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Shamci Stanton, Joel Esparza, and Jennifer Fairchild stand on stage to receive their plaques and scholarships.

Photo by Tom Hernandez

Fall awards held to honor student's achievements

ASCC honors students with coveted awards.

T.R. Taber
Co Editor in Chief

The ASCC held its annual Fall Awards Banquet last Friday night, where it honored many of Cerritos College's most outstanding students.

The evening began with a dinner served by Culinary Arts followed by the presentation of awards.

Among the awards presented were the President's Award, Gold, Silver and Bronze Falcons, ASCC Scholarships and Certificates of Service.

The President's Awards are given out every semester to students who have demonstrated excellence in curricular and extra-curricular activities and have received three consecutive Gold Falcons.

The students who received president's awards Friday were Deborah Arthur, Joel Esparza and Mia Guerrero.

"This semester I was one of the fortunate to receive a President's Award and I am thankful for all the support from all of the commissioners and the student senate and especially Rowena Mendoza," ASCC Vice President Joel Esparza said.

Gold Falcons were presented to

Jennifer Arthur, Armondo Borboa, Jennifer M. Fairchild, Giovannii Jorquera, Ernesto Martinez, Janeen D. Oliver, Elvia D. Robbins, John Sendrey, Gregory Wylie and Jennifer Zaragoza.

A total of 21 students won Silver Falcons and 31 received Bronze Falcons.

Commissioner of Activities, Jennifer Arthur, tearfully presented a Curricular Club Award to the family of Sandra Cuevas, the young dance student who died in a car accident last month.

Special awards were given to Marvin Engquist, Richard Crothers and Cristina Lopez De Gaines in recognition of outstanding service, leadership and guidance to the students of Cerritos College.

This semester's ASCC-Frantone's Outstanding Student Award went to Jennifer Fairchild.

Also presented were the Inter Club Council Scholarships, Curricular Club Awards, Outstanding Advisors Awards, Homecoming Court Awards and the 1997 ASCC Food Drive Awards.

Master of Ceremonies, Greg Knapp, said, "The banquet was a complete success."

Awards Banquet Plaque Winners for Fall 1997:

President's Award:

- Deborah Arthur
- Joel Esparza
- Mia Guerrero

Inter Club Council Scholarships:

- Elvia D. Robbins
- Gregory Wylie
- Shamci Stanton
- Joyce Kelly
- Sarah Trivoli
- Joel Esparza
- Jennifer Zaragoza
- Giovannii Jorquera
- Cristina Rosales

Gold Plaques:

- Jennifer Arthur
- Armondo Borboa
- Jennifer M. Fairchild
- Giovannii Jorquera
- Ernesto G. Martinez
- Janeen D. Oliver
- Elvia D. Robbins
- John A.N. Sendrey
- Gregory Wylie
- Jennifer Zaragoza

Source: Student Activities

Child left in hot car while father attends concert

Tragedy averted as student, quick-thinking police officer saves toddler from 123-degree-plus heat.

Kent McCreary
Staff Writer

Tragedy was averted during the Poncho Sanchez concert when a campus police officer saved the life of a two and a half year old boy.

At 12:20 p.m. on Nov. 18, a student ran into the campus police lobby after seeing the boy, who has Downs Syndrome, left alone in the backseat of a gray 1980 BMW.

Campus Police Officer Rick Bustamante followed her back to the car, which was located in parking Lot C-10.

When they reached the car, Bustamante found a child that was sweating heavily, foaming at the mouth, and gasping for air.

BABY BATHED IN SWEAT

According to Bustamante, the child was secured in a child seat, and was so sweaty it appeared as if the child had taken a bath.

After finding the windows up and the doors locked, Bustamante smashed the driver side window to get into the car. According to his report, the temperature inside the car measured 123 degrees a half hour after Bustamante broke the window.

"When I got inside the car and took the baby out, I started breaking into a sweat too," he said.

After taking the child out of a car seat, Bustamante noted that the child was weak and limp. A few seconds after the child was out of the car, he coughed.

The child's father then arrived and wanted to know what was going on. Bustamante asked if he was the one who left the child in the car.

The man replied yes and told the officer that the child had been in the car for 10 to 15 minutes.

FATHER DID NOT WANT TO WAKE BABY

When Officer Bustamante asked the father why he had left his son in the car, the father said he did not want to wake his son while the child was sleeping. The father had been attending the Poncho Sanchez concert.

The father was then placed under arrest for felony child endangerment.

"The father did not seem remorseful at all. He did not ask how the child was doing. He did not apologize for what he

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State auditor reveals financial difficulties throughout bookstore

Audit finds financial problems; privatization being considered.

Soledad Puertos
Co Editor in Chief

Improvements for management of the bookstore came from the state audit this past October when research was done on the ways the bookstore is run.

Several flaws came about when the state audit was conducted. The amount of money generated by the bookstore was found to be inadequate when certain procedures were conducted in a unorderly manner.

The bookstore overstated the accounts payable balance, by including services and goods it had not received.

It overstated its accounts by 75 percent or almost 1 million dollars.

The combined debit and credit balance for Cerritos was approximately three times that of other community college bookstores throughout California—schools such as Sacramento City College, Glendale Community College and Long Beach Community College.

Its balance was also greater than that of two state universities—Sacramento and San Diego—even though Cerritos' bookstore is significantly smaller than that of the universities.

Included in some of the problems was the internal control of the cash generated throughout the

day.

Cashiers in the bookstore were not required to count the totals of the day when their shifts ended. The merely turned in the cash drawers at the end of the day.

The following morning the cashier who begins the shift counts the money in the drawer, leaving the drawers open for unnecessary losses.

To solve some of the money problems currently affecting the bookstore, a proposal has been made for privatization.

Wallace Bookstore has offered to contract with the college to take over management of the bookstore.

Currently the percentage of the price of book is 28 percent above the base price of books, the privatization is expected to lower it to 26 percent included with the already lower price of the books.

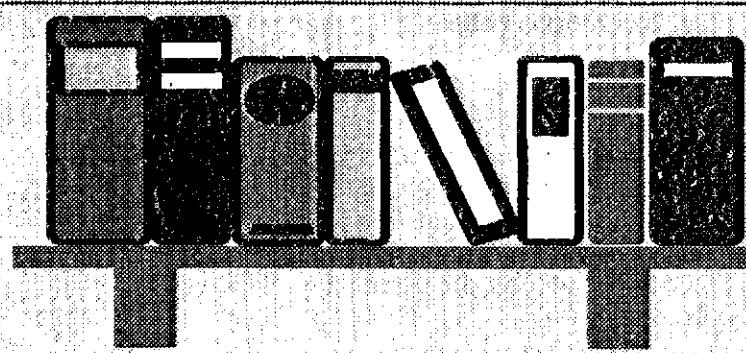
Wallace is also offering renovations to the bookstore and is agreeing to pay for any renovation required.

