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STUDENT GOVERNMENT:

ASCC seeks to impeach Joyce Kelly

Candidate for ASCC president under fire

Armando Borboa
Opinion Editor

ASCC Senator and President Pro Tem Joyce Kelly was called to the senate floor last Wednesday to defend her actions against allegations of conflict of interest, conduct unbecoming a senator and using her position for personal gain.

Kelly, like the majority of student government members, is involved in a number of school organizations and clubs. She is a member of the forensics speech and debate team, president of the Black Student Union, as well as currently running for the position of ASCC president.

Being involved in various campus organizations is not forbidden to members of the student government.

Rather, it is encouraged by the college community since it leads to students experiencing different social groups and the cultural diversity represented here on campus.

However, when Kelly's different activities began to overlap and affect each other, other students began to complain of improper behavior.

One such charge of conflict of interest is in regards to Kelly using her official position for personal gain. For example, she used her official senate position to promote her personal campaign for the ASCC presidency.

According to ASCC Senator Michelle Sendry, Kelly's actions during the March 10 senate meeting were "totally inappropriate and out of place."

In her capacity as President Pro Tem, it is Kelly's job to run the Senate meeting when Hugo Esparza, ASCC vice president, is called away on other business.

During the president's report, Kelly announced to the senate she would like to give all presidential candidates present a chance to introduce themselves.

Because she was also a candidate, this gave her the opportunity to address the senate without having to go through the proper channel of putting an item on the agenda, according to Commissioner of Records and Information Melody Majors.

After both Kelly and Albert Wilmonsky, ASCC senator and fellow presidential candidate, had spoken, Alfonso Gutierrez attempted to present himself.

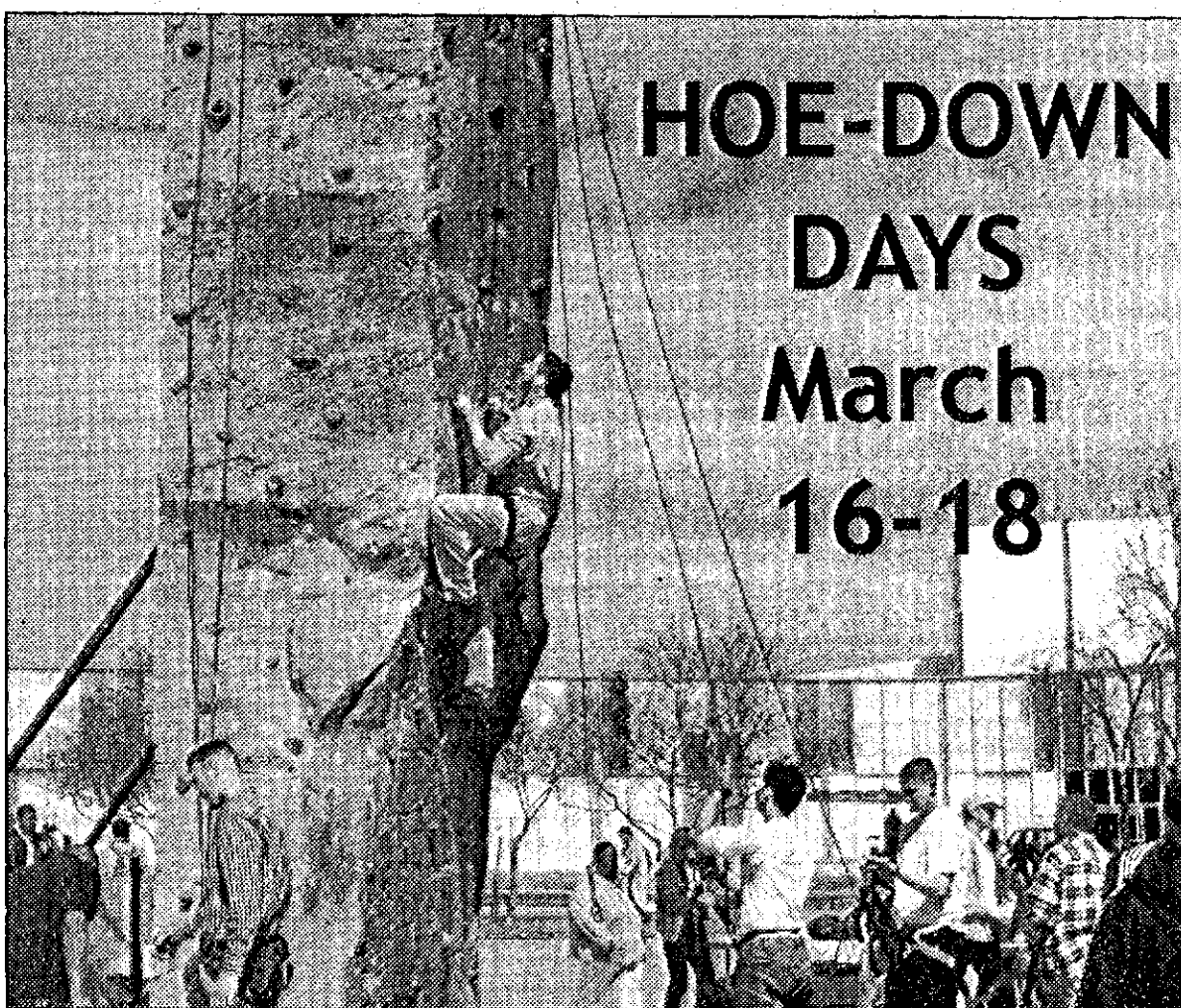
Gutierrez, another senator and a vice presidential candidate, tried to speak on behalf of his own nomination but was immediately ruled out of order by Kelly.

"She tried to gavel me out of order," Gutierrez said, "just because I am running as vice president instead of as President."

Other charges against

Kelly — Continued page 3

Spring fest '99



HOE-DOWN
DAYS
March
16-18

Chantel Weiland/TM

MOUNT CERRITOS?— A student ascends the climbing tower in the Quad March 16 during the 20th annual Hoe Down Days. In all, 21 clubs participated in the annual event that included the Mr. Cerritos contest, a chili cook-off, and a concert by returning Jim Gibson. A free western-style lunch was served during last Thursday's festivities.

WPMD-956 1700-AM

Dead air noticed

Radio station delay caused by 'little things'

Cindy Berteau
Copy Editor

Scheduled to begin airing last month, the all new Traveler's Information Station, WPMD-956 AM 1700, remains silent.

The silence is not due to lack of interest or participation from students working to get the radio station on the air, but what faculty adviser Craig Breit described as "a lot of little things."

"One important thing seems to happen each week," he said and is hopeful that the station may be running by next month.

Student program director John Kitano said he was anxious to get the ball rolling, but understands the little setbacks along the way.

According to Breit, a combination of obstacles has delayed the completion of the station.

First, technicians in charge of wiring the studios have either been sick or on pre-scheduled vacations.

Also necessary is the completion of placing wiring into

a conduit on top of the Student Center, which will help in transmission of the station.

Finally, the station's consultant and connection to the FCC must take readings of the 10-watt transmission to make sure WPMD does not reach areas unnamed in the original license agreement.

"The FCC is very clear about what we cannot do," Breit said.

One of the stipulations of a TIS license is that the transmission should not exceed 10-watts, meaning that the station should not be heard outside of a certain radius.

Bill Rotberg, an instructional media production technician, has been instrumental in wiring the new station.

Along with co-worker Norm Nguyen, Rotberg is confident that the work is almost finished.

"We've been laying out wires and having soldering parties," Rotberg said jokingly about the work he and Nguyen has accomplished.

Rotberg said he has been working on weekends to speed up the finishing touches of the station, and is still waiting for the arrival of a transmitter to install.

According to instructional Radio — Continued page 3

Dean Ackland steps down from coaching

Spending time with family now a top priority

Kent Mc Creary
Editor-in-Chief

For 30 years, Dean Ackland has, in some capacity, been involved with basketball.

From the fourth graders he coached in 1966, to the men's basketball team he led to the state championship at Bren Arena on March 14, he has shown his passion for the sport.

In his coaching career at Cerritos, Ackland has been an integral part of four state championships—including this year's 74-70 victory over San Jacinto on March 14—that the Falcons have won in his 16 years of coaching.

In addition to his role this year as head coach, he has also been the coordinator of Student Activities since 1986.

But to Ackland, there is something he values more than bas-

ketball—his family.

He announced that he will be stepping down to spend more time with his children.

"I had planned, win, lose, or draw, that this would be my last year of coaching," he said.

Ackland will continue on as the coordinator of Student Activities.

"I'm not leaving this position. I really enjoy the student activities area. I think it's the best job on campus," he said, noting that he gets to deal positively with students.

"I get to give away In N' Out burgers and have fun at homecoming," he said.

Ackland first came to Cerritos after graduating from Downey High School in 1966. While working for the recreation department in Downey, Ackland coached his first team.

"I really had my first coaching experience coaching a fourth-grade group about 30 years ago," he said.

In 1971, Ackland graduated

from California State University of Long Beach with a degree in physical education.

Ackland began coaching at his high school alma mater in 1972 and led the men's basketball team to its first California Interscholastic Federation State Championship in 1983. He would continue in his role as coach until 1986.

In addition to coaching men's basketball, he was also a football and softball coach.

