

By MIKE NICHOLAS Sports Editor

# The Sports Column

## All-stars exciting, competitive

It's the Olympic season, a time for the best amateur athletes in the world to display their talents in their respective sports. But in the United States the best professional athletes are united once a year to participate in classics known as All-Star games. These classics are showcase the talents of the top athletes in their fields, and usually provide excitement and a competitive game for the fans. Here is my list of the all-star games of the four major sports in America.

The best of these by a narrow margin is the National Hockey League All-Star game. Although hockey is perceived by many as a ruthless and violent sport, which in some cases it is, the all-star game brings out the grace and beauty of the sport with players like Wayne Gretzky, Rick Middleton, and Andre Savard. The 1984 version was a perfect example of how the game should be played, and is played in most of the all-star contests, as the Prince of Wales Conference held off a rally by the Campbell Conference for a 7-6 victory. For those who think hockey is just a form of stick boxing, there has not been a fight in an NHL All-Star game since 1953. Also with the sports writers and coaches selecting the players, the best players in the league are chosen, not the players with the best autograph, or from the most populated city with a franchise.

Coming in a close second is the National Basketball League All-Star classic. Each year these games are close, and exciting to watch as players such as Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar demonstrate the skills that make basketball a great spectator sport. This season's game typified the competitive style of play seen in each NBA All-Star game, with the East clipping the West 154-145 in overtime. The '84 contest marked the second time in the last five games that an extra period was needed to decide the outcome. Despite not playing together on the same teams during the regular season, the players seem to adapt well and execute difficult plays with ease. Of course with passers like Magic Johnson, it isn't a task to look good.

The National Football League Pro Bowl ranks a distant third, despite some good concepts. The Pro Bowl is the only all-star game played following the regular and post-seasons, which provides the players to concentrate on the Pro Bowl without having to think about what they're going to do to stay in playoff contention. However, by playing the game after the Super Bowl, many of the players have had ample time to put on a few pounds and deteriorate conditionwise. And that to the players lack of familiarity with their teammates for the Pro Bowl, and you get a blowout or a dull game, which is kept close by the uncoordinated play of both teams. This year's game was a blowout with the NFC burying the AFC 45-3.

Last, and certainly least is the Major League Baseball All-Star game. Show me a good aspect of the baseball all-star game, and I'll show you a hockey player with all his teeth. The list of bad all-star policies is as long as George Carlin's list of dirty words. Any sport that allows the average viewers, who are not qualified to make the best choices, to pick the players can't expect too much. Instead, the game is a popularity contest to see which team's fans can stuff the ballot with the most votes for the players with the best autographs. Then, the National League is given an advantage, because the managers choose the pitchers, and it is evident that the NL has the better pitchers. If there is any doubt concerning this statement, check the records for the last decade and see which league has the best Earned Run Averages.

# Swimmers seek big splash in Metro

By MARK AHLEMEYER Staff Writer

With the first meet of the season scheduled Feb. 21 at Pasadena, Coach Jim Turner, in his 31st year, is looking forward to improvement from last seasons' third place ranking.

The boys wound up last year with a 7-3-1 record and the girls had an 8-4 season last year. Santa Monica won the Metro for the boys and Ventura won it for the girls.

According to Coach Turner, "Our girls team this year is very small. We have four returners, who make up the nucleus of the team, and four freshmen."

"Returning for us this year are Jalynn Hammack, Kay Misemer, Peggy Aten, and Kristen Perrin. Hammack has improved her times pretty much this year in the freestyle; her fastest time to date has been :31 plus in the 50 yard backstroke."

"Misemer does mainly freestyle events, and she has pushed her time down to 2:12 plus in the 200 yard freestyle," said Turner.

"Aten is a competitor in both the butterfly and the freestyle and has done the 100 yard fly in as little as 1:03 plus."

"Perrin was a member of the diving team three years ago and she didn't do too well then. She quit for a while, became an officer for the Bakersfield Police Department and now she's back with us. She's still working fulltime, and she has improved tremendously. So we're looking forward to her having a good year."

The swimming team also has a good selection of freshman coming up as well. There's Trish Reynolds from Highland, Suzanne Sorrell and Kathy Mellon from BHS, Susan Baker from West, and Janet Fulwyler from Shafter.

"Sorrell made SYL and Valley in the breaststroke, 50 yard and the 100 yard. Her best time is in the 100 yard breaststroke, where she's gone as fast as 1:17 plus," said Turner.

Reynolds made the SYL in the 500 yard, and made Valley as well in the butterfly. Her best time in the 100 yard fly is 1:08 plus.