"They can offer a variety of things including renovating the bookstore and giving us copy machines," said Joel Esparza ASCC vice president.

Renovations are due to begin this summer if the contract goes through.

"Wallace says it can move in and complete renovations during the summer when it won't cause

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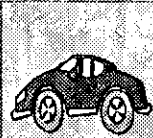


Recommendations for Bookstore

- Reduce amounts paid to book publishers by collecting debit and credits.
- Obtain book request from instructors during the semester for the upcoming term before offering used book buyback service.
- Compute the average per-unit cost whenever new book shipments are received at a cost that is different from that of books already received.
- Require bookstore cashiers to count their cash and reconcile that amount to the sales total at the end of each shift.

SOURCE: State Auditor's Report

the news at a glance



Electric Vehicle

Electric vehicle program receives funding and brings car to Cerritos. PAGE 2



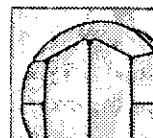
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Student requests that Kelly Storz, ASCC president, resign her position. PAGE 3



Butterfingers

Christmas play hits Studio Theatre and continues run until Dec. 14. PAGE 4



Volleyball

Cerritos Falcon's season wraps up with a loss to Saddleback. PAGE 6

News Briefs

Donations needed

The CARE program is requesting students and faculty to donate an unwrapped toy or \$5-\$10 for the children of students in the CARE program. Ages of the children range from 0-14 years old.

The deadline for donating gifts is this Friday. You may deposit toys into the large box located in the E.O.P.S. office in financial aid.

For more information contact Marcia at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2384.

New class

Water Aerobics will be offered in the second nine weeks of the spring semester. Swimming skills are not required since the head stays above water at all times. The class meets three days per week.

The class is titled P.E. 33.4, ticket no. 8129 and meets on Mondays from 9:30-11 a.m. and Tuesdays-Thursdays 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Bell appointed dean

Dr. Robert Bell has been appointed to the position of administrative dean of admissions and records.

Bell currently holds a position as the EOPS Coordinator/ Supervisor.

Special show

The Cerritos College Guitar Ensemble and the New Super Big Band will be performing for free on Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Burnight Theatre and will feature Gary Pack and special guest Poncho Sanchez.

Scholarships

Soroptimist International of Downey is sponsoring a \$500 scholarship. The Women's 'Opportunity Award' is for women who must enter or return to the job market.

The entry deadline is Dec. 15.

For more information contact the Cerritos College Re-entry Center at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2362 or Michelle Ahrens at (562) 923-0971.

Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos also is offering a \$1,000 Women's Opportunity Award to women who must enter or return to the job market.

The deadline is Jan. 8.

For more information or application information call Joy Darling at (562) 924-3955.

Police Beat

Compiled by Campus Police

Cyber thief

An officer responded to the Burnight Center on Nov. 17 regarding a past grand theft. The informant said that about two weeks ago, he noticed a computer was missing. After checking around, he determined it had been stolen.

Torrid Tutor

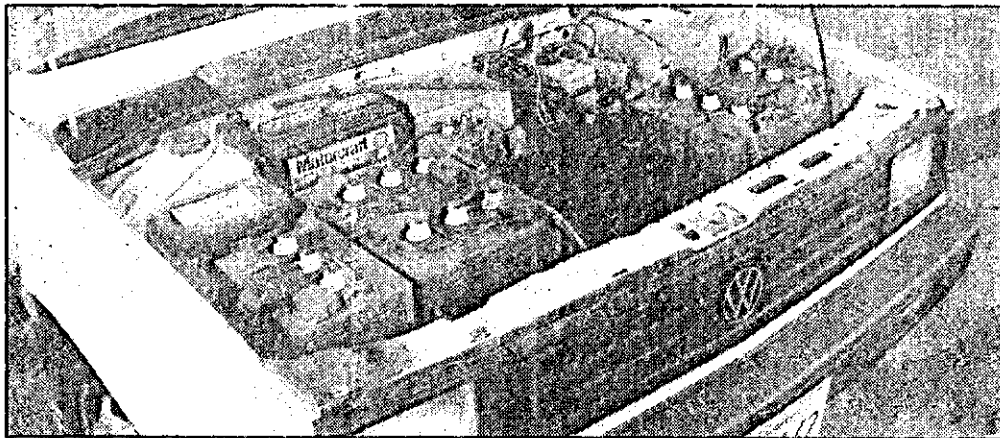
At noon, an officer responded to a past battery call.

The victim said that on Nov. 14, a male tutor in the Liberal Arts building hugged her around the neck. When she pulled away and told him not to do that, he slapped her on the buttocks.

As she attempted to leave, he grabbed her by the wrist and pulled her toward him. She pulled away and he again slapped her on the buttocks with an open hand. This case will be forwarded to the District Attorney's office for filing of criminal charges.

Lost keys found

Lost your keys? Campus police may have them. The Cerritos College lost and found has a myriad keys in its possession. Half a dozen of the key rings have alarm remotes attached. The lost and found is located in the Campus Police Building at the southwest area of lot C-10.



The "engine" of the electric car built by Cerritos students contains a network of batteries

Electric vehicle enters Cerritos

Joyce Kelly
Staff Writer

The electric vehicle is another of Cerritos College's well kept secrets.

The electric vehicle program has received \$166,000 from the state-funded Advanced Transportation Technology Initiative. It has received \$36,000 from the Petroleum Violation Escrow Account, and another \$25,000 from ATTL.

The time it normally took to charge the cars was two hours. Now, SCE has devised a system that will charge 23 vehicles at one time in 15 minutes. "It is a sophisticated washing machine with wheels, except it takes in more amps," Les Tate, the assistant and public relations, said. "The government is passing legislation to require every mall to have the capability to charge 50 cars at one time."

"Cerritos is one of seven community colleges in the state to have the electric vehicle program. These programs are training students for maintenance,

repairs, designs, and conversion on the cars. It will enhance the future of the workforce," Gene LaZor, department chair, said.

"This program offers the best certificate program on the West Coast," La Zor, said.

Also working closely with this program is Phil Hodgetts, president of Electric Vehicle Association of Southern California. He is also on the advisory staff here at Cerritos. Hodgetts is a trouble-shooter on the L-1011, aircraft, for Delta Airlines. "He is an expert in the field of hydrogen fuel cell," LaZor said.

