

## Students want money

**Insufficient funds and computer failure cause checks to be delayed**

By Soledad Puertos  
Production Editor

The last five weeks of the semester are at hand and assistance came up short when more than half the students did not receive the second installment of their checks from the financial aid office.

The money being distributed to Financial Aid by the Department of Education was not enough to fulfill the large amount of need for the students.

In addition to the insufficient funds, the computers in the financial aid office went down due to the new computer systems that are being installed throughout campus.

"There are always problems any time there are system conversions," said Kimberly Westby, financial aid specialist.

When the computers go down the Department of Education will not accept any paperwork for manual funding.

This includes regular application paperwork or petitioning for more funds, making the computers the main connection for student assistance.

Another problem that loomed over financial aid was the lack of emergency funds.

Cerritos College has no special account to use if problems due to insufficient funds occur.

Other schools are given the option of using district funds when they come up short, then replace the used funds when the federal government sends more money.

"Other schools use district funds, our school refuses to do that," said Westby.

With no emergency funds available the students have to wait for any type of assistance.

The financial aid office received some of the best computers, which included top of the line IBMs.

As a network office relying on their computers, problems like system failures become a reoccurring problem, making the computers useless for requesting more funds.

There are specific steps recommended when applying for financial aid to help increase the likelihood of receiving checks on time.

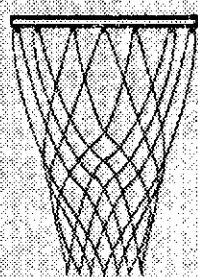
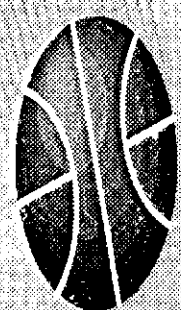
Applying as early as possible by returning new applications and renewal applications before the May priority deadline may place your need at the top of the list.

Making sure paperwork is completed and any changes, such as name, address or phone number, are up-to-date and notification is given to the financial aid office as soon as possible.

Financial aid received more funding on Nov. 3 and is presently working on files turned in by November.

"Our hope is to finish the disbursement of checks by the end of the semester," said Westby.

## BASKETBALL PREVIEW



**Cerritos  
beats Santa  
Ana, 84-60;  
Falcons to  
compete in  
Irvine Valley  
Tournament  
on Thursday  
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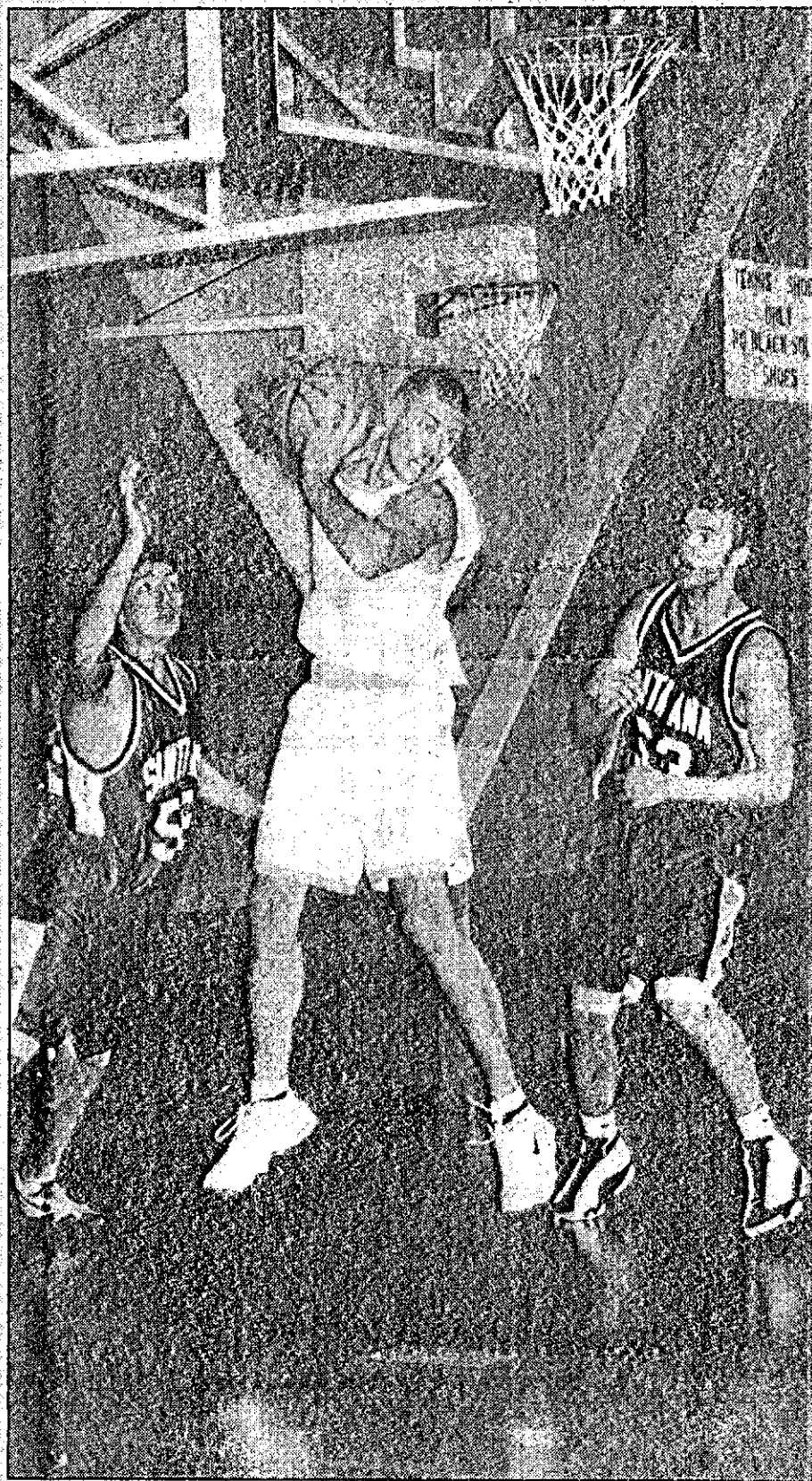


Photo by Tom Hernandez  
Mario Baca grabs a rebound as Santa Ana players look on during Saturday's game at the Avlary. The Falcons won, 84-60.

## Poncho Sanchez jazz band plays to full house

Daniel Alberini  
Staff Writer

The Cerritos College Student Center reverberated with the latin-jazz sounds of Poncho Sanchez and his band on Tuesday.

The free concert, which was scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. but was delayed 30 minutes, was packed.

Students, faculty and community residents filled the six rows of seats that were directly in front of the stage, leaving the late-comers scrambling for seats at the tables or standing along the sides and in the back.

After short introductions by music instructors Christine Lopez and Don Erjavec, Sanchez and his eight-piece band took the stage to rousing applause.

The band, which included brass, percussions, an up-right bass and electric piano, provided a perfect accompaniment to Sanchez, as he dominated the center of the stage, pounding out powerful Afro-Cuban rhythms on his trademark congas.

Between numbers Sanchez, a Cerritos College alumnus, told the crowd that he enjoyed returning to Cerritos and urged students to enroll in music classes.

The highlight of the afternoon came when Sanchez and his group were joined by Gary Pack, director of bands, Mark Franke, Cerritos College professor, and Erjavec, for a few standards.

The performance attracted many long time Sanchez fans.

"I love latin-jazz," said Julio Gil, who travelled all the way from Fullerton College to see Sanchez. "I've seen him six times."

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## Cerritos Dancers seek department change

**Should dance be part of Theater Arts, Physical Education or stand alone?**

By T.R. Taber  
Copy Editor

Two departments at Cerritos are at war over whether dance will remain a part of the Physical Education Department or move to the Theater Arts Department, a battle that has carried on for years.

Currently, most students taking dance classes are receiving a P.E. credit and students who are not majoring in dance do not have a problem with this setup. It's the students who are planning to major in dance who run into problems.

Students who want to transfer to a four-year university may find that many of their dance credits are not transferrable toward their major.

"Cerritos College does not currently offer a major in dance," said Dean of Physical Education, Pam Walker.

There are, however, about 16 units worth of dance classes a student can take that are under the fine arts banner. Those classes can be transferred to most four-year universities and applied to a major in dance.

Currently, the issue of whether or not to move dance is being brought up in Student Senate. It has not officially been brought to the P.E. department according to Walker.



Photo by Emily Madewell  
New and veteran dance students learn new movements while preparing for dance final.

"I think (this issue) would make for a great philosophical conversation," Walker said. "But everyone needs to sit down together and discuss it."

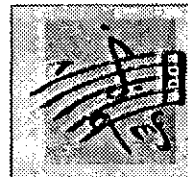
Some students are concerned that moving dance will cause problems with enrollment because students will no longer be able to take dance to fulfill a P.E. credit.

According to the American Alliance of

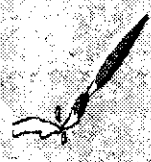
Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, dance is an activity class and belongs with the P.E. department.

That is where it will remain until Cerritos College either adds a major in dance to the curriculum or adapts its current curriculum to those students wanting to major in dance and transfer to a four-year university.

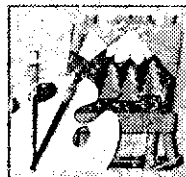
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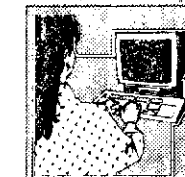
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## News Briefs

### Scholarship available

Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos is sponsoring the Women's Opportunity Awards Program with a \$1,000 award.

Candidates should be heads-of-household and be completing undergraduate college programs or entering/completing vocational or technical programs.

The winner of the local award will compete in District/Federation competitions for a \$10,000 award.

