

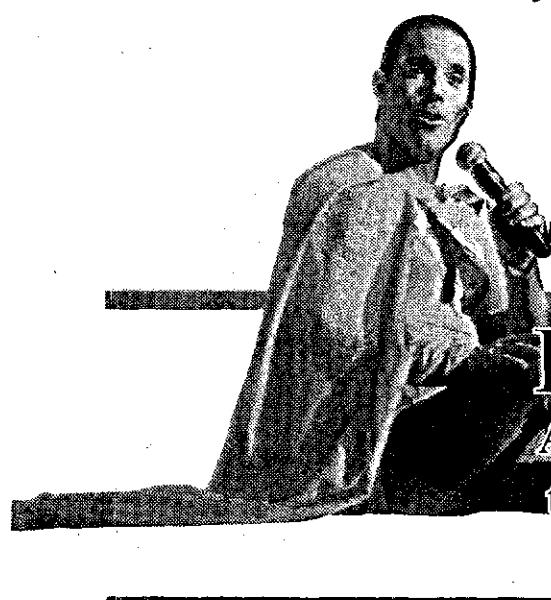
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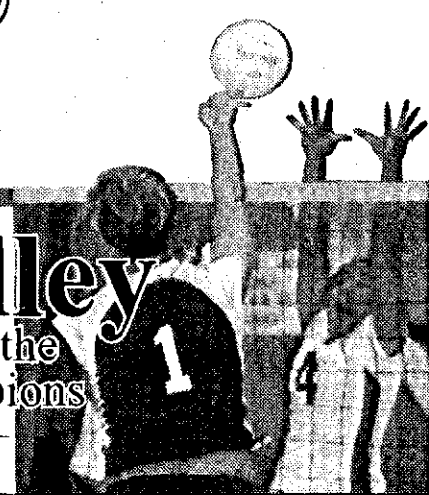
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Cerritos coach is guilty

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As part of a deal for leniency, former Cerritos College assistant football coach Patrick Callahan plead guilty on Sept. 19 to falsifying government documents.

According to a press release from the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, Callahan admitted to gaining \$91,000 for 13 of the school's football players, between 1999 and 2004, that were not eligible for the money.

He was looking at a possible sentence of up to 11 years for 26 felony counts before taking a plea bargain and admitting guilt to a 27th, lighter count.

According to Deputy District Attorney Leonard Torrealba, of the Public Integrity Division, the 26 counts were dismissed as Callahan accepted the addition of the 27th count of falsifying

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Foundation helps fund education

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One of the reasons students aren't able to take as many classes is because of their lack of funds. In response to this, Cerritos has established a foundation that serves to help alleviate the costs.

Throughout the course of the scholastic year, the Cerritos College Foundation administers more than 70 scholarships to students depending on their respective majors.

Many of the scholarships range from \$500 to \$1500.

While some of the scholarships are given by faculty recommendation, others require an application and interview process.

CCF's current director, Steve Richardson, became director of the foundation in 2000.

Richardson says that the process for getting the word out about the scholarships takes more than him.

"We try to work through the various departments and go to where we think the students have the best chance of hearing about them."

In the last six years we've had

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Board of Governors votes to add more GE requirements

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Getting an Associate of Arts degree at a community college will soon take extra effort.

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On Sept. 4, the California Community College Board of Governors voted unanimously to adopt the Academic Senate's proposal to raise the minimum graduation requirement for English and math classes by the fall of 2009.

The proposal partially states, "The effect of the changes will be to raise statewide minimum graduation competency requirements by one-course levels from existing statewide minimum standard."

Currently, Cerritos College students are able to receive an AA degree if the student earns a satisfactory grade in elementary algebra and Introduction to College Composition.

But with the new requirement, students will have to pass intermediate algebra and freshman composition in order to receive the degree.

This will affect all 109 community colleges across California who currently have lower graduation requirements in math and English and there is a mixed reaction from Cerritos students regarding the proposal.

"If the graduation requirement for an AA degree is raised for English and math then it would suck," Ruben Cruz, criminal justice major, said, "because that would mean that students will be

forced to pay more money for classes."

William Farmer Jr., vice president of academic affairs, said that there is a reason why the math and English requirements are being raised.

"It is an effort by the faculty in community colleges across the state of California to improve student learning," he commented, "and high school seniors who will be attending college will have to be able to write when they get to a university."

Not only will college bound students have to know how to write, explained Mario Ville, business major, "but math students will have to know how to calculate because it is essential to a person's education."

Ville said that students who think that they won't need English or math are wrong because no matter what subject a student decides to take, those subjects will be key.

Farmer agreed and that is why Cerritos College is working with surrounding high schools to ensure that students take the assessment test and succeed within the two subjects that have given students a difficult time.

Sonja Sanchez, education major, and Veronica Sandoval, history and anthropology major, admitted that when they first took the English assessment test, both began at basic writing.

Math however, Sandoval said, is the subject in which she can sympathize with adults returning to school after a long period of not being in college.

"I have been out of school for eight years because I began working," Sandoval said, "and those adults who are returning to school and enroll in

math classes have a difficult time because they can't remember."

When she returned to school, Sandoval said that after she took the math assessment test, she was placed in basic math, and she feels "embarrassed" that she had to start at the beginning, but it was only because she had not been in school for those eight years.

"Another thing that happens is that those adults who were in high school probably didn't learn properly," Sandoval added.

However, she did believe that English is important because she said that students will always have to write research papers and will have to express themselves through English.

Joseph Walker, paralegal major, said that there are more high school students not learning properly as they move toward graduation and apply for college.

"The high schools should add more math curriculum before students come to college!" he said.

Rene Gonzalez, architecture major, disagreed that there should be more of a math and English curriculum in high school.

He said that it's the students themselves that have become lazy in high school and that laziness continues into college.

Ruben Leon, math instructor, also agreed that students have become lazy as far as math is concerned.

"For students, math has become the hardest," he said, "but it is the parents that have to make sure that students not only study, but attend

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Court, Cabinet become official

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Members of the ASCC Cabinet and Court were appointed in to their positions last Wednesday during the ASCC Senate meeting.

Those who were appointed to the Court were:

- Chris Llyod, associative justice
- Roberto Basualdo, associative justice
- Andre Zeumault, associative justice

Those who were appointed to the Cabinet were:

- Riley Schnitz, commissioner of daytime activities
- David Rodarte, commissioner of disabled students
- Jason Macias, commissioner of information technology
- Jessica Zaldivar, commissioner of financial aid
- Steven Sinkewicz, commissioner of vocational outreach
- Ashley Armendariz, commissioner of public relations
- Joelle Lai, commissioner of student outreach

Stephanie Nguyen, assistant to commissioner of budget and finance and Gredma Casasola, commissioner of external affairs, were unable to attend but are expected to be confirmed to their appointment at this Wednesday's Senate meeting.

After his appointment, Llyod said that he was ecstatic that he will be on the Court because it will give him a chance to be more involved with student government.

"I was motivated to be involved in student government," he explained,

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Pentagon film sparks debate on recruitment techniques

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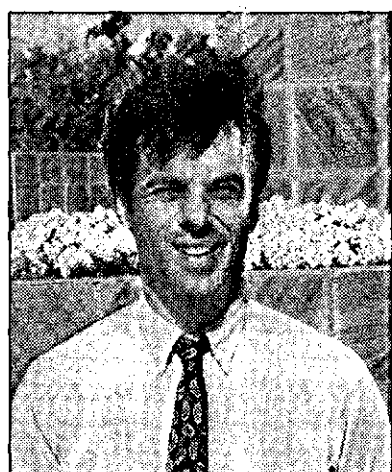
The makers of the film "Arlington West" held a discussion on the war in Iraq, recruiting techniques and peace, this past Monday at the Teleconference room.

Filmmakers Peter Dudar and Sally Marr, who are originally classical painters and sculptors, were the main speakers at the event.

Dr. John Haas, history instructor, who is also in charge of the Cerritos College Global Consortium, served as moderator during the discussion.

Joining the discussion via satellite were students from the International Pacific College in New Zealand.

Other guest speakers included Luis Contreras, former Army ser-



JOHN HAAS, HISTORY INSTRUCTOR

geant; and Jane Bright, mother of a fallen soldier in the current war in Iraq.

Students were given a questionnaire, which was to be turned in at the end of the event, asking students what they thought about the film and war.

The event started with the showing of the "Arlington West" documentary, which only the first 32 minutes out of the 74 was shown due to time.

"We talked with the soldiers who were on their way over, some of the ones who came back," Marr said, "and also the parents who had lost their children, like Jane Bright."

