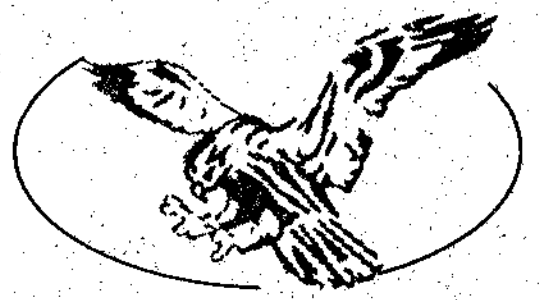


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Stortz spreading the news

■ Kelly Stortz defeats Johnell Vega for ASCC presidency.

By D.S. PEREZ, TM Staff Writer

Two women vying for one position — and the decision to choose the right one lay in the hands of 22,000 students at Cerritos College.

In the end, Kelly Stortz and her vice presidential nominee Joel Esparza defeated Johnell Vega and Lisa Gilmore for the position of ASCC president and vice president 578 votes to 470 votes.

"The students were conscientious of choosing a candidate," current ASCC President Wayne Nunnery said, "and for them, it was a win-win situation and what matters is that they selected someone they felt could represent them. She'll look into what is best for the students."

When Stortz and Esparza take the helm June 1, they will be faced with several sticky situations

ranging from the issues of parking fees, privatization and management of the bookstore, campus security, and most daunting, the upcoming full-scale state audit that will cover everything at Cerritos College.

"An audit is not going to look favorable for Cerritos College," Stortz said. "We need to know what we could do for damage control. It is the most serious issue we have to tackle. My concern is how to put a positive light and atmosphere on a bad situation."

Nunnery knows what she is going through.

"It is a damn difficult situation she's coming into," Nunnery said.

Stortz acknowledges the burden she is inheriting.

"For me, it's not fear, it's anticipation — I now have a very big responsibility to the students of this college and I am accountable to each one of them. I will do my very best. My first priority

and my loyalty is to them."

Other issues on the new president's mind are strengthening the community image of Cerritos College and increasing student involvement with clubs, hoping that club projects dealing with community places like senior citizen centers, schools and hospices will improve the community's view of the college.

"Before student government, you have clubs. Clubs are the glue that bind us together. I want students to work together and be able to stir interest in the school and community, and decrease the apathy on campus."

One of Stortz and Esparza's first actions will deal with assembling a cabinet and choosing commissioners.

Stortz has expressed interest in building a strong cabinet to deal with most of Cerritos College's affairs and already mentioned Lester Malta and Gregory Wylie for cabinet positions.

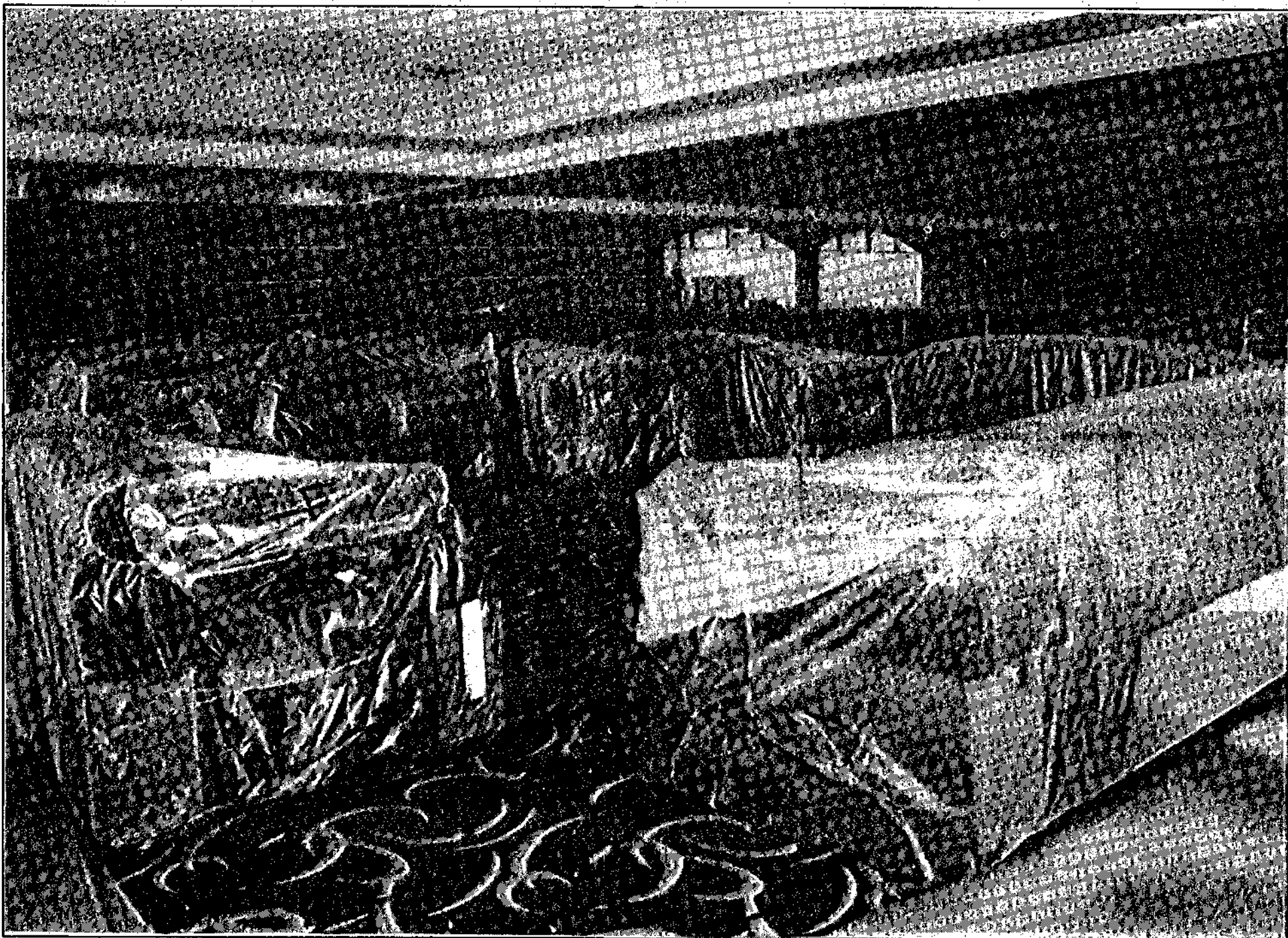


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Korin Masselink swears in Joel Esparza and Kelly Stortz as Wayne Nunnery looks on.

VOTES CAST FOR ASCC PRESIDENT

KELLY STORTZ	578
JOHNELL VEGA	470



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The Student Center is the scheduled site for the ASCC award banquet Friday and may be open for business on Monday.

CENTER of Attention

By SOREN WILLIAMS, TM Graphics Editor

With food being served in the Food Court and the air conditioned eating area getting its full use, the cafeteria, home of Culinary Arts, still waits to be finished.

A big piece of plastic separating the food court and cafeteria is the most obvious reminder to students that the project is still not over.

Couches have been received and set in the space that will be the coffee bar, Friends. The rest of the furniture has been received and will be put in place as soon as the construction is finished. One television sits in its cubby hole with a blank screen.

"We hope to have it done by Thursday, but open for business on Monday," ASCC President Wayne Nunnery said.

"This is an ongoing project," Nunnery said, "which probably won't be done until summer break."

According to Nunnery, the plants will be in place around May 8, as long as the school can come to an agreement with Jungle Creations on the price of the service. Hong Kong Express isn't expected to move in until summer time.

Culinary Arts is scheduled to move into the cafeteria before the end of the spring semester.

"We're still planning on having the Awards Banquet Friday and the Chamber Mixer with the chambers of commerce of the surrounding seven cities Thursday."

Manager receives settlement

■ Former Bookstore manager gets \$42,500.

By AMARA AGUILAR
TM Editor in Chief

In exchange for releasing Cerritos College from any liability in connection with his resignation, former Bookstore manager Alan Beaulieu received \$42,500 plus seven months' salary in an agreement reached April 14.

The agreement stated that "no admission of wrongdoing, liability and/or debt by the college or Beaulieu is intended or should be inferred because of this agreement."

According to Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin, the majority of the \$42,500 was paid to Beaulieu by Cerritos College's insurance carrier.

As part of the agreement, Beaulieu dropped a claim dated March 7 that stated he suffered personal injury, loss of economic advantage, emotional distress, harm to reputation and other economic and non-economic damages.

According to the claim these damages were incurred because of incidents involving Gaskin.

The claim stated Gaskin used Bookstore funds to support Cerritos College Foundation activities.

"The claim is full of lies," Gaskin said.

"It's ridiculous—absolute fabrications. There is no one—no one that can substantiate any of the claims," Gaskin said.

Beaulieu would not comment on the specifics of the claim without talking to his lawyer, but he did say, "You don't mess around with lies in the superior court."

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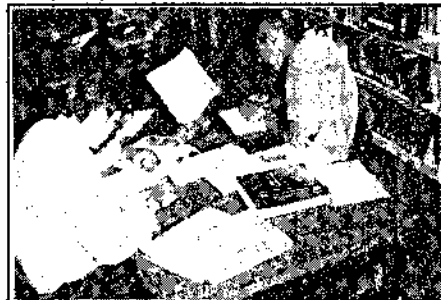
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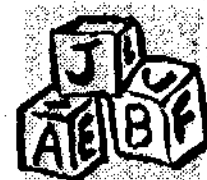
NEWS BRIEFS

Attention summer students



Cerritos College will be closed May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

Staff member gives birth



Cosmetology clerk Katie Colunga gave birth to her second daughter, Carly Joan, on April 11.

The baby weighed eight pounds and 11 ounces.

Graduation coming soon



Commencement will be held at the Cerritos College Stadium May 17 at 5:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be alumni Dr. C. Keith Harrison, former assistant football coach at Cerritos for four years.

Harrison is currently an assistant professor at Washington State University.

Financial aid forms due



The '97-'98 priority application deadline for financial aid application is May 8.

Only completed applications will be accepted and processing take 1-2 months.

For more information call the Financial Aid Office at 2397.

Reading mentors needed



Dolland Elementary School is asking for volunteers to read one-on-one with students two days a week, approximately one hour at a time from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Tammy Guerrero at (562) 921-9934.

Transfer scholarship offered



The Downey Branch of the American Association of University Women are offering \$1000 scholarship to women who have completed 56 units, a 3.0 GPA, and are planning to transfer to a university for Fall 97 as a full time student with a junior standing.

Application are due May 9. For more information contact the Financial Aid Office.

Christensen will retire



Vice president of Business Services Judith Christensen announced at a College Council Meeting that she will be retiring on Oct. 2.

Her retirement will come shortly before the end of the state audit. Director of purchasing Donna Jones stated that to her knowledge, these issues had any affect on Christensen's decision to retire. Christensen could not be reached for comment.

Chamber mixer to be held



Cerritos College and the Foundation is holding an area Chamber Mixer May 8 from 5-7 p.m. in the newly renovated student center.

According to ASCC president Wayne Nunnery, the college is expecting close to 500 people in attendance.

"Students are invited to attend in order to learn more about the working of the chamber of commerce.

For more information call ext. 2526.

Tribute honors Henderson



A memorial music tribute to Scott Henderson will be held May 14 from 12-2 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m.

