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Audit UnCOVERS Bookstore Problems

By AMARA AGUILAR
TM Editor in Chief

The Bookstore "was like the Titanic that kept going for quite a ways after it had hit the iceberg," Board of Trustees member Ted Edmiston said.

An audit released two weeks ago hit the tip of that iceberg as it revealed problems with cash flow, inventory control, purchasing procedures, conflict of interest and check cashing procedures.

The investigation by Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Co. revealed that as of Nov. 1, 1996 the Enterprise owes the district general fund \$738,986, with the Bookstore owing \$497,526 of that amount.

The audit states the cash flow problems will not permit payment of these amounts in the near future.

The investigation indicated the cash flow problems are related to the increased value of inventory.

The purchasing procedures in the Bookstore have resulted in overstocking of certain texts. According to the audit, the practice of over ordering books and then returning excess quantities to the vendor has resulted in a heavy accumulation of credits with vendors.

As of June 30, 1996 approximately \$430,000 in vendor credits



Cerritos College Vice President of Business Services Judith Christensen (left) and President Fred Gaskin listen to discussion at the Nov. 20 Board of Trustees meeting.

remain on the financial records of the Bookstore, the audit indicated.

The audit also showed the inventory value in the Bookstore went from \$534,011 in 1993-94 to \$714,299 in 1995-96.

According to the investigation the increases in ending inventory

placed a heavy burden on the Bookstore's financial stability.

That burden became evident during the 1995-96 fiscal year when cash flow shortages required the Bookstore to obtain a loan.

Vice President of Business Services Judith Christensen gave ap-

proval to attempt to secure a line of credit with the county treasurer's office. The request was denied. Ultimately a loan from the Associated Students of Cerritos College was obtained.

The loan for \$100,000 was issued Aug. 4, 1995 and repaid Aug.

28, 1995. A second loan took place Dec. 5, 1995 and was repaid Feb. 12, 1996.

"I am a little bit concerned that the business office was telling the Bookstore manager to go and get an outside loan. I am really concerned that they felt the situation was so bad that it suggested the Bookstore get an outside loan and they didn't feel it was necessary to notify the Board that the Bookstore was in dire straits. We have some serious checks and balances problems here," Board President Cheryl Epple said.

"No one went to the board or more specifically the president and said 'Hey, we are in trouble,'" Epple said.

Christensen said, "The inventory was the only thing that we could put our finger on that seemed out of whack."

She added that the inventory seemed high, but due to its cyclically it didn't appear to be that serious of a problem.

A memo was sent from Christensen to Bookstore manager Alan Beaulieu April 8, 1996 after several meetings regarding the excessive inventory in the Bookstore.

The memo states, "Two years
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Strawberry Patch is in the Rough

By DAVID FEENSTRA
TM Staff Writer

It's the end of an era for Cerritos College as the strawberry patch enjoys its last few months of existence, ushering in a new era—the golf training center era.

According to the chairman of the strawberry patch subcommittee and Board of Trustees member Bob Arthur, the tenants will be either Family Golf Center or All Seasons Golf.

Originally there were four bidders on the land, All Seasons, Family Golf Center, Highland Golden Bear and Seol proposing various centers that in some way or another include a golf training facility.

The deals from Highland, All Seasons and Family Golf lived through the first meeting due to a stronger financial base and a sweeter deal which included revenue-sharing plans with the college picking up anywhere from eight to fifteen percent of the net profits.

During the presentations each of the bidders went over their plans of how they intend to use the land, the parking and most importantly how they intend to work with the school.

A third meeting was held to select a finalist. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that All Seasons and Family Golf were the two joint finalists. This setup allows the Board more leverage during negotiations.

Family Golf Center's plan in-

cluded batting cages and a miniature golf course. The plan included the possibility of community plans like clinics for all ages and various tournaments.

"Miniature golf would be a good draw for the students", ASCC President Wayne Nunnery said, "we could have contests, games or tournaments, allowing the non-golf enthusiasts to have a chance to enjoy the new facilities."

There will also be a double-deck driving area holding up to eighty golfers, a small arcade and a snack bar.

While Family Golf Center worked toward a family environment, All Seasons is working toward an all-encompassing golf training center.

All Seasons' plan is geared to-

wards a learning environment. They plan on having recording area where golfers can have their swing recorded allowing them to find their faults.

Golfers can also show the tape to a P.G.A. certified pro for instructional assistance.

There will also be mirrors set up in the double deck driving range so the golfers can watch themselves swing.

All Seasons also plans on working with the college to develop courses in horticulture, golf and golf course management.

Construction is scheduled to begin at the end of June.

The center is scheduled to be open to the public by the beginning of 1998.

Board Reviews Audit

By DAVID FEENSTRA
TM Staff Writer

The hour of reckoning is now upon the Cerritos College Bookstore. The audit has been made public.

In a packed house last Wednesday the Board of Trustees had an extensive discussion about the financial situation of the Enterprise, but more importantly the Bookstore.

As it turns out financial problems have been a regular commodity at the Bookstore, due to over
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POLICE BEAT

• **MONDAY, NOV. 11**
No significant incidents were reported.

• **TUESDAY, NOV. 12**
At 1:20 p.m. officers responded to the student center to investigate an assault and battery in progress. Officers found a large amount of blood at the scene, and subsequently located the victim who was receiving medical attention from the athletic trainer. The victim and witnesses, all students, were able to positively identify the suspects. An area search for the suspects was conducted, however, they had already left the college. The victim obtained further medical treatment for a gash to his head and bruises to his body from an area hospital. The criminal investigation is still pending. (96-1110)

• **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13**
At 10:15 a.m. the officer investigating the assault and battery from Nov. 12 spoke on the telephone to the suspects asking them come to the Judicial Affairs office to be interviewed concerning their involvement in the assault. Both suspects were arrested on no bail arrest warrants for robbery, car-jacking and possession of stolen property, which are unrelated to the assault investigation. Both suspects were transported and booked at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Norwalk Station (96-1110 supplemental report)

At 3:45 p.m. officers responded to the physical science building, where a staff switchboard member advised them that a bomb threat call was made to the switchboard. (96-1112)

• **THURSDAY, NOV. 14**
At 11:25 a.m. officers responded to the Cerritos College Police Department to investigate a petty theft. A student reported that on Nov. 7 he parked his vehicle, a blue 1976 Volkswagen in Lot C-10. Upon returning he discovered that someone had entered his vehicle and removed his student parking permit. (96-1114)

• **FRIDAY, NOV. 15**
At 8:00 p.m. officers were called to the west stadium area, where a student was detained when a metal detector was activated. When he emptied his pockets, numerous plastic bags containing marijuana fell to the ground. He was detained and cited to juvenile court for sales of marijuana. (96-1115)

• **MONDAY, NOV. 18**
No significant incidents reported.

• **TUESDAY, NOV. 19**
At 10:45 a.m., officers responded to the quad area where a vender reported that someone had taken his Motorola Air Touch Model PC 550 cell phone. A suspect was arrested and cited for petty theft. (96-1120)
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Havice Wins State Assembly

By MONICA COTO
TM News Editor

After 23 years of teaching, English and speech professor Sally Havice will be giving up the chalkboard for a seat as 56th district state Assembly member.

"I became an elected official as a natural outcome of my concern to do good things for our community," Havice said. "Running for the assembly was an outcome of wanting to do more."

For the last seven years Havice has been an active member of the ABC school board.

She was very involved in the Sister School Peace Project between the ABC school board and the Norwalk-LaMirada school board.

She has also helped establish Su Casa Family Violence Shelter and worked on the development of the Southeast Task force on Youth Violence.

Having an identity in the community made a difference in the Havice campaign.

Many students helped her run. In fact, one of her former students, Carlos Penilla, was her campaign manager.

"My opponent out-spent me two to one," Havice said. "I had a really organized campaign."

In addition to this, Havice attributes her victory to being someone the voters could relate to.

"I'm a mother and a grandmother," Havice said. "I think the voters realized that I know what it is to be a real live working person. I have the same concerns, desires and wishes that they do."

Some of the issues Havice hopes



Sally Havice met with President Bill Clinton last summer to discuss the Safe School program.

to address while in office are overcrowding in classrooms and the restoration of community college curriculum

She has also said that she will see to the enforcement of Proposition 172, a measure which gives more funding to police and fire departments.

"I already have asked a legislative council to start drawing up the legislation," Havice said. "Isn't that neat? I'm so excited."

The only down side to her new position is it will require that she live in Sacramento four days of the week so she will probably not be teaching during her entire two year term.

"I'm going to miss the students a lot," Havice said. "Even as I sit in classes I have now, I start missing it already."

In December Havice will be sworn into office and the legislative year will begin in January.

ASCC Holds Awards Banquet

By JUDY JIMENEZ
TM Campus Editor

This year's Associated Students of Cerritos College Fall Awards Banquet Program will be held at the Sequoia Athletic Club in Buena Park, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

Awards banquet tickets will be available Dec. 2 through Dec. 10. Ticket are free for award recipients and advisors, \$10 for ASCC members and \$15 for guests.

There are a number of leadership awards that will be given out to students.

Some of which include a Service Certificate, a Bronze Falcon, a Silver Falcon and a Gold Falcon.

A Service Certificate is given in recognition of service and partici-

pation in programs sponsored by ASCC.

A Bronze Falcon is given to students who excel in service and

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participation in programs sponsored by ASCC.

