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AWAITING AN AUDIT

■ State legislature calls for a full-scale audit of Cerritos College.

By DAVID FEENSTRA, TM Sports Editor

Cerritos College is about to enter into the record books, but not in the way that most people would have hoped.

Cerritos will be undergoing the most wide-sweeping audit of a junior college in California history. The audit will cost the state approximately \$159,000 plus travel expenses and other costs.

The audit was spearheaded by Assemblywoman Grace Napolitano and a group of other concerned citizens.

The audit will deal with the entire financial records of Cerritos based primarily on performance.

At the Joint Auditing Committee meeting last week in Sacramento, Napolitano and her associates got a 9-0 vote from the committee.

"It was a unanimous vote, a resounding call that they need to look into Cerritos," Board of Trustees member Dorothy Carfrae said.

"I've called issue after issue before this Board and they cannot seem to handle it. Every time we find a problem we never seem to find a resolution."

Board of Trustees President Bob Verderber disagrees, "I don't feel the case was ever made for [the audit]. It's a political initiative."

Part of the reason Verderber believes that the audit is unnecessary is that the Board of Trustees never had the opportunity to meet with Assemblywoman Napolitano.

"She never talked to us even though we repeatedly asked her sit down and discuss what her concerns were. Before the legislature [in Sacramento] she said that she talked to her committee and they advised her not to talk to us," Verderber said.

Carfrae had other ideas about the situation. "There were issues that were not being addressed at the local level."

"It was not a decision for the Board to make, it is a decision for the state who is ultimately responsible for the appropriation of funds."

She also says that procurement issues have been brought about through shared governance.

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State Auditor Kurt R. Sjoberg

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This summer

WHO CALLED FOR THE AUDIT?

Assemblywoman Grace Napolitano

Board of Trustees member Dorothy Carfrae walks out of last week's Board meeting after student trustee Wayne Nunnery accused her of having a personal vendetta against Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin.

Trustee walks out during verbal warfare

■ Audit causes dissension among Board members.

By DAVID FEENSTRA, TM Sports Editor

Personal agendas and political squabbles were the order of the day at last Wednesday's Board of Trustees meeting.

"How can you tell when an assemblywoman is lying?" asked Associated Students of Cerritos College President Wayne Nunnery.

"Her lips are moving."

The \$159,000 dollar audit that was spearheaded by Napolitano and Board member Dorothy Carfrae has caused much turmoil for the Board.

After mocking Napolitano, Nunnery personally attacked Carfrae, claiming that, "our chief accuser [Carfrae] is an individual who does not have objectivity when it comes to this because her husband has been prosecuted and convicted of taking money from this institution."

Carfrae abruptly responded to Nunnery, saying, "You are so out of line."

"I believe I am allowed to make

remarks," Nunnery said, responding to Carfrae's claim.

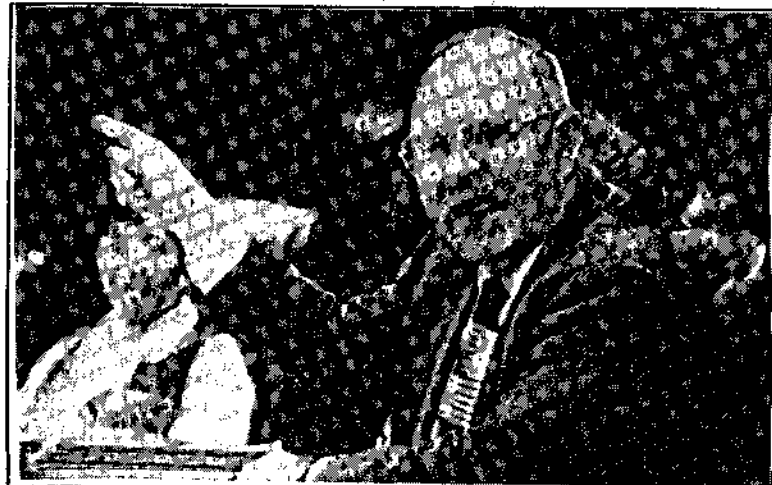
Carfrae once again voiced her displeasure over Nunnery's comments before walking out of the meeting during Nunnery's presentation.

Carfrae said she would not return until proper public business was discussed.

Outside the Board meeting Carfrae talked about the impending audit. She claimed that some of Gaskin's own papers led to the audit.

Carfrae also said that the administration's

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Student trustee Wayne Nunnery shouted at Board member Dorothy Carfrae at last week's Board meeting.

Henderson dies from heart failure

After a brief battle with acute leukemia, Professor Scott Henderson died of heart failure Monday afternoon at Long Beach Memorial Hospital.

Henderson taught music at Cerritos for more than 18 years.

He also served as an active member of the faculty senate including a term as its

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HENDERSON

Bookstore manager resigns before hearing is set

■ Resignation stems from recent financial problems in college Bookstore.

By AMARA AGUILAR, TM Editor in Chief

After being on paid administrative leave for seven months, Bookstore Manager Alan Beaulieu is going on vacation.

Last week the Board of Trustees accepted Beaulieu's resignation, effective April 30, after he was charged with misconduct related to the Bookstore's recent financial problems.

"It sounds strange [that I'm going to take a vacation], but I was on call and it was kind of like being under house arrest. I'm going to head north

"I leave this campus with a lot of regrets."

—Alan Beaulieu, Bookstore Manager



and put a true ending to one life and come back to find another one," Beaulieu said during a telephone interview.

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

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

According to the investigation, these transactions enhanced the cash flow of Varsity.

Beaulieu maintains the charges are false.

After two hearings were canceled, a third date was about to be set when, according to Board of Trustees President Bob Verderber, Beaulieu's attorney came back with an offer that was agreed upon.

Verderber, Beaulieu and Cerritos College

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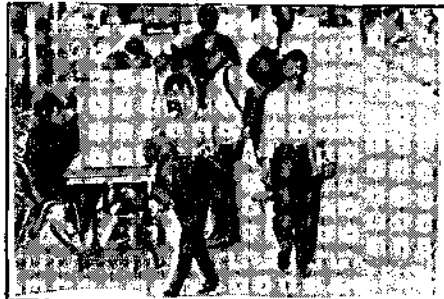
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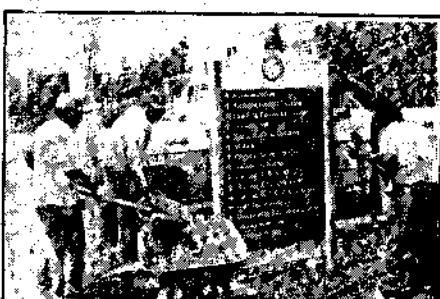
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NEWS BRIEFS

Service employee recognized



Theresa Ramos of food services has been named Employee of the Month for March.

Ramos began her employment with the district on Jan. 18 1982 and accumulated numerous compliments and commendations regarding her preparation of food.

Ramos was recognized by the Board of Trustees at the April 16 meeting.

Cerritos holds Career Expo



Job Placement and the Associated Students of Cerritos College are sponsoring Career Expo '97 May 1 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Quad.

Students will be able to meet with over 50 employees, improve interviewing skills, and get internship information.

For more information call the Job Placement Office at ext. 2366.

Massages offered on campus



Cerritos College Student Health Center is offering neck and shoulder massages for students and employees.

Massages are \$10 for 15 minutes and are offered by Gina R. Santilli, doctor of chiropractic.

Private chiropractic consultations and evaluations are being offered Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

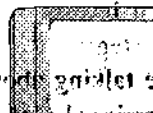
Going to Dominguez Hills?



California State University at Dominguez Hill is offering a Transfer Day, April 30 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For information call (310) 243-3696.

Students win opportunity



The opportunity to win the 27" color television was awarded at the April 15 day-long presidential forum to Martha Kratt, president of the Math Club.

The Chess Club was awarded \$200 for selling the most tickets and the Woodworking Club was given \$100 for their efforts.

In total the ASCC earned \$1401 from ticket sales. According to Greg Wylie, the money will be used to replace funds that were used to buy furniture for the student center.

"I believe the student involvement was very high," Wylie said. "I'm very encouraged by the participation that was shown."

Mentors help in transferring



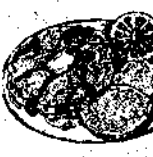
Two Transfer Mentoring Workshops will be held April 29 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and May 1 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The transfer workshops will provide students with the opportunity to hear and talk with former Cerritos College students who have successfully transferred to local, public and private universities.