Dr. John Feeney, Dr. Serafin Zasqueta, Pat Pinder, Larry Brad, and other members of the faculty will speak.

Memorial service to be held



Memorial services for Ed May will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m. at Hillcrest Congregational Service, 2000 West Road, in La Habra Heights.

May was the husband of retired Re-Entry Specialist and Gender Equity Coordinator Maureen May.



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Students from Cesar Chavez Elementary School arrive at Cerritos College as part of a community outreach program.

The art of reaching out

■ Phase Title III, a new community outreach program, exposes elementary and high school children to the world of college.

By JOYCE KELLY
TM Staff Writer

Thirty children from Caesar Chavez Elementary School came to Cerritos College Thursday and rushed off their school bus, jazzed over having their artwork critiqued—and being on a college campus.

Their presence at Cerritos was due to Director of Public Relations Lilia Rodriguez' push for reaching

out to the community in a program called Phase Title III.

"It is a way to share with the community what is offered at this college and it is an opportunity to reach out to elementary schools and high schools," Rodriguez said.

The 10 and 11-year-old guests were given a short tour of the gallery and a college-level art class by the director of Cerritos College Art Gallery Dan Cautrell.

"This is a great experience," Nancy Sandoval, the children's teacher and Cerritos College alumna, said. "I'm impressed with it."

"It was cool," fifth grader Phyllis Farnsworth said.

According to Rodriguez, Caesar

Chavez Elementary School is noted for its visual arts curriculum, though Phase Title III students were exposed to printmaking at Cerritos.

Cautrell had visited the elementary school to prepare them for the art project.

He later critiqued their art projects he had started them on in previous visits to their campus.

The students were taught how to print self-portraits with captions, which were made of macaroni.

"Printmaking was fun," fifth grader Sophia Clark said. "I am a pretty good painter and I liked learning something new."

During the critique, the students chose one of their two prints to be

put on display.

"The exhibit will be titled 'Self Portraits and Worthy Words,' Cautrell said.

"We want to show them that there's a college nearby where they can start for their goals," Rodriguez said.

"We really enjoyed the 'pilot class' and want to be included again," Sandoval said. "Other teachers in other schools have asked me about the experience and they are ready to try it too."

The children's work will be shown at a later, yet to be announced date.

Student senate to vote on budget

By MONICA COTO
TM News Editor

The problem is not the cut but who gets the biggest piece.

Although \$80,000 from athletics, fine arts and student activities is proposed to be cut from ASCC funding for the 1997-98 school year, opposition to the budget is stemming from the suggested redistribution of funds.

The proposed cuts are due to reduced revenue from the Bookstore and ID card sales. Projected losses for the 1997-98 school year are \$129,000.

However, \$50,000 is being added to the budget as projected revenue from the new food court. In all, the budget committee had to cut \$80,000 from this year's budget.

The most controversial part of the budget was the redistribution of \$10,000 from a supervisor's fund which was set up to help teams traveling out of state attending national competitions.

Phi Beta Lambda, Phi Theta Kappa, Psi Beta, Administrative Justice and Forensics each received \$2,000.

"The clubs used to have to fight for this \$10,000," Nunnery said. "Those that had competitions early in the year used all the money up and then the clubs that had their competition during the second half of the year had no money left to pay for their coaches and advisors to go to competitions."

In the proposed budget, this

money will be distributed equally among five clubs that regularly have national competitions.

During the meeting former senator Daniel Muñoz asked to address the senate about this issue, but was denied.

"Something is wrong with the way we are distributing money and I think everyone can see that," Muñoz said. "For example, the only expenses that [Phi Theta Kappa] has is they send two people to a national convention. It's not even a competition."

Muñoz also said that the clubs that were being allocated do not give back to the school.

"I talked to [Wayne Nunnery] and he said 'there is nothing that says you have to give something back.' If you take money you've got to give something back or else I'll start my own club and we can all go to Ensenada and party."

At first Nunnery refused to comment on which clubs would actually benefit from this redistribution of funds. Later, he said, "No one really benefits from this."

There were also cuts made in the budget. According to Nunnery, the first areas cut were in organizations that had more than one source of income.

One of those areas was athletics.

According to the proposed budget the ASCC will no longer pay \$17,000 for athletic insurance and \$35,000 for athletic equipment. Instead the entire \$52,000 will be paid for by the district.

"Athletic insurance and equipment is something that we as a student body paid when the district was in financial need," Nunnery said.

"Now that the district is in a fairly good position, they need to pick up their end of the budget."

The second area cut was an hourly position in fine arts that the ASCC had been paying for five years.

"This position was initially hired to take over for Mr. Tom Nelson when he went on sabbatical, but for some reason it kept flying every year and the associated students kept paying for the position," Nunnery said.

He said he asked the district to pay for that position.

The next student senate meeting will be today at 2 p.m. in BK III/112.

RESIGNATION: Pact reached, claim dropped

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Beaulieu, who requested a formal hearing after the college served a notice of intent to dismiss him from employment with the college for acts constituting grounds for dismissal under Board Policy 7334 (disciplinary reasons).

Beaulieu said a hearing was in progress when the agreement was reached.

Beaulieu cited "philosophical differences" between himself 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.

"There just wasn't going to be anything to come back to," he said.

The audit, performed by Vavrinek, Trine, Day, and Co. in September, stated Beaulieu owned Varsity Bookstore, a private bookstore that engaged in various transactions with the Cerritos College Bookstore.

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

No formal charges were made by Cerritos College against

Parking fees may increase in the fall

■ Prices for college parking permits may be raised \$5.

By DON PEREZ
TM Staff Writer

Two positive trends are going on in the parking lots: no stolen cars have been reported for over a month and Cerritos College students pay the lowest parking fees in the area.

And that trend will hopefully continue as the Board of Trustees will tonight vote on a proposal that will raise the parking fees in the fall, raising its price from \$15 to \$20 in an effort to raise more funds for campus police.

Already 17 cars have been stolen from the parking lots this semester (one of them a 1965 Mustang owned by the college president's secretary) and 13 vehicles have been vandalized and campus police hope to reduce those numbers in the fall — if they can.

"There's no way we can do any of the things we need to do," Lt. Frank Bukowiecki said. "We're on a tight budget and it would be impossible for us to hire extra bodies or implement anything. The raise is quite fair and the students still pay for a very low parking fee when compared to other community colleges."

According to a survey of nine local community colleges done by campus police, Cerritos College right now has the lowest priced parking permit at \$15. Other colleges average about \$26 for a permit; the priciest in the area is Pasadena City College, which charges \$64 for a parking pass.

If the proposal passes, campus police hope to install towers in the parking lots to monitor the areas and hire another police officer along with more parking attendants; at present, according to Bukowiecki, there may be only one of each on patrol of the entire college at a given time.

The student senate already supported the raise by a slim measure, voting 7-6-1 in favor of the proposal.

ASCC president Wayne

Nunnery was surprised at the senate's support of the raise and pointed out the con side of the issue.

"Parking is the second biggest complaint on campus and security is the third biggest issue on campus. I didn't think they would support a hike in parking fees, but if they want that, then that's what they get," Nunnery said.

"Students should not be paying for security; security is a district responsibility. We only use parking on the campus four days a week. Security is a seven day a week issue. We're going to get an increase in security so we'll look like we really have a problem, and we're getting towers, so we'll look like a prison," Nunnery added.

Despite the negative image it may give Cerritos College, most students would prefer paying another \$5 for more security rather than watching over their back in the parking lots — and worrying if their car is still in the same place where they parked it.

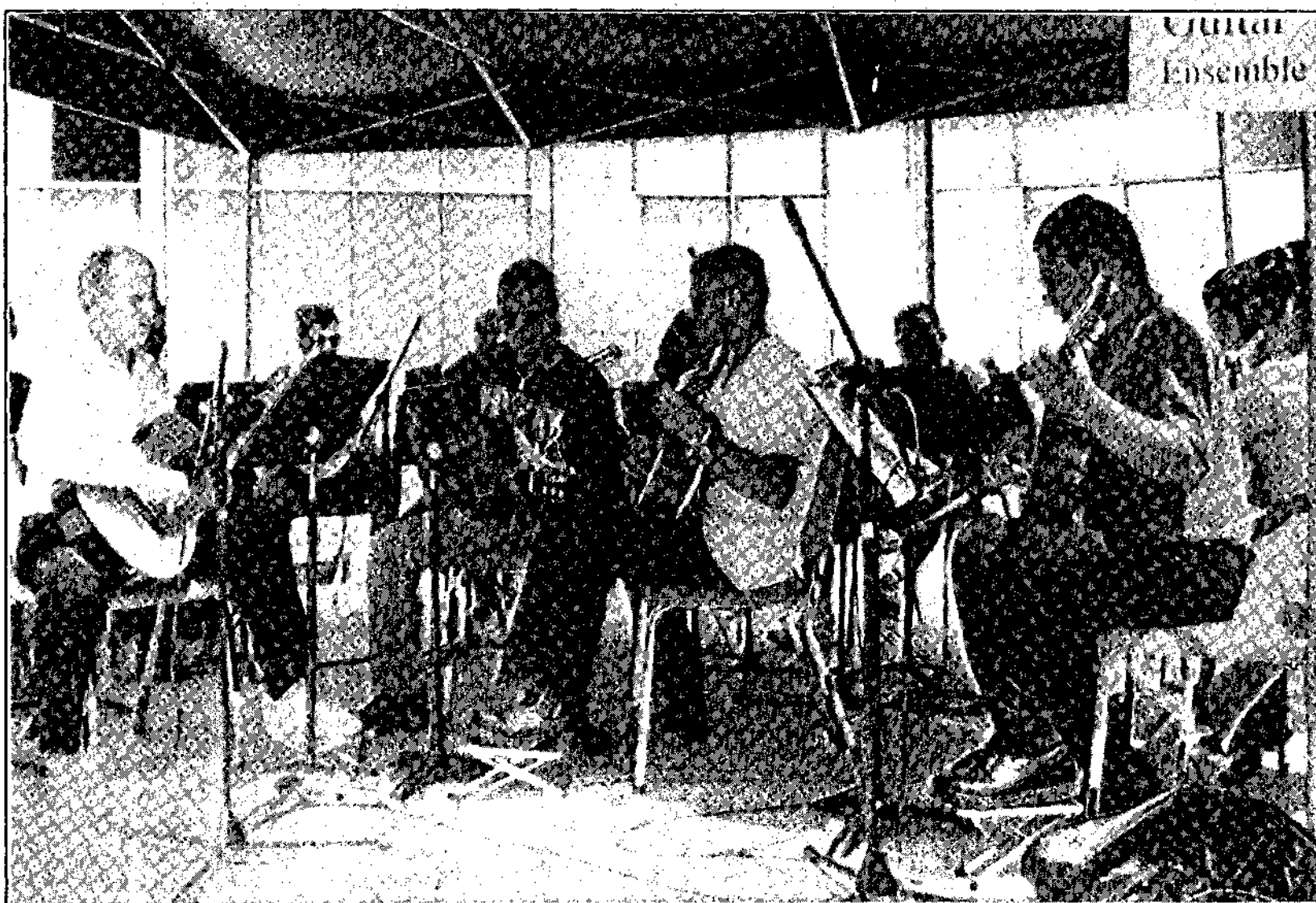
"I'd pay, but only if they increase their presence," Cruz Munro, a 33-year-old administration of justice major, said.