The film documents interviews conducted at the monuments different locations, which are held every Sunday in Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Oceanside and Huntington Beach; all organized by Veterans for Peace.

Veronica Sandoval, anthropology/history major, said the film was good to see, but hard to watch.

"People don't want to see or know what's happening," she said.

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'TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI'



Featuring: A U.S. Marine Corps Band trombone player performs at the Band Exchange Concert held Tuesday night in the Student Center. More photos can be seen at www.talonmarks.com.

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Scholarship: Epple memorial scholarship due Oct. 5

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some significant scholarship growth."

One of the featured scholarships is in memory of Cheryl Epple, a former Board of Trustees member who passed away in 2004. Two scholarships worth \$1000 are being handed out and are due Oct. 5.

Its recipients are those who are involved in campus and community activities.

Those applying for the scholarship must write a 200-250 word essay on their community involvement. Also must be included are reference letters.

"We want to know how students have grown from their involvement in the community and also their future goals in the community," said Kimberly Corbitt, scholarship and alumni relations.

Chris Galindo, computer science major said that he is open to the idea of applying for scholarships but has hesitated due to him being new on the campus.

Despite the foundation's willingness to help students out with scholarships, many students aren't aware that the organization exists.

"There are so many scholarships available, but students aren't applying because they don't know where to go," said Bob Livingston, business administration instructor.

"Teachers don't mention (the organization). I haven't seen any flyers or announcements made about the foundation," said Belinda Contreras, nursing major.

Livingston feels that many students are missing out on opportunities to earn money.

"The foundation is a tremendous organization. There are so many scholarships and so much money available," Livingston said. "Students need to seek out these scholarships and apply for them."

"If students have applied in the past and not won then they should keep trying. To those who have won, we say to them keep up the good work and to keep applying," Livingston said.

Zulueta has applied to scholarships before but hasn't won. Though he hasn't considered applying through the foundation, he is open to the idea of other students being recipients of them.

"It's good that Cerritos has a program like this," said Michael Zulueta, psychology major.

Board commends ASCC on 9/11

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Members of the Board of Trustees discussed some international guests, a retirement, an award and congratulated the ASCC for the remembrance of 9/11 at Wednesday's meeting.

They also discussed the status of the student government and Homecoming was also mentioned.

John Haas, history instructor, was also applauded for his efforts to bring awareness about terrorism and the Iraq war.

Cerritos College President Dr. Noelia Vela had the opportunity to meet some of the estimated 200 students who came to the U.S. from Osaka, Japan to learn about sport's medicine.

It gives those Japanese students an opportunity to receive an American education so that they will take what they learn back to Japan.

In addition, Caron Pace, Community Education Registrar was presented with a retirement plaque after 26 years of service and Christina Rodriguez, reading innovation instructor, was the Classified Employee of the Month for August 2006.

During the week of Sept. 15 through Sept. 19, ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio said that \$250 was to go toward a memorial to be built in memory of the victims of Flight 93.

Board member Bob Epple also mentioned that the 9/11 event was also well done by Cobarrubio, ASCC Vice President Alex Armendariz



STEVEN MARTIN/TM

Facing the Board: Dr. Bob Hughlett, Board member, speaks to fellow members regarding the ASCC sponsored events during the week of Sept. 11. Among them was a teleconference led by John Haas, history instructor.

and Commissioner of Daytime Activities Riley Schitz.

Stephen Johnson, vice president of student services, also complimented the 9/11 events, "because of the emotional time that, day brings even five years after."

Johnson added that he had the opportunity to attend a discussion facilitated by Haas and enjoyed it.

Vela responded that, "Haas is providing global education to students at Cerritos and he is bringing out key issues going on in the world."

Twenty-eight women vie for a shot at the Homecoming crown

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Candy and flyers won't cut it this year, as 28 Homecoming Court candidates prepare for the election which will be held Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The voting booths will be at the Health Sciences patio, Social Sciences patio and Food Court patio.

Students will not be allowed to vote if they do not have a Cerritos student I.D. card and current sticker.

Dean Ackland, coordinator of student activities, said that this year's nominee list has been one of the largest Cerritos College has had in the span of the 50-year tradition.

The hopefuls were introduced at the Homecoming Court candidate meeting last Thursday.

Election results will be posted outside of the Student Activities office Thursday evening.

Out of the 28 women running, only seven will be on the Court and have a chance at queen.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the nominees about campaigning and election procedures, and the events planned that will take place in the next few weeks.

Ackland said that the women in charge of the voting booths are "like my mom because they always want the rules to be followed."

After hearing that this year's list was longer than usual, some of the women found the competition to be slightly overwhelming.

"I'm very excited about the elections but there's a lot of competition," stated Jasmin Gonzalez, ISA Club nominee.

Although the level of competition is greater this year than those previous, both Gonzalez and Nadia Sanchez, independent nominee, found that they're still in it for the fun.

"I'm excited about this. It's going

to be fun and a great new experience," Sanchez stated.

Gardner added that she didn't feel pressured at all but rather would love simply being on Court, and not necessarily queen.

On the other hand, one Court hopeful found motivation to campaign from her own religious background.

Josephine Ward, independent nominee, sees it as an opportunity to bring everyone on campus to know more about God.

"I thank the Lord God, and if I win, I will be highly honored by the Holy Spirit because his perfect will was done Ward said.

Ashley Armendariz, commissioner of public relations and a member of last year's homecoming court, offered to help all those in the running for queen.

Ackland added that "candidates should always put their school work first."

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Coach: Former Falcon takes plea bargain

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government documents.

Cerritos College officials declined to comment, but after the initial arrest in August 2005, Dr. Noelia Vela, Cerritos College president, said that Cerritos had been cooperating with the Department of Education and had handed over financial aid records for review.

At that time Vela said that the college was kept in secret about the details of the investigation in order for the Department of Education to protect the nature of the investigation and that only Callahan was under investigation, not the school.

Callahan pleaded before Bellflower Superior Court Judge Leland Tipton that he helped students submit fraudulent documents to Cerritos College for dependency overrides and in-state tuition for out-of-state players.

Usually the overrides are reserved for low-income students who do not live with their parents and are under 25 to receive Pell Grants without providing proof of a qualifying financial status.

In the other cases, he modified enrollment applications from out-of-state players to indicate California residency.

"He took what should have been a positive situation for students, and taught them how to cheat and break the law," Torrealba said. "Not only was he teaching students how to cheat, he was saying it was okay."

Most recently, Callahan served as defensive coordinator, before being charged on Aug. 1 of last year with the 26 felony counts of grand theft and conspiracy to commit grand theft.

He was an assistant coach at



Guilty: Former Cerritos football coach Patrick Callahan (R) and his defense attorney John Barnett (L) listen to details of the charges Callahan was pleading guilty to. Callahan faced felony charges of conspiracy and grand theft in connection with Pell Grant fraud involving some of his players.

Cerritos for 16 seasons before being suspended by the school after his arrest.

Callahan has agreed to serve 90 days of a two-year sentence and five years probation, as well as attend an ethics seminar.

He must also pay \$70,758 to the U.S. Department of Education, the amount of the dependency overrides, and \$20,799 to Cerritos College, the amount lost by charging in-state tuition to out-of-state players.

"It became a pattern of rationalization that they needed to do this to compete and win," Torrealba added. "It was a suspension of morality."

Callahan will have to give up his current job with the college as coordinator of judicial affairs.

He will be back in court Oct. 27 for sentencing and is scheduled to begin his jail term in November.

Callahan had been the target of an ongoing investigation by the Department of Education since May 2000 when a letter was sent to the Federal Student Aid Program in Iowa from an anonymous football player suggesting to authorities to investigate a fellow player.

No students were ever charged. Neither Callahan nor his attorney was available for comment.

Senate: ASCC finally has an official full government

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"Now I will have a voice."

Admittedly, Llyod said that when he attended Duarte High School, he wasn't involved in student government but at Voice Republic High School, where he attended for his junior and senior years, he was involved in student government where the motto was, "Nothing without labor."

Additionally, Llyod said that he

really looks forward to upholding the law.

Schnitz hopes to promote more student events as commissioner of daytime activities.

"One of the things I look forward to doing is to build relationship among the students," she said, "because many students are not aware of events on campus."

She noted that there are events such as Karaoke in the Student Center and Homecoming activities that she will promote for students who attend class during the day.

Building relationships is something that Rodarte would like to build or as he said, "having integration with who are disabled and those who are able bodied."

From what Rodarte sees, disabled students tend to stay within their own group and those who are

not disabled don't communicate with or don't attempt to approach someone who is disabled.

ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio and ASCC Vice President Alex Armendariz said that they are confident that each Cabinet and Court member will do a great job.

