flexibility and with more time on my hands, I could talk with students personally. You can't just address the student body via posters and letters in the *Talon Marks*."

From his talks with students, Grinie believes that more police patrols and lighting are needed to give the students, especially those taking night classes, a feeling of security at Cerritos College.

An idea of his is to run a tram for night students that ride the Metrolink. Students could take this tram and arrive safely at the nearby Green Line station.

Observing ASCC presidential candidate Lester Malta closely, one sees wrinkles forming and drowsy eyes accompanied with bursts of perk, all thanks to his hectic schedule of duties on campus.

However, Malta and his equally tired running mate Yolanda Romanello, who have worked more than a year together as peer counselors and on several groups including the Future Teachers Club, state that they still have much more to give.

"We pretty much live at the college," Romanello, 39, said, "but we know what the students need on a daily basis. We love it here and we want the students and community to feel the same."

Malta, a 24-year-old Spanish major, stresses extra-curricular involvement and wants everyone — the student body, faculty and staff, the Board of Trustees and the community — to get involved and informed.

"We want to promote Cerritos College and show the advantages in education and campus involvement," Romanello said.

Malta hopes to use the new Student Center as a magnet to draw students in via entertainment put on by the theater and radio programs. Once this is done, he wants to promote involvement and unity.

Romanello agrees and also stresses that they want to be closer to the student body, not farther from it.

"We want the student body to know that we will still be students, not part of the Board of Trustees, and we will remain their peers," she said.

At 28 — the average age of Cerritos College students — Kelly Stortz wants to give back to a college that has given her a bright future.

"I'm running because my two years here have been wonderful. Cerritos College welcomed me back with open arms and I want to give something back to the college before I move on," Stortz said.

However, the daily duties of life and the fact that she has a husband and a child at home were factors that made her think about running for office.

"Overextending does concern me. I'm more low-

key than the other candidates, but I put 100 percent effort into everything I do," Stortz said.

If she and her running mate Joel Esparza are elected, Stortz says she will mediate with the Board of Trustees and hopes to make the students and student government more aware of each other.

"Only a small mote of students knows what goes on and student officers are seen as some foreign entity by the students," Stortz said. She will also try to clear the rifts between faculty and students.

"There is an old wall from faculty, saying that faculty and students should not mix. If there is more activity from clubs and faculty opens up to involvement, the feelings might change."

Even if she does not win, the paralegal major feels she can help out with her mediation skills that she has honed on while serving as ASCC court justice.

"I'm very pro-student," Stortz said. "I have a lot to offer even if I'm not elected: I would like to help the new administration with activities and decisions."

After serving as an Associated Students of Fullerton College senator for three semesters and being involved in several committees, Franklin L. Perkins II feels that there is much more for him to do for Cerritos College.

"I'm not running because I want to make a change," Perkins said. "I'm not going to sell out to special interest groups; I wouldn't be the guy the students are electing," Perkins said.

Perkins and his running mate Vincent Vargas want to make Cerritos College a safe, productive and educational experience for the students, and to make it a fun one as well.

One plan is to put a Kinko's copying service and an ice cream parlor into the student game center, an idea that was passed down from ASCC President Wayne Nunnery.

Although Perkins cites many problems facing Cerritos, he believes that miscommunication is the biggest problem facing it.

"I'll even give my home phone number to students if I have to," Perkins said. "Listening reduces tension, and we need something to keep trust amongst students and faculty."

Still, the 21-year-old history and philosophy major admits that he will pretty much learn on the job and knows that there are limits to what he can do.

"I can't guarantee anything, but I will try to deliver," Perkins said. "It becomes complicated when things come down to money, which doesn't grow on trees. But I'm willing to see what we can do; see what is the truth and work with that reality."

At first glance, the clean-cut English major Armondo Borboa and his running mate Greg Wylie, who sports a long blonde pony-tail, gold earring and Generation X attire, look like the odd couple.

"We're different, but we make a good team," Borboa, a 28-year-old Affirmative Action officer, said. "We've been debate partners, and we are diverse — just look at us — but our differences practically cover the whole campus."

The Bookstore, curriculum committee and the strawberry patch problems are priorities on their platform, and coming to terms with these problems, Borboa believes, would bring economic benefits.

"There has to be something done about the curriculum committee and the Bookstore. Instructors are being paid \$500 for reviewing a new book, which the Bookstore will inflate to \$50 or so a copy. A student rep could see into the committee's actions and see whether this is pattern is being abused," Borboa said.

"We, the students, are the customers," Wylie, also 28, said. "We want the college to serve the customers better. We want to make this machine work better and make a more productive environment. We want students to stop grumbling about the bathrooms and the potholes and speak up about it."

Borboa agreed. "This school is customer based," he said. "If the students are not satisfied with what they are getting, they will take their money and education elsewhere. There is money available here and money can be made here."

But whoever wins the post of ASCC President must put everything else aside and concentrate on the needs of the student body — and Cerritos College.

"Whoever is elected must put 200 percent effort into the job," Borboa said. "They must be willing not only to be targets, but be responsible for getting results for the students."

KELLY STORTZ

Running mate: Joel Esparza (right)

TICKET #4



Major: Paralegal
GPA: 3.0

Student Government Experience
ASCC Court Justice

Platform
Increase in campus safety programs • Strong support of student driven involvement in activities: Athletics, vocational and ASCC clubs • Active fundraising to benefit and supplement ASCC activities and scholarships

On-Campus Activities
Leo Club • Founding member of the Cerritos College Paralegal Alumni Association • Implementer of Paralegal • Peer Mentor Program

Presidential Statement
I believe that our greatest resource is our students' potential. We must in every way encourage and support them without bias or prejudice.

We will do everything in our power to bring every advantage and opportunity to our students, whether they are athletically, academically or vocationally driven.

Empowerment begins with shared governance and extends to the student body at large.

FRANKLIN PERKINS

Running mate: Vince Vargas (right)

TICKET #5



Major: History/Philosophy
GPA: 3.5

Student Government Experience
Associated Students of Fullerton College senator (three semesters) • ASFC Chair of Curriculum & Education Committee • ASFC Chair of Publicity Committee • ASFC Chair of Election Committee • ASFC Carebank Coordinator • ASFC Member P&R Committee • ASFC Member Homecoming Committee • ASFC Member Judicial Committee • Fullerton District Committee: Healthcare Committee, Matriculation Committee • ASFC Project by which ASFC went to Sacramento to guarantee no tuition increase • ASCC International Student Coordinator Hiring Committee • ASCC Court Justice

Platform
• Increase interaction with the community • Student Game Center improvement • Technological, library improvements • Increase picnic areas on campus • Improve parking lot tram system • Create a research committee on bookstore pricing • Lobbying to keep tuition prices down • Keep the campus secure without harassing innocent students • Make sure students are aware of all pell grants and scholarships • Increase representation on District Committees • Open Door/Floor Policy: Give students easy access to president and student senate

On-Campus Activities
Hoe Down Days, Club Day, College Day, Homecoming

Presidential Statement
As a member of student government, I have come to one conclusion: Regulations only create red tape. I want to create the best learning environment—one with less regulations and more action. I intend to work toward all the goals on my platform without regulating students and clubs. Instead, I want to create a rich learning environment in the spirit of Athens. I have stated my goals and I will not rest until the job is done.

