

Talon Marks

Cerritos parties country style

Hoe Down Days crowns a new Mr. Cerritos and gets a taste of home cooked chili.

T.R. Taber
Co Editor in Chief

Cerritos College hosted its annual Hoe Down Days last week with games, contests and a variety of music provided as a background to the festivities.

To kick off the Days, clubs and organizations set up booths last Tuesday to challenge the students milling about the quad with some well known carnival games such as the ball toss and the dunk tank.

ASCC President Kelly Storz was one of the students who sat above the icy water of the dunk tank, tempting students to hit the target with the ball.

She raised a total of \$40 while in the tank, which she intends to match dollar for dollar.

"It took me a couple of hours after I got to work to finally warm up again," Storz said.

Day two of Hoe Down Days began with the Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday, which filled the Student Center with the aroma of chili submitted for consideration in the three categories of the contest: Hottest Chili, Best Chili and Judges Favorite.

The judges admitted difficulty in choosing between such talented cooking before announcing the winners of the Cook-Off.

Joyce Kelly, representing Black Student Union, took home the plaque for Hottest Chili; Jennifer Arthur, representing Student Government, won for Best Chili; and the Judges Favorite award went to David Hernandez, who was representing the Culinary Arts.

After the Chili Cook-Off, each of the 11 Mr. Cerritos contestants presented himself to a panel of judges and a room packed full of peers to dance, strip and convince everyone that he was most worthy of the title Mr. Cerritos.

The judges and audience were entertained for about an hour with ASCC senators, CC athletes and club representatives strutting their stuff on stage in outfits and underpants (or swimsuits) to a wide range of tunes.

Contestants were also briefly interviewed by the MC, Mr. McGrath, to give spectators a look at the personality behind the body dancing around on stage.

The judges, after being buttered-up by candidates with flowers and kisses, crowned Ernesto Martinez of the Math Club as the 1998 Mr. Cerritos, with Steve Barrios of the Falcon Baseball Team coming in a close second.

To end Hoe Down Days, a luncheon was held on Thursday in the Student Center, accompanied by a live band playing for the crowd, and a dance was held on Friday, which was attended by less than 20 students.

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Soledad Puertos/TM
Mark Alvarado collects eight dollars dancing at the Mr. Cerritos contest.

Library prepares for construction

Students benefit from remodeling

Greg Wylie
Opinion Editor

The Library and Learning Resource Center are covered in dust.

Soon, hopes Library Director John McGinnis, it will be covered in students actively using the more than 600 new computers and newly remodeled rooms currently being built.

Amidst the hard-to-miss construction taking place in the center of campus are several circles of action taking place, all aimed at improving student services.

McGinnis, who will be formally appointed the new Dean of the Library and LRC at tonight's Board meeting, is excited about his charge.

"This will be my tenth year here," McGinnis said, poring over floor plans of the L/C-East wing. "It has been a remarkable, fun opportunity to affect changes that I can take pride in."

Some of those changes include—since 1992—a remodeled library, a brand new teleconference center and Learning Assistance Program, and a \$300,000 Internet based library automation system.

Today, the plaster and dust is a constant reminder of the nearly \$4 million spent on the grand overhaul that will come to its finale this summer.

"I believe that we have the best library and learning resource center in all of the 107 community colleges in California," McGinnis stated, "and probably one of the best in the nation."

McGinnis fielded questions at the last student senate meeting regarding information related to the remodel.

Senator Ernesto Martinez quizzed McGinnis on the installation of connection ports for laptops in the library.

Study rooms temporarily occupied by counselors are wired for network and Internet access, and will remain so after they leave, according to McGinnis, while new connections will be installed in various locations.

In addition, 140 study carrels will be added to the library, providing quality study space currently at a premium.

Another senator, Giovani Jorquera, inquired about the library's inventory of books.

"Three years ago," McGinnis stated, "the Board of Trustees made a decision that we should have the largest community college book budget in California. We have a \$200,000 annual book budget that is replacing out-of-date texts and stocking our shelves with current information and periodicals."

He also elaborated on the library's automated catalog system for books available on

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Debating celebrates a 'Nite of Forensics'

Stephanie Mulkey
Staff Writer

It was an intimate evening of drama, poetry and parliamentary debate as students, faculty and Board of Trustees members gathered in the Student Center on Thursday for the first annual 'Nite of Forensics.'

"Nothing we do in life is as powerful as the way we communicate ourselves to others," said Ellen Horvath, Speech Pathologist, "Speech is the self in action, and it was refreshing, interesting and thoroughly entertaining to share this special presentation."

The atmosphere was simple elegance as ushers, such as Claudio Vera, distributed programs and pointed out available seats. During intermission the audience enjoyed pastries as the speakers and instructors mingled among the crowd with their trophies on display.

Max Freifield, Speech Instructor and former Forensics Director, felt this was a fine forum for displaying competitive forensics on the campus. He states, "Not only does it display the talents of the teams of C.C., but it also shows how important speaking ability is in our society. It is a lifetime skill that we all use every day of our lives."

Dewi Hokett, Asst. Director

of Forensics, was master of ceremonies for the program that showcased award winning state and national contenders. The students featured in the category of speaking and interpretation were: Joyce Kelly, Paul Hallada, Karina Gomez and Stephanie Thraen.

Introduced by Director of Forensics, Bill Sparks, the members of the parliamentary debate team were: Thraen, Lisa Strunk, Ryan Keenan and Matt Davidson.

Cathleen Jolley, a Norwalk High School Speech Advisor, said she was enjoying the program immensely, and that she planned on bringing her students to future forensic events. "This program would be great to showcase what future college events my students will be competing in," said Jolley.

Board of Trustees President John Moore said, "I enjoyed the Forensic Team's performance tremendously and appreciate the invitation to attend." Moore adds that he wishes the Falcon Forensic Team continued success in their future competitions and educational experience at C.C.

During the debate, the audience participated by pounding on tables and chairs, or applauding as the

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Four candidates are up for the challenge

Race for the presidential seat continues as four teams campaign for support from students

Soledad Puertos
Co Editor in Chief

Kelly Storz and Joel Esparzas' time in office expires this June and a new president will take over.

Four teams are currently in the race to become president of the Associated Students of Cerritos College.

Each team has been campaigning since March 9 to collect support for the upcoming election taking place on April 15 and 16.

Ballot no. 1 is Jennifer Arthur and Greg Knapp, ballot no. 2 consists of Giovani Jorquera and Hugo Esparza, ballot no. 3 has John Sendrey and Cristina Rosales and ballot no. 4 is Frank Perkins and Vincent Vargas.

Three of the teams are running for the first time, the team of Perkins and Vargas is giving its second attempt for president and vice-president.

Arthur and Knapp have set their platform to consist of such topics as reduction in fees, obtaining a full vote on the Curriculum Committee and extended library and bookstore hours.

"We are positive that we can provide the students of Cerritos College the best representation in all facets of student government, faculty senate, committees, alumni association as well as the Board of Trustees," said Arthur.