### Students win awards

Cerritos College students Yolanda Romanello, Lawanda Bailey and Sandra Dorsey are recipients of nearly \$2,100 in scholarships from the Women's Club of Artesia-Cerritos.

They were formally awarded with the Marguerite Phares Scholarship at a recent college foundation board meeting.

The Marguerite Phares Scholarship rewards and encourages women who decide to begin or return to college after a period of a few years.

"These students were chosen based on their volunteer service to the community," noted Club representative Wendy Strong, "but we realize this is an area of great need."

### New dean on campus

Cerritos College is welcoming Carol Patrick into the counseling staff. She will be filling the position of Dean of Counseling.

Her background in education includes two master's degrees from San Diego State in Counseling Science and Postsecondary Education and Leadership.

### Tree Lighting

Pathways Volunteer Hospice and Cerritos College presents "Light Up a Life".

The annual ceremony will take place Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Learning Resource Center.

In addition to watching the lights go on, the guests will be treated to a special performance by the Child Development Center youngsters, vocals by the Cerritos College gospel choir and holiday refreshments.

### Order from Culinary Arts

Baked goods may be ordered from Culinary Arts and picked up on Nov. 26, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the cafeteria.

On sale now are dinner rolls, \$1.75 a dozen, pies, \$4.75, and holiday loaves, \$2.75.

Call (562) 860-2451, ext. 2456, to order.

## Police Beat

Compiled by Campus Police

### Stolen books recovered

Officers responded to the Bookstore regarding a burglary which had occurred on Nov. 5.

The officers made contact with the suspect on lot C-2, where she was arrested and stolen books were recovered.

The suspect was transported to Los Angeles County Twin Towers correctional facility, where she was booked on the above charges.

### Auto equipment stolen

At 10 a.m. on Nov. 12, an officer responded to the Automotive Technology complex regarding a burglary call.

The informant said that between Nov. 10 and Nov. 12, someone stole approximately \$5,600 in auto body repair equipment.

No signs of forced entry were found.

### Bungled car theft

Officers responded to lot C-3 regarding an attempted grand theft vehicle at 10:55 p.m. on Nov. 14.

The victim said someone broke into his 1985 Toyota and cut the ignition wires in an attempt to "hot wire" the vehicle.



Photo by Lindorfe Gallegos

Poncho Sanchez, former student of Cerritos College, performed latin jazz to full house yesterday in the student center

## Students enjoy concert

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Others also found the concert stimulating.

"It's very exciting to see such a talented, artistic musician up close," said Raquel Valencia, a liberal arts major.

"I'm used to seeing him from a distance. The intimacy of this performance is quite a treat for Cerritos College."

Cerritos students can look forward to more performances according to Dr. Wendell Hanks,

college professor and coordinator of the Sanchez program.

"This concert is the prelude to the showcasing of a number of Cerritos College talents, both past and present."

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 21 Deadline for student leadership conference registration (\$25)
- 24 Awards banquet tickets available from student activities
- 25 D.J. concert in the Student Center, 11 a.m.
- 27-28 Thanksgiving holiday. Campus will be closed.

### DECEMBER

- 4 Art sale reception in the art gallery
- 5 ASSCC awards banquet in the Student Center, 7 p.m.
- 12-18 Final Exams

## Government Briefs

### Canned Food Drive

The Student Activities staff and the ASSCC are holding their annual food drive for the less fortunate and needy. They are looking for non-perishable food items only. Please deliver any contributions to Student Activities (next to the Bookstore) before Dec. 15.

### ASSCC to vote for party whip

Student senate will vote Wednesday on whether to make Sen. Patricia Ponce its new party whip.

Ponce would fill the position resigned by Sean Mejia in October.

The job of party whip entails acting as a liaison between the different branches of student government.

### ASSCC Awards Banquet

The annual ASSCC awards banquet will be held on Dec. 5 in the Student Center.

Tickets will be available in the Student Activities Office beginning Nov. 24.

The price of the tickets is \$10 for students and staff, \$15 for non-students and free to all of those receiving award.

### Board of Trustees meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet tonight at 7 in the Board room.

The meeting is open to the public.

## FOCUS ON: CHESS CLUB

### CHECK MATE

Learn to challenge your mind playing chess

By Viviana Rolon  
Staff Writer

The chess club, in its second semester since it was first formed, recently hosted its first chess tournament on Halloween in the Student Center.

Cerritos College competed against El Camino College and Cypress College.

Jose Olivera of Cerritos took first while second place was taken by El Camino College. Two Cerritos College students

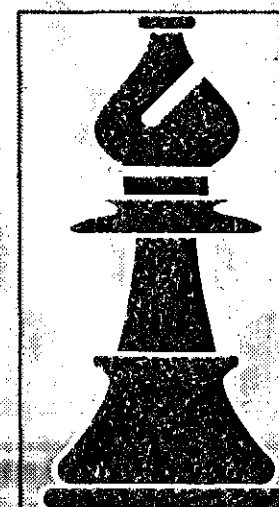
finished for third.

"We like interacting with other chess clubs," said chess club president Kristian Bush.

The club hopes to have at least one tournament a semester and also plan to hold one more tournament by the end of the semester.

Game Keepers is a special interest store at Los Cerritos Center where the chess club plans to hold future tournaments.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the club, or just want to learn to play, meetings are held Thursdays at 11 a.m. in PS 1.



Meeting:  
Thursday  
11 a.m.

Place:

Ps 1

Website:  
[www.cerritos.edu/~send001/chess](http://www.cerritos.edu/~send001/chess)

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## EDITORIALS

### Dance faces enrollment loss

There seems to be a lot of bickering lately over whether all the dance classes should be moved to the Theater Arts Department.

The Physical Education Department feels dance should stay where it is—with it.

Dance instructors and some of the students, however, have mixed opinions. Some say it should stay where it is, some feel it should move, and others think it should be made into a separate department all together.

The biggest excuse so far for moving it to Theater Arts is because dance majors can't transfer all the credits over to four-year universities toward their majors.

The problem with moving it is that a majority of the students taking dance are taking it for fun in place of a regular P. E. class. To move dance to Theater Arts could cause a drastic drop in enrollment and, therefore, cause some of the dance classes to be taken off the curriculum all together.

Any student majoring in dance should know before taking the classes whether or not the credits are transferrable toward their major.

Negligence on the student's part to research which classes will help their majors should not be cause to move an entire department.

### Not even technology can help financial aid

The financial aid office would seem to be the one office to always have money within its reach.

Instead it has top of the line computers that go down, and due to the recent system conversions on campus even the powerful IBMs were made helpless. Making electronic request impossible.

For an office that relies solely on its computers for requesting more funds, computer failure is not an option.

To add to its misfortune, financial aid has no emergency funds available when an insufficient funds problem occurs. This makes for a lot of headaches not only for the employees of the financial aid office, but for the students desperately in need of a check.

Even top of the line computers can't fix that problem. It seems like it doesn't really matter how powerful, how fast, or how expensive a computer is, if you're unable to access information or relay information through your system, the computer just takes up a lot of space.

So much for the era of technology.

### The champions are on the wrestling mat

The wrestling team is the best team on campus. It just won its 16th South Coast Conference Championship and went the whole conference season undefeated.

No more about football being the top team in the fall, that title now belongs to the wrestling team.

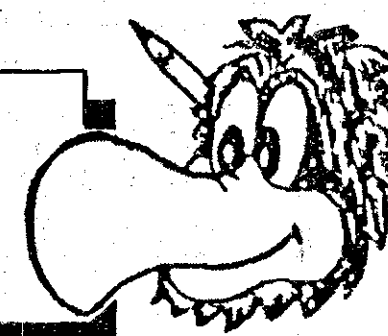
Coach Jeff Smith has done it again with a mix of great returning sophomores and solid freshmen.

They compete in the Southern California Regionals this week. After that, they will compete in the State Championships.

Go team!!

## C.C. FALCON

### Defender of Falcon Truth



**WEATHER OR NOT:** Boy did my feathers get wet when it rained on Thursday. Now the sun is shining. I wish the weather would make up its mind, I don't know if I should use my umbrella.

**PLEASE MORE SELECTION:** Did anyone notice that we still haven't gotten a new food vendor on campus. What ever happened to the idea of bringing in chinese food? I guess I'll stick to bird seed.

**READY FOR FINALS:** Finals are coming and everyone seems to be studying twice as hard. I better get

my beak in gear to get a good grade on my test. Even I have to study.

**RUFFLED OF MY IMAGE:** I fly around the campus and I don't think anybody here knows what a Falcon is.

There's a statue in the Quad area that resembles a psychadelic rooster after smoking an M-80 firecracker.

We have a mascot on the pep squad, which, for the record, is a blue and gold parakeet.

And finally, for the person who asked me what Talon Marks means, it's my foot and claw marks. Memo to Natural Sciences: Can you offer

Aviary classes next semester?

**TIME TO GIVE THANKS:** Thanksgiving is appraoaching soon and I've never been so glad to be a falcon. Too bad for my fine feathered friends. So don't go and get to stuffed this holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving!

**NOT ENOUGH PLACES TO SIT:** It seems as though some students would rather bring their own beach chairs then perch on the many benches on campus. That sure does fit that Los Angeles cliché, the sun is always shining.

## She said... RELATIONSHIPS... He said

By Soledad Puertos  
Production Editor

Is togetherness such a great concept?

Can being together all the time be such a positive thing?

No, because you think you can keep an eye on your significant other at all times which is virtually impossible.

If it seems like possessiveness is rearing its ugly head, it is.

Past experience has shown, you love a guy with all your heart, give up your precious time, then he cheats and acts like it was nothing more than a kiss.

You tend to become a little cynical.

But you can't judge the whole male species by the act of one fickle heart.

You learn to move on and stand on your own two feet.