ARMONDO BORBOA

Running mate: Greg Wylie (right)

TICKET #6



Major: English/Speech
GPA: 3.3

Student Government Experience
Affirmative Action Officer • 100 Representative for L.D.S.S.A. • Historian • Women's Studies

Platform
We are a solution-oriented team ready and willing to serve the students of Cerritos College.

On-Campus Activities
Speech and Debate Tournaments • Fundraising • Student Center Opportunity • Honor Society • Hoe Down Days • Club Info Day

Presidential Statement
We propose to bring to the office of ASCC president an effective teamworking strategy. This campus has a widely diverse student body, with many unique perspectives. The students of Cerritos need a leadership team they can relate to with their problems and concerns.

They need a team capable of delivering results. Upon being elected, this team will have an open-door policy for students to come and express their concerns or suggestions. The ASCC president ultimately answers to the students. If we cannot provide you with an answer, then we will go out and find you one.

EDITORIALS

No viable candidate for this election

There isn't an ASCC presidential candidate who is strong enough to serve the interests of Cerritos College's student body.

Despite the fact that the position does not allow for the student to vote in Board of Trustees meetings, electing an ASCC president on April 16-17 is very important, as the person elected will give the student's point-of-view to the Board.

Unfortunately, at the present time, none of these candidates represent the student body well enough or have a grasp on the issues facing the college.

Lester Malta's platform sounds more like a public relations stint for clubs and honors groups, and the many hats that he and his running mate Yolanda Romanello wear make one wonder if they can continue their juggling act and have time to represent the students, not just the many clubs they have participated in.

Gilbert Grinje's inexperience and limited platform of campus safety doesn't give him much strength, and the same argument of experience can also knock current ASCC court justice Kelly Stortz out of the race.

As with Malta, Franklin Perkins has held many positions, but sounds too eager to butt heads, take on too many problems at once and his platform does not have a clear point.

Armondo Borboa and Johnell Vega appear to be the only two candidates that could deal with the more complex issues facing Cerritos College, but the former also seems too eager to butt heads with the college hierarchy and has yet to prove worthy of a leadership position.

Meanwhile, Vega's age and views are too distant for the average student to relate to.

But despite all of the differing views, experiences and platforms, the candidates are right on one point—getting involved with Cerritos College.

The best thing that the student body can do is to attend the presidential forum on April 15 and listen to each candidate. Then students can find out if one of them strikes the points that concerns Cerritos College the most, and offers viable solutions and ideas to deal with them.

After that, each student must decide which candidate seems most capable of improving Cerritos College or whether it is even worth their time to bother voting, the popular choice for the last couple of elections.



Get in and get out

Get in to Cerritos College.

Get the classes you need to transfer.

Get out.

That's the goal of 60% of students who come to Cerritos. But while many say they want to transfer, only 15%-20% actually do.

However, the President's Emphasis on Transfer is playing a large role in attempting to increase the transfer rates at Cerritos College.

With things such as the Scholars' Honors Program that gives eligible students priority admission to many four-year institutions, and transfer workshops that assist students with the transfer process, it seems the P.E.T. project undertaken by college president Fred Gaskin is making the transfer process easier for students, and this is definitely encouraging.

No other community college has this type of project. Students should take advantage of the programs and activities offered by the college that enhance transfer. It will make getting out of Cerritos College and into a four-year institution a lot easier.

Fans are flaking

Sitting in the stands at a baseball or softball game you can't help but wonder, where is everybody? Baseball is the great American past time yet at the games there are barely any fans, why?

The games are free to attend unlike basketball or football. There are always good seats so why are there no fans? Softball, swimming and tennis also fall into the same hole. Why is it that people are more willing to attend games they have to pay to attend, than going to a game that is free to attend?

The athletes in those sports work just as hard as the athletes in the high profile sports, maybe even harder. It has been said that the way to attract fans is to win. Well one of the most successful programs on campus, baseball, gets a minuscule amount of fans for all the success that the program have achieved. The softball team has not only been beating teams, it has been hammering the opposition all season long. So why are there no fans?

It wouldn't hurt to go see them play. A fair weather fan is better than no fans at all. Just think about how you would feel if you spent hours training to be the best you could be and no one came to watch you. It probably wouldn't feel too great.

This does not mean that basketball and football doesn't deserve their fans, it's just that every sport deserves its 15 minutes also.

C. C. Falcon



• **NO \$ WHERE HIS MOUTH IS.** Okay, so Wayne Nunnery isn't running for ASCC vice president. Just because he said he was doesn't mean anyone should believe it. Isn't that just Wayne? He'll say anything. The Student Center, the presidency, whatever. As long as he's talking.

• **WHAT'S THE FREQUENCY, KCEB?** 1610 AM is getting worse. Now I can hardly hear it from the speaker right outside the station. Where is that new transmitter? Wayne Nunnery said... oh, never mind.

• **PUTTING IN OUR HANDS.** It seems the golf training center plans fell through. Luckily, that means we'll

probably fall back on miniature golf. Now that's something I can get some use out of!

• **COMP-VOTING.** Student election time is coming around again. We'll all get to do our part, voting for the next student representative of our school. The old, tedious way of voting may soon be replaced by computerized elections. I hope, for our sake and the candidates', that it expedites the process.

• **IF YOU COULD BE PRESIDENT, YOU'RE TOO OLD.** Should we impose an age limit on student presidents? Would it serve our needs better if we required, maybe in contrast to national qualifications, that candidates had to be under 35?

• **VOTE FOR ME!** I have decided in this last minute to nominate myself for the office of the ASCC presidency. CC Falcon for president! The only candidate willing to tell it how he sees it. Wings give strength to truth!

• **WOMEN'S HISTORY NEGLECTED.** The Women's History Month essay contest was a remarkable wash-out. With four prizes ranging from \$50 to \$100, it's rather disappointing that an hour before the deadline there were only two entries.

• **SPRING IS HERE.** Everything is greening up again, the light showers have just begun, and students are taking their places on the grass. Things are blossoming all around us. Plants and

romance. A semester ends as another gears up.

• **A FAREWELL TO TREES.** They've taken out a bunch more trees. Don't say I didn't warn you. The pines by Student Activities are gone, clearing the view to the gym. That's important. If they cut them down while we're not here, will it make a sound?