Mellon will be doing freestyle and butterfly for us this year, but as

of now we have no times on her yet."

Fulwyler does the freestyle, no times are available on her either.

"Susan Baker made SYL and Valley last year in distance swimming, but due to her class schedule, she may have to quit the team. We're trying to work out a schedule where she could still stay on the team, but things aren't looking too good right now," said Finch.

The boys have 12 swimmers out this year, including four returners. Among those returners are Mike Trivett, the current state champion and the number one ranked one-and-three-meter diver in the nation.

Other returners include Brian Morrison, Brett Bonetti and Buddy Pudiwitr.

"Morrison should have another good year this year. Last year he made all-American and was a state finalist in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke. His best time to date is :59 plus for the 100 yarder," said Turner.

Brett Bonetti does the butterfly in 2:00 and could turn out to be one of the top flyers in many years.

"Buddy Pudiwitr is one of the tops in the backstroke, and he should turn out to be very good this year."

The eight incoming freshman this year are Mike Mills out of Taft, Bret Moore and Andy Cochran from West, Dan Dye out of Burroughs, Mike Trandem from Highland, David Folletti from West, Gilbert Martinez from South, and Al Gosch, who graduated from a private school.

"Mills is mainly a sprinter. He made :22 plus in the 50 yard freestyle in his senior year," said Turner.

"Moore and Cochran are also sprinters, each averaging about :51 plus in the 50."

"Dye is a distance swimmer, mainly competing in the 500, 1,000, and the 1650. His best time for the 500 is 5:25 plus."

"Trandem sticks mainly to the backstroke and the freestyle events. His best time is 1:02 plus for the 100," continued Turner.

"Martinez competes in the

freestyle and the breaststroke, but we don't have a current time on him yet.

"Gosch hasn't competed since grade school, since his high school didn't have a swim team, but from what we've seen of him, he looks really good. Gosch competes in just about anything."

Coach Turner says, "I'm looking forward to a good season with the men. They have a pretty well-balanced team and should do good."

"As for our diving team, we only have three members on the team, so we're really hurting there. Even though it's already the beginning of

the season, I'd encourage anyone who thinks they can do it to come out, because we really need a lot of help in that area right now." A normal size diving team can have up to 18 members on the squad," pointed out Turner.

"One of the things I'm looking forward to this year on the men's team is to watch Morrison go hog-wild," smiled Turner. "Last year he made it to the state finals and he should be doing a lot better this year. Morrison is out right now due to an ear infection, but he should be back in time for the Pasadena tournament."



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Kristen Perrin tries to perfect her form at a recent practice.



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# Reading requirement, a good idea, but-

By ROBB LIGHTFOOT News Editor

IF YOU CAN READ THIS, THANK A TEACHER, says the bumpersticker.

But while most BC faculty and administrators agree on the importance of reading skills, they are at odds over how, or even if, a proposed reading requirement should be adopted.

The proposal is the culmination of three years of research and study by the Assessments Prerequisite committee.

Early in February, the committee chairman, Dr. Richard Wright, sent a draft of the proposal to the Academic Senate along with a memo which read, in part:

"Students entering baccalaureate level classes as denoted in the BC catalog must function at reading level 'A' (11th grade or above), or have an English classification of 'A' (eligibility for English I), or have a reading level of 'B' (9-10 grade) and the permission of a counselor and adviser."

At the Feb. 22 meeting, members of the Senate voiced concern over how the requirement might affect enrollment and the ADA money it generates. Donald Johnson, Senate president, summarized these concerns for guests from the administration, including Wright.

Johnson asked Wright, "Is next year a good time to implement this

proposal? Also, there's the question of access and the right to fail.

"Is the state mandating this? Must we do this next year? Can we put this off until later?"

Wright explained his recommendation by recounting the history of the proposed requirement: it began in 1979 with a letter from then-president John Collins, and was prompted by concern over the preparedness of transfer students.

"It really got going in about 1980," says Wright, "when the Senate formed a committee."

The committee then designed and completed a study which found a definite, positive relation between reading ability and grades.

No one present at the meeting seemed to doubt the study's findings, but many faculty were concerned that printing this requirement in a schedule or catalog would discourage students.

Shirley Trembley, BC math professor, said: "This frightens me, and I think we would lose people. It seems like a barrier, and I don't think it ought to be."

Members of the Senate considered various options, most of which centered on requiring the assessment test but leaving placement up to the student.