For number two on the ballot, Jorquera and Esparza, the focus is increasing campus and community awareness and improving the quality of library services.

Another issue addressed by Jorquera was the back room of the Student Center. Culinary Arts wanted to put a restaurant in the spot currently used as a faculty lounge.

"Hugo and I work well together, Hugo is the only vice-presidential candidate with senate experience, that sets us apart," said Jorquera, "we have already put in a lot of time by being the first to put posters and signs up to show that we will continue to improve the school for all of us."

Fellow senate member John Sendrey is running for president on ballot no. 3.

Sendrey's running mate is Alpha Gamma Sigma President Cristina Rosales.

"As president, I feel it is my duty to act as a servant to my fellow students, carrying out their needs, while also providing my own insight into school issues," said Sendrey.

Sendrey and Rosales feel they need to execute a strong follow through on resolutions to fulfill students needs as determined by open lines of communication.

Number four on the ballot

are Frank Perkins and Vincent Vargas.

This will be their second attempt at becoming ASCC President and Vice-President.

Perkins is currently involved in the Speech and Debate Team at Cerritos and has experience as a senator for Fullerton College.

The four candidates and their running mates must follow the government organization code, section 2.86.

The candidates are required to have a minimum cumulative 2.25 grade point average and a minimum 2.25 GPA from the previous semester at the time of the election.

They must also maintain an enrollment of six or more units at Cerritos College during their time in office.

As a student government officer, if they fail to complete a minimum of six units during their time in office they

become ineligible to hold their position during the next semester.

Presidential candidates held two information meetings and forums for the students yesterday.

This gave students the opportunity to ask the candidates some questions.

The first was held at 11 a.m. for the day students and one was held at 6 p.m. for night students.

Elections will take place on April 15 and 16.

Voting times are at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Locations to vote can be found at the Student Center, Social Science Building and Health Science Building.

The official deadline for submitting petitions for president is Friday at 4 p.m.

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Tough questions for presidential candidates

Soledad Puertos
Co Editor in Chief

Presidential candidates faced their toughest critics at the presidential forum held yesterday at 11 a.m.

All four presidential hopefuls and their running mates attended the forum giving students the opportunity to get to ask the candidates some questions.

Candidates were also given the opportunities to address their platforms and their qualifications for President and Vice-President.

Each candidate, including their running mate, were giving

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the news at a glance



Public Safety

Public safety officers, friends or foes? What is their purpose and why won't they talk? PAGE 2



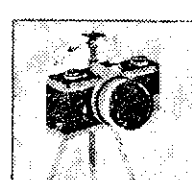
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Student and faculty photographers highlighted at Cerritos art gallery. PAGE 5

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the internet. The periodicals catalog is available for free through Ebsco-Host on campus, or through a student's user account.

The Reading Center is currently open on the second floor of the LRC, across the half-finished hall from Admissions and Records.

Much of the space will be devoted to a computer commons, where students can use the IBM and Macintosh computers at their convenience.

Some spaces will be dedicated, like the Reading Center, and semi-dedicated, where sections that aren't being used will revert to commons for general use.

According to McGinnis, the last key element is integrating all of the resources with management, faculty, and staff support.

Dean of Student Activities Phil Houseman is pleased by the changes he sees, such as the recently privatized bookstore undergoing a facelift this summer.

"Cerritos College is experiencing a true renaissance," Houseman stated, referring to the influx of funding for top projects.

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They can dish it out but...



Daniel Alberini
Columnist

A strange new phenomenon has risen in the suburban neighborhoods of southern California. I am referring to the city employees that cruise the streets in those little white trucks with the words "Public Safety" emblazoned across the door.

The first time the existence of such an organization became known to me was when I happened to be leaving my place of employment at the precise moment that one of them was slipping a parking ticket under my windshield wiper.

My initial impression, from the look of his white uniform and matching truck, was that I was being cited by a GTE repair man or perhaps a mail security guard who was living out his fantasy of being a real cop.

Now, I'm not the most law abiding driver, but I never expected to be ticketed when I wasn't even in my vehicle. Seeing that I hadn't committed any parking violations, I

asked the young man what could be the reason for the citation. He gladly pointed out that my registration had expired; exactly three days before.

Before I had the chance to beg and plead for the removal of the ticket, I was left amidst a cloud of exhaust fumes from that little white truck with the cute lights.

What are these people? What is their jurisdiction? What powers do they possess above the average citizen?

These were the questions that plagued me as I began to research this article.

I thought the logical place to start would be where these protectors of the public's safety emanate. Little did I know that extracting information from them would take a well trained team of Nazi interrogators.

Their headquarters consists of a small shop crammed between a candy shop and travel agency, with a bright neon sign above the door reading "Sheriff's Sub Station", not to be confused with "SubWay" which is a few doors down.

Upon entering this little alcove I was immediately struck by the icy stares I received from the men and women seated behind the desks, as I told them of my position as a journalist. The atmosphere became more frigid as I asked them if they would be so kind as to give me answers to my queries.

When they learned that I actually planned to print my story, I was met by such a coldness that I thought sever-

al of my limbs would require amputation due to frostbite.

Finding my first attempt a dead-end, I made my way to the local city hall.

This proved as unproductive as my previous endeavor, as I was told by a very nice lady with blue hair to inquire at the very place I had just come from.

Not having brought my parka with me I was a little timid about returning to the freezing confines of the sub-station.

In desperation I ended up at the public library, thinking that here I could find some scrap of knowledge.

After typing "Public Safety" into the computer I found several books on this subject. Oddly enough, these works dealt with a similarly named organization that existed during the French Revolution.

It seems that this group, which was formally known as the "Committee for Public Safety" was the instigator of what historians refer to as "the Terror."

At one point, during the height of its power, it ordered more than 2,000 beheadings a day for such charges as stealing a loaf of bread or attending a catholic mass.

With such an infamous name it is no wonder that no one from the sub-station would talk.

I will accept their silence and their white trucks and even their parking tickets for now. But, the minute I see a guillotine being constructed I'm moving.

tion of the students in the back of the Student Center and stated that topics such as committees that students sit on, are important issues they need to address.

After the question period was over students were given the opportunity to express concerns to the candidates.

Alan Romero, undeclared major, stated that the candidates running for President should try to increase student involvement and awareness.

"[students] found out about the forum only because we had to eat," said Romero.

Topics such as disabled students and student involvement were also discussed.

Frank Perkins restated the importance of improving the conditions for Disabled Students.

The presidential candidates attended a second forum at 6 p.m. also held in the Student Center.

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three minutes to introduce themselves and give a prepared speech.

Students were asked to write questions down on 3x5 cards which were collected during the meeting and then used to ask the candidates questions.

Collection of questions also occurred on Monday in the Student Center.

A table was set out and students were encouraged to leave questions and comments in a box for the forum.

One of the questions asked was: Do you feel the quality of student government is at its highest, if not what can you do about it?