Then one day someone says hello and you see these beautiful green eyes staring at you.

The first thing you think

is, I must have him!

So you get him, of course, and you begin the ritual of dating.

Everything is great, the sun is shining the birds are singing and the two of you are inseparable.

Your friends begin to become nauseated by the way both of you started communicating in baby talk, and the way you're always hugging and kissing.

The relationship becomes a very important part of your life, opening the door to one specific floor in the building of relationships, ROUTINE!

It becomes more than just finishing each other's sentences, you become these former images of the individuals that you used to be.

So maybe being with each other all the time is a curse in disguise.

Then again, I can't imagine having my sweetheart far from my side.

Oh well, I guess you chose your own poison.

By Soren Williams  
Sports Editor

Being with the one you love is arguably the greatest thing a person can have.

But what if you or the person you love has to leave to pursue their life dreams?

During this time in a student's life many new things are happening and often times the one they love is having to move away to follow their dreams.

Many people believe the relationship should end at that point and allow the two people to find their separate ways and maybe come back together if all goes well.

I do not believe in this easy way out.

If it truly is love and the two people are dedicated to each other then distance does not matter.

With e-mail, phones, airplanes and cars the one you love is at most a couple hours and a cou-

ple hundred dollars away.

The money shouldn't be an object, after all what do you have to spend it on now that your love is gone?

Being apart can actually make the relationship much stronger.

Each person is experiencing life individually but with the confidence that they have someone to rely on, they don't need to try and impress everyone else.

When the separation is over it's like meeting a new person, but with the love and understanding built in.

You each have new and different experiences to talk about and enlighten the other about.

Being apart isn't easy but if it truly is love, it won't matter and will probably make it better.

Absence truly does make the heart grow fonder.

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## CAMPUS COMMENT

"Should dance be split between athletics and performing arts or just be part of performing arts?"

By Emily Madewell



"It should be in performing arts—it would be more concentrated if it was not lumped in with athletics."

—Julie Chmielewski,  
Paralegal



"Dance should be under performing arts because from a performers viewpoint, it is an art."

—Thomas Bedolla,  
Theatre



should truly be considered a performing art. Athletics already has an extensive program."

—Jose Sanchez,  
Business Finance



"It should stay divided because it is a physical exercise."

—Jacqueline Alameda,  
Business



"I think that it would be a good idea to move it to performing arts, because dance is an art form."

—Claudia Diaz,  
Accounting



"It should be within performing arts because athletics is competition and dance is more of an art form."

—Eric Salazar,  
Computer Information Systems



"There should be an entirely new category called athletic arts. Dance does combine both art and athletics."

—George "Jorgito" Ruiz,  
Business Administration



"It should be in performing arts because our school does not have enough performing art classes."

—Melinda Marine,  
Economics





# Painter works with many mediums *Fall Dance*

By Emily Madewell  
Entertainment Editor

Becca Abad's life is made up of many artistic experiments.

As a current student at Cerritos College she is studying painting towards her goal of receiving a fine arts degree.

Painting is one art form that Abad is excelling at.

She will have her first exhibition up the entire month of December at a cyber cafe called the Gig. It is located at 9191 Valley View St. in Cypress, near Cypress College.

Although her work will be up starting on Dec. 1, there will be a reception in Abad's honor on Dec. 13. For more information call the Gig at (714) 827-7444.

Abad enjoys experimenting with many differ-



One piece included in the show is Abad's "Red 1" mixed medium (original painting approximately 48" by 48").

ent materials in her paintings. She has used lottery tickets, packaging materials, recycled paper and wrapping paper, among other things.

"I use different elements in my work because I like texture," said Abad. In her show at the Gig lint has been used to show texture and dimension.

Using lint along with her painting is something she has been doing for about three years. It was about that long ago when she saw a woman on PBS incorporate dry lint into her artwork.

Abad decided she would experiment with it wet. She found that it enhanced her work. "It is soft, smooth and fluffy which I feel adds an interesting texture to some of my work."

Most of her work is figure study. Currently she is taking a class with Anita Janosova in life painting and is deriving a lot from it.

Abad managed to get her showing while she was at work as a hairstylist.

She met the owner of the Gig, a non-profit gallery and cyber cafe, and he showed interest in her work.

After this show is over the owner plans to continue showing pieces of Abad's work at a new location that he will open in Hollywood.

## Fall Dance Concert

Soledad Puertos  
Production Editor

The stage will be filled with music and the lights will reflect the mood of the piece when the Cerritos College Dance Department presents their 1997 Fall Dance Concert.

Beginning Nov. 20, running until the 22, works by the students and faculty will be displayed.

The Fall Dance concert is an annual event held by the dance department to bring to life the talents of the student choreographers and to expose the talents of the faculty who teach on campus.

Students auditioned for various numbers and were picked by the choreographers of each piece.

Tomorrow night will be opening night for the concert and curtain will be at 8 p.m. in the Burnight Center Theatre and at the same time the next two nights.

General admission is \$6 and \$5 for students with CCID. For more information call (562) 860-2451 ext. 2861 or 2872.



photo by Emily Madewell

Rehearsal for the concert this weekend.

## AnAesthetics excite Whisky crowd

Gregory Wylie  
Special to the Talon Marks

After only five months with the AnAesthetics, bass player Ed Santiago looked right at home on stage at the Whisky-A-Go-Go.

A virtual Mecca for the up-and-coming band, The Whisky offers a variety of bands playing their stage.

"We love playing the Whisky," guitarist Paul Ventura stated, "They've helped us develop our band's reputation."

They rocked the Whisky Saturday with an eclectic mix of original songs and finished their set with a cover of the Beatles' "Helter Skelter."

The AnAesthetics appeared fourth in the lineup, playing an eight song set and opening for the ever-so-80s KROQ band Modern English.

Appearing right before The AnAesthetics were the New Roll Soul, a funky band that pumped the crowd up.

AnAesthetics lead vocalist Andrea Adams said that "The groups brass section added a dynamic element to their performance."

Twenty minutes later, Adams tore up the stage, a crowd pleaser reminiscent of Janis Joplin, and as wildly original as Bjork.

AnAesthetics seamlessly meshes musical styles into songs combining blues, folk and rock all rolled into one.

They opened with the catchy tune "Ultrasound", their first "Three minute pop song," according to Adams.

Paying tribute to those who lost their lives in the Oklahoma City bombing is their song "Our

Blues."

The song has special meaning for Adams and Ventura, who both founded the band while attending Oklahoma State University.

The crossover piece "Altar Car" honors American prose poet Jack Kerouac, a Boston native who became famous touring America.

Kerouac would travel with a group of Beatniks, or sometimes hitch-hike across the country.

Ventura, also a Boston native, admires Kerouac, while Adams admits being influenced by his writing.

"Our song portrays his lifestyle and the role of the car in his life," Adams said. "The American car became an integral part of his life and career. It created a holy experience for him."

Several songs in their set are slated to appear on their upcoming CD, including "strongest man in the world" a recent addition to their repertoire.

Cerritos College student Alex Zelada, a business major, was impressed.

Zelada was barely audible over the noise. "They rock!" He shouted, "The band has a real quality sound. I like it."

If you didn't make it to their gig, you'll have to wait until '98 to hear them again.

They plan to spend the holidays recording their new CD, which will include such experimental songs as "America", which has a more electronic sound to it.

Produced on their own label, Pink Room Records, their CD will be released this spring.

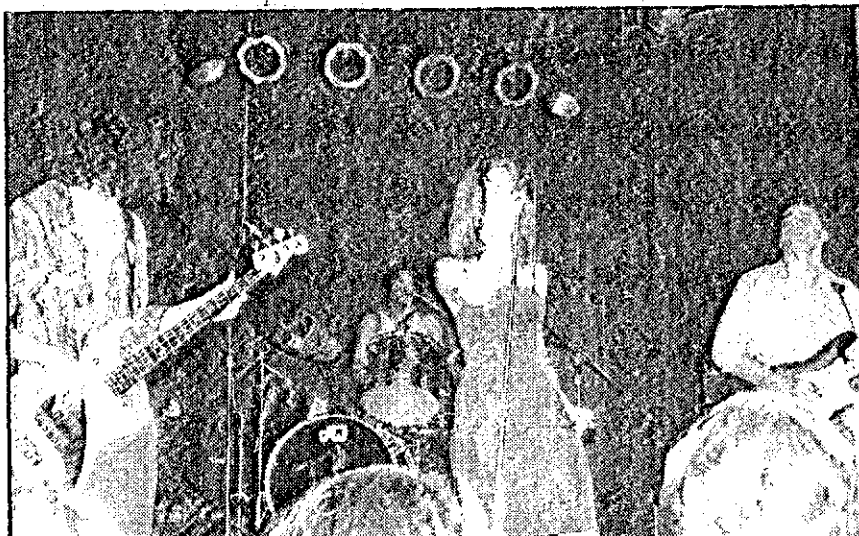


photo by Emily Madewell

The AnAesthetics on stage last Saturday at the Whisky.

## Art sale held in gallery

Daniel Alberini  
Staff Writer

The Cerritos College Art Club will be holding its annual art sale Dec. 3 through Dec. 6 in the art gallery.

Any member of the faculty or any person enrolled in Cerritos College may participate as long as the work is representational of class projects.

Linda Bruins, Instructional Aid, expects a large and varied turn out for this year's art sale.

"We usually have mostly students, with a few of the faculty members donating pieces."

"Hopefully it will be good. I would like to get some money for Christmas and also, get rid of some of my extra work," said April Bermudez, an art club member, pointing to a shelf crowded with ceramic sculptures.

"I think it's wonderful," Karren Ohlinder, a founding member of the Art Club said. "It develops confidence and is a great opportunity for students to get their work in front of the public."

