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Hussain sworn in as president

Wilmovsky loses election by 69 votes

Kent McCreary
Editor in chief

The race for the next Associated Students of Cerritos College president ended when Ahmed Hussain and his vice presidential running mate Constantin Rosenbauer were sworn in at the April 28 senate meeting.

Hussain and Rosenbauer defeated Albert Wilmovsky and his vice presidential running mate Michelle Ford in a race that was decided by 69 votes.

Hussain and Rosenbauer garnered 484 votes in the election, while the team of Wilmovsky and Ford received 415 votes.

Hussain attributed his victory to focusing on the various goals he hoped to implement.

"We were focused on our platform," he said.

Hussain was supported by current ASCC President Giovani Jorquera and Vice President Hugo Esparza, Commissioner of Information and Records Melody Majors and Commissioner of Student Orientation Sa-Eun Park.

Currently, Hussain is a member of ASCC Senate,

interim president of Phi Theta Kappa High Honor Society, president of the International Student Association, and a tutor in the Learning Assistance Program.

Hussain is majoring in computer engineering and pre-med.

Rosenbauer, a computer science major, is the vice president of the International Student Association, a volunteer with the Red Cross, and is fluent in English, German, Korean and French.

Wilmovsky, a business major, alleged that those students who voted for Hussain did so based on the fact they could get a free Mountain Dew, not his qualifications.

"I think his having the Mountain Dew truck was kind of a bribe to get the students to vote for him," Wilmovsky said.

Hussain said that he thought the truck was sponsored by the ASCC.

Saying the election should have been more fair, Wilmovsky alleged that he and other campaign workers overheard Hussain campaign workers using the slogan "Vote for 2-get a (Mountain) Dew."

"If it were a fair election, I would have come out as the winner," he said.

Hussain will begin his term this fall semester.



Proud President - ASCC Court Chief Justice Liz Monge congratulates the newly inaugurated ASCC President Ahmed Hussain at last Wednesday's senate meeting.

Greg Wylie/TM

Inaugural broadcast for WPMD

Cindy Berteau
Copy editor

The very first voice heard on WPMD-95.6 during the station's inaugural broadcast on April 20 was Ramon Torres.

He said that he was excited to finally have the station running.

After months of waiting, the all-new Travelers Information Station is now providing a unifying voice for Cerritos College and surrounding communities.

"This is our college's gift to the community," faculty adviser Craig Breit said, who was excited that his students are having their voices heard.

Although Breit said he noticed that the class size for radio production has dwindled, he is optimistic about what students enrolled in the summer session can accom-

"We waited a long time...it will be a challenge for us."

— Gayle Parks,
directed studies
radio station
student

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Student stabbed on campus

Deadly weapon altercation; student arrested

Richard Shippy
Staff writer

A female culinary arts student was arrested on an assault with a deadly weapon charge after an altercation last Thursday in the Culinary Arts Building.

At approximately noon, Darold Avery Hopkins Jr., accompanied by his cousin, sought out the female student who was working in the cafeteria, and a verbal argument ensued.

Police say that she eventu-

ally stabbed Hopkins four times.

As tempers flared, the argument quickly escalated into a physical altercation.

After Hopkins threw a bottle at her and hit her over the head with a chair, he then physically picked her up over his head and slammed her to the ground, according to police reports.

Hopkins then started hitting her in the upper chest.

Apparently the female student at this time produced a knife and stabbed Hopkins repeatedly.

The female student's brother arrived at the scene after the fight had started and confronted Hopkins, telling him to

leave his sister alone.

Many of the culinary arts students, who were working at the time, saw the fight and jumped in to break it up. At this time the female student stepped back and said, apparently to Hopkins, "Now what's up bitch?" according to the police report.

One of the witnesses noted she was holding a knife in her right hand.

She then exited at the south end of the building.

When campus security arrived, the female student was arrested on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Campus police officer Ricardo Bustamante Jr. noticed Hopkins in the quad, with

blood on his shirt, appearing to be in pain.

He then asked Hopkins if he was OK, and he replied that he had been stabbed, pointing to the female student as the assailant.

Bustamante transported both parties to the Health and Wellness Center.

The female student was treated for wounds and then arrested on the assault with a deadly weapon charge.

She was transported to the Los Angeles Twin Towers police jail facility where she was booked and incarcerated.

After first aid by paramedics, Hopkins was trans-

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Celebration held for Cinco de Mayo

Stephanie Mulkey
Staff writer

The Student Center was alive with the sound of music and merriment last Tuesday as students, faculty and staff enjoyed a taste of Mexican cuisine and tunes of Mexican music creating a touch of Mexico in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

Entertainment was provided by Sol de Mexico, one of the most versatile mariachi groups in the country.

According to Marcial (Rod) Rodriguez, a real estate agent at Prudential Realty, all the band members can play all instruments and take over on vocals.

Rodriguez, who follows the mariachi circuit and has been a fan for 50 years, also provided a little mariachi history.

It seems that in the 1700s, France occupied Mexico. When a French soldier was marrying a Mexican bride, there would have been a party. So the soldiers went into town to find some musicians. Mariachi is taken from the French word for marriage.

Four-year-old Sierra Tucker, who attended with her mom, Therese, became a devoted fan as she danced away to every song, even managing to snare a partner or two from willing band members.

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Tribes gather to honor mother earth at pow wow

Armando Borboa
Opinion editor

The Cerritos College Native American club hosted what will possibly become an annual Pow Wow on April 23, 24 and 25 on the campus soccer field.

Several prominent Native American groups were represented at the weekend event, including Thunder Creek, a well-known Native American drum organization of the Northern Plains tribes.

Also represented at the pow wow were members of various

tribes including the Apache, Navajo, Sioux and Pawnee nations.

Significant portions of the pow wow ceremonies were dedicated to veterans in general and to the captured American POWs in Kosovo in particular.

An important tenet of the Native American culture centers on the honoring of the tribe warriors, especially those who have fallen in battle.

Among most tribes, the true warrior is a person who

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Fidel Hernandez/TM

Pow wow - Participant James Perkins paints portraits on wood during the dancing presentation.

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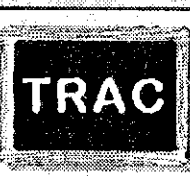
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EDITORIAL

So, what does it mean to me?