John Sendrey, candidate for president running on bal-

lot no. 3, answered by saying that practicing ethical procedures should be used in student government.

Vice-presidential candidate Gregg Knapp stated, "the current senate was broken up into cliques, and is not working as a team."

According to Knapp, he and presidential candidate Jennifer Arthur work together as a team. "I is for together, E is for everyone A is for achieving, and M is for more, together everyone achieves more," stated Knapp.

Giovanni Jorquera, running on ballot no. 2, answered a question pertaining to the attendance level of the forum. The question expressed concern that about 30 students attended the forum while approximately 100 students ate lunch in the back of the Student Center.

Jorquera responded by raising his voice to get the atten-

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teams stressed their points of view.

"I didn't know anything about forensics and this program has really opened my eyes to how difficult and fun debate can be," said Anastasia Drullas, an English major.

Kelly, who gave a bold and emotional interpretation of "Fires in the Mirror", based the speech on passages and ideas from people who were victims of a riot in New York, and their search for answers.

"It was overwhelming to perform in front of a large audience," said Kelly, who notes that microphones are not used in tournaments, and the usual audience is fellow competitors. Adding to the excitement of performing was the presence of C.C. President Fred Gaskin, and Board of Trustee members.

Donna Miller, Dean of the Liberal Arts Division, said she hopes this "wonderful program" will encourage more students at C.C. to join our program and develop the speaking skills that will help them in all areas of their lives.

Interim Chair of the Cerritos College Alumni Association, Wayne Nunnery, said this was the first time in ten years that the student body and other guests have been able to see our national team. "This is a wonderful event that showcases the academic competition of Cerritos College."

"Tonight, Falcon Forensics has shown that competition isn't just limited to athletes in college. The Falcon Forensics Team is flying forward," says Horvath.

Cerritos College opens itself up to the community

Viviana Rolon
Staff writer

After the remodeling of the Learning Resource Center has been completed, which will have a cost of 4 million dollars, college President Fred Gaskin will propose a reorganization which will involve giving current staff more responsibility by promoting Cerritos College throughout the community and to other colleges.

"If we do our job well, it will enhance the reputation of the college," said Dr. Steven Helfgot, who will coordinate the school and community relations. "It will keep student activity thriving and attract more students to enroll in the college."

Dr. Randy Peebles, who coordinates the technology division, will also supervise the center for lifelong learning and will deal with high and mid-level training in computers and network for businesses.

"I'm excited. The school will provide much better operations to students, faculty and the community," Peebles said.

The Center for Life Long Learning will offer computer classes and seminars at the Community Education Center.

When the newly remodeled Learning Resource Center is finished, John McGinnis, who is presently the director of the library, will assume the position of leadership for the Instructional Media Center.

"We need to be organized to take advantage of opportunities and be competitive. We are truly on the edge of being a great community college," described President Gaskin.

NEWS NOTES

Attention Mac users

The Mac Users Group will be holding a meeting tomorrow at 11 a.m. in AC 42.

For more information contact Robin Huber at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2649.

Special Olympics

The Special Olympics was postponed due to rain on March 28 and will be held instead on June 13 at 9 a.m. at Cerritos College.

It will include tennis in addition to basketball, swimming and track and field because of the postponement. For more information on the Special Olympics, please contact Don Howard at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2266.

Self-Esteem Workshop

The Cerritos College Re-Entry Center will present "Enhancing Your Self-Esteem," a workshop which is geared to assist in areas such as discovering how to identify unique strengths, realize potential, remain flexible, accept change and get more out of life.

The event will take place on April 6 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and April 7 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Health Science Building Room 105.

Please call for reservations at (562) 860-2451 Ext.2362

Scholarships

The Future Teacher Scholarships are coming soon.

The qualifications for the scholarship include completion of 56 transfer units, a GPA of 3.0 or higher and proof of acceptance of admission to 4-year college or university with upper division level standing.

The application deadline is April 15. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.

For more information, call Jamie Trumbo at (562) 860-2451. Ext 2394.

Awards Banquet

The Associated Students of Cerritos College present the 1998 Spring Awards Banquet Program which will be held on May 8.

Applications can be picked up in the Student Activities Office.

Awards recipients will be chosen by an awards committee appointed by the ASCC.

For more information contact the Student Activities office at (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2475.

Time to Pick Up a Class or Two?

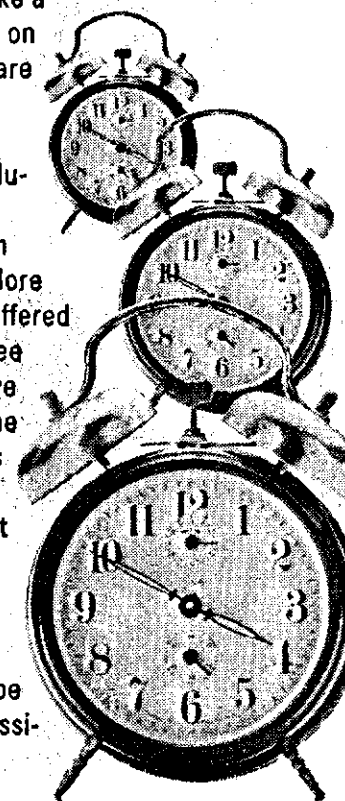
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HAIL TO THE CHIEF... Candidates for ASCC President

Jennifer Arthur and Greg Knapp

Ballot No. 1

Platform:

- Continue to fight for reduction of student's fees.
- Improve campus lighting for safety purposes.
- Establish a blue ribbon ad hoc Committee to study and make recommendations to the Students



Operations Budget.

- Work with local transportation agencies to address the transportation needs of all students
- Obtain a full vote on the curriculum committee
- Work to extend the operational hours of the bookstore and library.
- Increase funding for all Student Activities.
- Strengthen our evening programs/services.

Qualifications: Arthur & Knapp

- Represented and made presentations on behalf of Cerritos College students at the Board of Trustees Meeting in regards to the successful approval of the privatization of the student bookstore.

- Worked closely with the Cerritos College administration toward the potential development of the strawberry field into a Golf Training Center.

- Lobbied the Board of Trustees for the support of the fourth vendor in the newly remodeled student center.

- Attended the original meeting for the additional Franetone's and Zebra coffee vendors in both the Social Science breezeway and Health Occupations.

- Members of the executive cabinet branch of student government.

- As well as several other activity committees and student services.

Extra Curricular Activities:

Arthur--

- Student Government, Commissioner of Student Activities
- Assistant choreographer in current Spring musical "Cabaret"
- Dance teacher at several local dance companies
- Cheer coach at local elementary schools
- Dance student in the past several dance concerts here on campus.