Entry forms for the art sale can be obtained in room AC-33 and must be returned there before 4 p.m. Wed. Nov. 26.

Students must price their own work.

A percentage of the sale price will be retained by the Art Club to cover sales expenses.

For more information please call (562) 860-2451 ext. 2600 or 2603.

## A & E BRIEFS

**Photography** Instructor, John Humble, is part of a group show from Nov. 8 to Dec. 31. The show is "the 10th Anniversary exhibition" at the Jan Kessner gallery located at 164 North La Brea Blvd. in Beverly Blvd. in Hollywood. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (213) 938-6834.

**Art** (drawing and painting) Instructor, Anita Janosova is part of a group showing from Nov. 8 to Dec. 5. It is located in the Santa Monica Community College Art Gallery at 1900 Pico Blvd. in Santa Monica.

The Show is entitled "Reconfigured II: Drawing & Sculpture." Janosova also participated in their last showing entitled "Reconfigured I: Painting." Gallery hours are Tuesday & Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday & Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information please call (310) 452-9231.

**Photography** Instructor, Don Cole, is part of a group showing from Nov. 16 to Dec. 12. The show is entitled "The Physically Altered Photography." The Century Gallery is located at 13000 Sayre St. in Sylmar. Gallery hours are Monday, to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, for more information call (818) 362-3220.

There will be applied *music recitals* in BC51.

On Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. vocalists Seung H. Yoon and Joann Yeo will perform.

At 6 p.m. vocalist J. Jorge Casella will perform.

**Music** Instructor, Matt Elgart, will have a concert on Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. It will be at Los Alamitos high school.

Applied *music recitals* are slated in BC51. On Nov. 26 at 11 a.m. vocalists Aleida Gonzalez, Amita Rajagopalan and Gina Varos will perform.

At 6 p.m. guitarist Selene Garcia, saxophonist John Halbasch and vocalist Michele Bereal will perform.

On Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. vocalist Alisha Salazar and guitarist Max Estrada will perform.

At 6 p.m. tuba player Kristian Bush, vocalist Thomas Bedolla and pianist Mary Hwang will perform.

"The Butterfingers Angel, Mary and Joseph, Herod the Nut, and the Slaughter of 12 Hit Carols in a Pear Tree," is The Theatre Arts Department's Christmas themed performance.

It will run Dec. 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 14 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 for general public and \$6 for seniors and students with CCID.

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## Improvers score a touchdown

## Student faces life's challenge with art

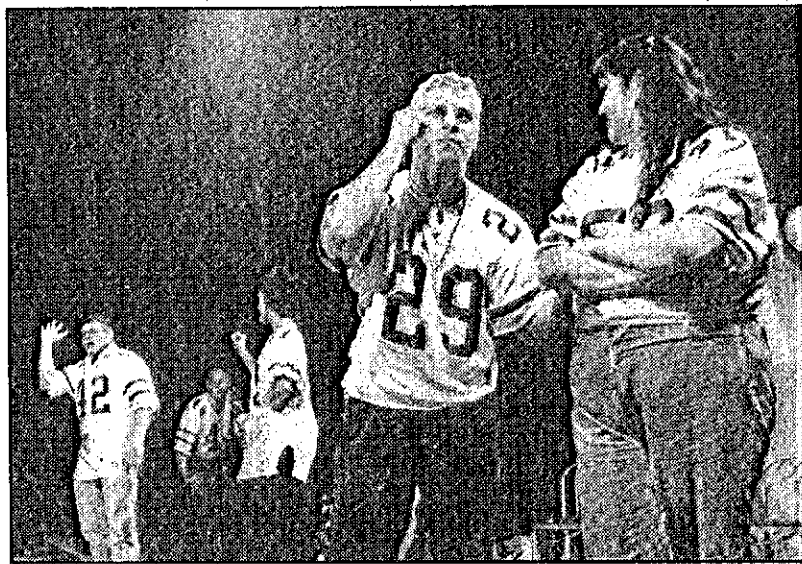


photo by Emily Madewell

Bill Blush, Luis Alvarado, Claudia Aicardi, Marc Leon and Jennifer Zaragoza (left to right) entertain the crowd.

Soledad Puertos  
Production Editor

The Improvers hit the stage for the last time this semester with their show "First and Ten...Let's Improv Again."

With posters, megaphones, pompoms all around the studio theater, and the improvers dressed in their football jerseys the stage was set for the improvisation to begin.

A major part of improvisation is audience participation, there is where the players get an idea and roll with it.

"Our job is to bring the audience along, it's up to the improvers to involve the audience," said Jennifer Zaragoza, one of the improvers and President of the Theatre Arts Society.

This show will be both Zaragoza's and Bill Blush's last improv.

Ideas came from numer-

ous areas such as lectures on physics, singing the blues, fairytales, using props and bring in actual audience members.

The creativity of the players and the quickness of their comedy kept the audience wondering what could possibly happen next.

Ernie Macias showed the audience his improv style and how well it worked, never missing a step.

An new addition to the improv was Claudia Aicardi featured in past play and dance concerts.

Aicardi showed she was up to the challenge of improvisation by keeping up with veterans Bill Blush and Dave Wrathall.

"It's the ultimate form of performing," said Zaragoza.

This allowed each player displayed their talent and humor to the audience, making their last show one to remember.

Emily Madewell  
Entertainment Editor

Ramirez Perez has learned to overcome obstacles that most people at his age would never have to face. Losing his best friend and postponing his dreams at the same time.

Graduating from high school in 1995 Perez was well on his way to achieving one of his many goals.

Perez along with his best friend since the age of ten, Emiliano Morales, had created a three edition beginning to a comic book series.

While they were still looking for distribution, Morales was fatally injured during a rockslide in Yosemite.

Perez could not continue the series without Morales. In fact Perez decided that all copies of their series would be buried with his best friend.

After the accident Perez took time off from drawing.

Currently he is enjoying his classes

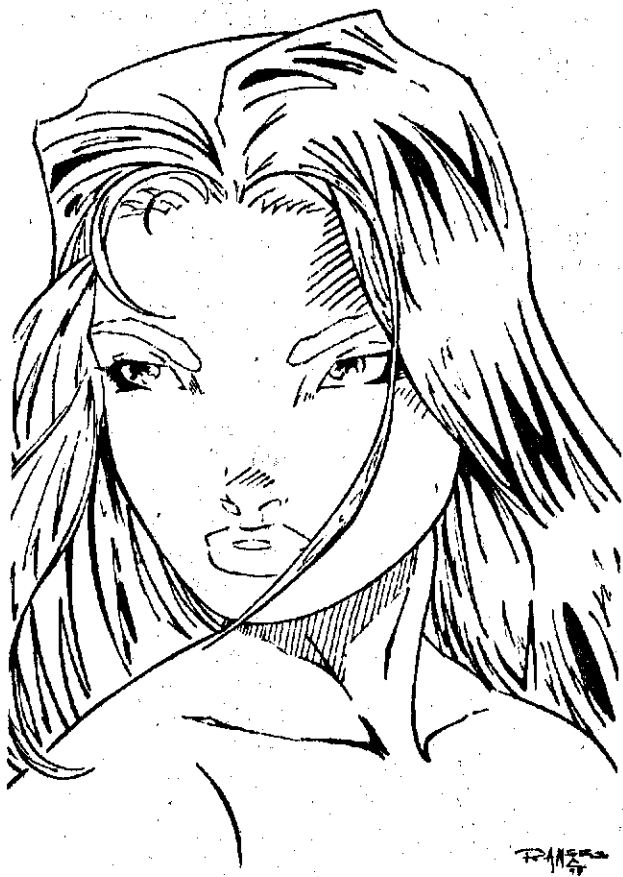
especially life drawing with Anita Janosova. "In the short time that I have had her class I have learned a lot," said Perez. "She has taught me dimension which helps my drawings to look more real."

Perez is also starting to create new characters and storylines for comic books again. He likes all aspects of comic books and animation.

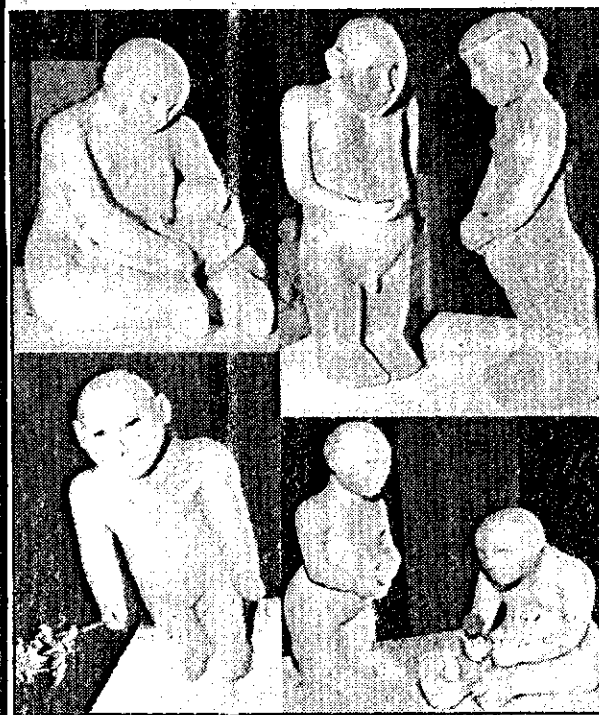
He did not go straight into art school because, "I wanted a full education I enjoy writing almost as much as I enjoy art."

After graduation from Cerritos, Perez plans to transfer to Loyola Marymount.

Ambition, drive and a positive outlook have kept Perez moving forward and will help him to achieve the bright future he is planning.