• **RIDE A SKATEBOARD, GO TO JAIL.** Skateboarding is supposed to be prohibited on campus, isn't it? Or is it just in that one spot by the library? Regardless, people skate right past it without even slowing down to keep from killing someone.

• **VOTE!**



campus comment

"What issues should presidential candidates be concerned with?"

Compiled by MARCELA PEREZ
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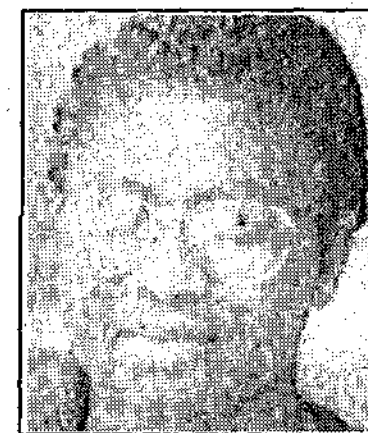
"[They should be concerned with] things like financial aid and dealing with the golf course. The land should be used for something more productive."

Carlos Jaramillo
Biochemistry



"[Presidential candidates should be concerned with] parking and making our campus more safe."

Christopher Liim
Computer Science



"The president should finish renovating the Student Center and make the food less expensive."

Victoria Ikpa
Nursing



"Bookstore prices—we can get books cheaper anywhere else, at other schools or across the street."

Janice Tahlefeldt
Psychology



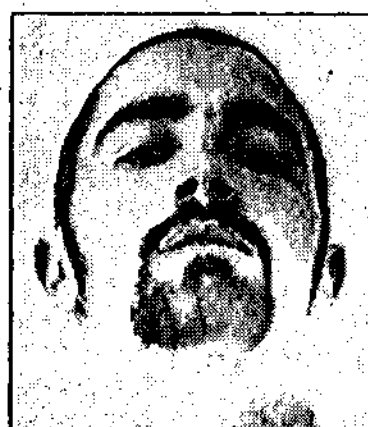
"I'm an athlete and I think the president should be more concerned about athletics. They think we get a lot of funding, but we don't."

Ibn Johnson
General Education



"They are cutting all the shrubbery—I liked the shrubbery. Candidates should also be concerned with safety on campus at night."

Sandra Yanez
Psychology



"I think the president should be concerned with the budget cuts and money lost with the cafeteria."

Ed Ellis
History



"The issue on the bookstore prices. We keep going across the street because [other stores] have lower prices."

Humberto Aviles
General Education

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"I'm not a crook. I'm not a crook. I'm not a crook. I'm not a crook. I'm just a clone."

Is that ewe, President Nixon?

By JOSH SHOPFNER
TM Staff Writer

A couple weeks ago some brilliant Scottish scientists (who knew they even had scientists in Scotland?) successfully cloned a sheep by implanting the cells of an adult ewe into an empty embryo.

The resulting sheep, genetically identical to its donor, was named Dolly by the proud scientists who had created her.

Was it possibly named after another famous implant recipient (who knew Scottish scientists had such a keen sense of humor)?

This marks the first time that a scientist has succeeded in cloning a mammal of any kind (that is, of course, if you don't count the frogs as mammals).

This brings up several thought-provoking questions, all of which we will get to in a moment, but first...why sheep?

Here's my guess as to why the sci-

entists chose a sheep to clone as opposed to, say, a cow or a monkey.

Imagine, if you will, a pub full of Scottish scientists nursing a few beers after a long day at the lab. After three or four beers, Dr. Jones starts to get a little cocky and begins to brag loudly about the amazing work that he's been doing on cloning frogs (please bear with me just a bit longer).

This goes on for a few minutes more and after a while an old farmer who has been sitting silently in a dark corner of the pub speaks up.

In his alcohol-induced stupor, this is what the scientist heard the farmer say: "Clone this, ewe moron!"

After that fateful day Scottish scientists began trying to clone sheep.

Now, as I said before, the cloning of an adult mammal brings up several thought-provoking questions.

Could this technology be used to clone humans (Pamela Anderson for example)? And if so, would it be a moral thing to do (do we really need

another Baywatch babe)?

A friend of mine once said, "The world is full of idiots. Present company excepted, of course."

This should definitely be taken into consideration before we collectively embark on a massive cloning spree.

But what if the technology was used to clone some of the greatest personalities of our time. Imagine the possibilities.

A kinder, gentler, less paranoid, more hygienic Richard Nixon could run for president in the next millennium.

A stunningly prolific, less reclusive, more Hollywood friendly, but just as talented J.D. Salinger could put out product for years to come.

Michael Jordan could have one clone to brush up on his baseball game and another to shave a few strokes off his golf game (hey, four more and you've got a dream team).

As the saying goes, "The possibilities are endless."

'Frisco, roaches and life

By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ
TM Editorial Editor

There is no doubt that time flies when you are having fun and part of the fun is learning about life and the experiences it brings with it.

Some of my most recent experiences with life have left me with a funny aftertaste. My first visit to San Francisco is one example.

I agree with Frank Sinatra when he sings "I left my heart in San Francisco." I almost did the same thing.

I was lucky and survived the experience. First my friends and I became lost in the middle of a horde of homeless people, drug dealers and the most horrible Wendy's restaurant I have ever seen.

I still wonder how I didn't become poisoned by the salad I ate there. If that wasn't enough my friend got two unexpected dinner invitations by a wonderful, good looking guy who confused her with a drag queen (I won't tell why).

Still that was not the end of it. Along with my heart I almost left my car in San Francisco because the inclined streets were a constant challenge for the driver of a standard shift car like me. I felt a headache when I was fleeing the city.

I didn't have a heart attack when I was driving over the Golden Gate Bridge because I knew I was on my way out of the lovely San Francisco. I am not complaining, the city is great and I just loved my trip.

I'm sure I'll go back as soon as I have good health insurance, my own Kevin Costner-type bodyguard and a map.

The most fun learning experience of my life is my 4-year-old daughter Itzel.

She sits with me and discusses facts of life, such as the differences between bumble bees and roaches.

If this is not highly advanced philosophy then I am closer than I thought to joining the house of laughs.

Love is something that I like to experience every minute of my life. It was hard for me to realize that I had spent almost half of my life trying to find out if love was a feeling or a concept.