The average student does not vote during school elections. Out of approximately 22,000 voters, less than 900 voted. Why?

Could it be because the average student does not care about school politics? Could the same also be said for sports and the many on-campus activities?

Unfortunately, the fact is most people do not care about, or participate in, campus activities here in the Falcon pridelands.

It goes without saying that competition and leadership are important, but what difference does it make to the "average" student who is only here for an education?

Most students aren't aware of who their government leaders on campus are, or even care that the school's basketball team was on fire and is this year's state champ.

Such participation and accomplishment on top of scoring good grades are admirable and satisfying to the particular individual, but how many non-involved students really care?

An informal survey conducted randomly with 50 students revealed that only six of them were concerned with what happens on campus.

The average response reflected an apathetic point of view.

"I just go to class, take care of business and leave," said an English major.

A political science major smirked, saying, "It's funny how far student government goes in their mockery. It's only practice, training you might say, not significant."

On the flip side, a student government member concluded that, "How can anyone expect to fly high later in life, if they do not spread their wings now?"

It is safe to say that many students respect the extracurricular endeavors and achievements of other students. At the same time, the majority of those students do not consider non-academic activities as worthy accomplishments.

So what are students concerned about? The answer is; whatever drives them to succeed.

If people are driven by a passion for photography, or a love of teaching, then that passion should be encouraged to drive them to their full potential.

Just because a person's interests or talents do not fall within the realm of sports or student government, that does not mean that his or her accomplishments are not as important.

Rather, people should do whatever it takes to put a smile on their face at the end of the day, no matter what everybody might think.

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The Saga Continues

In recent weeks the "Joyce Kelly" saga has barraged students who have read your paper. She has manipulated the facts to suit her needs whenever necessary.

Everything she has accused "us" of ("the band of terrorists") are things she has done. I was referred to as "the mother of the high-school minded," if that refers to individuals who can think for themselves as well as stand up for what they believe in, set trends, not follow them, then I am guilty. I am very proud of the

determination and perseverance the students have shown. They are not afraid of voicing themselves, and they in no way allow themselves to be manipulated by ANYONE, including those who are used to getting their own way without a fight.

The mere fact that she has been allowed to go on this long with no repercussions is a shame. She does not stand up for "student rights," she stands up for her not-so-hidden agenda.

She has used freedom of speech as a shield for what she does. Freedom of speech does not include making racist remarks such as "band of terrorists," "roaches, villains, demons and red-

skinned cut throat."

As a Native American, these are all terms that were used when others would speak of us in derogatory terms over the years. What really appalls me is that it seems to be OK for Native Americans to be attacked in this fashion, but if we were to do this to any other race, there would be a huge protest to follow.

When someone attacks a Native American, they do not just attack one, but all nations. I am of the Apache, Lakota, Cherokee and Yaqui nations. The reference to the group as a band of terrorists is highly offensive and will no longer be tolerated!

I will make sure that this is put to an end once and for all,

even if it means going to the full extent of the law. I feel my civil rights are being denied by this woman being allowed to continue.

Every time someone goes against her, she cries "racism," that's not it.

What the problem is, no one likes her because she is rude, mean, obnoxious and vindictive.

She has reaped what she has sown over these past two years. Joyce Kelly, it is time to transfer and get a life.

Sincerely,
Nellie LeGaspe

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People kill people, guns don't

Cindy Berta
Copy Editor

Guns don't kill people — people kill people. It's as simple as that.

In the wake of the recent Colorado tragedy, handgun control critics have yet one more example to further their case toward more strict regulations on gun control and safety issues for children.

The fundamental concern at stake, though, is parental guidance. What are parents doing to prevent the decay and subsequent violent behavior of the nation's children? Obviously nothing.

At schools across the United States in the last 18 months, at least 14 people have been killed and more than 40 have been wounded.

Less than three weeks before the shootings at Littleton, Colo., a trio of governmental agencies began soliciting applications for \$180 million in new violence-prevention programs.

Funds for the programs, to be coordinated by the Education, Justice and Health

and Human Services departments, will be used to hire community police officers and provide counseling for youths at risk for violent behavior.

Although the amount of funds funneled into programs to deter the violence recently demonstrated at schools across the country may help the situation, parents need a wakeup call. No program or gun-control measure can replace the necessary backbone of parental guidance.

Guns are not at fault for senseless killings on school grounds. The people wielding the weapons and the lack of a moral upbringing are the sole perpetrators in violent crimes.

First, video games are an easy scapegoat when naming reasons why children commit violent acts — "Doom" was cited as a possible influence on the behavior of the assailants in Colorado.

This argument is as weak as the claims anti-pornography proponents make when suggesting that viewing pornography en-

courages deviant sexual behavior like rape. If anything, video games and pornography provide avenues to release a person's violent or sexual frustrations — not spur an individual to emulate what he or she has seen.

If people are concerned about the effect video games can have on their children, then it is the job of the parents to monitor what their kids are playing and help them to distinguish between real and fantasy violence.

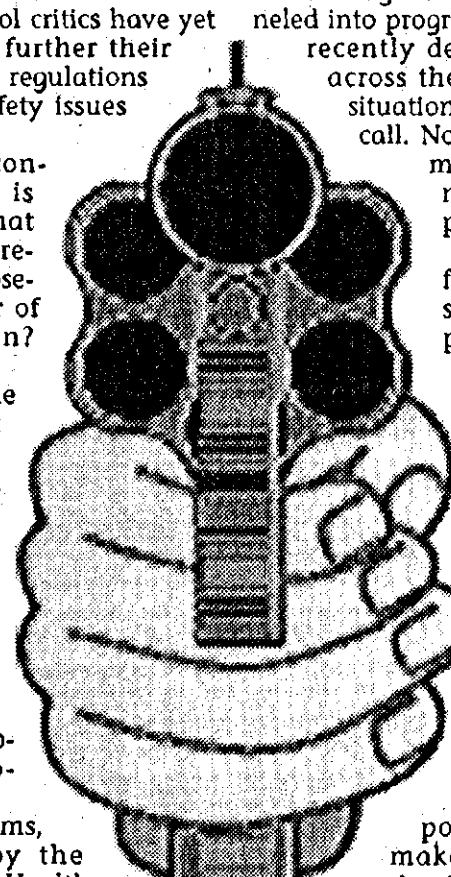
Next, if parents choose to have firearms at their residence, it is their responsibility to keep the weapons at a safe distance from their children.