"I'm a night student and there's a lot of women taking night courses here — as long as these cops are around and not sitting down eating donuts and drinking lattes all night, it's worth the extra five dollars a semester," Munro added.

In contrast to the students, faculty will not be experiencing a raise, nor do its members want to pay \$5 more for security. Also, not everyone thinks throwing more money at the parking lot will solve the problem.

Board of Trustee president Bob Verderber expresses interest in how to improve surveillance, but would like to see an alternative to just raising the parking fees.

"I feel that campus security can be improved with resources that exist right now," Verderber said. "Let's do the planning first and then see if we really do need to raise the parking fees for these things, or can get these things done without having to cost the students more."



The Cerritos College guitar ensemble played several musical pieces from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the quad May 6.

Board signs contract

■ The Board take a Saturday retreat and enters into an agreement with Family Golf Center.

By DAVID FEENSTRA
TM Sports Writer

From approving the Family Golf Center contract to four-hour Saturday morning retreat, the Board of Trustees are leaving no stone unturned in its quest to put Cerritos College back on track.

At the special Board meeting last Wednesday night the Family Golf Center signed a joint use agreement with Cerritos for the use of the Strawberry path.

The lease will pay out an estimated five million dollars to the college over the next 20 years. There will be a miniature golf course, batting cages and an arcade. It will be geared toward a family environment.

The lease will pay out between \$150,000-\$200,000 or 15 percent of the gross profits, whichever will pay out higher.

Board member Mary Loya

and Dorothy Carfrae were the only members of the Board opposed to the golf training center, they said that the school should not get involved in any more financial dealings with all the problems already at the school.

Construction is scheduled to begin this summer with its completion and grand opening planned for January '98.

Last Saturday the Board held a retreat in the president's office in which their concerns on several issues ranging from Administrative evaluations to the Bookstore and audit issues were discussed.

A hot topic for the Board was the evaluation process, both administrative and faculty.

Student Trustee and Associated Students of Cerritos College President Wayne Nunnery questioned the evaluation system.

"I guess I'm from the old school," Nunnery said, "I think that the evaluations should be done from the top down, not the other way."

Other Board members agreed with Nunnery, claiming that employee evaluations of bosses are mostly biased by personal

opinions.

If a dean or manager tries to make changes and the employees do not agree the Board members claim that the employees will just evaluate their bosses out.

There were also talks of trying to rebuild the business program and the privatization of the Bookstore.

"Are we just going to forget the Bookstore?" Board member Cheryl Epple asked. "Because that is the impression I am getting from this Board."

Talks continued about the Bookstore for quite some.

Gaskin spoke about the possibility of floating RFP's to find offers but Epple shot down that idea quickly.

Epple was more concerned with hiring a new Bookstore Manager.

"What kind of person would take a job as bookstore manager when it might become privatized in a few months," Epple asked.

Talks eventually stalled and the item will probably be discussed at a later date.

The Board will meet again tonight in the Board Room at 7 p.m. all members of the public are welcome.

Banquet to be held

By MONICA COTO
TM News Editor

This spring's ASCC Awards Banquet will be held in the student center May 9.

Culinary arts will be cooking and serving prime rib and the music department will provide music.

Leadership awards will be given, including the service certificate, the Bronze, Silver and Gold Falcon.

Service certificates are given for service and participating in ASCC programs.

The Bronze Falcon is awarded to students who excel in service and participation in ASCC programs.

The Silver Falcon is given to students who show outstanding leadership, service and participation in ASCC programs.

The Gold Falcon is given to students who show the most outstanding leadership, service and participation in ASCC programs.

To receive any award students must have at least a 2.0 GPA and be enrolled in a minimum of three units.

Author speaks at final Women's History event

By MONICA COTO
TM News Editor

Women's History Month came to a close with a final workshop given by Dr. Linda Le Moncheck April 29.

In her lecture, "Feminism and Multiculturalism: What's the Connection?" Le Moncheck discussed the meaning of the word feminism and how it is dependent on multiculturalism.

"If we exclude women from our fight, we sink to the oppressor's level," Le Moncheck said.

Le Moncheck is the author of three books. The latest, "Loose Women, Lecherous Men: Essays in a Feminist Philosophy of Sex."

"There are as many kinds of feminists as there are women," Le Moncheck said. "White, middle-class women just have a more powerful voice."

Le Moncheck said it is the duty of these women to acknowledge that they do not represent all feminists and that they should help others gain a voice.

The lecture was the last of many Women's History Month activities that Instructor Francine DeFrance said provided students with the "most comprehensive academic environment in the entire year."

Students have had "life changing experiences" from some of the lectures and other activities put on through Women's History Month because they have learned things about women that they weren't previously aware of, DeFrance said.

Through Women's History Month, students have had a chance to learn about the struggles and accomplishments of women.

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Traveling student has fool-proof philosophy

■ Enrique Torres is one of the last manufacturing automation majors at CC

By KELLY BARTH
TM Staff Writer

Enrique Torres' philosophy is simple, when he makes a plan he follows it. It's a philosophy widely known by almost every student on the Cerritos campus, but followed by very few.

For Torres, a 31-year-old father of two, going to school full time while working 40 hours a week seemed to be the logical thing to do.

"A few years ago I concluded the logical thing to do was to go to school and continue my education," Torres said. "I made the decision and I carried it out."

Torres has proceeded to carry out his decision to the fullest by posting a 4.0 GPA while pursuing a degree in Manufacturing Automation.

Torres, who came to the United States 12 years ago from Argentina, has already earned his associates in arts degree and is now working on transferring to Cal State Long Beach.

Not only is Torres carrying a lofty GPA he is also one of the last students

on campus with this major.

Torres can't explain why the enrollment for this particular major is so low, but he can easily explain why he chose it.

"I knew it would help me advance my professional career, so it was a very logical choice," he said.

American Racing Equipment is the wheel manufacturer where Torres works 40 hours a week.

On the job Torres works in the engineering department where he oversees responsibilities for all four of the corporation's plants, two local and one in Mexico and one in Kentucky.

The duties of the job also require that Torres travel to those plants, usually for up to a week at a time.

"When you travel you have a business schedule, but there is usually some time left to do a little sight seeing and get to know the place, which is something the company really doesn't frown upon," Torres said. "So the travel is enjoyable."

For Torres, satisfaction on the job comes from the end result of his work. "I know that everyone of the two million or so wheels the company produces a year is made with the program I wrote either completely or partially, so whenever I see a Grand Cherokee, I can say I had a part in doing that," Torres said.

On an academic level Torres has seen the results of his work, aside from his 4.0 GPA, when he recently received an Academic Excellence Award.

It's an award Torres accepted with a great deal of humility and an awareness other student sacrifice as much as he does.

"This is some sort of an achievement award, but I was receiving awards with people like this woman who was a single mother with four children, worked full time and was going to school full time and she had a 3.8 GPA, which is remarkable," Torres said.

"I was just having a good time enjoying my classes and getting good grades, so in that sense I don't know if it's that much of an achievement, hers is an achievement."

Along with the achievements on the job and at school comes a price, and that price is very limited spare time. Torres admits he doesn't enjoy being so busy with school and work and would much rather be at home enjoying a good book, but he knows that's not an option.

"I would like to stay at home all day with a pile of books," Torres said. "But that doesn't lead anywhere. If you want to get somewhere you have to just get there and that's what I'm doing. The college experience for Torres consists

of going to school, sitting in class, going home doing a little studying and taking tests. This type of straight forward approach to school hasn't left him with much time for his other pursuits which include reading, camping, building plastic models and photography.

A hectic schedule has prevented Torres from going camping or building models in five years and he hasn't taken any photos, other than family photos, in five years. And with what little time he has, he wishes to spend it doing things his family can participate in.

"When I'm not doing things (school and work) there's the weekend and I want to spend it with my family and doing things they can enjoy as well," Torres said. Torres' next plan is to eventually



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Enrique Torres works in the engineering department of a wheel manufacturing company.

travel to Europe with his family, taking two weeks each year and visiting a different city.

Cost and location attract students to Cerritos

By JENNIFER KHO
TM Feature Editor

If you had the chance to go to a four-year university at the same cost of attending Cerritos College, would you go?

"I stayed here," Business major Jesse Gonzales said. "I was offered all-expenses-paid attendance at Chico State, but I decided to come here instead."

Students have many different responses to this question.

"This is a better environment for disabled people. Many other schools don't accommodate disabled students with the services Cerritos College does," computer science major Teresa Ariaz said.

But Sandra Yañez, a psychology major, would prefer to be at a four-year school because she thinks "there is more prestige, the quality of classes and the skills of the teachers would definitely be better."

Cerritos College has a student body of about 22,000.

Why do students come to Cerritos?

The Cerritos College Spring 1997 Attendance Survey indicates that most students decided to come to Cerritos College because it is inexpensive, the class offerings are flexible and it offers courses the students are interested in.

But most students have additional reasons for choosing Cerritos.

Miguel Vera, pharmacist assistant major, decided to go to Cerritos because all his friends

went here.

People had a big influence on pharmacy technician major Demetric Pleasant's decision to enroll at Cerritos College this summer as well.

"I feel this is a decent college. The students look pretty nice here compared to other colleges I have gone to visit."

Dr. Isabell Egan, the college's international student advisor, can think of many reasons. Cerritos attracts a large student body.

"Cerritos College is the most culturally diverse campus in the United States and has an excellent reputation for the programs it offers. It is an established college with a very strong faculty," she said.

"We offer a large number of majors, good transfer support, industry-collaboration on certain programs and very good articulation agreements with the universities."

She also credited the central location, strong student support services, the new honors program, a good student activities program and a strong student government program as being "calling cards" that bring students here.

She feels the college offers many opportunities to "get involved in campus life."

But Jose Urias, a history and sociology major, doesn't think that students at Cerritos take advantage of these opportunities.

"There isn't really any spirit on campus and that's what's lacking. Other JCs like Mt. San Antonio College have a lot more student involvement in activities."

He thinks the school should concentrate on getting more students involved.

Interestingly, this lack of campus involvement might actually contribute to how well community college students do after they transfer.

According to Michael Smith, an outreach officer at CSU, Dominguez Hills, students who transfer from two-year colleges actually do better than the students who go directly into a four-year school as a freshman.

"A lot of the students who go to a four-year institution as freshman live on campus, where it is much easier to succumb to social activities."

Even though these students usually improve as they go on, transfer students are more likely to avoid the problem altogether, Smith said.

Are courses here equivalent to university classes?

Another reason transfer students do well could be that the classes they take at community colleges are comparable to the undergraduate classes at the four-year schools they transfer to.

"We work from the assumption that the classes are going to be comparable. If there was any question of the classes not being equal, Dominguez Hills wouldn't approve the articulation of classes from this college to our university," Smith explained.

