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Student services remodel to be ready for fall semester

Admissions office services will be moved temporarily because of coming changes

T.R. Taber

Co Editor in Chief

One-stop registration will soon be a reality for Cerritos College students.

Beginning next fall semester, students will have a new Student Services office to walk into, according to Erlinda Martinez, vice president of student services.

"It will have more of an open feel to it," Martinez said.

In the past, students trying to register found themselves going to four or five different places to complete their registration.

That is what brought about the concept of one-stop registration, to make the registration process easier for students.

Soon, with the help of Martinez, the plans for one-stop registration will be complete.

Recently, most of the registration process has been brought to one building, with the exception of financial aid and the assessment center.

Touch-registration was also a part of the efforts in creating one-stop registration.

Plans for the newly remodeled Student Services office, also known as Admissions, includes putting financial aid inside across from Admissions and placing counseling offices around the perimeter of the building, in an effort to create easier access for the students.

"One of the objectives is to 'marry' admissions and financial aid," Martinez said.

The Assessment Center, which will

move to the Student Services building, is also looking at new computerized testing.

Another plan is to cross train staff to answer questions concerning other departments.

There is a possibility in the future for new parking arrangements as well.

According to Martinez, there are plans in the making to move the staff parking in front of Burnight Center over to where the metered parking currently is. Then the staff spaces would be turned into "in and out" parking for students trying to register.

"Changes like these will make it more convenient and less intimidating for new students," Phil Houseman, dean of student activities, said.

The new Student Services building is also going to have all new modular furniture, to give it a more up-to-date look, according to Martinez.

"Student Services is the first impression we make on a student," Wayne Nunnery, Manager of the Student Center, said.

He feels the changes will greatly benefit the students.

Reconstruction of the Student Services building will begin in late March and continue until around July 1.

According to Martinez, there will be a slight inconvenience to students during the remodeling process.

She said plans have been scheduled during a time when it will be the least disruptive, during the summer session, in an effort to make the transition as easy and painless for the students as possible.

"It's a sacrifice for a temporary period of time, but in the end, the students will be better off," Martinez said.

While the remodeling is taking place, students will need to go to the library and the Learning Resource Center to register for summer classes.

The counseling offices will be located on the first floor of the library and admissions will be on the second floor of the LRC.

"It's going to be wonderful when it's finished," Martinez said. "It's just going to take us getting through these next few months."

The counseling and admissions offices will move to the library and LRC on March 25.

The entire project will cost approximately \$750,000, and is not being funded by the district.

"I have never seen a college put this much into student services," Martinez said "this project tells students that we care about them. It says 'you're welcome here'."

The architect, Debra Shephley, is the same one who designed the Student Center.

She works for TBP in Newport beach.

The contractor and furniture bids have been sent out and will be voted on by the Board of Trustees on March 4.

The remodeling project should be completed by July 1, well before the beginning of Fall semester.

Martinez has also organized an update letter to be sent out on a weekly basis to keep students and faculty apprised of the advancements on the remodel.



Brian Kilpatrick/TM

Erlinda Martinez discusses the plan for admissions remodel.

Golf course forum help to answer residents questions

Cindy Berteau

Special to Talon Marks

"It's fun! It's friendly! It's golf-or so the closing line of the promotional video shown by Family Golf Centers, Inc. hoped to convince skeptical residents who attended the public forum Jan. 28 and 29 regarding the proposed golf training facility.

Approximately 70 people filled the Student Center each evening and audience members included project consultants, residents opposed and in favor of the training center, concerned students, and several members of the college board of trustees.

The program for both evenings included an opening address from Cerritos College President Fred Gaskin who expressed a



Cindy Berteau/Special TM
William Schickler, vice president of Family Golf Center

strong desire that the land for the proposed site be kept under the college's ownership. Gaskin noted that the building of a golf training center would give the college options to build a different facility when, should the need occur, the lease may be bought out after 10 years.

"We hope to build the finest facility of its type in

the nation," Gaskin said.

Following Gaskin's opening address, forum moderator Wayne Rew introduced Family Golf Centers Vice President Bill Schickler who presented slides and a brief videotape describing the company background, philosophy and the Cerritos training center plans.

Schickler covered many of the concerns mentioned at a previous Cerritos City Council meeting last month where residents vigorously opposed plans for the center. Schickler stipulated that no alcohol would be sold at the facility, the garden golf course would not emulate the typical windmill-and-clown type mini-golf courses, and that the batting cages would produce a minimal amount of noise.

Upon conclusion of Schickler's presentation, several project consultants were available to briefly explain the architecture, lighting, traffic, construction and environmental impacts of the training center.

Once each consultant had explained their involvement with the training center, written questions were collected from the audience members and answered by the proper consultants. A common theme among the questions asked revolved around financing and revenue from the proposed center. Other questions included the safety of surroundings and maintenance of the facility.

"It is in our interest to get along with the community and our neighbors," Schickler said responding to a question regarding the promised efficiency of Family Golf Center to handle individual problems that may arise with security, lighting and unwanted elements.

After each written question was answered, forum attendees were encouraged to address the project panel and share comments. Most comments from residents and students were in favor of the training center, and encouraged

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Bomb threats prove to be false alarms

Admissions office receives threats and is evacuated for bomb search.

Viviana Rolon
Staff Writer

Two bomb threats were reported Wednesday, both within minutes of each other.

Early in the morning, switchboard operator Carmen Garcia received an incoming phone call. The person at the other end asked for Administration Office.

"Do you mean admissions?" Garcia asked.

The caller asked again for the Administration Office and Garcia told the person that Admissions wouldn't open until 8 a.m.

The caller asked "Who are

you?" and she responded that she was the switchboard operator.

The caller informed her that there were three bombs set to go off at the school in an hour and then mumbled something.

"Pardon me?" said Garcia.

The suspect laughed and hung-up.

Garcia described the voice as that of a male Hispanic.

"I tried to listen to what his voice sounded like," said Garcia.

She then notified campus police and Vice President of Business Services, Peter Hardash.

A few minutes later admissions and records received a bomb threat.

The suspect said, according to the police report, "I put

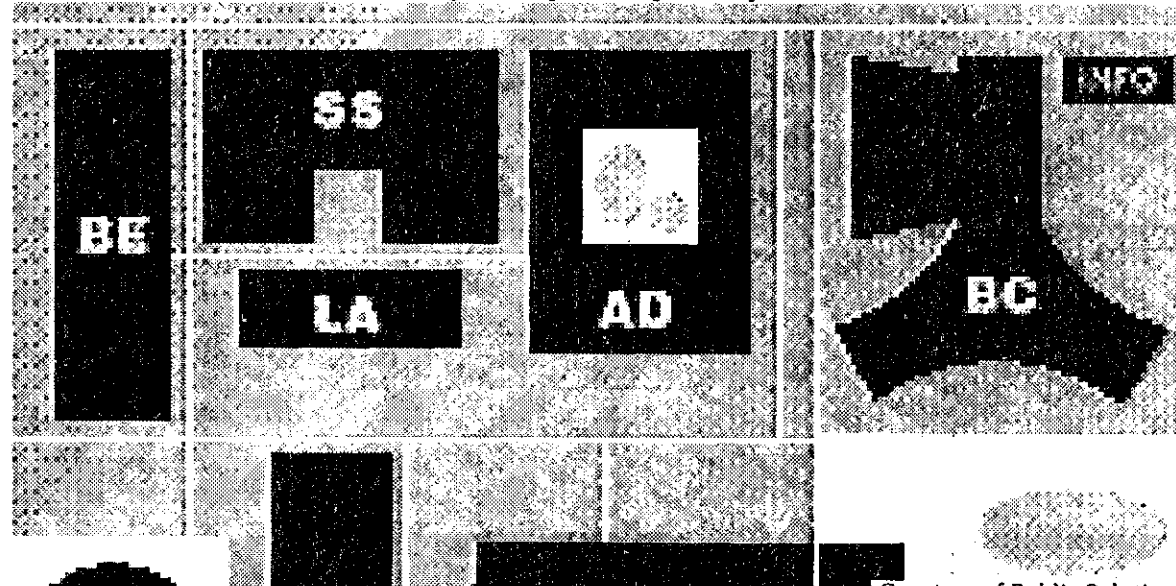
threebombs on the campus." He then mumbled while swearing and hung-up.

Admissions was then evacuated and campus police conducted a search and found no apparent explosive devices.

Admissions staff waited for about 30 to 45 minutes, until it was safe to re-enter the building.

The suspect's voice sounded as if the mouthpiece of the phone was partially covered and was described as having a slight Middle Eastern or Hispanic accent.

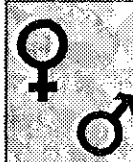
"We're conducting a full on investigation, but we have no suspects," said Lieutenant Buskowiecki. "We don't know if it's the same person that made both calls."



Courtesy of Public Relations

Bomb threats were reported from the Administration building(AD on map), after evacuation of building and completing a search, no explosive devices were found.

the news at a glance



Anti-Feminism

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EDITORIALS

Tiny mirrors bad reflection for campus

What happened to all the mirrors? Once upon a time, the men's restrooms in the Learning Resource Center were built with large mirrors stretching the length of the wash basins. Overall, the campus bathrooms just seemed better. Now, all the large mirrors from the Learning Resource Center have gone, and have been replaced with much smaller mirrors. Men no longer have the option to primp and preen next to each other in the restroom. Now, they must jostle for position in front of a mirror barely large enough for one.

Where have all the mirrors gone? Will they ever come back? "The mirrors were taken to be reground and polished." Director of Physical Plant Mike Sebek stated, "We won't put the big mirrors back because of the vandalism." Women's bathroom mirrors are intact. The vandals don't seem to care for defacing the women's restrooms. Taggers find the large reflective surface a very tempting media to carve their illegible, misspelled scrawl into, like scratching away at some huge lottery ticket.