Ackland began coaching at Cerritos in 1983, when he was asked to assist Jack Bogdanovich after he took over for John Foerster, who was seriously ill.

"He had a real serious illness. So they asked Coach Bogdanovich to take (over) the team," Ackland said.

While assistant coach, Ackland saw the Falcons win their first state championship in 1983.

Ackland returned to Downey High when hopes of a full-time Coach — Continued page 3



Fidel Hernandez/TM

OUT WITH A BANG— Men's Basketball coach Dean Ackland retires from coaching this year, after the team won the state title 74-70 against San Jacinto College.

ASCC Presidential Election '99: The who's who

Armando Borboa
Opinion Editor

The 1999 Associated Students of Cerritos College presidential elections are off and running, with several two-person teams vying for the positions of president and vice-president of the student government.

According to current ASCC president Giovani Jorquera, the role of student president is critical to the smooth operation of the college. The position combines the duties of president of the ASCC, as well as the role of student trustee sitting on the official district board of trustees.

This dual role grants the office holder powers and duties on par with university-level student representa-

tives. The combined office means the Cerritos president holds a level of authority that is unparalleled at other community colleges.

Currently, six teams have already tossed their hats into the race, with more teams expected to follow suit.

First on the ballot is the team of Albert Wilmonsky and Michelle Ford for president and vice president, respectively.

The Future Teachers Club and the Business Club are sponsoring Wilmonsky.

Candidate number two is Frank Perkins and his running mate Vince Vargas. Both are members of the Speech and Debate team.

According to Perkins, this is the

third time he has run for the position of ASCC president and the second time as a team with Vargas.

Next on the ballot are Joyce Kelly and Jorge Torres.

Kelly is a member of student senate and this is her second presidential election bid. Torres is a member of the Dance Department.

Fourth on the ballot are Jennifer Zaragosa and Alfonso Gutierrez.

Zaragosa is also a member of the Dance Department as well as the ASCC senate secretary. Gutierrez is a member of senate and a former court justice.

Ahmed Hussein, a student senator, and Constantin Rosenbauer follow, with the International Students Club

backing them.

A recent addition to the race is Hugo Esparza and Jose Mendoza.

Esparza is currently the ASCC vice president. Mendoza is a member of AGS, the California Honor Society.

These six teams represent a wide range of on-campus groups and organizations. The teams will be campaigning and speaking to students until the polls open April 14 and 15.

A presidential forum will be held April 13 in the Student Center. Court justices will ask the candidates questions about themselves and their campaign platforms. The public is invited to attend and will be able to speak to the candidates one-on-one after the forum.

NEWS AT A GLANCE



SPRING BREAK!

Don't come to school next week, 'cause school's out. Classes resume April 5.



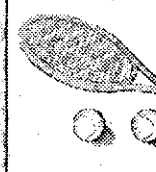
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"Mod Squad" opens this Friday, a film with an attitude. PAGE 7



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Cerritos women give nothing but "love" for Long Beach. PAGE 8

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EDITORIALS

Freedom of Speech?

"This campus is going to hell on a toboggan sled!" were the exact words falling from the lips of an individual visiting campus from the Downey Central Missionary Baptist Church.

Setting up shop outside the Student Center last Wednesday, Preacher K.D. Ward and a fellow church member, Steven Keeler, handed out pamphlets containing their specific religious beliefs to students leaving the Mr. Cerritos pageant.

"I didn't realize this campus was so decadent," Ward said regarding the annual parading of the college's "best" men on campus.

Ward and Keeler said they were trying to "deprogram" students, attempting to reverse the wrong information students have been taught by this "liberal" system of education — namely evolution, sex education and the notion of an accepting God.

What these gentlemen effectively accomplished was stuffing their collective feet into their mouths by spewing beliefs counter to a basic tenet of religion — acceptance of another person's freewill.

Remember Romans 2:17: "Therefore thou art inexcusable, whosoever thou art that judge: wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things."

By handing out materials stating homosexuality is abnormal and evolution must be discounted, they are judging and failing to see the other side of these claims.

In Deuteronomy 1:17, Moses relays laws given to him by God that further admonishes those who judge others.

"Ye shall not respect persons in judgment, but ye shall hear the small as well as the great...the judgment is God's."

What religious diehards fail to realize is that all people deserve to be heard.

They seek to discourage one type of thought, when according to the Bible all types deserve to be heard.

Religious intransigents who step onto this campus attempting to change patterns of thought should consider the fact that they are making fools of themselves.

Instead of pointing fingers at students who believe in evolution or sex before marriage, they should point their fingers inward.

Instead of living their lives as their own God has commanded, they are showing worse traits than the people they are condemning.

The Editorial expresses the views of the Editorial Board of Talon Marks. We welcome letters to the Editor. Letters may be submitted in AC42, or email tmeditor@cerritos.edu

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What is your problem?

This letter is in response to Joyce Kelly's vicious attack on my character and on my performance as commissioner of disabled students.

During my time as commissioner, I worked very hard to bring the issues and concerns of the disabled community on our college to the attention of our president Giovanni Jorquera, whom Joyce Kelly also slanders in her article within the last week's Talon Marks.

I do not understand the reasons for her hatred toward myself and other members of the student government who volunteer their time and energy for the benefit of the students here at Cerritos College.

In short, Joyce should be ashamed of her behavior and stop taking her personal hatred for our president out on anyone whom she feels is weak or vulnerable.

As a student with a disability myself, I have faced adversity my whole life. Yet nobody has ever discriminated against me as openly and spitefully as Joyce Kelly.

In conclusion I hope this letter does not fall on deaf ears. I find myself not knowing where to turn so I thought I should begin with the sen-

ate which Joyce is a member of.

Being a senator is a privilege; one I feel Kelly no longer deserves. I hope you understand the seriousness of my letter and do not simply dismiss this issue.

Sincerely,
Virginia Lopez

The Kelly Files

In response to the outbreak in the student senate meeting, last week, I can only say that I really feel sympathy for a college student who misinterprets a newspaper article acknowledging the accomplishments of a blind student.

(this) sparked a fire for my friend to bring up articles of impeachment against me. My friend turned out to be a "Judas."

The feature article was written as a way to show how one student is "beating the odds."

A former government member was offended by the article, for which there is no reason.

Michelle Sendry (new to student government this semester and also my Judas) decides to change the constitution by using me as a 'scapegoat' for an excuse to exercise impeachment hear-

ings. For over a year I have been exercising the rights of the students on this campus by telling the senate and the ASCC president how the students felt and what their concerns were. That is my job as president pro-tem of the senate.

Before members of the student government decide to take office, they should be aware of the first amendment of the constitution of the United States of America.

But I guess the few "troublemakers" are in need of some garbage because of the loss of the Clinton and Monica drama, so they have the Joyce Kelly impeachment saga.

I wish they could or would put all the energy they are using against me to something that is positive and beneficial to the students' needs on this campus.

I must remind them that I will continue my work as a strong advocate for students' rights, no matter what the other little "high school" games they have in store for me.

I will continue to strive for a positive leadership with honesty, and I will remind them of this saying, "failure is final only when I stop trying."

Sincerely,
Joyce Kelly

Editor's rebuttal

It is normally against Talon Marks policy to print a letter to the editor written by a staff member because of a conflict of interest. However, an exception has been made do to this person being involved in several legal proceedings revolving around charges of racism and abuse.

According to policy, inaccuracies may be pointed out in an editor's note. Faulty logic, if it misleads readers on an issue of importance, also may be pointed out.

It is high time people realized that when everybody (black, white or Hispanic) dislikes them, prejudice is not the issue. Perhaps a look under the skin is needed to find the root cause of this universal animosity.

It is a shame when people who are appointed as leaders do not act in a manner appropriate to their rank. It is more of a shame when those people are not adult enough to admit their mistakes. It should be a crime when they try to bring others down for their own faults.

Armando Borboa
Opinion Editor

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...and the winner of the hero award is ?

Angel Jacquez
Feature Editor

Who is worthy of heroic recognition? According to Webster, (the ever-knowledgeable savior in understanding the English language) such beings are those of "distinguished courage or ability, admired for their brave deeds and noble qualities."

That sums it up in a nice, neat, little package, and although that simple definition applies to many, little consideration is given to people such as hard-working parents who put themselves last by cleaning toilets, or do whatever it takes for their children to have a better chance to progress.

MODERN HEROES

It's a shame that the popular heroes of today are icons who claim that their easy street is such a difficult challenge, adding to a bloated perception of their self-proclaimed exceptionalism.

What's hopeless is that people buy into this. How could they not when it upholds attractive complexities that appear to remedy the blues of the commonly dull?

Making the common fun is exceptional, and many people do not consider that in labeling their heroes.

Needless to say Mark McGwire, the Lakers and such athletic figures of high stature from the past and present including Joe DeMaggio, are heroes engraved in the stone of the public's eye. Their sports achievements may be worthy of recognition but even that is questionable.

Historic leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr., Emiliano Zapata and J.F.K. who cause change in their environment to better the quality of life, are heroes with

or without recognition.

The question is, what part of the definition do people use in determining their perception of a hero who is excluded? Must a person be widely recognized to be one?

THE TRUTH

The answer seems to be as certain and common as individuality.

Athletic heroes are merely measured and admired on their ability, but are they truly brave? With a lovely \$10 to \$20 million-plus contract, how many Joes and Janes would step up to a 300-pound football lineman?