Knapp--

- Student Government, Commissioner of Athletics
- Mentor at Bellflower High School
- Twelve years of service in the United States Marines Corps with an Honorable Discharge.
- Two Navy Achievement Medals for outstanding service
- Three of six Military promotions were Meritorious
- Volunteer my assistance at all the home track meets
- Volunteer for the up-coming Special Olympics



Giovanni Joquera and Hugo Esparza

Ballot No. 2

Platform:

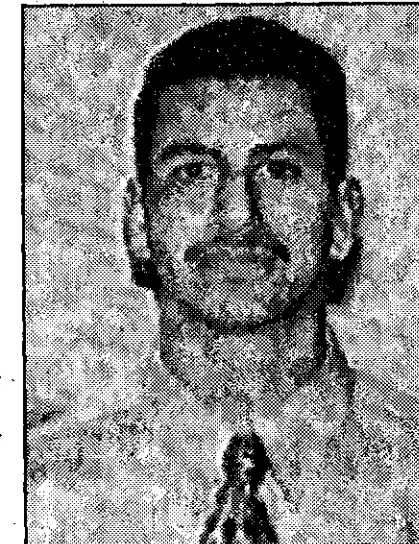
To create presidential Forum for College presidents of student Government from surrounding Colleges & Universities. Improve services in Library. Extend library hours of operation. Better



publicize the Disabled Student Evac Program

Qualifications:

- Joquera--**
- Six year Marine Corps.
 - (Fellowship) V.P. Phi Theta Kapa served on Pres. Transfer
 - Served on SHP Committee.
 - Two years ASCC Senator.
 - Co-Chairman of Child Mentor program.
 - Sergeant of Arms of Senate
 - Chairman of Rules (Senate Committee).
 - Gold Falcon



Esparza--

- ASCC Senator
- Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee.
- Senate Minority leader
- President of Publicity for the Poetry and Art club.
- ICC Scholarship Fall 97
- Deans list Fall 97
- MEChA
- Poetry and Art Club

Extra curricular activities:

Joquera--

- Member of Phi Theta Kapa.
- Forensics
- Member of Alpha Gamma Sigma.
- All USA Academic team
- Poetry And Arts Club

Esparza--

- Starting a mentor program at Lynwood High School.
- Mr. Cerritos Contestant Spring 98.
- Attended leadership conference 98.
- Co-sponsored a recommendation to have library opened one hour earlier.

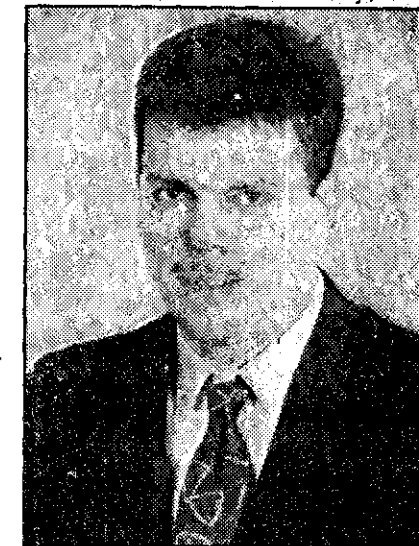


John Sendrey and Cristina Rosales

Ballot No. 3

Platform:

As an executive body, we will execute a strong follow through on resolutions to fulfill



students needs as determined by open lines of communication. Our focus this year should be on continued expansion of our facilities while filling in voids by better utilizing existing resources. We will assess and fulfill the students' immediate needs and promote our diversity of programs, regardless of immediate cost. Students are in need of improvement in services such as scholarships, safety, and security, conducive study



environments, commuting options, remedial programs and equal representation.

Qualifications:

Sendrey--

- Six years in the US Navy as a military leader and nuclear power plant watchteam supervisor conducting complex nuclear plant evolutions and emergency responses.
- High scrutiny maintenance procedures.

Rosales--

- US Army and earned an Honorable Discharge.
- Currently President of AGS Honor Society.
- President of the Care Club for single parents.
- Awards Banquet, Hoe Down Days, Retention Committee, Peer Counselor, Probation Facilitator for Cerritos College.

Extra curricular Activities:

Sendrey--

- President and Founder of Chess Club Vice President of Finances for Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society, Secretary of Math Club, Senate, Secretary and Mentor to Phi Beta Data Club, President Pro-Tem ASCC Senate, Committee of Ideas & Discussion Chair.
- Volunteer work tutoring and mentoring students and instructors on and off campus; and membership in a number of campus clubs and committees.

Rosales--

- Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society, CARE Club, GLBS, Alpha Nu Omega, Future Teachers, Anthropology, Math Club, Astronomy Club.
- Cerritos College 1997-1998 Homecoming Queen.
- Mentor at Glacier Elementary and Bellflower High School.
- Participated in the L.A. Marathon, AIDS Walk Dance-a-Thons, Multiple Sclerosis volunteer

Platform:



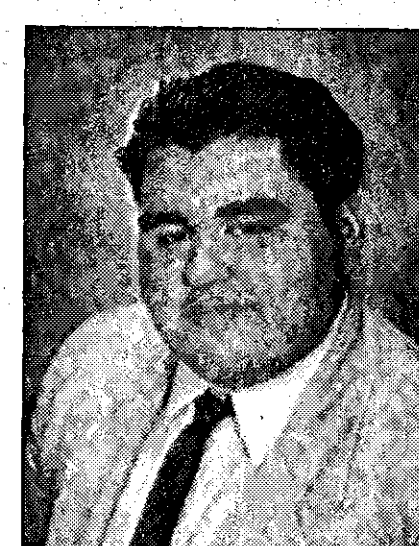
- Job Market
- Financial Aid services improvement.
- Renew the Campus.
- Fair representation

Qualifications:

Perkins :

- Executive secretary for LDSSA 97-98.
- Member of Phi Rho Pi (Cerritos College Speech and Debate Team), Chess Club, Circle K, Poetry Club,

Computer Club.



Senator 94-95-96 (Chair of Curriculum and Chair of Elections Vice Chair of Programming and pus standing committees.

tuition increase.

- Attended Leadership Conference 96-97 and 98-99.
- Sat on Hiring Committee 97-98.
- Community involvement: currently working with Leo's Club on Mentorship Program.
- Worked on Clinton Campaign 92.
- Member of Objectivist on Campus.

Vargas :

- Member of Phi Rho Pi (Cerritos College Speech and Debate Team), Secretary of Anthropology Club.
- Community involvement: Assisting at local health fairs in South Gate for MAHESC.
- Participated in Halloween fund-raiser to benefit youth in South Gate.
- Coordinated an adult ESL Program at Roosevelt High School.
- Provided transportation for needy families in Bellflower.
- Currently working with Leo's club on Child Mentor program.

Election Notes

Presidential elections:

Wed. and Thur.

Times:

9am - 2pm Student Center
6pm - 9pm Social Science

and Health Science

Ballot Tabulation

Thurs.