Only, we all lose. They don't win a damn thing, and we get tiny mirrors in bathrooms with heavy traffic. Who knows if the taggers are students or not. They may be just bored teenagers who secretly aspire to academic greatness, but instead succumb to their ancestral urgings and follow in their ancient relatives footsteps by drawing on cave walls.

Whatever the cause, the only result is that students are frustrated that a handful of idiots could mess things up for everyone.

Sebek felt the problem of vandalism was big enough to warrant a daily campus patrol.

"We have a guy who walks around with a can of paint, getting rid of graffiti every day," Sebek said. "We don't want them to feel it's okay to mark up our school."

Ultimately, students pay for the graffiti removal. Although money is budgeted for graffiti removal, it isn't inexhaustible, and the problem may one day become too large to handle on a daily basis.

This type of crime also preys upon our fears; we become isolated individuals in someone's territory, having to watch our own backs, and our belongings.

We of Cerritos College have one brief, correctly spelled and clearly readable statement to these gang members: GO AWAY!

Alas, the people this article is intended to target may never read this article. How sad.

The rest of us have just one responsibility, now. We must become watchful, reporting immediately anything we see.

We have a say in how our campus looks, and if we take any pride at all in our campus, if we have a positive attitude towards the appearance of our school, then we will work together with the maintenance team to discourage vandalism.

Tastes change. Culture changes. The nature of school is different. Our campus is evolving, we should take a radical stand on how our campus looks, and how people treat it.

One thing remains the same. We choose to be here, so we should also choose to create the best possible environment for our education.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Feminists need to find real target of their hatred

Regarding campus feminists - male and female

Part of the problem:

Having been bathed in the language of anti-male feminism for at least 10 years, one feels an ontological shift. The dogs biting at my heels, trying to batter the self-image of the male, the male no longer enjoys the chase or sees the point of it and counter-attacks.

You see, the counter-attack is purely based in self-defense when even the non-verbal messages are clearly anti-male. It has nothing to do with the pursuit of truth, knowledge or justice. Feminism, as I encounter it close up, is pure revenge in exactly and crudely executed.

What feminists need to do is find the real and particular targets of their "male hatred." They need to go

directly to the men they hate and face the original genesis of their phobia. The feminist patho-logic of converse accident is a poisonous antagonism of my sympathy.

Joseph van de Mortel
Philosophy Department

The contents of this letter do not reflect the views of the advisors, editors, or staff of Talon Marks.

TM response: As future leaders, we must recognize and learn to respect the differences in our society and treat them as opportunities to learn. The differing views and opinions of certain groups is what makes the country we live in a spectacular and diverse place.

It is a shame, therefore, to learn that one of our faculty here at Cerritos College would in any way want to suppress the feelings of any group on campus or off.

Mr. Van de Mortel expresses in his letter his feelings of rejection and outrage by the "anti-male" feminists he has encountered.

Perhaps, there are a few women

out there who have indeed proclaimed their rage against men. And yes, maybe those select few should in fact go back to the source of their animosity to resolve it.

It must also be remembered, however, that the feelings of this small group are in no way representative of "feminism" in general.

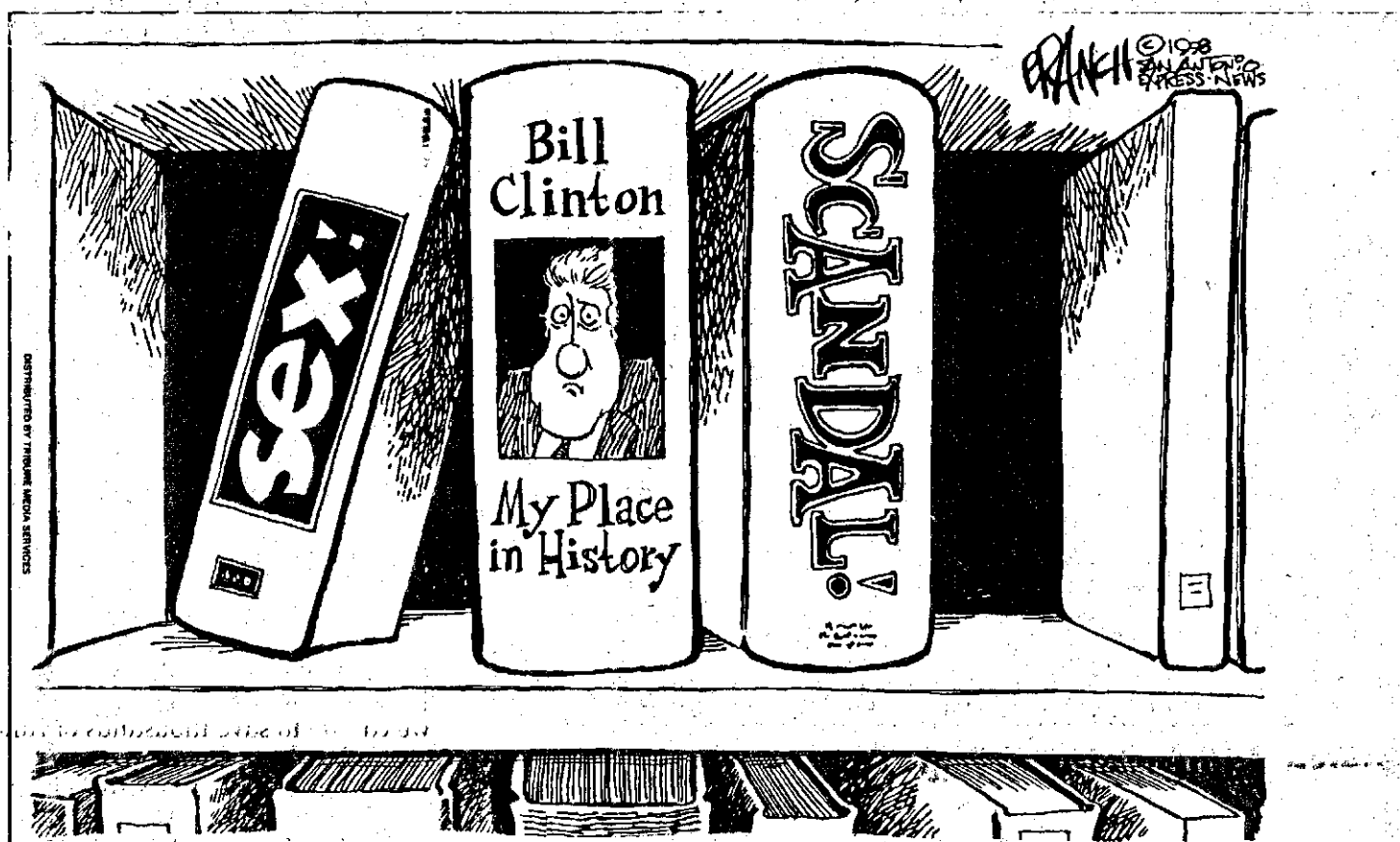
Even more important is the fact that every group, no matter how radical or small in number, has the right to express their beliefs.

This would also apply, of course, to Mr. Van de Mortel himself. Assuming it has no effect on his teaching or relations with his students.

But he also has a responsibility to his students to provide them with a fair and unbiased education -- the education the students have paid for.

As long as he adheres to that principle, and does not allow his personal feelings to intrude on his teaching, he has every right to express himself in whichever way he sees fit.

We welcome your responses and comments. Please bring submissions to Talon Marks AC 42.



Gossip: The ultimate form of government

Soledad Puertos
Co-Editor in Chief

The President of the United States is under attack for allegedly sleeping with an intern of the White House, then forcing her to lie in a deposition concerning the accusations by Paula Jones.

This topic has been talked about for over a month. It seems as though gossip is more important than fact.

Yes he's running the country, but he can obviously run it without letting the scandal get in his way.

The truth of the matter is, if president Clinton did commit the crimes he is accused of then he should be punished.

Punished for making Monica Lewinsky lie in her deposition, not for sleeping with her (that is, if he did).

It has been said that the Clinton scandal has even gotten more coverage than the death of Princess Diana. Everyone seems to enjoy gos-

sip, and unfortunately for the news broadcast to increase their ratings they have to follow the president everywhere.

I'm surprised we haven't found out what kind of toilet paper he uses.

Gossip also hits home with our own politicians.

Let student government be an example.

Everyone seems to wait for the perfect moment, that time when some senator, cabinet member, vice-president and even the president of the ASCC takes a wrong turn.

The most unfortunate thing is that the ones to point it out first are one of their fellow politicians. It seems as if they are all after each other.

I bet if they worked together a little bit more and maybe left some of their petty rivalries outside student government, their accomplishments would be more noticeable.

They do deserve some recognition

for their accomplishments and their goals to improve the conditions of Cerritos College.

But, recognition came when they swept the awards at the banquet in the fall, leaving few awards for students not holding government positions.

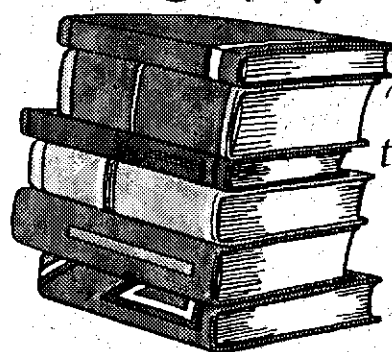
Not that student government doesn't have the right idea in mind, (to get students involved in the decisions that will effect them and let their voices be heard) but these goals are often lost in the shuffle.

If student government is trying to mirror itself after the federal government, then it's doing a hell of a job.

Whether or not the rumors about the President are true or not, gossip should not be the most important reason to report a good news story.

Let's hope that the journalist of our country, whether it be broadcast or print, can find some news with some importance to convey.

CAMPUS COMMENT



"Where did you buy your books this semester and why did you buy them there?"