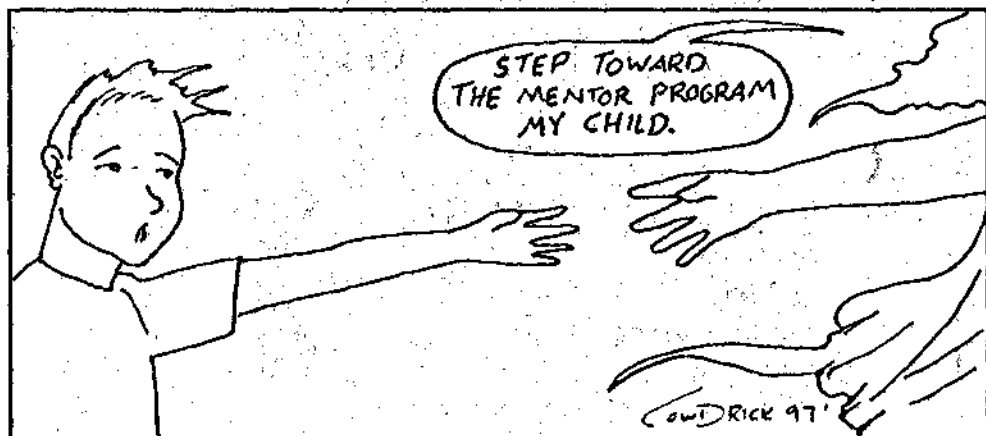
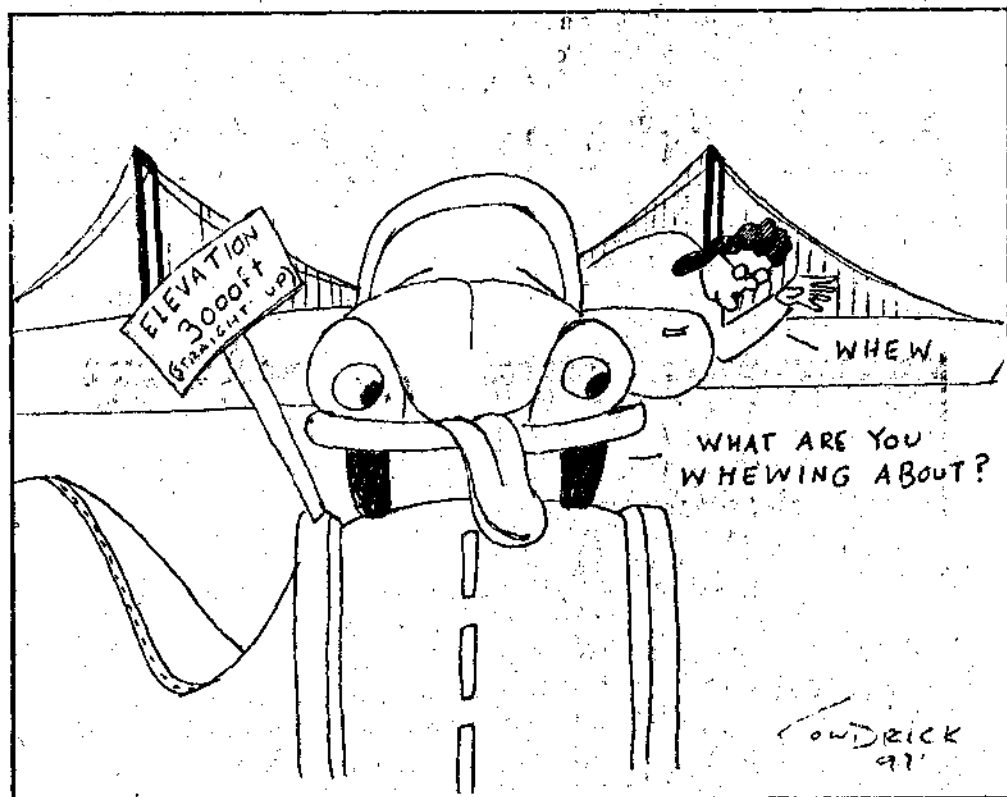
Finally somebody brought to my attention that it could also be an everyday action. I decided to give the study of this subject a little more time because it is kind of complicated.

Finally my experience with money is kind of depressing. Let me tell you why.

All my life I have been told that true artists should not worry about such mundane things as money, unless the only thing left inside their refrigerator is an ice cube.

I think that it is about time for me to start worrying about such mundane things as money because the last time I opened my refrigerator there were only four ice cubes left.

The best advice that I can give is to live every little thing in your life the best you can and try to see the positive side in all of them. Cheers and have fun.



Mentor Program gives kids a head start in life

By JOY POTTER
TM Staff Writer

If you can read this, thank a teacher. Education should start in a child's home. However, in today's society this does not always happen.

Cerritos College is in the process of starting the Mentor Program to educate elementary children on the benefits of staying in school.

It also expresses how important it will be for their future careers to continue their education.

Unfortunately times have changed and problems are beginning at the elementary school level.

Peer pressure and the desire to be loved and accepted does not start only in the young adult years, it starts in childhood.

Whatever children do not receive at home that is necessary for their own development they will look for else-

where in their environment.

If they happen to get involved with the wrong crowd anything can happen to good kids.

In order to stop this tendency, society needs to offer a better way of life for these children.

The Mentor Program shows examples of programs in college.

It also expresses ways students can learn the benefits of honesty, diligence and leadership skills.

In the presentation the goal is really to spark the children's interest through examples.

Such examples consist of theater arts, cosmetology, art, social sciences, science and other departments.

Education is the key to everything in life.

A very wise doctor I once knew told me, "A child is never too young, or a person too old to learn and gain knowledge in school."

Wrong place, expired tags

By JAMES REYNOSA
TM Staff Writer

Probably the greatest thing about this country, aside from the fact that a number of boneheads think that "Star Trek" is a way of life and will wear \$100 Nike's, a purple blanket and wait for "The Mother Ship," is the American system of justice.

We are very fortunate to live in a country where every accused person, unless he has a name like Kelly "The Oakland Killer" Kowalski, is considered innocent until such time as his face appears on Court T.V.

Also you have the constitutional right to have your Day In Court. Although in my case it happened at night.

Let me say right now that I was as guilty as sin. I was driving in Long Beach, which itself shows very poor judgement because most Long Beach motorists graduated with honors from the PLO school of Third World-Style Driving. (motto: "Death Before Yielding").

So I probably should never have been there anyway and it served me right when the two alert police officers fired up their siren, pulled me over, and pointed out that my car's registration tags had expired.

I should have seen this coming. Just the other day my mother said that "You'll never amount to anything because you don't finish things, you always procrastinate." I said, "Just wait."

So there I was, sitting in my car and

feeling quite the renegade outlaw as one of the officers painstakingly wrote my ticket.

He was standing well to the side of the road so as to avoid getting hit by the steady stream of passing unlicensed and uninsured motorists driving their stolen cars with their left hands so their right hands would be free to keep their pit bulls from spilling their cocaine all over their machine guns.

Not that I was bitter.

When he gave me the ticket, the officer told me that I had to appear in



court. Wouldn't it be great if officers gave you tickets—to a show? Instead of the \$65 fine, the officer could say, "O.K. here's your ticket...To a John Tesh concert!" No! Not that!

But no, I had to see the Judge. And since I've never been in a court I considered asking my friend Liz "Liz the Attorney" Aguilar, to represent me.