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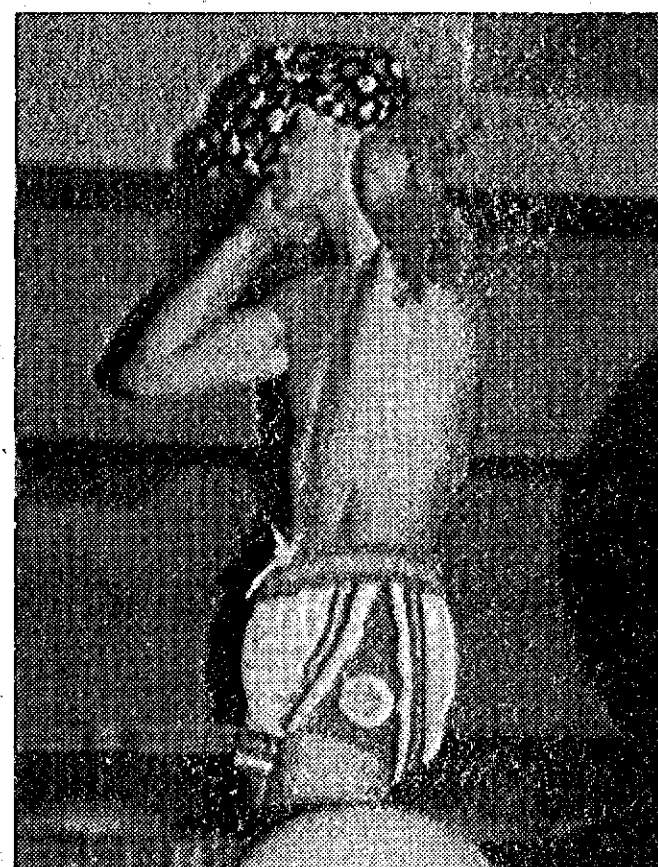
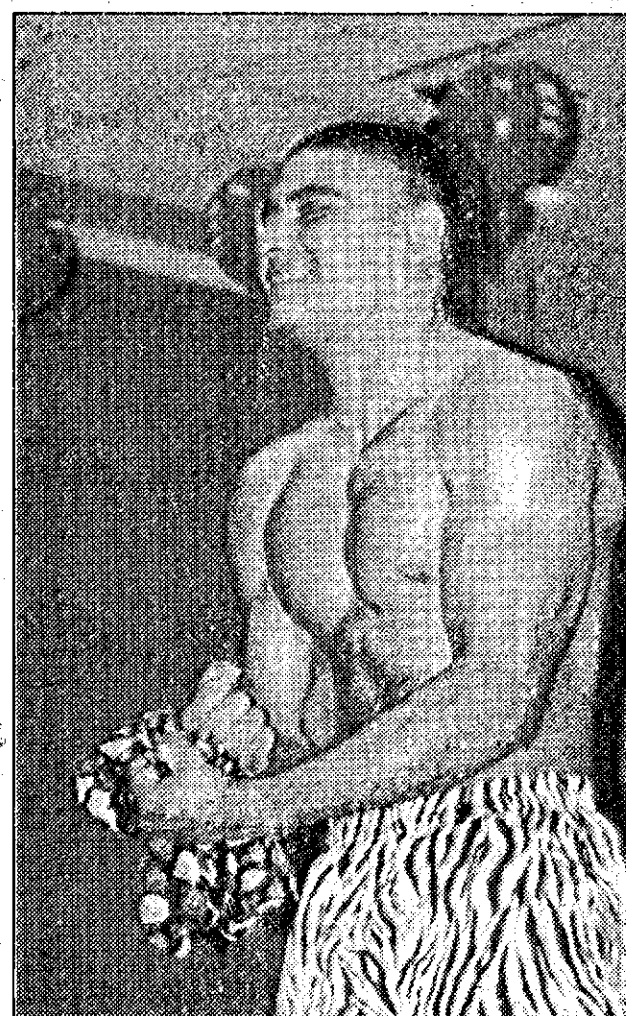
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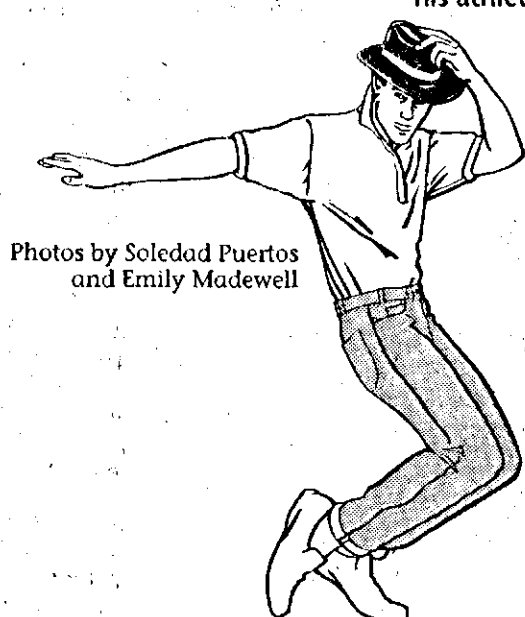
The 11 contestants of the Mr. Cerritos Contest gave spectators and judges an entertaining show last Wednesday as they competed to take over the title of Mr. Cerritos, formerly held by ASCC Vice-President Joel Esparza.

They received bouts of laughter and cheering as they danced down the runway tearing away articles of clothing all the way down to their swimsuits.

The Mr. Cerritos Contest was only one segment of the entertaining four-day annual event.



Ernesto Martinez (above) shows off his hairy chest as he is crowned Mr. Cerritos 1998. Judges (top right, from right to left) Pat La Guardia, Pat Pinder, Erlinda Martinez, Cristina Rosales, Elvia D. Robbins, Shelley Pesanti, Ranita Browning and Sophia Castro enjoy the view as Mr. Cerritos Contestants strut their stuff. (Rest of photos clockwise), Chris Casaraz, sponsored by Alpha Gamma Sigma, shows off his muscles to the audience, Hugo Esparza, sponsored by The Poetry and Arts Club, dances for the judges, Richie Sutton, sponsored by Women's Volleyball, shows the audience a new way to wear boxers, Steve 'Spike' Barrios runner up in the Mr. Cerritos contest, sponsored by the Cerritos College Baseball Team, show his athletic abilities.



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Exhibit shows a new way of thinking

Daniel Alberini
Staff Writer

The new exhibit at the Cerritos College Art Gallery entitled, "Student Faculty: Photo Exhibition," which includes works by more than 50 students from Cerritos College, pushes the limits of the medium of photography.

A prime example of the unorthodox techniques that are utilized in the show is Nash Marquez's picture depicting a tightrope walker practicing her trade. The thing that makes the photo so intriguing is the fact that it was made with a procedure called "Tableau."

"(This technique) Uses miniature figures that are utilized to create the effect of an actual live scene," Marquez explained.

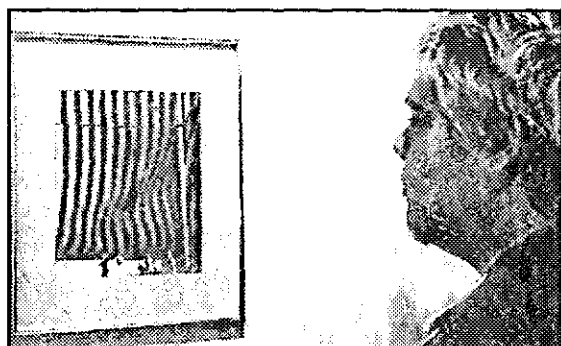
Most of the photos in the show are from class assignments.