BY Viviana Rolon

"Across the street and also at the (campus) bookstore because they were almost the same price."

—Biyi Adesina,
Molecular Biology
/Pre-Med



"Across the street because they had more used books and they're cheaper."

—Steven Picazzo,
Art



"At Textbook Inc. (across the street) because I'm going to go wherever the prices are less."

—Sadith Zaldivar,
Biology



"Across the (campus) bookstore, whichever one was cheaper."

—Ashanti Ross,
Nursing



"Textbook Inc. (across the street) because I found better prices for my budget."

—Edgar Santa,
Fashion Design



"At Textbook Inc. (across the street) because the people are friendlier."

—Escheille Barrow,
Nursing



"At the (campus) bookstore only because I got a book voucher."

—Nelson Sandoval,
Business
Entertainment



"I bought them across the street. Obviously, they were less expensive and the (campus) bookstore rips you off"

—Carlos Jaramillo,
Pre-Med



Cerritos College maintenance gets graded

Faculty senate will send a survey for students and facility to rate the cleanliness of Cerritos College campus.

Joyce Kelly
Staff Writer

A change is coming. Faculty, staff and students will unite to pull off a cleanliness campaign.

Everyone will be given the opportunity to complete a survey, which will ask about the conditions of the facilities on campus. This may be the first of its kind on a college campus in California, according to Wendell Hanks, speech instructor and long time advocate of projects of this type.

Hanks states his motto is, "If student and staff decisions go unmanaged, you have a mediocrity."

The questionnaires will be distributed in the classrooms on March 23 and the staff will be included in receiving and completing them.

Wendall Hanks and Pat Pinder are leading

the charge to call attention to the necessary repairs needed on campus, and it has been answered by a committee of concerned individuals sharing the same interests.

This committee includes; Bob Krieger, Bob Chester, Dick McGrath, Wendell Hanks, Val Asiddao, Mark Fronke, Peter Caimi, Pat Pinder and students Arlene Stafford, Jennifer Fairchild and Rajelio Rios. They met on Monday to discuss a survey, in the form of a report card, and a way and means to distribute it.

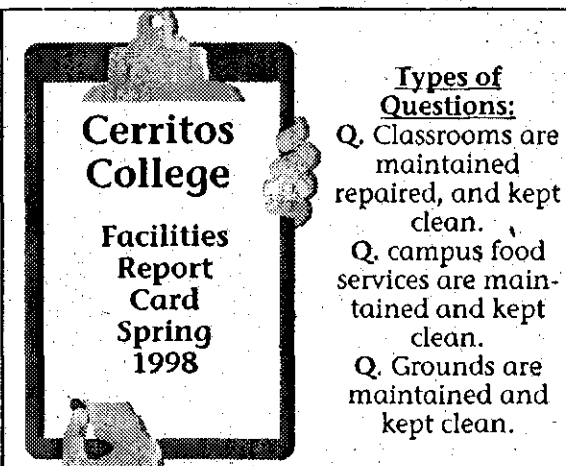
Lester Malta, commissioner of student services, said, "I think a lot of students would be interested in how the campus looks. It is a good feedback of what the students think, and we can do something about it."

Fernando Millan, a peer counselor majoring in liberal arts, said, "It is helpful for the students to evaluate the school." The survey will be distributed to everyone.

Pinder and Hanks presented the idea and a draft of the survey to the student senate. "This is an ad hoc of faculty senate to research and decide what measures to take to improve the campus," Pat Pinder, president of faculty senate, said.

On the other hand some students like Erick Estrada, a future teacher said, "The school is very clean. The only thing is that the floors in the library are slippery when it rains."

Since the majority of the campus community feels there is a need for cleanliness, the survey will be distributed, and a message to 'all' staff is being prepared by the committee.



Forum:

Golf center still a hot topic

the passage of proposed plans.

"I think the center will be a good opportunity for students to stay out of trouble," student Rowena Mendoza said.

Other students in attendance commended the Family Golf Center for their commitment to the project which has sparked a new wave of community involvement.

"I've never seen my neighbors so much since going to the first city council. We always have something to talk about with this project," students Jennifer Zaragoza said.

As a theater major versed in stage lighting, Zaragoza believes that the described plans for the training center lighting will not

adversely effect adjacent residences.

After the comment session, individual oral questions from concerned residents were answered by project consultants. Mendoza asked, if the facility will hire students and if so would they hire her.

Schickler replied that students will have employment and intern opportunities at the facility.

The forum was closed by Rew who directed audience members to give themselves a round of applause for great conduct and thanked them for attending.

Cerritos city council meeting will be held on February 12, at 7p.m.

Seat belt awareness becomes an important issue in February

Soledad Puertos
Co Editor in Chief

"Every 14 seconds someone in America is injured in a traffic accident. Every 12 seconds someone is killed in a crash," as stated in the Presidential Initiative to Increase Seat Belt Use Nationwide.

Seat belt safety became an issue earlier this month, when Campaign Safe and Sober hit the nation. Campaign Safe and Sober began in conjunction with National Child Passenger Awareness Week to increase awareness of seat belts and other safety features.

Seat belts are still considered the most effective agents in reducing injuries or fatalities in serious automobile accidents.

The speed in which an accident occurs is what makes seat belt awareness important.

Within 1/10 of a second after the initial impact your vehicle will come to a complete stop, whereas the person in the vehicle is continuing to travel at the speed of the vehicle.

In December of 1996, President Clinton addressed the seat belt issue on his weekly radio broadcast, "If there is one thing we can do to save thousands of American lives, it is to increase seat belt use nationwide."

The current rate of seat belt use in America is 68 percent. Seat belt use has begun a slow rise and has struggled to maintain use rates at its current level.

To add to the low rise of seat belt usage, half the children under the age of five who die in car accidents are not secured in their safety seats.

With traffic accidents being the leading cause of death for Americans ages 6-27 the lack of seat belt practice can be fatal to any one who drives a vehicle.

It is estimated that the number of lives saved each year is 9,500.

Research has shown that that lap/shoulder belts reduce the risk of fatal injury to front seat passengers by 45 percent.

Child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury, if used correctly, by 71 percent for children under five years of age.

California became the first state to upgrade its seat belt law from secondary to primary enforcement and has increased its awareness of seat belt safety.

Connecticut, Washington D.C., Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Texas all have changed seat belt laws from secondary to primary enforcement.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration calculates that enactment of primary belt laws by the other 36 states would make similar gains.

New Hampshire is presently the only state without seat belt laws.

Seat belts become a passengers and drivers a line of defense.

Campus News: Around the Nation

Chelsea believes in Her Dad

Chicago—Chelsea Clinton is standing by her man.

In this case, her father, who faces allegations that he had an affair with former White House intern only a few years older than she is.

Or so says Rev. Jesse Jackson, who, president Clinton's suggestion, recently spoke over the phone about the crisis with Chelsea.

"She's so sweet, strong and mature beyond her years," Jackson said of the 17-year-old freshman at Stanford University during a broadcast of CNN's "Larry King Live."

"She is aware of what's happening and confronting it, and she wants to offer support for her father and mother."

"The very strong ties she has with (her mother) Hillary (Rodham Clinton) and the affection for her father are just very touching," Jackson continued, adding that he thinks Chelsea "totally believes" her father.

"Chelsea has grown up in a household of public struggle and confrontation. It's not the first time she's seen her father's name in the negative."

Suspected Cake Bomb rocks UC Berkeley

Berkeley, Calif.—Campus police at the University of California at Berkeley feared someone had planted a bomb in a lopsided cake left in a lounge in the school's mathematics department.

The cake, discovered Jan. 27, bore a photo of the Unabomber, former Berkeley math professor, Ted Kaczynski, and newspaper clippings reading "Free Ted." A university employee found the cake and called for help after tasting its icing.

A bomb squad officer struck his hand in the cake and found no explosives. "It was probably just a harmless prank that, under the circumstances, was treated seriously," said Capt. Bill Foley told the "Daily Californian."

College Press Service

BLACK STUDENT UNION BRING ADDRESSES STRONG ISSUES

Stephanie Mulkey
TM Staff Writer

The Black Student Union has two admirable and respected advisors, a strong and ambitious leader and a small but dedicated group of members. According to Club President, Joyce Kelly, they have a "New Attitude!"

"Our organization can be a valuable pathway to any member's future. We provide help in any manner we can," Kelly says. "We are no longer identified as just a 'social' club."

The BSU is an organization with positive influence, knowledge, understanding and guidance, that is open to any student interested in a positive journey from college to the outside life. Its mission is to assist African-American students at Cerritos College in its quest and desire for academic excellence, economic growth and spiritual empowerment, while promoting the history and accomplishments of African-Americans.

Instructor, Linda Clegg, who is also co-advisor to the BSU, hopes that activities planned, such as business, career and time-management workshops, and influential guest speakers will lure prospective new members to get involved with the group. She would also like to start a Big

Brother/Sister program where former CC students who have accomplished successful endeavors in their lives, would come back as mentors to current students, by sharing their experiences.

"I feel this would be an excellent way to work together toward building a network throughout college years," Clegg says.

Vice President, Eugenia Neal agrees that much can be accomplished by putting our minds and resources together and focusing on making a difference in our lives, whether it's family, college, career or community. "Being a member of the BSU has given me more confidence academically and has taught me to stand up and be a leader in my own culture," Neal says.

With February being Black History Month, the group is busy coordinating special events on campus, such as a workshop-African-Americans in Business: The Path Towards Empowerment, which will be held Feb. 24, at 11 a.m. in the TeleConference room. Also being planned is a fashion show, tentatively scheduled for Feb. 26, Black History speakers and an appearance by the Harlem Boys Choir.

Although its active members are few

in number, it is evident they are motivated to keep moving forward. The small group and its advisors know the importance of having an organization designed for it that addresses issues that affect African-American roles and relationships to society as a whole. By disseminating educational, economic, social, community, historical and spiritual information, it aims to form a strong voice on campus to stimulate positive growth, and implement positive changes to help each other achieve academic, financial, career and social stability.