Among the schools that will be represented will be UC Irvine, Cal State Fullerton and Whittier College.

Students interested in attending either workshop should contact transfer mentor program coordinator Carol Beato at ext. 2140 or the Institutional Advancement Office at ext. 2526.

Pancake breakfast to be held



The Center for Lifelong Learning and the Golden Key Club will hold the 1997 Golden Key Pancake Breakfast at the Norwalk Social Service Center April 26 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Admission is \$2.50 and proceeds will go to the Golden Key Club, a local senior citizen organization.

For more information call the Center for Lifelong Learning at ext. 2493.

Court appointments made



During an April 16 meeting, the student senate elected Janeen Oliver and Alfonso Gutierrez to the posts of ASCC Court Justices.

The new justices will take office next semester.

"I'd like to make students more aware that this court exists," Gutierrez said. "Before I joined, the senate, I didn't even know we had a court."

Runoff election to begin



Many Cerritos College students voted for an ASCC president April 16 and 17.

By D.S. PEREZ
TM Staff Writer

After hearing pitches, reading flyers and attending forums, 986 students of Cerritos College voiced out and voted for the ASCC presidential candidate they felt fit their needs.

However, the votes for the next president was too close and now a runoff will be held for the next two days, and students will again decide, this time whether candidates Johnell Vega or Kelly Stortz will represent them on the Board of Trustees.

"There was no way it could be a 51% winning majority with six candidates," ASCC president Wayne Nunnery said.

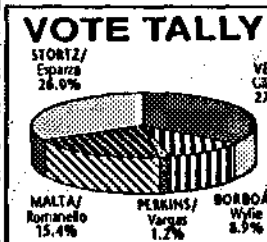
"I'm eager, and guardedly optimistic," Vega said. "I think that my qualities and my dedication to student government speaks for itself."

Stortz was surprised she made it into second place with 256 votes. "I was pleased, and it's been nice relief that I was only 17 votes behind — that was a nice boost," Stortz said.

Coming in third was Gilbert Grinie, whose hard work earned 203 votes and had to overcome the loss of his vice-presidential candidate Joyve Kelly, who went to the hospital with a throat ailment on the first day of the elections.

"It was hard for me to do it all by myself," Grinie said.

"If Joyce would have been here, I probably would have won it. But if there was someone to have beat me, I'm glad it was Kelly."



Rounding up the finish was Lester Malta with 152 votes, Armondo Borboa finished with 88 and finishing last was Frank Perkins, who garnered up 12 votes.

"I don't know why they voted the way they did," Perkins wistfully said.

In fact, voting numbers were one of the key issues involved with the campaigning, with most of the candidates disappointed by the turnout when compared to the 1223 who voted in last year's election and 1100 in the following runoff.

"Out here, I'm seeing apathy in action," Perkins said during campaigning. "I hope we can get more involved — there were a lot more here last year when free tacos were being offered."

Vega agree with Perkins, who is now one of her supporters.

"Perhaps the students don't realize how important the position is that this is a great deal more than a popularity contest," Vega said.

However, according to Nunnery, the number of students who voted is relatively high when compared to most community colleges.

Stortz also looked at the numbers optimistically, despite it being only four and a half percent of the student body voting.

"At least 986 students cared enough to vote," she said.

The candidates at a glance

TICKET #1 Johnell Vega

Major: paralegal, real estate and psychology
GPA: 3.56
Units completed: 74

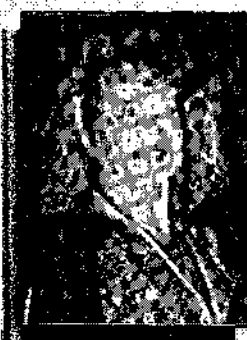
Student government experience:

Commissioner of extended day operations, member of the curriculum committee, member of the shared governance taskforce

Family: husband of 24 years, two sons age 20 and 22.

Job: real estate broker at Royal Reality Johnell Vega Consulting (a management and contracting consulting firm)

Plans for the future: become an attorney in corporate international business



TICKET #2 Kelly Stortz

Major: paralegal
Minor: business
GPA: 3.0
Units completed: 48

Student government experience:

ASCC Court Justice, paralegal advisory committee student representative

Family: husband of 6 years, one daughter age 5

Job: Legal internship

Plans for the future: go to law school

Other accomplishments: Conceived, organized and implemented the Paralegal Mentor Program, TLARGI Undergraduate Scholarship recipient, Paralegal Alumni Association founding member



AUDIT: Cerritos College under investigation

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"This matter is out of local hands. This is a situation where there has been accountability questions for quite some time," Carfrae said.

No matter what comes out of the audit, Associated Students of Cerritos College Wayne Nunnery feels that the school is going to be worse off than before.

"We all have a black eye... All of us have a black eye at this institution this evening because our reputation was really tarnished," Nunnery said.

"Lies, innuendo's, allegations, our chief accuser and individuals saying that they represent the student body. They say they represent the faculty senate. They say that they are doing things for the good of the college."

"When in fact all that they are doing is dragging our reputation

through the mud. We know what they want—they want our superintendent to resign."

Board member Cheryl Epple also was not pleased with the decision.

"I'm disappointed in the legislature," Epple said. "I thought better of them, I thought that we as a college, as a Board, as an administration representing the Board did not get a fair chance to make our case."

Dr. Fred Gaskin, President at Cerritos College agrees, "They changes the rules on us."

"Carfrae and Napolitano had made some arrangements and in spite of the fact the state is going to spend over \$150,000 and over 2,000 hours in an audit of Cerritos College, they chose not to allow us to speak. I think that is truly sad."

Carfrae sees it totally differently.

"They came up to Sacramento with nothing but character assassi-

nations, they brought no hard facts. In fact some of the papers that Gaskin brought helped lead to the decision to audit."

Gaskin believes that this audit stems from the dismissal of Viet Be, a former administrator and Carfrae's husband.

"It's retribution, that's just what it is—pure and simple," Gaskin said.

Even with the scope of this audit Gaskin holds on to little hope that the school will walk away unscathed. "I'm sure in an audit as sweeping as this that some staff member somewhere made a mistake. They'll pull it up and chastise them for it and belittle them for it and that's just sad, absolutely sad."

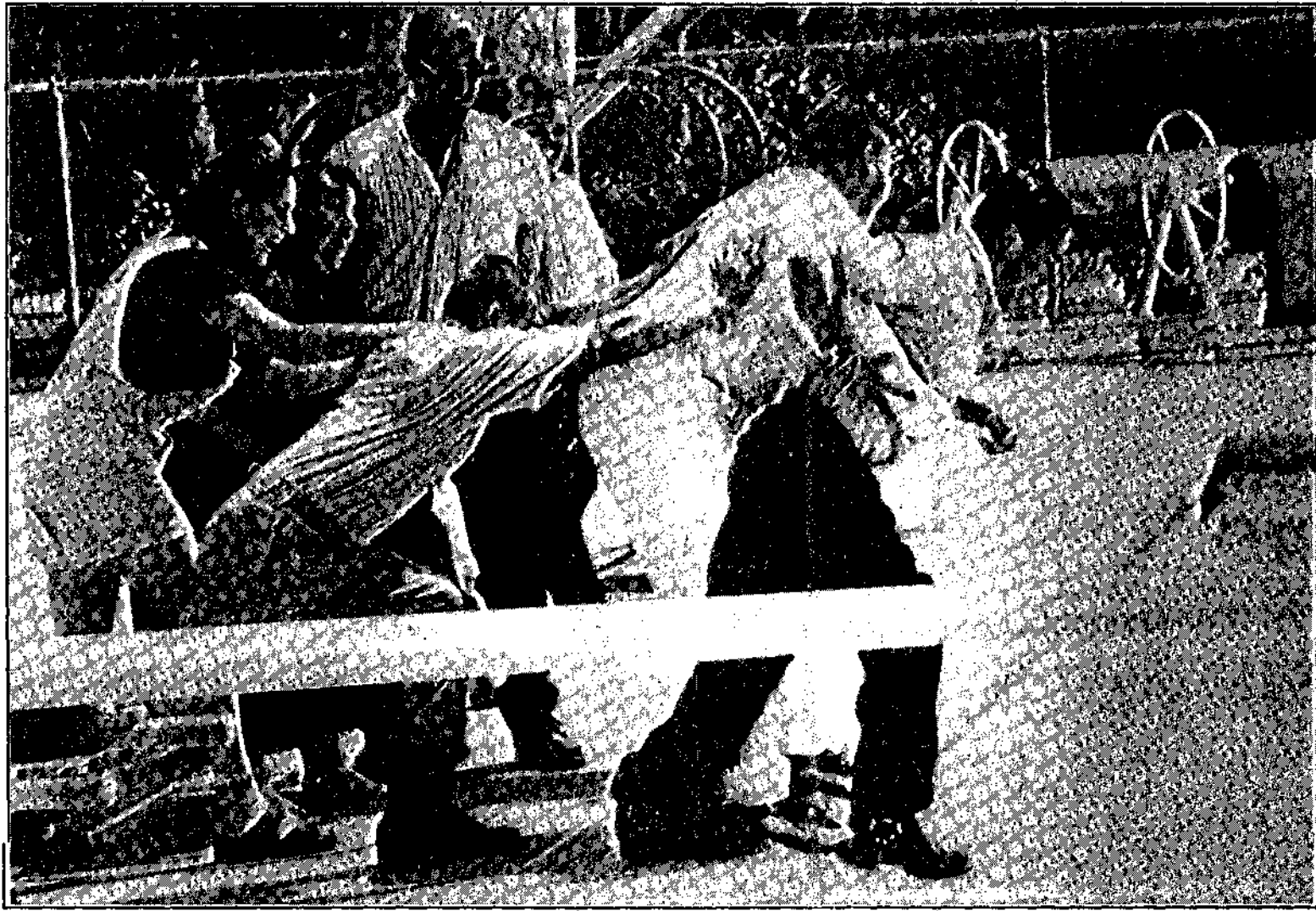
This cost of the audit will not be known until the audit is completed sometime during the end of summer, sending Cerritos to the record books.