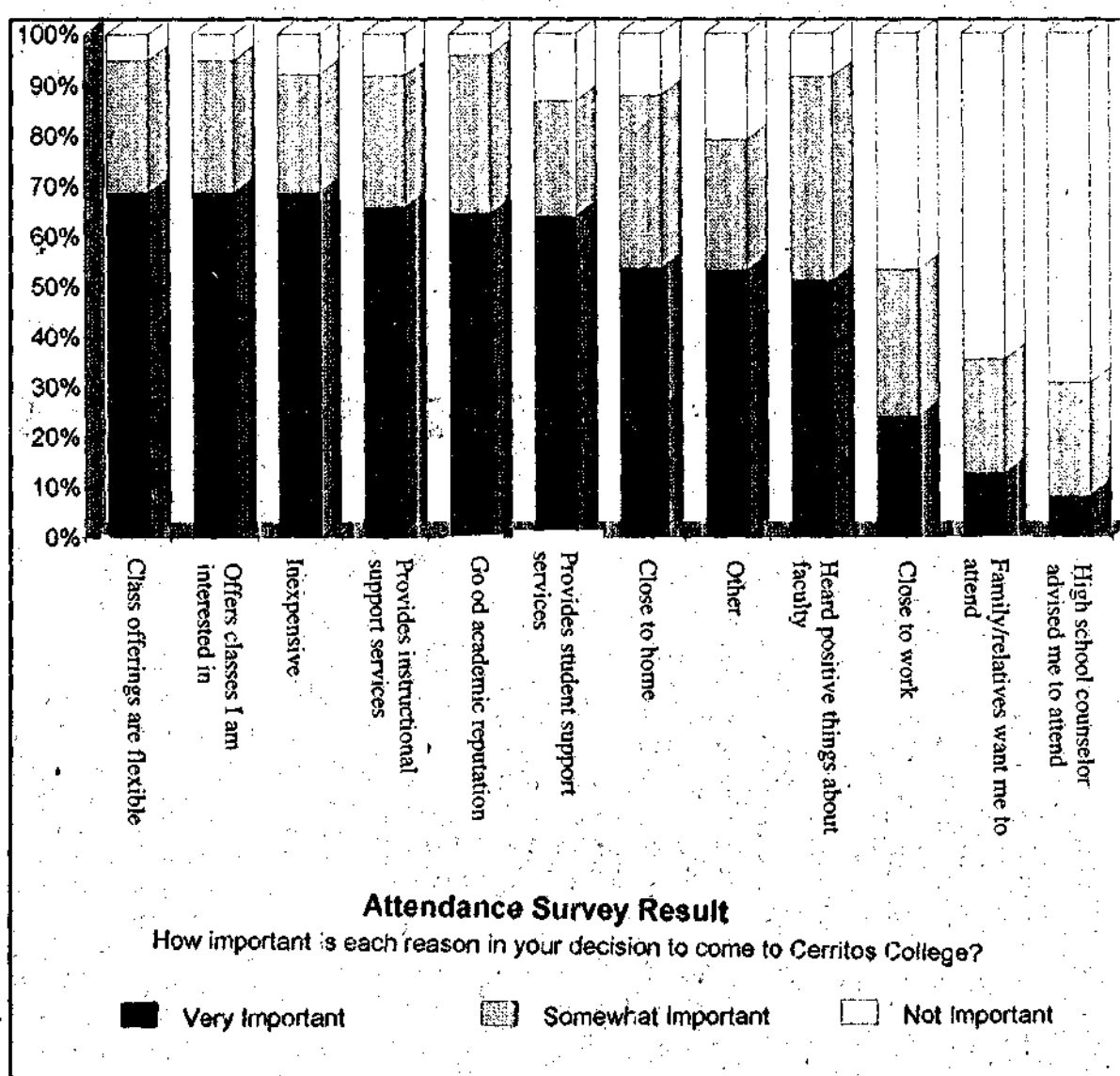
Dr. Todd Galfaney, a Cerritos College psychology teacher agreed.

"I think the GE classes are comparable. In some cases, the classes at community colleges might even be more difficult."

Psychology I classes at universities often offer extra credit for participating in experiments, while psychology I classes at Cerritos College rarely offer extra credit, Galfaney said.

Hun Taing, a psychology major at Long Beach College said, "A lot of my professors teach at the universities and give us the same materials."

Ackland and Egan also believe that the classes are



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equivalent.

But many people do not agree.

Cara Clinkenbeard, a psychology and social behavior major at UC, Irvine, believes that "the work load at UCI is harder because they expect more out of you at the universities."

Nancy Gallegos, a paralegal major at Cerritos, said that from the classes she has had, she thinks "the school is on a lower level."

Babbie Jensen, the Cerritos College women's soccer coach, said Cerritos College is not comparable to division I universities when it comes to athletics.

"We don't offer any scholarships through athletics, and universities do. They do more traveling for competitions while most of our games are local. The uniforms and equipment here are free, but the kids have to turn it in at the end of the season."

But all of these people agree that the key to the quality of the classes lies in the quality of the instructors.

"It depends on the instructor," Clinkenbeard said.

"There are some good instructors at community colleges as well as at the universities."

Urias also thinks that there are "some instructors of high caliber and others who are not as serious of professional as they should be."

The education students receive at community colleges also depends on their ability to get classes, according to Parish Krautkramer, an engineering major at Rio Hondo Community College.

In what areas should Cerritos try to improve?

Krautkramer transferred to Rio Hondo this semester from Cerritos because "at other colleges like Rio Hondo it is much easier to get the classes you need."

"Cerritos should get more teachers," he suggested.

Anh Truong, an electrical

engineering major at Cerritos, said that Cerritos would be more equivalent to universities if they would "offer more classes and more in-depth knowledge about your field."

Taing also had a suggestion. "Cerritos should plant more trees. I find that the college is not peaceful. It seems very crowded, the buildings are very close together and there aren't very many places to sit and study or be alone."

But even though the college still has room for improvement, many people believe that is a good school.

"For the money that you pay," Jensen said, "the coaches here at Cerritos are some of the best in the whole state. They are very dedicated and they really care about the kids."

Smith also thinks the school has shown a lot of commitment to its students.

"Cerritos measures up very well," he said. "I would venture to say Cerritos is probably in the top 20 colleges in California."

Are you getting your money's worth?

Schools	Tuition	Application fee
California community colleges	\$13/unit	none
California State Universities		
0.1-6.0 units:	\$918/year	\$55
6.1 or more units:	\$1,584/year	\$55
UC Irvine:	\$4,324/quarter	\$40
UCLA:	\$3,893/quarter	\$40
Biola University:	\$11,954	\$35
Whittier College:	\$16,886	\$35

Cramming doesn't work

By JENNIFER KHO
TM Feature Editor

Finals are coming. "Finals" is a word that can evoke a variety of emotions from students.

"I am nervous about them, but I'm a little excited about the prospect of doing well," Michelle Dalton, a day student, said.

Javier Garcia, an accounting major, said he is "looking forward to getting them over with and getting good grades."

Garcia said that his final scores will make up a fourth of his semester grades.

Finals can have a huge impact on semester grades.

So many students have developed their own ways of dealing with them.

"I usually review and I try to keep on top of things during the semester. But usually I skip class at the end of the semester because I'm too busy writing final papers," philosophy major Claudia Siliezar said.

Son Nguyen, a mechanics major, wakes up "about four in the morning every day the week before finals to study."

Ron Miranda, a computer major, keeps all of his notes on his computer, which is linked to the school computers via radio transmission.

"I try to keep ahead all throughout the semester. I get all my homework assignments out of the way weeks in advance so I have more time to study the things I need to work on."

Even though there are many different ways of dealing with finals, there are some common methods that teachers suggest.

Connie Boardman, who teaches biology, botany, anatomy and physiology recommended that students study in groups, make up test questions and test each other.

She reminded students to "make sure to get sleep the night before," and she said they should "try to get days off of work if they can afford to."

She also recommends that students pace themselves instead of cramming the night before the test.

Dave Huin, a speech teacher, warns, "Cramming does not work. If you don't know it the night before, it's too late."

Cerritos College also has several free workshops to help students prepare for their finals.

The next one will be a "Test-taking Strategies" study skills workshop May 13 at 11 a.m. at LRC-East. It will be held by Bonnie Helberg, a reading instructor, and is open to all Cerritos College students.



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STUDY TIPS

- Study in groups
- Make up test questions and test each other
- Pace your studying
- Get plenty of rest the night before the test
- Use flash cards for memorizing definitions or vocabulary
- On the test answer the easy questions first

Student Ana Macias reads a book in the library as finals approach. Finals will take place May 14-20.

Distance learning lends its helping hand across the whole world

Distance learning shows good and bad

By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ
TM Editorial Editor

Modern technology is being taken into classrooms across America.

Distance learning is imparted by telecourses and on-line classes.

Cerritos College offers accredited and transferrable college courses that allow individuals to earn college credits via television or home computer.

Bryan Reece, a political science instructor, said, "The non-conventional distance learning classes have their advantages and disadvantages."

"Most of them depend on the person and their lifestyle."

"Distance learning is ideal for someone that is very independent, very disciplined and very busy."

"Typically in a telecourse you find parents, people with hard jobs and spouses with a very busy life."

"[Telecourses] allow them to take a class in a more convenient way."

Usually the students view the course lessons on television and attend orientation and review sessions.

Reece has been teaching tele-

courses during the last three years and he says, "I like [teaching the telecourses] a lot."

It has been different, I had to change the way I teach. For example, I spend a lot more time on the telephone.

It is not uncommon to get 23 phone calls in a day."

The distance learning method is becoming more popular according to Reece.

He had 266 students registered for his political science telecourse this spring.

He estimates that around 700

"People of all ages learn better using computers."

—Dr. George Jaeger

students registered last year for his telecourse.

Reece also commented about his plans for next semester's telecourse.

"I am trying to merge on-line and telecourses together. Recently I started designing a very interactive web page. Also I started using e-mail assignment in the course."

The possibility of adding a live lecture to the course over the cable systems two times per semester with phone calls is part of his plans.

He said "I know that there are some technological problems, but eventually we'll be there."

Technology is going even further. On-line classes are also a relatively new addition to the distance learning courses at Cerritos.

Dr. George Jaeger, a liberal arts instructor, said, "People of all ages learn better using computers because they are actively involved in the learning process. In the traditional classroom students sit and listen to an instructor, but no matter how excellent the instructor is, a student's mind tends to wander even if only for a minute."

Traditional classroom instruction always renders the student a passive learner."

With the growth of the Internet the student has access that was never routinely available to anyone in history.

Jaeger said, "My students through my home page, for example, have access to the New York Times book reviews, CNN news which is updated about every three hours, pictures and text from the Library of Congress and other databases that were impossible to imagine being available at the touch of a finger even just five years ago."

Jaeger first started teaching online on a BBS in 1989 on an experimental basis helped by Dr. Silvia Hubble, who at the time



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Cerritos College offers courses that can be taken via computer or television.

was dean of the liberal arts division.

Since 1994 he has been teaching on the Internet from a home page that Doug Brantley showed him how to construct.

It was Brantley who encouraged Jaeger to move forward with that project.

Jaeger said, "I now have students attending my classes via the Internet largely from the LA-Orange County area, with some attending from different parts of California."

"In 1990 I had a student take my class from Byron Bay, Australia and last semester one student attended from Haifa, Israel, while he was home on a break from UCI visiting his parents."

Jaeger also said that one of the advantages of learning on-line is that the classes are asynchronous.

They free the student of having to stick to a rigid schedule, while they pursue their education at a time that is convenient

for them.