"Any achievement is achievement" says Dr. Robert Bell, Dean of Admissions and Records, and Co advisor to the BSU. "It's up to them as a group to get moving and keep building up. My job is to help them get where they want to go, but ultimately it's up to them as individuals or as a group." Bell is hopeful that through more advertising, word of mouth and successful activities, more, if not all Black students will be encouraged to get involved with the BSU. "Any organization is as strong as its members and we need everyone's support."

BSU is open to all students and it meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 11a.m. in room LA21.

NEWS NOTES

Support golf plan?

Students who want to support the approval of the Golf Center can pick up support cards in the Student Activities Office.

Cards must be filled out and turned in to Student Activities by Feb. 12.

More information can be obtained by contacting the Student Activities Office at (562)860-2451 ext. 2475.

Book Exchange

The student center is in need of books to begin the Book Exchange Program.

The Book Exchange will allow students to exchange their own books for other books on the shelves in the Student Center.

Please donate paperback books in useable condition to the Student Activities Office.

For more information please contact Wayne Nunnery at (562)860-2451 ext. 2475.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive on March 12 in the Student Activities Office. If possible, students should sign up in the Student Activities office to avoid a lengthy wait.

Certain conditions may prevent a person from being eligible to give blood, such as AIDS, hepatitis, pregnancy, illness, etc.

For more information contact American Red Cross Blood Services of Southern California Region at (800) 843-2949 ext. 5521.

Sign up sheet is available at Talon Marks, AC 42.

Labels needed

The Cerritos College Child Development Center is participating in the Campbell's "Labels for Education" program.

The program, helps schools obtain free educational and outdoor equipment.

Labels, proofs of purchase, lids, etc. from Campbell's and other products can be dropped off at the Child Development Center.

For more information or a list of acceptable products and what to donate, please contact the Child Development Center at (562)860-2451 ext. 2583.

POLICE BEAT

Compiled by Campus Police

Bicycle Theft

Jan. 20, at 8:30 a.m. an officer responded to the inner quad area regarding bicycle theft. Victims bike was taken from the rack.

Jan. 21 at 1:30 p.m. an officer responded to the Social Science building regarding bicycle theft. Victims bike was stolen from the rack.

Jan. 26 at 2:15 p.m. an officer responded to the Social Science building where a student reported a bicycle theft from the rack at that location.

Grand Theft Auto

Jan. 22, at 4:30 p.m. an officer responded to Lot C-1 regarding Grand Theft Vehicle. Vehicle stolen was a 1983 Datsun Sentra. The vehicle was later recovered and suspect was arrested.

Jan. 30, at 4 p.m. an officer responded to lot C-5 regarding Grand Theft Vehicle. The informant said someone stole her friends 1998 Toyota. A report was taken and forwarded to Norwalk Sheriff's Station. The vehicle was subsequently recovered by Downey Police Department on Jan. 31.

At 4:30 p.m. an officer responded to Lot C-1 regarding a Grand Theft Vehicle call. The victim said someone stole his 1983 Datsun Sentra.

The vehicle was later recovered and a suspect arrested.

To Many Warrants

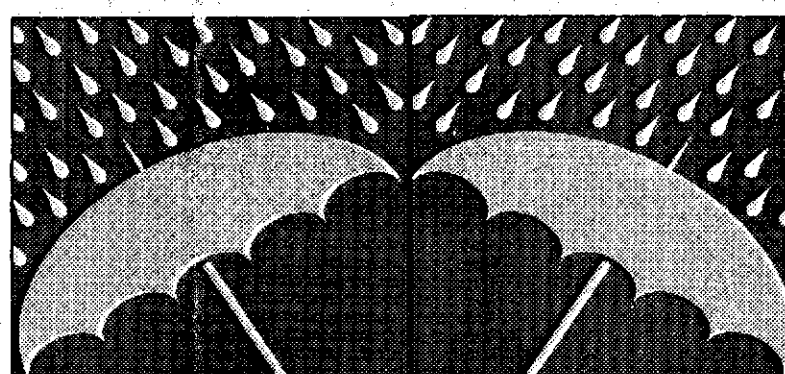
Jan. 31, at 8:00 p.m. an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a red light. A traffic stop was initiated, during which it was discovered the driver had a no bail felony warrant.

The passenger was found to have a \$27,000 warrant also. Both the driver and passenger were arrested and booked at Norwalk Sheriff's station.

PHOTO ESSAY

TALON MARKS

FEBRUARY 11, 1998



Pictures clockwise:

The reflection of students shoes on the puddles throughout campus; Students prepare with umbrellas after leaving the L.A.P.; Attack of the umbrellas as students use them for shelter; Residents walk on the burme to look at the ocean; The reflection of the trees that surround the Admissions office; A lone student goes to class with only an umbrella to protect him.

Brian Kilpatrick/TM

It's raining, It's pouring...

Here comes El Niño, it's time to get those umbrellas out.

El Niño has finally hit southern California and has create quite a fuss. Not only through on the small campus of Cerritos College but also the beaches, county and small cities all around and in Los Angeles county.

The rain has caused some significant problems throughout California, southern and northern, with car accidents, severe floods and wet noses.

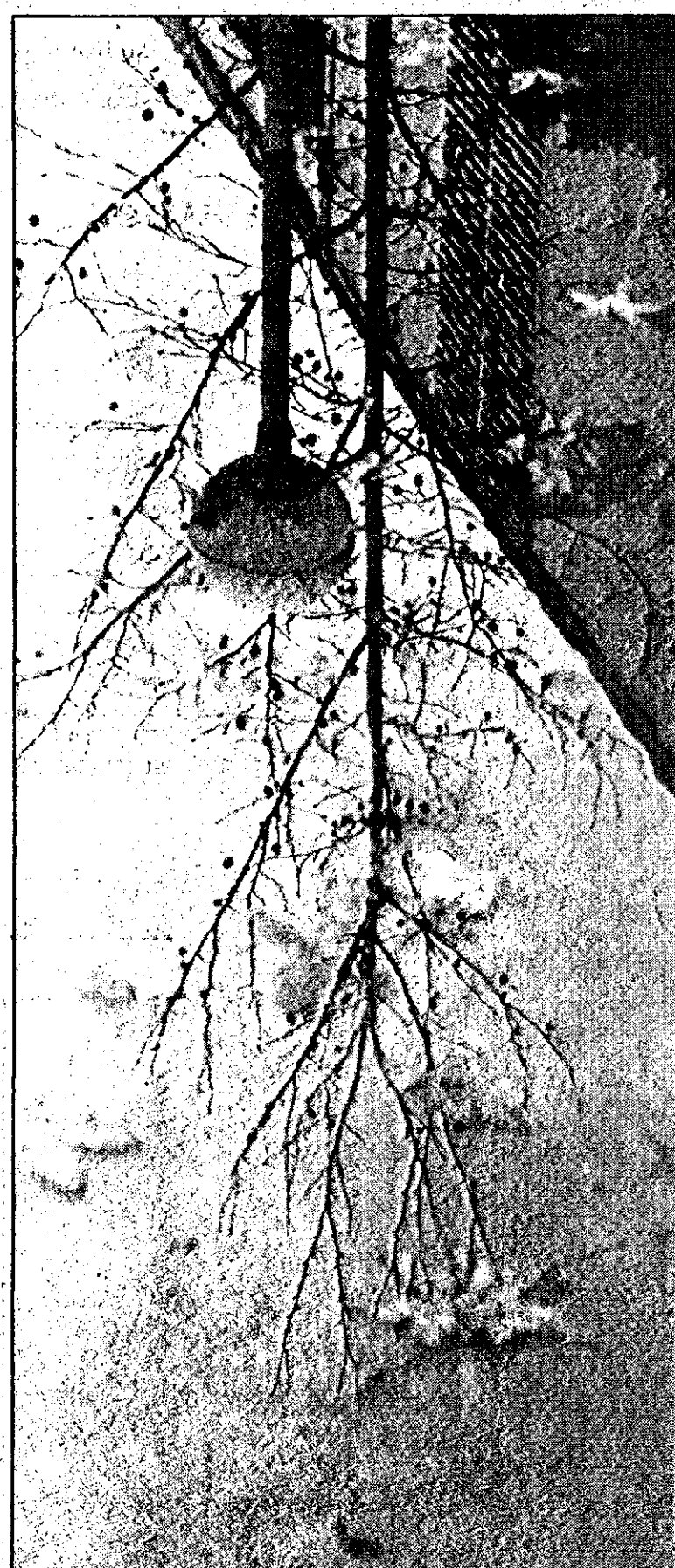
The flooding streets that surround Cerritos College become another part of the statistics of flooded areas that have taken over.

But has El Niño caused all this distruction without bringing beauty?

Many people have gone to oceans recently to walk on the burme(which is not recommended to do) to see the waves crash upon the sand.

Students open their umbrellas to shelter themselves from the water not noticing the beatiful rainbows and skies that follow the storm.

It becomes a question of whether(weather) or not you enjoy the rain or just refuse to get wet.





Soledad Puertos
Co-Editor in Chief

Here it comes, the day when love fills the air. Yes, soon Valentine's Day will be upon us.

Now for the young lovers out there, filled with the uncontrollable urge to hug their significant other, it's a day of joy and happiness.

You know the types, they are always together, practically attached to the hip.

No one understands how they could possibly spend that much time together.

All they ever hear is, "maybe you are moving too fast," and "hey, why don't you go out with other people, play the field?"

But to those young lovers who seem to float on air whenever they are together this is their holiday.

But do these couples know what Valentine's day is really about?

What is the history of Valentine's day?

Did some head guy in the greeting card industry say, "Why not try to take advantage of these love struck suckers and sell some overpriced cards and candy?"