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Student goes over the edge



Students try to push Alfonso Urbina in the pool at the Alpha Gamma Sigma sponsored "Sink-a-Scholar."

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HENDERSON: Memorial service to be held in May

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He was one of the more vocal senators supporting student rights.

Henderson moved to California from Tucson, Ariz. twenty years ago after earning his bachelor's degree in music education and his master's in French horn from the University of Arizona.

He taught music in high school before coming to Cerritos in September of 1974.

"He was the main foundation of this department," music department coordinator Dr. Christine Lopez said.

"He had such a love for the students and the faculty and the growth of this department."

Henderson realized in the latter part of his college career that he had an ability to sing, and began studying opera.

He was working toward a doctorate from USC, and studied voice and acting with the likes of Igor Gorin and Paul Gleason.

He served Cerritos as music department chair for several years.

He taught history, music appreciation and voice classes and led the Pop Choir.

"He's done everything here," Lopez said. "Probably taught all the classes."

"It's going to be difficult to imagine us without him here," Henderson was 54.

Campus memorial services will be held May 14 at the Burnight Center.

All students are welcome.

A viewing is scheduled for April 24 at 4 p.m. at the Luyben Mortuary, 5161 Arbor Ave. in Long Beach.

Contact Rosemary Medina in the music office for more information.

BOARD: Nunnery angered

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representatives came unprepared. All they had was character assassinations.

Inside, the attacks continued. This time Nunnery took shots at the press.

"What they say in the press is a lie. What they do has only one goal and that is to remove the Superintendent," Nunnery said.

"And they don't care who they run over to do it. Whether it be the student body president, whether it be a member of the faculty, whether it be a member of the staff, anybody.

"That is their only goal in life. They are mean, mean spirited and vindictive. That is their agenda so don't be swayed by their remarks because that is exactly what they want to do."

Board member Dr. Ted Edminston said, "It's painful for us to not know how to solve the problems."

Edminston told the public that if they want their complaints answered, they should provide factual data, not just hearsay.

For the most part the majority of the Board agreed with Nunnery. Some even complained on their own about Carfrae.

"I am very disappointed that we have a Board member who has a self-serving interest which we all know about," Board member Cheryl Epple said about Carfrae.

Board Vice President John H. Moore and Board Secretary Bob Arthur said that they agree with Nunnery.

Trying to look at the brighter side of the audit situation, Gaskin talked about all that is right at Cerritos.

"There is not another college with over \$10 million worth of projects going on," Gaskin said.

"There is not another C.E.O. who is having lunch with the Chair from Cisco."

Gaskin also told the employees to "keep their eyes on the prize," and to not get distracted by the audit.

Close to the end of the meeting the Board was presented with the Enterprise financial records and after seven months of waiting the Board announced that former Bookstore manager Alan Beaulieu has resigned.

Staff makes news

By DAVE COWDRICK
TM Opinion Editor

Cerritos College journalism students were in attendance and on the receiving end of awards at the annual Journalism Association of Community Colleges conference.

The two-day state conference on April 11-12 at California State University, Fresno, gave journalism students the opportunity to show their talents in the competitions of news writing, editorial writing, photography, page layout and other newspaper and magazine related categories.

Over 550 students and faculty members including 22 participants from Cerritos attended the conference.

There were almost 50 California and Arizona colleges involved in the conference.

"I thought that Cerritos students, especially considering the transition of instructors that they've had over the last year, did quite well and I think they'll do even better in the future," Journalism instructor Rich

Cameron said.

Award recipients from Cerritos included Dave Cowdrick who received honorable mention in column writing, Amara Aguilar who received general excellence for investigative news story and third place for sports news story, and James Reynosa who received honorable mention for sports news story.

On-the-spot award recipients included Cristina Hernandez who received a fourth place award for her bring-in infographic, Cowdrick who received honorable mention for Editorial cartoon, and Jennifer Kho who received a fourth place award for feature story.

Along with awards for competitions scholarships were also awarded to outstanding journalism students.

The continuing student scholarship was awarded to Hernandez.

"It felt great because a few years ago I was an ESL student with dreams and now my dreams are coming true," Hernandez said.

Winners of contest announced

By MARCELA PEREZ
TM Staff Writer

Women's History Month recently broke out with a record of eight contestants on the essay contest.

The essay contest was judged by a committee of faculty from several disciplines and one student judge, Joyce Kelly.

"I was put in a little office by myself to read all of the essays. My favorite one was Jose Uries' 'A women's slow evolution' which won first place under a spe-

cial category," Kelly said.

First place was given to student Monica Coto who wrote "Rewriting the books," winning \$100.

Second place was given to Ionita-Ariton Daniela who wrote about "The symbol of national tradition" and won \$75.

Third place was given to Yvonne Garcia. Garcia received \$50 for her work, "Inspiring Women in my life."

For the first time ever, there is a special category for outstanding

essay with a cultural or ethnic theme. Jose Uries won first place under this category. Uries wrote about "A women's slow evolution."

BOOKSTORE: Beaulieu resigns

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President Fred Gaskin would not comment on the conditions of the agreement.

Beaulieu cited "philosophical differences" between him and the administration regarding how the Enterprise should be run as the reason for his resignation from Cerritos College after being an employee at the school for 16 years.

"I leave this campus with a lot of regrets. [Before this happened] I hoped to retire from here, but the administration didn't see it that way."

Attention students planning to drop

The last day to drop 18-week courses is April 25 at the Admission Office's information window. For more information, contact the Admissions Office.

Performance audit to assess foundation

By DAVE COWDRICK
TM Opinion Editor

As a result of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee's hearing last Wednesday at the state capital, the Cerritos College Foundation will be undergoing an extensive performance audit.

Unlike a financial audit, the function of the performance audit is to answer questions concerning laws and regulations, the proper and efficient spending of public funds, and the reporting of income and expenditures.

The request for the audit was made on July 2, 1996 by Assemblywoman Grace Napolitano, who, up until March, was a member of the Foundation.

Napolitano's concerns about the foundation and the entire Cerritos Community College District have been building for some time now.

Her concerns are shared by community members, students, staff, faculty and trustees.

This was made apparent in a memo sent by Board of Trustees member Dorothy Carfrae on March 14 to the president of the foundation's governing board, Jack Cassidy.

In her memo, Carfrae addressed issues concerning the foundation's staffing, its accomplishments, special revenues, fund raising consultant costs and income, student loans and scholarship funds.

"We do not have any serious wrongdoing in financial management," Cassidy said.

In response to Carfrae's letter he has already sent her two memos answering her questions. Carfrae is now awaiting a third response letter from Cassidy.