Currently, only 16 states have Child Access Prevention laws, which hold gun owners criminally responsible if a child gains access to an unsecured firearm and uses it to injure themselves or someone else.

If parents truly cared about their children, this law would not be necessary. Parents would take the proper steps to secure any guns accessible to their kids.

Finally, even the National Rifle Association, the mother-of-all pro-gun movements, has acknowledged that safety issues for children must be addressed.

The Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program, sponsored by the NRA, has reached more than 12 million children since 1988. Although this is a step in the right direction, gun-safety knowledge should rest with parents.



Kosovo 'police action' just beginning

Armando Borboa
Opinion Editor

With the return of the three American POWs, military families across the nation are breathing a sigh of relief. The very real possibility of these soldiers being tried and executed for war crimes has been averted.

Unfortunately, the game isn't over yet. As this opinion column is being written, a copy of my orders calling me to active duty is sitting right here next to my desk.

The return of the American soldiers was not a result of military pressure being exerted on Yugoslavia's Slobodan Milosevic. Instead, it was because of Jessie Jackson's "free-lance diplomacy."

The war in the Balkans is still going on at a furious pace. If anything, it has only intensified in the past few days and shows no signs of letting up any time soon.

Because of Jackson's actions, many people think the end of the war is almost over. Unfortunately, America's problems won't be wrapped up in a neat little package, with the hero getting the girl.

The truth instead is that the American military is gearing up for a full-scale war. President Clinton has requested that 300,000 American National Guardsmen and reservists be called up for active duty in the Balkans. This "police action" is far from being over.



CAMPUS COMMENT



"How safe do you feel on campus?"

By Fidel Hernandez
Photographs by Abel Olivieri

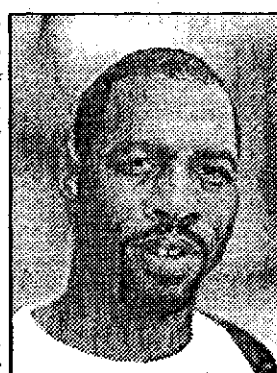
"I do not think it is safe during evening classes because there are less people on campus."

—Ada Serrano,
Psychology Major



"I feel very safe on campus, there are plenty of patrol officers on bikes."

—Dave Hawkins,
Pharmaceutical Major



"I do not feel completely safe, especially at night because security staff is smaller at night."

—Mariana Linares,
Law Major



"Cerritos College does not seem to be a very dangerous campus, therefore I feel very safe."

—Victor Moya,
Architecture Major



"I feel safe, the school is well-patrolled."

—Shawn Hernandez,
Law Enforcement Major



"Actually, I feel completely safe, campus seems to be fairly safe. Besides, I am a fourth-degree blackbelt in Martial Arts."

—Diane Schwinge,
General Education Major



"I constantly see the campus police keeping guard."

—Matt Cabrera,
Engineering Major



"I feel fairly safe, this campus is located in a safe environment."

—Norma Celis,
Journalism Major



Stabbing: Culinary arts student jailed

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ported by ambulance to Long Beach Memorial Hospital with stab wounds on his hands and chest.

Surgery was performed on his wounds, which did not cause any internal organ damage.

He was held for observation, and was later transported to Los Angeles Twin Towers charged with assault with a deadly weapon and jailed.

According to Dr. Steven Helfgot, executive director of school and community relations, this was not the first problem between Hopkins and the female student.

She complained to campus security about Hopkins on April 23, stating that she had ended a "casual" relationship with him.

She believed she was now being stalked by both Hopkins, a non-student, and his cousin, a current student on campus.

According to Cerritos College Public Relations Department, she was in the process of obtaining a restraining order against Hopkins the same day of the altercation. College officials were attempting to intercept the cousin, but he had failed to show up for any of his classes during the week. He was arrested at the scene on prior warrants.

Pat Callahan, coordinator student activities, stated that because of possible criminal actions and college disciplinary actions, further information will be released at a later date.

Cinco de Mayo: Sol de Mexico performs

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"I think having this group perform is great for our students," Lilia Rodriguez said.

Sol de Mexico is an international mariachi band that plays all over the world.

Lydia Delgado, a Cerritos College alumnae said she really enjoyed the wonderful performance.

"It's great to be back here and see that diversity is important to this school," Delgado stated.

Band members selected willing students from the audience to dance the "El Jarabe Tapatillo."

"I had a really good time, it was fun dancing to their music," Ruby Castellanos, a Psychobiology major, said. "Hopefully Cerritos will make this a tradition for the coming years."

ASCC Vice President Hugo Esparza said he hopes the students loved a little taste of Mexico. "This is a great performance that all the students can enjoy," he stated.



Concert - Symphonic Wind Ensemble musicians range in experience from professional performers to high school students.

'Small but mighty audience' cheers wind ensemble

Valerie Creque
Staff writer

The Cerritos College Symphonic Wind Ensemble held a concert on April 23 that marked the last concert for director Gary Pack. The ensemble includes students as well as faculty members.

Although this was his last performance with the group, Pack was cheerful and light-hearted. He acknowledged that there weren't that many people at the concert, and jokingly said that his band played to a "small but mighty audience."

The wind ensemble is made up of musicians who attend

Cerritos just to be a part of the band.

"A few of them are professional musicians and some are still in high school," Pack said.

The difference between a wind ensemble and a regular is the string instruments. This ensemble included two string basses and three violins.

The music started off slow then moved into a piece that was upbeat and energetic. James Swearingen arranged four out of the five songs the band performed, and the final piece was by Caesar Giovannini.

The faculty members fea-

tured in the band are Ken Corathers on French horn, and Board of Trustee member Bob Verderber on tenor saxophone.

Arleen Johnson plays alto saxophone along side principal chair Matthew Katsura. Johnson sees being a part of the wind ensemble as an enormous opportunity for growth.

She must be referring to her own personal growth as a musician.

"What a fine experience it is to come in the music program not knowing how to play an instrument, and then play so well at a concert."

WPMD: Neighboring cities get signal

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plish. He hopes to encourage students to become more involved with the community and to create programming longer than 30, 60 and 90 seconds.

Another issue is to discourage radio participants from "hiding behind" pre-recorded material.