"This particular car is a conversion from gasoline to electric, and was built by the students," he said.

The Electronics Department has two classes in the electric vehicle technology. There are 14 new courses in which state of the art technology is being taught to students from the ages of 15 and up. There is limited enrollment.

Bookstore:

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problems for the students," said Wayne Nunnery, former ASCC president.

Although the audit does not recommend the bookstore to become privatized, it does admit that some of its financial problems can be solved.

Although the bookstore has had significant losses in the past, it still has performed better than the other facilities on campus, such as the cafeteria and the Elbow Room located in the LA building.

CURRENT EMPLOYEES WILL STILL HAVE JOBS

Another concern is the current employees of the bookstore. The part-time employees are students of the college and will be given the opportunity to receive jobs in other buildings on campus and be considered for employment with Wallace.

The full-time employees will also be considered for employment with Wallace or given time to find work off campus.

"We are concerned for the employees and with keeping the employees," said Nunnery.

The college bookstore has been a combined enterprise which includes the cafeteria, cosmetology services, a convenience store, the Falcon Grill and vendors on campus.

ENTERPRISE EFFORT HAS LOST MONEY

The audit primarily focused on the bookstore when reviewing the enterprise.

There were identified weaknesses which included accounting for debit and credit, overstating its accounts payable balance and the lack of daily receipts at the end of each shift before relinquishing control of cash drawers.

The district was also blamed for some of the financial difficulties from the enterprise as a whole. By not reimbursing it promptly for interest earnings it could not use that money to ease its cash flow problem.

The privatization of the bookstore is the districts way of remedying the cash flow problems of the enterprise.

CLUB CONNECTION

AIRWAYS COME ALIVE ON 1610 A.M.

Radio program waiting for remodeling to begin

Viviana Rolon
Staff Writer

Members of the broadcasting club have been waiting for construction to get started on remodeling the radio station.

"We can't wait until we have the new studios done," said Club Treasurer Gayle Parks.

Remodeling would have been finished by the end of this semester, but due to setbacks in development plans, construction hasn't even started.

"It's taking so long to get the construction started," said KCEB Faculty Advisor Graig Breit.

This is the first time the KCEB studio will get a face lift since it was first built in 1975.

Breit hopes to have construction finished by the beginning of summer 1998.

"It will have more of a professional look to the studio, but it's going to be a lot of hard work," said David Chavez, member.

The plan is to make the radio station more informative about campus and local news.

The broadcasting club, which consist of students from the radio station and cable station, is open to anyone who is interested in radio, television and film.

"We need hard working and serious people

who are willing to put in the time," Breit said.

The cable station is on channel 10 in the Cerritos area and on 26 in Norwalk.

Those interested in joining may sign up for Theatre 55. The Broadcasting Club meets every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. during class time.

Broadcast Club

To join:
Sign up for
Theatre 55 Meeting
on Thursdays
9:30-11 a.m.

Baby:

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had done," Bustamante said.

While paramedics were administering oxygen to the boy, his mother arrived. After Bustamante informed her of the seriousness of the situation, the woman began to cry.

Despite the paramedics recommendation that the child be taken to Doctor's Hospital, the mother declined further treatment for her child, because at that time the child appeared to be doing well.

Campus Police Chief Louie Kemp said the temperature inside of a car is a lot hotter than it is outside.



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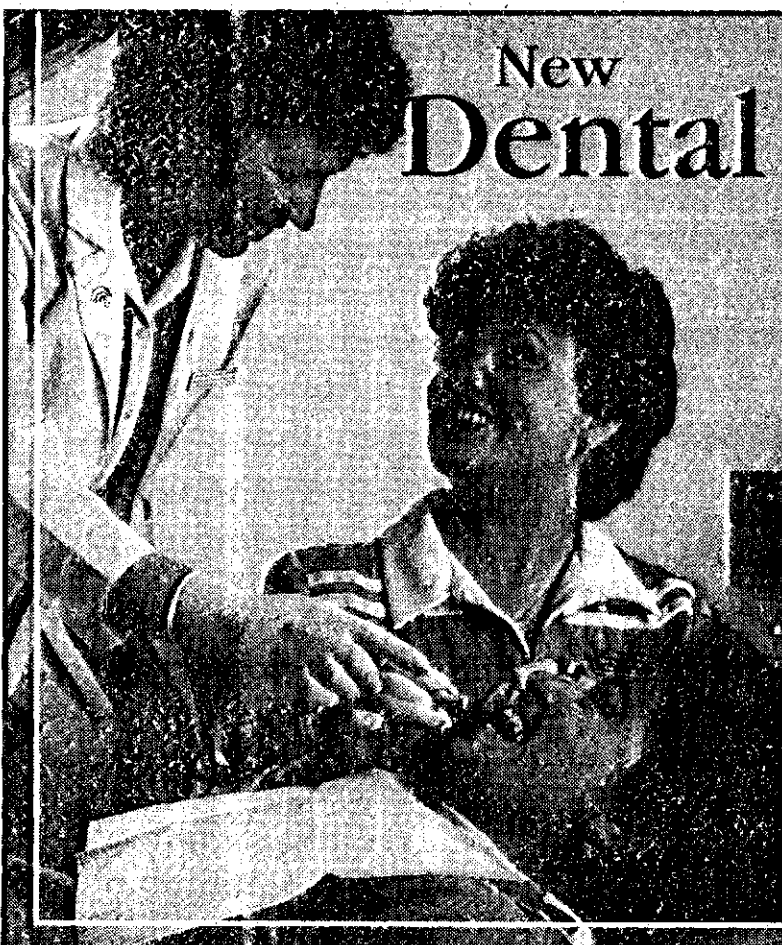
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GIVE TO WANDA

EDITORIALS

Hey here's a certificate, thanks for playing

The ASCC honored many of its students at last Friday's Fall Awards Banquet with plaques, certificates, scholarships and the coveted President's Awards.

Out of all the students who submitted applications and were awarded, most received a Certificate of Service.

Those students who won plaques, scholarships and the president's awards were almost all current or former members of student government.

Assuming the awards were intended to honor members of student government, namely the awards committee, the awards banquet was a success — and a waste of time for all the students who made the effort to fill out and submit applications.

Unfortunately, the banquet was promoted as a means of honoring any student who has demonstrated outstanding involvement in various activities on campus.

Although many of the students who turned in applications were awarded a certificate, the most prized awards were saved for members of student government — with the most popular members receiving the highest honors.

Even though student government arguably consists of some of the most active students on campus, they are not the ONLY ones deserving of such awards as the gold, silver and bronze falcons, the ASCC scholarships and the President's Awards.