Considering the fame and dollar signs imprinted on the big thumb hovering above the all-American jock, can these so-called heroes be brave and noble?

Survey says? If fortune and luck strike in the genetic pool of opportunity, then

you too can be a hero, or even a legend. Jocks are fortunate, not heroic, including a rather generous 90 percent of celebrities.

These athletes and media stars are called heroes, but they often complain about why only \$15 million and not \$20 million. How truly sad for them. Why these people make so much money is mind boggling.

WHO ARE THEY?

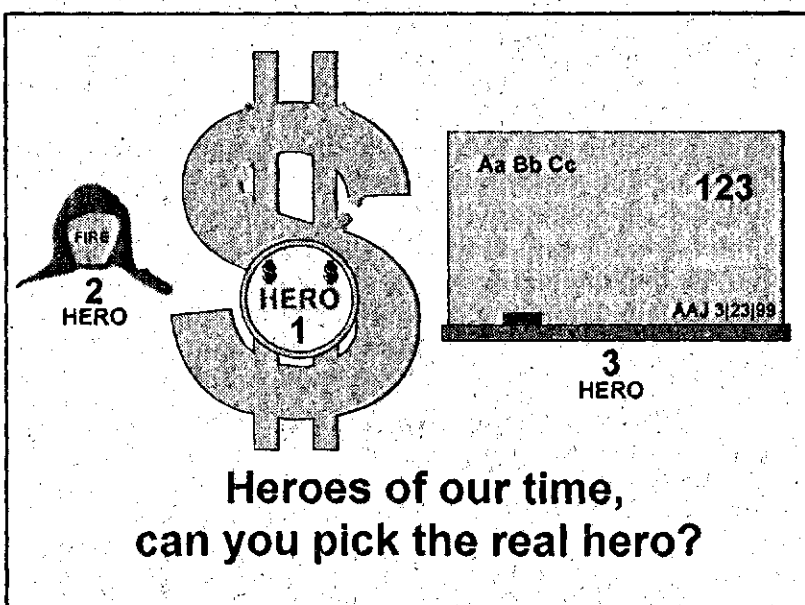
Logically, educators, life-savers and defenders of freedom should get the biggest slice of the green pie, but reality does not abide by the laws of logic.

People who risk their lives on the behalf of others are not sufficiently acknowledged as the giants they are. On the other hand, the fortunate ones are praised for their latest film, album or scandal.

How many people would reveal a big red "S" on their chest if confronted with a trying situation? The numbers may be surprisingly high. Who would actually stand by while someone is about get hit by a car, raped or drown?

There's nothing special, much less heroic, about super ego. What makes them special is the attention given them.

Ordinary people should be heroes to these celebrities, because these people



CAMPUS COMMENT



"What are you going to do over Spring Break that you don't want your mom to know?"

By Marisol Navarro
Photographs by Abel Olivieri

"I am open. I don't really keep secrets from anyone. The truth will set you free."

—Ben Young,
Arts



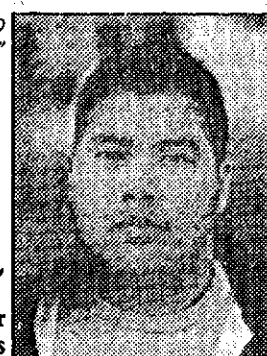
"I am going to Baja and I am not supposed to tell my mom."

—Rachel Flores,
Adm. Justice



"I am going to go to Cancun."

—John Ybanez,
Computer Sciences



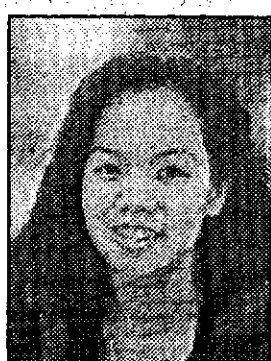
"A rendezvous out of state might be fun."

—Lorena Portillo,
Undecided



"Travel to a far away place where she can't find me."

—Christine Vo,
Pharmacy



"I will have eradicated sex with many women in the back of my pick-up truck with a condom."

—Curtis Swendell,
Psychology



"I am going to go to Rosarito!"

—Jennifer Huerta,
Computer Information



"Intoxicate myself beyond belief."

—Chris Alvardo,
Film Student



NEWS NOTES

Cap, Gown

The deadline for ordering cap and gown rentals for the May 17 commencement ceremony is April 2. Wallace's bookstore is requiring payment when placing orders. Rental forms are available at the bookstore.

See Now

The student Health & Wellness Center is offering \$20 eye exams by Dr. John Akamatsu every Thursday, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Contact lenses or glasses can be purchased affordably through the Health Center. Contact the center for details and to make appointments at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2321.

EURO Conference

Cerritos College will play host to a presentation on the EURO and its impact on trade, investment, banking and finance in America and around the world. The presentation will be in LC-155 from 11 a.m. to noon this Thursday.

Kelly: Hearing set for next week

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Kelly include her repeated accusations of racism, bigotry and discrimination directed against her by members of government.

In response to this, vice president of the Black Student Union Kalana Williams said, "Joyce Kelly gives black people a bad name. She is racist, pig-headed and bigoted even against her own kind."

Several accusations of slander are also being leveled against Kelly. Commissioner of Activities Nellie LeGasse listed conversations where Kelly reportedly called members of government, "little kids," and "trouble makers."

Kelly has referred to Majors in her capacity of secretary to the ASCC president as "Monica Lewinsky." She has also called Sendry a "Judas" in a letter to the editor of the Talon Marks.

Senator Greg Knapp is opposed to a bill currently before the senate to remove

Kelly from her official position.

Instead, he recommends a letter of censure be given to Kelly, one designed to keep her personal opinions and agendas away from official business.

"We represent the students, not ourselves," Knapp said. "Personal stuff has no place in official business."

Kelly declined to comment on the bill, stating it was an "issue that has not been brought before the senate," therefore something she was not willing to discuss.

However, Kelly did repeatedly say that "this whole thing is a witch hunt against me by everybody in government." She declined to state exactly who she was referring to, only saying that it was "everybody."

ASCC President Giovani Jorquera has declared that he is trying to stay neutral on this subject. "It is the senate's job to police its own members. I support their actions and I trust them to do the right thing."



Armando Borboa/TM

HOT SEAT—Senate President Pro-Tem Joyce Kelly refutes charges of abuse of power, conflict of interest and "conduct unbecoming."

Coach: No more b-ball

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position as assistant coach did not come to fruition.

In 1986, he returned to Cerritos full-time after being hired as the coordinator of Student Activities. In 1987, he became the assistant coach under Bogdanovich.

In 1996, Ackland took over coaching duties while Bogdanovich went on sabbatical. That year, the Falcons won the South Coast Conference title.

After Bogdanovich retired last season, Ackland took over head coaching.

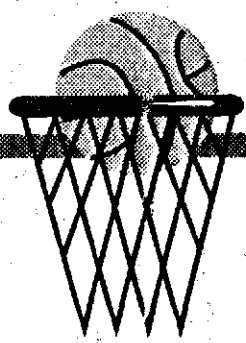
In addition to the championship, Ackland was named Coach of the Year by the California Community College Coaches Association on March 11.

1966
Graduates Downey High School and attends Cerritos College Coaches first team fourth graders at Downey Recreational

1985-86
Returns to coach at Downey High School

1987-98
Assistant Coach under Jack Bogdanovich

Coaching Career of Dean Ackland



1996
Takes over as Head Coach while Bogdanovich is on sabbatical

March 11, 1999

Named Coach of the Year
California Community College Coaches Association

1979
Coaches Downey High School, takes them to California Scholastic Federation Championships

1986
Becomes Coordinator of Student Activities for Cerritos College

1999
Becomes Men's Basketball Head Coach, Falcons win state championship

Radio: No more silence

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aide Mark Cromer, who is also the station general manager, the FCC does have a deadline for the station to begin airing.

"We should be well within that period, but we don't need to rush," he said.

One of Cromer's goals for the station is to avoid having an endless flow of 30-second commercials of what's going on at the college. He'd like to have students produce longer programs with academic and community-oriented content.

Once the station is finally on the air, student news director Claudia Flores hopes to "have so much news we don't know what to do with it."

This is her third semester with the radio station and she said she will be back next fall if WPMD does not begin airing this spring.

"We're going to make it happen," Flores said.

Students participating in the fledgling WPMD will report on news, weather, traffic and a variety of other topics over a two-hour shift.