Unfortunately, Liz is not a specialist in traffic matters, in the sense that — and I say this as a friend — she is the worst driver of the world. This is not a rip at female drivers but Liz has had her drivers licenses revoked in three different states.

She is also the same person who

once, during the Whittier Uptown Festival, attained a speed of almost 45 miles per hour on the sidewalk.

I figured she might not be the ideal person to be on my side in traffic court.

So I thought I'd be better off representing myself. I've watched "The People's Court" and "Perry Mason" for years, and I pride myself on my ability to grasp the issues involved. In fact, I have always secretly wanted to be a lawyer.

And by the night of my court appearance, I had worked out a subtle yet crafty and intelligent strategy: groveling. My plan was to beg for mercy and ask for the judge's permission to buff his shoes with my nose hairs.

The judge welcomed everyone to traffic court and explained our various legal options in such careful detail that by the time he was done none of us had the vaguest idea what they were.

Then some clerks started calling us, one by one, to the front of the room. I thought this would be my opportunity to grovel, but before I had a chance to leap on the ground, the clerk stamped my piece of paper and told me to pay the cashier. That was it.

Within minutes I was back on the street, just another criminal released with a "slap on the wrist" by our revolving-door justice system.

The first thing I did, back on the Outside, was make an illegal turn on my way to buy some Filas and yellow blankets in preparation to recruit people to take a deep sleep and wait for the sign.



David Mercado throws out L.A. City runner in the Falcons 12-4 win

FAUSTO RAMOS/Talon Marks

And the beatings go on . . .

Baseball routes L.A. City College, 12-4, for fourth win in a row

DAVID FEENSTRA
TM Sports Editor

Talent wins. Just ask the Cerritos College baseball team.

On a four-game win streak the Falcons have had more horses to run with than anyone else, including a 12-4 victory over the Los Angeles City Cubs.

"We've just worn them down," head baseball coach Ken Gaylord

said.

"The only real competition we've had is El Camino."

The Falcons held the Cubs scoreless over the final five frames of the game thanks in large part to the pitching of freshman Alex Martinez.

Martinez held L.A. City to four runs on 10 hits over eight innings of work.

He held the Cubs to only four hits over his last four innings of pitching.

Freshmen Abel Oroco and Mike Bumstead each scored three runs pacing the Falcon's 12-run

attack.

Freshman Mike Martinez closed out the ninth with two strikeouts to seal the victory.

Gaylord attributes his young team's success to its building chemistry.

"We've grown alot," Gaylord said.

"The new guys are finally starting to step up."

With this win the Falcons have pulled within one game of L.A. Harbor for first place in the South Coast Conference.

Cerritos will host Mt. SAC today at 2:30 p.m.

Hem stuns So. Cal track world with record setting performance

Thomas adds to record setting day by breaking 3-year old triple jump mark.

NOFO TUATOLO
TM Associate Sports Editor

In a little over a decade, the Cerritos College track team has not had a decathlete do as well as Mike Hem did in the Southern California Heptathlon/Decathlon Championship in Santa Barbara last Tuesday and Wednesday.

"He remained tall throughout the meet, and he was a really tough competitor," former decathlete and Falcon coach Gary Sarell said.

Hem surprised many last week as he pulled his way up to a third place overall finish in Southern California. "In the first day I leaped from 20th and ended in 10th," Hem explained.

On the last day of competition, Hem moved up to fifth place with Mt. SAC just ahead of him.

"I beat the guy (Mt. SAC) by 14 seconds and that gave me more than enough points to finish in third overall," Hem said.

The women's Heptathlete Shauntai Holiday finished in a impressive 16th in Southern California after having a strong second day with PRs in several events.

The rest of the Falcon team headed out to compete in the Fresno Relays where the biggest highlight was another record-breaking performance on the women's team.

With a jump of 36 ft 1 inch, sophomore Reneka Thomas destroyed a 3-year-old record in the

women's triple jump. It was on Thomas' last jump that she completed a process that began last week and broke the record.

"This is a really exciting process. She worked really hard all last week and this has been the best series of jumps this year," jump squad coach Debbie Jensen said.

"I know she plans on going to state and if she should have a good year she will, but we'll just take it one meet at a time."

Even though the performances of some of the throwers went down last Saturday, top throwers Vanessa Feula and Mario Alcazar still managed to bring home a piece of the action.

"I got to my final throw in the finals and crept in from fifth place to finish third overall," Alcazar said. Feula pulled herself back up in the final round and brought home a silver.

The throwers weren't the only ones feeling the effect of Spring Break, as the sprinters dropped their time.

"We've got some injuries right now and we were out of action during Easter break, so now we just have to regroup," men's head coach Doug Wells said.

It was pretty much a solid day for the distance runners with Ed Chavez running a PR time of 2:03.5 in the men's 800 meter while teammate Mike Bowers ran a PR time of his own in the men's 1500 meters coming in at 4:28.

In the women's category, Yvette Guerrero ran a strong 800 meter and 1500 meter race but distance coach Jeff Clingan wasn't satisfied.

"She ran well, but not as good as her normal performance," Clingan said.

The Falcons will have a chance to redeem themselves as they take on the Meet of Champions at Azusa Pacific University this weekend.

Conference losses puts damper on softball's dim playoff hopes

Softball faces bumpy road in final month.

KELLY BARTH
TM Staff Writer

It's rare that a team with 14 freshmen is able to establish itself as a top team in a competitive conference.

The Cerritos College softball team is no exception to that rule.

The young Falcons have stumbled out of the gate with a dismal 1-6 South Coast Conference record.

With seven conference games remaining, even head coach Nancy Kelly realizes that Cerritos' hopes of capturing a berth in the state regionals is a long one at best.

"All we can do now is try to improve for next year

and maybe give some people some playing time because as far as conference is concerned there's no way," said Kelly.

Kelly's somewhat bleak outlook on her team's future is based on conference power ratings that only allow for the top two teams to advance.

In past years the conference's top four teams and a wild card moved on.

"Other sports have been doing this for years.

"Now in softball it's based on the power ratings and even the second place team might not get in," said Kelly.

After winning its opening four games of the Spring Break Invitational, Cerritos is currently riding a three-game losing streak that began in the final round of the tournament.

Cerritos dropped from

second to fifth place following a 9-2 loss to host Ventura College.

From there the Falcons were dealt a more serious blow by falling at home to El Camino College 2-0 and a 9-4 road loss at Pasadena City.

"All I can think of is that even though we don't put a lot of pressure on them, they realize it's conference and they play differently," said Kelly.

Cerritos' remaining seven games should do little to cure its conference woes with three games against annual kingpin Long Beach City.

Cerritos will hosted Long Beach for the first and only time this season when the two squared off yesterday.

Cerritos moves on to host Mount San Antonio today at 3 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Diving drought sinks Cerritos swimmers to last place at meet

The Cerritos College swim team encountered a small problem Friday afternoon against El Camino at its tri-meet at Mount San Antonio College.