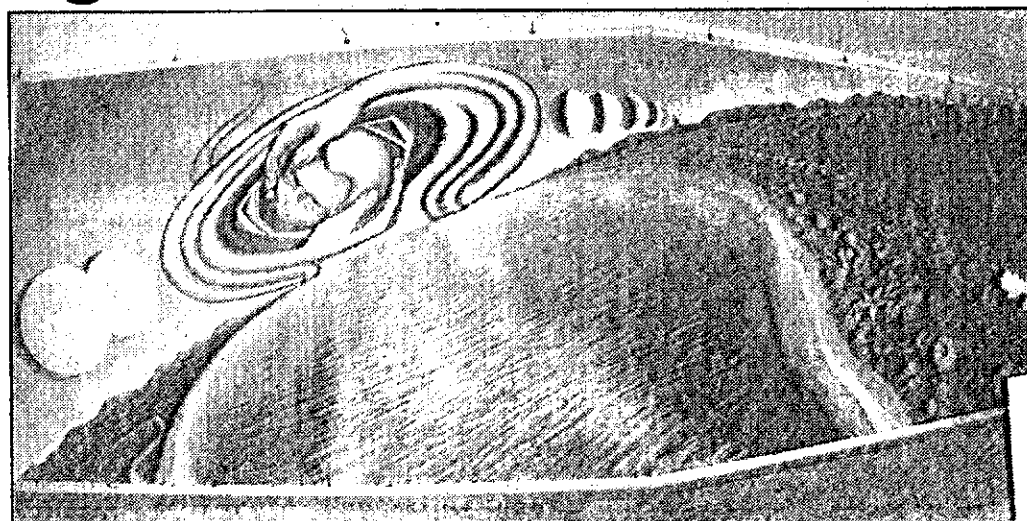


Drawing by Ramirez Perez from his up and coming comic book series.



Above are pieces from the "little people series" by Eva Christina; Clockwise from left, 3, 4, 5, 7 and number 2.

## Significant Departures



photos by Lindorfe Gallegos

This piece is part of a mural by Judith Baca, entitled 'A vision of the future without fear'. The theme of this mural is "that people of all ethnic, cultural, and national backgrounds worldwide must begin to work together to start a transformation of our societies towards a future of peace."

## Seven years of good acting and great locations make 'Tibet' worthwhile

D. S. Perez  
Staff Writer

He climbed the tallest peaks in Eurasia, won a gold medal in the Winter Olympics, escaped from a prisoner-of-war camp several times and survived many months in the wilderness.

Mountain climber and former SS officer Heinrich Harrer the true moment that changed his life was being a tutor and friend to a boy.

"Seven Years in Tibet" follows the experiences of Harrer, played by current movie hunk Brad Pitt, who traversed the Himalayas in 1939 and then spent seven years in the mysterious mountain city of Lhasa, Tibet, a place where few Western people had visited.

During his stay in Lhasa, Harrer becomes the tutor for the young Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibet, and not only teaches the young boy-king about the world outside the Lama's hermit kingdom, but also learns much about life from him.

Pitt's Harrer starts out as a model SS officer: an angry, arrogant and selfish bastard, but loosens up (both in attitude and German accent) throughout the course of the movie.

This evolves as his character comes to terms with what has happened to him, and the feelings of guilt and rejection that came from leaving a wife and child in Austria.

Filling in the void of Harrer's heart is the Dalai Lama (played by Jamyang Wangchuk), a lonely boy being treat-

ed too highly by his courtiers, but is mentally and emotionally advanced in years.

Another key role is Peter Aufschnaiter played by David Thewlis a fellow mountain climber who accompanies Harrer from the beginning and is often the cooler head and Harrer's lifesaver.

The film also depicts China's attempts to take over Tibet, from Chang-Kai-Shek's shrewd ambassadors to the blunt force of Mao Tse-Tung's Communist army, in which the film states "history repeats itself," as Harrer reflects on his Nazi past and sees similarities in Adolf Hitler's Third Reich and Mao's Revolution.

However, the film does put too much emphasis on the mystery of the

Buddhist Monks as well as their xenophobia, enough to give the Communists some credit for modernizing Tibet.

The movie isn't worthy of an Oscar, but with good acting and a script that centers on Harrer's experiences rather than the Dalai Lama or political messages, "Seven Years in Tibet" is a well-done bio-pic.

What might win an Oscar, however, is the cinematography. Although not shot on-location, the breathtaking views of mountains and the highland areas that serve as the film's background leave a lasting impression.

The same can also be said about the colorful costumes worn by the Tibetan characters, and when added together with the scenery, give the viewer the

illusion of being there, like Harrer a foreigner in a far-away land losing its soul, were.

That's the magic touch that makes "Seven Years in Tibet" worth a view.



photo by David Appleby

Brad Pitt as Heinrich Harrer, an Austrian mountain climber on an odyssey of self discovery

## Box office show that audiences still hooked on 'I Know What You Did Last Summer'

Emily Madewell  
Entertainment Editor

It was the perfect summer, the summer between high school and life.

At least that is what the four main characters in "I Know What You Did Last Summer" thought.

Jennifer Love Hewitt, from Fox's "Party of Five", plays Julie James. James dreams of college, becoming a lawyer and a future of having it all.

Her boyfriend Ray Bronson, played by Freddie Prinze Jr., will be off to New York City to become a writer.

Prinze was most recently seen in "To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday" starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Peter Gallagher.

Also on her way to New York is best friend Helen Shivers. Sarah Michelle Gellar, from Warner Brother's "Buffy the Vampire Slayer", plays Shivers who wants to "entertain the world through artistic expression", and get rich and famous through acting.

Ryan Phillippe plays Shiver's boyfriend Barry Cox. Cox wants to move to Boston to become a famous football player.

Phillippe appeared in this past summer's com-

ing-of-age film "Nowhere".

On this one perfect night right after Shivers is crowned "Croaker Queen" in a beauty pageant the kids run off to the beach together.

There they start a campfire and tell stories, sometimes referred to as urban legends. "American folklore, they all originate from some real life incident", explained Bronson.



photo by James Bridges

Prinze, Hewitt, Gellar and Phillippe (left to right) from Last Summer

The four joke and argue over how the victims in these stories died, and whether or not Bronson's definition is accurate.

Soon after they leave the beach their lives are changed forever.

Too drunk to drive his new BMW Cox allows Bronson to drive them home.

Cox is out of control on the ride home, jumping up and down through the sun roof, changing the radio stations while still in the backseat, and spilling liquor all over the vehicle.

This leads to Bronson being involved in a car accident.

None of them can tell what hit the car at first. All they notice is the very large dent it left and the splattering of blood.

When they do realize what they have done all of them exhibit different reactions.

James, being the logical compassionate one wants to notify the authorities and explain.

Cox and Bronson agree that is not the direction to go but for different reasons.

Shivers only reaction is complete shock and horror to the incident.

They decide to dump the remains and try their hardest to remove that part of the evening

from their collective memory.

Life does progress even though all of them show signs that the event impacted them deeply.

None of the four are where they had hoped when we look in on them one year later.

Their future was filled with even more problems toward the group than they had expected.

Someone saw, someone has decided to scare them, to stalk them and to torture them. There is not much they can do about it either.

"I Know What You Did Last Summer" was a young adult novel written in 1973 by Lois Duncan.

The screenplay was adapted by Kevin Williamson, who wrote the original script for the hit film "Scream". Both this film and "Scream" have a similar feel to them.

They have characters with power and intelligence, even though they are made within the horror genre.

Jim Gillespie directs his first American feature with "I Know What You Did Last Summer" and the results are impressive.

This film is scary and fun fast-paced and smart all at once.



# Volleyball comes back from near loss

Cerritos rallies back to get in three way tie for first

James Reynosa  
Staff writer

A great win, a walk through and an unexpected loss have put the Cerritos volleyball team into a three-way tie for first place in the South Coast Conference.

With the 15-5, 15-1, 15-2, win over East Los Angeles last Friday and Long Beach losing to El Camino, the Falcons are in a three-way tie for first and clinch a homecourt first round match in the State Playoffs. Placement in the State Tournament will be known tomorrow.

But the highlight of the week was the comeback over El Camino.

One hour before the entire Cerritos volleyball team ran in the middle of the floor, celebrating a 2-15, 4-15, 16-14, 15-10, 16-14 win, Allison Carey had one simple goal after losing the second set 4-15.

"After those first two games we came together and said, 'What the hell, let's have some fun,'" Carey said.

That fun led to the best comeback Cerritos has mounted and probably the most exciting game anyone has seen this year.

The match started with El Camino's outside hitter Rochelle Esparaza showing why she was CIF player of the year in California, slamming 33 kills in the first two sets.

"We couldn't play any better than

those first two games," Esparaza said. "Everything went right. The back-set was there and I had some lucky [kills] early."

When El Camino was doing no wrong, Cerritos could do no right starting from the very basics. The Falcons had 11 service errors and numerous defensive lapses, with balls finding themselves in some open spaces.

That led to the Warriors winning the first two games in 45 minutes.

The third game was the turning point, and the first time Cerritos blocked El Camino's outside hitters Esparaza and Agnes Usu in consecutive plays.

But it was the fourth game that showed the match might be won by Cerritos. It was in that game that the Falcons grabbed that one ally that has no face and plays no favorites.

Momentum. "We knew that if we could make it [the match] go five [sets] we'd win it," Carey said.

In the fourth, Cerritos won every long rally and dug all the loose balls. After Cerritos' 15-10, El Camino showed some signs of doubt.

"We lost our composure," El Camino Head Coach Le Valley Pattison said. "I don't know if we became overconfident, but we should have closed this game out. The fifth game was up for grabs and they [Cerritos] dug more out."

The fifth and final game was a classic "match play" game where either team could score on every ball. Neither of the teams could



Photo by Emily Madewell

Outside hitter Lisa Valenzuela slams one down the line in Cerritos dramatic comeback victory over El Camino.