Broadcasts will be live from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

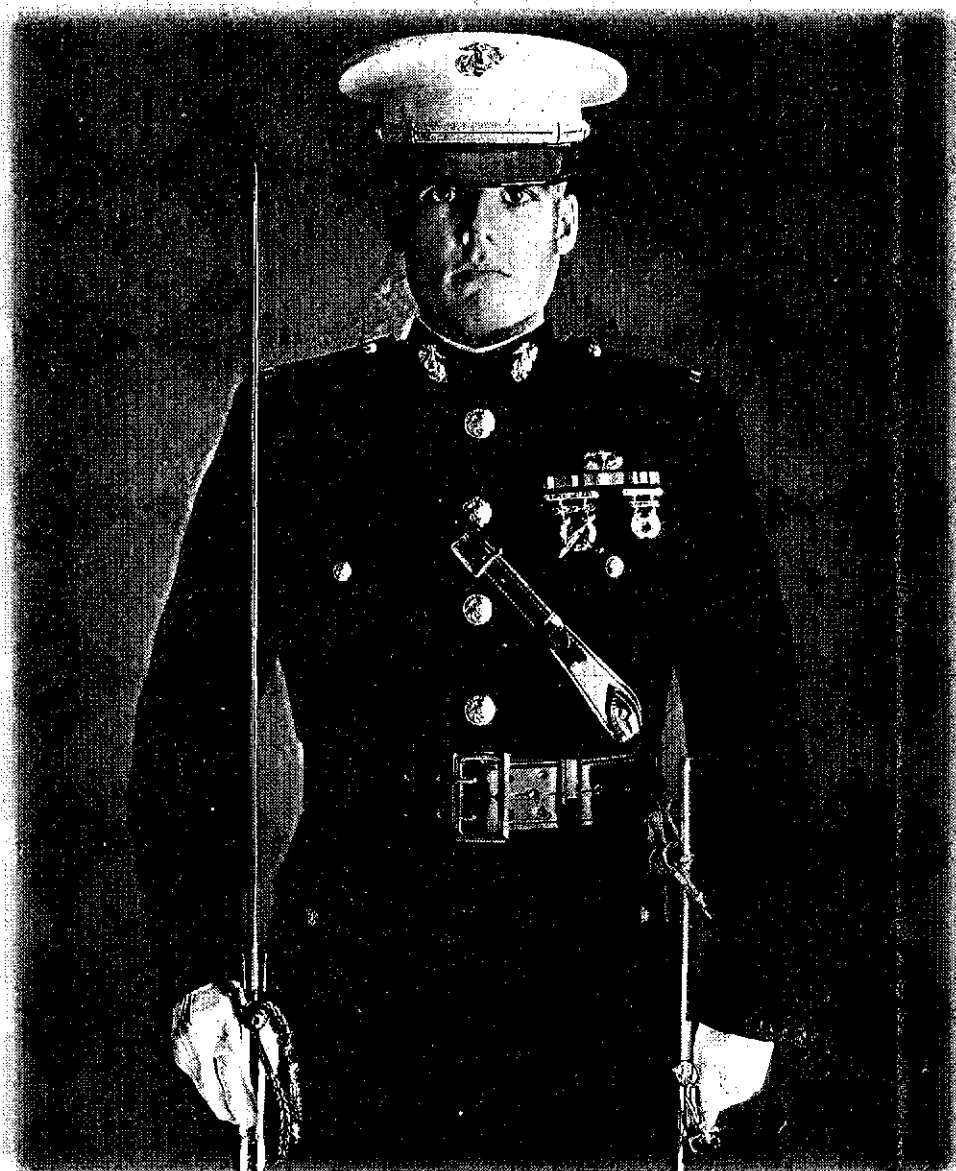
Shortened broadcasts will be featured on Fridays and an automated broadcast will run overnight and weekends.

Breit said that the biggest obstacle, besides actually getting the station running, will be for students on the air to not sound like they are reading.

He also said that with all the setbacks the station has encountered in working toward an actual air date, he has become more patient.

"Anything worth doing, is worth doing as a group effort," he said.

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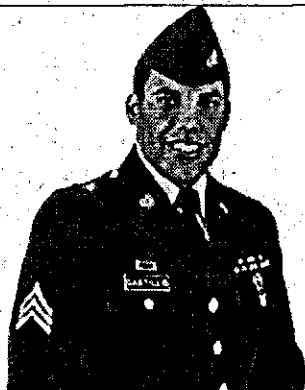
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Greg Wylie
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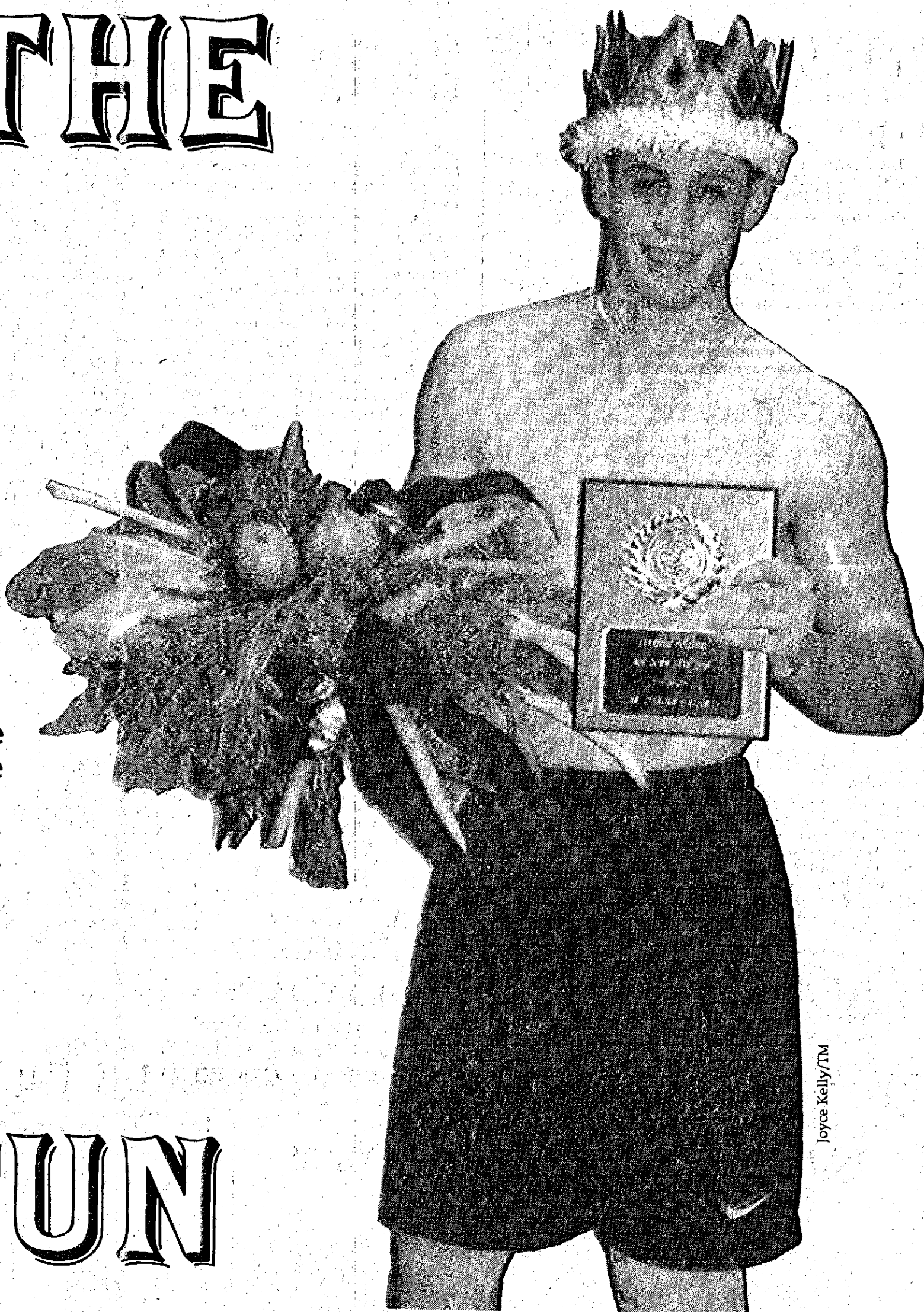
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HOW THE

WEST

King of the stage Steve Barrios, representing baseball, after sweeping his competition in the Mr. Cerritos contest last Wednesday.

WAS FUN



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Above - Among the festivities at the first day of Hoe Down Days was this traveling game show.



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Right - Ylgael Robles, representing speech and debate team, heats up the stage strutting in a fire fighter's jacket.



Left - College dignitaries are treated to the first taste of the chill in the chill cook-off contest.

Below - After the judging was over, students, faculty, and administration officials get what's left of the award-winning chill.



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HOE DOWN DAYS

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WEST WAS FUN: Cerritos

The Hoe Down Days have been going on for at least 40 years.

The Student Activities Office came up with Hoe Down Days. Different clubs like the Black Student Union, Alpha Gamma Sigma, Phi Rho Pi, and Deaf Club participate in the event to raise money for their upcoming events.

The money each club

gets goes to different things like charities and buying club necessities.

Usually the club president or a couple of individuals in the club decide where the money goes.

Dean Ackland, Trudy Foster and Student Activities were responsible for getting Jim Gibson to perform.