A lack of divers impeded the Falcons hopes of a strong finish. Despite a last place finish, head coach Pat Tyne was pleased with the effort

turned by skeleton crew.

"It was a good meet. The men's team did an outstanding job in beating El Camino," Tyne said.

Even though it won several meets, the women's squad had a lack of divers, which cost the team several overall points landing them in last place.

"We don't have a diving team because this year nobody wanted to dive," said Tyne.

Cerritos returns to the pool Friday against Fullerton and Golden West College. The meet begins at 2:30 p.m.

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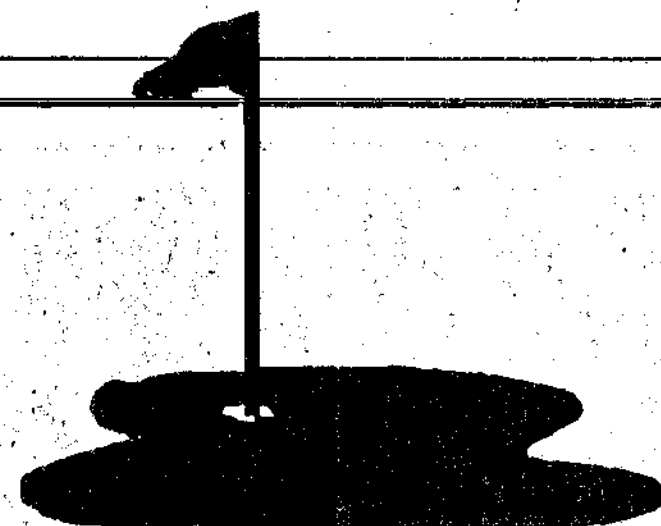
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The early golfer gets the birdie

■ 'Golf junkie' is carrying the Falcon team to new heights this season.

JAMES REYNOSA
TM Staff Writer

Around 7 a.m. Joey Delgado is visited by a familiar friend.

"About the same time I open up the place, Sam's here, waiting," said Delgado, who opens up Rio Hondo Golf Course.

"He just comes every morning and hits a bucket of balls."

Sam Vance, the Southern California champion last year, doesn't practice every day because he has to, he practices because he wants to.

"I love getting up and hitting a few. It's really cool when no one else is on the course."

"When I'm all by myself, that's when I really enjoy the game."

Vance isn't one of those kids who started playing golf around the same time he began walking.

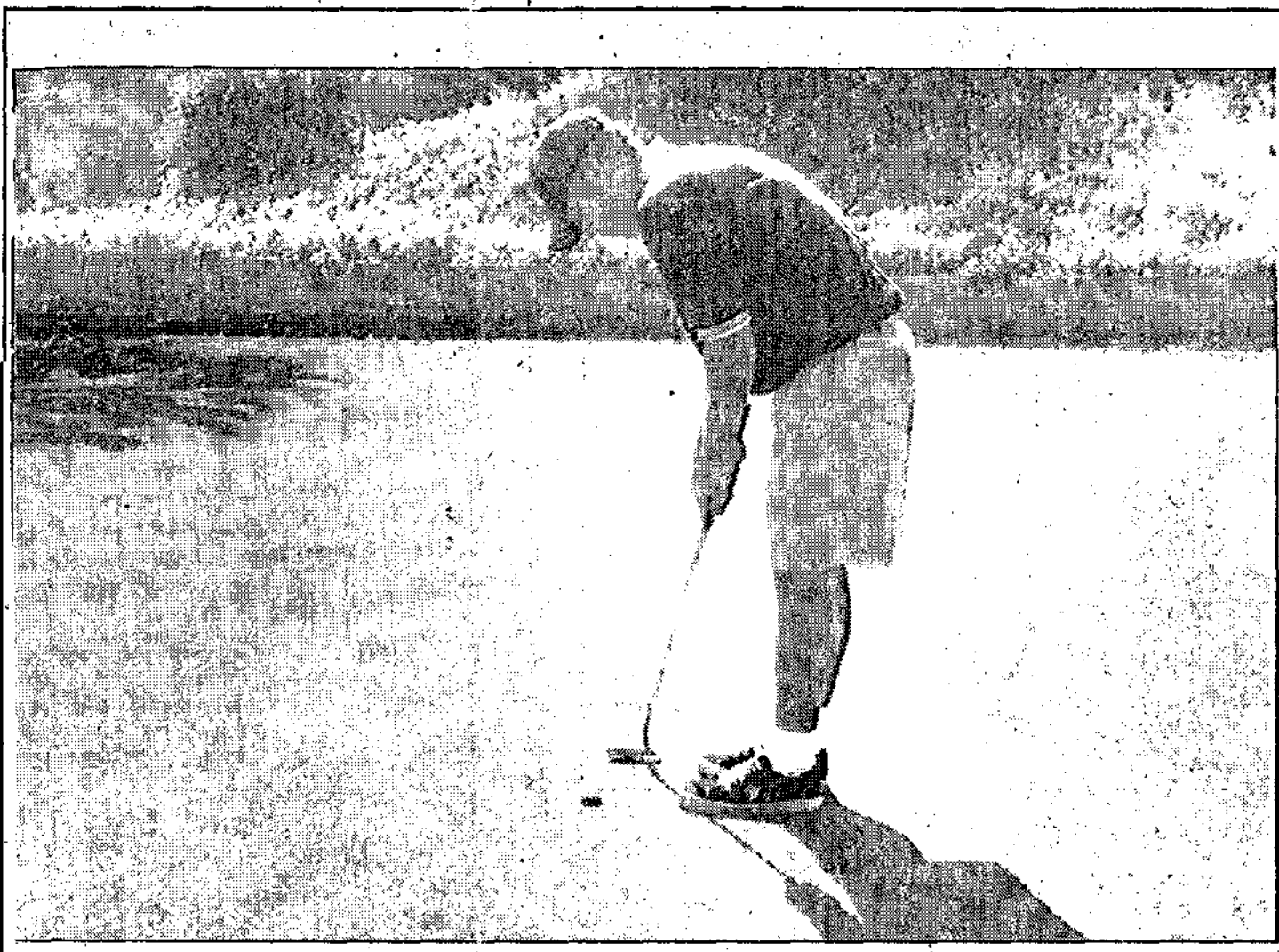
In fact he didn't start until he was 12 and only played for one reason.

"I was hanging around my friend and we went to a golf course. He played. I didn't. I snagged a club and ever since then I've been addicted to golf," said Vance who has a handicap of one.

"For the rest of that summer, I played golf every single day."

"I would get up at eight, play until noon, come home for lunch, go back, eat dinner, and play until the course closed. I was a junkie. Maybe I still am."

Vance doesn't win with a picture-perfect swing, or hitting monstrous drives. He just uses what's inside.