To answer her questions and the questions posed by others, Carfrae said, "The very best way to [answer the questions] is to bring the state in. Let's just clear it up and let's get rid

of all the issues."

On the other side of the coin are those who have complete confidence that the foundation has done nothing wrong.

One of those persons is Institutional Advancement Dean Jan Dennis-Rounds.

"I don't believe that [the audit] is necessary, but we welcome it," Dennis-Rounds said.

"If we're worth our salt we need to stand up to scrutiny."

According to Dennis-Rounds, prior to six months ago, she wasn't even aware that there were any concerns regarding the foundation.

The foundation was formed in 1979 as a nonprofit organization with the purpose of providing a private support system for the college.

As of late it has been this support that has been in question.

In Carfrae's memo, she makes the comment that, "The foundation was created to support the college and its students. The figures seem to suggest the reverse."

The request for the audit has already been called a "political vendetta" and some feel it is a personal attack.

"I don't think there is any intention whatsoever to cast dispersion upon any foundation member," Carfrae said.

"It has nothing to do with the foundation as an entity of volunteers and it has nothing to do with their integrity."

"What we are talking about here is the operational aspect of the foundation, and if the operational aspect does not comply with the law, this community is not served [and] the taxpayers' money is being misappropriated."

The audit, which is going to be conducted by state auditor Kurt R. Sjoberg, is going to cost an estimated \$159,000 plus travel expenses.

No specific date has yet been set as to when the audit will begin.

EDITORIALS

Who will the audit benefit?

The state audit is coming.
Run for the hills if you once supported Cerritos College.
Run fast and far because the political backlash will be uncontrollable.

A wall-to-wall audit of this size—the largest of a junior college in the history of California—is bound to reveal something, and when it does, the problems are going to be magnified beyond belief.

Assemblywoman Grace Napolitano requested the audit last July.

But why is she so interested in Cerritos College?

Does she have genuine concern for the school, or are the results of this audit beneficial for her political career?

The motives, not only Napolitano's, behind the purpose of this audit are unclear because politics seem to be affecting Cerritos College in the worst way.

Even student trustee Wayne Nunnery is getting involved. He vented his venom publicly during last Wednesday's Board of Trustees meeting.

The verbal assault he launched at Board member Dorothy Carfrae regarding the audit isn't exactly the kind of conduct that is expected from a person who should represent the students of Cerritos College.

While Carfrae has expressed her concerns for the college as a reason for supporting the audit, she has openly admitted her intentions of wanting College President Fred Gaskin terminated.

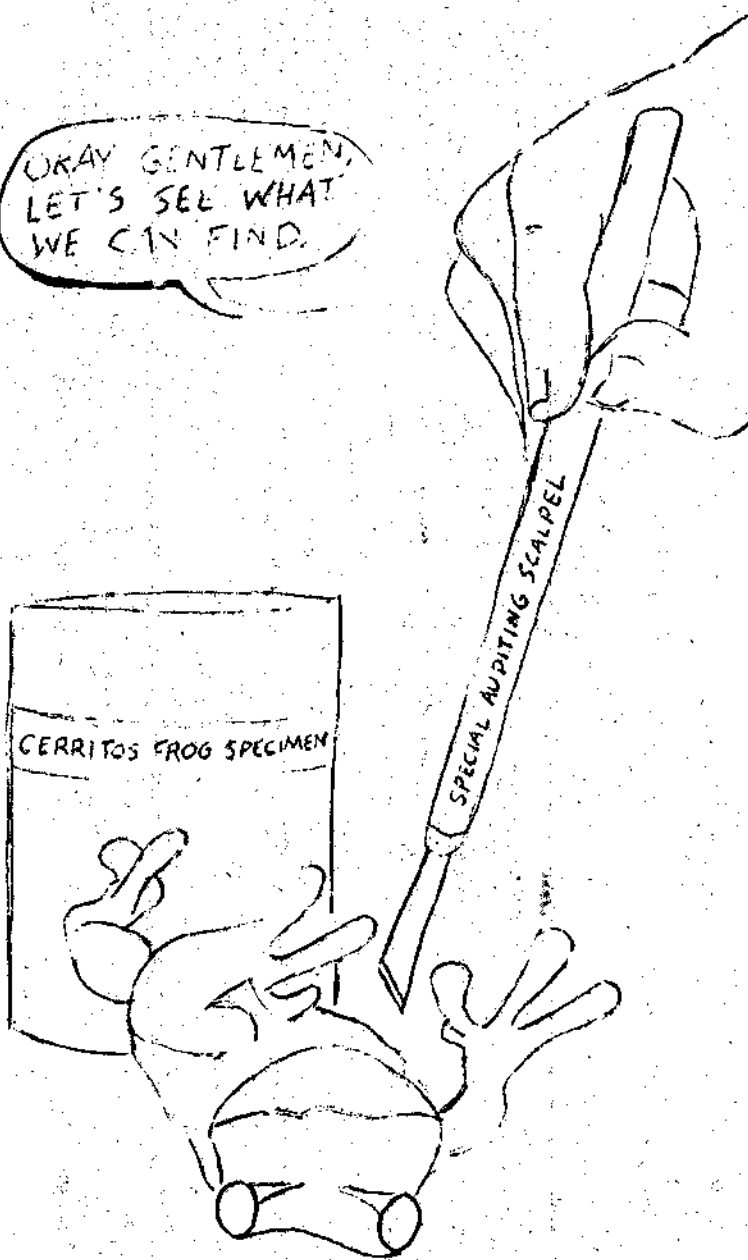
Are her motives genuine, or a result of past occurrences that could warrant reason for retribution toward Gaskin, who is still trying to clean up the Bookstore's financial mess?

Is this audit happening because people are genuinely interested in the welfare of Cerritos College, or is it part of people's political ploys?

This institution should not be used as a pawn in political games by anyone.

Cerritos College is a center of learning, something everybody will be doing a lot of with the audit set to take place this summer.

The audit is going to show where this institution is in trouble, although it already seems to have done a good job of that.



Food Court: it's in session

It's finally done!!

Well for the most part at least.

After a month and a half of extra waiting and anticipation students can finally indulge in such delights as tacos, hamburgers and comfortable indoor seating.

During those couple months Frantone's, Culinary Arts, and the Falcon Grill worked in less than favorable conditions to bring the student body the largest selection of food possible and should be applauded for their efforts.

The new Food Court is truly an improvement over the old one and deserves the respect any fine eating establishment should get. It's ours, lets take care of it.

While it is turning out to be a great complex, one question still remains. Was it worth the wait?

During the remodeling of the Student Center, students experienced the saying "You don't know what you got until it's gone" first hand.

Many students went off campus to eat during the remodeling of the Student Center, and with that becoming the norm for them, hopefully the service and amenities offered by this new complex is enough to bring the students back.

This new complex has truly brought Cerritos closer to where it should be as a college for a great community. The Student Center is not only a place for students and faculty alike to relax, but it is also a community center and hopefully it will help bring the community closer to our campus and us closer to them.

In early May, the Chambers of Commerce of the surrounding seven cities will be invited to view our new Student Center, which should be one of the nicest ones around here, and be welcomed to use it for their important events, according to Wayne Nunnery.

Hopefully the Student Center will help bring together those seven surrounding cities as the center of an extremely diverse community where far too often we forget about each other and too often think in singularities, whether it be person, ethnic group or city.

Perhaps we can get by our inner turmoil as a college and work to be a model community working to unite the others. After all isn't a college's whole mission to educate others in order to better life for everyone?

C. C. Falcon



• **SMILE! YOU'RE ON CRIMINAL CAMERA.** If you shop in the Elbow Room, don't shoplift. They have this camera that'll catch you. It's happened before.

• **DODGE BALL.** The presidential forum was a smashing success,

unless you had any questions you wanted answered. Those candidates dodged inquiries like real politicians.

• **STUDENT SALVATION.** So the Student Center has finally unveiled its new food court. For those of us who are in our last semester here,

it's nice to see something done before we leave. It would be nicer, though, if we didn't have to pay for the delays with the Taco Bell combo prices.

• **OUR PRINCE.** As for the rest of the Student Center, Wayne Nunnery was heard saying, "Someday it will come." Thanks a lot. I feel better.

• **TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN.** Just when we thought we were going to get somewhere with this Bookstore business, they cancelled another hearing, and then former Bookstore manager Alan Beaulieu QUIT! Why didn't he do that a long

time ago? Because he was still getting PAID! I think we should make him pay us back.