"I am happy with the Court," Cobarrubio said, "and there is still the appointment of the chief justice to be filled."

Being a former chief justice, he added that there are still a number of potential candidate for that position.

Armendariz said that he too is glad that those who were appointed were approved and that those within the Cabinet, "started working within their positions, so it's great."

FILM: Students look at Iraqi war issues

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"This film shows the human side of the consequences of war."

The filmmakers stressed that although they had their own personal views about the war in Iraq, they did not let those feelings interfere with the making of the film.

"It's showing both sides," Marr said, "Which I think is very important."

The topic then switched gears to military recruiting tactics as Contreras took center stage.

"One of the main reasons kids join the military is because they want to pursue a higher education," he said.

"Most recruitment happens in schools close to low income areas."

"Do you think that you are going to see a lot of recruitment in Beverly Hills High School?"

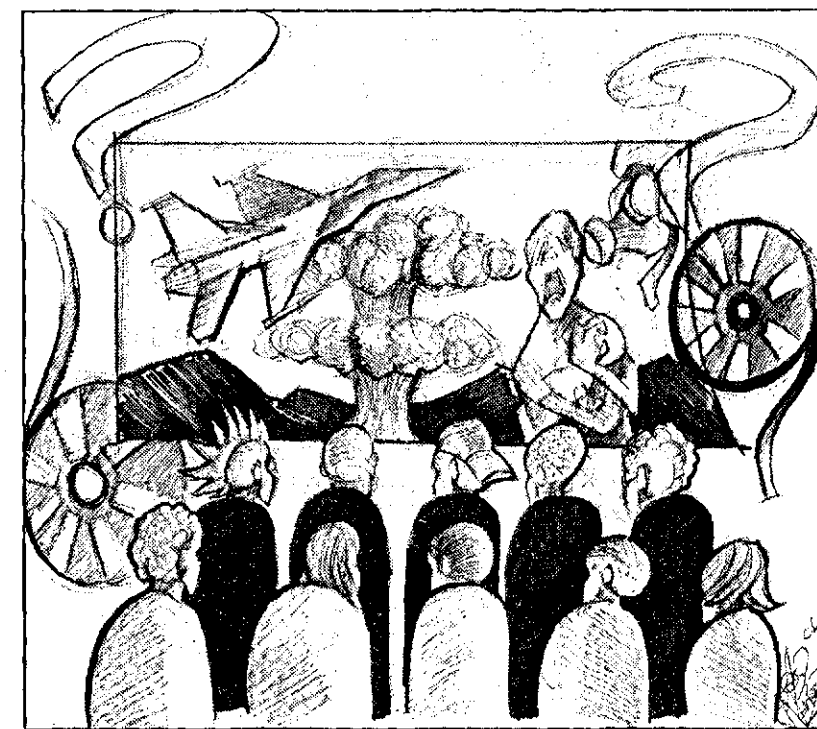


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Degree: Students react to learning that GE requirements will increase

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and are prepared for class." With this one graduation re-

quirement Leon said that it will make students think about wanting to learn.

"Not only will students have to deal with elementary, but that when the requirements take affect in 2009, students will have to deal with intermediate algebra as well."

In hearing that community colleges will now have a level higher for students who want to receive AA degrees, Veronica Orocco, undecided major, said that it is a good

idea because students, whether they are in high school or in college, are looking for a passing grade.

"It won't affect me as a student when this initiative takes affect in 2009," Orocco explained, "because by that time I will have transferred out of Cerritos."

"I was lazy in high school," Gonzalez said, "and I was focused when I came to college, but after taking the math assessment test it was a wake up call."

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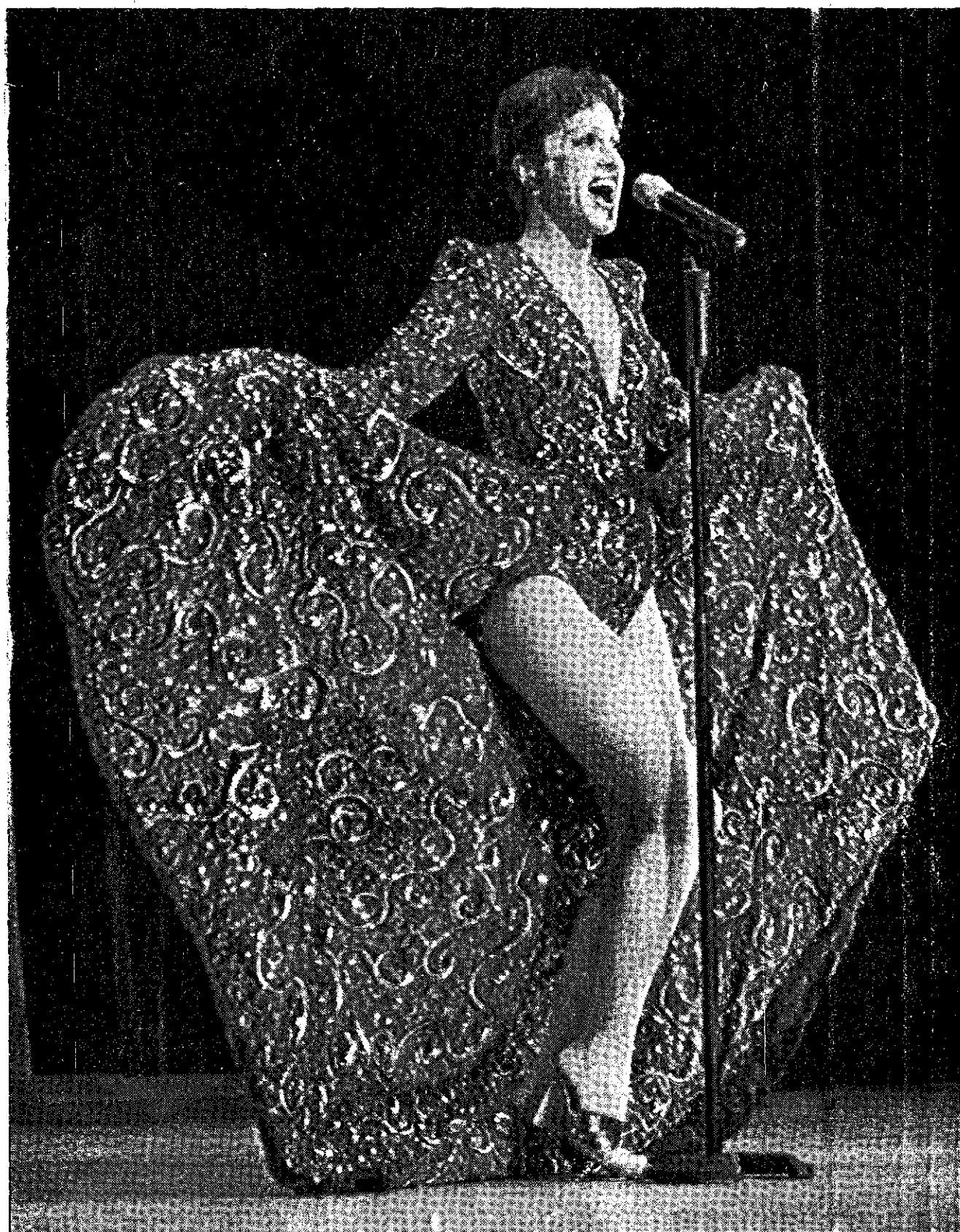
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Hollywood makes stop in Bellflower



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Greg Schreiner, piano instructor at Cerritos College, took a trip back to the Golden Age of Hollywood at the Bristol Civic Auditorium in Bellflower, Sunday afternoon.

"Hollywood Revisited" is a tribute to that era of Hollywood in costume and song.

With Schreiner at the piano and performers Joshua Finkel, Jill Burke and newcomer Michelle Maves singing and dancing, they put on a well-received tribute to both classic and modern films.

A total of 17 costumes were used in the show.

The real authentic costumes that were used in the show included:

- Liza Minnelli's dress from "New York, New York" (1977)
- Christopher Reeve's costume from "Superman" (1987)
- Arnold Schwarzenegger's costume from his cameo in the remake of "Around the World in 80 Days" (2004)
- Ginger Rogers' dress from "Follow the Fleet" (1936), which weighs 30 pounds.
- Rebecca De Mornay's dress from her appearance at the 1991 Academy Awards
- Miles O'Keefe's costume from "Tarzan the

Ape Man" (1981)

It all started when Schreiner was collecting costumes. "I literally decided to do something with them," Schreiner said. So he set up the show.

He has about 30 costumes on display in the Hollywood Museum.