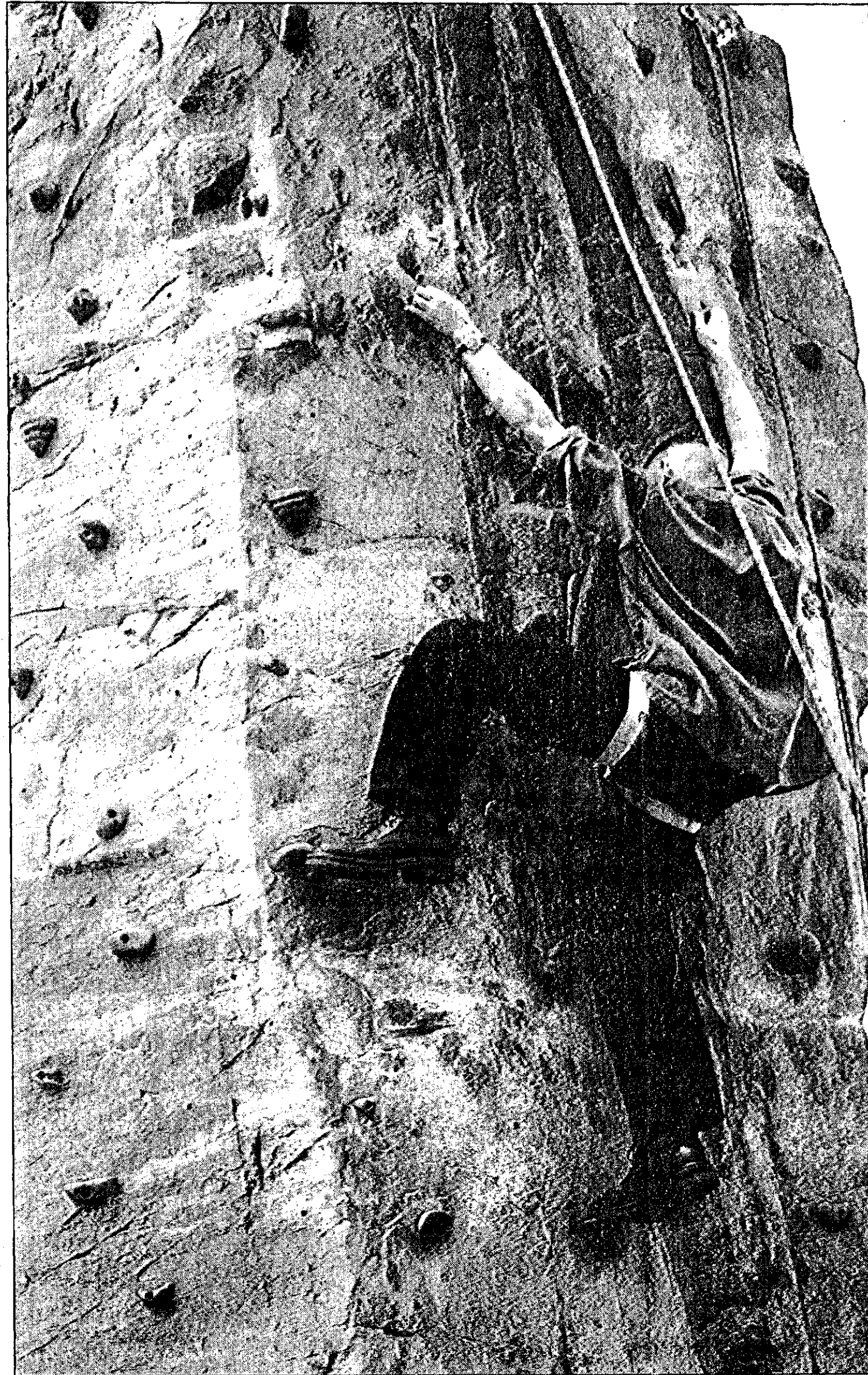
Gibson has played a part in the Hoe Down

Days for almost 12 years.

One of the big events on Hoe Down Days was the Chili Cook-Off, which Board of Trustees President Robert Arthur won for best overall chili.

A sophomore on the Cerritos Baseball team that goes by the name Steve 'Spike' Barrios won the Mr. Cerritos Contest.

Right - Cosmetology student Carmen Williams gave haircuts to students. Cosmetology was but one of 21 clubs that were involved in fund-raising activities during Hoe Down Days. Other clubs involved include Court Reporting, Women's Studies Club, Poetry and Arts Club, GLBC, and Phi Ro Pi.



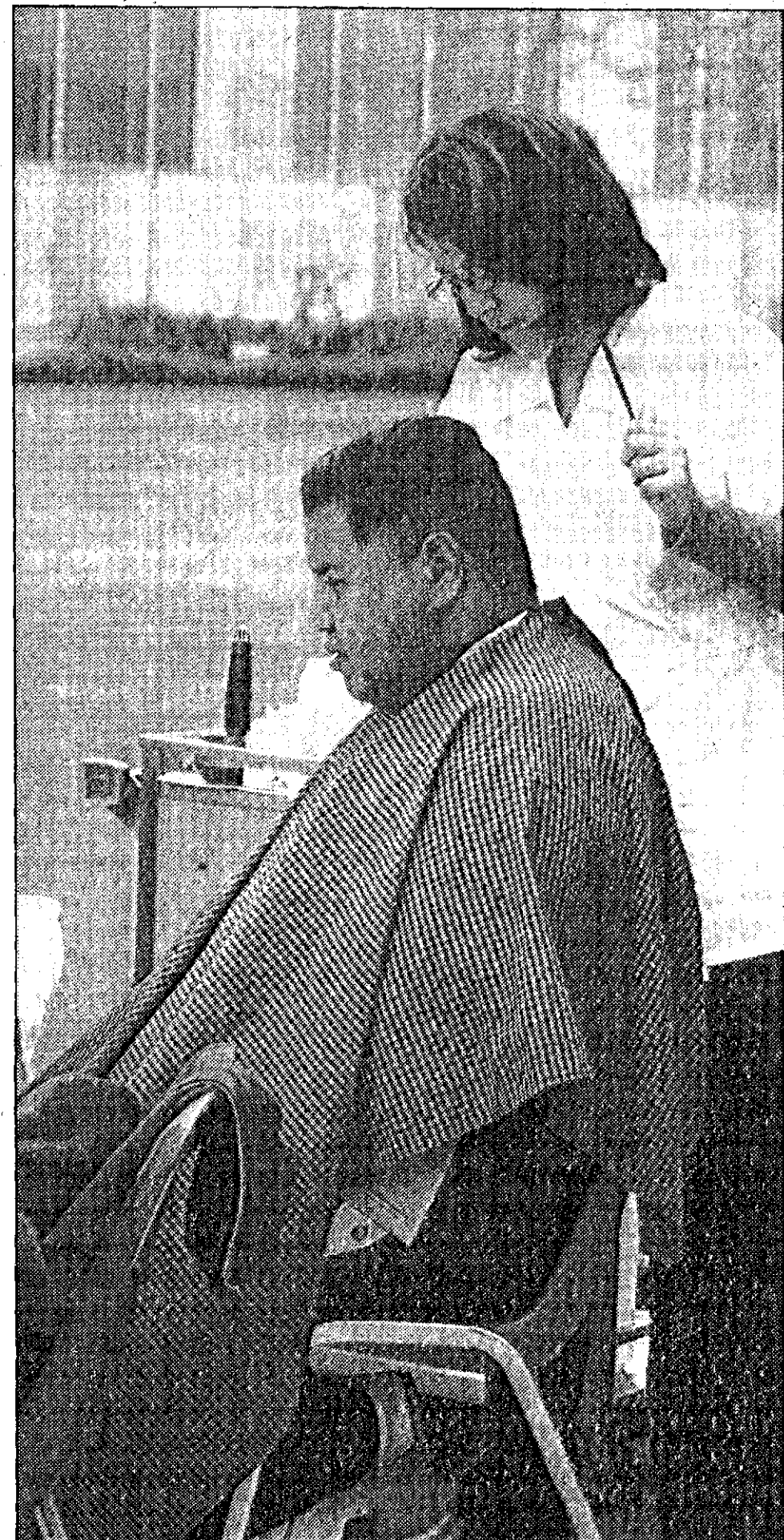
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Above - One of the new activities at Hoe Down Days was rock climbing. This student was one of many to try their hands at it.

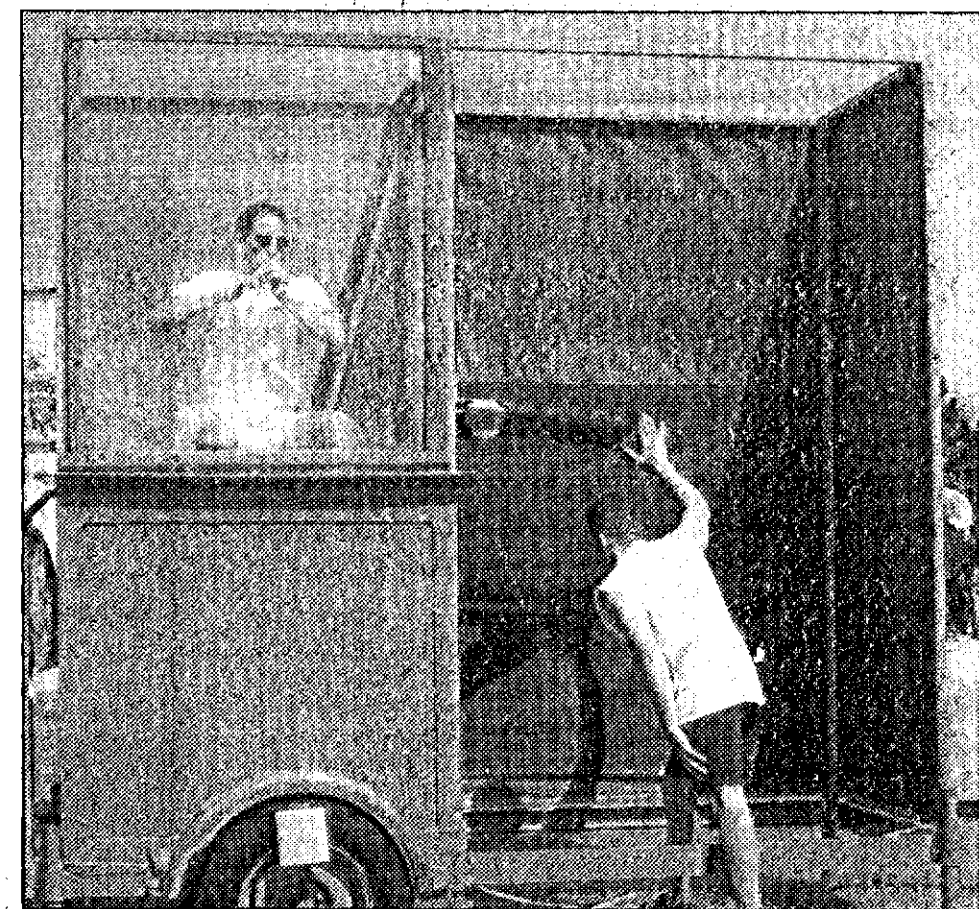


Right - At the puppet tent is ASCC Clerk Trudy Foster, talking with a friend as a puppet looks on in interest.