Valentine's day does contain some history and this is what it's all about.

In the 14th century a young monk by the name of Valentine felt that he lacked the artistic talent the rest of the monks possessed.

Valentine decided he would do something that would lift the spirits of the villagers surrounding the monastery.

He would leave flowers at the doorstep of poor farmers or widowed seamstresses.

The town began to love Valentine for helping to lift their spirits and the king became jealous.

The king decided to imprison the monk, but this did not stop him from lifting people's spirits.

By giving the other prisoners love notes and doing kind deeds he lifted the spirits of those people he could reach.

When Valentine died the villagers named a day for him that would keep the nature of his kind spirit alive.

That's the reasons people buy cards and send flowers. The kindness and love in everyone's heart is what Valentines Day strives for.

Of course, love doesn't have to be shown on one day. Love is something that is can last a lifetime or fade in seconds.

So enjoy each other, not only on the day designated for love but everyday.

To those couples out there who have the tendency to nauseate the rest of the world, continue to love each other and never let each other go.

Enjoy your day!

Cerritos, the strawberry school?

Armondo Borboa
Staff Writer/TM

What has all the uproar over the strawberry patch been about anyway? Cerritos has been growing produce in the 'back forty for the past 30 years or so.

Why the sudden decision to turn it into a Golf Course?

If we put a Golf 'n Stuff on campus, do we get a giant waterslide to go with it? What does Golf have to do with education, other than learning frustration? Isn't growing strawberries a tradition at Cerritos?

After all, is not our very own Football championship game called the "Strawberry Bowl"? Where will Cerritos be without its ubiquitous strawberry patch?

The answer to that latter question is... much better off! As times and the needs of students change, so too must this college evolve to meet those needs.

Other than providing a minimal revenue that barely pays for itself, the field is about as useful to the students of Cerritos as a course in under-water basket weaving.

Many people have continued to raise the issue that growing strawberries is a tradition Cerritos is known for, regardless of any other consideration.

I can only respond to this by saying: tradition doesn't pay the bills. If the first priority for this school was maintaining tradition, then we would still be taking our class-

es at Excelsior High School and doing walk-up registration.

Besides, if the big thing Cerritos is known for is STRAWBERRIES, then we have a serious image problem to deal with here.

By regulation, the revenue raised by the leasing of the field is mainly devoted to maintenance and upkeep of the campus.

Currently, the college receives approximately \$28,000 annually from the lease of the field to grow strawberries.

That's the equivalent of paying to clean the school on a \$13 an hour job, give or take a little overtime. Not bad, but you wouldn't want to run a school on it.

This amount must be stretched out to accommodate the 20,000 or so students who attend Cerritos every year.

Out of this amount, the maintenance division must deal with the cleaning of the restrooms, cutting the grass, replacing light bulbs, scrubbing graffiti and picking up all that annoying trash OTHER students leave in class.

Twenty-eight thousand for maintenance, out of an operating cost for the school in the millions, just doesn't cut it.

An average of \$2,500 a month to buy cleaning supplies for a school this size leaves something to be desired.

Anyone who has ever used a restroom and wondered why there are no doors or working

sinks knows what I am talking about.

Something clearly must be done with the field to better utilize the space management and revenue producing ability it can provide.

This has been a hot topic for the past seven years, so what is the problem? Unfortunately, a few decision-makers are naively and foolishly still asking "Should we change what we have?" when the real question is "What should we do with it?"

Most students would love to flatten the field and create extra parking. That way, the half-hour wait for a space, with wandering cars cruising like sharks, might be reduced to 20 minutes. Also, no revenue equals no maintenance.

What about a convention center that would raise revenue into the hundreds of thousands? Possibly more if we can get Wayne Newton to put on a show. Cerritos... the 'Vegas away from 'Vegas. And you think the parking is bad now?

The best option we have is to build something that will contribute positively to the school, won't take control away from us yet will raise a fair bit of revenue.

Unfortunately, we already have a bookstore.

Online classes open new door to access the Internet

Greg Wylie
Opinion Editor

On-line classes used to be for students with computers at home, and the skills to use them.

Today, it's a different story, thanks to the Learning Assistance Program.

"Now, students with or without computer skills can register for any on-line class, such as Reading, English, or History 27," said L.A.P. director Alice Miller, "we now have the resources that makes that possible."

In addition to daily support and up-to-date computer resources, students can utilize many other services, for free. A new addition to the L.A.P. is Reading 69.4, "Technology Study Skills for College," a pilot program installed during Fall finals week designed to prepare students for college in the 21st century.

Students wishing to use the L.A.P. enroll in ticket number 1504, at no cost, for zero units; it won't effect college transcripts.

Enrollment is free, and entitles the student access to all L.A.P. services, which include individual assistance, group seminars, technology training, and the use of instructional software for help with classes.

Students can activate their e-mail accounts immediately, and internet access is available, as well.

L.A.P. Employees Marisol Navarro is optimistic about the results of the lab attendance system, though there are still a few bugs to work out.

"Students may view registering for services that previously were free as a hassle," Navarro said, "but the advantages that we offer for outweigh any drawbacks."

The L.A.P. is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Fridays until 4:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

City Council Meeting

City of Cerritos will be having its final meeting to discuss the building of the Golf Training Center.

The Cerritos Council meeting will be held on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. The location of the meeting is 18125 Bloomfield Ave. in the City of Cerritos.

America Cinematheque

Celebrates Valentine's Day two days early with the screening of the romantic comedy, "David Searching" by writer-director Leslie Smith.

The movie screens at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Raleigh Studios Charlie Chaplin Theatre, 5300 Melrose Ave., Hollywood.

Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door or by calling Showtixx at (818) 789-8499.

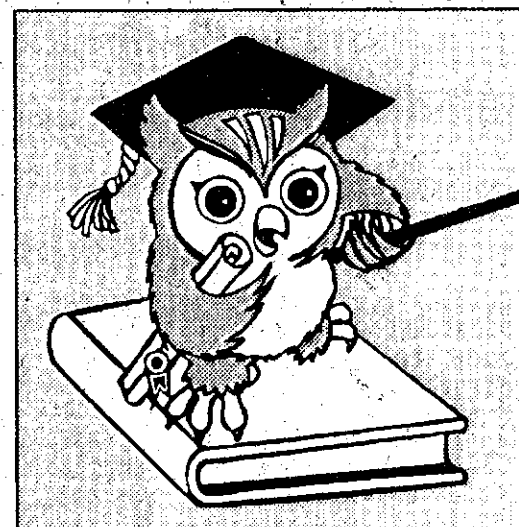
Nominate Your Teacher

Talon Marks

wants to recognize outstanding instructors by having a feature story written about them in the Talon Marks. Students can nominate their favorite instructors for their abilities as a teacher and their communication with their students.

All nominations should be taken to Talon Marks at AC42.

For more information call Talon Marks at (562)860-2451 ext. 2617 or 2618.



When Booty Calls, and other 'Issues'

When Booty Calls, And Other 'Issues'

An acquaintance of mine went to visit her ex-boyfriend in Baltimore last weekend, ostensibly to talk about the nature of their friendship. They'd agreed to "just be friends," but now she had a problem: she and her ex were stretching the definition of friendship to include hooking up every time they saw each other.

"Ah, so the true purpose of your visit to Baltimore is a Booty Call," I said, beaming with pride. I'd just learn this term from a freshman. (They've been on the outside world more recently, so they know all the current lingo.)

A Booty Call, according to my source, is one made between two people who supposedly have no emotional attachment—other than friendship, of course.

Without any need for formalities (dinner, meeting parents, dealing with neuroses, etc.) they promptly get together, get down, and get it on.

"So the problem," my friend said, "is that he wants to make this more permanent—to have a Friendship with Privileges."

My friend's ex is thinking

in Poli Sci terms. He wants the right to "peaceably assemble" and the writ of "habeas corpus" (Latin for "You have the body") without the commitment of a relationship.

"That's what makes a Booty Call such a sweet deal," another friend of mine said. "Hooking up, after all, is a bodily function like any other. It's messy, it's embarrassing to discuss in mixed company, but biological compels it, and it's fun."

"So what good is a relationship?" she continued. "All that emotional excess. It's the '90s, and I have enough angst on my mind without having to deal with someone else's issues."

Which brings us to another word popping up in everyone's vocabulary that, oddly enough, sheds another troubled light on the Booty Call.

We say "issues" now days because nobody has "problems." In the Care Bear, politically correct '90s, no one is brave enough to say that someone has a problem. I mean, who are we, as post-modernists, to say Joe Blow's penchant for copulating goats is a problem? It would be crude.

Hence, he has "Issues."

When someone tell us 'so, we smile vaguely, and then, without any specific knowledge, opt to ignore Joe's issues or avoid Joe himself.

In our cowardice, we avoid talking about people's problems and exposing our own. Instead, we gloss over them with the seemingly innocuous word "issues," which allows us shelter from life's unpleasanties. We covet the privilege of a hookup, but desperately seek to avoid deep emotional commitment (after all, that would involve dealing with "issues"). As a consequence, we miss some of the finer things in life.

We have cheapened relationships and friendships. Yes, one can say: "So what? Others will come later. College is the time to have fun." But what will you do when it's time to start those deeper relationships and deal with real "issues?"

If we're not careful now, we may all end up as soulless, uncaring egomaniacs who are great in the sack, but slow to call the next morning.

Booty Calls are nothing but problems.

-Benjamin Carp, Yale Herald College Press Service

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Kelly Ritchie, Every year just gets better. Be my Valentine again. Love, Pat

Ti: Wanted: Sexy Blond (occasional Redhead) for lifetime commitment. Must be intelligent, witty, independent and outgoing. Housework optional. I love you, AB

Love is... 34 Valentine's N

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Talon Marks Valentine's Day Ads

Children delight in age-old tale

Daniel Alberini
Staff Writer

The presentation of "Tom Sawyer" over the weekend, at the Burnight Theatre served a dual purpose for Ronald Dryer, grandfather of one of the cast members.