A Silver Falcon is given to students who are outstanding in lead-

ership, service and participation in programs sponsored by ASCC.

A Gold Falcon is given to students who are the most outstanding in service and participation in programs sponsored by the ASCC.

In addition, in order to receive a Gold Falcon, students must show leadership and personal integrity.

Other awards which will be presented include the President's Award and the Man and Woman of the Year Awards.

The Gold Lifetime Membership Card and the Inter Club Council Scholarship winners will also be announced at the ceremony.

In order to receive any award, students must show scholarship (2.0 GPA) and maintain enrollment in a minimum of three unifs.

Drive Helps Needy Families

By DAMON WILSON
TM Staff Writer

The holidays are upon us once again and in keeping with the spirit of giving, the Associated students of Cerritos College is having its yearly food drive and giveaway.

The ASCC, in conjunction with the local chapter of the Norwalk Coordinating Council, is asking students and employees to bring non-perishable and/or canned food

items to be distributed to needy families in the city of Norwalk.

Clubs on campus are given an incentive. The clubs that bring the most non-perishable food items will be given first, second and third place plaques.

The ASCC asks that students bring their canned goods to the Student Activities Center.

The drive began on Nov. 12 and it ends on Dec. 10.

The last day for clubs to bring in

canned goods for the competition is Dec. 3.

The club that wins this year's competition will be awarded their plaques at the ASCC's Fall Awards Banquet.

The banquet will be held at the Sequoia Athletic Club in Buena Park on Dec. 13.

Students are asked to encourage friends and family to share in the spirit of giving by donating non-perishable food items.

Mysterious Callers Disrupt Campus

By MONICA COTO
TM News Editor

The switchboard exploded with activity Nov. 13 when Cerritos College received a call from a male claiming to have information about a suspicious package planted in the Physical Science building.

Seven minutes later, as police questioned the witness, a second caller told operators a bomb was set to go off — in the science, engineering and mathematics building.

The first call was received at 3:45 p.m., when a man told campus police, "About ten minutes ago I saw two guys come out of the ceiling and they were not workers."

"They were wearing street clothes and told me 'If you know what's best for you, leave the building, because there is a package in the ceiling.'"

In describing the men, the witness said, "One was a Mexican guy and the other was a black guy."

He also said the individuals did not appear to go to school here and seemed as if they were

looking for trouble.

Students and staff were immediately evacuated from the Physical Science building and the area was contained.

Officers conducted a search of the building.

Although they checked the air vent described by the witness, no unusual packages were found.

Meanwhile, at 3:52 p.m., the switchboard received a call from another male claiming there was a bomb in the math building set to go off at 4:15 p.m.

The science, engineering and mathematics building was evacuated and searched by the college's Emergency Disaster Team.

After the building was determined to be safe, classes resumed.

Although GTE security is working with campus police to track these calls, officer Richard Bukowiecki said there are no suspects and both cases are pending due to lack of workable information.

In the interest of safety, the campus community is advised to remain on alert.

Voters Reject Change

By DAVE COWDRICK
TM Opinion Editor

Proposition 209 has passed but it will not be immediately implemented in the California Community Colleges because of litigation that has been filed in federal and state courts.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the world. It consists of 106 colleges and 71 districts with locally elected boards of trustees.

Because of questions arising about whether Proposition 209 violates people's rights or not, a legal battle has erupted between organizations for affirmative action and those against it.

Groups such as Californians Against Discrimination and Preferences, Inc. are adamant about ending the enforcement of existing affirmative action statutes. With the passing of Proposition 209 they feel there is no question whether or not affirmative action programs should still exist.

The Californians Against Discrimination and Preferences, Inc. have even filed a petition for writ of mandate which seeks a court order directing the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and other state agencies to cease enforcement of affirmative action.

Others who feel that Proposi-

tion 209 is unconstitutional are trying desperately to stop the implementation of it.

The American Civil Liberties Union along with other organizations have already filed three separate actions concerning Proposition 209 in the U.S. District Court in San Francisco.

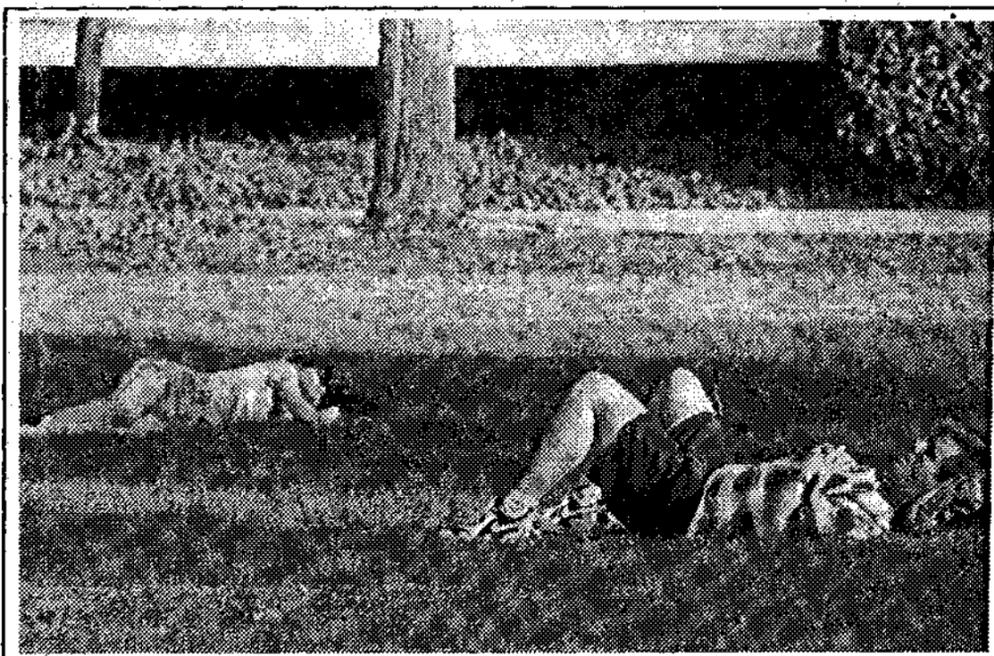
With the protests and demonstrations that have been occurring at other institutions, such as The University of California at Riverside, it is obvious that many students are also unhappy with the passing of Proposition 209.

In the early stages of the legal battle it is hard to say if Proposition 209 will ever be implemented. Because of the size of the California Community Colleges, it is hard to say what kind of an impact there will be.

Lengthy court hearings can be expected to ensue in the battles for and against Proposition 209. To ensure that ending affirmative action programs will not be infringing on anyone's rights, all aspects of Proposition 209 will most likely be reviewed.

For now, though, it is lawful for affirmative action programs to be used in businesses and institutions that wish to shall continue to use them until the lawsuits that have been filed are resolved.

Until that time the controversial Proposition 209 will remain on shaky ground.



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Students take quality time out between classes and unwind on Cerritos' luxurious lawns.

Senate Approves COPS Program

By JENNIFER KHO
TM Feature Editor

Technology, shared governance and infrastructure improvement were the biggest concerns discussed at the Faculty-Senate meeting Nov. 19.

Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin presented a report about the COPS program that has been approved by the Planning and Budget Committee.

"Our job is to create an environment which supports the needs of the students and the faculty... State funding strategy is growth, and COPS will allow us to meet student and faculty needs while providing the competitive edge," Gaskin said.

The COPS program is a \$5.5 million initiative dedicated to connectivity on campus.

At the moment, the college has e-mail and internet access, but no direct lines between the campus offices. To achieve connectivity, COPS would use the most advanced technology to network 3000 stations together, Gaskin said.

If the COPS program is put into effect, teachers will each be given a disk that will enable them to send material directly to publications via computer lines. They could then either be picked up at publications or delivered from publications to their offices.

COPS includes not only the pipes, cables, fiber and engines necessary to install the direct lines, but also the infrastructure changes,

publications changes, student center renovations and the construction of a "One-Stop Shop" that would be involved.

The "One-Stop Shop" will be a building where all the offices pertaining to admissions and student services will be located to make them more accessible to students.

"We will be able to do this project without affecting new revenue," Gaskin explained. "It's more exciting when we can do it without crunching more dollars." This will be possible because another project will be completed before COPS will start.

The Educational Master Plan must be in place by April or May if the college is to receive funding for this new construction, repair and renovation.

Faculty members complained of such infrastructure problems as toilets that don't flush, leaky roofs, lighting that doesn't work and falling bricks and tiles.

Insufficient building space was another big complaint.

The college will not get any more state funding for more buildings until there are more students, Gaskin explained.

It is hoped that COPS, along with a new golf course, will bring in more students.

The strawberry patch issue was also discussed at the meeting. If the patch is contracted as a driving range, it will be a 20-year commitment.

The reason the patch is not for

sale is that there will most likely never be any more land given to the college. If the land is kept, there will be the option of putting more buildings there in the future when funds are available.

The driving range will earn at least five million dollars over 20 years and it will also attract more golf students to the college, Gaskin said.

But Romer has her doubts about the driving range.

"I got the impression... that you don't see this as a long-term commitment, but in fact it is a 20-year commitment," she commented. If there is a 20-year commitment to something, it can't be used for anything else during that time.

"It's short-sighted to think the government won't give us building money [in twenty years,]" Romer said.

Some faculty members were also disgruntled about the shared governance system.