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Above - Students had a chance to dunk fellow classmates. Below - Caricatures of students were drawn as part of the festivities and entertainment.



Chantiel Weinald/TM

ISP program coordinator questioned

Marisol Navarro
Staff Writer

The designation of Idania Padron as active coordinator of the International Students Program was the essence of a recent controversy.

What is the controversy and how does she manifest herself?

The controversy was led by assumptions that suggested Padron lacked the necessary qualifications to coordinate the ISP in a successful manner, and that she was just another former student body president with connections.

SOURCES DISAGREE

However, many sources seem to disagree with the "relentless suggestions," as Burl Looney, the evening supervisor of the Learning Assistance Program said in support of Padron.

Michael Ybarra, who is the web page developer for the ISP said, "Regardless of campus politics or bad hiring procedures, the International Students Program required immediate and effective help. From my view point, I believe Idania has provided this help."

Ybarra added that immediately after Padron was placed as active coordinator to the ISP, she began working on several assignments to enhance the success of the ISP.

The ISP is still in its infancy at Cerritos College, and Padron foresees opportunities for innovative change that may be of special benefit to the international students.

Among these changes are a filing system database, a student database and a tracking system.

According to Padron, these systems will be centralized for better organization and easier access to students.

Despite Padron's plans for innovation she believes that the ISP should maintain what it already has. "We will make a commitment to continue and maintain the integrity of the program."

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Padron has acquired experience with international affairs from a national level, and she plans to use this experience to benefit the ISP.

As a former Cerritos College student who actively participated in college events, and a former student body president, Padron says she gained knowledge of fundraising, public relations and interpersonal communication.

Padron transferred to the University of Southern California where she obtained a job with External Relations and Public Administration.

Working with External Relations she gained experience with office management procedures and techniques, which she believes are necessary to coordinate a program such as the ISP.

As a student of USC, in which 40 percent of the student body population is made up of international students, Padron said she was able to interact with

these students on a daily basis and learn about their different interests and needs.

In addition, Padron also worked as the assisting director of Undergraduate Affairs at USC. Thus, she was directly associated with international as well as national students.

Padron graduated from USC with a degree in political sciences, and she also worked in Washington D.C. with congress members for two years.

During those two years, Padron analyzed and formulated legislation regarding education and immigration, and some was of benefit to international students nationwide.

She also worked as a USC recruiter, and she was required to travel nationwide in search of prospective students. Although Padron said she enjoyed traveling a lot, she felt her family needed her, and this impelled her to pursue a more local job.

Despite the controversy that Padron's designation has created, some students and faculty members seem to enjoy interacting with Idania.

Isabelle Egan, a counselor on campus who deals with international students said, "She is very well organized and easy to work with. I haven't had much contact with her, but she seems to be highly efficient."

STUDENT SUPPORT

Ahmed Hussain, the president of the International Student Association said, "Idania is highly energetic and methodical-she is a lot of fun to work with. She is an awesome person to work with and I support her anytime, anywhere, any place."

Hussain added he plans to follow in Padron's footsteps and run for ASCC president, and make a beneficial difference on campus.

Padron considers Cerritos College her home base, and her alma mater. She also considers this college as being very instrumental in her personal success.

Padron wants to offer her services in return and make a difference, regardless of the outcome of this controversy. "I will prove that I am qualified to bring some good into this program."



Kent McCreary/TM
USC GRADUATE - Idania Padron was recently appointed as the ISP coordinator.



Abel Olivier/TM
TERRY PRICE - Plastics Department chair demonstrates an injection molding machine on "educational lease" from Nissel. The machine, which costs approximately \$100,000, produces high-quality plastic molded parts.

Plastics program purveyor of technology

Richard Shippy
Staff writer

From the familiar knife, fork, spoon, cups and numerous other plastic items used everyday, the plastics industry has been at work improving plastics quality and application for a whole new level of product.

The Plastics Manufacturing Technology Department, headed by Director Terry Price for the last 23 years, is the leader in teaching plastics technology in California, offering the only certification and degree program in the state.

Drawing students from San Diego, Ventura, Riverside and local counties, the department also has trained many students sent from the Department of Defense, commercial airlines and even from Korea.

"Plastic Pioneers" a small group of mostly retired engineers, executives, and others which comprise a grass-roots organization dedicated to the continued research and development of plastic products and applications, recently held a meeting hosted by Price at the PMT.

The meeting was high-

lighted by awards and grants given to the department. Price said, "Any time you're donated money or equipment, it's a good thing."

Three awards and matching grants were given to Price who noted that Cerritos College has the only college plastics department in all of California. Awards will go toward the purchase of a display that has already been designed, and is partially sponsored by government funds.

The display, which will effectively show how plastics can be recycled and made into new useful items, includes a tractor-trailer rig equipped with a row of plastics processing machines that will be used at colleges and trade shows.

The display will start with plastics recycling using old plastic bottles, grocery bags, videocassettes, compact discs, cafeteria trays, and other scrap plastic.

As the scraps move down the line they are ground into small bits, then formed into pellets that are chilled and compressed. Next is the injection molder, blow molder, and extruder that produce new

products which are presented at the other end of the trailer.

One of the most innovative items displayed and demonstrated was a plastic "cloth" used to clean up oil spills in oceans. A jar of water was "polluted" with oil, and then cleaned by the "cloth" which cleared the water of the oil.

Another example of plastics used today is billiard balls, which were made of ivory in the 16th century. As ivory became scarce, plastic was tried out as a replacement.

When used in turn-of-the-century bars and lounges, the plastic billiard balls made a loud gunshot-like bang when hit by other plastic balls.

Different types of plastic were displayed at the meeting. Thermal plastic was demonstrated. When heated, it can be molded into different shapes, yet when reheated it returns to the original shape.

The "Popsi Program, the World's First Recycled Doll," was highlighted. This plastics program for children in kindergarten through third grades, is an educational tool.

Today, "Car and Driver 1999 New Car Buyers Guide" notes "The roof, the doors, the

rear hatchback, and the spoilers of all Camaros (except the SS models), are made of plastic."

Another area of plastics technology development is the Cerritos College Composites Training Center.

This program offers students composite training in such diverse areas as fiberglass reinforcement as used on surfboards and boats and gel coating for color surfacing.

Training is also available in resin transfer coating, vacuum bagging for oven curing, and injection and compression molding for making compact discs.

Tooling and mold construction, plastic repair and welding are also training opportunities available.

Growth in this fast-moving field is expected as class offerings are growing in scope and size. The PMT has industry support for class offerings and job placement for graduates.

Along with certificates of completion, the department offers associate's degrees in various plastics specialties. For more information, contact Price (562) 860-2451 ext. 2927, or FAX (562) 467-5012.

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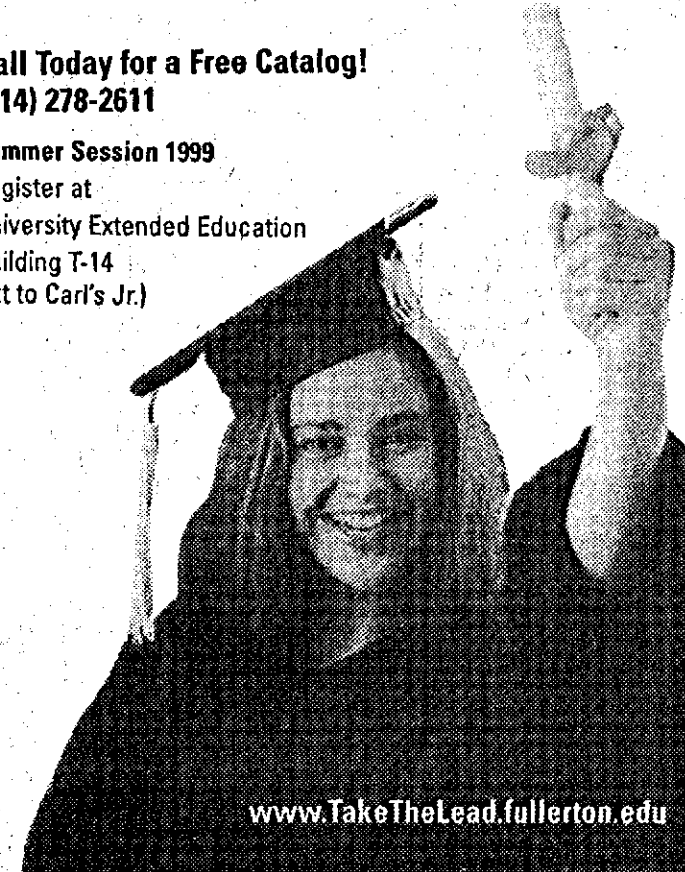
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Copping an attitude this Friday



Photo by Merrick Morton
COUNTERCULTURE COPS— Omar Epps, Giovanni Ribisi and Claire Danes comprise this year's "Mod Squad."