"I fell in love with (the '30s and '40s) era," says Schreiner, who was sporting the costume Gérard Depardieu wore in "102 Dalmatians" (2000), "I hope to bring that to the audience."

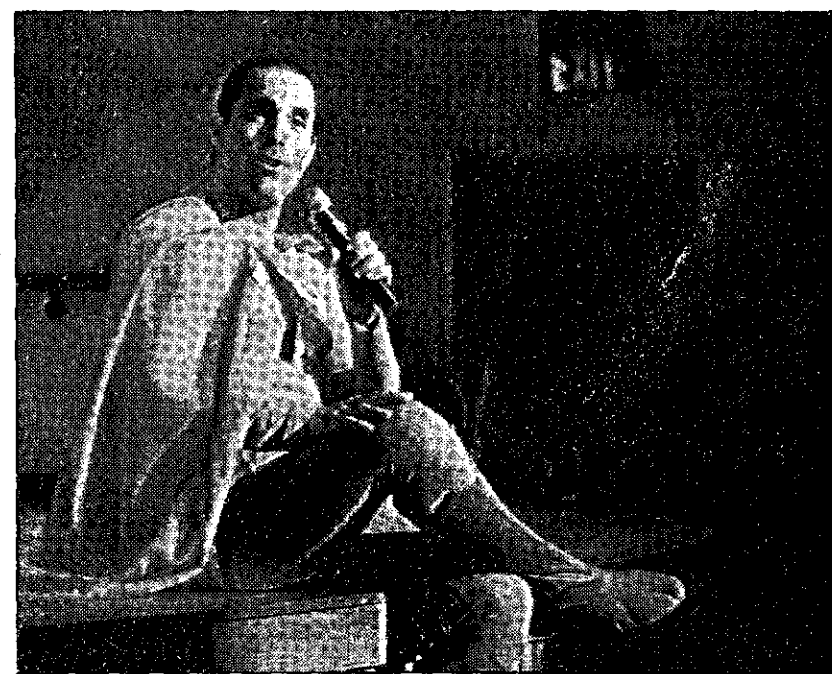
Each costume cost him several thousand dollars to buy, which he mainly gets from auctions. He joked that he had just missed out on the "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" Marilyn Monroe costume that was ultimately sold for \$1.4 million.

He also said that he had to clean the costumes without chemicals because they would be too harsh on the old fabric which cost about \$1,000 per costume. So they try to wear the costumes only when they need to.

Finkel not only contributed to the show with his moves and voice, but he also directed and choreographed it as well.

He is a private acting and public speaking coach in Los Angeles. His Creative Combustion Acting Studio accepts students of all ages and levels.

PATRICIA GONZALEZ/TM



Sparkling: Bearing the many sequins sewn into dress, Jill Burke (left), sings a musical number in Ginger Rogers' costume from *Lady in the Dark*, 1944. At the time it was made the dress Rogers wore cost \$35,000.

Man of steel: Joshua Finkel (right), dons the Superman costume that Christopher Reeve wore during the filming of *Superman IV: The Quest for Peace*, 1987. Finkel is a private acting and public speaking coach and bought the costumes used in the show. He has spent thousands of dollars in acquiring the costumes and maintaining them for the performances.

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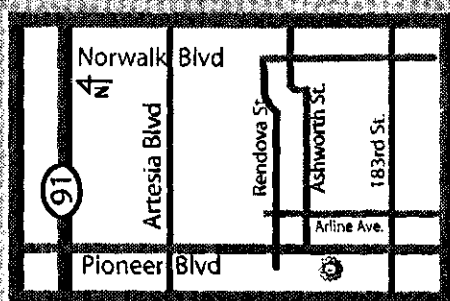
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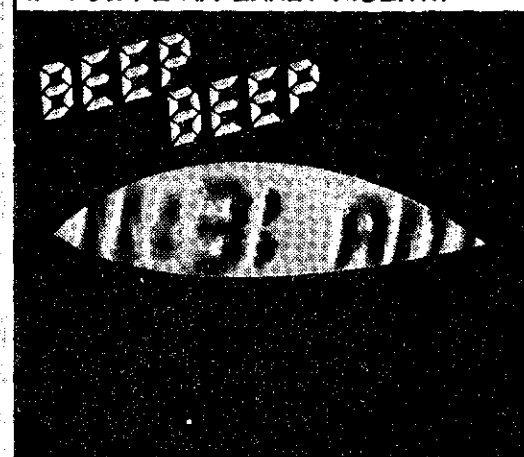
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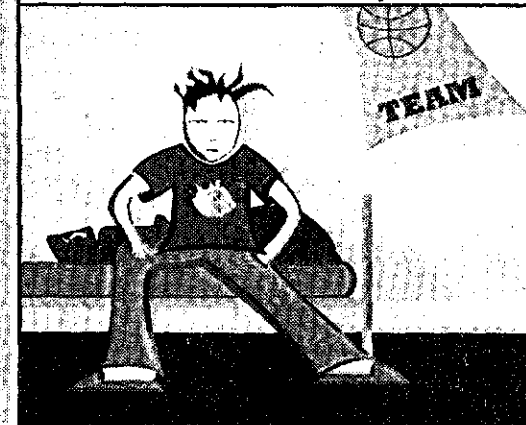


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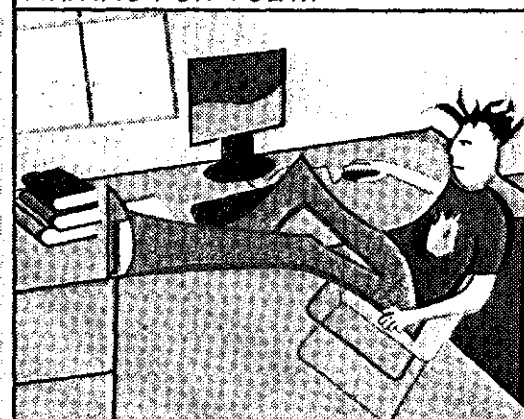
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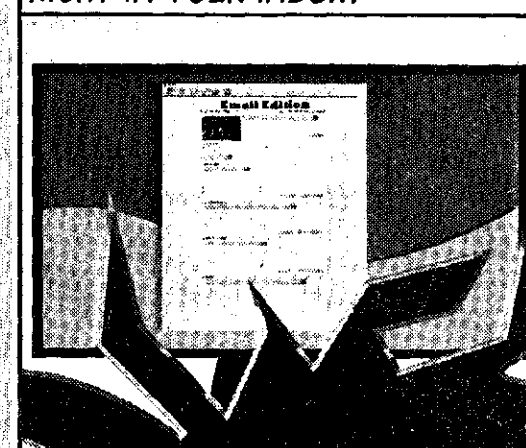
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Get the right tools for graduation

Though the recent changes made to earn an Associate of Arts degree won't take effect until two years from now, it is imperative that students stop wasting time and take those dreaded math and English classes that are needed to graduate and transfer.

The longer you avoid taking these classes, the longer your stay will be and those classes will still be there after you've taken all of your "fun" classes.

We have to stop taking the easy road out, because if we want to continue our education anywhere, this is just the beginning.

Classes will be much harder and there will be those that you don't want to, but will have to, take in order to get the esteemed degree.

Each of us must take personal responsibility for our education. We can no longer blame anyone else including former teachers and the education system as a whole.

Though the teachers may not be the best and we may have come from low-income schools, it is our education and our future and we must put it in our own hands.

It is a fact that most students attending Cerritos have intentions on earning an AA and/or transferring to a four-year university.

In order to do that, there are certain requirements that must be fulfilled.

Just as in life, if there are certain things we want to do it doesn't come without struggle or hardship.

Of course it is easier to avoid taking all the core classes that are needed to graduate and/or transfer.

The sooner it is done, the better.

No time is like the present to take advantage of the education.

Since you are paying for it, why not get the most balanced education one can attain?

There is no valid excuse left for not taking classes except for sheer laziness and apathy; those two characteristics which are the Achilles heel of our generation.

Going throughout high school without learning basic skills needed to transfer has caught up with students and has come back to haunt them.

During the Faculty Kickoff luncheon, Faculty Senate president Dr. Bryan Reece announced that out of 7,000 students who took the assessment tests to get into college level subjects, 7 of them passed.

This is a problem. Where did it start? Is it the fault of previous teachers? Despite the validity of these questions

Eventually, those skills are going to be required in any career or life goal.

In every subject or career involves basic English and math skills. What career do you expect to have if you can't perform basic skills.

The reason students are in college is to get an education, which will prepare you for a better life. While you're paying for your education, you may as well get the most well rounded education you can get.

Do not procrastinate any further and take those classes that you have dreaded for so long.