• **RECYCLE OR DIE!** Our school should concern itself a little more with the recycling of everyday materials. How 'bout a can or two near the food vendors designated for aluminum? Now the college's big paper recycling program has been canceled because of a drop in paper prices. Tell that to the trees. They have to die regardless of how much we pay for them. Well, if saving the planet isn't profitable, why should the school bother, right?

• **THE TRUTH HURTS.** The ASCC presidential candidates were upset at the claim that nobody cares about voting. The numbers are in and less than a thousand of our 22,000+ students actually cared enough to vote. Poor Frank Perkins only got 12. The student body has spoken. NOBODY CARES!

• **WHICH WAY IS UP?** You may have noticed the new directional signs placed at strategic locations throughout the campus. It's a nice idea, but it seems to me a little confusing. I followed the arrows to get to lot C-10 and wound up at the Cerritos mall.



campus comment

"When the food court was closed, what did you do for food?"

Compiled by MARCELA PEREZ
Photos by Marcela Perez



"I didn't eat here due to construction. It was inconvenient so on my way home I bought something."

Eddie Corrales



"I ate here at school. I brought my lunch to the cafeteria."

Richard Greco
Broadcasting



"I went Jack in the Box or wherever with my friends."

Gisela Bedolla
Undecided



"I went out somewhere else around here or to the mall."

Erika Maldonado
Undecided



"I brought my own food because the prices here are too high, not the Taco Bell, but the cafeteria is."

Oscar Millan
Undecided



"It was inconvenient having to leave campus and lose my parking space."

Gabriel Cardiel
Art



"My friends and I got together and went to the Chinese Deli (across the street)."

Angelica Betance
Undecided



"I got together with my friends and we went to Galaxy or we ate pizza (across the street)."

Zulma Sigala
Nursing

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Food court finally opens

By SOREN WILLIAMS
TM Staff Writer

Come one, come all, to the greatest attraction on campus!!

Yes, that's right, it's the amazing Food Court with, you guessed it, food, food and more food.

Monday was truly a great day for Cerritos College students with the opening of the newly renovated Food Court.

Inside the tile lined brightly decorated court, students found their old favorites: Frantone's, the Falcon Grill, Taco Bell and Culinary Arts.

Culinary arts is currently occupying the area next to Taco Bell, but will be moving into the cafeteria when it's finished and Hong Kong Express will take its place in the Food Court.

Students expressed their pleasure to have the new Food Court open for business.

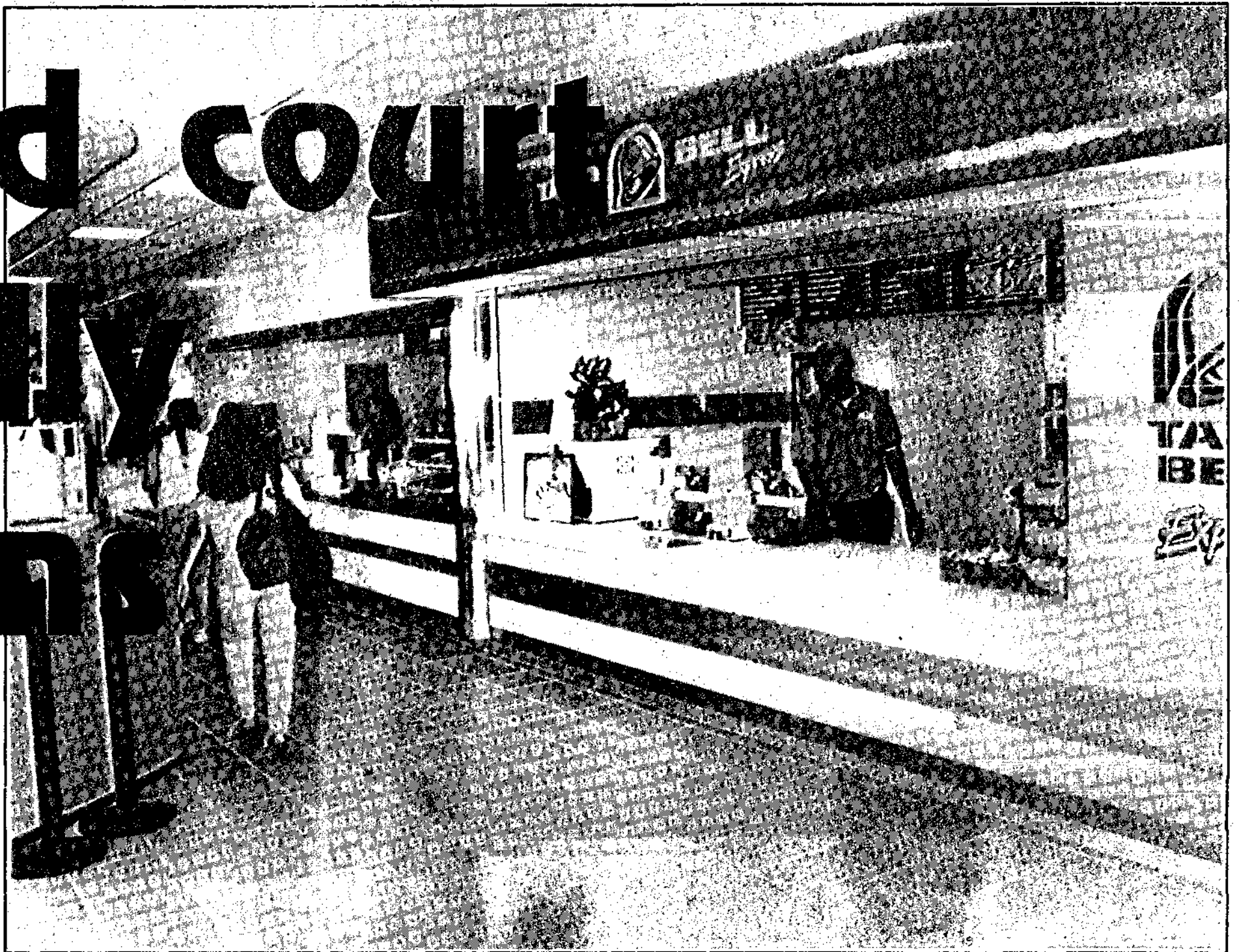
"I think it's great. We need something like this, something with all the different kinds of food," nursing major Juadalupe Reynaea said.

"The place looks great. It looks like they may have reduced seating, but we'll have to see how that works out," student Ronald MacIver said.

The remaining section of the Student Center still isn't quite finished, but should be soon, according to ASCC President Wayne Nunnery.

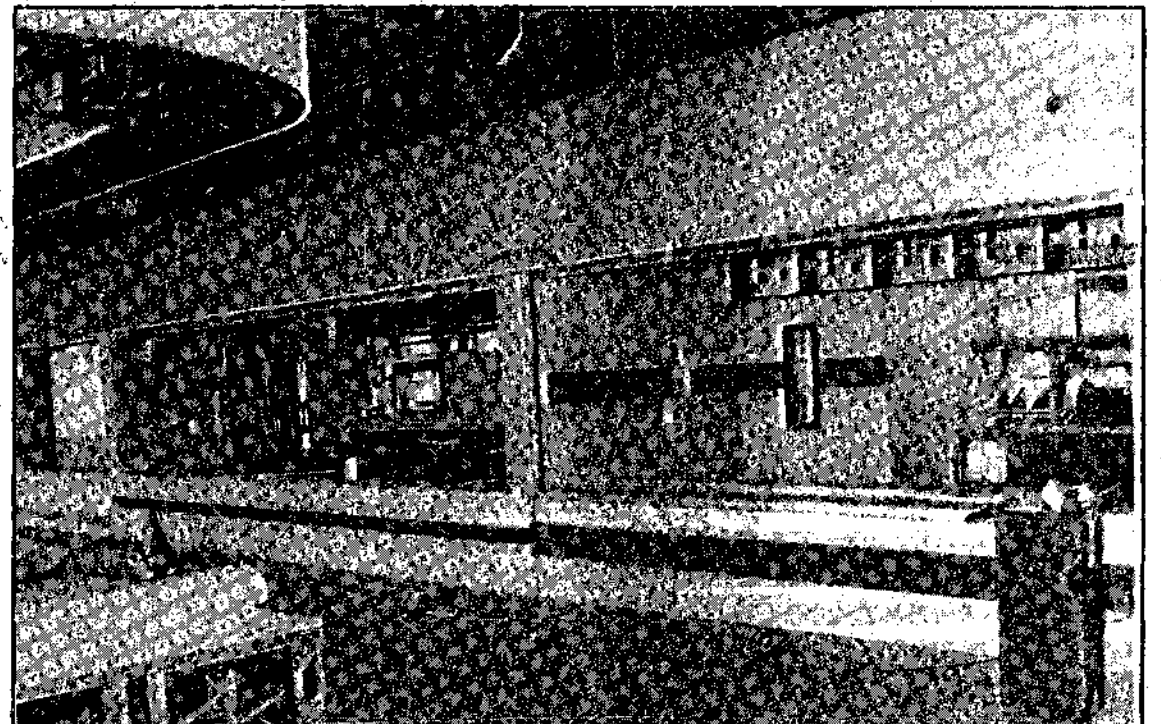
"The rest of the Student Center should be done around April 25 with the grand opening around the 30th," he said.