On the other hand, the greatest disadvantages about taking a class on-line revolve around two basic issues; the discipline of maturity it takes to work more or less independently and the ability to cope with computer problems if they arise.

The technological advances are changing the concept of education, and Reece and Jaeger encourage students to take a look to the distance learning option.

EDITORIALS

Reflecting on past, present, future

Well, here we are, at the end of the political smelting pool.

A year has gone by and a lot has happened at Cerritos. There were way too many bomb threats, a resignation accepted from the bookstore manager, two audits, a soon to be administrative-retiree, a new Student Center after years of political planning, and a partridge in the proverbial and highly controversial pear tree.

Throughout all of this, one might be led to believe that instead of an educational environment we have been immersed in a political forum of personal gain and social defacement.

But there have been some good things going on at Cerritos College.

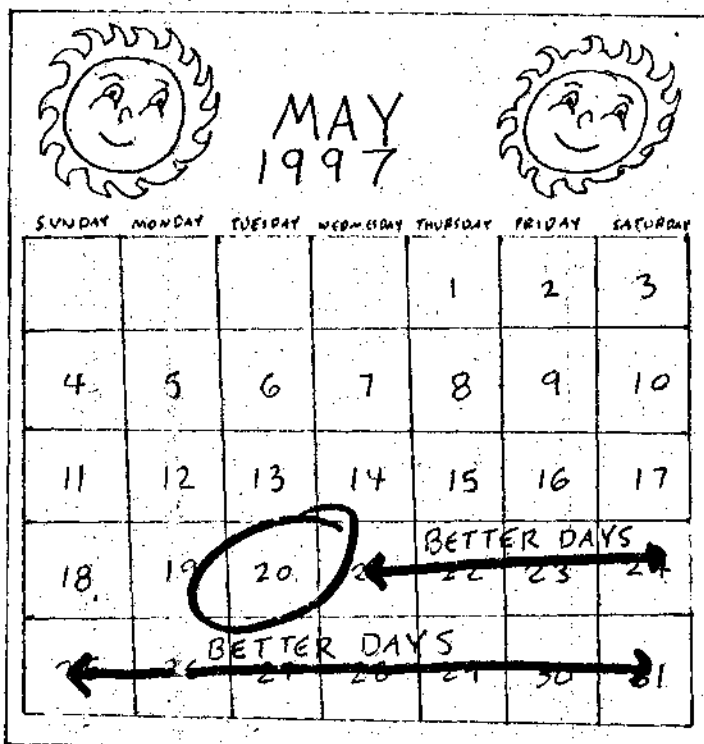
We have a brand new food court, the master plan is finally finished, there is a new one-stop shop registration process, the Strawberry patch is going to become a golf training center and the forensics team has been fairly successful.

All that was accomplished in the midst of a million dollar screw up in the Bookstore, problems finishing the Student Center on time and cars being stolen left and right.

The COPS and transfer programs are well underway, the children center has a new playground and there are signs up everywhere to keep you from getting lost—all in spite of the constant controversy, conflict of interest this and personal agendas that.

Through everything Cerritos College is still serving it's purpose as an educational institution, but how long will it be before all of the personal squabbles and unnecessary rhetoric get in the way of a healthy educational learning environment?

This is still a school after all.
But it can only go up hill from here.



Finals are here, where are you?

It's interesting how students go through a whole semester of classes and tests but don't seem to fret too much about their grades or studying.

That whole semester seems like it will never end and if an assignment is missed or a test is botched it seems like there is plenty of time to make it up or simply learn the stuff later.

No matter how long a semester is, about 80 percent of that time is no problem then the remaining 20 percent is impossible.

It's like a rubber band being stretched and stretched, it seems like it could go forever and then all of a sudden it reaches its maximum stretch and breaks, snapping on the fingers of the stretcher.

Every year students seem to notice this interesting effect at the end of the semester, the time when stress levels reach a maximum and classes get dropped like they've got the plague. It is because of this interesting phenomenon that we at Talon Marks think the students could use a little comic relief. Good luck on finals. Let's hope none of these reasons ring true.

TOP TEN REASONS YOU AREN'T GOING TO PASS YOUR CLASS

1. You have to follow those new signs to find your 8 a.m. class.
2. While cleaning your car, you finally find your calculus book underneath an issue of the Talon Marks saying the Student Center should be done Feb. 1.
3. When you walk into your political correctness class, the professor says, "Who the hell are you?"
4. You dropped the class last week.
5. The essay topic for the final is "Name The New Cerritos College Student Body President."
6. Your auto shop professor doesn't believe you when you try to explain that the car you repaired for your final was parked in the parking lot just 5 minutes ago.
7. The signs you followed to your 8 a.m. class led you to the wrong class.
8. Your study group meets in the Student Center.
9. No bomb threats to save the day.
10. Bookstore now charging \$10 for 882 scantrons.

C. C. Falcon



takes to get one of their burgers? I'm playing hard-to-get.

• **WHERE'S THE BEEF?** Taco Bell came up short on the beef and chicken on Monday. With all the cow problems lately, it's no wonder about the beef. But what about the chicken? I hope they don't decide to start serving falcon tacos. I'm still on the run from those Falcon Grill people. Notice how long it

• **THEY AREN'T NO JACK KENNEDYS.** The attendance at the runoff election reinforced what I've been saying all along. Nobody cares about elections anymore. I think we began to take the student government for granted. After all that Wayne Nunnery did for us, we don't

appreciate how much work it really takes, and how much these candidates don't measure up.

• **GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.** If you're walking through the campus and notice posters for meetings or anything, take a good look at the date before you put it in your schedule. A lot of them have already happened. The clubs posting them don't keep them too current.

• **NO MORE AMERICAN GRAFFITI.** Do you ever wonder how, in this suburb of Los Angeles, our buildings and walls remain so flawlessly uniform in color? You can thank the crew that scours the campus each morning to eliminate any graffiti so thoughtlessly scrawled in the most inappropriate places.

• **INSECTUAL HARASSMENT.** Been bugged lately? The experts say we have a lot of mosquitoes on campus. If it were flies, we know what we'd have too much of. With mosquitoes, all we can blame is water.

• **TARDY TEACHERS.** In high school we got in trouble for coming into class after the bell. Now the teachers wait in fifteen minutes late, or whenever they feel like it. Does this affect our education at all? I wonder.

• **HOT DATES.** The Social Sciences building is really heating up with all that social education going on. I wonder if they have classes on dating, because that place is HOT!

• **SEE FOR YOURSELF.** The Student Center is supposed to be done by this week, right? Have you walked by there? Does it look like it will be?

• **WHAT?** Wayne Nunnery may have backed himself into a corner. Not only was he debating with himself on the raise in parking fees and neglecting to mention a \$13,000 deficit in his budget plan, he lost his temper and threw a student out of his office for asking him to clarify some facts, and maintained that no one would benefit from changes in club funding. I think his time is up.

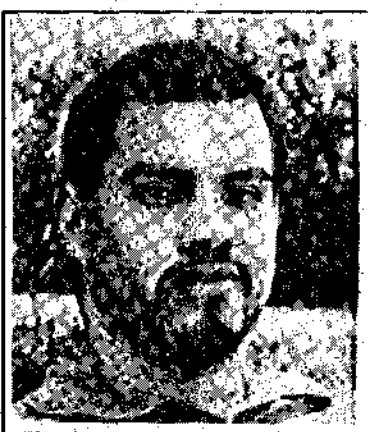
• **GOOD NEWS FOR STUDENTS.** No cars have been reported stolen from the campus since April 3.



campus comment

"What do you do to prepare for finals?"

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"I study, study and study like three days before the final."

Nestor Gomez
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"I set time with students from classes that I have and study for an hour in the library and cram."

Stella Lin
Graphic Arts



"I study an hour before the final. I go to the library and sit by myself."

Daniel Elias
Undecided



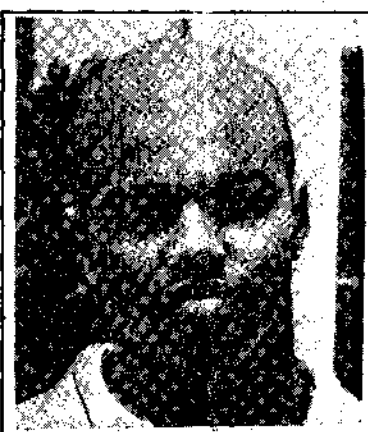
"Half the time I study in the library and half the time I spend cramming because I work."

Carmen Pagan
Psychology



"I wait until the last possible minute. I study a couple nights before the final."

Mary Molina
Business Administration



"I spend a lot of time in the library and study for about three hours a day by myself."

Yommie Bayliss
Dental Hygiene



"I try to study without falling asleep and then wait until the last minute."

Erika Mejia
Administration of Justice



"I listen to classical music and sit in my house alone. It helps me concentrate."

Arnold Castellanos
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Audit isn't necessarily a bad thing

By DAVE COWDRICK
TM Opinion Editor

The Joint Legislative Audit Committee's decision to conduct an extensive performance audit of the Cerritos Community College District may be one of the best things that has ever happened at this school.

The audit has been viewed in such a negative way that its positive repercussions have almost been completely overlooked.

It's unlikely that the audit isn't going to find something wrong with some aspect of the operations of Cerritos College.

At least I would hope something will be found in the aftermath of an audit that is going to cost \$159,000.

Of course, if no wrongdoing are found in the operations of Cerritos College it will leave many people with a lot of egg on their faces, which if this really is some kind of personal vendetta will mean a personal victory for certain individuals who said the audit wasn't necessary.

But suppose something is found to be amiss in some respect to the district.

It seems to me that if this is the case then it should be brought to the public's attention.

If there is a problem with this college we should know about it. It doesn't necessarily have to be a bad thing. All institutions have



their flaws.

The Cerritos College District can't be expected to be the exception, and if something is wrong, and it turns out that the audit was really necessary, then it just needs to be corrected.

If it turns out that certain individuals have hidden personal agendas it is likely that this will be discovered by the state auditor.

This is where it gets a little messy.

If there are specific individuals misusing funds or whatever the case may be, this will reflect on the district as a whole. I can see the concern for the reputation of the district if this does end up to be the case.

The integrity of the district and its employees will be hit hard. It may be difficult to find contributors and volunteers who want to be associated with the district.

This would be very unfortunate.

nate. The purpose of the audit shouldn't be to give Cerritos a bad name, but if individuals are deliberately subscribing to some kind of wrongdoing then that is exactly what is going to happen.

The audit's purpose should be to correct any unintentional discrepancies in the district's operations to promote a better educational environment.

That is what I hope this about anyway.

Instead of some political wargame, I would like to believe that there are people out there who are genuinely concerned with the quality of education that is provided at Cerritos College.

This may not be a direct issue of the audit, but it is most definitely one that will be affected.

This is a school, an institution of higher learning, and if there are problems stemming from the administrative operations the educational environment will most definitely be affected.

I hope this is one of the biggest concerns on the minds of all those who are both for and against the audit.

I hope that those who feel the audit is necessary have the intentions of maintaining a functional educational environment.

I also hope that those who feel the audit is necessary are concerned about the repercussions an audit would have on the educational environment and not that of their own reputations.