"I get the idea that we have two different ideas about what shared governance means.... Our cry is: 'Get us involved!' Robert Kreger lamented. "We can barely get ten people to the board meeting! But we need to get involved in the COPS project."

Finally, Faculty Senate President Pat Pinder summed the meeting up by stating "Before the COPS project and strawberry field went to the Board or to Planning and Budget, they should have been discussed in this forum."

CLUB NEWS

Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda is sponsoring *Are Trials Passe* presented by Professor Richard Feinberg.

The presentation will cover resolutions, negotiations and arbitrations as they relate to court trials.

The meeting will be held Dec. 5 from 11-11:45 a.m. in BE 6.

G.L.B.C.

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community encourages all interested students to join in this exciting club on campus.

Meetings are held every Tuesday at 11 a.m. in LA22.

G.L.B.C. also requests that night students interested in forming an evening meeting inform Trudy Foster in the Student Activities Office.

Women's Studies Club

Students who would like to learn more about feminist issues are invited to join and help organize the Women's Studies Club.

Meetings will begin Dec. 3 from 11 - 12:15 p.m. in SS137

For more information, call Ana Torres-Bower, ext. 2773, Fran DeFrance, ext. 2806, or Susan Butler, ext. 4644.

KCEB Enlightens Listeners

By VICTOR JUAN
TM Staff Writer

KCEB Norwalk 1610 AM is airing "On The Spiritual Tip" every first and third Wednesday of the month from noon - 1 p.m.

"On the Spiritual Tip" is a gospel show hosted by Rev. Alfred Johnson of the World Literacy Crusade along with co-hosts Minister Fred Shaw and Michelle Spence.

Johnson is the founder and CEO of the World Literacy Crusade.

He was born in Montgomery, Alabama in 1962, but grew up in

the southland.

He graduated from Lynwood High School as an honor student.

"Johnson led critically at-risk inner city youths off the streets, out of gangs and into brighter futures..."

For several years, Johnson led critically at-risk inner city youths

off the streets, out of gangs and into brighter futures through dedicated, hands-on teaching and mentoring.

"Rev. Johnson is highly knowledgeable on topics such as illiteracy, gang activity, crime, drug abuse and inner-racial violence," said Spence of the World Literacy Crusade.

The World Literacy Crusade is a non-profit, educational organization formed in 1992 by community leaders, ministers, parents and educators concerned about the growing rate of illiteracy and the related social ills in their communities.

Conference to be Held

By TRACY CARTER
TM Staff Writer

The Leadership Conference will take place Jan. 7-9 in San Diego. All students are encouraged to sign up and get involved.

There will be several workshops, including a panel discussion on citizenship.

"[The] goal of the Leadership Conference is to establish future goals for the Associated Students of Cerritos College to advance leadership skills and to

build teamwork with other student leaders, faculty and Board of Trustees," Phillip Houseman, associate dean of student activities said.

Students will be able interact with one another and increase self-confidence and personal potential.

Students will also gain insight and skills to assume leadership roles.

The cost is \$25. Applications are available now in the student activities office.

EDITORIALS

Scapegoat Sought In Bookstore Scandal

Six months ago, a Board of Trustees member went to Sacramento and testified to the state special auditing committee that there were no problems with the operations of the Cerritos College Enterprise.

Six days ago, the Board member recanted, claiming to have been misinformed.

A special audit indicates the Bookstore owed almost \$500,000 to the Cerritos Community College District for salaries and fringe benefits for employees.

The audit also indicates problems with cash flow, inventory control, and purchasing procedures.

Other problems include conflict of interest and check cashing procedures.

The problems have existed for at least two years.

The audit states, "The internal controls within the district business office are functioning to the point that many of these issues were actually discovered and stopped as soon as the information came into the business office."

While it is true that the issues were "actually discovered," there are several indications that some of these problems were not stopped "as soon as the information came into the business office."

If they had been stopped, the issues would be resolved, but they are not.

Instead of taking the appropriate action to solve the problems, more were created by trying to cover them up.

Now, because appropriate action was not taken, what we are left with is a bookstore in a financial mess.

The audit was the first step in trying to clean up the mess, but it seems to be making it worse by blaming everything on one person—the Bookstore manager, who is on administrative leave.

The audit appears to focus mainly on the Bookstore manager and at the end seems to weakly attempt to take the blame off business services by stating that the business office discovered and stopped the problems.

The problems do not begin and end with the Bookstore manager. There is a serious problem with the administration at Cerritos College.

For problems of this magnitude to be going on for two years, ostensibly without the president's knowledge, is an indication of weakness and a lapse in leadership and communication in the administration.

What is being done to strengthen these areas of weakness?

If it takes two years to find a \$500,000 external problem, how long is it going to take to find and fix internal problems, and at what cost to the students?

Some Thanks Are Simple

It is Thanksgiving and it's time to ask ourselves what we are doing right and what we are doing wrong.

There are myriad issues in our society and young people are having a hard time. It is sad to hear news about young people driving under the influence and dying, people with drug problems and people planting the seeds of hatred.

But fortunately there are a lot of positive thinking young people. Young adults that care and share, that volunteer and help others and that look at the future and decide to take the opportunity of challenging it.

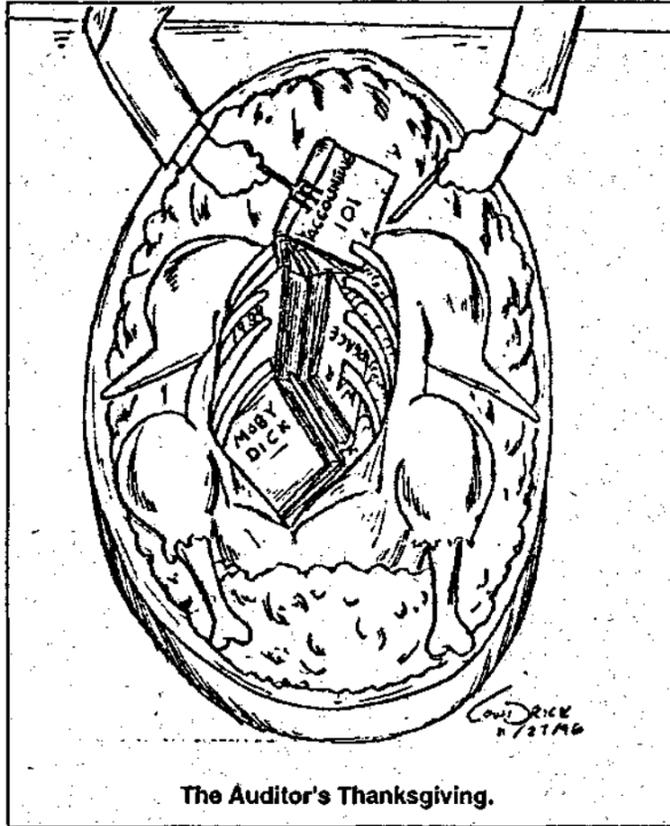
Sadly, most of us are standing right in the middle as spectators and don't do anything. We are too lazy to try to help others or simply our apathy is so strong that it prevents us from caring about human kind anymore. It is true that sometimes we do not even care about our own family or ourselves. After all, dysfunctional families are all the rage right now.

It is the perfect excuse for us to conceal our lack of interest in our world and to blame for our selfishness.

It is time to do something about the apathy and the cynicism. We have to become more actively involved in our community. It is time to stop being silent spectators. It is time to feel alive and the best way to do that is to help others. It is time to stop feeling defeated without giving a good fight.

There are so many things we can do to help and some are really simple. We can help our friends that are having problems just by becoming better citizens. It is not hard to change our attitudes. We can start at our homes and schools. Just smiling to other people will make a huge difference in our lives.

During Thanksgiving time, let's go out to the streets and show everybody that our generation is far more than an X- generation. It is a generation that still has hope for a better world: After all we are going to build it.



The Auditor's Thanksgiving.

Speaking of Yesterday

By CRISTINA HERNANDEZ
TM Editorial Editor

Sadly, after nine weeks the most exciting affair of my school life is over. I am talking about my Speech I class.

It was a really exciting class that totally changed my life.

Everything started when I was trying to register for my classes through the Touchtone system and every speech class was full.

I decided to put myself on the waiting list for speech with Mr. Hanks. It was a unique experience for me to learn that school does not have to be stressful.

On the contrary this class was fun and it was taught in a very different manner.

First, there was not any pressure about reading boring speech books and memorizing lots of unnecessary stuff.

During class I learned that communication between people is a very important part of our lives.

Also in order to accomplish a successful communication pattern with other people we have to be

comfortable with ourselves.

However, most of the time, there are some things that prevent us from being good communicators and enjoying the benefits that interacting brings to us.

I did not know that shyness was an important factor that prevented people from enjoying a nice life.

Nor did I know that the way we talk and respond to other people affects our self-esteem and confidence.

On and on I discovered a new world of ideas and concepts that totally changed my way of thinking. It opened a new door of my life that is changing my life style.

I got a wonderful deal when I took this class.

Not only did I get three transferable units, but I also got a huge tool box full of knowledge, vocabulary and concepts that are going to help me all my life.

There were no scantron tests. I got a tasty dessert every single class (low fat and low calorie of course).

And the only research paper that I had to do was a deep research into myself.