"I struggled for an idea

with a circus theme," Marquez said. "Then I thought, 'What would be more interesting than a tightrope walker?'"

Many of the works are a perfect blend of social commentary and beautiful imagery.

Lindorfe Gallegos' photo of a small boy pressing a pistol against the head of a girl who has in a head lock, is a disturbing portrait that contrasts the innocence of



Lindorfe Gallegos' disturbing photograph. Emily Madewell/TM

childhood with extreme violence of contemporary society.

Another piece that is in the same vein is by Mercedes Moreno. This picture portrays a young girl at the moment she discovers a handgun in a drawer. Her face is filled with wonder as she examines the lethal weapon. It is a powerful depiction of an all too common tragedy.

The exhibition has had a good attendance, with many instructors bringing their entire classes to view the exhibit, according to Jessica Gomez, a worker at the gallery.

The annual show has also earned high praise from members of the faculty.

"The quality every year is always really high and this year is no exception," John Humble, photography instructor, said. "I'm always pleased by the variety and quality of the work in the show."

The show runs from March 24 through April 16.

Gallery hours are: Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.



Mercedes Moreno's disturbing photograph. Emily Madewell/TM

Evening hours: Tuesday-Thursday 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

For more information please call (562) 860-2451 ext 2612.

A&E BRIEFS Art Exhibit

Art student Lisa O'Neill currently has a showing at The Ark Studio & Gallery in Long Beach.

It is located at 2218 East Fourth Street, for more information call the gallery at (562) 438-3335.

Movie News

"As Good as It Gets" will be showing on April 16 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the Burnight Center Theatre.

It stars Academy Award winners Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt as an obsessive compulsive and the object of his obsession.

Discount movie tickets are on sale in the student activities office. Students are allowed to purchase two tickets at a time with a total of six tickets per semester.

The movie theaters that students can buy tickets for are AMC, Edwards Theaters and Pacific Theaters. Two tickets are \$8 and only cash payment is accepted.

Musical Events

Applied music recitals will take place on April 1.

Guitarist Selene Garcia and vocalist Jo Ann Yeo at 11 a.m. Pianist Mary Hwang and guitarist Walberto Escobar will perform at 6 p.m.

Recitals are held in BC51 and audiences are welcome.

The 13th Annual Faculty Gala concert will take place April 5 at 2 p.m. in the Burnight Center Theatre.

Proceeds will go to benefit the music department's special projects fund.

Admission is \$8 and \$4 for seniors and students with ID. For more information please call (562) 860-2451 ext. 2629.

Applied music recitals will take place on April 15.

Guitarist Gary Spangler, vocalist Cassandra Depieri and pianist Erick Ordonez will perform at 11 a.m. String bass player Ryan Norcross, oboe player Soomin Lee and guitarist Roger Hadad will perform at 6 p.m.

Recitals are held in BC51 and audiences are welcome.

Tribute to the Bard

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts will present the west coast premieres of The Acting Company's 25th Anniversary productions of *Love's Fire: Fresh Numbers by Seven Playwrights* and *Romeo and Juliet*.

Love's Fire, an evening of original one-act plays and music inspired by Shakespeare's sonnets, will be held on April 30 at 8 p.m.

It will include plays by some of the leading voices in American theater today.

Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* will be held on May 1 and 2.

This new production of Shakespeare's tale of forbidden love between the scions of feuding families is set in the late 19th century.

Beautiful scenics and strong performances portray a harsh reality in the 'City of Angels'

Emily Madewell
A & E Editor

Some things are true even if you do not believe in them. This is Dr. Maggie Rice's (Meg Ryan) discovery in the thought provoking film "City of Angels."

Rice is a heart surgeon who does not believe in anything that science has not proven. Then into her life comes Seth (Nicholas Cage), an angel who changes her mind by proving himself to her.

The film is based on the Wim Wenders 1987 film "Wings of Desire." It is not a remake however says director Brad Silberling, "a literal remake would not have been worth the two and a half years of work."

It goes beyond that of the original to explore the personal relationships the angel has and it tells a very deep story of love and loss.

Cage sees the differences as being that "Wings of Desire" is primarily about the people in Berlin after the war and there thoughts, where this film is a more personal story. I was drawn to the film by getting the chance to say something about taking notice of the little things in life."

The opening scene being the passing on of a child, the audience is forced to deal with it as normal and part of Seth's job to guide her to the hereafter.

Seth has to then explain to her that she does not become an angel, angels are different than humans and always have been. Because they do not have the same senses, they do not feel the things people feel.

He longs to feel all of the wonderful things he sees and reach out to those that he comforts and guides.

"Angels in the film are not there to intercede, but to celebrate the human life," explains Silberling.

Cage found it extremely difficult play-

ing a character who could not feel things, "it was maddening to play Seth, it was a much harder challenge to not be able to release. I learned a lot from the experience."

This separation was very important to the story because of the fact that once Seth knows that he is in love, he has to make a choice.

Whether to go on guiding, consoling, feeling no pain or fear, and waking every morning to beautiful music in the sunrise or give it all up for the chance of a forever with this woman who means everything to him.

Rice means everything to him because of her deep compassion for others and her desire to cure everyone.

Seth meets her in her operating room because he needs to guide someone and she refuses to let go. She does not understand what she is fighting

against and expects to be able to control her patients fate because that is her job and her dedication to it is unending.

Rice and Seth spend time discovering each other and their options thanks to the supporting characters.

Nathaniel Messinger (Dennis Franz), one of Rice's patients, lets them see the beauty in trading in your wings by everything he has gained since he became human.

Messinger, the one completely happy character in the film, "it is difficult to be so unlike everyone else, except for my character it is a very somber piece," explains Franz.

Messinger encourages Seth to explore all of the things that the human world has to offer, including love.

On the other side is Cassiel (Andre Braugher), an angel who is content and would never want to trade in his wings.

Braugher found the film interesting in that "angels do not take away the responsibilities of human beings, in this story the humans are ultimately responsible for their actions."

Los Angeles has a starring role in it as much as the actors. The visuals are so stunning you almost forget that you are looking at a city that is filled with crime and smog.

Silberling worked very hard with cinematographer John Seale to achieve this. "I wanted to show the city in its best light, I have lived here all of my life and have a real love for it," said Silberling.

The film is quite beautiful and an eloquently told story about love, life and the value of it all.

"City of Angels" deals with many aspects of loss to bring across the power in our everyday decisions. It shows us that we must appreciate everything we have with some rather harsh plot points as an illustration of what we have to lose.



Meg Ryan and Nicholas Cage star in Warner Brother's "City of Angels," as a heart surgeon and an angel who find true love together. photo: Murray Close

Improv show takes audience back to the days of the wild west

Emily Madewell
A & E Editor

The Studio Theater was taken over by "The Wild Bunch" for a showdown of talent in "The Good, the Bad and the Improv."