Wright said he could be flexible, and stated that if his recommendation was followed, only students with nine or more units, or who

were in a degree program would face the requirement.

"That, in effect, means most of our adults will be outside the assessment," said Wright.

Some Senate members challenged Wright on his interpretation of the proposal and pointed to his cover memo. They disagreed with his estimates on the number of students that would be affected by the proposal, even if it was imposed only on fulltime or transfer students.

Wright had put the figure at about 5 percent, but some faculty thought it could be as much as 30 percent.

Wright responded that he was looking to the Senate for a recommendation on policy, and was, indeed, open to suggestions.

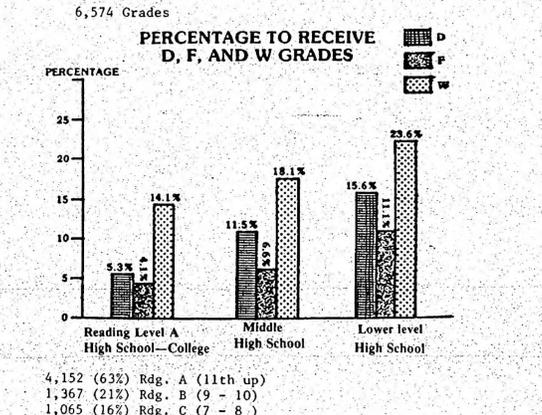
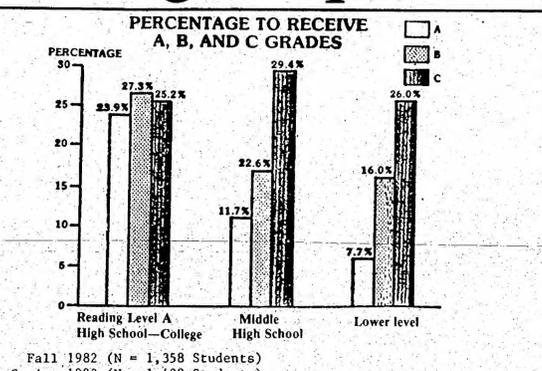
"I think you should remember, and I said this early on, this is not an issue where the administration will impose this on the faculty..."

"I'm here to stimulate discussion, and I think this is the forum where discussion should take place."

Some faculty suggested the Senate redraft the proposal, but no definite action was taken.

Wright urged the Senate to act soon, so the requirements—if any—could be included in the next catalog, which will go to press in April or May.

"Before we said: 'We need some good data,'" noted Wright. "Now we've got it, and I think it's time to get off the dime."



# BC hoopsters on a streak; playoff possibilities in sight

By MIKE NICHOLAS Sports Editor

After dropping three of their first four Metropolitan Conference games, the Renegades basketball team has worked its way into the playoff hunt with three consecutive victories.

While evening their conference at 4-4, and overall record at 13-13, the 'Gades are in a third place tie in the Metro Conference with Long Beach. The top five teams in the conference will qualify for the Shaughnessy Playoffs to determine who will advance to the State Tournament at Fresno in March.

The 1983-84 season has been an inconsistent one for BC, as the Renegades have been unable to mount a winning streak of more than three games. But many of the losses, including three of the four Metro losses, have been by less than five points.

After dropping the Metro opener to Santa Monica 72-52, the 'Gades lost to Los Angeles Pierce, the defending Metro champions, by one point 37-36. Then BC executed the upset of the season with a 68-57 win over the El Camino Warriors, the state's top ranked team.

BC controlled the game from start to finish with Andre Spencer leading the way with 17 points and 15 rebounds while Nazareth Howard added 15 points against El Camino's top ranked defense allowing just 49 points per game.

Then following an overtime loss to Pasadena, and a 66-62 loss to Los Angeles City College to drop the 'Gades record to 1-4 in Metro action, BC downed the Long Beach Vikings twice in one week.

The Vikings, who went into the

week with a 19-4 overall record good for the eighth spot in the state rankings, fell victim to the Renegades 83-73 at Long Beach. The 'Gades had four players in double figures with Howard leading the way with 22 points, while Will Smith tallied 18, Spencer 16, and Keith Jackson 11.

Two nights later, the Renegades edged the Vikings 59-57 to climb back into contention for the conference playoffs. Last Wednesday the 'Gades reached the 500 plateau with an overtime victory against LACC 65-63. Howard again led BC with 24 points, while Spencer chipped in 15.

BC Coach Ralph Krafe says the Renegades record is misleading. "We have a good team, but we've lost a lot of close games which could have gone either way. Now we're playing with more confidence and

running our offense better, and we're winning."