An equal balance between student government and the students must be established.

Perhaps, the spring awards banquet will cast a better light on the ethics of the ASCC and invoke more enthusiasm in the student body.

Given the current practices demonstrated in student government, however, it's no wonder there aren't more students getting involved on campus.

Let KCEB be heard in Student Center

On a campus that promotes STUDENT activities, the campus STUDENT radio station, KCEB, is falling on deaf ears in — of all places — the STUDENT Center.

Speakers will not be installed in the Student Center, and thus KCEB will not have a chance to put their efforts or promote their program on the air in the Student Center.

Although this subject is debatable, since most students in the Student Center are usually busy studying and doing classwork, a lot of the time Zebra Coffee takes upon itself to play its own music for the students.

That seems to be foolish considering we have a perfectly good radio station that has STUDENT as DJ. just a hop skip and a jump away.

Hmm...memo to the campus: let Culinary Arts learn how to make cappuccino, give them a stand and put in some of KCEB's music during the lunch hour.

The STUDENT station deserves recognition, not the coffee stand's tape or station of choice.

Finals come to terrorize college students

Soledad Puertos
Co Editor in Chief

The trials and tribulations of finals weeks are looming before us.

It's time to prepare for comprehensive tests and build hopes of getting an 'A' on a final in order to pass the class.

I can see it now, the same heartbreaking scenario as always.

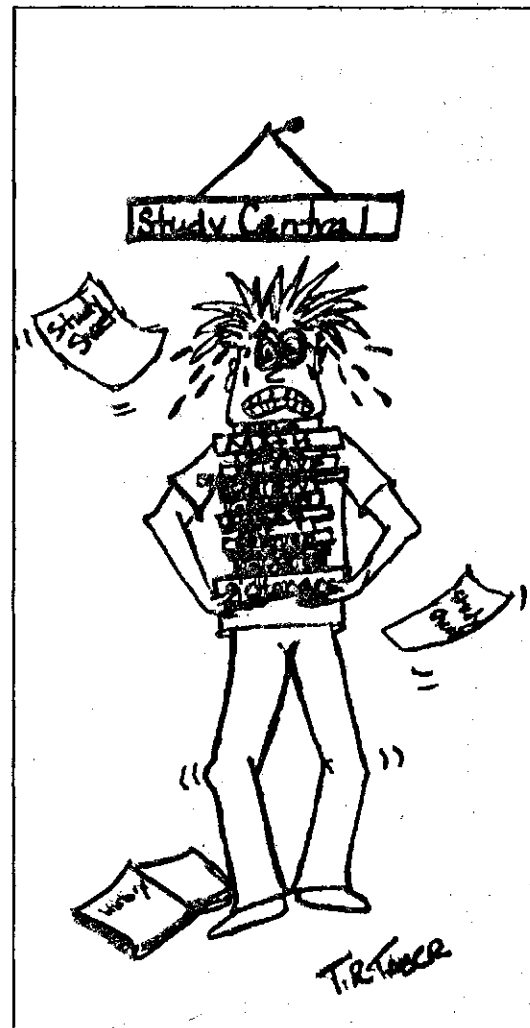
Students will frantically begin to study English, math, history, and yes, even mass media and news writing.

For some students this will be the first time they ever open their over-priced books while others will have the them filled with high-lights.

The pressure will be on as professors give out study guides filled with information the students will swear they never went over in class.

The library will be filled with students buried in their text books and even the student center will be transformed from a place to relax and converse with buddies into Study Central.

Then comes those long-awaited test days when students become



extremely religious, praying for easy essay questions and thanking the gods for multiple choice — one of those answers has to be right.

Of course, there is that one dreaded answer in every multiple choice test: all of the above.

All the answers might sound right, but what if it's a trick question?

Those sly teachers can never be trusted on exam day.

When test day comes about students sit there sweating waiting for their professor to give them some last minute tips on passing their class.

Finally, after all is said and done, there's that awful waiting period.

Students will leave with an empty feeling in their stomachs as they are forced to wait through Christmas vacation for the verdict and hope for a miracle.

Yes, finals are approaching rapidly and the pressure is on.

So study hard next week and rejoice throughout the holiday season, knowing you will not have to stress over school until next semester, when it all starts over again.

Letter to the editors

'ASCC President Kelly Stortz should resign'

Letter to the Editor in Chief

This letter is for the benefit of the students of Cerritos College and Kelly Stortz. For the students, because there are too many decent students on this campus who have valid complaints and no where to go with them. Or, for the students who are made to feel intimidated by the Administration or by the student government representatives.

This is to Kelly Stortz, because she has not and will not talk to me. Someone will have to tell her to read this letter, because she doesn't read the Talon Marks.

Under the leadership (or lack of leadership) of Kelly Stortz, there has been nothing positive accomplished. Kelly is the reason there has been only childish behavior in the student government. Kelly hasn't learned in

her 28 years that she cannot differentiate the word "I" or "Me" from the word student.

I am writing this letter to request Kelly's resignation from her position as President of ASCC. I feel I can do this because I personally spent over seven hours a day for three days campaigning for her. She asked me, not the reverse, to help to get her elected.

Kelly said I am not a positive leader. I guess she isn't a positive leader. We both received silver falcons. But let it be known, I have been doing her job for her, as she hasn't done anything for the students. Our representative on the Board of Trustees (Kelly Stortz) has even been late. She lied about the death of her grandfather to the Board, when it was her ex-husband's

grandfather. I do not wish to continue to have her represent me.

In her cabinet meeting, she treats her commissioners like they are 4- or 5-year old children. At the meeting last week she told them, "I want to have everyone's eyes, please."

Kelly would be maintaining some kind of pride, if she would resign.

Signed,
Joyce Kelly

P.S. Kelly, why are there no Blacks being appointed to your government? I am aware of those who have tried for appointments.

Joyce Kelly is a Talon Marks staff member and earlier this semester was an appointee to Kelly Stortz's student government cabinet.

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CAMPUS COMMENT



"What are you doing to prepare for finals?"

By Emily Madewell

"I'm not preparing at all. I do spend my free time studying in the library"

—Vanessa Feula, Undecided



"I plan to study over the entire Thanksgiving holiday so I can start early"

—Andres Bucio, Pre-Med



"I study hard-group studies are the easiest. I also plan to keep up as best as possible."

—Jennifer Pickett, English



"Time management, creating a schedule so I know what free time I have to study, maybe even call in sick to work to study."

—Miguel Munoz, Liberal Arts



"Not yet, but I will study every chance I get."