Gregory Wylie
Online Editor

What would happen if you took three incorrigible kids and put them in a conventional TV police procedural?

Claire Danes ("Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet"), Giovanni Ribisi ("Saving Private Ryan") and Omar Epps ("Scream 2") star in MGM Picture's "The Mod Squad," the big screen version of the '60s TV show.

Kids from different backgrounds are yanked out of jail and a future behind bars to work as undercover operatives for the police: Lincoln "Linc" Hayes (Epps) is from the hood, Julie Barnes (Danes) is from the streets and Pete Cochran (Ribisi) won't go back to his Beverly Hills family.

When Capt. Adam Greer (Dennis Farina) assigns the trio to infiltrate a seedy nightclub where a suspected prostitution ring is operating, the detectives assigned to the case aren't happy, and make no bones about three criminals working as cops.

They aren't allowed weapons, but they can't seem to stay out of trouble anyway. When drugs from the evidence locker are stolen, the group soon finds itself without a friend in the department, and a case to solve all by itself.

The film isn't all action; it's more about character development and overcoming staggering odds to ultimately do the right thing.

The soundtrack includes work by Busta Rhymes, Everlast, Bjork, Lauren Hill and Ozomatli, creating a hip tempo that lends to the counterculture attitude.

Julie (Danes) has the street savvy to make it despite the overwhelming odds against

her and her partners.

"I was really into playing the 'California dream girl,'" said Danes about her character. "People should leave this film feeling sexy, excited and enthusiastic about the youth culture."

Pete (Ribisi), a loose cannon who strives for validation in an ever-increasingly distant society, typically takes the bull by the horns and can turn a losing prospect around.

Ribisi loved his role in this movie, which included a scene where he drove a top-down convertible through a car wash.

"It was intense," said Ribisi. "They used real car wash water and detergent, and we shot that scene all day, take after take."

A highlight of the film is the interrogation room scene, where most of Ribisi's dialogue was impromptu.

"For me," said Ribisi about the extemporaneous scene "it was letting anything rip," including barking at a picture of a dog on the wall.

Linc (Epps) assumes a natural leadership role, usually providing a balanced outlook on the group's chances of success. He also tends to bail out the others a lot.

"I'm influenced most by honesty and innocence," said Epps, and the quiet nobility of his character Linc seems to follow the same dogma, despite the criminal element.

This film represents a generation. The rebels, the pioneers, the thinkers and doers of today that don't play by the rules will find a common ground to meet on. With a bit of action and a modern soundtrack, this flick is a good bet for theatergoers.

A & E Briefs

Music Events

The Scott Henderson Memorial Scholarship Concert featuring students from the applied music program is being held this Friday, in the Burnight Center Theatre at 8 p.m.

Featured students:

Vocalists- Carlos Diaz
Esther Kil
Grace Lee

Camillo Menjivar
Samara Otero
Alisha Salazar

Flutist- Helen Park
Pianist- Lisa Szu

Trumpet player- Amy Long

The Cerritos College Community Chorus, the Gospel Choir and the Pop Choir will be performing. Dr. Christine Lopez directs all three choirs. Admission is \$10, for more information call (562) 860-2451 ext. 2629.

The **Faculty Gala** will be performed April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Burnight Center Theatre. Admission is \$10, seniors and students with a CCID \$5.

As part of the **applied music recitals**, violinist Zuliy Vides and guitarist Anthony Centeno will perform this Wednesday at 11 a.m. in BC-51. Vocalists Carlos Diaz, Earlene Walker and Jimmy Wang will perform at 6 p.m.

On April 7 at 11 a.m. in BC-51, vocalists Esther Kil and Grace Lee and guitarist S. Bangchalom will perform. At 6 p.m. vocalists Brenda Banda and Jorge Casella and percussionist Hector Hurtado will perform.

On April 14 at 11 a.m. in BC-51 vocalist Victor Galinda and tuba player Jazmun Guilford will perform. At 6 p.m. vocalist Pete Contreras and pianist Greg Swift will perform.

Theater Events

Cole Porter's musical, **"Anything Goes,"** a dinner theatre, will be performed on April 30, May 1, and 6 through 8 at 8 p.m., and May 9, Mother's Day, at 2:30 p.m. General admission is \$27.50, and for students/seniors \$25.

The cast list is as follows:

Reno Sweeney- Samara Otero
Billy Crocker- Fabian Otero

Whitney- Bob Arthur
Steward- Thomas Bedolla

Reporter/Sailor- Larry Salazar
Cameraman/Sailor- Carols Diaz

Sir Evelyn Oakleigh- Luis Alvarado
Mrs. Harcourt- Dr. Morgan Lynn

Hope Harcourt- Jammie Hann
Bishop- Joseph Wise

Sailors- Ed Santiago, Joshua Barron and Camillo Menjivar
Girls- Dal Easter, Jennifer Zaragoza, Brenda Banda, Yezmin Bernal, Grace Lee, Tamara Daniel and Kathleen Hager

Moonside Martin- Fabian Otero
Ching/Sailor- Glenn Lucas

Ling/Sailor- Pablo Dumrongruks
Purser- David Correia

Captain- John Pelloni
Bonnie- Claudia Alcardi

Chastity- Laura Dickinson
Purity- Jennifer Shull

Virtue- Claire Ong
Charity- Jennifer Arthur

Angel #5- Sylvia Cervantes
Angel #6- Taniela Irtzary

Recalling the past photographically

Gregory Wylie
Online Editor

The art gallery was pulsing with activity last Tuesday for the opening of the student and faculty photography exhibit, which runs through April 15.

Exhibits included silver gelatin prints, Polaroid transfers and digital images produced as class assignments.

Jorge Rivera, a photo stu-

dent whose work was displayed during the recent alumni show at the gallery, was on hand to lend support for the opening.

"The work here is beautiful," Rivera said, "it's just amazing, the kind of photography students and faculty we have here."

Photography instructor Don Cole's piece hanging in the side room is a striking

metaphor for what photography signifies.

"The underlying assumptions of photography are memory," Cole said, "recalling the past by capturing images on film."

The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday 6 to 9 p.m. For more information call (562) 860-2451 ext.2612.

Dancing to the beautiful music in the air

Valerie Creque
Staff Writer

The Spring Dance concert electrified the audience with an exciting mix of modern, jazz, ballet and ethnic dances.

When the lights came down, the audience responded with an astounding round of applause and cheers that made the Burnight Center Theatre sound like an auditorium filled with enthusiastic sports fans.

The show began when Imara Quiñónez stepped onto the stage dressed in all white and sang while tribal drum beats of "Pou Plasi" ("For Fun") played in the background.

The concert was choreographed by students and faculty, and included music from Alanis Morissette, Jean Michel Jarre, Pink Floyd, Brandy, and the B-52's.

Dance instructor Robert Salas choreographed a dance number called "Echo" and enjoyed seeing all of his hard work and creativity come to life on stage.

"The show turned out fabulous. I had a lot of experienced dancers that gave me the quality I was looking for."

Salas also said that the hardest part about doing the concert was that they only had eight

or nine rehearsals before the big night.

April Blackledge is one of the experienced dancers Salas was referring to. She didn't have a problem with the lack of rehearsal time.

"I've been doing these concerts for years," Blackledge said. "It was a pretty easy show for me."

Each dance number told a story and had its own unique blend of costumes and lighting design.

One of those unique costumes, a flashy pink kimono with gold trim, was worn by Mira Kwon, who was a solo dancer in "Korean Fan Dance."

"Korean Fan Dance" was an enjoyable number but the audience seemed to have a better reaction to the modern, fast-paced dance numbers.

"My favorite number was 'Love Shack' by the B-52's," Luis Alvarado said. "The dancers looked like they were having a lot of fun."

The dancers did, in fact, have a great time.

"I loved the performance. It was a good experience and I had fun," Fabian Otero said. "The best part of doing a concert is how you feel when the music starts. Your body moves to the beat and it feels good."



Emily Madewell/TM

LOVE SHACK BABY— Sander Faroo choreographed dancers Jordan Alexander, Gabby Hernandez, Jackie Marrujo, Martha Meza, Fabian Otero, Samara Otero, Jasmine Rozales, Della Sellan and Hailey Xu in "The Only Place To Be."