Not having the same players play every game was a problem Krafe felt contributed to the 'Gades inconsistency. "When you can't get your line-up organized it's hard to be consistent. We had players out with injuries and personal problems, but now they're back and we're playing better," says Krafe.

With the recent winning streak, Krafe says the Renegades have a good chance to make it to the playoffs at this stage of the season. BC has just four conference games left, with two of those on the road.

Three of the four conference wins for BC have come on the road, and the 'Gades will finish conference play at Santa Monica. The Renegades will host El Camino Wednesday, and travel to Pierce on Friday.

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# Adams plays the psycho in Chapman's 'Victims'

By GAIL WILLIAMS Staff Writer

Friday Lyle Hunter will murder his wife and a neighbor—but why? "Victims," a new psycho-mystery melodrama, will open a four-performance run at 8 p.m. Friday in the BC Theatre.

The play, which is now in the final stages of rehearsal, was written and will be directed by Speech instructor Robert Chapman.

After twenty-seven years of ex-

perience with acting and directing close to one-hundred productions, Chapman has decided to make his debut as a playwright. Chapman commented, "The drama department has given me a real opportunity to see what my writing is capable of on stage."

Chapman has given his play an added twist. He explains, "The play was written in the form of a murder-mystery, but rather than looking for who the murderer is, we are finding out why it was committed."

One-time drama department

chairman, Chapman has found actors from the community, some being former students. Leading characters are Lyle Hunter (portrayed by Schuyler Adams), Jenny Hunter (Lois Miller), and Josh Silverman (Ernie Cloughly).

Since "characters maintain rough language and crude humor," Chapman does not recommend the performance for youngsters.

Tickets for the production, which will run March 9, 10, 16, and 17, are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

# New exam tests writing, patience

By ROBB LIGHTFOOT News Editor

A new, state writing requirement for English I classes has reduced teachers' clout and caused student concern.

Since last semester, students must pass a competency test, which is also the final, before graduating or advancing to English I A. But because the test was only a part of the grade, some students passed the class but must repeat it, or retake the test, because they failed the final.

Donald Stansbury, English professor, spent over a year doing research and designing the test. He worked closely with Department Chairwoman Merriem Palitz and consulted regularly with the rest of the department—particularly the English I teachers.

"The whole thing was sort of put together like a house; it was nailed together in pieces," says Stansbury. "We wanted the whole department to accept and support the test."

Stansbury believes students are accepting the test.

"We've had a few complaints, but by and large, students were pleased. Out of two classes, I had only one student who was disgruntled, but he was unrealistic about his abilities."

Palitz says she can understand why students might be unhappy with the new requirement, but she thinks the test has had benefits. She believes the requirement has raised departments standards and made them "more uniform."

"I do believe it has made students more conscientious," says Palitz, "and that it has improved the relationship between students and teachers because the student sees the teacher as his coach..."

"What was interesting to me during the grading session was how interested the teachers were in their students' success."

While the test may have benefits, it also has caused some concern among teachers and changed the

way they teach.

Terry Fleenor teaches English I, and, while he praises the department's new consistency, he also has some criticism.

"The test involves a lot of pressure," says Fleenor, "both for the students and instructor. It's another state requirement that's being shoved down our throats."

"While I think it's right the state has this standard, I think it should be up to the instructor... The test has essentially taken out of (our) hands who passes the class."

Part of this problem, explains Stansbury, comes from the difference between grades and competency.

"I had one instructor who said: 'I can't believe this student failed the test because he got 85 percent on all of the spelling tests.' But he could have failed on organization," says Stansbury.

"That's the problem you run into. The quantity of work doesn't equal quality."

"The student could conceivably meet the requirements of the course because he is very conscientious: attends regularly, turns in all his homework, but he can still be on the boundaries of minimally competent English."

Stansbury notes that instructors had the right to resubmit the test of any student who they felt should have passed. He also said students who failed the test were allowed to take an incomplete and retake the test in March.

Palitz says that under the new requirement, the instructor can give a grade of A, B, or C, but cannot decide who will pass.

This shift in authority has caused some instructors to change their style. Fleenor says he spends more time teaching writing, to prepare students for the test.

In his English I class, Lowell Dabbs now concentrates more on "analyzing topics and techniques to



JIM GUERRERO/Rip Staff

# Young looks to future

With the critical KCCD budget figures somewhat under control right now, Chancellor James Young discusses other issues to be addressed by Board members. Topics include salary negotiations, equipment purchases, summer schools and ADA for the 1984-85 year.

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