—Claudi Aguilar, Psychology



"I'm cramming already. Geology is killing me!"

—David Cipres, Administration of Justice



"Staying after class, doing group studying."

—Rachael Daniel, Health



"Get my material organized so I will be able to cram at the last minute."

—Juan Gomez, Child Psychology



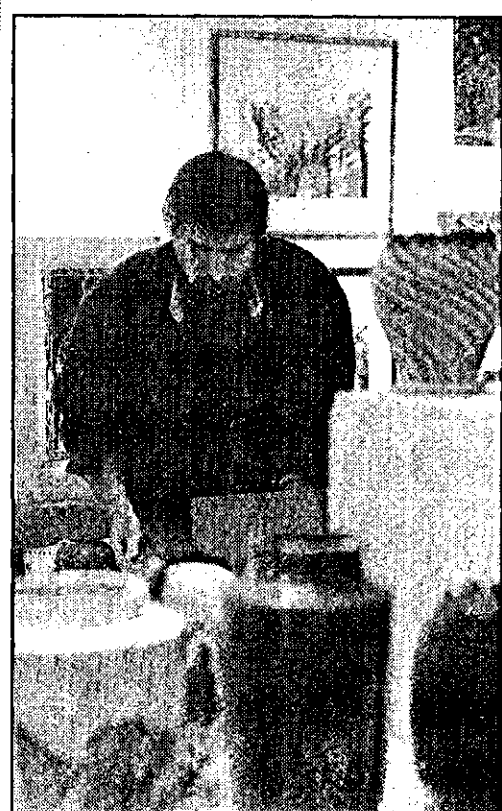
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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Student and faculty placed their works on sale



Ed Zimmerman contributed artwork in the sale the last 3 years.

**Daniel Alberini
Staff Writer**

Paintings were hung, refreshments were set out, and the tables were filled with ceramic works of all shapes and colors as the Cerritos College Art Club opened its annual student sale at the art gallery last week.

The sale, which ran from Wednesday through Saturday, consisted of photographs, jewelry, woodwork, paintings, prints, and ceramics.

Profits for the sale were over \$6,000, with one student earning \$1,000 alone.

"On Wednesday and Thursday we got the student crowd," said Linda Bruins, Instructional Aid and salesperson. "Then, on Friday and Saturday we had the public coming in."

For most of the participants it wasn't about the money, but rather about the thrill that comes with a sale.

"It was neat," Jeanette Larson, a first time participant in the sale, said. "Just to know that someone would pay money for my work is a really great feeling."

The timing of the sale seems to have played a major part in its success.

"I come every year," said Larry Leland, a Norwalk resident, proudly displaying two newly purchased ceramic pots. "I know so many people who love ceramics, and the sale being so close to

Christmas makes it perfect."

Of all the items on display it was the ceramics that sold the most, according to Ernie Owen, a salesperson at the event. "It seems that the oil paintings and prints are a little too personal and also a little expensive," Owen said.

Ceramic items could be found from between \$5 for a brightly colored glazed cup to \$70 for a giant coal black pot, while the oils and acrylics were priced in the hundreds.

Forty-eight students had works in the show, with 2 teachers donating some pieces.

A quarter of the profits from the sale will go to the Art Club and the discipline from which the item came, with the remaining 75% going to the artist.



photos by Emily Madewell

Joann Libolt has contributed artwork to the sale since she has been in the art club at least the last five years.

'Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil' brings the city of Savannah to life

**Emily Madewell
Entertainment Editor**

Savannah is described as "Gone with the Wind on Mescaline" by John Cusack's character in *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*.

Cusack plays John Kelso, a New York writer on assignment for Town & Country magazine.

Kevin Spacey co-stars as James Williams, the subject of Cusack's magazine story.

The wide array of supporting characters is what draws the viewer in and makes the story come to life.

Kelso arrives in Savannah to attend Williams' annual Christmas party for a fluff piece he is writing.

Before attending the event he gets the opportunity to min-

gle with some of the townfolks. One such character who gets Kelso's attention Mandy Nicholls is played by Alison Eastwood.

Nicholls is a modern day southern belle, every bit a lady with curiosity and adventure.

Nicholls' best friend is Joe Odom, played by Paul Hipp, has dreams of opening a piano bar with Nicholls as the vocalist to his playing.

Odom befriends Kelso even though he jokes about "yankees" throughout the film.

During the party Kelso meets a variety of characters that although extremely interesting with everything in this film they amount to bit parts.

After the party the story. A murder has been committed and everyone knows who did it, they just do not know why.

On his search to build his article into a book Kelso gets to meet anyone he might have missed during his first two days in Savannah.

One character who becomes very important to the story is interesting because she is playing herself.

The Lady Chablis was actually there when the events that inspired this tale took place. She is full of life, and the audience gets to watch every minute of it, even her club act is shown.

With eyes set on Kelso she manages to become a good friend to the characters in the story. One of the most interest-



photo by Sam Emerson

Kevin Spacey costars as James Williams, the eccentric millionaire of *Midnight*.

ing things about the plot is that all of the characters manage to relate well to each other.

Even the town voodoo doctor Menerva, played by Irma P. Hall, is spotlighted in the film.

She believes that "to understand the living you have to commune with the dead," and spends much of her time in the local Cemeteries.

"Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" has a wonderful script with great actors to carry it out. Directed by Clint Eastwood this film is a must see.

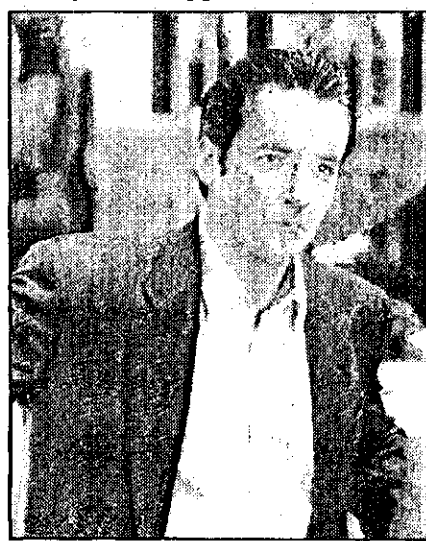


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John Cusack costars in *Midnight* as John Kelso, a reporter from out of town.

Lara returns in Tomb Raider II

**D. S. Perez
Staff Writer**

Take the Indiana Jones movies, replace Indy with a woman packing twin automatics and a figure that rivals Barbie, add a ton of puzzles and adrenaline action, and put in a video game with a wild camera angle.

That's the recipe that made "Tomb Raider," a hit for the IBM PC and the Sony Playstation, and it also makes its awesome sequel, "Tomb Raider II," a must play.