LETTER

Librarians Aren't Giving Enough Help to Students

I had a meeting with Mr. John McGinnis the director of the library in regards to the lack of services offered by the school library. Mr. McGinnis promised me that he would talk to the librarians in regards to the services, respect and communication that we the students would very much appreciate. Mr. McGinnis also promised that he would personally see that the necessary changes be made. To this day the same problems continue to exist, such as when you ask for help in finding information the first thing that comes out of their [librarian] mouth is you got the syllabus at the

orientation and you should follow it.

Exactly one week after our meeting I was at the library and a student ask[ed] me for help in finding information she needed. We the[n] turned to the librarian...the response we got was look at your handout that was given to you and follow it. After the librarian realized I was the one that spoke to Mr. McGinnis about the problem she stopped talking and went to look for the book the student needed.

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General Studies

Real Thanks is in Giving

By JOY POTTER
TM Staff Writer

Blessings are received every day, but on Thanksgiving are our hearts really in tune with the real meaning of the special day?

The earliest harvest Thanksgiving in America was kept by the Pilgrim fathers at Plymouth in 1612.

In the United States, Thanksgiving is an annual festival of giving thanks for everything we have been blessed with during the year.

America is such a wealthy country, but how many families actually share their Thanksgiving meal with a friend, neighbor or someone less fortunate?

Do the more fortunate people volunteer their time at missions, churches or hospitals? Our lives can get so hectic that we don't take time out to stop and think of what is truly important. By not doing so we are missing the happiness and joy that comes to our hearts when we help others.

People who feel they have not been blessed this year should take a trip to a mid-town skid-row or a war torn country where families are separated and children are lucky to find food from a garbage can.

In our own hospitals there are people with cancer, AIDS and other terminal illnesses who are being fed through intravenous tubes. They would be happy to be well again, let alone have what others will be enjoying on Thanksgiving.

This Thanksgiving take time to think of others, thank God for your blessings and share your time and talents.

By doing so you will show your thankfulness and you will have a warm heart.

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Falcons Gobble Turkey Feast



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Akiko Shimahara proudly displays a Thanksgiving pasta salad.

By DIANA WEBSTER
TM Staff Writer

For fifteen years, Cerritos College has been providing the students and the community with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

This year was no different, as Chef Ellis Robinson and a team of 26 Cerritos College students worked to prepare the annual feast.

Expecting more than 400 individuals to come through the doors and partake in the classic turkey dinner, Robinson and his student staff arrived around 7:30 a.m. to begin cooking.

Much of the preparation had been done the day before, involving the evening pastry class, and sixteen 24-pound turkeys were deboned to hasten their cooking time.

By 8:30 a.m. dozens of apples were being chopped and sliced for the Waldorf salad.

If preparing a full course meal for 400 to 500 people wasn't enough, the students were also preparing various dishes for a banquet to be held later that day in the Board room. The pumpkin torts had already been made and were in cold storage until the 11 a.m. serving time.

The public has been welcome ever since the culinary department began serving these meticulously prepared dinners, which are prepared one week before the actual holiday. Where else in this town can one get a complete turkey dinner for under \$5.00?

The menu for the Thanksgiving meal consisted of roasted turkey, cranberry sauce, Waldorf salad, whipped potatoes, petite peas, and a pumpkin tort. The full meal was an exceptional deal for the price!

"The whole thing is about orga-



DIANA WEBSTER/Talon Marks

John Stahl prepares fresh fruit for Robinson's Waldorf Salad.

nization," Robinson said, as he strode through the kitchen directing and assisting.

A 1971 graduate of LA Trade Tech, Robinson has been with Cerritos since 1981. Prior to starting here with the culinary arts department he worked at various country clubs in the Los Angeles area.

He preferred country clubs over restaurants and hotels because he felt they allowed more variety in their menus and the welcomed the

changes.

The organization between students, teacher, and turkeys was apparent. Nothing seemed out of place in the large kitchen, and everyone seemed to know their job and did it efficiently. What was remarkable was the neatness with which everything was accomplished. After a holiday dinner, most kitchens look like a cyclone hit them!

One group of students made the salads, while others sliced the turkey. One student patiently served up the cranberry sauce, while another portioned the stuffing.

Robinson, 55, teaches the C.A. II and C.A. III classes, as well as the more advanced C.A. IV class. In addition, his classes cover menu writing, recipe writing, nutrition and plate presentation.

In the industry, he is referred to as a saucier, which implies that his specialty is preparing soups and sauces.

Serving time was expanded an extra hour on this day to accommodate all the diners. Still, the consensus between the staff was that everything would be cleaned up and over with by 3 p.m. How many holiday meals has anyone prepared where the clean up was done in an hour?

Cerritos began this Thanksgiving tradition when Robinson arrived 15 years ago. He made it clear that as long as he was cooking at Cerritos this tradition would continue. Fortunately, he gives no indication of retiring any time soon.

U.S. Thanksgiving Tradition Lives On

By EVELYN GARRIDO
TM Staff Writer

Finally, Congress ruled in 1941 that Thanksgiving would be the fourth Thursday of November.

Thanksgiving is a time for family reunions and traditions, many of which center around the preparation of an elaborate meal featuring turkey and a dozen or so accompanying dishes.

Although some people go to special church services on Thanksgiving Day, far more line the streets of Philadelphia and New York City, where huge parades are held.

In many places, Santa Claus arrives in town on this day and the widespread sales begin in department stores.

Thanksgiving is celebrated the fourth Thursday of November.

The first American Thanksgiving was entirely religious, and took place on December 4, 1619, when a group of thirty-eight English settlers arrived at Berkeley Plantation on James River.

Most Americans think of the first "official" Thanksgiving as being the one that took place at Plymouth Colony in October of 1621, a year after the pilgrims first landed on the New England coast.

The Episcopal Church and many states declared Thanksgiving a holiday, but it wasn't until 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a day to give thanks.

In 1939, however, President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved it one week earlier to allow more time for Christmas shopping.



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A tray of pumpkin tarts is shelved under the supervision of culinary student Greg Snyder.

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BOOKSTORE: Investigation Reveals Severe

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running with problems of inventory will not set well with the Board and there will be many questions to be answered unless we take steps to answer them for ourselves."

A report prepared by Christensen and given to the Board Nov. 20 says no response from the April 8 memo was received.

Beaulieu has been on paid administrative leave since September and would not comment on the audit because it is still under discussion with lawyers.

A physical inventory of the Bookstore was taken Nov. 21-22, 1996 because "we needed to sell that inventory to reduce some of the cash flow problems," Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin said.

In addition to cash flow problems, the audit revealed that Beaulieu, who owns Varsity Bookstore in Azusa, was not required to sign a conflict of interest policy adopted by the Board Feb. 1, 1995.

The audit showed Varsity Bookstore engaged in various transac-

tions with the Cerritos College Bookstore from approximately June 1992 to March 1996.

According to the audit these transactions were made without approval from the district staff.

Beaulieu said he never moved inventory from the Bookstore to an inappropriate location.

The conclusion of the audit stated, "Merchandise purchased by and from the Varsity Bookstore enabled the Cerritos College Bookstore manager to enhance the cash flow of the Varsity Bookstore at the expense of the Cerritos College Bookstore. Whether or not the purchases from the Varsity Bookstore were necessary for the operations of the Cerritos College Bookstore, the process circumvented the approval

and controls in place within the district's business office."

Beaulieu said he received approval from Walter Magnuson, the former vice president of business services, to open another bookstore while he was manager at Cerritos.

conflict of interest.

Gaskin said he did not know Beaulieu owned Varsity Bookstore until September and he added Magnuson was given verbal assurances that Beaulieu would keep the two businesses separate.

Christensen said she did know Beaulieu owned another bookstore and "when he tried to shift things back and forth, I put my foot down."

A Nov. 20, 1996 statement from Gaskin to the Board, prepared by Christensen, indicates the balance owed to the Cerritos College Bookstore

by Varsity Bookstore is \$871.26 as of Nov. 13, 1996.

The investigation also indicated checks were written by the Bookstore manager and returned by the financial institution for non-sufficient funds.

Christensen said she was not aware that the policy for the Bookstore was any different from that of the district business office.

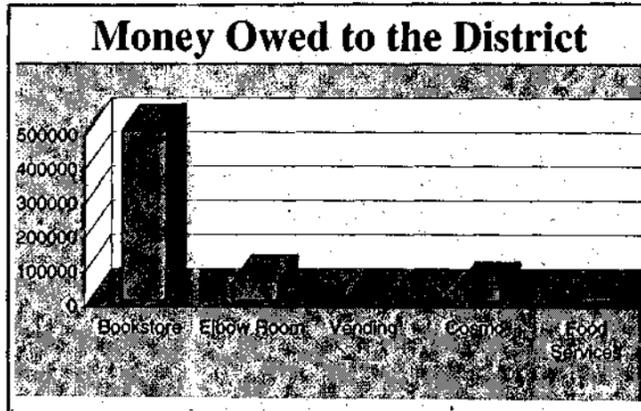
A Sept. 12, 1996 memo from the director of purchasing Donna Jones to the Bookstore staff states that no staff member or student may cash a personal check for cash at the Bookstore.

It was the issue of check cashing that initiated the Bookstore investigation, Gaskin said.

Gaskin said he found out about the issue in early September and has been "working aggressively since then."

The Nov. 20 report to the Board prepared by Christensen states Gaskin was not informed beforehand of the issues addressed in the audit.

"I just have a hard time believing that you, as the CEO of this campus, would be unaware of what was going on. You can say, 'I was not told,' but you are in control of this ship and you should always know what is going on," Board member Mary Loya said.