LETTERS

Audit will be disruptive

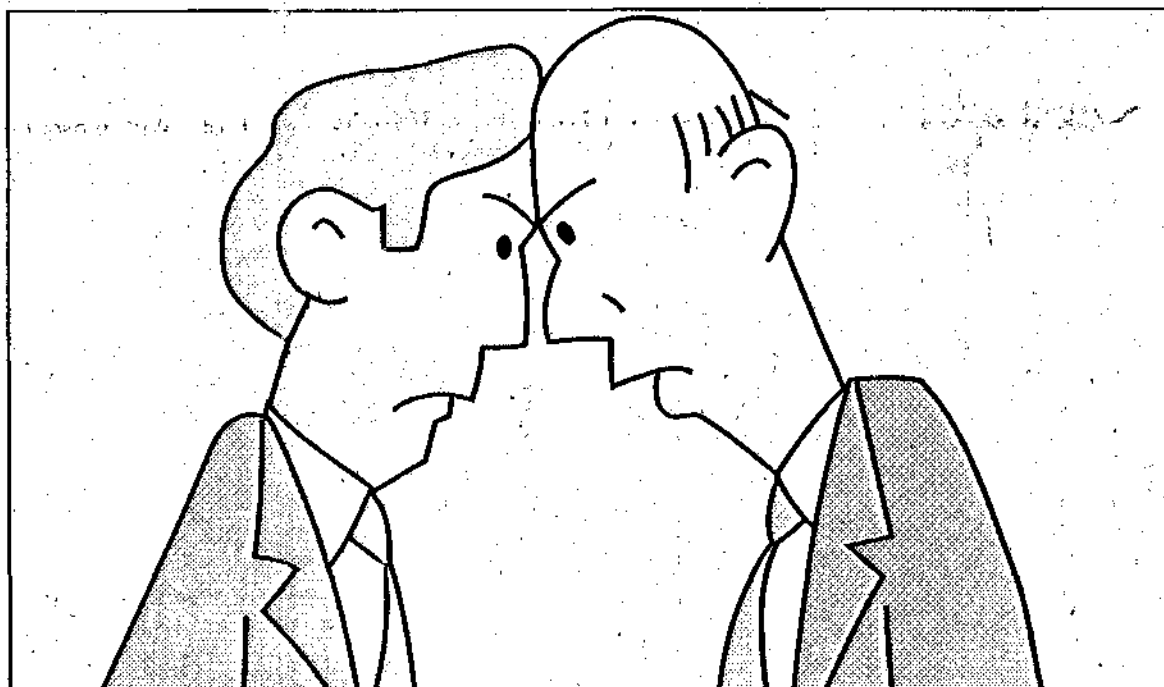
As many of you are aware, Assemblymember Grace Napolitano has requested an in-depth fiscal and programmatic audit of Cerritos College.

I am disappointed with the Joint Audit Committee's decision to grant Napolitano's request. There are a few individuals who call themselves "concerned citizens" whose goal is to disrupt the college. We have reached out to these individuals on numerous occasions and in numerous ways to resolve their questions locally. They have rejected our efforts and in the end pure politics prevailed. The testimony of many positive individuals was not permitted at the hearing as the number of witnesses and the time allocation was controlled by the chair.

It is truly sad that as we strive to move the college forward, a few individuals can disrupt our progress. I urge all of you to focus on your task of ensuring that Cerritos College provides the finest community college learning opportunity for our students. Keep your eyes on the prize.

Board president Bob Verderber and I pledge the full cooperation of the Board and staff in the conducting of this audit. If recommendations are made, we will welcome and fully implement them as we strive to improve the operation of the college. We will also keep staff informed of the progress of the audit.

Dr. Fred Gaskin
Cerritos College President



Audit necessary for district advancement

I write this letter as a friend of Cerritos College from the perspective of a "concerned citizen" who has been associated with the college for nearly thirty-five years.

I believe my credentials entitle me to address you as one who does indeed have a history with this institution that extends beyond the current petty politics and personal vendettas.

I have given my voice before the Board of Trustees and the administration to what I am convinced are true issues that deeply affect the financial and total vitality of this institution.

My concerns are genuine and grow from my commitment that this college will continue to be a vital and viable place where the doors of the future are opened for students.

I made a decision to write the Joint Legislative Audit Committee for assistance in resolving the concerns I and others have expressed about the financial operations, misuse of staff support for the Foundation, inappropriate "loans" from the ASCC to the Enterprise, and other questionable practices of administration.

That decision was made only after all attempts at resolution at the college level were consistently met with stonewalling and obfuscation and only produced multiple local audits that we both contradictory and incomplete.

The Joint Legislative Audit Committee agreed to hear the request for an audit and conducted the meeting I attended in a fair and balanced manner.

They gave each side of the issue the same amount of time and number of witnesses.

My purpose in supporting this audit request is that there are fiscal and procedural operations in place at Cerritos that have a great potential to cause great harm

to the ability of a very fine institution to continue serving its students and communities.

What this audit is intended to accomplish is to provide answers and recommendations from experts who have and independent outside view.

The community that supports this college deserves to know what the real financial status is and to know if the procedures comply with state law and practices.

Some cry out against such an audit, but I believe it is better to have accurate information now rather than to struggle to educate our students in the midst of a financially failed institution.

One of the things this audit cannot measure is the extent to which fear and intimidation have eaten at the heart or academic freedom.

Unfortunately, that effect can only be ascertained in terms or the compromises made with truth and honor and in the aftermath of wrecked lives and derailed careers.

I was taken with a phrase that appeared in a press release from the Public Information Officer that asked all to "keep your eyes on the prize."

What struck me was that this is a line from an old spiritual expressing dedication and hope for the victims, not as a clarion call for their tormentors.

I hope you will accept the audit positively and be open to the independent conclusions the auditors will bring to the institution.

I think that accountability should produce growth and not fear and dread.

I trust that during this time everyone will continue to keep their focus on students and the results you assist them to achieve. If ever there is a prize, student achievement is that prize.

Joseph O. Stits
Former Trustee

Reputation on the line

It's time to clear the air and set the record straight on the recent legislative decision concerning the audit of Cerritos College.

We are a campus in harmony with itself.

There is no great unrest (real or perceived).

A campus with over 60 clubs and activities and nearly 200 students involved in student government alone.

To have the reputation of this fine institution tarnished by a few political opportunists, disgruntled employees and former employees, whose only goal is to undermine the integrity of the institution and cause the president/superintendent to resign, is not only deceiving the public, it is downright dishonest.

Don't for a minute believe that these so-called "concerned citizens" represent the majority. In fact their numbers are few.

They know there is no truth or substance to their allegations.

For almost a year I have watched them engage in a campaign of character assassination, intrigue, and attempts to keep the Board of Trustees in a constant state of turmoil.

Do they realize how many students may suffer because they have created an atmosphere of mistrust?

How hard will it be for Cerritos College to attract volunteers, contributors, and those who are willing to support students?

The answer is simple, they don't care.

Their personal agenda does not have room in it for what is good for the college and its students.

I traveled to Sacramento on two separate occasions to testify before the committee.

I witnessed the assemblywoman as she presented her raw, so called facts and allegations, which I might add were not subject to cross examination or scrutiny.

Yet, taken as fact.

Members of the college Board of Trustees, the Foundation, faculty, staff, and students were not allowed to testify on the first appearance.

On the second trip we were only allowed to have two people testify for a total of ten minutes. The committee had already made up its mind.

This audit will cost the tax payers \$159,000. In reality, it will cost Cerritos College much.

If the legislature would have given the college that \$159,000, we could have bought much needed books for our library, a cause championed by the Cerritos College Foundation.

I have all the confidence in the world that Cerritos College will survive this audit with relatively few problems.

We at Cerritos College will not let a few individuals disrupt one of the finest community colleges in the state.

It remains the best opportunity for the students to obtain an education.

Wayne Nunnery
ASCC President

NO

Audit

YES

Falcons seeded ninth in So. Cal playoffs

■ Team heads into three-game playoff series this weekend.

By DAVID FEENSTRA
TM Sports Editor

A second place finish in South Coast Conference helped the Falcon baseball team earn a number-nine seed in the Southern California regional play-offs.

Cerritos (29-12-3, 18-6 SCC) finished of the season winning two out of three including the season finale against the Long Beach City Vikings.

Against Long Beach, sophomore pitcher Mando Gonzalez carried a no-hitter into the eighth inning helping him pick his 10th win of the season against only two losses.

Freshmen Abel Orozco and David Mercado started all 44 games for the Falcons this season.

Orozco hit .341 with 47 RBIs and 61 runs, while Mercado hit a .333 clip along with 19 stolen bases to help carry Cerritos into the playoffs.

On the mound the Falcons were led by Gonzalez' 10 wins, 2.63 ERA and two complete games. Freshman Shane Sullivan picked two wins and eight saves.

Cerritos was also helped by sophomore Mikie Garcia who went 5-2 with a 1.95 ERA and two complete games.



Sophomore shortstop David Mercado picks up a ground-ball in the Falcons 6-1 victory over Long Beach City College to help Cerritos earn a ninth seed in the playoffs.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf

Season ends at Southern California Championships

The men's golf season ended when no one qualified from the Southern California Championship last Monday.

Making the trip to Bakersfield were Sam Vance, Tyson Roberts, Francisco Reynoso and Mike Ramos.

"We didn't play our best rounds," Golf coach Frank Mazzotta said. "But we still played pretty well."

Softball

Season ends on victory, but team fails to make playoffs

It was a case of mixed emotions.

Even with their 15-7 win over Mt. SAC, the Cerritos Falcons failed to be selected for the Southern California Regionals.

The Falcons scored first with an Erin Veith single and a triple from Mandi Long. The Falcons continued their hitting display by pounding an 11-0 lead by the fourth inning.

Mt. SAC chipped in seven runs in the seventh inning, but it was too little too late, when Cerritos added four more runs in the bottom of the seventh.

The Falcons ended their season at 22-15 and had a few players make All-South Coast Conference teams.

Miscellaneous

Three Falcon hoopsters move on to the next level

Chad Bell, a two-year starter, has signed a letter of intent to The Master's College. He averaged 7.2 points and 4.4 rebounds a game.

Eddie Ellis will be transferring to University of Hawaii-Hilo.

On the women's side, Tanisha Coleman, the Cerritos' MVP, is off to the University of Vermont.

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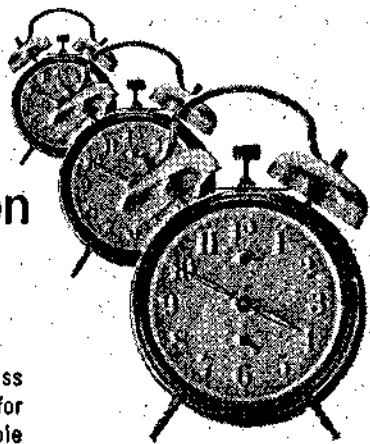
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IF I HAD A HAMMER . . .

■ Hammer-throwing freshman Vanessa Feula sets her sights on the State Finals and a record breaking performance.

By JAMES REYNOSA
TM Staff Writer

Vanessa Feula is just a couple of feet away from a state record, and even that happened by chance.

Being just a couple feet from a state record almost didn't happen at all.

Last fall on a cold and rainy afternoon, after almost everybody left, coach Gary Sarell decided that the women should practice the throwing events. Particularly the hammer throw.