Although the station is equipped with an advanced DigiCart II which helps loop material during overnight and weekend hours, Breit stressed that students need to produce work that station listeners can tune in and hear "what's going on down the block."

Gayle Parks, a directed studies student who has been involved with the radio station for several semesters, helps produce the many Public Service Announcements that help to fill the air waves.

She said she believes that the station will be successful.

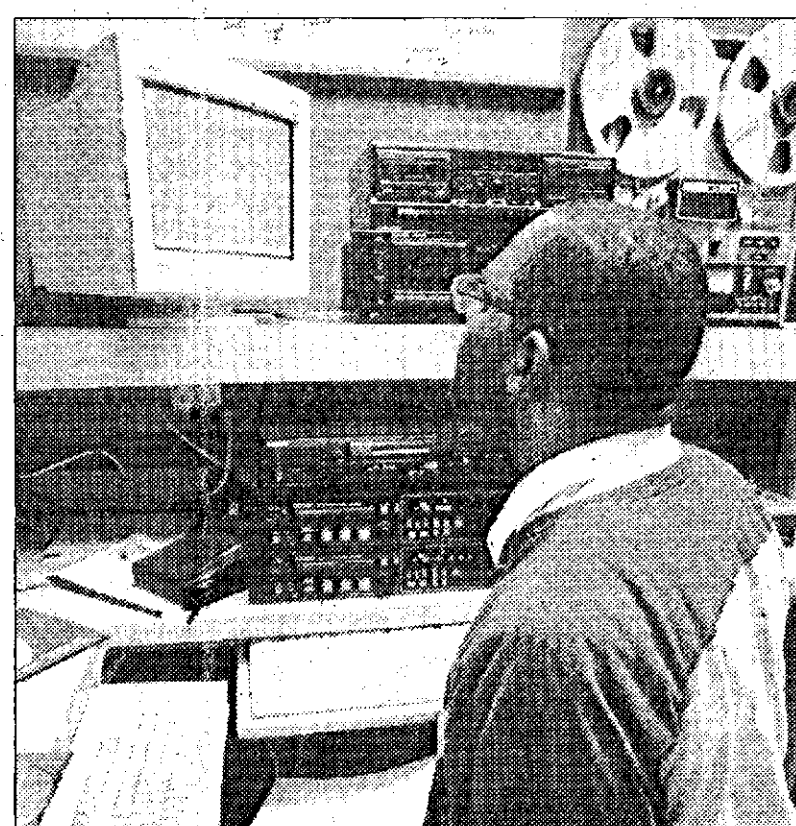
"We waited a long time, and I'm glad it's a TIS, it will be a challenge for us," she said regarding the fact that the station will no longer be a music-concentrated format.

Sports staff member Jason Barquero is relieved that the station is finally operational. "I expected to go on really

soon, in the beginning of the semester, and now we're getting started."

Barquero plans to continue working on sports material for the station through the summer.

Listeners tuning into WPMD will hear a broadcast consistent with a predetermined format.



Fine tuning - Computer services employee Freeman Lamont works on the station equipment.

Pow wow: Many aspects of culture honored

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goes to war not for personal glory, but to protect those who cannot protect themselves.

At the commencement of the weekend ceremonies, an honor guard within the sacred circle presented flags representing different Native American nations, the American flag, and also a POW flag.

This ceremony is called a Grand Entry, which is the traditional method of setting the tone and mood for an inter-tribal gathering.

After the invocation, the

circle became a blessed place to be used only for religious and ceremonial purposes. The importance of the sacred circle is second only to the eagle feathers worn by the dancers.

If at any time throughout the ceremonies an eagle feather should fall, all activities are suspended until a council can gather to again make sacred the eagle feather and to decide its fate.

Several hundred people attended the three-day event, which was designed to pay honor to mother earth. According to club president

and Commissioner of Student Activities Nellie LeGasse, this pow wow was of such importance, "Two other pow wows were canceled in favor of this one."

Another group honored by most Native Americans is elders. According to mostly unwritten but still powerful beliefs, elders are the respected seniors, regardless of nation or culture, who are honored for their age and wisdom.

These elders are the ones who teach the youth, helping them to grow and be productive members of society. Elders

also shield the youth from getting what they deserve from their parents.

According to 12-year-old Nancy Clouds, "This was my first chance to dance at a gathering with my grandma, it was great!"

Students from many different campus clubs volunteered their time helping with parking, security and helping vendors set up booths.

After three days of non-stop work, ASCC senator Alfonso Gutierrez, who was also in charge of security, could only say, "Wake me up in time for

NEWS NOTES

Awards Banquet

The Associated Students of Cerritos College will hold the annual awards banquet this Friday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center.

Business Scholarship

Soroptimist International of Downey is offering a \$500 scholarship for students planning to major in a business-related field. Applicants must be currently enrolled at Cerritos and pursue a business-related career, have at least a 2.8 GPA, demonstrate the need for financial assistance, and use the scholarship to help in covering school costs.

The deadline is May 15. For more information, see Jamie Trumbo at Financial Aid, or call (562) 860-2451 ext. 2370 or e-mail at jtrumbo@cerritos.edu.

Universities on campus

Representatives from the following four-year schools will visit on the following dates:

UCLA - This Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CSU Fullerton - This Wednesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

CSU Dominguez Hills - This Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CSU Long Beach - This Thursday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

UC Irvine - This Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Retirements

Two members of the Cerritos College family will be retiring this summer.

Larry Brady has been with the district for 30 years. Serving during the last two years as the Dean of Fine Arts, he was responsible for bringing the Fine Arts Department up-to-date with new computers and other equipment.

"One of the best deans I've ever worked with," Richard Cameron, Talon Marks adviser said.

Division secretary Ana Edwards echoed his thoughts. "Best dean in the whole wide world," she said.

Mary Lou Kerby, the Student Services Assistant II with Disabled Student Programs and Services, has been with DSPS for 20 years.

"She knows all the students and they all know her," said Robert Hughlett, dean of Disabled Students Programs and Services.

The last day for both Brady and Kerby will be June 30.

POLICE BEAT

Rape allegation

Officer Cynthia Ware responded to a call at the Health and Wellness Center after a white female student alleged that she was raped by a 41-year-old student. Noting the victims' nervous demeanor, she noted that the victim was confused.

The victim was taken to Martin Luther King Hospital in Anaheim for a rape test.