Directors David Wrathall and Marc Leon lead a cast of six other actors (Luis Alvarado, Sander Faraon, Joe 'the Jarmusch Kid' Herrera, Janette Mcghee, Gonzalo Toledo, and Marco Trejo) into some of the most entertaining and unpredictable skits that this audience had seen.

Education major, Ruth D'Asero said, "it was just hilarious, it seems really difficult and they did a great job."

With nothing more than a starting

concept from the audience, the "El Nino Blues" was sung by Leon and Mcghee with accompaniment by Wrathall and Trejo.

The word of Friday night's show was "man." This meant a long skit that took the audience everywhere from mandatory drug testing to the Manson family. The greatest discovery of this skit was that Barry Manilow, played by Toledo, was in our midst.

A country dance was performed by Herrera and Faraon who played husband and wife arguing about the toothpaste cap, toilet paper and the toilet seat cover being up. The song that they were dancing to was sung by Alvarado and Toledo accompanied him on guitar.

During the last scene the group was joined by relatives and improviser Bill Blush, which made the night even more fun for the audience and the actors.

Leon said that "the night was a lot of fun and more rewarding since we directed, I could not have done it without Dave." Leon has only been doing improv for a year but said he "feels like it has been a lot longer thanks to the help of Wrathall, Blush, Ernie Macias and Jennifer Zaragoza."

Wrathall was happy with the outcome also. "People laughed, and that is all that is supposed to happen so it worked out well. It was a stressed out, nerve-wrecking blast, and I could not have done it without everyone else."



Joe Herrera and Sander Faraon perform a country dance, with Luis Alvarado providing the vocals. Emily Madewell/TM

Lights, choreography, costumes...

Gregory Wylie
Opinion Editor

Traditional and modern dance styles blended together well, using veteran and first-time dancers in the routines during last Saturday's dance concert.

The second piece was "Sunday," which highlighted The Beatles' "Blackbird" and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," choreographed by student Mina Ortega.

Claudia Alcardi, choreographer and dancer for Ortega, felt "Sunday" had special meaning for her.

"I felt this song was a fitting tribute to a dance student who passed away last year," Alcardi said. "This was a way of letting her go."

Veteran student choreographer Erick Medal was happy with his dancers in "Little Susie," a ghostly look at a little girl who dies.

"The routine came together quite well," Medal stated. "Costumes and lighting really made it work."

Medal also performed in "Alegria," an all-male number arranged by Janet Sanderson, who heads the Dance Dept.

"Alegria's" bold moves and colorful lighting made it memorable for some in the audience.

Ending the first act was "Lost Serenity," a crowd favorite arranged by faculty member Lisa Goldschein.

Cerritos alumna Imelda Beltran (CSUDH) saw deep meaning in the

piece, where costuming, jagged makeup and lighting gave the impression of despair.

"The dancers were like children of the night," said Beltran. "I felt that they were like street urchins, like prostitutes and drug users."

Dancer Jordan Alexander, one of the first year dance students in the piece, was moved as well by the imagery.

"For me, the number was very theatrical," Alexander stated. "It was about drug addicts and depression, helplessness and a feeling of giving up."

"I liked 'Lost Serenity' a lot," said Sandra Depieri, a Cerritos student studying music. "They did a good job of expressing emotion

through movement. I also liked the piece on Titanic as well, because it brought the feeling of the epic disaster to dance."

Opening the second act of Friday's show was "In Our Silence," a marvelous piece choreographed by Alcardi.

"Silence" captured the essence of the film "Titanic," using selections from the original score by James Horner and "My heart will go on" sung by Celine Dion.

Period costumes and relevant moves made this number memorable for many.

"It made me cry," said sophomore Samara Otera, a dancer who watched the piece.

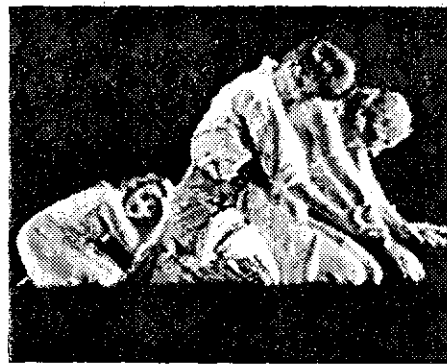
"MY plastic DREAM" was a unique piece that brought traditional Asian themes to modern dance.

Choreographer and student Ismael De La Rocha used striking costuming of black and red shapes on a white background, creating the effect of Chinese characters in motion.

Strobe lights were used in this "DREAM" and "Millennium," casting an eerie glow on the dancers' movements.

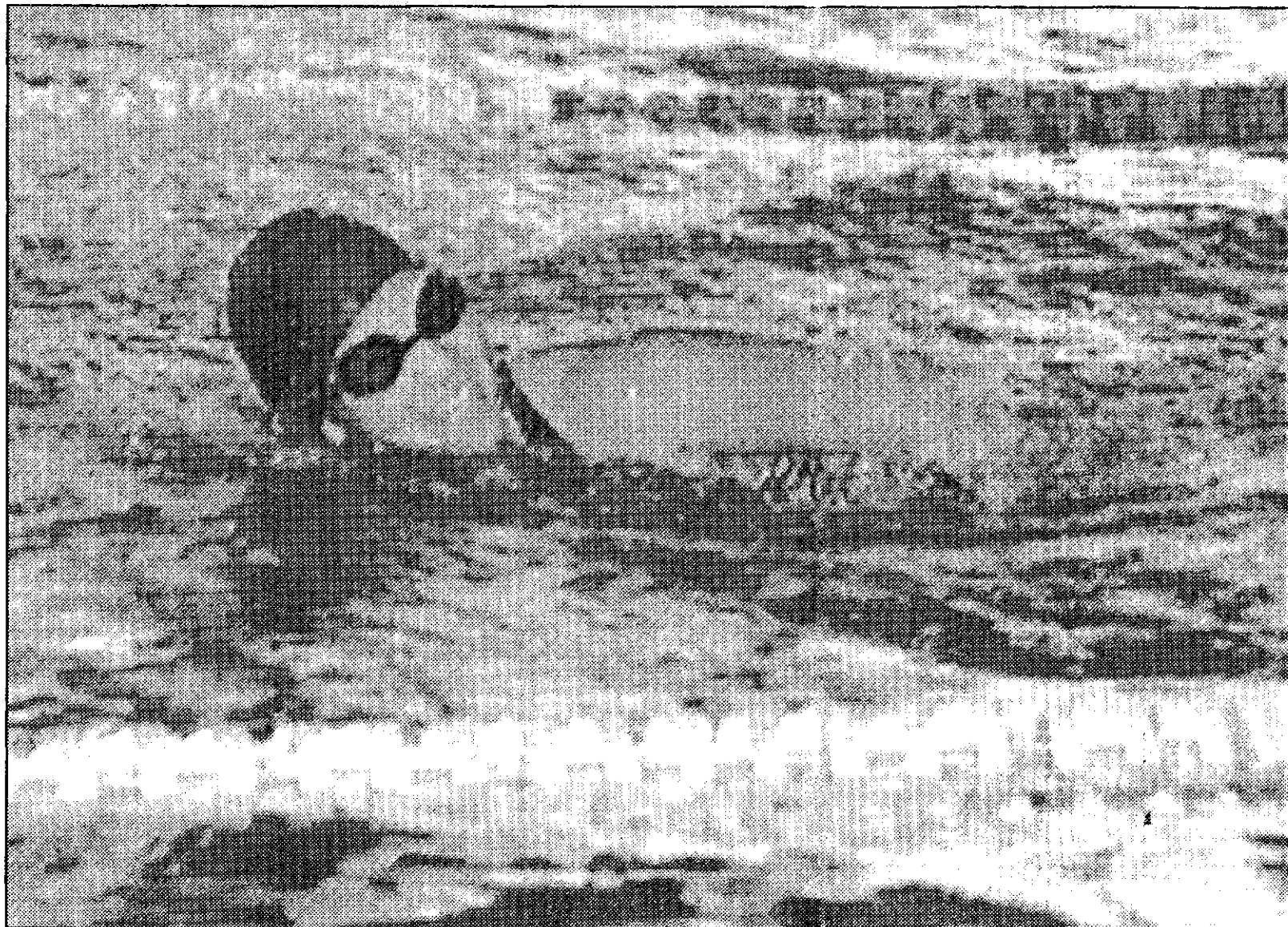
"Malaga" was a refreshing Latin dance number, complete with intricate costuming and precise moves.