EMILY MADEWELL/Talon Marks

Sam Vance brushes up on a short game that has helped him to a handicap of one.

"Sammy has something you can't teach," golf coach Frank Mazzotta said. "He's as competitive as a son-of-a-gun, and he'll do whatever it takes to get better."

Getting better, for Vance, consists of getting up and hitting 20 balls into the net in his backyard, going to school and around 9:30 a.m. going to a course and driving golf balls for about two hours or "whenever I feel comfortable with my

swing."

Then it's off to the chipping green, where he'll stay for another hour. Finally he'll hit the putting green for one more hour.

And, oh yeah, he plays a round followed by practicing to brush up on "whatever needs some tinkering."

For now the tinkering needs to be tightened, because after having four out of five rounds under-par, Vance has had three straight bad matches.

But that doesn't phase him.

"These last matches are nothing more than a practice run until the South Coast Conference match on April 29."

"That might sound cocky, but I think it's confidence. Until the 29th I'm the champion, and no one can take that away from me."

Being a field-goal kicker for the Cerritos football team for the last two years has taught Vance some important lessons.

"The first thing I learned, is that I'm not as good as I thought was."

And also, football seems like a business. You have to be somewhere every minute.

"I don't like that. I'm a mellow guy who just likes to relax. Two years showed me that I'd rather play golf."

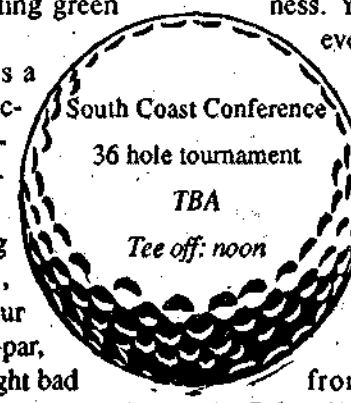
Playing golf will probably get Vance a scholarship.

He has received letters from BYU, Kentucky, Colorado, New Mexico, UCLA and Arizona State. "I don't care where I go. As long as I can play I'll be happy."

Sam Vance, a forensic science major who likes fixing up old Schwinn bikes, has the aspiration of getting on the Nike Tour someday and carding-up to the PGA.

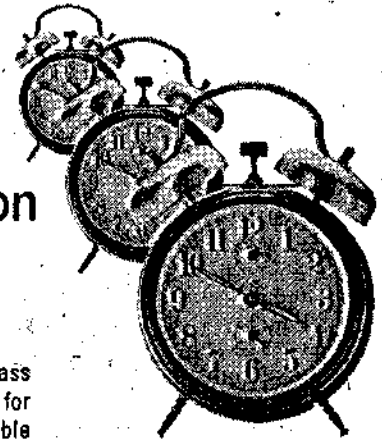
"But until then, I'll go to school and start saving some money. I might have to get a job."

That might be tough. Lord knows mornings are out of the question.



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Questions arise around new golf training center

■ New facility leaves golf team wondering "What about us?"

JAMES REYNOSA
TM Staff Writer

Pretty soon Cerritos College will have a state-of-the-art golf complex.

Contract negotiations are currently underway with Family Golf Centers, a nationally known company. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer.

It might have miniature golf, batting cages and an arcade. But does anyone know? Does anyone care?

"What complex?" said golf captain Francisco Reynoso. "I haven't heard anything yet."

One person who has been paying attention is golf coach Frank Mazzotta, who has one simple question.

"Is this complex for the students or is it just to make some money?"

Making money doesn't seem to be a problem.

Even with three courses, Ironwood Nine, Norwalk Municipal and Big T within 10 miles of each other.

The average profit for all of them is around \$75,000-\$150,000.

"I don't even know if the golf team will be allowed to practice on the complex. Nobody has told me anything," Mazzotta said.

"It's going to be packed every night," golfer Sam Vance said. "And it's going to make a ton of money, but where is everybody going to park?"

"If this means that we don't have to drive to Rio Hondo everyday, I'm for it," said Reynoso.

If everything goes as planned, all the driving will done on the Strawberry Patch.

The F-Files

By DAVID FEENSTRA

Golf: A nature walk with clubs

Golf is not a sport.

You are not Tiger Woods. It's a hobby at best. Hitting a ball over grass in silence should not count as a sport.

There is no defense. No one trying to hit the ball back at you. The ball just sits there on the ground and you hit it.

You hit it then chase it.

You hit it then chase it.

Where I'm from this is called fetch.

How difficult is it to hit a ball that is just sitting there?

It's not like baseball where someone throws a ball for you to hit.

It's not like football where you can get blitzed by the defense, or like hockey where you can get checked into the boards, it's just you the ground and ridiculous pants.

Where is the defense?

I've heard the excuses: you're not playing against another person, you're playing against the course.

Well, what kind of a chance does the course stand in beating you?

The last time I saw a Sportscenter, the ground didn't suddenly swallow a golfer, claiming a victory for Mother Earth.

Trees don't all of the sudden reach out and swat golf balls into the water, do they?

There haven't been many overflowing rivers that engulf the golfers before they swing.

The ground just sits there. It's green and it doesn't move.

I'll bet you're more likely to put a divot in the grass than the grass is to put a divot in you.

The fairways and greens are in perfect shape. Trees are trimmed and the weeds have been pulled.

If you really want a challenge go out and golf in the jungle.

No manicured greens or trimmed trees here.

It will be just you versus nature and all its fury... rainstorms, bugs, lions, tigers and bears, oh my.

The greens should be like a miniature golf course with windmills, waterfalls and all that other stuff that makes miniature golf fun.

You know what else is wrong with golf? It's really difficult to come up with any good cliches.

There is no action or violence or anything that could make golf 'a sport.'

One last thing about golf.

If you can't get heckled, than your not a real athlete.

Well, I'm off to watch a real sport...

To wrestling...

New transmitter means more listeners

By JOSH SHOPFNER
TM Staff Writer

For thousands of years philosophers have pondered the question, "Does a tree that falls in the forest make any noise if there is no one there to hear it?"

Likewise, does a campus radio station make any noise if it does not reach a listening audience?

"Our students deserve an audience," said Craig Breit, who teaches radio production and is faculty advisor to the students who run the campus radio station.

"We need to be on in as many places as is humanly possible and appropriate," Breit said.

The campus radio station, KCEB 1610 AM, can currently only be heard on one small speaker located directly outside the broadcast booth in the Burnight Center Theatre building.

"I didn't know the college had a radio station," said Jim Flores, a musician who takes drafting classes twice a week.

"No one really knows who we are," DJ Christina Alvarez said.

"I think the station should be heard all over campus, wherever people get together, in places like the Elbow Room and the Student Center."

KCEB can be heard from 9am to 7pm Monday through Friday, and often holds concerts in the quad during which DJs play dance music and give away stickers and promotional items.