Unless you want to still be attending Cerritos until 2011, then it is time that we act like the adults we are and face responsibilities.

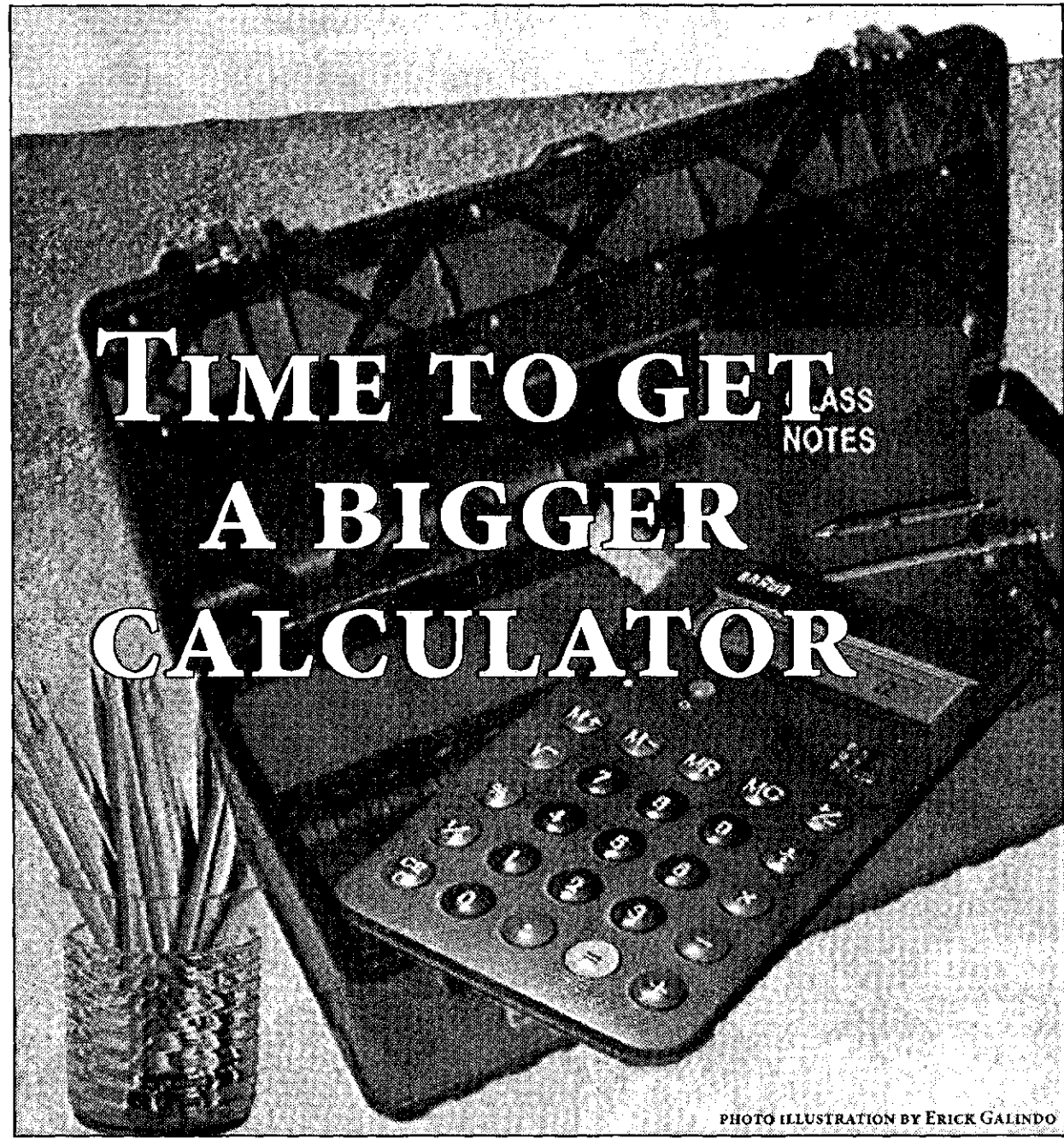
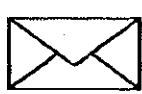


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Oil companies count on the dumb

Californian can't be as stupid as the oil companies want us to be.

Proposition 87, which would only directly affect oil companies' wallets, is a remarkable step toward a cleaner Earth.

The initiative will establish a \$4 billion alternative fuel program, funded by tax of 1.5 percent to 6 percent, on producers of oil extracted in California.

Yet, the oil companies have produced an onslaught of negative commercials designed to, once again, swindle the public.

The opponents of the proposition erroneously argue that this tax will lead to higher gas prices.

This will allegedly happen when oil companies leave California and it is forced to rely even heavier on foreign oil.

The truth is that proposition 87 prevents the oil companies from passing on the tax to their consumers.

As far as the foreign oil argument, that's exactly what this measure aims to prevent.



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The program will reduce oil and gasoline usage by 25 percent, with research and production incentives for alternative energy, alternative energy vehicles, energy efficient technologies, and for education and training.

Oil companies make over \$78 billion a year and are fighting hard against a tax that is less than sales tax.

The oil companies will not leave. California is the biggest state in the union and is the third largest oil producer in the country.

It's not fiscally intelligent to abandon such a cash cow.

Oil companies pay similar fees in Alaska, Louisiana and Texas.

The negative ads imply that they are willing

to pay billions of dollars in those three states, but in California, the tax will cripple them.

It's ludicrous.

The ads go so far as to suggest that firemen and public safety workers are against 87, yet some of the actual supporters are Chevron and Shell.

The program will not negatively affect any public service worker. In fact it will make life easier for all Californians by making fuel cheaper, the Earth cooler and the air cleaner.

In reality, whether or not the oil companies leave, oil is running out and our dependency of foreign oil is not. Sixty-six percent of oil consumed in the United States comes from foreign sources up from 58 percent in 2000.

According to the Energy Information Administration, Americans now spend about \$200,000 a minute on foreign oil and more than \$25 billion annually goes to the Persian Gulf states for oil imports.

Alternative fuels and technology are the only real answer to the dependency.

Oil will run out eventually and initiatives like proposition 87 may go a long way in saving us from prices of \$1,000 a barrel.

Proposition 87 will also go along way in curbing fossil fuel pollution and could be a benefit to the environment.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



**ALWAYS
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MANUAL**

President Bush linked literacy with success at a White House Conference on Global Literacy hosted by the first lady, Sept. 18.

"The simple act of teaching a child to read or an adult to read has the capacity to transform nations."

He then made the case that literacy is a key to improving economic prosperity.

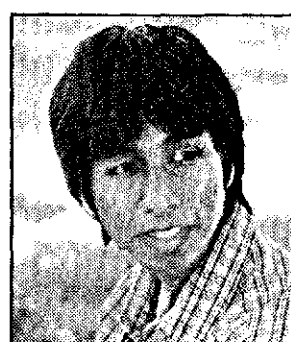
"You can't have prosperity unless people can read. It's just as simple as that. To be a productive worker you have to be able to read the manual."

HOW DO YOU THINK THE GOVERNMENT HAS RESPONDED TO THE KATRINA DISASTER?

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BIANCA GOMEZ
undecided major
"I don't think they're doing much; people like Oprah have done more for the victims than the government has."



DESMOND GUIJARRO
undecided major
"The response was to slow and more should have been done."



DEVON LOPEZ
psychology major
"Not very good at all, because the supplies didn't get where they should have gone and there was a lot of corruption going on."



ULYSSA DE LA TORRE
anthropology major
"They took too long to get there and they still haven't done anything. There are cars that are still turned over and they are still finding dead bodies in houses as well."



LUPE AGUILA
criminal justice major
"I haven't seen the government do much to help those people out still."