The exam was terminated after the victim became uncooperative. The doctor performing the examination noted that the victim said she was molested as a child and didn't want the examination to go any further. The victim was released from the hospital.

Officer Ricardo Bustamante Jr. interviewed the suspect. He said that he first came across the alleged victim by the pool area. After talking with her, the suspect said that he suggested she rest in the Student Center.

Later in the day, she asked him to give her a lift to the bus stop. After initially saying he wasn't allowed to, he reneged when she said she was tired. He told Bustamante that he knew the victim was mentally handicapped and would not attempt any kind of sex with the victim. After tests proved inconclusive, the suspect was released.

Terrorist Threat

Officer Ricardo Bustamante Jr. was called to the Student Center after a female student reported that threats were being made against her. When he arrived, the student reported to him that seven days earlier, the suspect and some of his friends were teasing her. After she responded to the teasing with an unkind gesture, she returned to her culinary arts class.

A half-hour later, she began receiving messages, including voicemail messages that included threats to kill her. The victim said she could positively identify the voice as that of the suspect.

After the tires of her car were slashed at home, she said she feared for the safety of her and her family.

The suspect was arrested last Thursday in front of the Arts and Crafts Building.

College partnership creates fast TRAC

CSU Long Beach and Cerritos join forces for teacher prep program

By Stephanie R. Mulkey
Staff Writer

"Those who can, do. Those who UNDERSTAND, Teach!" Associate Professor of Mathematics, Sue Parsons proudly said.

Unable to suppress her excitement, Parsons is speaking about the new program at Cerritos College to establish a teacher training center.

TRAC is designed to prepare future teachers in the field of education and is a partnership project between Cerritos and California State University, Long Beach.

STARTING THE PROGRAM

Students who are interested in the program would start at Cerritos and upon completion of general education requirements with teacher preparation, admission into CSULB would be guaranteed.

The problem to be addressed by this project is the severe shortage of teachers being trained for kindergarten through 12th grade classrooms for California's public schools.

According to the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future, over two million new teachers will need to be hired over the next 10

years, due to rising school enrollments and rapidly increasing teacher retirements.

Of all the 50 states, California's teacher recruitment, development and diversity challenges may be the most daunting.

Each year California's public school student population increases, prompting the need to hire an estimated 27,000 teachers per annum.

INCREASE TRANSFER NUMBERS

Along with many local community colleges, Cerritos is working to prepare increasing numbers of transfer students to the universities, many of whom will become credentialed teachers serving the local districts.

Parsons, who is also TRAC project director said, "Teacher preparation is no longer a hidden mission at Cerritos. We want to make it known that it is honorable to be a teacher."

Besides access to high-tech training and upper-division courses at Cerritos, students will also do field work (not just as aides) in local elementary schools.

CBEST PREPARATION

While at Cerritos, students will also be able to take CBEST preparation classes, which upon completion, they can take the CBEST test.

CSULB chose Cerritos mainly because of the technological edge it offers over the other community colleges.

Cerritos also offers more

foreign language classes, for which there is a requirement. Many of these classes are impacted at CSULB.

Cerritos' largest transfer is to CSULB, but most students transfer to CSU Dominguez for teacher prep.

Dr. Steven Helfgot, executive director of school/community relations, hopes to have the program, which has been in the making since September '98, fully implemented by the fall semester.

"One advantage to the union between Cerritos and CSULB will allow faculty from Long Beach to come here to teach classes," Helfgot pointed out. Many of these classes would be in technology.

Among those involved in establishing criteria for the program are Bob Chester, Faculty Senate president and Jan Dennis-Rounds, transfer center director.

LOCAL RECRUITMENT

Parsons and Helfgot said that recruitment for the program will start with the local high schools from neighboring districts.

They are working on establishing criteria for enrollment in the program, but planned to be ready for "Senior Day," held last Friday.

Parsons pointed out that teacher preparation has been a priority of the U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley. "He called attention to the fact that teaching is a 'patriotic thing to do'."



Under TRAC

Cerritos College will be able to:

- Guarantee admission to students completing general education requirements with teacher preparation.
- Allows students to know which classes are most impacted at CSU Long Beach and to take those classes here.
- Allows students to prep for and take the CBEST test here instead of waiting until their last year of college.
- Allows students to take the technology and foreign language requirements while still here.

CSU Long Beach will be able to:

- Send students here to take classes to fill the technology requirements.
- Allows CSULB to know the students from Cerritos have completed the correct classes needed, therefore spending less time retaking classes.



'Anything Goes' through Sunday

Valerie Creque
Staff Writer

"Anything Goes" made its way to the stage in front of a live audience for the first time. Actors brought Cole Porter's musical to life at the Burnight Center Theatre.

The show opened last Friday and will run this Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., finishing up on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Although "Anything Goes" is a dinner theater, dinner tickets are no longer available. The price for students and seniors is \$12.50 and general admission is \$15.

For those who already have tickets, dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center.

This romantic comedy takes place aboard the ship "S.S. American." The characters in the play didn't have to deal with multiple scenery

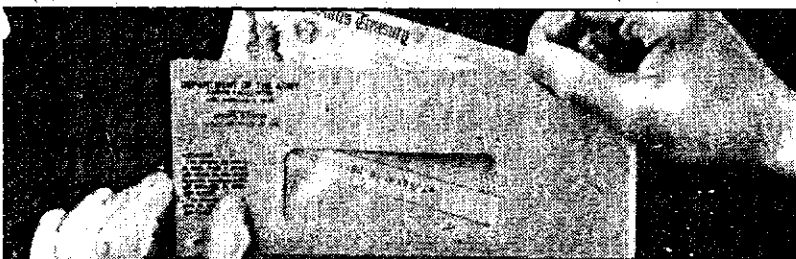
changes, but they did have to use caution when singing and dancing atop a platform that was 14 feet above the stage.

This play was filled with interesting characters who made the show funny and entertaining.

"Anything Goes" is Jordan Alexander's first leading role in a play and he found out the hard way how tough it is to be a leading man. He plays the role of Billy Crocker, and brilliantly portrays many characters while on stage.

"I got to do so many accents and wear different costumes during the show," he said.

Claudia Alcardi, who plays Bonnie, is an assistant choreographer. She has done musical theater before, but she had to calm her nerves. "I was nervous because my mother was in the audience, I could hear her laughing."