The station plays everything from reggae and rap to alternative and Spanish



FAUSTO RAMOS/Talon Marks

Power 106 morning DJs the Baka Boyz join KCEB on stage during a daytime concert in the Cerritos quad.

music, in addition to the news which is broadcast every hour.

"This is a campus of no majority. We defy stereotypes. I think the radio station reflects that diversity," Breit said.

The station will have the potential to reach a much wider audience this fall when it begins broadcasting from its newly-renovated studios.

The studios will be more spacious and will include new audio-digital equipment as well as a larger and more powerful transmitter.

There are also plans to broadcast directly into the new Student Center, where Breit hopes to have a direct phone line from which students may make requests.

"I would like Cerritos College to have a radio voice," Breit said.

"To serve the community as a place to hear all sorts of music, news, sports and public service announcements. We are open to all new ideas and formats."

Breit may be reached at (562)860-2451 ext. 2625, and request are taken by the on-air DJ at Ext. 2626.

Smalls bites the biggie

By JESTER LAFTAGA
TM Staff Writer

The shooting death early this year of Christopher Wallace, better known as the Notorious B.I.G., brought a question to everyone's mind: Why?

"What is this world coming to?" said Lamar Thompson, a student here at Cerritos, who listens to rap music no matter where it is coming from.

B.I.G., also referred to as Biggie Smalls, had a lot to live for in this world. He had a wife, a baby girl and his music.

His first album, "Ready to Die," went platinum and beyond. This album was about living on the streets and when he did not have any money to feed his baby girl. After Smalls came up, "he had enough to feed the needy," as he said in one of his songs.

His second album, "Life After Death," which is about to hit the record stores on March 25, was the last album that Smalls made.

"He was a talented performer," said Anthony Togafo. "He was bound to become one of the best rappers in the industry."

Whether it was revenge for the shooting of Death Row recording artist Tupac "Amaru" Shakur, or the East/West Coast rivalry has not yet been proven.

"There are just some crazy people out there and Smalls was at the wrong place at the wrong time," said Cal State Dominguez Hills student Danielle Moore.

May Tupac and B.I.G. rest in peace.

Final show of concert series marks semester's end



EMILY MADEWELL/Talon Marks

Rhonda Dillon anxiously anticipates Sunday's concert, the last of the series.

By KELLY BARTH
TM Staff Writer

The band plays on, but only for a little while longer.

The Burnight Theatre will host the final concert of the 1996-97 season this Sunday at 2 p.m.

Piano, guitar and voice performances will be showcased and performed by members of the Cerritos College faculty.

Faculty member performances include pianist and music department chair Dr. Christine Lopez and soprano Lisa Stidham.

Also performing on the piano will be instructor Nicole Kim.

Voice instructors Rhonda Dillon and Wendy Knudson will be on hand, as well as guitar instructor Igor Grigoriv.

Greg Schreiner, piano instructor and Richard Ellis, department piano accompanist round out the performance.

Dillon, who has been at Cerritos for seven years, looks forward to Sunday's concert with anxious anticipation.

"I love performing," Dillon said.

"There's always an element of danger in it because the safety net is gone because you have no music."

Tickets are currently on sale for \$10.

Coupons are available in the music office from Rose Marie Medina which bring the price to \$5.

True-life tragedy makes emotional motion picture

By MARCELA PEREZ
TM Campus Editor

Gregory Nava directed the real-life drama that is the story of the tejano-pop, contemporary and R&B latin singer Selena.

The actors in "Selena" were very emotional about making this movie, which brought tears to the eyes of many children as well as adults.

Selena Quintanilla Perez lived in Corpus Christi, Texas and was born in Lake Jackson, Texas. She was the youngest of three children.

At 23 years of age she became not only a phenomenal singer for her band, Selena y los Dinos, but also a clothing designer for her own boutique, Selena, Etc., that spread from Corpus Christi and San Antonio, Texas, to Monterey, Mexico.

Nava and the Quintanilla family wanted the film to show the rise to success that Selena had

and what she was actually like throughout her career.

When Selena was 8 years old, her father Abraham forced her to get a band together to help raise family income since they were losing everything including their home.

She was forced to learn Spanish as a second language to sing in Mexican clubs and restaurants.

In the mid 80s, Selena y los Dinos included her sister Suzette playing the drums, brother Abraham playing bass, their friend Pete as back-up singer and Selena's husband Chris playing the guitar.

The Puerto Rican actress Jennifer Lopez portrayed Selena in the film.

Her dance moves in the hits "Baila esta Cumbia," "Bidi Bidi Bom Bom" and "Como La Flor" were incredible.

Nava said, "Lopez had that Selena magic."

Lopez also appears in the film "Mi Familia (My Family)" and the soon-to-be-released "Anaconda."

Jon Seda played the role of Selena's husband Chris. He spent a lot of time talking to Chris Perez, studying his ways since he really doesn't talk much.

Seda is not only talented, but good looking too.

Actress Lupe Ontiveros played the most difficult role of all, Yolanda Saldivar, Selena's murderer. Saldivar was the president of Selena's fan club.

She was stealing funds and was not mailing any merchandise to the members of the club. She was confronted by the Quintanilla family and was fired immediately.

Saldivar was obsessed with the star and murdered her in cold blood on March 31, 1995 in a motel in Corpus Christi.

Ontiveros was well prepared

for the role. "I'm an actress and I just did my job, as hard as that role was in the movie," she said.

Edward James Olmos played Selena's father, gaining 70 pounds for that role. He even borrowed Quintanilla's clothes and jewelry.

Lopez' and Seda's performances were both very entertaining and very real. They just knew what they were doing and it was very intense.

The film has both comedy and sadness to it. It was amazing to see many children crying and singing along.

Lopez said, "This is the kind of movie where, when it is over, you sit there and then go home and you can't stop talking about it."

"I had to act in the film as if I didn't know I was going to die. I had to seem full of life and happy like Selena was. It was the hardest film I ever had to work with."

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Gospel choirs make live album

Jimmy Fisher and the Gospel Choir Fellowship will be making a live recording at the Calvary Church in Santa Ana on Saturday at 6 p.m.

Choirs participating in the performance include the Cerritos Gospel Choir, the UCSB Gospel Choir, the Riverside C.C. Gospel Singers, San Bernardino Valley S.O.U.L., Biola Gospel Choir and 1st Generation, Cal Poly Pomona.

The Calvary Church is at 1010 Tustin Ave. in Santa Ana. Tickets are \$15 at the door. For advance tickets, call 714-973-4800.

Student art displays in gallery

The annual Student Art Exhibition will be presented by the Cerritos College Art Gallery from April 22 to May 15.

Featured works will include painting, drawing, printmaking, ceramics and sculpture, calligraphy and book making, jewelry, woodwork and graphic design.

The opening reception will be on April 23 from 6-9 p.m.

Live music will be performed by members of the college music department and awards will be announced for the best show in each discipline.