"I never thought about [the hammer throw]," Feula said. "All I wanted to do was the discus and shot-put. And the next thing I know, coach Sarell is handing me this hammer."

In track and field, the hammer throw is the ultimate test for a thrower. It takes time to learn the concentration, speed and rotation all coming together in one motion.

From the very first throw, Feula impressed coach Sarell.

"She is a natural," Sarell said. "Her rhythm is very good. You can't coach that, you have to have the feel for the hammer."

On May 2 Feula launched a hammer 161 feet and one inch, only four feet from the state record of 166 feet five inches.

"I think I can get [the record]," a sheepish Feula said. "I just need a little more technique."

Maybe that's all Feula needs, because she's been competing for only six months.

So how has she done so well so fast? "It's just God given ability," Ed Arcaro said, a coach who comes to Cerritos to help Feula and others with the hammer throw.

"She's a natural. When a baby starts circling around, we stop that. We are taught everything in a straight line. The hammer throw is all circles, and that's hard to teach. But Vanessa has



"I don't care if I win or lose; I love it."

— Vanessa Feula

the balance and strength for [the hammer throw]. With more practice and a little luck she has a chance to go pretty far," Arcaro said.

And that natural ability doesn't end with just the hammer.

"The scary thing is that she has the ability to probably excel in the discus and shot-put," Sarell said. "She's a triple-threat in waiting."

"Right now I just love the hammer," Feula said. "I don't care if I win or lose; I love it."

Feula's love interest has a chance to take her to another level. But how far?

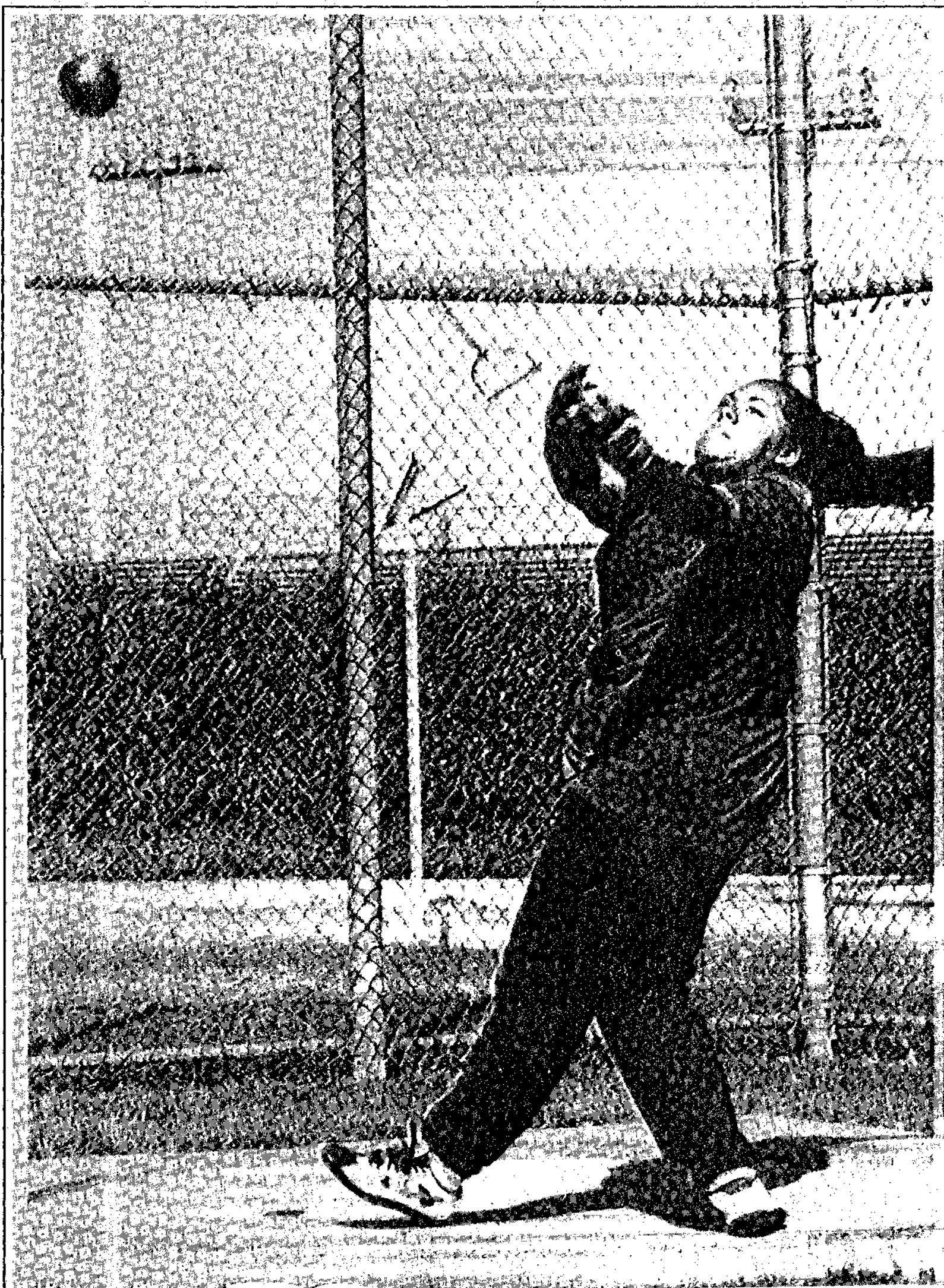
"Division I is a lock," Sarell said.

"With a little luck, some hard work and a strong family behind her, Vanessa might reach her highest goal," Arcaro said.

"I want to be competing in the 2002 Olympics," Feula said. "I've seen the numbers everybody is putting up and I think I can reach them in a few years. Why not go for it all?"

But this year isn't over yet for Feula. After last Saturday, she will compete in the Southern California Finals in Bakersfield and if she makes the top six, on to Fresno for the State Championships.

Once there, Feula will have more than a chance for her first State Title.



FAUSTO RAMOS/Talon Marks

Freshman hammer thrower Vanessa Feula practicing for the State Championships being held this Saturday at Fresno. There she will have six attempts to break the record of 166 feet four inches.

Team races to State Finals

By NOFO TAUTOLO
TM Staff Writer

A respectful finish in the South Coast Conference was just one goal accomplished by the Cerritos College track and field team within the past two weeks.

The Falcons now have their eyes on the prize with just one more step toward the State Championship.

The jump squad will be making a return trip to Bakersfield this weekend as they went one hundred percent qualifications to compete in the Southern California Finals.

"I'm really proud of them, the pressure was on and they got the job done," jump squad coach Debbie Jensen said.

Decathlete Mike Hem improved his mark in the high jump clearing 6 feet 2 inches while teammate Bryant Hargrove remained consistent at 6 feet 6 inches.

"I'm glad I qualified and I'm happy for my teammates too but the real competition begins next week," Hargrove said.

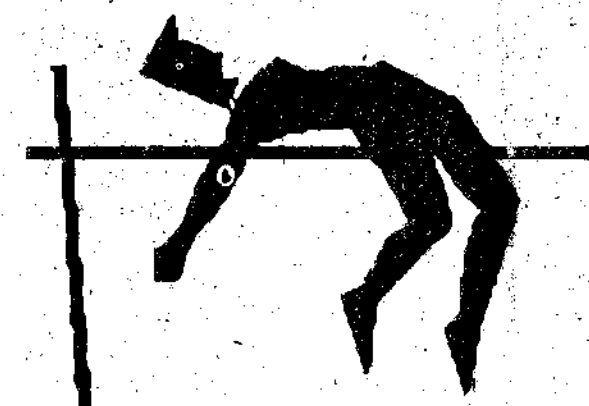
Throwing coach Gary Sarell advised his squad to go out and have some fun.

In the process Vanessa Feula cleaned house in the women's hammer with her closest competitor fifteen feet behind.

"I was kind of nervous at first in the hammer, but I stayed focused and just threw it with my lucky glove," Feula said.

Mario Alcazar finished in the top five in the men's javelin with the top 12 competitors qualifying. Alcazar will now join Feula and the jump squad in Bakersfield.

Other members of the team who qualified were the men's 4 by 100 meter team. The Falcon sprinters are within good standing with the top six finishers this



weekend advancing toward the State Championship.

Not everyone was able to take a victory lap last week as several athletes saw a great season come to an end.

Sophomore Eugene Warren walked away from the hammer ring in a silent tone, yet Warren remained tall.

"I should have had the school record but

all of my throws went out of the sector," Warren said as he tried to pick up the pieces.

It was over for some, yet thrower coach Sarell had no complaints. "This was the best group of throwers I've ever had in a long time and I'm very proud of them."

Distance runners Yvette Guerrero and Jennifer Kling walked away on a happier note despite the fact that it was over for them too.

"I had fun, I ran some good races and I'm looking forward to cross country," Kling said after running a ten thousand meter race.

The women's head coach was much impressed with the overall efforts on the women's squad, not just with the conference standing but with how many women are still competing.

"Last year we had Reneka Thomas as the only women's representative from Cerritos, now we've got at least five or six still in the race and that's another major goal we've accomplished this year," Clingan said about the women's squad.

The State Championship will be held on May 16-17 and those who survive Bakersfield will advance to Fresno for the big meet.

What is the hammer throw?
A track and field event.

How long have women competed in the hammer throw?
Three years nationally, two at Cerritos.

How much does the hammer weigh?
8.3 pounds

What is the national distance record?
172 feet four inches

What is the state record?
166 feet five inches

What is Vanessa Feula's personal record?
162 feet four inches

ON STAGE AT CERRITOS

Once again on 'This Island'

Island drama shares its culture with this generation.

By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ
TM Editorial Editor

Definitely after watching the outstanding performance of "Once on this Island" given by the Cerritos College theatre company almost everyone was ready to dance down the street.

This play based on the novel "My love, my love or the Peasant girl" by writer Rosa Guy has everything and more.

It has love, drama, comedy

and wit.

The play tells us the story of an orphan peasant girl named Ti Moune who saves the life of Daniel, a rich aristocrat.

They fall in love but racial and class differences pull them apart.

The story begins in a Caribbean island on the night of a tropical storm. The peasants use dances and songs to tell the story of Ti Moune and Daniel to a small girl.

This is a way to teach and share with other generations part of the folklore and history of the island people.

The best way to keep the culture alive is by telling a story.

At the end of this play, the last song, "Why we tell the story" makes us reflect about our own heritage.

The tropical music and the exotic dances give an incredible intensity to the play and the performers stand up to the expectations of the audience.

There are so many outstanding performances that it is hard to mention a particular highlight.

However, Jamie Hann (Asaka) has a voice that invites the spectator to dance and sing.

It is superb.

Also Imara Quinonez (Ti Moune) is a gifted actress. Every time she performs a love song the heart skips a beat.

She is perfect for the role of Ti Moune.

The handsome Daryn Dean (Daniel) has more to him than looks, he has talent and experience that show every time he takes the stage. His voice is a powerful element in the play.

Betty Arenas, a Downey resident who has seen the show before on Broadway, said, "The show is great and the students' performance is outstanding. I

love it."

Ana Guerreo, a Computer major at Cerritos, said, "I came just because my friend had an extra ticket and even though my theater experience is kind of short I felt like dancing after watching the play."

On and on this intense, exotic play makes the heart of many people sing and dance and that is why they should continue telling the story.