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Fresh runners show what's to come for the competition

New members show they have the right stuff

Angel Jacquez
Feature editor

Despite its new members, the Cerritos College track and field team qualified for several events for the California Community College championships last Saturday at Mt. Sac.

"We are definitely excited, we have one of the best, if not the best, group of freshmen in the state. They have made an excellent transition to college-level running, upcoming seasons are very much anticipated," said assistant coach Michael Allen.

The conference preliminaries were held on campus, as well, as the conference finals in the last weeks of April.

Then proceeded the Southern California Preliminaries last Saturday, where the Falcon freshmen and sophomore Cesar Soto, who qualified for the pole vault with 14-6, proved their worthiness to compete for state champs.

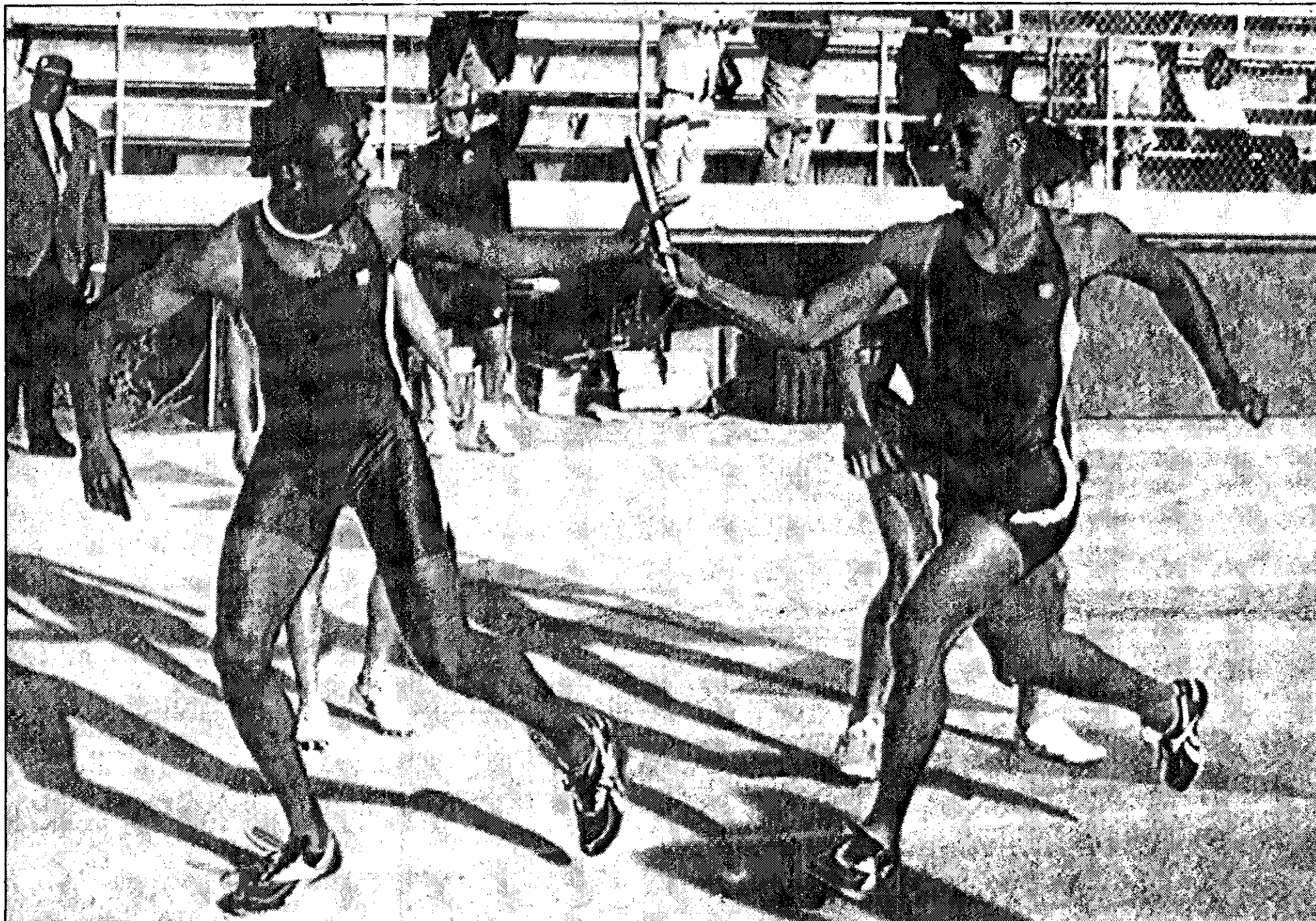
Among the high performance group is Michael Brown, who qualified for the 400-meter dash with 48.4 seconds.

According to stats, he is "the best sprinter in the state," said head coach Douglas Wells.

Justin Anderson, who won state champ twice while in high school in Nevada, will also compete at state level.

He, along with Brown, face an additional challenge as they both picked up minor tissue strains with their qualifications.

"A lot depends on how sour the guys are, how well they warm up and whether or not it will be cold that night,"



Linda Gates/TM

Hand off - Michael Brown receives the baton for his anchor run during the 4 X 400 meter relay race from fellow runner Ruben Smith. Brown also qualified for the 400-meter dash with 48.4 seconds.

Coach Allen said, pointing out the factors in their possible performances with the injuries.

Adding endurance and speed to the group is Ruben Smith, also a freshman, who

qualified for the 100-meter dash with 10.5 seconds flat.

He, along with Emanuel Marshall, who will run in the 400 meter relay, did not think the team would have gone as far as it did.

"After being in class, coming on the track and putting in some work, is many times a stress reliever. Running keeps me happy, especially when the my time drops every week," Smith said.

Competitiveness is what seems to keep the players going. "It's very important to me, as well as it is to the others I'm sure," Marshall said. Coach Wells said that their chances are good, and that

next season will be even better as the runners gain more speed. Along with the promising runners the team has now, Allen feels good about recruiting more jumpers and throwers on the field.

Baseball team clinches victory 2-1

Marisol Navarro
Staff Writer

The Falcons baseball team had an unexpected victory against the Long Beach City Vikings at home last Thursday.

During the first few innings, the Vikings led one by point. The Falcons' playing capacity during these innings was limited to base hits.

Despite their seeming limitation, the Falcons successfully refused to offer the Vikings any time to score further points. With the help of pitcher Benny Gonzales, the team continued to strike out the Vikings.