Beaulieu said before he opened Varsity Bookstore he and Magnuson agreed there would not be a conflict of interest because the bookstores weren't in the same retail sphere of interest or they weren't close enough to each other to be a

BOARD: Bookstore Audit Answers Some

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ordering and an immense inventory.

Along with those various discrepancies it was reported that the Bookstore manager had been purchasing supplies from the Cerritos Bookstore, to sell at the Varsity Bookstore in Azusa.

Those transactions were made with out consent from the Vice President of Business Services Judith Christensen.

Getting to the discussion of the audit did take a little time though. A lengthy debate between Board President Cheryl Epple and Board Secretary John Moore.

Moore fought persistently to try and sweep the Bookstore audit under the rug, arguing that it was a personnel issue and that it had no business on the agenda.

Epple and fellow Board Member Bob Verderber lobbied for the discussion to be made public.

"Almost everyone in the audience has a copy of the Bookstore audit in one way or another," Epple said, "This is an information item. We will not be reaching a conclusion about it."

Moore continued to be against discussing the Bookstore audit, even after he was reminded several times that that would be a direct violation of the Brown Act.

The reliability of the audit by Vavrenik, Trine, Day and Com-

pany was also brought into question at this meeting.

Epple said, "I don't want to rely on this audit (by Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Company). It has raised more question than answers."

Along with the audit, the administration also handed out an audit response prepared by Christensen that was available at the Board meeting.

The second packet included documents that showed that the business office, along with the previous district auditors Goodrich, Goodyear and Hinds have been aware of the problems with the Bookstore for quite some time.

Goodrich, Goodyear and Hinds had told the Board that there were no financial problems at Cerritos. Based on that false information Epple testified in front of the Joint Special Auditing Commission that there were no problems at Cerritos.

Christensen had advised Bookstore Manager Alan Beaulieu not to report his financial problems to the Board, saying, "Two years with running inventory problems would not set well with the Board and there will be many questions to be answered unless we take steps to answer them for ourselves."

A quarter of a million dollars from the ASCC had been issued as a loan to the Bookstore when the student senate was not in session

Epple asked ASCC President Wayne Nunnery how that was possible.

Nunnery told Epple that the student senate was not in session at that time, but, Phil Houseman has the authority under our constitution to make financial decisions for the students.

Epple said that the students were lucky to be paid back and that the Bookstore still owes the school over \$500,000 dollars in unpaid salaries.

An inventory had been done on the Bookstore on Nov. 22-22, but, Board member Dorothy Carfrae questioned the reliability of the inventory, asking, "Do you honestly believe that the inventory you see now will bear any resemblance to the inventory when this whole ordeal began?"

Board member Mary Loya was also reluctant to accept College President and CEO Fred Gaskin excuses for the Bookstore's financial problems, saying to Gaskin, "I just have a hard time believing that you as the CEO of this campus would be unaware of what was going on. You can say, I was not told, but you are in control of this ship, you should know what is going on."

The Board was unsatisfied with the audit, citing that the audit lacked information on the running of the

entire Enterprise. The audit by Vavrenik, Trine, Day and Company was called an indictment of the Bookstore manager by several of the board members.

After the lengthy discussion the Board reopened public discussions.

Anthony Torres, an attorney and community member questioned the Board in regards to a Sep. 20 letter from the auditors to Gaskin.

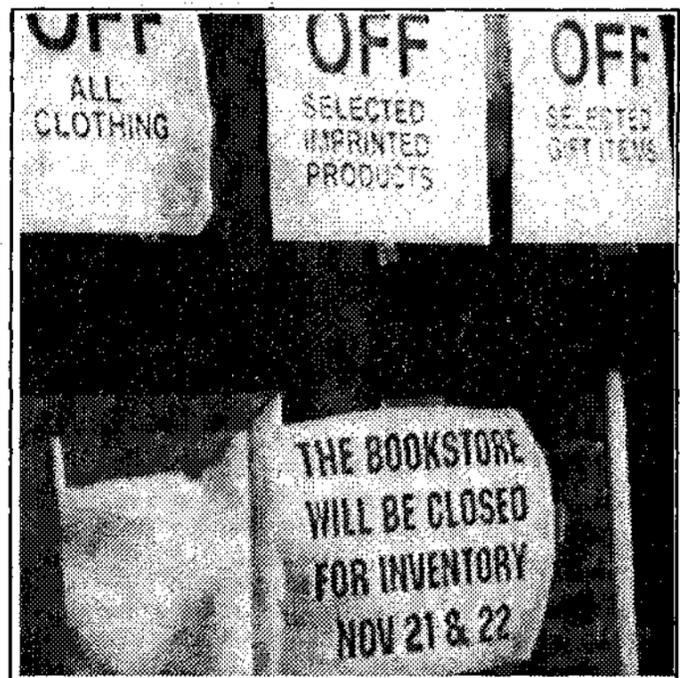
Torres also questioned the audit itself claiming that is not an audit but an indictment.

Torres claims something is terribly wrong in Business Services. "Gaskin got his evil hands in it," Torres said.

He also doubts that Gaskin had no knowledge of the Bookstore situation, "He knows everything," Torres said, "He lies and subverts the process."

"He's an evil man," Torres said, "Everything he touches just goes to hell."

Continuing on his tirade, Torres questioned the integrity of the ad-



BOOKSTORE TIMELINE

- June 30, 1994 — physical inventory of Bookstore taken
- June 1992 — March 1996 Varsity Bookstore engaged in various transactions with Cerritos Bookstore
- Feb. 1, 1995 — conflict of interest policy adopted by Board

- Fiscal 95-6 — Beaulieu writes total of 12 bad checks, personal and business
- March 15, 1995 — Gaskin gives Enterprise financial report for month of Dec. 1994 to Board
- April 24, 1995 — Anthony Torres letter, requesting audit of the Bookstore's procedures and

- operations
- Aug. 4, 1995 — \$250,000 loan from ASCC to Bookstore
- Aug. 28, 1995 — Loan repayed to ASCC
- Dec 5, 1995 — Second loan from ASCC to Bookstore
- Feb. 12, 1996 — Second loan repaid

- Spring 96 — Beaulieu requested to purchase fax from Varsity Bookstore, denied by Christensen
- April 8, 1996 memo sent to Beaulieu from Christensen telling him not to inform Board of inventory problems
- June 30, 1996 — Bookstore has \$430,000 of vendor credits

- Jul. 4, 1996 — Rizkallah sends mem to Christensen with concerns about the cash flow problems of the Enterprise
- July 1, 1996 — Rizkallah, Christensen meet with Beaulieu
- July 11, 1996 — Memo sent to Rizkallah from Pheobe McCutcheon of Goodyear, Good-

TALON MARKS

Cash Flow and Inventory Control Problems

Gaskin requested the audit and said he knew beforehand about some of the issues addressed.

He said he wasn't fully informed of the Bookstore situation although business services reports to him.

The Nov. 20 report said Christensen was making decisions on various fiscal issues as she became aware of them.

Beaulieu said Christensen was "aware of all matters" addressed in the audit.

Gaskin said, "I can only assume that the staff felt that they could work through the [problems] without my assistance. Their hope was to get the matter corrected."

"They thought they would be able to work through the issues [internally] and that they would not become so large."

Gaskin had no comment on why these problems were not recognized and handled earlier.

The audit states that many of these issues were actually discovered and stopped as soon as the information came into the business office.

Gaskin said many of the issues were resolved but not all of them were because if they had been, the Bookstore would not be in the situation it is now.

The Bookstore investigation that began in September was the first step in handling the present situation.

It was also in September that Bookstore manager Alan Beaulieu was put on paid administrative leave.

Although he did not comment on specifics of the audit, Beaulieu did say that the audit "did not give a clear picture of the situation."

Board member Dorothy Carfrae called the audit an "indictment of one Bookstore employee."

"There are a lot of problems at this institution but it doesn't begin or end with the Bookstore manager."

Gaskin said the audit was not designed to be pointed at the Bookstore manager and he does not know of any wrong information contained in the audit.

He added that attempts have been

made to meet with Beaulieu but they have been unsuccessful.

Meanwhile a new point of sale system has been installed in the Bookstore for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

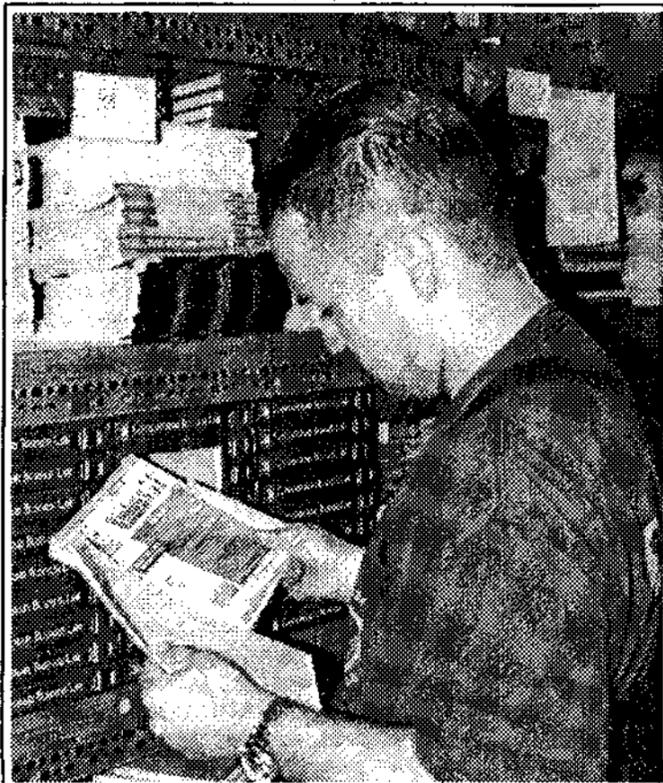
The system is designed to account for purchases and sales on a daily basis.