"Tomb Raider II" puts you in the nimble hiking boots of Lara Croft, British treasure hunter and heroine, in search of a Chinese ritual suicide dagger with mythical powers, while braving 18 stages filled to the brim with traps and dangers.

Lara isn't alone in braving trap filled places like Tibetan monasteries, the Canals of Venice, a sunken luxury liner and the Great Wall of China, however, as she is being hunted down by an Italian Mafia don/cult leader who is obsessed with the dagger's powers.

If the current motto is "Girls kick butt," Lara must be the poster child, as she blasts away gangsters, woman-eating animals and even a fire-breathing dragon with weapons like twin Uzis, an armed snowmobile, a

harpoon gun and an M-16.

Changes from the predecessor include more human opposition, the ability to save at any time of the game, and lighting flares in the pitch black areas of the mazes (the original was a big-time strain on the eyes).

However, the chase-camera view, which makes the game seem like a movie, is still a major pain in certain situations. The graphics and suspenseful music and sound effects are still above average, but nothing to rave home about.

As for Lara, her voice has changed; she's more Sigourney Weaver, less Olivia Newton-John. She's also added the ability to climb ladders on her skills list.

Although "Tomb Raider II," is a shooter, the game isn't enemy filled like "Duke Nukem," or "Quake." When enemies do show up, however, the action is intense.

Speaking of skills, Lara Croft relies more on her agility than her guns. Most of the game's puzzles and traps require Lara's physical abilities and good perception (i.e. which ledge looks stable and what jump, somersault to use). Expect a lot of time watching Lara fall to her death if your palms get too sweaty from mak-

ing picture-perfect jumps.

Violence isn't a factor in this game; despite the dangers, the only violent deaths for Lara come from falling or getting impaled; the rest (including incineration and getting caught in a propeller) merely have Ms. Croft slumping to the floor and groaning.

Another aspect to Lara's character is her wardrobe; unlike most game characters who wear the same outfit throughout the game, Lara puts on scuba gear, a parka, and even a bathrobe (the finale has her being attacked by thugs in her mansion), all of which is a neat little feature.

The coolest of all features, however, are the cinematics shown between the stages, which have some incredible graphics, especially during a jeep chase and Lara crash-landing a seaplane in the Himalayas, but the winner is an undersea fight between Lara, a submersible, and a great white shark.

For all its worth, "Tomb Raider II," has all the action and is hard enough of a workout to make the \$40 investment worthwhile. To quote Lara before she shoots the camera (and enters the shower), "Haven't you seen enough?" Well, enough now — until the next "Tomb Raider."

Crusading on a musical "Level"

Echoing across the quad last Thursday were the sounds of "Level," a band sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, a large religious club on campus.

Not labeled as a Christian band, lead singer Sommer Velin claims the group's music is "just real. Real as life is."

The band is working on a demo, and can be found playing at "The Hub," a coffee house in Fullerton.

For more information on Campus Crusade meetings and events, contact Crusader President Percie Goodwin through the student activities office, or attend their Thursday morning meeting in the quad at 11 a.m.



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Unconventional Christmas play

Gregory Wylie
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Featuring a cast of talking animals, a nervous angel, three cave men and a tree with a speech impediment, "The Butterfingers Angel, Mary & Joseph, Herod the Nut and the Slaughter of 12 Hit Carols in a Pear Tree" is an eccentric mix of past and present, traditional and unconventional.

Directed by Dr. Huber in his tenth year at Cerritos College, "Butterfingers" retells the traditional tale of the conception and birth of Jesus.

"I was intrigued by the title of the play," said Sander Del Rosario Faraon, who plays the young angel. "This is not your average Christmas play."

Despite its prolific name, the production maximizes its use of lighting and choral accompaniment, making up for the lack of heavy scenery and character development.

Missing is the dreary progression that is inevitably present Sunday morning amidst the pews.

In its place is a creative and spontaneous glimpse into the imperfect lives of one set of soon-to-be parents of the messiah.

The butterfingers angel is a cherub sporting a white hat and Nikes, a trumpet and a notebook carrying divine orders to protect the mother of Jesus during her pregnancy.

Beset with a nervous condition, the angel can not seem to get anything right.

After booking Mary and Joseph at the Inn at Bethlehem, the angel is shocked to discover his "Bridal Suite" is actually the stables, or as the innkeeper's daughter puts it, "That's where we keep the bridles."

Much of the play focuses on the animosity of Joseph towards the angel, whom he thinks fathered Mary's child, while Mary repeatedly calms Joseph down.

Meanwhile, the angel tries to stay one step ahead of a crafty "Man In Grey", who plots to ruin the big night.

Only by remaining true to his course and his calling can the young angel ensure a safe delivery of the baby Jesus into this world.

The role of Joseph, played by Theater major Luis Alvarado, is somewhat obscure in the history books.

Playwright William Gibson uses this fact to develop his Joseph into a fully human character