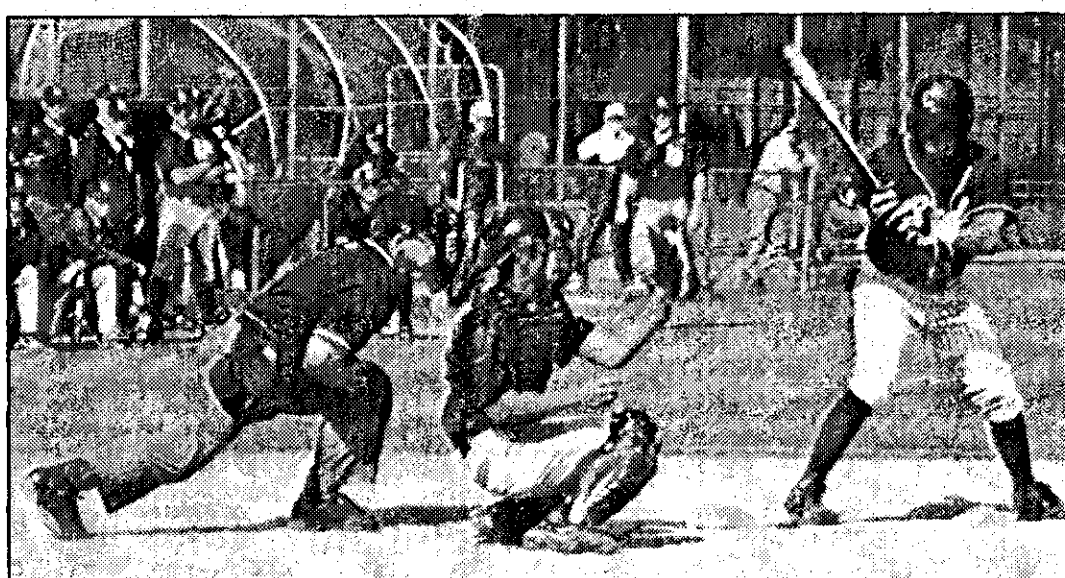
The Falcons continued to trail behind the Vikings, earning no points through the seventh inning.

The eighth inning came, and there were no signs of progress for the Falcons, yet they continued to lend support to each other, and strive for a victory.

At the bottom of the eighth, the signs of frustration were now becoming apparent in the faces of the Falcons' players, but the coach continued to lend encouragement to the team.

However, the Falcons were not willing to be defeated. Catcher Eliot Joyner swung his bat, and sent the ball flying.

Further, with this unexpected home



Marisol Navarro/TM

Strike one - The Cerritos batter misses the ball after a lob from the Viking pitcher.

run, the Falcons quickly regained confidence, and scored once more.

First baseman and pitcher Israel Torres had a base hit that brought home second baseman Carlos Morales and moved designated hitter Miguel Ortega to third base.

"Well, it felt pretty bad in the beginning, but it felt much better at the end. It was a big win for us," Torres said regard-

ing the victory.

The game ended before Ortega could come home. However, the team had prevailed with an unexpected victory of 2-1.

"I am very happy that we won. It was a great victory," Ortega said.

Joyner believed that this was a crucial victory. "We really needed to win this game, and we were a bit stressed. We get clutched up a lot in big games."

Softball loses close 2-1 game against El Camino

Fidel Hernandez
Sports Editor

The women's softball team traveled to El Camino to encounter the Warriors last Friday for a tough and close game.

"Both teams played hard, it was a very well-played game by both sides," said Lisa Moya, who displayed her enthusiasm and ability to field the ball.

Arvin Schaap, pitching coach for the Falcons said, "Our team played a good game. We played hard, as did the players for El Camino, the only difference is that they capitalized on their three hits, which led to two runners to score."

The Falcons had the opportunity to take the game during the top of the fifth inning, as Luz Gomez hit a ball to center field for a base hit.

Next up was Veronica Campos, who also had a hit for a single. The Falcons had the opportunity that they needed-two runners on base-and up next was Vanessa Sanchez. She got a base hit, bringing in Gomez to score, making it a 2-1 game.

With Campos and Sanchez on base, all that was needed now was for Tammy Vasquez to get a good hit, giving the Falcons a better chance to tie or win the game. However, she popped it up to the pitcher, leaving both players waiting on base.

"I felt that both teams played a good game. However, El Camino was able to get three good hits and took advantage of those hits to score two runs," said Collette Yonce, head coach of the women's softball team.

The Falcons displayed great enthusiasm on the field, supplemented with cheers from the dugout.

"Winning is not everything in a sport, it is about having fun and enjoying the time you are playing," said Luis Valverde, a game attendant. "The Falcons may not win this game, but they are certainly having a better time playing the game than the Warriors."

The Falcons were only able to score once off of their nine hits as El Camino College went on to win the game with a 2-1 score.

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- Classes scheduled for a double period on one day and a single period another day (e.g. 8 to 10 T/Th and 9 Th) will have the final examination scheduled for that hour (8) on which the class meets both days (T/Th) (for example, exam will be from 8 to 10 T).
- Classes scheduled in a block on a single day (e.g. 9 to noon T or noon to 4 F) will take the final examination scheduled for the first hour on which the class meets (for example, exam time will be from 10 to noon T for the 9 to noon class and noon to 2 F for the noon to 4 F class).
- The final examination for all classes beginning before 8 a.m. (e.g.: 6:30 a.m. W or 6:40 a.m. MTWTh) will be given at the hour the class begins on the regular day the class meets (for example 6:30 a.m. W; 6:45 a.m. M).
- Students taking telecourses will be notified by mail of the time, date and location for the final.
- Students whom because of personal illness, are unable to take examinations as scheduled must make individual arrangements with the instructor involved.
- Saturday classes will hold a two-hour final examination on May 15, beginning at the regular class starting time.

GOVERNMENT NOTES

New Senator Approved

Senate approved the appointment of Heriberto Uriarte at the April 28 meeting. He was unavailable for the meeting the previous week because he was involved in an auto accident.