And as everyone from the Cerritos

side of the bench came running down to the court, the same word was heard. "Heart," Cerritos Head Coach Jeanine Prindle said. "We just have heart. These girls didn't quit and better yet, they wouldn't allow themselves to quit. This team is just scrappy and tonight was the best example

of that."

So, in a week where the volleyball team had a great win, an easy victory and some help to get a piece of the league title and with the playoffs looming in the future, the only question is, "What can possibly top this?"

Give us some time and you'll find out," Carey said.

## Wrestling champs again

James Reynosa  
Staff Writer

When the season started for the Cerritos College wrestling team, there were no roaring fans greeting them when they entered the gym. It could be argued that the wrestling team is the most prestigious athletic team on campus, and they were setting up their own meet to start the 1997 season. Setting it up alone.

Again. Looking at the numbers the wrestling has amassed, courage doesn't seem to be the problem. The Falcons placed second in the state from 1992-1994, winning the State Championship in 1995 and coming in fifth last year. And there is coach Smith himself, being voted Coach of the Year for Community Colleges in Wrestling in 1993 and 1996.

So everything is in place. A team with a winning tradition and a good coach that knows how to take his team to the next level. So why is no one here to see them?

Even with the team winning their 16th South Coast Conference in-school history and not losing one single conference match?

"One of the reasons is that wrestling is not as 'visible' a sport as baseball, basketball or football. You can flick on the TV and watch a game of any of those sports. To watch wrestling, you have to understand it," Smith said.

Another reason no one is watching is that most people only appreciate a sport if they played it.

"There are not too many mothers or fathers taking their kid to the mat when they turn six," Assistant coach Steve Galssey said.

But if you decide to catch a meet, there are a few things that might seem different at first.

One, is how the meet starts. In a sport where the number one goal is to put your opponent helplessly on his back using an array of different holds and strategies, starts with the referee checking out the grooming habits of the wrestlers.

"They have to check for long nails," David DeVille said while clipping his nails. "And no long hair or facial hair either. You've got to be clean to wrestle."

The matches start off with the lighter weights. That causes something that's different from most sports, there are no size mismatches.

"Everyone is exactly your weight. It's the most even sport. I'm not going against someone bigger or smaller than me," Brian Gilliland said. "The only question is skill."

The next thing you'll notice is that the wrestler is all alone.

"In football, you make a mistake and the other team gets a touchdown or you lose some yards. The people in the stands don't know who made the mistake and another

play happens. In wrestling, you make a mistake and you get embarrassed in front of everyone and you feel it a lot more," Smith said.

Wrestling isn't like the more visible sports, where 50-60 people are trying for the team. There are only a few vying for that one spot. And those few will wrestle, fight and bleed with each other for four months.

"These guys train year round with each other. I don't think people understand what it takes to wrestle. You have to have a high threshold of pain and be able to concentrate when you are totally exhausted," Smith said. "And of course there's the conditioning. I mean, you can have a cross-country runner in excellent shape, but does he have the muscle mass to win a match?"

"Listen, wrestling is the oldest and easiest sport around" Miguel Soto said. "Just beat the man in front of you."

—Yeah. Like its that easy," Kelly Richardson blurts out.

But on that first night, of their first match, while the few parents and friends came down from the stands, Landon Parker was putting the chairs away and Seth Garvin was helping Joshua Lewis putting the tables back in the rightful place.

The wrestling team leaves the same way they entered. Quietly and with no fanfare.

## Sports sites for the week

### Today

7:30 p.m.-Volleyball vs. Mt. SAC at home.

A win could place Cerritos into first place for the conference. Last tune-up before the state playoffs. Placement in the tournament will be known today.

### Thursday, Nov. 20

4:00 p.m.-Women's Basketball vs. San Diego Mesa at Long Beach City Tournament.

It will be Cerritos' first conference game of the year. A good test to see how good this team will be this year. Cerritos returns five starters.

4:00 p.m.-Men's Basketball vs. Allan Hancock at Irvine Valley Tournament.

Coming off two easy wins this is usually the first real test for the men's basketball team. Most of the top junior college teams in the southland will be there.

### Friday, Nov. 21

All Day-Wrestling in South Regionals at Cypress.

The wrestling team is coming off their easy 47-3 win over San Bernardino and their 16th South Coast Conference Championship. A strong showing will not be a surprise.

TBA- Men's and Women's Basketball.

Hopefully each will still be playing in

the winners bracket this weekend.

### Saturday, Nov. 22

All Day-Wrestling in South Regionals at Cypress.

If everything goes right and Cerritos shows the same effort that they have for the whole year. Cerritos should be competing for the Regionals

TBA- Men's and Women's Basketball.

If everything goes as planned, each will be playing in the championship game at 7 p.m. at Irvine Valley.

10:00 a.m.-Men's and Women's Cross Country teams in State Championships at Fresno. Three runners will be going for the tape and a State Championship.

7:00 p.m.-Football at Long Beach. Both are walking into this 38 year tradition.

Cerritos have lost three in a row, mostly because they forgot to play defense.

While Long Beach is coming off a close loss to Mt. SAC.

Nothing is on the line, there is no South Coast title, no state championship or bowl bid. The only thing left is pride. This will be the last game for both teams.

The Falcons lead the series 20-16-1, but the Long Beach City Vikings have won the last three meetings.

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## Women's soccer short on players, full of determination

With ten players gone, soccer still played with plenty of heart.

James Reynosa  
Staff Writer

The good news is that Alyson Powell scored a nice bending shot from about 30 yards out with two minutes left to play in the game.

The bad news was that Cerritos was losing by 15 goals at the time.

The Women's soccer team wrapped up their season with a 15-1 loss to Long Beach City, one of the best teams in the state.

But there are more important things than winning.

Even though Cerritos lost 15-1, the Falcons never stopped trying.

Whether it was a hard tackle by Tanya Swain

or the running down of a long pass from Susanna Esquibel, even with the game surely lost Head Coach Debbie Jensen never stopped coaching.

"Sandra [Mendia], you have to pass that ball

**"Talent wise, we're not as good as some other teams but on pure effort these girls give everything they've got."**

to the cross! C'mon, you know better than that," Jensen said as she walked the sidelines. "What's the score? Man, this game got kinda out of hand, but winning isn't everything."

No it's not. The Cerritos women's soccer team was a prime example of never quitting.

With their assistant coach getting fired and 10 players either leaving or quitting the team midway through the season, the Falcons were almost out matched in every game. But they still found a way to win a few.

But that's not important now. Right now the score is 11-0 and one player for Cerritos is on the field, in pain.

She would later have to leave the field. But with the score 13-0 she asks to be put back in.

"That's the kind of players I have now on this team. Talent wise, we're not as good as some other teams but on pure effort these girls give everything they've got," Jensen said.

Maybe that lesson is more important than scoring a few goals.



# Another year, another run

## Basketball off to typical great start

By James Reynosa  
Staff writer

With some subtraction the Cerritos Mens basketball program has added.

Even with the loss of almost all of their depth at the power forward and center position, the Falcons might be even better this year, if you listen to the coaches.

We're alot quicker in the low-post positions (forward and center) this year. And that will add to a more aggressive defense, Head Coach Jack Bogdanovich said.

And in their home opener against Santa Ana last Friday night, that was very evident by forcing Santa Ana to shooting a mere 31% field goal percentage in the Falcons 84-60 win.

Cerritos competes in the Irvine Valley Tournament this Thursday.

Usually when a team begins a new season there are certain questions that must be answered, but that is almost the exact opposite for the 1997 Men's basketball team. The problem might be too many answers.

On paper it might look like Tony Harvey's team, last year he was the South Coast Conference Player of the Year and he's preseason All-State this year. At six feet six inches and quick enough to go around most players in the league, it might seem that the offense will revolve around him.

"This team has way too many scorers for one person to get all the looks," Harvey said. "If they double down on me, Jason [Nicholas] will hit that outside shot."

That was partly true in their game against Santa Ana. Harvey lead the team with 28 points, while Nicholas hit three, three-pointers from the outside.

So what about depth? Last year, Cerritos was able to beat a lot of teams by bringing a few big guys off the bench and helping out by causing a offensive spark, will they be able to do it again?

"We have 15 players on the roster, and I'll have no problem putting in 13 of them at anytime. This year we can send a lot of quickness on the court and that will mean turnovers," Assistant Coach Dean Ackland said.