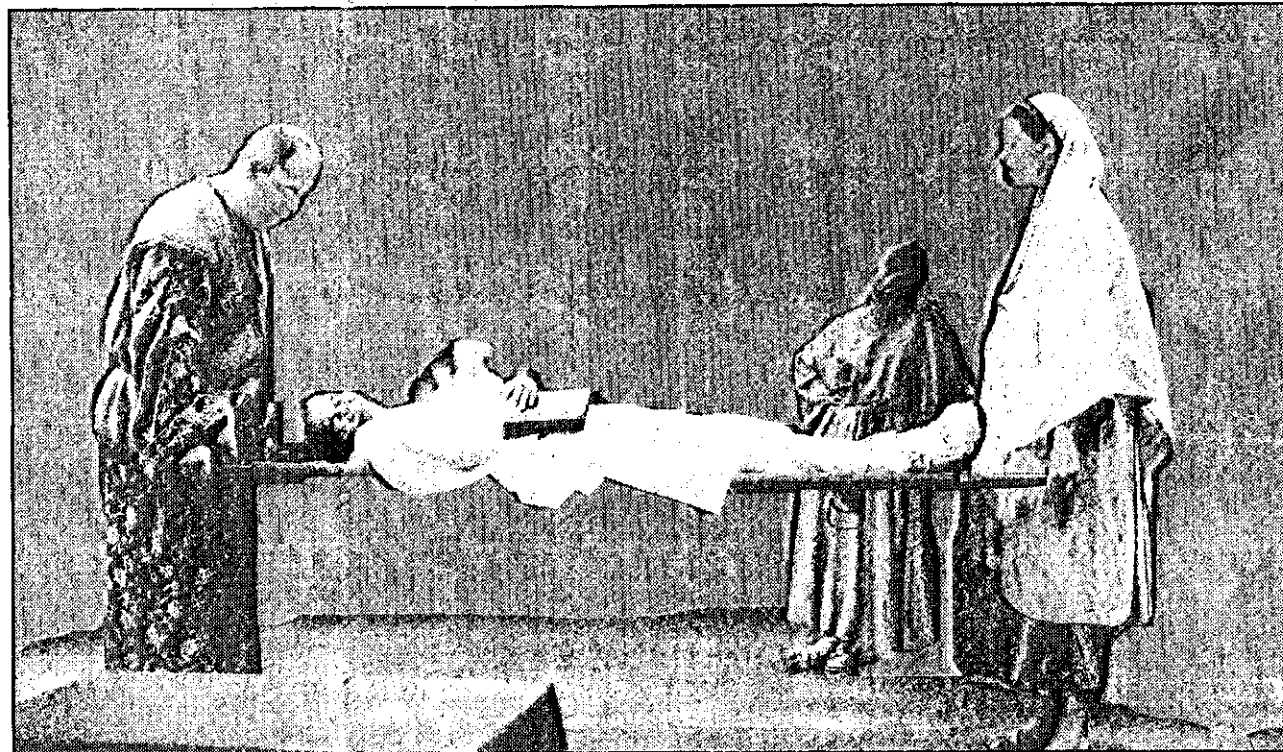


photo by Emily Madewell

Joseph (Luis Alvarado) and Mary (Michelle Jacques) carry the Angel (Sander Del Rosario Faraon) while a girl (Sandy Garcia) shows them to the stable located near the inn.

often missing in literature.

The uncertainty of his relationship with Mary, played by Theater Arts major Michelle Jacques, moves the story along, giving it a much-needed dose of reality.

Wearing a tool belt from Sears, Joseph in his robes reminds the audience of a construction worker forced to come to terms with his fiancée's pregnancy.

Offsetting the drama is a comical cast of characters, including a donkey that hates life as a pack animal, and a tree with a speech impediment, played by dance student Imara Quinonez, who dreams of lifting her roots and becoming a dancer.

Included in the play are the three wise men, who also play three louts, or cave men.

The three actors, played by experienced Cerritos College theater students Marc Leon, Ernie Macias, and Gonzalo Toledo, alternate between wanting to kill the baby Jesus and offering gifts and praise in their various roles, acting much like three ancient stooges.

Playing two roles is former student John Butcher, who fills the part of King Herod the Nut well with a loud and whimsical drum solo and maniacal laughter abounding, also plays the role of the "Man In Grey", a less-than-black persona that is more reminiscent of Andrew Dice Clay than Satan.

Upstage contained a raised platform where the actors would sit upon exiting a scene, and join in the singing of traditional carols, accompanied by Fabian Otero onstage.

"Butterfingers" is a brand-new look at an age old story, a tale worth seeing this season.

The "Butterfingers Angel, Mary and Joseph, Herod the Nut, and the Slaughter of 12 Hit Carols in a Pear Tree," will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$7.50 for general public and \$6 for seniors and students with CCID. They are available from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and one hour prior to curtain.

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. at 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.

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.

Art student Becca Abad will be having her painting exhibition reception this Saturday at cyber-cafe The Gig. It is located at 9191 Valley View St. in Cypress, near Cypress College. Abad's show will run the entire month of December. For more information call The Gig at (714) 827-7444.

Art Instructor David DiMichele is having an exhibition of "Automatic Drawings" at Claremont Graduate School. The showing is being held in the Peggy Phelps Gallery from December 1 to January 9, 1998. The hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call Claremont Graduate school's art department at (909) 621-8071.

The Guitar Ensemble featuring Gary Pack and special guest Poncho Sanchez will perform a *Holiday Show* on December 17 at 7:30 p.m. It will be located in the Burnight Center theater and admission is free.

Dance concert dazzles audience with creative pieces



photo by Emily Madewell

Claudia Aicardi stars in the dance piece "Rhiannon" by Fleetwood Mac.

Soledad Puertos
Co Editor in Chief

The Fall '97 Dance Concert took place two weeks ago, playing to a full house. The student and faculty choreographers presented a variety of pieces to the stage. Varying from modern numbers, ballet, and tap.

Included in the regular program was a piece presented at the end of the evening in memory of Sandy Cuevas, who tragically died in a car accident a few weeks before the concert was to begin.

The dedication piece was choreographed by the students who performed the piece itself.

Music for the dance concert came from different musical styles.

"I loved it, it showed a wide variety of dances, they came together perfectly," said Jennifer Zaragoza, commissioner of fine arts.

The concert included traditional African music, which was played in a two part

piece.

Included in the concert was music from "Rent" the new musical that hit the stage this year.

Fleetwood Mac was not left out, their classic song, "Rhiannon" was used as well, which included Claudia Aicardi as the piece solo dancer.

Entering the stage in a red costume, which resemble the clothing of a gypsy, Aicardi was also presented in several other pieces.

The Spring dance concert consisted of only three students pieces.

"The spring concert is normally faculty whereas the fall is normally students pieces," said Georgia Wells, head of the dance department.

The concert lasted for two hours which included a 15 minute intermission.

Colony lacks musical talent

T.R. Taber
Co Editor in Chief

For an up and coming band, one would think a first release would have a more eclectic selection of sounds.

Colony, a mid-western band out of Columbia, MO who released their debut album "Siren" from MCA Records this year, offers a rather mainstream mix of tunes.

With powerful lyrics, heartfelt and from the soul, these songs have the potential to touch the depths of the soul. Unfortunately, the accompanying sounds take away from the purity and mysticism of the songs.

With only minor variations between songs, a faster or slower tempo, all the selections on the album sound disappointingly similar.

The song "Alone" is a perfect example of the heartfelt lyrics demonstrated on the album. It expresses the writers desire to be alone, to be someone else for a while.

Most of the songs, however, imply a desire to move forward and are filled with the intense realities of life.

In the song "Past the Girl", the writer expresses his true feelings for his lover, none of the macho nonsense, just pure emotion and desire.

"One Morning" is a slight shift from the rest of the album. It is a bit idealistic, unrealistic, yet entertaining and fun. After all, who wouldn't like to wake up one morning and have all their bills paid and their backyard transformed into a beach? This is, by far, the best song on the album.