The New York Times called "Once on this Island," "A jubilant musical fantasy..." We waited and saw that this is definitely true.

'This Island' shows its technological savvy

Theatre department debuts new stage design techniques.

By JAMES REYNOSA
TM Staff Writer

At the opening of "Once on This Island" on May 2, most people never knew that the most ground-breaking feature of the show was all around the stage.

For the first time at Cerritos College, the complete set design was done on computer alone.

"It's the future," said theater teacher Dr. Robin Huber. "And we're finally caught up to it."

"The days of just pounding out a model are just about gone," Huber said.

"We need to start teaching our students the technology, but before that, I have to learn it."

"Learning it" has meant change. And perhaps for the better.

"Before you would have design plans and then try to incorporate the design to the stage."

"Problems with the stage size always come up," Huber said.

"But with the computer we are able to quickly change the scale of a set."

"Designing a set on the computer gives you a perfect match. What would take a week to build, we can do in a day," Huber said.

That's perfectly fine for some of the students who worked on the stage.

"It's great having a perfect print," said stage hand Jennifer Kowalski.

"You don't have to worry about the width of a pencil mark when putting the set together."

Using a computer for the set design of "Once on This Island" is not a one-time deal.

If everything goes as planned, Dr. Huber hopes to offer a computer design class by the year 2000.

"If we receive the equipment I asked for, Cerritos could be a state-of-the-art class in design," Huber said.

"[Theater] students will have to learn the new way, because the old style is obsolete."

Art awards announced at exhibition

Art students are recognized for outstanding work and awarded cash prizes.

The Cerritos Student Art Exhibition, on display in the Art Gallery, opened April 22 and will continue until May 15.

The awards for the best art in each discipline were announced at the opening reception on April 23.

The winners are, for the \$100 prizes,

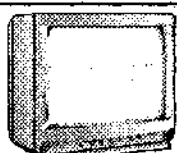
Lyvia Chi
Karenn Ohlinder
Nash Marquez

The \$55 winners are:

Jean Walsh
Jihyun Cho
Edward Santillanes
Ann Sohn
Daniel Glaze
Rosa Lee
Rebecca Carbajal

The \$25 prizes go to:

Celia Sawyer
Theo Gonzalez
K. Eveland
Ann Sohn
Sol Kreisler
Franklin H. Franzen
Rosa Lee
Ramona Pacheco



ON TELEVISION

A warm 'Gun' in hot hands

ABC's new series follows a firearm's exploits through Los Angeles, set to a contemporary beat.

By JOSH SHOPFNER
TM Staff Writer

There it sits, harmlessly placed inside a glass case, resting on a bed of red velvet: the aluminum-plated, pearl-handled pistol silently awaits its fate.

Thus begins the mini-series "Gun," which airs Saturday nights at 10 on ABC.

The series follows a single pistol as it changes hands with the frequency of well-worn currency.

The gun passes from the hands of a suicidal Japanese businessman to an enterprising homeless man to a shady hotel clerk who is shot by a group of street kids who use it to rob a liquor store and steal a car.

All of this happens in just one episode. Executive producer Robert Altman's films, including "M.A.S.H.," "Nashville" and "The Player," often feature large ensemble casts and "Gun" is no exception.

Martin Sheen, Daryl Hannah, Edward James Olmos, Jennifer Tilly, Randy Quaid, Rosanna Arquette, Daniel Stern and Kathy Ireland all take a shot at acting for the small screen with various degrees of effectiveness.

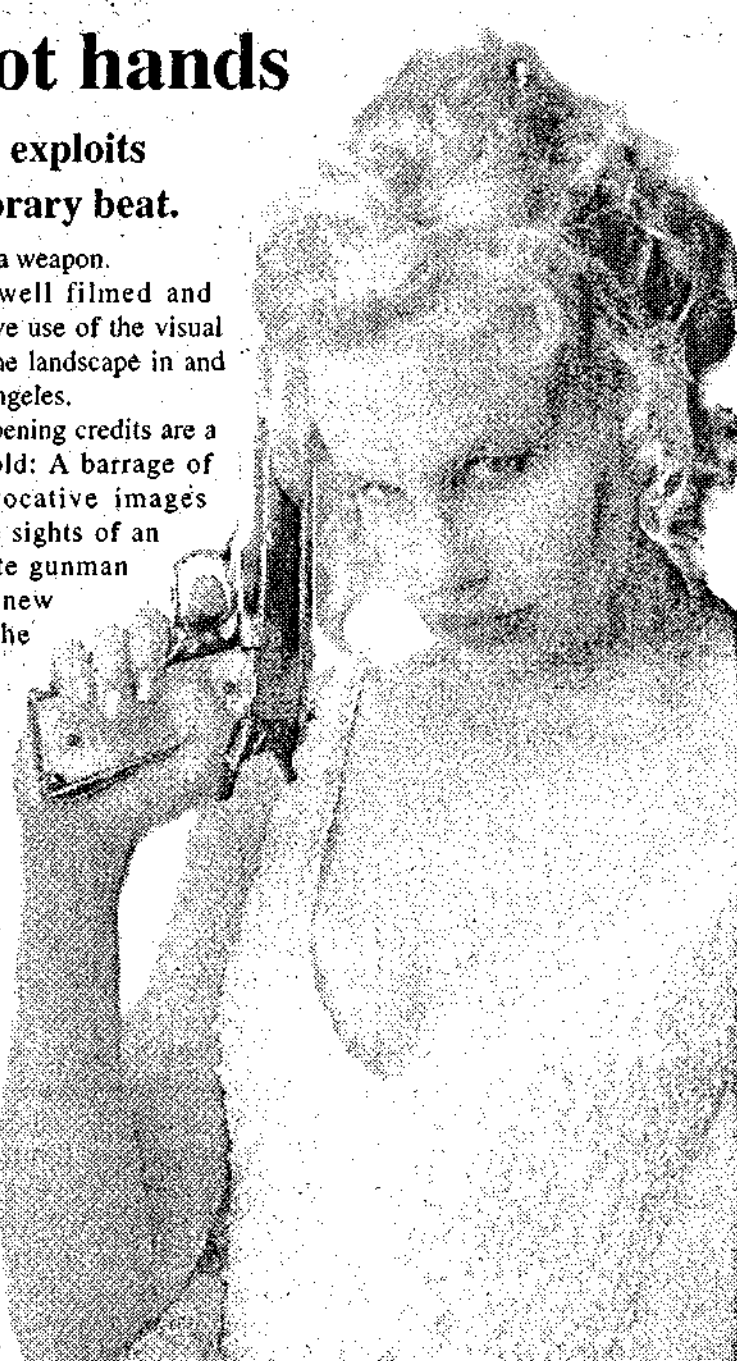
The series addresses such issues as America's fascination with guns, the media's obsession with sensationalism and the sense of power that comes with the

possession of a weapon.

"Gun" is well filmed and makes effective use of the visual feast that is the landscape in and around Los Angeles.

Even the opening credits are a sight to behold: A barrage of dark and evocative images caught in the sights of an indiscriminate gunman and set to a new version of the Beatles song "Happiness is a Warm Gun," done by Irish rockers U2.

There is no doubt about it, "Gun" is a high-concept, high-calibre, neo noir series that make for interesting and thought provoking television.



If you haven't heard the Boo Radleys, 'Wake Up' to this

A retrospective look at the career of the Lollapalooza veterans.

By DAVID DM COUTANT
TM Entertainment Editor

THE BACKGROUND

In England in about 1990, Martin Carr and his Boo Radleys released their first album on a small label with distribution only in Europe.

In 1991, Rough Trade records released the Boos' second album, "Learning to Walk," which made it to the U.S.

Largely influenced by the Beatles, Carr once said the band's goal was "to take lots of drugs and become famous."

They may have gotten half way

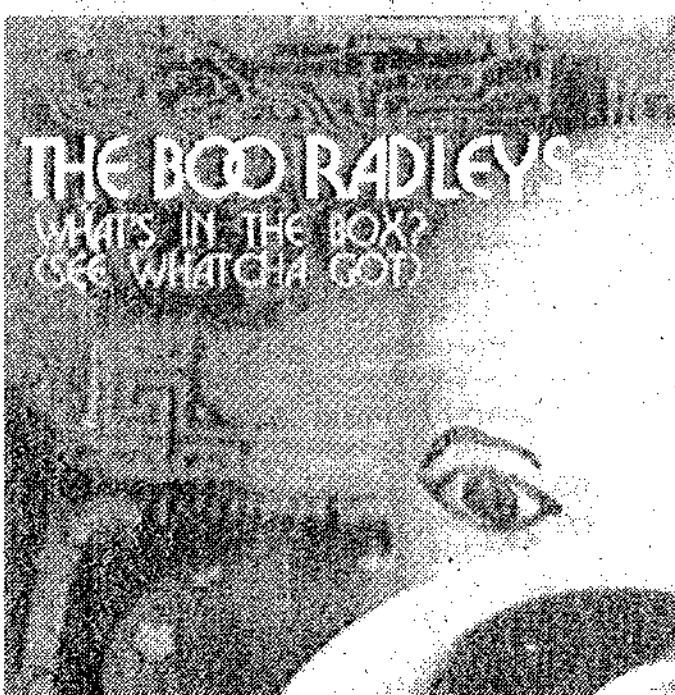
there, but their fame is climbing slowly.

In 1992 the Boos released their first major album, "Everything's Alright Forever," on Creation/Columbia Records, which was followed up in 1993 with "Giant Steps," which contained the hit single "Lazarus."

Boo Radley fans waited through a period of singles and the brilliant "Lazarus EP" before being granted the next album, "Wake Up" in 1995.

"Wake Up" changed the sound that the Boos were known for, and Carr attributed the fact to their decision to "go with the big choruses," rather than their previous minimalist, build-up-to-it-then-drop-it style of songwriting.

Carr writes all the lyrics and songs and the music is credited to the Boo Radleys, which is Carr on guitar, keyboards and additional vocals, Tim Brown on bass



The Boos' 1996 single on Creation contains three b-sides including a remix of the single.

and keyboards, Rob Cieka on drums and a man known only as Sice on lead vocals.

On their two latest albums, the Boos have utilized the talents of various guest musicians, who have contributed trumpet, flugelhorn, cello, clarinet, viola, saxophone and even handclaps.

In the song "Find the Answer Within" from "Wake Up," Carr plays a glockenspiel.

THE REVIEW

The Boo Radleys have always provided a surreal, ambient sound that swirls in the ears and keeps the mind from touching down.

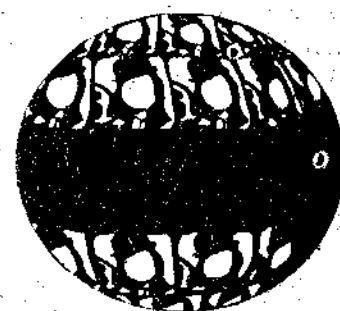
Sice's whisper-calm vocals and precise falsetto flowing over Carr's dynamic guitar and subtle keyboards give a fly-away feel perfect for the

escapist in all of us.

On "Wake Up," we are lulled out of slumber with soothing, overlapping, voices beckoning us to consciousness.

The album goes on to affirm one's place and significance in life, and frankly, it makes me glad to be alive.

THE boo radleys



THE lazarus ep