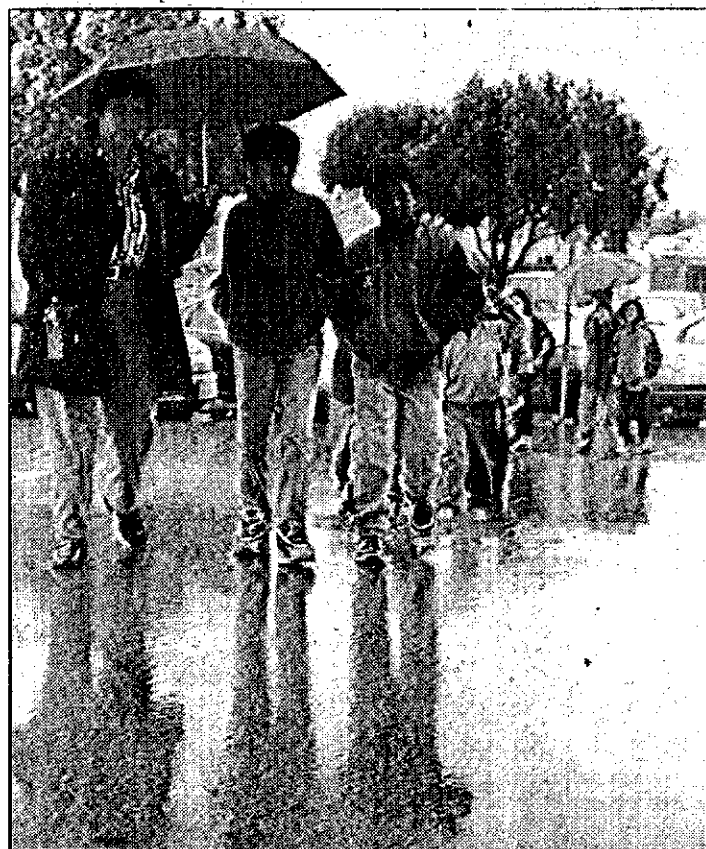
"It gave me the chance to get in out of the rain and also to play the part of the proud grandparent," Dryer explained, holding his video camera under his coat as protection against the deluge.

Dryer was not the only one to enjoy the dreary, overcast Sunday afternoon at the theater, as the musical play, which was based on the characters created by Mark Twain, attracted over 1000 spectators in its two week run.

The setting of the play, one of the most popular works in American literature, is a small town, St. Petersburg, Mo., in the 1840s.

The sets, which consisted of scenery painted on simple plywood boards and the seemingly authentic costumes, helped convey the feeling and mood of life in the mid-1800s.

Lisa L. Cordes, director and producer of the performances, stated that she wanted to invite the theater-goer to "experience what it looked and felt like to live a way of life that no longer exists. A way of life that disappeared from the face of this earth as quickly as the automobile arrived but which was rooted under much heavier circumstances."



Brian Kilpatrick/TM

Playgoers try to stay dry as they attend "Tom Sawyer" at the Burnight Theatre.

The plot, as every school boy knows, revolves around the adventures and mishaps of a pair of rebellious youths, Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, whose main interests are playing hooky, fishing and girls.

Unlike Twain's classic tale, this presentation had musical numbers interspersed throughout the three act play.

One of the most memorable scenes in the original novel, in which Tom Sawyer persuades his friends to help him finish his work on a Sunday afternoon, was given a new twist as David Gomez, playing the role of Sawyer, complete with trademark overalls and straw hat, delivered a flawless rendition of the tune "Paintin' the Fence".

Open auditions for the play were held in October. The final cast was made up of children from four to 17 years of age from elementary and high schools across the community.

B.J. Douglas, the program facilitator, was very pleased with the performances. "It went very well. I thought the actors were great and the sets and costumes were beautiful."

Profits from the play, which were estimated at \$5000, went to pay for the director, sets, costumes, choreography and other expenses, according to Douglas.

The public's attendance and support were greatly appreciated.

"We would like to thank the community for coming out and supporting us," Douglas said.

The yearly event was presented by the Cerritos Center for LifeLong Learning and was written by Dave Barton and Matt Bond.

Crichton's 'Sphere' manifests excitement

Emily Madewell
Entertainment Editor

A team of scientists have been assembled to journey to the depths of the ocean to make contact with an unknown life form.

The only thing about the life form that does not elude them is the fact that it is a perfect "Sphere."

They discover something more terrifying and real than anything they had anticipated, their own fears manifested into reality.

The first of the team is Dr. Norman Goodman, played by Dustin Hoffman.

Goodman is the psychologist that compiled a model of this contact team in a report several years earlier. He is in complete disbelief that it was even taken seriously by anyone. He has gotten this whole group in way over his head by not taking the task of researching and writing this report to heart.

Hoffman makes this character very real and very human. A two time Academy Award winner for the films "Kramer vs. Kramer" and "Rain Man", his experience and talent show as he relates this character and his fears and shortcomings.

Sharon Stone brings to life the character of Dr. Beth Halperin. Stone is an accomplished actress and has received an Academy Award nomination and a Golden Globe award for her acting in "Casino."

Halperin is a biochemist

and truly excited about the concept of discovering a new life form.

Her past experiences with Goodman add interesting turns to the overall plot.

Dr. Harry Adams is a mathematician and the skeptic of the team. Samuel L. Jackson plays Adam's character so precisely that the audience is almost unsure of his allegiance to the other crew members.

Jackson is a critically acclaimed actor who has received an Academy Award nomination for "Pulp Fiction" and Golden Globe nominations for both "Pulp Fiction" and this years "Jackie Brown."

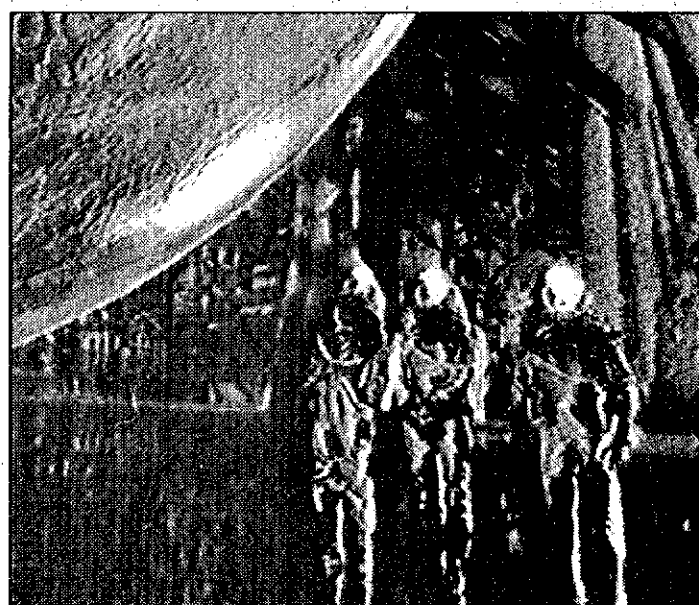
He was attracted to the role because of the novel and the chance to work with Hoffman and director Barry Levinson. "Michael Crichton tends to write fanciful stuff based in reality, I liked the fact that this story is based on human nature, and fear. It ended up being

more about the enemy within than the enemy without."

The last of the core team is Dr. Ted Fielding, an astrophysicist played by Liev Schreiber. Fielding is a young show off, full of curiosity and excitement for the whole experience.

Schreiber has starred in many independent films and has done a lot of stage work. He found this experience to be quite different. "On small films you have a defined budget and a defined timeline which makes you more resourceful. On larger films you have some flexibility, but along with that you have the daunting task of shooting in pieces. I felt less pressure as a small character in a big film than I sometimes do being the lead in a small film."

Among the supporting characters are the government employees who run the deep water habitat and the team leader.



photos: Brian Hamill

The scientist encounter the mysterious "Sphere."

Queen Latifah, Dana Owens, plays one of the people that is already stationed in the habitat.

Owens felt lucky to be called to work on this film. "I did not have to audition for this part as I got the opportunity to work with a hellified bunch of people."

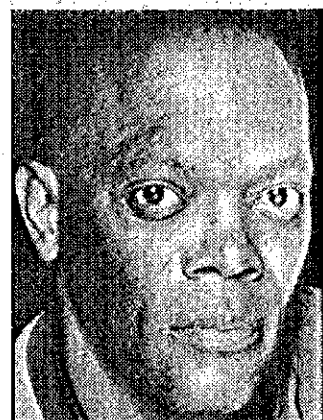
Peter Coyote played chief Barnes, the leader of the expedition itself.

Coyote really enjoyed working on this picture, "working with Levinson was wonderful, he is a very

generous director." He was also pleased with the outcome, "It was a smart book and an equally smart film."

The film was directed by Barry Levinson who has won an Academy Award for directing "Rain Man." It was based on Michael Crichton's novel and adapted by Stephen Hauser and Paul Attanasio.

"Sphere" gives the audience an exciting and unusual trip through the world of the science fiction film.



Samuel L. Jackson as Harry Adams.



Liev Schreiber as Ted Fielding.



Queen Latifah (Dana Owens) as Fletcher.



Peter Coyote as Barnes.

Critics & fans proclaim 'The X-Files' a dramatic success



photo: Mark Seliger/FOX
David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson.

Jeffrey D. Mitchell
Special to the Talon Marks

Although it started out as a cult hit, now in its fifth season The X-Files has become a mainstream hit. Every Sunday millions of viewers tune into an hour of government conspiracies, and other paranormal phenomenon.

At the helm is creator/director Chris Carter. In 1992, Chris began developing television projects for Twentieth Television including The X-Files, which first aired Sept. 10, 1993 and has won several Golden Globes including Best Drama for the past two years.