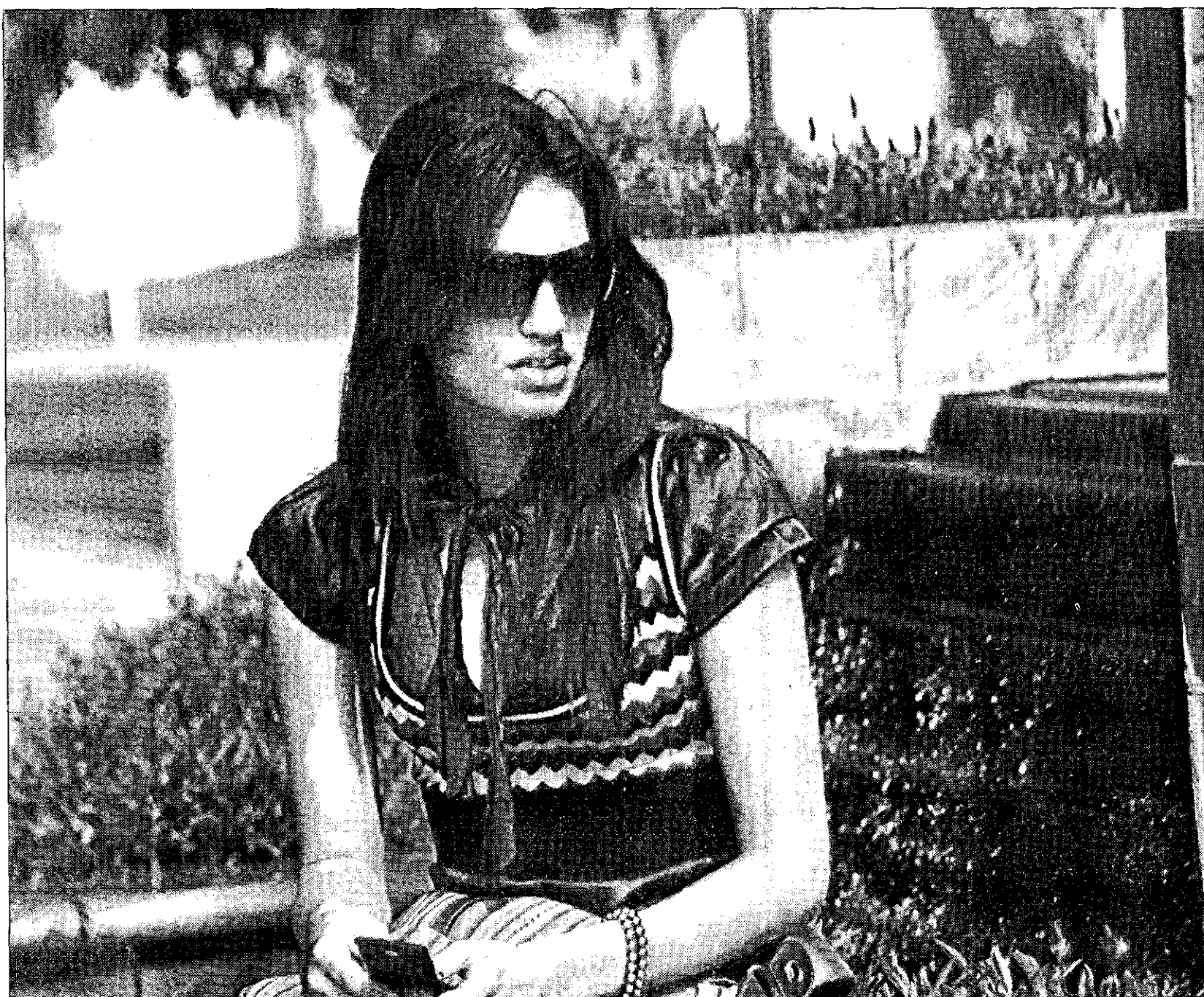
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- Air-wave Blog: Madonna's 'Reinvented' Life song
- Full review of "The Black Dahlia" on talonmarks.com



ROSALI CASTILLO/TM

Model: Cerritos College student Alys Alonso entered a modeling competition sponsored by KTLA and took the chance of competing to win \$5,000. Alonso entered the competition as the underdog and to her surprise she won first place and took home the money.

Student's modeling aspirations

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Even though the odds were against her, Alys Alonso, biology major and aspiring fashion model, decided to run for the golden opportunity, not the golden crown.

Alonso, competed in a runway challenge Sept. 20, hosted by the hit reality TV show "America's Next Top Model" and sponsored by KTLA during the season premiere party held in Hollywood's celebrity nightclub Ivar.

Out of 1 million cookie-cutter faces that initially entered the competition, only 15 runway model hopefuls were allowed to compete in an impromptu fashion show where they would be in the running for the grand prize of \$5,000.

There were three different parts to the competition. The three components to the competition included a 30 second runway walk and brief

self-description, followed by a trivia Q&A and then a final runway walk to impress the judges.

Among the celebrity guest judges were runway expert Ms. J Alexander, famous fashion photographer Nigel Barker, and last "America's Next Top Model" winner Danielle Evans.

Alonso, who has been pursuing modeling since high school, first heard about the runway challenge on a TV commercial. "I wanted to do the application but I didn't have time," said Alonso, who admits to originally only writing four lines to a required 200-word essay application.

She had decided on not even sending it in, but a few days later she received a phone call from a KTLA representative stating that her application had been accepted, apparently completed by her mother. "I didn't even know my mom sent it," she said, but euphorically accepted the invitation to compete.

Even in the midst of happiness, her disbelief made her feel like she didn't represent the "girl next door image" that the judges were looking for. "Because I'm so short, I didn't think I'd win, but I still wanted to try," she states behind her motivation to accept the invitation.

Although the prize money sounded awfully tempting, Alonso found more merit in "meeting the experts and the free publicity than trying to win." The magnitude of publicity that she would receive was overwhelming compared to what she was accustomed to. "I've done two shows, but they were mediocre, never at a (regional) level," she said.

With the idea of having her name all over the news, risking a free shopping spree, and squelching her insecurities, Alonso put all worries aside and triumphantly strutted down the catwalk with no sense of shame for not looking like everyone else.

Lucky for her, the 'ugly duckling'

story always ends with a win.

As the party came to a close, Alonso was surprised to be crowned as the runway challenge winner.

"As soon as I won, I called my mom," she says, "and she asked me like a million times while screaming." Alonso's mom, who supports her daughter in all her endeavors, was seemingly more excited about it than she was. "She just wants me to be happy," she says, as her mom smiles in the background.

While winning the runway challenge was very meaningful to her personal ambitions and pursuit of a modeling career, Alonso feels that she has to continue with her college education and pursue a more accredited career, mainly a college degree.

Even though her range of experience runs anywhere from small fashion shows and commercials to being trained at the Robert Powers modeling school, Alonso has always put school first.

Spice girl breaks solo curse

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The Spice Girls had major success in the early 90s until the five-member group broke up in 2000 after disappointing sells of its final CD, Forever.

As soloist the former members have had little success, however, Melanie Chisholm, also known as Sporty Spice, who had the strongest voice, may have finally broken that curse.

With Beautiful Intentions she has proven that she still has that means for success.

The 12-track album, produced by Greg Haver and Stephen Budd, showcases Chisholm at one of her strongest vocal performance.

With the lead single "Beautiful Intentions," Chisholm's voice is strong and powerful, while with songs such as "Better Alone" and "You'll Get Yours" Chisholm's can turn mournful and hurt.

Throughout "Beautiful Intentions" the love-struck Chisholm laments the love she has with someone with such lyrics as, "So blind that I can't decide if you know I harbored beautiful intentions for you."

This song has additional appeal because of the strong synthesizer of musician Paul Boddy.

When the synthesizer comes in the listener knows it is in for a rock and in-your-face tune.

However, the two songs that are the strongest and the ones with the most soothing vocals that Chisholm provides are "Better Alone" and "You'll Get Yours."

In "Better Alone" Chisholm is able to transition from rock star to scorned lover.

The final track, "You'll Get Yours" fits into that category as well and what a way to close the album.

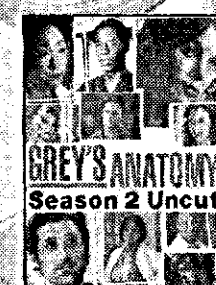
The song provides a feeling of woman empowerment as she sings, "Many things will come to pass/I can live with that/I can't help but wonder when you'll get yours."

Entertainment Junkie New Releases



Janet Jackson 20-Years Old

Jackson returns with a new album after her last album *Damita Jo* in 2004 was a failure. On the album she hopes to connect with fans and whether or not she succeeds critics and fans will soon find out.



Grey's Anatomy Season 2

Season 2 of the ABC hit drama is now available. See what makes the show one of the most watched and why fans keep tuning in. Patrick Dempsey as Dr. Derek Shepherd and Ellen Pompeo as Meredith Grey star.



The Guardian
Opening this Friday, starring Ashton Kutcher ("That 70s Show") and Kevin Costner, see Kutcher's turn as an action hero just as Tom Cruise ("Top Gun") and Will Smith ("Men in Black") and "Independence Day" did before him.

Brian De Palma's 'Black Dahlia' is disappointing

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Someone should inform Hollywood screenwriters and directors that if they're going to write and direct a film about the infamous "Black Dahlia" murder case, that they should strive to include that story line in the movie.

However, in Brian de Palma's ("Snake Eyes" and "Scarface") latest film - an adaptation of a novel written by James Ellroy - he fails to include a story with substance, let alone tell the real-life gruesome tale of 22-year-old Elizabeth "Betty" Short.