Cerritos should be proud of its dancers, who put their best feet forward, in time to music of course.



Claudia Alcardi choreographed a piece to music from the film "Titanic." Emily Madewell/TM

Falcons to take on Mt. SAC and Long Beach after beating East LA



Tom Hernandez/TM

Diana Dominguez goes for the win in the 500 freestyle event against East LA. The team went on to win 73.5 to 49.5 at ELAC.

Men's and Women's Teams on way to final meet of regular season.

Kent Mc Creary
Sports Editor

Men's and women's swimming and diving will end the regular season this Friday after both teams defeated East Los Angeles College last Friday.

The men won their match by a score of 82 to 13. Women's swimming and diving also came away victorious with a 73.5 to 49.5 point triumph.

For the men, the victories began with the 400 meter relay team of Ryan Kelly, Jesus Zambrano, Welby Cham, and Raul Corral. The team finished the race first in a time of 4:13.41.

Corral also finished first in the 50 meter freestyle race with a time of 23.37. In diving, Sean Uyematsu finished first and Wesley Mattison finished first and second.

Don Weyrick prevailed in the 100 meter freestyle event, finishing with a time of 54.85 seconds.

With the victory, the Falcons conference record is 4-1.

For the women, victories included Amber Conroy, Karen Poppin, Vianey Jimenez, and Vanessa Schmidt in the 200 meter medley relay with a time of 28.04 seconds.

In the 100 meter Individual medley, Poppin won the event with a time of 1:11.94.

As a result of the win, the women's record is now 2-2 in the conference.

Brothers Welby and Wesley Cham qualified for the state tournament in the 400 meter freestyle relay. Also qualifying for the state tournament were Kelly, Andy Garcia, Craig Sandoval, Uyematsu, Corral, Mattison, with Weyrick qualifying as an alternate.

"He (Kelly) has set a new breaststroke Mt. SAC (Mount San Antonio College) record in the breaststroke," said Simonek.

Kelly swam the 200 meter breaststroke in a time of 2:15.9.

State qualifiers for the women's team were unavailable at press time.

This Friday, Cerritos swimmers and divers end the regular season when they face tough competition from Mt. SAC and Long Beach City College at home to decide who will be second in the conference.

Gaskin leads Cerritos into next century

By Greg Wylie
Opinion Editor

This college once stood proudly, falcon wings extended in collegiate glory. Forty years of use, though, made that mighty bird droop its wings.

Enter one college President, Dr. Fred Gaskin, to restore life to a campus that had fallen into the fatal pattern many colleges find themselves in: neglect.

Gaskin began surrounding himself with capable people such as Dr. Erlinda Martinez, Dr. Morgan Lynn, and Peter Hardash, three vice-presidents who would work with Gaskin as a team.

Our college president has also had the creativeness to think of involving the students in reviving the campus. Student funds helped build the new sections of the LRC, as well as the Student Center remodel.

Not every campus in California has the opportunity to get a makeover like we have, such as having a Taco Bell or Frantone's Pizza in our food court.

Gaskin promoted the bond issue, Certificates of Participation, that provided the necessary funds to purchase nearly \$3.5 million worth of fiber-optic cable, currently being installed in the college infrastructure. C.O.P. also made available funds to remodel the Admissions & Records division.

Add to that his ability to work with the Board of Trustees, our main decision-making body, and our college now has a working machine that can move forward.

A new millenium is upon us, and the job of rejuvenating Cerritos College has been placed in the hands of our adept administrators.

Look at what they have already accomplished.

The Learning Resource Center was redesigned using funds donated from the ASCC, Foundation and the institution itself. The \$300,000 went into giving Cerritos a cutting edge facility ready to leap into the 21st century.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday

Track & Field at Southern California Heptathlon
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Softball vs. Mount San Antonio College at Mt. SAC

Thursday

Golf vs. Pasadena City College and Long Beach City College at Brookside
1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. LBCC at LBCC
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Baseball vs. El Camino at El Camino
2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. LBCC at Cerritos
2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Softball vs. East Los Angeles at East L.A.
3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Friday

Track & Field at Fresno Relays in Fresno
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Swimming and Diving vs. Mt. SAC & LBCC at Cerritos
2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saturday

Softball at Spring Break Invitational in Ventura
TBA

Track & Field at Riverside Track Classic in Riverside
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Baseball vs. Mt. SAC at Mt. SAC
1 p.m.-3 p.m.

April 8

Baseball at Allen Hancock Tournament in Santa Maria
TBA

April 10

Track & Field at Mt. SAC Relays at Mount San Antonio College
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

April 14

Golf at South Coast Conference 36 hole at Brookside
TBA

April 15

Softball vs. El Camino at Cerritos
3 p.m.-5 p.m.

April 16

Men's Tennis at Conference Tour at Cerritos
TBA

Women's Tennis at South Coast Conference Tour/TBA
Golf vs. LBCC at El Dorado

12 p.m.-4 p.m.
Baseball vs. LBCC at Cerritos

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

April 17

Softball vs. Pasadena City College at PCC
3 p.m.-5 p.m.

April 18

Swimming and Diving at South Coast Conference Diving at El Camino
Baseball vs. LBCC at LBCC

'Learning Communities' earns award

Cerritos College will soon receive statewide recognition at the Board of Governor's and Community College Chancellor's Office Student Success Awards next month.

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