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 April 7, 3 p.m. Long Beach City Home
 April 9, 3 p.m. Mt. San Antonio Home

Baseball

This Thursday, 2 p.m. East Los Angeles Home
 This Saturday, 2 p.m. Los Angeles Harbor Home
 March 31/April 1, TBA Santa Maria Tournament TBA
 April 6, 2:30 p.m. Los Angeles Harbor L.A. Harbor
 April 8, 2:30 p.m. Compton Home
 April 10, 1 p.m. Compton Compton
 April 13, 2:30 p.m. Los Angeles City Home

Women's Tennis

This Thursday, 2 p.m. El Camino El Camino
 April 6, 2 p.m. Los Angeles Harbor L.A. Harbor
 April 8, 2 p.m. Mt. San Antonio Home

Men's Tennis

This Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Pasadena Home
 April 6, 1:30 p.m. Long Beach City Home
 April 8, 1:30 p.m. El Camino El Camino

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**Women's tennis win at LBCC**

Fidel Hernandez
Sports Editor

Let the rivalry continue. The Cerritos women's tennis team continues to improve as the season progresses, and was evident by their hard fought 5-4 victory against rival Long Beach City. The South Coast Conference win improved their conference record to 6-3 and are 8-5 overall.

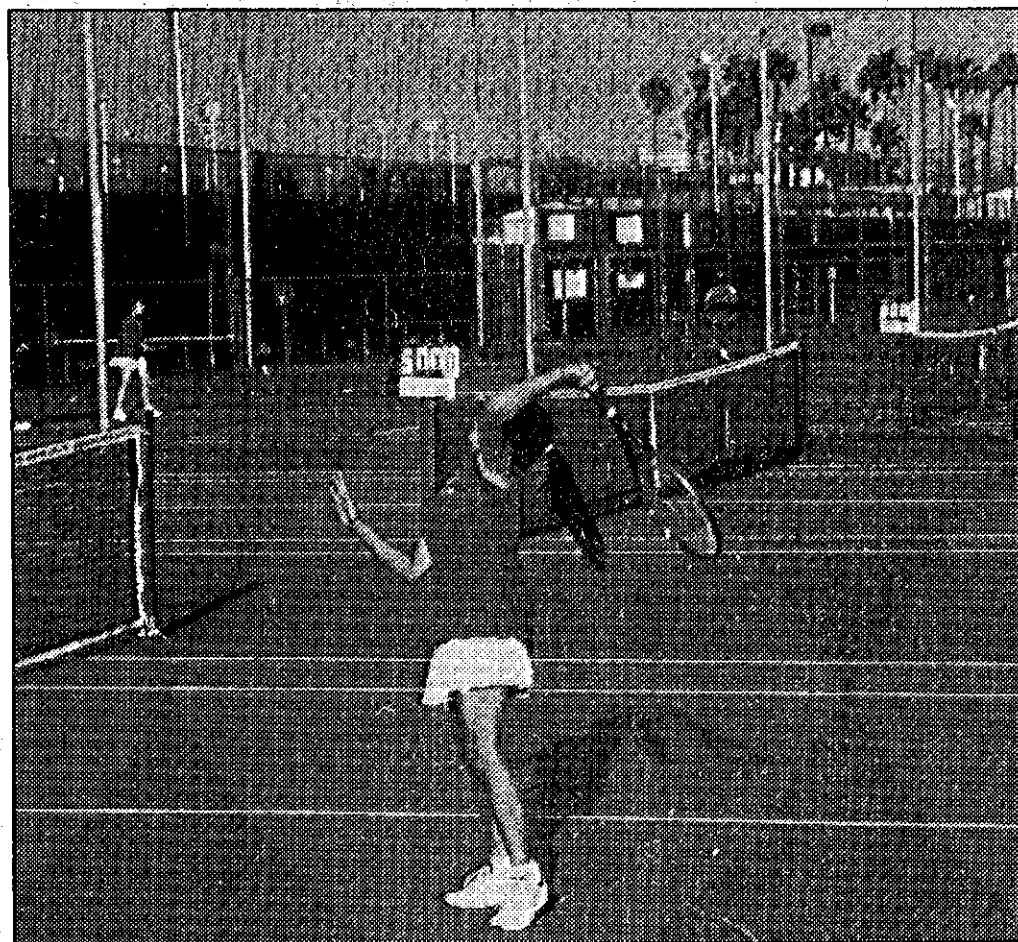
The Falcons displayed more of their improving performance against Pasadena City at home, last Tuesday.

The women's tennis team will face El Camino at El Camino this Thursday at 2 p.m.

After splitting the six singles matches, the team went on to doubles play, Cerritos coming away with two close wins. Miriam Martinez and Mykelsha Alzaatra teamed up for a tough 9-7 victory, while Wendy Balbuena and Maryanne Vidrio clinched the team with their 9-8 triumph. The win avenged an earlier 5-4 defeat to the Vikings, who posted a 9-8 win in the #3 douch to come away with the win.

Cindy Delgado (6-2, 6-0) and Alzaatra (6-3, 6-2) won their with Vidrio fighting for a 7-5, 7-5 win in the #6 singles spot.

Angela Arcded extended her opponent to three games but lost 7-5, 4-6, 5-7 in the #4 singles match.



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CINDY DELGADO— Prepares to return the serve delivered by Pasadena City.

State Champions

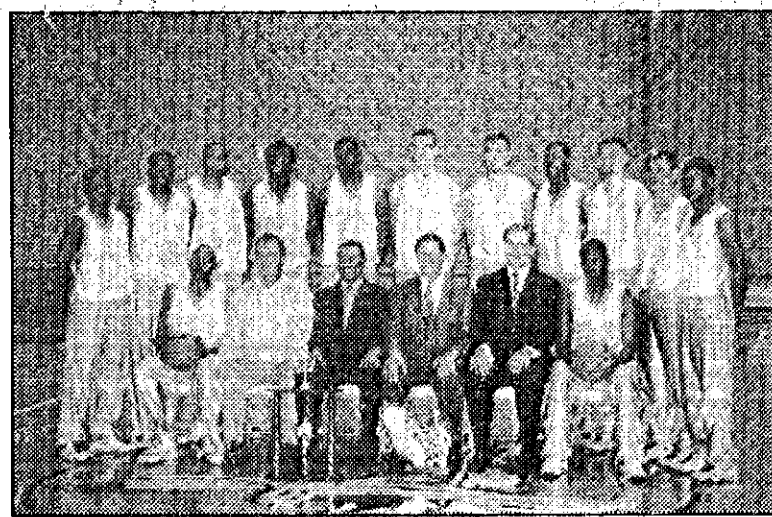
Fidel Hernandez
Sports Editor

"It is nice to be named Coach of the Year, but I do not place too much value on individual awards, this award is as much the players as it is mine," Ackland said.

And it was very much deserved by the Falcons, who became state champions after defeating Mt. San Jacinto on Sunday March 14.

Freshman forward Lemar Gyle (Long Beach Jordan) earned Most Valuable Player during the tournament. He scored 89 points and hauled down 30 rebounds during the last three games of the tournament.

The teams which fell short to the Falcons were College of the Sequoias (86-80), Fresno City College (74-70), and Mt.



Fidel Hernandez/TM

HOW SWEET IT IS— Men's basketball team state champions.

San Jacinto, 92-77 in the championship game.

The wins over Fresno City and Mt. San Jacinto were sweet victories, since the Falcons had lost to these two teams during the regular season, as they concluded their season with a 33-5 record. The 33 wins tied a school record for most victories in a season.

In a sport like basketball,

in order to advance, the team has to perform as a whole. Gayle who was also named 1st Team All-State, opened the tournament by pumping in a season-high 31 points.

"I am very proud of the guys (Falcons), they have done well this season, and I wish the team will do well next season," said Ackland.

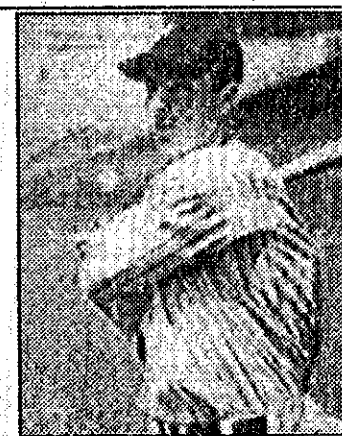
This championship gives Cerritos College five state

Farewell to Joltin' Joe DiMaggio

He was known to many fans as Joltin' Joe DiMaggio, one of the most recognized figures in the major league of baseball. Joe DiMaggio died March 8 due to a struggle with cancer. DiMaggio was 84 at the time of his death. Joseph Paul DiMaggio was born in Martinez, California on November 25, 1914.

Joe DiMaggio began his baseball career in 1932 with the Pacific Coast League. He played with San Francisco until 1936.

DiMaggio gained most of his popularity while playing with the New York Yankees. Due to his great outfielding ability the nickname, the "Yankee Clipper," was given to him. He received the nickname, "Joltin' Joe," when he set a major league record by establishing a 56 game hitting streak in 1941.



Many times one seems to rely on someone to keep one's hopes alive. In his time, he was the perfect image. A role model to many children, Joe DiMaggio was very humble.

As the years moved on, his career with the Yankees ended. He retired in 1951. However, this did not mean that the spotlight would shine on him no more. Joseph DiMaggio married the beautiful and well-known actress, Marilyn Monroe.

Joe DiMaggio was constantly in the spotlight, however, he was one of the most reserved celebrities that was ever known.

DiMaggio will be missed by many sport fans, but the memories that he leaves behind will be carried on for generations to come.

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