Short was an aspiring actress from the East Coast, and came to Hollywood to pursue a career.

However, her life was tragically brought to an end, when on Jan. 15, 1947, she was discovered brutally slain in a vacant lot near Downtown Los Angeles.

The film revolves around two police officers, Lee Blanchard (Aar-

on Eckhart) and Dwight "Bucky" Bleichert (Josh Hartnett), who are the poster boys for 1940s LAPD. The new partners' first homicide case leads them into the investigation of the slaying of the ambitious silver screen B-lister, Betty Short.

However, the film quickly loses sight on the development of Short's story. Instead, more than half the film is spent on developing character relationships between Eckhart's and Hartnett's characters, along with those of Hilary Swank ("Million Dollar Baby") and Scarlett Johansson ("Match Point").

Kudos should also be given to the visual effects coordinators on this film. From the depiction of Short's disemboweled body to a four-story fall to a bloody grave, visual effects brought the film to life in a very disturbing, but oh-so-real way.

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Defense is key in victory

Facing Riverside City College, the No. 8-rated team in Southern California on Saturday, the Falcon defense came up with six turnovers (three interceptions, three fumbles), which spearheaded a 24-14 Mission Conference crossover victory.

The win evened both teams' records at 2-2, with both of Cerritos wins coming on the road. The team will look for its first victory on its new field next Saturday when it squares off against cross-town rival Long Beach City College at 7 p.m.

The Cerritos defense was very opportunistic on the night and were led by cornerback Hilton Dawson, who picked off two passes, including the final play of the game, where he returned it 50 yards.



Hilton Dawson, defensive back

For the season Dawson has 16.5 tackles and two interceptions for 50 yards.

His other interception came in the first quarter and stopped a Tiger drive in the Falcon zone.

Dawson also recorded five tackles, forced a fumble and broke up a pass, with safety Arlando Bryant coming up with other interception to go along with five stops.

At the outset of the game, both teams were victimized by turnovers, with four of the first five possessions resulting in turnovers.

Neither team was able to capitalize on the miscues at first, until the Tigers jumped on the board after Cerritos quarterback Chad Manis threw an interception.

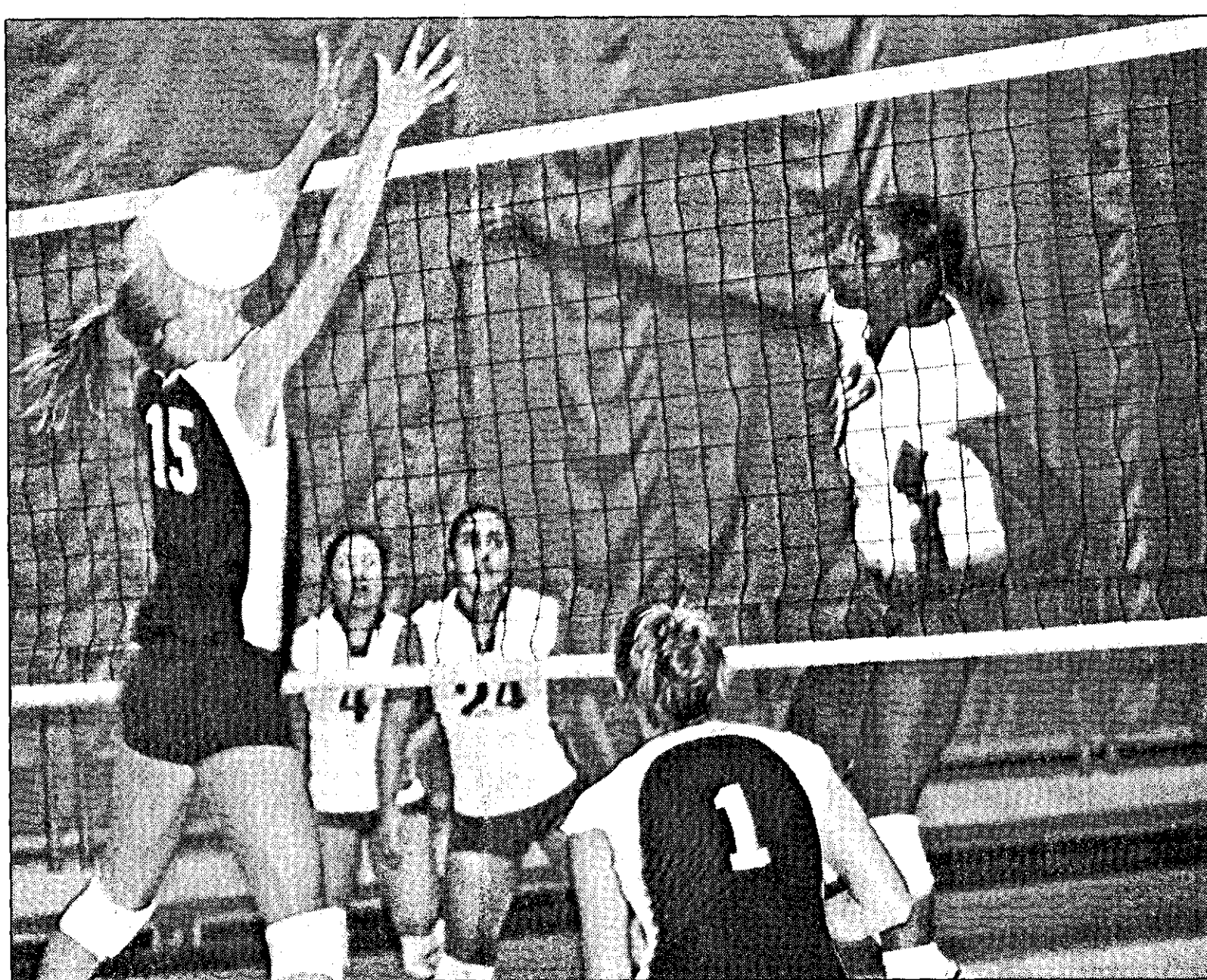
However, just as they had done in their previous two losses, Cerritos played a solid first half, but could not maintain that momentum into the second half. It changed things against the Tigers, as the Falcon defense came up with big play after big play.

In the second half, with 1:13 left in the game, Jesus Ochoa booted a 21-yard field goal to ice the game.

Defensively, the front seven played a solid game, with defensive tackle Justin Vasquez posting five tackles, two quarterback sacks, one forced fumble and a tackle for loss.

On offense, Thomas rushed 23 times for 128 yards and a touchdown and caught one as well.

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JOSIE DURAN/TM

Face off: Cerritos right side blocker Le'Sauna Johnson returns a volley past the Orange Coast blocker during last Wednesday's volleyball match. Johnson would score the point, but the Falcons would end up losing the match in four sets, (22-30), 30-21, 30-24 and 30-27. The Falcons are now 1-4 in match play, while the defending champion, Orange Coast, is now 6-0 and has won 32 games in a row dating back to last season.

Falcons fall to defending champs

Despite a couple of highlights and a fast start, Cerritos' record drops to 1-4

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Terri Del Conte's team high 12 kills and 26 digs drew chants of "No. 4!" from the crowd, but were not enough against the defending state champions Wednesday night.

The Falcons volleyball team fell to 1-4 against Orange Coast College in four sets, (22-30), 30-21, 30-24, and 30-27.

"We started off strong but we ended up beating ourselves," Del Conte said.

The Falcons did indeed start the match strongly against the defending champions.

Cerritos jumped out to a 10-4 lead in the first game, capped off by a tremendous rally in which the ball was repeatedly dug out and sent over the net by both

teams for almost two minutes, finally ending in a point for the Falcons after a violation was called on Orange Coast.

The Falcons never trailed in the first set and at one point were up 21-10.

They eventually took the game 30-22. This was a major accomplishment considering that Orange Coast "did not drop a game to anyone last season" according to Cerritos co-head coach Ali Oliver.

In the second game, Cerritos tried to keep the pressure on the Pirates from the Orange Coast by taking an early 4-1 lead.

The lead would not be enough however as Orange Coast fought back to take a 6-5 lead.

The two teams then proceeded to show their competitive spirit as neither team could pull away from the other until the game was tied at 11-11.

That is when the Falcon train came off its tracks.

Cerritos made costly errors, lost the game 30-21, and never recovered.

"We gave them too many points," Coach Oliver said.

The worst thing about those errors, according to Coach Oliver, was that they were senseless errors.

"I don't mind aggressive errors," she said. "It's the dumb ones that kill (the team)."

Oliver also added that the errors were a sign of the youth on the team and the fact that the team has not played together very long.