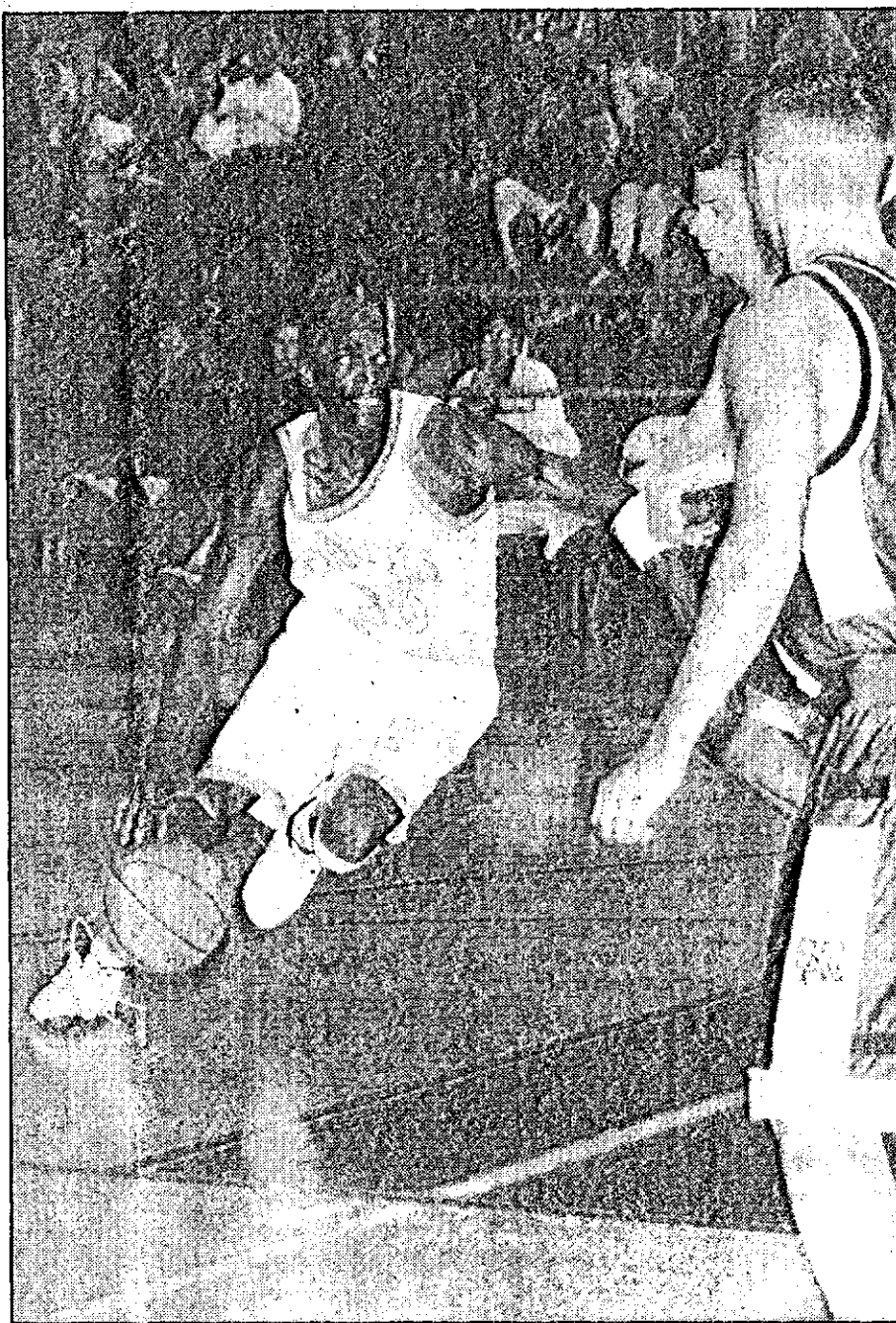
Cerritos showed that also in their game against Santa Ana, by causing 15 turnovers in the first half alone. At halftime the score 45-23 and the game was over.

The goal for the players this year is simple enough.

"We want a State Championship ring. I want one right here on my finger. We're past looking for the conference title, our goals are higher," Harvey said.

So the Men's basketball team has depth, quickness and a few stars and is rearing for the State Championship.

In other words, another typical team for Jack Bogdanovich.



Corey Johnson slashes his way to the basket in Cerritos' 84-60 win.

## Water Polo ends with loss

Kent Mc Creary  
Staff Writer

The season ended for mens water polo as they finished 5th in the South Coast Conference with a loss to fourth ranked Mt. San Antonio on Oct. 24. They ended the season with a record of 2-5 in conference and an overall record of 7-13.

Mt. SAC would pull away for good with 2:34 in the 2nd Quarter. Leading the Falcons in scoring was Raul Corral and Don Weyrick with two goals. Corral and Ryan Kelly led the team with one assist each.

"It was a very young team and they did an outstanding job. Being with so many freshmen and learning a new system from the different high schools they all came from, they did a real good job," water polo Coach Hal Simonek said.

He noted that that sophomores Craig Sandoval, Don Weyrick, Sean Ambroci and Nathaniel Najarian did an exceptional job.

Assistant coach Ron Parks said two players stood out the most for him this season. He said Craig Sandoval was one because he was able to stick with the game plan.

Also mentioned was Jesus Zambrano for giving it his all for the team.

"There was a lot of people who relied on individual (effort) in a lot of critical situations that could have been used more for teamwork," player Roger Cisneros said.

Coach Simonek noted that next year 17 players from this years team will return. He said the team should place better than this year due to the experience of the team and the fact that they know more about each others skills.

"I think the team will be greatly improved next year, simply because now they have an idea of what we're looking for," Parks said.

## Sports Briefs

### Cross Country

Cerritos College will be sending three cross country runners to the state championships being held at Woodward Park in Fresno, with the mens team coming in 26th and the womens team coming in 23rd.

Womens coach Gary Sarell said, "Javier (Flores) of course ran very well. Jennifer (Kling) ran very well. Christina (Vega) ran very well."

For the women, Jennifer Kling and Christina Vega will be representing the Falcon cross country team. Javier Flores will be the only representative for the men.

Kling finished 72nd out of the field of 195 runners with a time of 22:05 for the 3.2 mile course at Irvine Regional Park. Vega finished the mostly flat course in 22:53, good for 90th place.

For the men, Flores finished the

4 mile course in 22:30, good for 106th place.

"It's a lot of dedication that we put in and a lot of hard work," said Flores.

The three qualified for the state championships because they were among the top thirty runners from teams that did not qualify as a team.

Kling, Vega, and Flores head to the championships at Woodward Park in Fresno on Nov. 22.

### Soccer

The Cerritos College men's soccer team ended its season last week with two close losses.

The soccer team was defeated by Rio Hondo 4-3 and East L.A. 1-0.

Despite the losses the team's coach, Carlos Arce, said he was extremely proud of the team, especially their performance against the undefeated Rio Hondo squad.

"When teams play us at home they know it isn't going to be easy. I think we earned Rio Hondo's respect."

But the team has grown from last year.

A year ago this time, the Cerritos men's soccer team had only two wins for the whole year and allowed 20 more goals than scored.

A far cry from a winning season this year.

"You need to have a 'core' to build on. We don't know what's going to happen with players leaving or not returning, but whatever happens, Cerritos has a team in the right direction," Arce said.

The team does have some arguments about the way the year ended.

First, the State playoffs will take only two teams in the 10 team South Coast Conference.

"That's kinda sad, there were some good teams that might have

gone far," Arce said.

The other problems was the many ties.

Four of the six ties Cerritos had the lead and in two games they had a two goal lead.

"Those were wins and now we're going nowhere for the playoffs," Arce said.

The team finished the season with a record of 8-5-6.

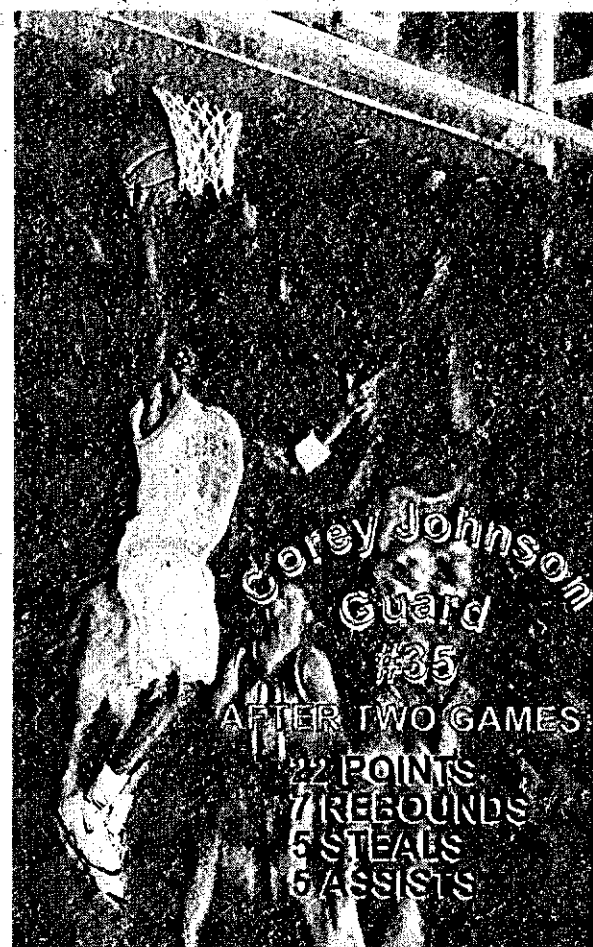
### Track and Field

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## Gridders falling towards final game at Long Beach

The final game of the season against Long Beach City will say what kind of year it will be.

Don Perez  
Staff Writer

If it is real quiet on campus, you might hear the sounds of gurgling and gagging under pressure.

The sound is not the mass of students suffering from the flu and bronchitis that's been on a tear; rather, it's been the Cerritos College football team, which has lost its last three games and is now 5-4 after Saturday's 41-35 loss at Pasadena City College.

After starting the season with a 4-0 run, the Falcons have gone from playing for a national title to playing for respect, in this Saturday's game at Long Beach City College, the Falcons' last game of the season.

"We have to accept the fact that we're not one of the five best teams in the state," head coach Frank Mazzotta said.

"The kids had big expectations as the season went along, and after that loss at Mt. SAC, their eyes said 'this season is over'."

"This game against Long Beach is for

bragging rights, and most of these kids went to high school in the area, so they should be pumped up enough to win."

A comfort for the Falcons is that Long Beach has also been in a snag, dropping its last two games after starting the season 7-0.

"It's going to be a good game — if we just execute the plays right and the defense plays like it did in the beginning of the season, we should win," wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh said.

Mazzotta thinks differently, but also hopes for a win.

"Nobody realizes how tough this division is," Mazzotta said. "Even if we end the season with five losses, you put us in another conference, we would tear it up."

For the game against Pasadena, the Falcons kept up with the Lancers in a see-saw match, with both teams tied at 28 at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Lancers took charge of the game, scoring on a controversial quarterback sneak play.