Based loosely on Kolchak's: The Nightstalker, The X-Files follows the exploits of two FBI agents. Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) and Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson) as they investigate cases dealing with all things paranormal. Mulder, the true believer, is always looking for

the truth. He started his passion of the unexplained when he witnessed the abduction of his sister Samantha at the age of ten. His quest for the truth has lead him down some dark paths which have led to only more questions. His beliefs waned at times, yet he has always believed the truth is out there.

Scully, a medical doctor, was initially as signed to her partner, Mulder, to debunk his theories, and report to the powers that be. However, her experiences with Mulder and the cases they investigate have taught her that there are things out there that have no scientific explanation. However, she is still a scientist and she still believes that science can answer most unexplained things.

The X-Files has its share of villains, quirky characters and severe plot twists. The dynamic duo have

had their share of mutants, slimy government agents and other creatures in their quest for the truth. All which keep you guessing as you wonder what will happen next.

The show has created a merchandising bonanza with T-shirts, hats, mugs mouse pads, posters and other paraphernalia, with the catch phrase "trust no one" plastered on there somewhere.

In over 20 countries the ratings continue to increase, spawning a movie to be released this summer. It is sure to answer most questions and present new ones as well.

If you are looking for something a bit spooky then be sure to tune in to The X-Files every Sunday night at 9 p.m. on Fox.

The viewers everywhere are all under the belief that "the truth is out there."

A&E BRIEFS

Movie Night

"I Know What You Did Last Summer" will be shown at the Burnight Theatre on Feb. 19 at 7 and 9 p.m.

Admission is free with student I.D.

Piano concert set

The Cerritos College Music Department will present the piano faculty in concert on Feb. 21.

The pianists, who have toured nationally as well as throughout Europe, South America and Asia, will include Dr. Christine Sotomayor-Lopez, Dr. Nicole Kim, Susan Talevich, Gregory Schreiner and Richard Ellis.

Works by Bach, Debussy, Beethoven, Moszkowski, Liszt and others will be performed.

The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Cerritos College Burnight Center Theatre.

Tickets will be \$8 for general admission and \$4 for students and seniors.

For further information, please call Dr. Christine Lopez at 860-2451 ext. 2632.

Theater happenings

The American College Theatre Festival is happening this week and members of our drama department have been nominated to participate in the competitions.

Student Alma Griffin has been nominated for costume design for her work on "The Tempest."

Art Aranda and Marlene Beltran have been nominated for their acting on "The Tempest."

Jennifer Zaragoza has been nominated for her acting in the summer "One Acts."

Marc Leon and David Wrathall were among several students who were nominated but were unable to attend the competition for acting on the summer "One Acts."

Others included Ernie Macias and Imara Quinonez for their acting on "The Butterfingers Angel, Mary & Joseph, Herod the Nut and the slaughter of 12 Hit Carols in a Pear Tree," and Fabian Otero and Samara Otero for acting in "Once on This Island."

Auditions for "Cabaret" will be held on the main stage Tuesday at 7 p.m. Callbacks will be Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.

An Improv show will be held Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. in the Student Center, admission is free.

Harlem Boys Choir

The Boys Choir of Harlem celebrates Black History Month with its performance at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets range in price from \$32-\$20. For more information call (800) 300-4345 or (562) 916-8500.

The center is located at 12700 Center Court Drive. For more information call (562) 916-8510.

Getty Museum plans

The Getty Center is located at 1200 Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles. Admission is free, parking is \$5 per car. Reservations are required please call (310) 440-7300.

Current Exhibitions:

- *Beyond Beauty: Antiques as Evidence*, open through Jan. 17, 1999.
- *Making Architecture: The Getty Center from Concept through Construction*, open through Dec. 6, 1998.
- *Master Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum*, open through Feb. 22, 1998.
- *Masterpieces of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscript Illumination*, open through Mar. 22, 1998.
- *Capturing Time: A Celebration of Photography*, open through Mar. 22, 1998.
- *Irresistible Decay: Ruins Reclaimed*, open through Feb. 22, 1998.
- *Incendary Art: The Representation of Fireworks in Early Modern Europe*, open through Mar. 1, 1998.
- *A Matter of Taste: Alexis Smith's Commission for the Getty Center Restaurant*, open through Apr. 12, 1998.
- *Wave Your Banner*, banners created by schoolchildren across the country displayed throughout opening year.

Family Activities:

- *Family Room*: featuring "Picture Yourself," portraits, gameboxes, picture books, computers and other resources. It is located in the East Pavillion of the museum.
- *Storytelling*: every Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and noon in the museum courtyard. Presenting myths and legends related to the collections.

Nominations for 70th annual Academy Awards

Emily Madewell
Entertainment Editor

There are two things about the Academy Awards, besides the fact that film makers get deserved recognition, that make them special.

First is that the voters for these awards are their peers. This gives the audience a chance to find out other opinions beyond those of the critics.

Even better than that, the nominations usually bring attention and availability to smaller films that

might otherwise be missed by the general public.

The first of the nominated films is "As Good as it Gets", a film that within itself is a mix of many themes. It is both a drama and a comedy that deals with a number of different issues and relationships. This film is for anyone who likes to see characters that interact to the point of strange entanglement.

"The Full Monty" is a comedy about a group of acquaintances who

feel that they are looking at their last options. The reaction they have to that is to entertain the masses. It is a small town boys make good tale, done wonderfully. With its cast having such a wide range of personalities, the film has had a wide audience appeal.

"Good Will Hunting" may be fictional, but the story behind it is almost as unbelievable. Virtual unknowns Matt Damon and Ben Affleck wrote and starred in this film

and their efforts have paid off. This film is set in a college town and has a real feel of young love and close friendships. College students, or anyone in their twenties, will find something to relate to in this film.

"L. A. Confidential" is a period piece set in the days of gun shoe detectives and old Hollywood stars. This film has a great look to it as well as having a well developed plot and some great performances. Anyone who enjoys a good detective

story and has a love for Hollywood nostalgia will find this film to their liking.

"Titanic" brings to life a true tale from history. The film's smaller more personal stories contained within the plot bring the audience in closer. It's beautiful sets and well-executed special effects make this story almost larger than life. Audiences have been flooding the theaters to see it and with new accolades, box office numbers should only improve.

Best Picture



photo: Ralph Nelson

"As Good as it Gets" produced by James L. Brooks, Bridget Johnson and Kristi Zea. This film earned seven nominations.



photo: Tom Hilton

"The Full Monty" produced by Uberto Pasolini. This film earned four nominations.



photo: George Kraychyk

"Good Will Hunting" produced by Lawrence Bender. This film earned nine nominations.



photo: Merrick Morton

"L.A. Confidential" produced by Curtis Hanson, Michael Nathanson and Arnon Milshon. This film earned nine nominations.



Paramount publicity

"Titanic" produced by James Cameron and John Landau. This film earned 14 nominations.

Best Actor



photo: George Kraychyk

Matt Damon stars in "Good Will Hunting."



photo: Van Redin

Robert Duvall stars in "The Apostle."



photo: Sam Jones

Peter Fonda stars in "Ulee's Gold."



New Line publicity

Dustin Hoffman stars in "Wag the Dog."



photo: Ralph Nelson

Jack Nicholson stars in "As Good as it Gets."

Best Actress



photo: Mark Tillie

Helena Bonham Carter stars in "The Wings of the Dove."



Sony Pictures Classics publicity

Julie Christie stars in "Afterglow."



photo: Mark Tillie

Judi Dench stars in "Her Majesty Mrs. Brown."



photo: Ralph Nelson

Helen Hunt stars in "As Good as it Gets."



photo: Robert Erdmann

Kate Winslet stars in "Titanic."

Best Director

James Cameron for "Titanic"
Peter Cattaneo for "The Full Monty"
Atom Egoyan for "The Sweet Hereafter"
Curtis Hanson for "L.A. Confidential"
Gus Van Sant for "Good Will Hunting"

Best Supporting Actor

Robert Forester for "Jackie Brown"
Anthony Hopkins for "Amistad"
Greg Kinnear for "As Good as It Gets"
Burt Reynolds for "Boogie Nights"
Robin Williams for "Good Will Hunting"

Best Supporting Actress

Kim Basinger for "L.A. Confidential"
Joan Cusack for "In & Out"
Minnie Driver for "Good Will Hunting"
Julianne Moore for "Boogie Nights"
Gloria Stuart for "Titanic"

Best Original Screenplay

Woody Allen for "Deconstructing Harry"
Paul Thomas Anderson for "Boogie Nights"
Mark Andrus and James L. Brooks for "As Good as it Gets"
Simon Beaufoy for "The Full Monty"
Matt Damon and Ben Affleck for "Good Will Hunting"

Best Adapted Screenplay

Hossein Amini for "The Wings of the Dove"
Paul Attanasio for "Donnie Brasco"
Atom Egoyan for "The Sweet Hereafter"
Curtis Hanson and Brian Koppelman for "L.A. Confidential"
Hilary Henkin and David Mamet for "Wag the Dog"

Best Foreign Film

"Beyond Science" from Germany
"Character" from The Netherlands
"Four Days in September" from Brazil
"Secrets of the Heart" from Spain
"The Thief" from Russia

SPORTS

TALON MARKS

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Mexican Soccer Team practices at Cerritos

Kent Mc Creary
Sports Editor

El Nino brought an unexpected benefit to Cerritos College as the Mexican National Soccer Team held their practices here after the rainstorms made the other site unplayable.

"Some friends of the national soccer team came up to the coaches (and) find Cerritos College," team liaison Frank Vidal said.

Vidal said that in Mexico, the National Soccer team is more prestigious than Americans.

"The team is very happy here," he said. As fans approached one player and asked for his signature, Vidal noted how the team liked the attention given to them during their time here at Cerritos.