"[The system] will provide a tremendous amount of control. . . We know immediately, daily how much [inventory] we have," Gaskin said.

Gaskin said there will be many more changes in the Bookstore and dispelled rumors of a Barnes and Noble coming on campus.

"There will be no takeover of the Bookstore. The Bookstore belongs to the students," Gaskin said.

"It's going to be a fantastic store. It's going to be a wonderful operation. The issues we've addressed here will be very motivational to make the necessary corrections and provide the type of store that really gives our students the best value for their money," Gaskin said.



Bookstore Photos by EMILY MADEWELL/Talon Marks

A physical inventory of the Bookstore was taken Nov. 21-22.

Questions, Many Remain

ministration, calling for an end of cover ups and for some accountability.

He claims that there are serious problems with the integrity, decency and honesty within the administration.

He also warned the Board to be wary of any new contracts, including the lease of the strawberry patch.

Various members from the Bookstore also spoke to the Board about the audit. They responded to several questions from the Board,

claiming that much of the information in the audit is grossly incorrect.

When the time to choose an auditor had come, there was a minor discussion on whether or no to make the decision at this meeting.

Eager to end this whole situation the Board began discussing the two auditor finalists, Vincenti, Lloyd and Stutzman or Vavrenik, Trine, Day and Company.

In the end the Board decided on the new auditors choosing Vincenti, Lloyd and Stutzman over

Vavrenik, Trine, Day and Company.

The decision was partially based on the Boards disappointment in the handling of the special Bookstore audit.

A special meeting is scheduled for Dec. 4, at 6p.m. All members of the public are welcome to this meeting to discuss the hiring of the new auditor.

The Board will have its final meeting of the semester on Dec. 11, at 7 p.m.

Employees Work Hard for Students

By DAVID DM COUTANT
TM Entertainment Editor

The Bookstore may be going through financial difficulties, but it has nothing to do with your friendly check-out clerk or secretary.

Board of Trustees President Cheryl Epple cleared the Bookstore employees of any guilt.

"I don't think... any of the employees did anything wrong. Something went wrong with the system," Epple said.

The problems at the Bookstore have

Wilma Mann, who worked for Cerritos College for 27 years, has returned to lend moral support because she loves the college.

"I have a history with this college and I do not like to see what is happening to it," Mann said. "These people that I've worked

with are working their fannies off to do the job that has to be done.

"Emotionally it's been a terrible time for all of us because we are torn. There are loyalties there. There are friendships that are being torn, and I don't feel that anyone has any idea what the staff is going through at this time, what

emotional trauma they are experiencing," Mann concluded.

Despite the difficulties, the bookstore staff does their best to provide for students the services they need and expect.

Bookstore secretary Sandra Beuster told Board members, "There's a

lot of history in this Bookstore of support of this campus. The staff works very hard to bring to the students and to the campus the best they have, the best they can give, and we invite anyone sitting on the board to come and work beside any of us and we feel like we have the support from these folks."

"These people I've worked with are working their fannies off to do the job."



FAUSTO RAMOS/Talon Marks

riche and Hinds acknowledging cash flow problems
• July 31, 1996 — Board President, College President and Financial Officer appear in Sacramento to testify. Goodyear tells Epple to testify that everything is OK.
• Aug 7, 1996 — Enterprise financial reports released

• Aug. 21, 1996 — Questions raised regarding internal controls of the Bookstore, Assemblywoman Grace Napolitano requests audit
• Sep. 4, 1996 — Board asks McCutcheon (Goodyear, Goodriche & Hinds) to expand the regular auditing procedures.

Questions regarding conflict of interest expansions
• Sep. 11, 1996 — Letter telling Beaulieu he has been put on paid leave
• Sep. 12, 1996 — Donna Jones issues memo to the Bookstore saying no more personal checks may be cashed at the Bookstore

• Sep. 20, 1996 — Draft audit by Vavrenik, Trine, Day and Co. sent to Gaskin
• Oct. 24, 1996 — Enterprise owed district \$505,809
• Oct. 31, 1996 — Enterprise owes district \$738,986 for salaries and fringe benefits, Bookstore owes \$497,526

• Nov. 12, 1996 — Audit by Vavrenik, Trine, Day and Co. released
• Nov. 20, 1996 — Board of Trustees discussed Bookstore situation. Christensen issues report on the audit
• Nov 21-22, 1996 — Inventory at the Bookstore taken

MOVIE REVIEW

First Contact with the Borg

By DAVE KLIX
TM Managing Editor

The crew of the Starship Enterprise is back together again. This time to fight the Borg. Not in the present, the 24th century, but in the past, the 21st century.

In Paramount Pictures' "Star Trek: First Contact," Captain Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) leads the crew of the newly commissioned Enterprise-E in a battle against the Borg, a race of half-machine, half-organic aliens hell-bent on turning everybody they meet into one of them.

The Enterprise follows the Borg back in time to a missile complex in Montana. The date: April 4, 2063, the day before the legendary flight of Zefram Cochrane's (James Cromwell) warp drive rocket, the Phoenix.

This historic flight would ultimately lead to "first contact"—the meeting between humans and beings from another planet and subsequently the birth of the United Fed-

eration of Planets. It is this "first contact" that the Borg are trying to prevent.

Starring in "Star Trek: First Contact" are the regulars from "The Next Generation," including Stewart, Jonathan Frakes (Commander Riker), Michael Dorn (Lieutenant Commander Worf), and Marina Sirtis (Counselor Troi). There is even an appearance from one of the "Star Trek: Voyager" crew members.

It is in "Star Trek: First Contact" that the leader of the Borg comes into play. The Borg Queen (Alicia Krige) is both manipulative and seductive.

This takes the idea of the Borg a little deeper in that even though they are a collective conscious, they actually have a leader who controls them.

The Borg Queen is very alien and scarier looking than the other Borg characters, and at the same time very sexy.

"Star Trek: First Contact" was written by Rick Berman, Brannon

Braga and Ronald D. Moore. It was produced by Rick Berman and directed by Jonathan Frakes.

Special effects were done by Industrial Light & Magic and the music was scored by Jerry Goldsmith.

The film is part of the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the "Star Trek" legacy created by Gene Roddenberry.

There have been seven "Star Trek" motion pictures and three more "Star Trek" television series that include "Star Trek: The Next Generation," "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine," and "Star Trek: Voyager."

"Star Trek: First Contact" is definitely the movie to see, whether you are a die-hard "Trekkie" or if you've been on a deserted planet somewhere fighting off Klingons and have never seen a "Star Trek" episode.

The story line is very good. The crew of the Enterprise-E interacts perfectly in the present as well as the past.



Photo Courtesy of Elliott Marks
Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner star in "First Contact," the second "Next Generation" film from Paramount Pictures

MOVIE REVIEW

Setting Off on a Crime

By EMILY MADEWELL
TM Staff Photographer

"Set it Off" tells the story of four women trying to create better lives for themselves.

Frankie (Viveca Fox) loses her job at the bank when someone from her neighborhood robs it. She almost gets shot and instead of concern she receives suspicion.

Tisean's (Kimberly Elise) son gets taken by child protection services because she does not have the money to support him.

Cleo (Queen Latifah) has just come to accept that her life will

never have any more meaning than it has.

Stoney (Jada Pinkett) describes herself as being caged. She dreams of sending her brother Stevie to college and leaving the neighborhood herself, but he gets shot down by the police for being in the wrong place with the wrong haircut.

So the women decide that if the system is going to try to keep them down, they are going to bring the

system down. "Set it Off" is full of great scenes, good writing and some twists. It is both touching and exciting.



MOVIE REVIEW

What's Spotty and Full of Smiles?

By DIANA WEBSTER
TM Staff Writer

With a wickedly inspired wardrobe and an attitude to match, director Stephen Herek brings the infamous Disney villainess Cruella DeVil to life with a wonderfully timed performance from Glenn Close in Disney's holiday release of "101 Dalmatians."

Bringing the classic animated film to life had to be challenging.

I suspected they would cut many memorable scenes, but much to my delight they remained true to the original.

With a screenplay by John Hughes and some great editing by Trudy Ship the film comes to life and is a pleasure to watch.

Jeff Daniels plays Roger, owner of Pongo, the adult male dalmatian.

He is an American video game designer living in London and his beloved Pongo is the inspiration for his latest video game.

Joely Richardson looks the part of Anita, a clothing designer em-

ployed by Cruella, and owner of Perdy, the adult female dalmatian.

The love story between the two dappled dogs begins when Pongo spoils the delicate Perdy passing in the park on the bike path.

There are no talking dogs, or talking pigs, for that matter.

Little of what I saw was filled in by animation or Jim Henson's Creature Shop puppets.

Everything from a Clydesdale horse to sparrows were actively involved at one point or another in this film and it brought the story to life in a wonderful way.

With over 200 puppies used to film the story, one develops an appreciation for the time, effort and love the trainers had with every animal actor on the set.