The formal dedication will



The Food Court opened Monday after four months of renovation.

TM photos by FAUSTO RAMOS



Top: Food Court starts to come together in early April.

Left: Workers continue construction on Food Court in March.

be in early May, Nunnery said.

Once finished, the Student center will house Zebra Coffee between the Food Court and the Cafeteria.

The theme of the Student Center, as Nunnery puts it,

will be a "Hawaiian lanai" look being provided by Instant Jungle Decorating of Costa Mesa.

The televisions, which were supposed to be on opposite sides of the Food Court, are "still up in the air" according

to Nunnery.

Carpet in the Cafeteria is being laid and the chandeliers still have not been received.

The book shelves in Friends are still being built and the furniture for the coffeehouse is expected to be put in sometime next week. Books in Friends will come from private donations.

As of March 24 the penalty of \$500 a day against the builders in liquidated damages was raised to \$1000, after which the rate of construction seemed to increase, Nunnery said.

Reservations for the Student Center are being taken, but Toni Sallade adds, "we recommend they have a backup just in case the Student Center doesn't open."

Students dine in the Student Center before renovation began in December.

VENDORS SPEAK:

FRANTONE'S

"No problems so far I think it's going to be really good for the students."

-John Tesoriero

TACO BELL

"It's wonderful! It's very futuristic, good lighting and very sanitary."

-Angel Garcia

FALCON GRILL

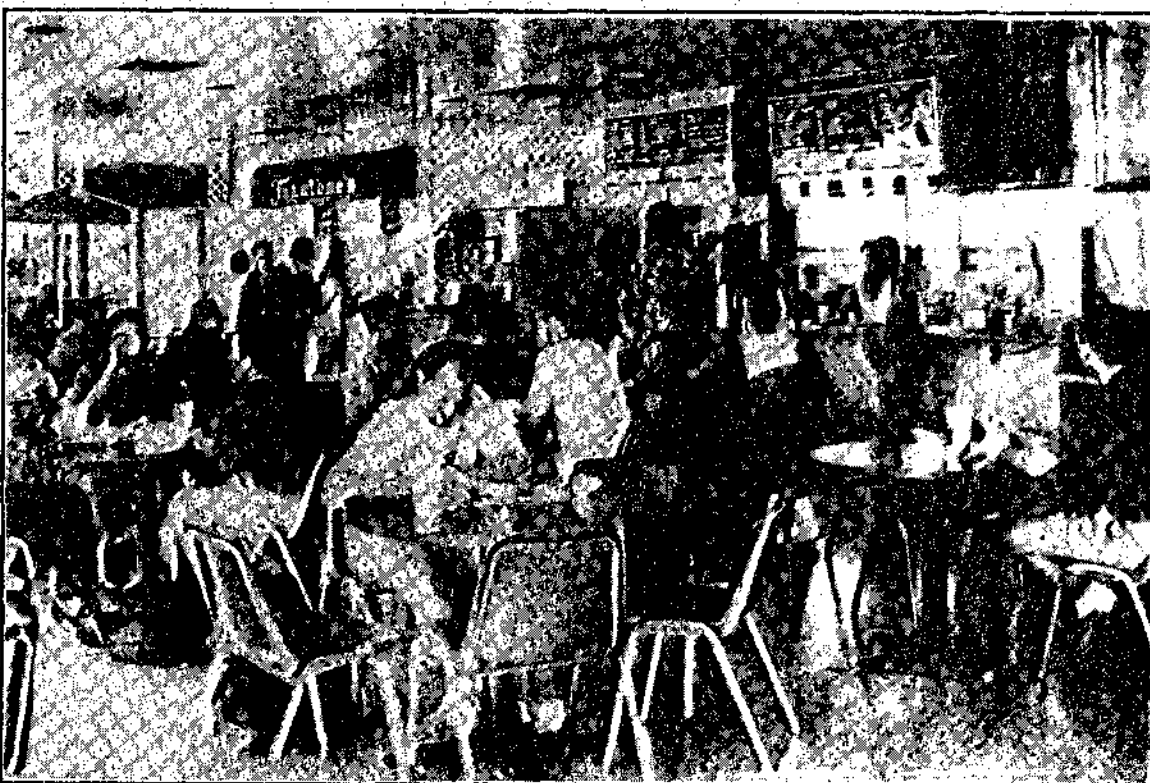
"From what I can tell it's real nice. It's a good place for students to go eat and relax."

-Mack Ausbon

CULINARY ARTS

"I like the set up the way they have it just fine. It will be more convenient than it was before."

-Ellie Robinsons



Daily planner is commissioner's best friend



Photo By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ

Shamci Stanton credits her daughter Madisson for motivating her to go back to school. Her family is her first priority now.

By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ
TM Editorial Editor

Life wasn't as hard or tiresome for Shamci Stanton five years ago, but it wasn't as exciting or rewarding as it is now either.

Born to an Iranian father and American mother, this self-proclaimed California girl does everything and more.

She is a mother, a student, a Tupperware consultant, an Avon representative, Commissioner of Student Services, president of Alpha Nu Omega sorority, treasurer of Phi Theta Kappa and member of AGS.

As if these activities were not enough, she also volunteers for different projects such as the LA Marathon.

She was the team leader for the AIDS walk last year and this year she will be the team leader for the upcoming Dance-a-thon at Universal Studios.

"I enjoy all the activity that fills my life, but I also have my priorities established," Stanton said.

"First is my family, which includes Madisson (my four year old daughter,) my grandma and me. Next is school. My last priorities are my clubs, government and volunteer work."

Later she added, "If I see that [government, clubs and volunteer work] start interfering with my school or my family then I cut back on it."

It is no wonder that she lives her days around her daily planner.

"Everything is written down on it,

even the smallest things, otherwise I will miss some of them," Stanton said.

Every day she wakes up early in the morning, takes a shower, packs lunch for Madisson, gets herself and Madisson ready for school, drops Madisson off at the Cerritos College Child Development Center and afterwards tries to get to class on time.

During the rest of the day, she manages to attend several meetings, organize her homework and her Avon and Tupperware sales.

She never gets to bed before 10 p.m.

"My daughter is the most important part of my life."

But she said that it is actually relaxing to be involved with so many things because most of her friends belong to the same clubs and organizations.

"We try to make everything fun. It is not just work, we joke and laugh while we are working (fundraising, bake sales etc.)"

Stanton has also been the proud recipient of several awards and scholarships.

Her energetic nature helps her to accomplish all her goals without getting tired or bored.

This year she will be awarded the Cerritos-Artesia soroptimist scholar-

ship.

The scholarship of \$1,000 will also give her the opportunity to apply for a regional scholarship.

The ASCC bronze, silver and gold falcons are also found among her many awards.

However, her life would not be what it is today if she hadn't given birth to Madisson.

"My daughter is the most important part of my life. Now I have to think more about our future. Not only mine but also hers."

"She was the one who motivated me into coming back to school," Stanton said.

Madisson, an extremely friendly 4-year-old, smiled as she hopped and played.

"I like to hug and kiss [my Mom] because I love her," she said.

She even helps her mom pack Tupperware orders and label Avon catalogs.

On the other hand, Madisson hates it when her mom does homework.

That is why homework is usually a chore that Stanton does after she puts Madisson to bed.

Stanton has learned to overcome difficult situations by making the best of them.

Through everything, Stanton keeps smiling.

Her good humor is contagious and her philosophy about life can be summed up in a simple sentence: "Never give up."