"We need to stay mentally tough and play together," Del Conte added.

In the third game of the match, the Pirates cruised to a 12-7 lead.

The Falcons tried to fight their way back, getting as close as 14-13, but the Pirates walked them off the plank 30-24, never giving up the lead in the game.

Despite being dominated, there was one bright spot for the Falcons. The play of right side hitter Kristin Mendoza.

Coming off the bench, Mendoza was a huge spark, according to Oliver.

"She brought fire to the game," Oliver said of Mendoza, who had seven kills off the pine.

It was just another day at the

office for Mendoza.

"I go in there and do what I have to do, no matter where (Oliver) puts me."

The fire burned hot in the fourth and final set, which was, hands down, the best of the match.

Both teams took big leads, only to watch them evaporate into thin air.

The Falcons came out swinging, taking an 11-4 lead.

The Pirates answered by taking 24 out of the next 31 points, taking a commanding 28-18 lead.

A moment in which they could have mailed in the rest of the game, the Falcons showed the heart of a champion, cutting the lead to 28-26. However, this proved to be their last stand, as they could not finish the comeback.

Despite the loss, Oliver remains confident about her team.

"Cerritos beat Cerritos tonight, not Orange Coast."

She also added that her team has only lost to ranked opponents.



Jose Diaz, midfielder

For the season Diaz has scored two goals and three assists in six games.

Cerritos extends streak to seven

In its final tune-up before embarking on its South Coast Conference season, the Cerritos College men's soccer team pulled out a hard-fought 2-1 win at Southwestern College on Monday afternoon.

The win, which extended their unbeaten streak to seven games (6-0-1), improved the Falcons' record to 6-2-1 on the season, while the Apaches fell to 3-2-1.

The Falcons open conference play next Tuesday at East Los Angeles College in a rare 6 p.m. contest.

Trailing 1-0 after Southwestern scored in the 20th minute, the Falcons had their work cut out for them in the intense game played in sweltering heat.

The Apache goal snapped a five-game shutout streak by Cerritos and it was the first appearance of the season for goalkeeper Miguel Lopez, who was the team's starter last season.

But the tying goal came as a result of a spectacular individual play, as midfielder Bryan Mejia broke loose down the sideline to start the offensive rush. After brushing past two Apache defenders, Mejia sent a perfect pass to an open Jose Diaz, who scored to tie the game.

The game-winning goal would not come without its drawbacks, as Cerritos played the majority of the second half shorthanded.

While attempting to send a crossing pass to Eusabio Alvarez, midfielder Juan Davila's pass was intercepted by an Apache player, who took off on a breakaway.

Trying to avoid the one-on-one situation with Lopez in goal, Alvarez clipped the player from behind and was ejected from the game.

Although it left the Falcons short-handed, they seemed to be inspired and turned up the heat by putting on additional pressure.

With the game on the line, Marcos Pulido scored in the 89th minute.

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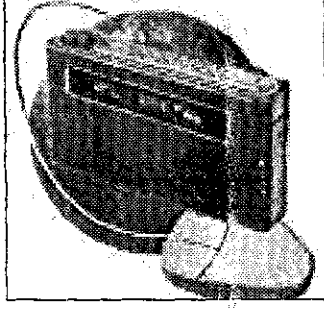
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The modernization of Cerritos College



Online Innovation:

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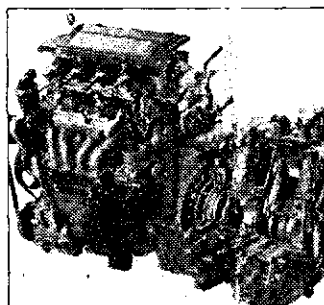
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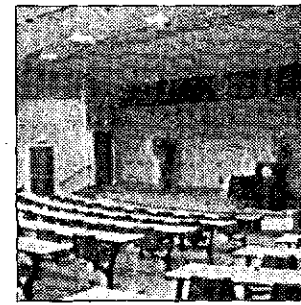
Computer Labs:

By 1998, Cerritos offered a variety of computer labs with access to the latest software, the Internet, and tutorial programs. Today there are different labs for English, math, reading and foreign languages.



Auto Tech:

Cerritos offers an alternative fuels course and students in the Auto Tech Department get to work with electrical technology, hybrid engines and natural gas.



Global Debate:

In 1994 Cerritos began the renovation of the library, which included the addition of the Teleconference Center. Students are able to interact and debate with educators and peers from all over the world via satellite.



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Everything is moving way too fast. But maybe it's moving in the right direction.

According to George Cormany, photo journalism instructor, technology has built a bridge over some of the education gap.

"It's made lazy students smarter and good students even better," says Cormany. "It has even changed the way instructors teach by relieving them from having to rely on the book and straight lecture as the only tools."

He adds that it's "so much easier" to use projectors and computers for visual and hands-on training.

Although Jose Leyva, a business marketing major in his first semester, disagrees with Cormany by believing that technology has made students lazier, there is a general consensus that technology has had an overall positive impact on education.

"It makes it easier to get information," Leyva admits, "and technology has made learning much quicker than looking for a book or something."

Cerritos Alumnus Carlo Marini, who graduated with an associate's degree in computer science and now works as a technological adviser at a doctor's

office, feels that technology is the present and the future of education.

"Without continual advancement and integration Cerritos and the rest of the country can fall even farther in the education race," Marini says.

The rise of computers has led to the creation of the World Wide Web and that has led to virtual classrooms and distance education. At Cerritos the computer labs provided students with access to the latest software, the Internet, and tutorial programs.

Even though Leyva admits the benefit and welcomes the growth of computer technology, he feels that it can backfire for some students.

"Students don't really worry about a paper as much as in high school where the papers were hand written. Now it's much easier to B.S. your way through a paper and you can keep it off to the last minute especially if you can type fast."

Yet, others feel the positives outweigh the benefits.

"Without the technology that Cerritos offered I would have never been able to get the education that I have now," Marini says.

Alumnus Juan Gomez, who majored in computer science and eventually went on to receive his real estate license, agrees.

"Some student's have always been lazy and technology isn't necessarily going to change that. However, for the good students it's great. And for the disadvantage students who probably didn't grow up with the same education as the rich kids, it's a great equalizer."

Cerritos College, however, has always remained in the forefront.

"I always thought Cerritos College had a lot of technology," Cormany says. "It was always on the cutting edge. Even when I came as a student, the only difference is instead of state-of-the-art electric typewriters there's state-of-the-art computer labs."

There have been a number of technological advancements since Cormany first came to Cerritos College as a student in 1969.

"The opening of the Wilford Michael Library and Learning Resource Center signaled a significant shift in the way the college intended to approach instruction. It provided an expanded platform for our use of instructional technology," recalled John Boyle, biology instructor, during last year's 50th Anniversary celebrations.

The renovation of the LRC was part of a \$12 million investment that included the wiring of the entire campus, and the placement of a networked PC on the desk of every employee.

In the spring of 1992, the college began a major renovation of the library with upgrades that included the replacement of card stacks with user-friendly computer catalogs. That simple change would mark the beginning of a shift in the direction of education at Cerritos College.

With the addition of the Teleconference Center in the east wing of the library, students are now able to interact and debate with educators and peers from all over the world via satellite.

"Technology like that helps a great deal. I can gather a variety of information from places that I never thought," Leyva says.

By 1998 the labs were equipped with more than 500 high-speed personal computers and 699 data ports. The College President at the time, Fred Gasikin began referring to the college as the "most technologically advanced community college in the state."

Today the college continues to advance, with instructors like James Mac Devitt using technology such as podcasting and the popularity of the iPod to teach their students.

Mac Devitt uses his Web site, <http://e-courses>.

cerritos.edu/jmacdevitt/, to host his lectures via audio format or podcast.

His is one of few podcast lectures in the community college arena, however schools like UC Berkeley have taken it a few steps further by offering virtual lectures for sick students who cannot attend.

Felicia Ceballos, an undecided major who transferred from Cerritos to Berkeley at the end of last semester, says that she does take advantage of the virtual lectures, but that it does make her lazier.

Leyva echoes the lazy sentiments and feels that leaning toward more virtual lectures may not benefit the students.

"I seriously doubt it. I think that will make the students lazier and they wouldn't commit to taking time out of their day to watch a lecture online. I think regular face-to-face is much better."

Cormany disagrees, however, saying that technology has an instant use.

"It gets students as close to the original idea as possible within the fastest time frame."

Marini agrees with Cormany.

"At first people will ignore advancements and dismiss them as impractical, but time has shown that eventually, like with television and tape players, the practicality becomes irreplaceable," Marini says.