The Mexican National Team will take on Jamaica at the L.A. Coliseum on Thursday and if the team wins that game, they will take on the winner of the United States/Brazil game.



Tom Hernandez/TM

National Soccer team member at practice.

BOGDANOVICH UPDATE

Current Record: 404-90

Jan. 21
Cerritos 78
Compton 82

Leading Scorer - Harvey (26 points)
Leading Rebounder - Harvey (7 rebounds)

Jan. 24
Cerritos 95
El Camino 69

Leading Scorer - Campuzano (13 points)
Leading Rebounder - Harvey (8 rebounds)

Jan. 28
Cerritos 90
L.A. Harbor 79

Leading Scorer - Harvey (27 points)
Leading Rebounder - Johnson, Washington (9 rebounds)

Jan. 31
Cerritos 82
L.A. Southwest 63

Leading Scorer - Mc Cain (16 points)
Leading Rebounder - Vander Wal (15 rebounds)

Feb. 7
Cerritos 100
LBCC 86

Leading Scorer - Harvey (31 points)
Leading Rebounder - Harvey, Johnson (6 rebounds)

SOURCE: Cerritos Athletic Department

Softball wins scrimmage against Trojans, 15-0

Kent Mc Creary
Staff Writer

Womens softball defeated the University of Southern California 15-0 in a scrimmage on Jan. 30 at home.

"We used four pitchers. And all in all, there were only two walks. There were a couple of runners that got on with one out and we got out of the inning," said Softball Head Coach Nancy Kelly.

She said that it was amazing that she and co-head coach Collette Yonce were able to try all of their plays in the scrimmage.

"I think what surprised me was the force in which we hit the ball and consistency for the first time," Kelly said.

With 19 hits, the Falcons were led by freshman infielder/catcher Tammy Vasquez, who went 4 for 6 with a double and three singles. Behind her were two other freshman, infielder/outfielder Mimi Hunyh was 3 for 4, with three singles, and maridi Long, going two for three with two singles.

Cerritos first run came in the second half of the first inning, when Tiffanie Chrisco scored after advancing to third on a missed catch by Trojan Lolita Harper.

Pitching in the game were freshman Carla Acker, sophomore Mandy Long, followed by freshmen Chrisco and Vasquez.

Acker, who graduated in 1991, is coming



Tom Hernandez/TM

Janeal Mc Dowell catches a Trojan baserunner off guard in the 15-0 scrimmage win over USC.

back as a season pitcher, according to Kelly. "I think our team is going to be strong if we work together," sophomore infielder/outfielder Patti Garcia said.

The Falcons will next take on College of the

Canyons today in an away game and then compete in the Early Bird Trio at Cerritos on Feb. 13. The Lady Falcons will then participate in the Bakersfield Duo against Bakersfield and Taft beginning at 1 p.m.

Washington, Ard lead Falcons to victory over Seahawks

Kent Mc Creary
Sports Editor

Anitra Washington and LaDesha Ard led the lady Falcons to a 78-61 victory over the visiting Los Angeles Harbor Seahawks at home on Feb. 4.

Cerritos scored its' first basket at the 19:27 mark in the first half. The closest the Seahawks would get to the Falcons was a tie with 8:57 left in the first half.

Cerritos would lead the rest of the game, with

sophomore forward Washington scoring 18 points and freshman guard Ard scoring 14 points. The Falcons lead at half-time 37-32.

Cerritos started the second half by extending the Falcons' lead to 14 points with 15:12 remaining. But the Seahawks, led by sophomore guard Shaanekka Higgins with 26 points and freshman forward Mona Calhoun with 18 point would pull within 10 points of the Falcons.

Commenting on the

performance of Washington, co-head coach Karen Noel said, "Anitra's going after the offensive boards real strong."

Cerritos would put the game out of reach with a drive that would see the Falcons score 19 points while allowing the Seahawks 11 points. The Falcons improve their record to 7 wins and one loss, leading in the South Coast Conference, and a 19-8 overall record.

Leading scorers for Cerritos were Washington with 26 points, followed

by Ard with 24 points and Keisha Harris with 15 points.

"They're doing a better job of seeing what's going on the court and doing it and watching where the mistakes are made and correcting them," said co-head coach Michelle Warner.

The next steps for the Falcons will be an away game against Compton at 5:15 p.m. on Feb. 11 and a home game against Mt. San Antonio taking place at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Top Scorers

Anitra Washington
26 points

LaDesha Ard
24 points

Upcoming Games
Today vs. Compton
at Compton-7:30 p.m.

Fri.-vs. Mt. San Antonio
College at Cerritos-7
p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Mens Basketball

The Falcons relied on sophomore guards Corey Johnson, Tremain Ross and freshman Marco Mc Cain to pull away from the L.A. Southwest Cougars, winning by a score of 82-63 at home on Jan. 31.

Sophomore guard Tony Harvey struggled in the game, making only five of 13 shots in the game. Ross, in for the injured Mario Baca, finished the game with 14 points. He made 4 of seven shots, including two three-pointers. Johnson would score 11 points in the game, and Mc Cain had 12 points.

The next stop will be at Compton College as the team will take on Compton in a doubleheader starting at 7:30 p.m.

Baseball

The Falcons opened the baseball season on Feb. 8 with a win over Glendale by a score of 4-2 in the rain shortened South Coast Invitational. Freshman pitcher Matt Sorenson allowed just two runs and seven hits in the six and a third innings he pitched. Taking over for him was sophomore John Moriflan (Downey). He struck out four batters, including former Falcon Alex Stencil.

Falcon scoring began in the fourth inning

when sophomore right fielder Mike Bumstead crossed home plate on a hit by freshman catcher Miguel Ortega.

After the Vaqueros tied Cerritos 1-1, the Falcons would go ahead for good in the sixth inning when freshman left fielder Cory Robles would score on a double from freshman first baseman Israel Torres.

The final score of the game for the Falcons would come in in the seventh when sophomore Abel Orozco would score on an error after Robles hit a ground ball.

The Falcons will be playing next at home in the Casey Stengel Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

Volleyball Signing

Volleyball MVP Ali Carey has announced that she has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Southeast Louisiana University.

Carey, who led the team with 234 kills, 242 digs, and 35 aces this season, was named to the All Southern California team and was 1st All-South Conference.

Womens Tennis

The Falcons lost their first match of the season to Irvine Valley in an 8-1 resolution.

Freshman Jamie Heilpap was the lone Falcon to get a victory in the match when she defeated Mara Nelson 6-2, 6-2.

Ruby Guevarra lost by a score of 6-0, 6-1. Alicia Alvarado almost extended her match to three sets, but lost 6-0, 6-4. Gene Buolos lost her match despite a great effort 6-4, 6-1.

The team of Buolos and Wendy Balbueno lost in doubles play with an 8-3 decision.

The Falcons will take on the L.A. Harbor Seahawks on home court Feb. 12 at 2 p.m.

Football Signings

Nine football players have signed letters of intent with colleges and universities.

They are Isaac Carter (Bellflower), Eastern Kentucky University; Brian Haywood (Cerritos), University of Nebraska (Omaha); Fontez Jefferson (Hogan), Montana State University.

Other players include Kareem Larrimore (Locke), West Texas A & M University; Dorae Lewis (Downey), San Jose State University; Michael Moody (Long Beach Millikan), University of Idaho.

Also signing are Heshimu Robertson (Lakewood), Brigham Young University; and Edwin Uil (Tabby), West Virginia Tech University.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today
11 p.m. Golf vs Orange Coast College/Long Beach City College and Cypress College at Rio Hondo.
2 p.m. Softball vs College of the Canyons at College of the Canyons
7:30 p.m. Mens Basketball vs Compton at Compton

Thursday
TBA Golf vs Palomar and Mt. San Antonio College at El Prado
2 p.m. Mens Tennis vs Glendale at Glendale
2 p.m. Womens Tennis vs L.A. Harbor at L.A. Harbor

Friday
TBA Casey Stengel Tournament at Cerritos
1 p.m. Softball/Early Bird Trio at Cerritos

Saturday
8 a.m. Swimming and Diving- Santa Monica Relays at Santa Monica
9 a.m.-12 p.m. Track and Field-Long Beach Relays at CSULB

Monday
1 p.m. Softball-Bakersfield Duo at Bakersfield

Tuesday
11 a.m. Golf-SCC Tournament at Rio Hondo
1:30 p.m. Mens Tennis vs Mt. San Antonio at Mt. San Antonio
2 p.m. Womens Tennis vs Mt. San Antonio at Cerritos
2:30 p.m. Swimming & Diving- SCC Diving Relays at El Camino

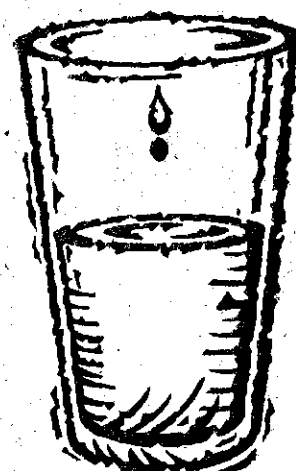
Feb. 18
Noon Golf vs Santa Ana and

2 p.m. LBCC at Los Serranos
Baseball vs. Santa Ana at Santa Ana
2:30 p.m. Swimming & Diving-SCC Relays at Golden West
3:30 p.m. Softball vs L.A. Valley at L.A. Valley
7 p.m. Womens Basketball vs. Pasadena at Pasadena
7:30 p.m. Mens Basketball vs L.A. Harbor at L.A. Harbor

Feb. 19
1:30 p.m. Mens Tennis vs El Camino at El Camino
2 p.m. Baseball vs Treasure Valley (Oregon) at Cerritos
2 p.m. Womens Tennis vs Pasadena at Pasadena

Feb. 20
2 p.m. Baseball vs Glendale at Cerritos
2 p.m. Womens Tennis-Southwestern

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