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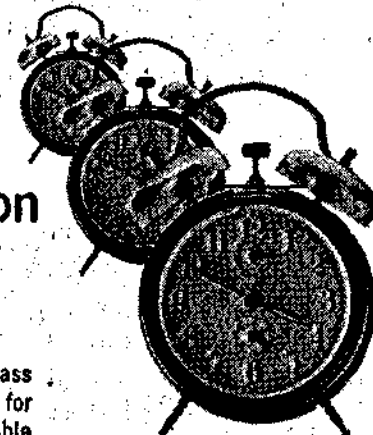
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Surging Falcons strive for respect

■ Long asserts herself as candidate for conference player of the year.

By KELLY BARTH
TM Staff Writer

The growing pains suffered by the Cerritos College softball team are beginning to subside.

After opening conference play with a dismal 1-7 record, Cerritos (20-14) has won three of its last four games.

On April 16 Cerritos used an eight-run seventh inning to beat East Los Angeles College 9-1. Two days later the Falcons posted a 7-5 road win over El Camino College.

With its recent hot streak, Cerritos captured its 20th win of the season, an achievement that has head coach Nancy Kelly smiling.

"Twenty wins was a big deal for me," said Kelly. "They're all freshmen and they're all starting to come around."

With an uncertain playoff future, Cerritos continues to climb the conference standings with three games remaining.

In a season that's seen the Falcons

struggle, freshman catcher Mandi Long has established herself as one of the top catchers in the South Coast Conference and possibly Southern California.

"Mandi is the best athlete in the conference," said Kelly. "She should get all-conference."

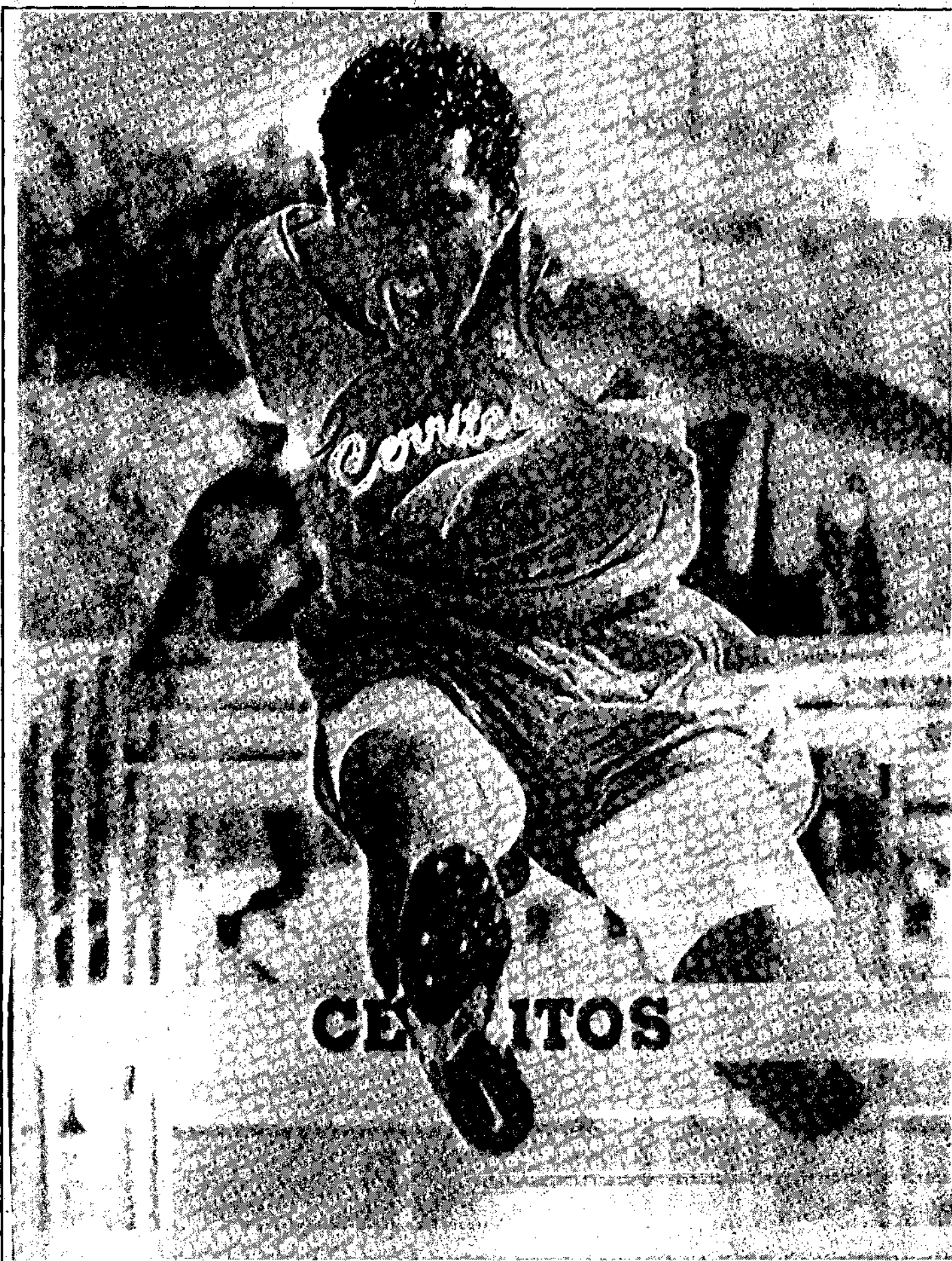
Whether or not Long takes All-Conference honors remains to be seen, but if she doesn't, it won't be for lack of offensive numbers.

Long is currently batting a lofty .487 with 46 hits and 30 RBI in 34 games. Long has also gained a reputation throughout the SCC as one of the strongest arms behind the plate.

"No one steals on her, not even Long Beach," said Kelly. "They don't go because they respect her. In fact, when Long Beach had runners on first and third and we were losing, I said very loudly, 'get her Mandi...' We had nothing to lose and [Long Beach] wouldn't send the runners."

Cerritos will be in action today at 3 p.m. when they host Pasadena City College.

Cerritos looks to end its two-game losing streak to Pasadena and avoid a 3-0 season sweep.



FAUSTO RAMOS/Talon Marks

Cerritos' Ozon Higgins finished fifth in the 100m hurdles with a time of 16:83

Track sets sights on SCC finals

■ Hammer thrower continues to shatter records

By NOFO TAUTOLO
TM Staff Writer

While some of the members of the track team continued the regrouping process, the Falcons remained tall throughout the Mt. San Antonio relays last Saturday.

"The team did all right. We had some athletes just coming off of injuries, but it looks like we're back in business," men's head coach Doug Wells said.

The women's team continued their record-breaking streak as Vanessa Feula tore her previous record to shreds.

Feula, who is currently ranked No. 2 in the state in the women's hammer, had an outstanding day with a mark of 157 feet 10 inches in the hammer and remained consistent in the shot put with a throw of 36 feet.

"I'm excited because no one else in our conference is anywhere near me, and I also have the opportunity to win the state meet in the women's hammer as a freshman," Feula said.

On the men's squad, the Falcon hurdle crew just would not give it a rest. Among them was high-jumper Bryant Hargrove who cleared 6 feet 6 inches finishing fifth overall.

In the men's shuttle hurdle race, state contender Mike Hem led the Falcons off

with the assistance of teammates Ozon Higgins, Jesus Navarro and Josh Barker finishing second overall.

Higgins came back and won the 110-meter hurdles and Navarro finished third.

Navarro finished the day in the 400-meter hurdles finishing third with Barker taking second.

"Without the injuries, we're in pretty good shape so we'll just see how it goes this week," said Wells.

The Falcons 4 x 100 meter team was in hopes of cutting its personal best time but fell just shy of it. In an overall finish of third place, it now seeks a new quest, and that is the conference finals this Saturday.

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'This Island' comes to the Burnight



Daryn Dean and Imara Quiñonez rehearse for "Once on this Island," presented by the Theatre Department.

By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ
TM Editorial Editor

Reggae music, tropical flavor and an exotic paradise will be arriving at the Burnight Theatre on May 2.

"Once on this Island" is a Broadway musical play based on the novel "My Love, My Love, or the Peasant Girl" written by Rosa Guy.

This story is about a black peasant girl named Ti Moune and a mulatto aristocrat named Daniel falling in love and how class and racial differences pull the star-crossed lovers apart.

This year the annual Dinner Theatre at the Burnight Center will feature this romantic tale played by the Cerritos College theater company starting May 2.