However, the Lancers missed the extra point, and trailing 34-28 with 6:05 left, the Falcons still had a chance to win.

Quarterback Matt Sorensen drove the offense 26 yards from the PCC goal

line, but then wide receiver Brian Haywood lost a fumble with 3:51 left in the game.

Five plays later, PCC would secure the game with a 54-yard run for a touchdown.

The Falcons were horrendous on the ground, where the team registered only four first downs and 71 yards from 35 running plays. A far cry from averaging over 150 yards earlier in the season.

Running back Quion Austin, who had been the offensive catalyst for the early part of the season, was one of eight starters benched for the for being late for practices.

His replacement, Michael Moody, could only produce 77 yards and one touchdown on 18 tries.

Only Sorensen, who went 17 for 31 in passing for 256 yards and accounted for four of the Falcons' touchdowns, and Houshmandzadeh, who had 115 yards on six catches and continued to be a threat on returns with 71 yards, made a dent for the offense.

"We're scoring enough to win now, but we have to get it all on the same cylinders — the defense has to hold up," Mazzotta said.

As for the defense, which had been the Falcons' strength throughout the season, it allowed Pasadena 239 yards on the ground and 41 points — more

than what the Falcons' allowed against their first four opponents this season.

"The defensive kids have been reeling; the scores of the last three games have been a blow to their confidence and they've tanked," Mazzotta said. "Maybe we peaked too early in the season, but if we can't stop the run against Long Beach...[forget it]."

Coming into this final game of the season, both teams are not exactly the defensive monsters that they believed.

Cerritos has been a sieve against the run, allowing an average of almost 200 yards on the ground.

Long Beach has a four-wide receiver offensive set, but the effectiveness of their offense is dictated by the run.

Whenever Long Beach is held under 100 yards rushing, they've lost.

The Cerritos plan will be easy on offense, just run the ball.

When they've won, the Falcons have averaged over 150 yards rushing. Matt Sorensen will be under heavy pressure, all night long via the blitz package that Long Beach will bring to the game.

Cerritos has a 20-16-1 lead in the series. Long Beach City have won the last three meetings.

Whatever the outcome, a shoot-out is probably going to be seen at Veteran's Stadium at Long Beach.

Kick-off is at 7 p.m.



## Dept. of Defense calls on Cerritos' composite training center

Kent Mc Creary  
Staff Writer

Terry Price is proving that plastics, specifically composites, is indeed the future, with many projects going on at Cerritos College's Composite Training Center.

Price was among the authors who wrote a Federal Aviation Administration manual entitled "Handbook: Manufacturing Advanced Composite Components for Airframes."

It is in the hands of every FAA inspector in the world. The manual instructs them on what to look for in the areas of wear and tear of composite parts.

"That's what put Cerritos College on the map," Price said.

The Department of Defense has contracted the Composite Training Center at Cerritos College to train government inspectors on how to tell whether a part made of composites is made to government specification or not.

The course is 80 hours long and two weeks long. The group being trained is the fourth of five groups that will come to Cerritos. The last group will arrive in December.

"This is the first time, to my knowledge, that this college has

done any training for the government," Price said.

Navy employee Chuck Guebel said composites are used to cover ship propellers to prevent rust.

Guebel said, "The companies I monitor use composites to build things that are part of the final product."

Gary Spearman is a quality assurance specialist working for Boeing in

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St. Louis, Mo. He works on such aircraft as F/A 18 Hornet, the AV-8B Harrier Jump Jet and the AH-64 Apache attack helicopter.

"I'm learning to evaluate and have a look at the composite process, the overall process, to insure the contractor is doing what he should be doing when it comes to the manufacturing process," Spearman said.

The CTC also manufactured some solar panels that went on the

AMSAT satellite. He said the goal of the AMSAT program was to train people from Hyundai on how to build solar panels for a satellite. The satellite will be used by ham radio operators to communicate with other ham operators around the world.

Along with NASA, UCLA, and Boeing (formerly Rockwell), the CTC was involved with a project to create a glider like vehicle that could act as a satellite in case there is a loss of communications with other satellites.

The vehicle can climb up to an altitude of 80,000 feet during the day and maintain an altitude of 60,000 feet at night. It is powered by solar cells and an electric powered motor and was made with off the shelf parts.

"There are basically low-orbiting satellites," he said.

The first flight for the 200-pound craft took place in 1996.

Price said the CTC also did some training for Northrop Grumman involving the B-2 Spirit bomber.

The CTC is the only site in the U.S. that trains students to be qualified in using the autoclave. On Feb. 24-26, they trained personnel from Air Canada to use the autoclave.

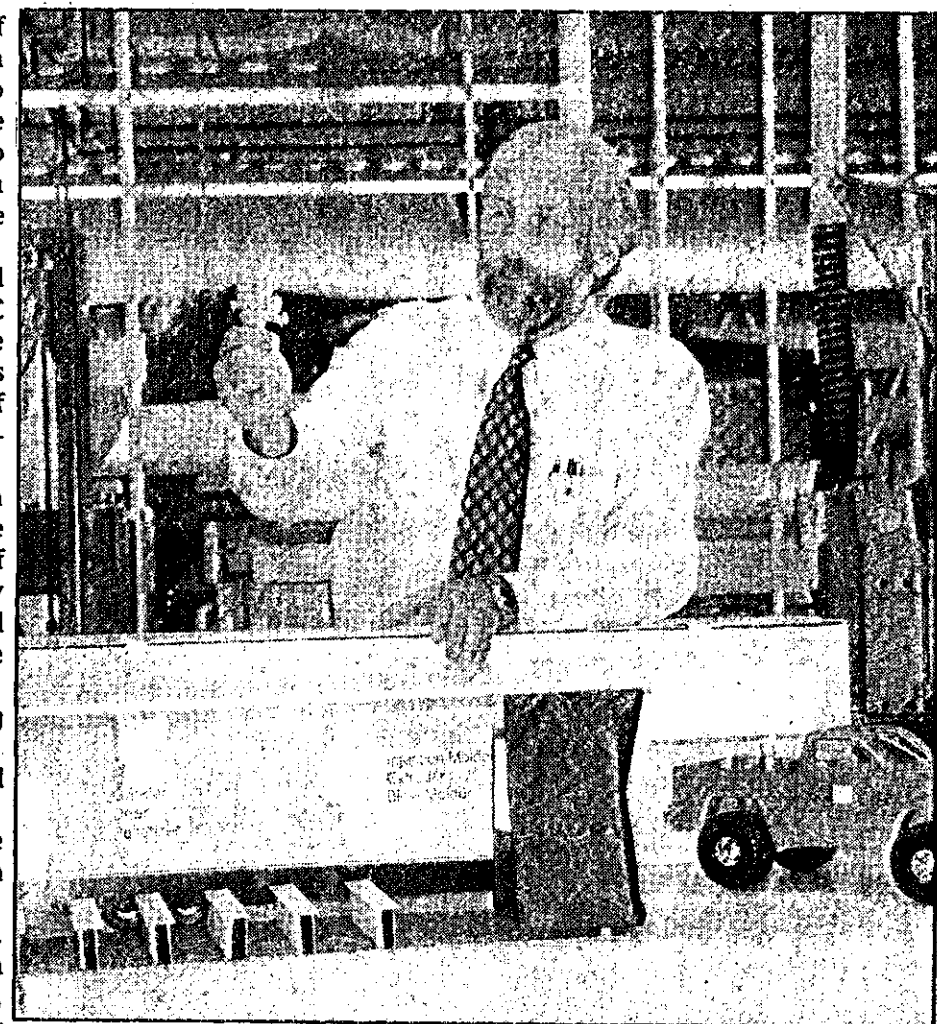


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Benefits of plastics being demonstrated by instructor Terry Price.

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## Free Internet access available to Cerritos students

By Soren Williams  
Sports Editor

With the ever increasing size and influence of the Internet on everyday life, students now more than ever, need to learn how to use it to their advantage.

There are many ways to access the Internet, most costing from \$15 to \$20 a month. If attending Cerritos College though, access is free.

Cerritos has recently upgraded many computers on campus to give a graphical interface to the Internet while keeping its older VAX system.

All computers in the library and the L.A.P. lab (below the library on the East side) offer Netscape or Microsoft Internet Explorer to give students a media rich, graphical interface to the Internet. The computers in the L.A.P. also offer a VAX interface for students to access their personal accounts.

In order to get an account with Cerritos, the student must be taking a class at Cerritos and have a student I.D. Located in the L.A.P. are the counselors who assign the student accounts.

When given an account a temporary password will be assigned that will be changed when the student signs on the first time. The new password must be between 6 and 32 characters and should be easy to remember but not easy for others to figure out.

The accounts are offered to students to further their education and give them skills that will be needed in later life. Accounts are provided primarily for e-mail, web page design, research and familiarization of the technologies being used.

The non-graphical accounts offered to students are also accessible through modems. The number to dial is

(562)467-5070. Though it is free and easy to use not all students are exercising their benefits of an account.

"I'm still amazed that I meet students who don't know that they can get Internet access through the school. We already have a lot of accounts but we welcome more all the time," said L.A.P. Director, Alice Miller.

Currently there are over 2000 student users and more expected before the end of the semester. Staff and faculty also have the option of getting an account.

"E-mail has become the student's

lifeline...The Internet is the biggest tool on campus," said L.A.P. Peer Tutor, Michael Ybarra.

For those students who would like a better understanding of the Internet and other computer technologies, the L.A.P. offers many workshops to aid in the learning process.

Internet Workshops are held Monday - Thurs. at 10, 11, 2, 5, 6 and 7 p.m. and Fridays at 10, 11 and 2 p.m. Flyers are available in the L.A.P. on the other technology demonstrations they have.

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