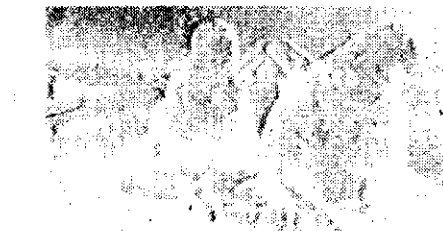
All in all, the four guys from Missouri did a fairly good job on the lyrics, but need to balance it off with some decent music to back it up.



photo by Katrina Dickson

Missouri band Colony.

Computer animation makes 'Flubber' dance



Emily Madewell
Entertainment Editor
Disney's newest adventure in comedy is flying rubber, better known as "Flubber."

It is an updated version of the 1961 movie "The Absent-Minded Professor," but it has so many new ideas technologically that it really has a place all its own.

Robin Williams stars as Professor Phillip Brainard, his character is similar to the original even though his environment has changed some.

Williams does a great job as the sweet though extremely forgetful professor.

Marcia Gay Harden plays Brainard's love interest in the

film, Sara Jean voice of Jodi Benson, Ariel Reynolds.

She spends most of the movie being displeased with the fact that she keeps getting left at the altar by Brainard.

Brainard also has a rival for Sara's affections, Wilson Croft who is so attentive and sly she can not help but take notice of him.

Christopher McDonald plays this character so well, the audience can not stand his presence.

The real stars of this film are the computers and the Flubber itself.

Instead of a canine companion, Brainard has a small computer named Weebo for a best friend.

Weebo's voice is the



photos by ILM

Robin Williams stars as Professor Phillip Brainard in Disney's family comedy "Flubber."

This little computer is so obsessed with her owner she always manages to lose the date and time that Brainard is to be married.

The Flubber itself is by far the most interesting character. In this version the substances has emotions and thought.

It is a lot of fun for the audience to watch the interaction between the live characters and the substance.

Flubber not only bounces, it dances and runs around the house causing havoc and entertainment for Brainard's machines.

Flubber is an enjoyable movie that is fun for whole family entertainment.



Photo by Emily Madewell
Lisa Belo (12) and Lisa Valenzuela (5) prepare to set a shot in their loss to Saddleback.

Tough loss caps season

Soren Williams
Sports Editor

After a great season but not without its ups and downs, the volleyball team lost in the second-round playoff match of the Southern California Regional bracket.

Cerritos (14-4), third in the Southern Coast Conference, lost to Saddleback (19-3), sharing first in the Orange Empire Conference.

Cerritos took the first game 15-9 and the fourth game 15-7, losing the second, third and fifth game, 15-9, 15-10, 15-9.

Jamie Fowler who scored Saddleback's first five points in the fifth game said, "It felt great, I couldn't have done it without my teammates."

Saddleback head coach Kim Lester said, "It all just boils down to a lot of hard work."

Cerritos has not faced Saddleback in a best 3-of-5 match since 1985 when

both teams were in the South Coast Conference.

The two schools have only met in a pair of two-game matches of round robin tournaments since then.

Saddleback moved to the Orange Empire Conference in 1986, winning its first OEC title this season, sharing it with 11-time conference champion Golden West.

Cerritos, seeded No. 7 defeated No. 10 Ventura while Saddleback seeded No. 2 beat No. 15 Chaffey in the first round before the two met in the second-round.

A tough match between two good teams rounded out a good season for the Falcons.

"It was a great season," Cerritos coach Jeanine Prindle said.

"It progressed really well," player Lettie Plascencia said, speaking of the season and friendship between players.

Plascencia also went on to say that this was one of their best games but expressed her dislike of rally scoring.

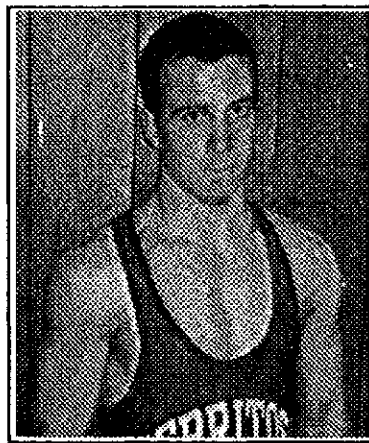
Coach Prindle shared similar views on rally scoring saying, "one loss of concentration and it's over."

Rally scoring is a rule which is being implemented to speed up games, doing away with true side-outs with one of the teams scoring on every serve.

A good showing of the team's determination is Abbey Masters.

For approximately the last six weeks she has played with an injured shoulder, including the entire game against Saddleback.

Co-captain Allison Carey who was selected to the All South Coast Conference 1st team and led the team in kills last year will be transferring in January. She was scouted by two schools, both offering a full scholarship.



Courtesy photo
Brian Gilliland placed second.

Wrestler pins another winning title

Soren Williams
Sports Editor

With little fanfare, Brian Gilliland took second place in the California State Community College Wrestling Championships, another notch in his belt of successes.

The championships were held on Dec. 4, 5 and 6, the second time Gilliland placed there.

In his freshman year, Gilliland took fourth place and after a two-year mission to the Dominican Republic, returned to Cerritos to continue his legacy.

"I went in ranked, I think, fourth so I wasn't too surprised. The coaching here helped the most," Gilliland said.

"Brian is the hardest working kid I've ever had in my 29 years of coaching," wrestling coach, Jeff Smith said.

Sports seasons end as Christmas season begins

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country's season ended as three of the team's top runners competed at the State Championships in Fresno on Nov. 22.

The women's team was represented by freshmen Jennifer Kling and Christina Vega. Kling was the first Falcon finisher.

Coming across the line in 77th place in 20:42. Vega finished the race in 170th place in 22:28.

"I'm very happy," Vega said of her performance.

On the men's side, the Falcons were represented by Javier Flores. The sophomore runner placed 176th out of 238 runners in a time of 23:22.

"It was a great experience," Flores said.

With the possibility of seven members of the women's team returning, including Kling and Vega, women's coach Gary Sarell said that he had the making of a fairly strong team for next season.

Mens coach Jeff Klingan said that this was the best team he had in the four years he's been coaching cross country.

"If we can keep all these first year people, we have a lot of local talent," Klingan said. —Kent McCreary

WRESTLING

After sending nine of their ten players to the State Championships and four of those nine placing in the tournament, Cerritos walked away with the ranking of fourth in the state. —Soren Williams

FOOTBALL

The football team was represented by 10 players named to the Mission Conference Northern Division teams.

Touraj Houshmandzadeh was the only First Team offensive player, Michael Moody, Mario Meraz, Jay Moore, Ray Taupule and Kristian Hernandez were named to the Second Team.

On the defense, Kareem Larrimore and Jerold Sua were chosen First Team, Heshimu Robertson and Fontez Jefferson were named to the Second Team. —Soren Williams

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