The book and lyrics are written by Lynn Ahrens, and the music is by Stephen Flaherty.

The New York Times called it "A jubilant musical fantasy. Most everyone will emerge ready to dance down the street."

Let's wait and see if this is true.

Joseph's colorful coat

■ Amazing Technicolor testament shows in San Gabriel.

By DAVID DM COUTANT
TM Entertainment Editor

From phantoms to cats, Andrew Lloyd Webber has written compilation albums worth of musical scores.

In "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Webber turns Old Testament drama into a musical extravaganza.

The numbers range from country to calypso and tell the story of Joseph, one of the 12 sons of Jacob, who is awarded a "coat of many colors."

Bill Shaw directs Deven May as Joseph in this production from the Music Theatre of Southern California.

May has played the role in previous productions of "Dreamcoat."

Dion Michael Ramos plays Jacob and Janine Benson is cast as the story-teller.

The Music Theatre of Southern California's musical direction is by conductor M. Roger Lockie.

Rikki Lugo choreographs. "The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" can be seen at the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium.

Its three-week run begins May 2.

8 p.m. shows are on May 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17.

2 p.m. shows are on May 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18.

Tickets are on sale at the Civic Auditorium box office.

The San Gabriel Civic Auditorium is at 320 S. Mission Drive in San Gabriel.

Ticket prices range from \$18-\$38. Limited box seats are available for \$48.

Call (818) 308-2868 Monday-Friday between 10 a.m.-6 p.m. for tickets or information.

FILM REVIEW

Director debuts feature film for Cerritos students

By DAVID DM COUTANT
TM Entertainment Editor

Actors aren't made, they're born. But what about directors? Where do they come from?

Writer/director Nils Myers came to Cerritos College in 1983.

"I didn't want to take my SATs so I came to community college," he said.

In 1987 he transferred to Cal State Long Beach where he studied filmmaking.

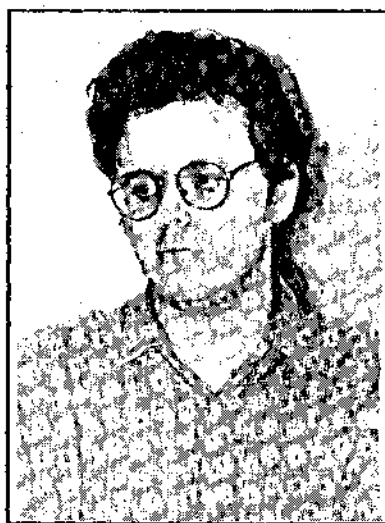
Myers claimed his film classes at Cerritos "helped me get into the program [at Long Beach]."

He started work on the film "Movies 'Til Dawn" while at Long Beach, co-writing it with a classmate.

It took about two years to write, in which time he wrote six other scripts.

Myers knew he wanted to make films after he saw the horror classic "The Mummy" as a child.

Since then he has been



DAVID COUTANT/Talon Marks
NILS MYERS

influenced by various directors and filmmakers including Krzysztof Kieslowski and Alan Rudolph.

"I tend to like films rather than filmmakers themselves," he said.

"Everybody has ups and downs and you've got to look at them as individual items rather than just the whole catalog of work."

When it came to making "Movies 'Til Dawn," which was produced by Myers

wife, they were under a strict budget which included wedding money and they filmed it in only three weeks and two days.

The crew included CSULB students as well as Art Center students.

Panavision had a program which lent them a package of \$10-\$12 thousand worth of equipment.

"Movies 'Til Dawn" was shot in a 16mm format, partly because the 35mm film is very expensive, Myers said.

Most of the film takes place in a single house. Myers used his father's house. They first gutted it. They pulled out all the furniture and redesigned it to be unrecognizable.

In a couple of flashback sequences one might recognize the halls of Cerritos College.

The crew worked at the school for a day, but the feature wound up with less than two minutes worth of film shot on campus.

"Movies 'Til Dawn" is not

an autobiographical film, but, "It deals with things that are important to me in my life," Myers said.

It deals with, as it turns out, relationships.

The movie contains all varieties of relationships from marriage, with and without children and pregnancy, to student/teacher relationships, infidelity, homosexuality, and friendships.

It also deals with drugs, suicide, manhood, pain, anger, violence and Santa Claus. It deals with political correctness and disability.

There are ethical and moral issues explored, even if not fully.

But with a film 120 minutes long encompassing this many topics and stories, it's a wonder that Myers completed the ideas he did.

The stories play off of each other, so when the focal characters change, you are still learning about each group's situation.

The initial character contact

CD REVIEWS

For a change, try a little nugget of this Cake

By JOSH SHOPFNER
TM Staff Writer

What do you get when you mix Willie Nelson, Doris Day and Gloria Gaynor with crunching guitar bursts and some funky horns?

You get a nice heaping helping of Cake, whose newest album, "Fashion Nugget" is full of pleasant surprises.

The album includes some outstanding original material including "The Distance," in which race car driving functions as a metaphor for sexual conquest.

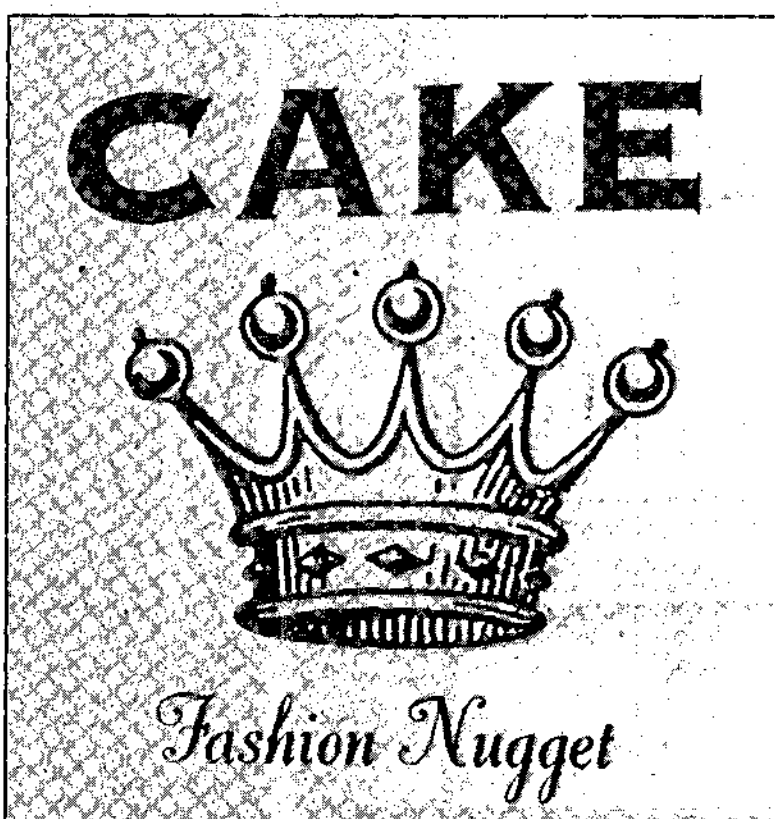
"Stickshifts and Safetybelts" is a country song in which the compact car inadvertently separates a boy and his girl.

It is Cake's eclectic choice of cover songs, however, that really sets the band apart from all of its competitors in the alternative rock world.

Who else would even attempt to cover Gaynor's feminist disco classic, "I Will Survive"? The resulting hybrid with its dry male vocals and muted guitar strumming takes on a life all its own.

Also included on the album is a playful recreation of the Doris Day tune, "Perhaps, Perhaps, Perhaps" and a faithful rendition of "Sad Songs and Waltzes," a song written by Willie Nelson.

So if you would like some variation in your rock diet, try a sweet spoonful of Cake's "Fashion Nugget" today!



She's got the whole world

By DAVID DM COUTANT
TM Entertainment Editor

Arabian Nights now have a techno beat.

Singer Natacha Atlas has done it with her debut solo album "Diaspora" on MCA records.

Having previously recorded with Loca! and Jah Wobble, Atlas has finally found the avenue to shine with her own light.

She is a part of the UK's

dance music wizards Transglobal Underground, and has worked with Peter Gabriel and contributed to the soundtrack of the film "Stargate."

Atlas weaves her Arabic melodies over the familiar dance beat of TGU's techno background. It is a blend of cultures that works well for those who need a break from the singularity of plain old dance tracks or the sometimes stale and technology-lacking traditional ethnic music.