Glenn Close looks like she had the time of her life portraying the devilish DeVil.

Many actresses probably would have taken this role just to wear the clothes that were created for the character.

From her hair to her car she

appears to bask in the glow of the marriage-hating, fur-loving fashion empress.

When Roger's video game is refused by a pint-sized pre-adolescent executive because his video villain is too simplistic, a meeting with Cruella inspires him to new creative heights.

"It's not hatred that's important," the whiz kid Herbert told him, "it's a desire to annihilate." And what life Close's Cruella breathes into his statement.

No expense was spared in developing her surroundings or her character.

Joan Plowright was wonderful as Nanna, confidant to Anita and siter to the fifteen hyper little pups that Pongo and Perdy are blessed with after the marriage.

It is thoroughly engaging to children as well as adults. There is something in it for everyone.

It is as uplifting to the spirit as it is exciting to the eye. It is worthy of wearing the crown as the next classic Disney family film.

THEATER PREVIEW

Timing is Everything

By DAVID DM COUTANT
TM Entertainment Editor

Inside the starkly lit studio theater of Burnight Center hung a denim-clad blonde woman on a tire swing. Michelle Jacques was getting into her role as Kafka, a typing chimpanzee.

Joe Herrera and Art Aranda are her companion monkeys, Swifty and Milton. They are three apes being held captive in a cage equipped with three typewriters and apparently endless supplies of blank paper. When

they're good, or smash a typewriter, they are given cigarettes.

The intention of the 'experiment' is to see if three monkeys, typing into infinity, can spontaneously recreate Hamlet.

On the right: Bill Blush contemplates a cranial remnant in "Variations on the Death of Trotsky."

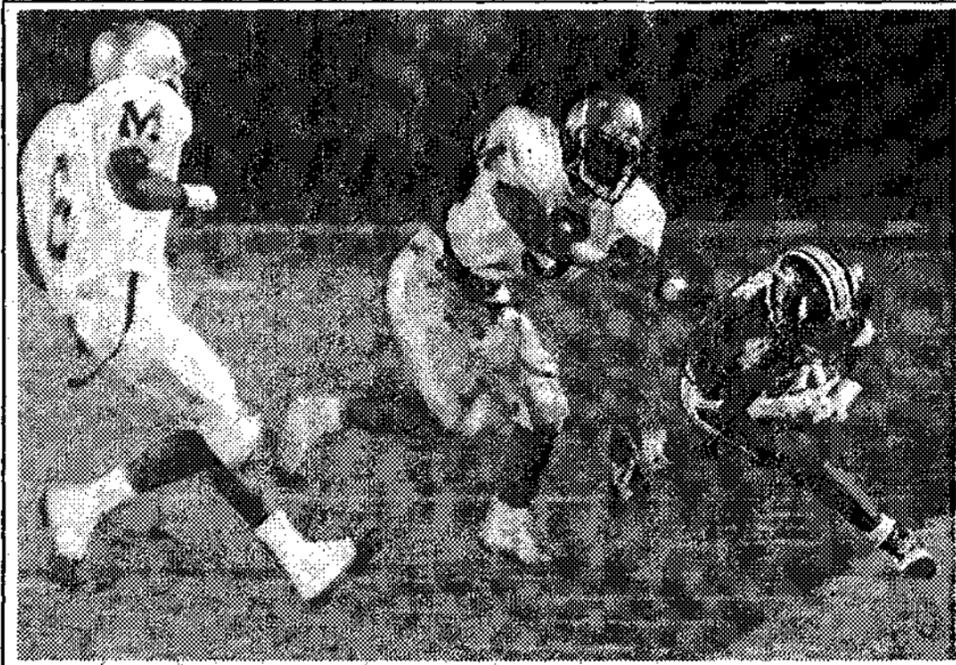
These are examples of the six one-act plays that are a part of Burnight Theatre's "All in the Timing" beginning Dec. 6.

This looks to be a very entertaining show. Contact the Burnight Center for details.



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Jay Young makes a side-lined catch in Cerritos' 33-14 win over San Diego Mesa on Nov. 23. For the season Young had 26 receptions for 406 yards and three touchdowns.

Bowl May be Too Offensive For Familiar Contenders

By JAMES REYNOSA
TM Sports Editor

In about two weeks the second largest bowl game in California will be held at Cerritos College.

On Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. the Cerritos College Falcons (8-2) will take on the Moorpark Raiders (8-2) in the Third Annual Strawberry Bowl, held in Falcon Stadium.

The Falcons will have the obvious home-field advantage, but Moorpark might have the strongest motivation between the two—revenge.

In the first Strawberry Bowl in 1994, Cerritos beat, defeat and badly mistreated Moorpark 55-9. "They probably have some

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players who were there when we first played them. I don't think they'll have much trouble getting up for us," said Head Coach Frank Mazzotta.

Both teams have explosive and balanced offenses.

The Raiders will bring an offense that averaged 237.1 yards rushing and 151.2 yards passing. Their main weapon is running back Ivan McCrae

who has 1268 all-purpose yards and 12 touchdowns. Also in their offensive scheme is the receiving duo of Leodes Van Buren (18 catches, 299 yards, five TD's) and Lawrence Lovett (17 catches, 74 yards, three TD's).

The Falcons too have a balanced attack, with 192.9 rushing and 145.1 passing yards. Leading them are running backs Corey Kelley, with 1403 all-purpose yards (1037 rushing with 12 TD's) and late bloomer Quion Austin with 512 yards rushing and seven touchdowns on just 72 carries.

With all this offense on tap, the Strawberry Bowl might end up turning into a track meet.

Tickets are available in the PE office beginning Monday and are \$6, \$3 with student ID.

Strawberries are in Season For Falcons

By JAMES REYNOSA
TM Sports Editor

Cerritos College is going bowling.

After a year in bowl play, the Cerritos College football team is returning home to play in the third annual Strawberry Bowl.

With their 27-14 victory over El Camino on Nov. 16 the Falcons received the Strawberry Bowl bid to face Moorpark College playing in Falcon Stadium on Dec. 7, kick-off is at 7 p.m.

The bid came before their game against a winless San Diego Mesa on Nov. 26 and Head Coach Frank Mazzotta was a little worried.

"I was afraid we weren't going to take these guys seriously. Our guys had other things on their minds this week," Mazzotta said.

If he was worried about the 0-9 Olympians, his players didn't show it as the controlled San Diego Mesa early and often during their 33-14 win.

The Falcons used a big play offense that generated 389 yards, highlighted by Corey Kelley's 205 yards on 20 carries with three touchdowns, and an opportunistic defense that caused five turnovers.

The first of which coming on the third play of the game when defensive end Oscar Burgueno tipped and caught a swing pass from Olympian quarterback Ariel Guitren. On the next possession, Corey Kelley dove for a 2-yard touchdown after just three plays.

The end-zone became a familiar place for Kelley this year as he led the Falcons with 12 touchdowns. For the year he had 147 carries for 1037 yards. He was the biggest reason why the Falcons ended the season with the second best rushing offense in the conference with 1929

yards.

A punt later and another big play coming from a running back, but this time it came from full-back Lou Porch. On a swing pass from quarterback Matthew Sorensen, Porch weaved across the field and ran 43 yards for a touchdown.

The offense still had one more big play in the half. This time it was Kelley, when he took an inside counter hand-off and never looked back on his way to a 60-yard touchdown.

At halftime Cerritos had a 21-0 lead and began to warm up the reserves for the second half.

Against El Camino, the week before, running back Quion Austin replaced suspended Corey Kelley rather nicely when he rushed for a school-record 260 yards on 22 carries, with three touchdowns.

But lost in Cerritos' offensive exploits, is the Falcon defense. Against El Camino, a team that beat both Long Beach College and Mount San Antonio, the defense stonewalled one of the best offenses in the conference by intercepting three passes and limiting the Warriors to just 25 yards rushing on 23 attempts.

Leading the Falcon defense is safety Mark Hays. He has 83 tackles (40 solo), eight interceptions and a blocked punt.

"Our defense has stepped it up in the last couple games. I've been lucky [this year]. I just sit in my zone and wait for my chance to jump at the ball," Hays said.

With the offense running and churning out constant yardage and the defense coming up with the timely big play, it's no wonder the Falcons are playing one more game.