ASCC Cabinet Meeting Concerns

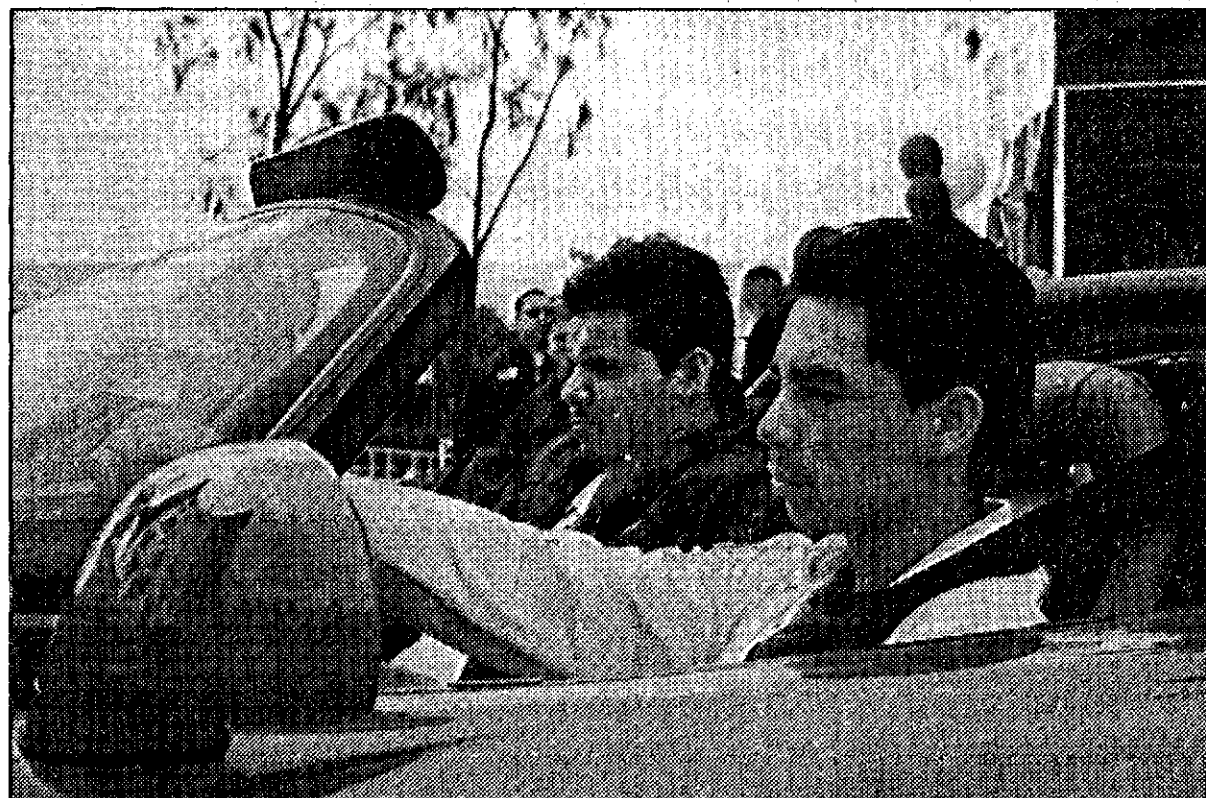
Commissioner of Fine Arts Lena Ham-Rosebrock shared her concern about the set-up for the cabinet meeting discussions. She thought a different seating configuration would be more conducive to open communication.

She also thought it was disrespectful when Dean of Student Activities Phil Houseman and coordinator of Student Activities Dean Ackland speak while commissioners give their reports.

After she made her comments, ASCC President Giovani Jorquera said that he should have been warned about the statements that she was going to make.

He further commented that he felt it was more professional to hold cabinet meetings away from the table and have commissioners give their reports at the podium.

As for the concern about Houseman and Ackland speaking while commissioners were giving their reports, Jorquera said they were discussing important matters.



Cindy Berteau/TM

Going for a spin? - Lynwood High School seniors Fernando Aguilar and Jose Rosas sit in style in a Dodge Viper on display during Senior Preview Day held last Friday. This was the first Senior Preview Day held to encourage students to enroll at Cerritos and showcase programs available.

Senior preview day brings 18 high schools to Cerritos

Workshops on financial aid and the newly launched TRAC showcased

Cindy Berteau
Copy Editor

High school students visiting for the first-ever Senior Preview Day were given the opportunity to sample college life at Cerritos last Friday.

Despite the hovering rain clouds, approximately 800 students from 18 different high schools attended the half-day event that included campus tours, departmental demonstrations and booths. "I especially liked the booths, just exploring what the college offers," said Downey High School senior Jennifer Estrada.

Several booths attracted students with lively displays. The Electronics Department had several items referred to as "gizmos" by booth attendant Laurie Pipoly.

Pipoly is a community education specialist for the Advanced Transportation Center.

She said that the items on display helped to attract student interest in other programs offered by the department.

Thomas Brown, a first-semester welding student at Cerritos, helped man the department's booth.

Dressed in full welding gear, he was enthusiastic about what the department has helped him accomplish.

He wanted to encourage other students to participate in what he said is a great program.

"The instructors show me a feasible way to get from point A to point B. It (the welding department) has been very good to me," Brown said.

Preview Day coordinator and school relations specialist Shirley Arceo, who helped organize the event, hoped that the visiting seniors would take advantage of the resources available to help them with their transition to Cerritos in the fall.

Workshops on financial aid, the Scholars' Honors program and the newly launched Teacher Training Academy, TRAC, were held to showcase opportunities to incoming students.

Arceo also said that students had the option of completing the admission process by getting applications cleared.

Also represented were campus clubs by Inter-club council commissioner Allison Morgan.

She hoped visiting seniors

would consider joining campus clubs to experience different aspects of the college.

Bertha Galindo, a Cerritos College school relations employee, was helping throughout the day giving tours and directing people from location to location.

"We're testing it (the event). Hopefully we get a lot of feedback from students for next year," said Galindo, who is also a counseling graduate student at California State University Long Beach.

Another visiting student, Downey High School senior Andrew Martinez, said that he is planning on attending Cerritos in the fall.

He was impressed with the computer equipment available for student use in the Learning Resource Center.

Besides the presentation of educational opportunities available on campus, entertainment was also provided.

Power 106, a local radio station, played music that resonated throughout the quad.

With lunch provided by the Culinary Arts Department, students were able to spend the rest of the day exploring campus.

"I think now I might come to Cerritos. I was thinking maybe another school, but I learned a lot today," said Lynwood High School senior Jose Ramirez.

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