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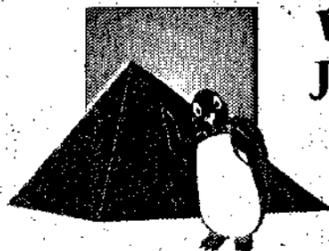
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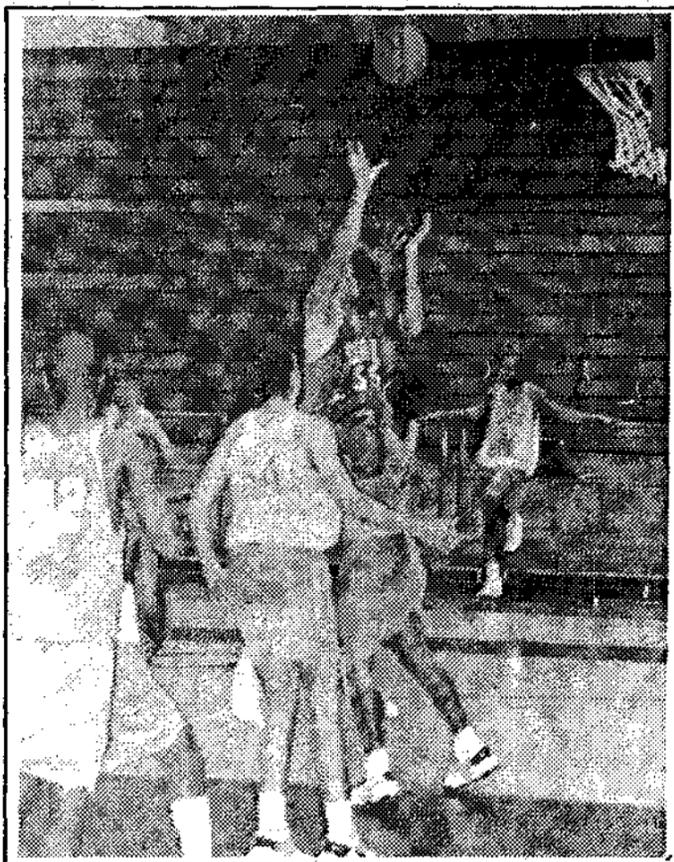
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Players practice for upcoming game against Cypress. The Falcons have jump-started with a 5-0 record on the season

No More Time to Practice; the Real Games Begin Now

By JAMES REYNOSA
TM Sports Editor

A year's rest and reflection have brought Head Coach Jack Bogdanovich back to one simple conclusion about this year's men's basketball team.

"We need some more practice," Bogdanovich said. After taking a one year sabbatical, Bogdanovich has returned to a team that has hardly any experience at either guard position and is having trouble executing the fundamentals.

"We've had 40 practices and we still don't have continuity in our offense. Hopefully that'll come over the duration of the season," Bogdanovich said.

So far, in the first five games, the Falcons have been successful.

They're coming off their three straight wins to take the Irvine Valley Tournament to take their record to 5-0 on the season.

In the championship game, freshman guard Jason Pickett had 28 points to lead the Falcons, as he was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

This week, The Falcons will travel to face Cypress on Wednesday before heading to College of the Canyons on Friday with both games slated for 7 p.m.

Cerritos uses a motion offense that lives with hard screens and team passing but dies with poor guard play.

The problem stems from having no players that have an experience in Bogdanovich's coaching style. Even though coach Dean Ackland took the reigns last year and used the same system, it wasn't the same. And its beginning to show.

"I have to teach every single step to our players, and it's a little frustrating right now. I still haven't been able to implement the next phase of our offense. Sometimes we look like we're in our first practice,"

Bogdanovich said.

Cerritos will have returning starters Roger Rousell and Chad Bell. The problem with that is they both play the same position, center. Other than Juilo Aliva, the Falcons are made up of freshmen, transfer and bench players with little playing experience.

Not exactly a group to welcome a coach that has averaged around 30 wins a season.

But even with problems in coming together, the goals are the same. A league championship and a high seed in the state playoffs.

The Cerritos Falcons won the South Coast Conference last year and ten times out of the last 14 years.

But if this year's mix of freshmen and journeymen doesn't produce any constancy, liked planned, then the basketball season will come to a quick conclusion.

But early in the season it's been so far, so good.

SPORTS BRIEFS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team Captures Fifth in Opening Tournament

In the first tournament of the season the Falcons placed fifth despite losing the opening game to Victor Valley, 81-74. They went onto defeat Pima (AZ), 63-44, and San Diego Mesa, 65-42.

This Saturday Cerritos will host Merced at 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Season Ends With Win; Kelley Finishes with 32

Kelley Walker scored three goals for Cerritos in the 6-1 win over Rio Hondo in the last game of the season. The win made the Falcons 12-6-0 in the South Coast Conference.

Walker had 32 goals this season for the school record. Karen May, Amy Londborg and Alyson Powell also had a goal each.

Ten Reach State Meet

By DAVID FEENSTRA
TM Staff Writer

It's deja vu all over again as the Cerritos wrestling team sent all 10 wrestlers to the State Championships at Victor Valley, Dec. 6-7.

Palomar won the team title, followed by Moorpark, Mt. San Antonio, Cerritos, rounding out the standings were Golden West and Ranch Santiago.

Randy Bowers (126lbs) placed second after returning to his usual weight class, instead of 134lbs in which he had lost two straight matches.

Bowers utilized a bye, a pin and a 13-9 before losing in the finals 14-9 to Mt. SAC's Kory Sign.

Paul Fonseca (134) ripped through the tournament winning his first three matches by a combined score of 50-16.

That all came crashing down when he lost 7-3 in the finals.

Juan Alvarez (142) was victorious in his first round match 21-6, his next two matches were much closer with Alvarez winning his next two matches 11-9 and 8-4.

In the finals Alvarez was pinned in 1:15 by Alfred Fausto of Ranch

Santiago.

Scott Rojo (190) skated through the tournament only having to wrestle once to get to the finals.

Even with the early round byes Rojo was unable to wrestle in the finals due to some nagging injuries.

Dan Moyer (167) dropped his first round match, but, bounced back to win three straight. His streak was concluded with a 5-3 victory in the third place match.

Ray Fonseca (150) and heavy-weight Kelley Richardson placed fourth in the Tournament.

Ray Fonseca got a first round bye before suffering an overtime loss. He bounced back with two consecutive victories before falling 9-3 in the third place match.

Richardson suffered a pinfall defeat in the second round, but came back to pin Frank Martinez of Bakersfield. He won his next match by default because of an injury before losing a 5-2 decision to San Bernardino's Richard Martin in the third place match.

Gabriel Ochoa (158) came in seventh and filling out the standings were both Joshua Lewis (177) and Julio Soto (118) earning eighth place finishes.

Loss at Home Gives LBCC Title; Falcons Advance to Second Round

By FAUSTO RAMOS
TM Staff Writer

There is a reason why the Long Beach City College women's volleyball team is undefeated and ranked number one in the state.

And the Vikings weren't shy in showing them to Cerritos when they escaped with a 15-5, 11-15, 19-17, 15-4 win over the Falcons. The victory gives Long Beach College their second consecutive South Coast Conference

title.

With the loss the Falcons maintained their second place spot in the conference. They also received a #4 ranking in the state regional.

Last night, the Falcons defeated #12 Citrus College 15-3, 15-8, 17-15.

Second round of the Southern California regional playoffs will be played Saturday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.

During the Viking match, with the match tied one all, both teams

started to slug it out in the third game.

Exchanging sideouts after sideouts the Vikings setter Miya Shimada played a near perfect match recording 50 assists and giving Long Beach the important third game (19-17).

The Falcons ran out of gas in the fourth game (15-4) as the Vikings made a statement by running off the first eight straight points and walking off with soul possession of the SCC.

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EXAM TIME	DECEMBER 16 MONDAY	DECEMBER 17 TUESDAY	DECEMBER 18 WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 19 THURSDAY	DECEMBER 20 FRIDAY
6 A.M. TO 8 A.M.	6:30 MW 6:45 MTWTh	6:30 TTh			
8 A.M. TO 10 A.M.	7:00 MW 7:00 MTWTh 7:30 MW 7:50 MTWTh 8:00 M 8:30 MF	7:00 TTh 7:00 TWTTh 7:30 TTh 8:00 T	7:15 MWF 8:00 MW 8:30 MW 8:30 WF	8:00 Th 8:00 TTh 8:00 TWTThF 8:00 DAILY 8:30 TTh 8:30 DAILY	7:30 F 8:00 F 8:00 MF 8:00 WF 8:00 MWF 8:30 F
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The F-Files

BY DAVID FEENSTRA

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The four day event will kick-off with an opening reception on Dec. 4 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. and will officially begin on Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. On Dec. 6-7, the sale will continue from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information on the Student Art Sale or dates, call the Art Department at (310) 860-2451 ext. 2600.

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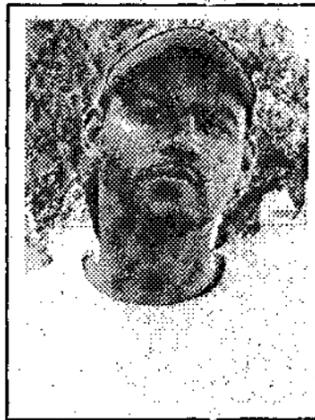
CAMPUS COMMENT

What is your reaction to the bomb threats that Cerritos has received?



"I don't take any of the bomb threats seriously. There have been so many, that I just take them as a joke."

Jeanie Choi
Undecided



"I think that it's just somebody playing and trying to get attention. They aren't threatening anymore."

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International Relations



"I think that more investigation needs to be done, because it isn't worth endangering student's lives."

Cirilda Avila
Pre-Med



"The school should be cautious, because one of these days some wacko might actually have a bomb."

Josh Barker
Education



"I think that it's a shame that anyone would do something like that. It makes no sense, especially in a place where we are supposed to learn. That just takes away from our learning time."

Elijah Brumfield
Biology



"They seem fake to me, but I'm glad that we are evacuated, just in case there ever is a real one. It is very disruptive to keep on receiving threats because we are missing out on our education."

Maria Frias
History



"It makes the students that actually come to class to learn waste their time, because they don't get to learn anything. Hopefully, they'll get some type of Caller I.D. so that they can find out who it is."

Jose Nunez
Film



"I don't think they're real. People are just trying to get out of class. Someone is trying to be funny, but when they get caught, they'll realize that they weren't funny."

Cleo Henderson
Education

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