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Top five tips for enrollment

1

Check the web before it's too late

Scheduling classes during or after your appointed date could be a hassle.

So why not get a head start?

Enrollment dates are always posted weeks before you are allowed to enroll.

Take that "free time" after your announced appointment to mix and match classes you need.

Add them to your cart and ALWAYS consider checking the "wait-list" box.

This will automatically move you to the waiting list in case the class gets full before you have a chance to enroll.

Technically, you are not enrolled in the class just yet, but you did save time, stress, and possibly an open space by selecting your class schedule before your enrollment date.

Stay tuned to your online my cerritos account

When your enrollment date and time arrives, precede your schedule via the website to the third and last step; enrollment.

2

Prepare and avoid enrollment despair

The Cerritos College catalog provides information on general education planning (Plan A, Plan B, and Plan C).

These categories are met according to your educational plan and declared major.

It is recommended that you speak to a counselor to choose courses that best fit your educational needs in order to transfer or obtain your degree(s) as soon as possible.

By following through with this step, you are putting yourself in a better position of getting a descent list of classes that will avoid you having to take future classes that you don't need.

With course preparation in hand, enrollment will be as easy as 1, 2, stress free!

3

Use the power of the group

Students are offered programs with benefits for their academic success and personal specific goals.

These programs have an advantage over assisting the student with an early enrollment date. Each program is different in what they may provide the student with, especially on enrollment dates.

Programs such as EOPS, Cal Works, and Student Athletes are available for sign-up or information on campus. A list on more programs is also available online.

An early success program is offered to new upcoming students to aid them through areas of assessment testing, orientation-counseling, and it provides the student with an early enrollment privilege right off the bat.

However, if you like taking chances on the spot to obtain early enrollment, then consider note-taking for disabled students.

This option is most likely to be offered by your instructor during a class period at the beginning of the semester.

4

Avoid the consequences

Pay your fees. Classes will be dropped seven days after enrollment if they are not paid for or waived.

This policy includes any due outstanding charges from your student account.

For every day exceeded after a week of non-payment, you will be dropped from a class; this counts weekends.

If this part of the enrollment process is not met, then all of the previously mentioned tips will go to waste!

If you're a student assisted with financial aid, then the process of paying your fees is somewhat alleviated.

Class fee waivers are available to low income students even before they submit a FAFSA.

However, the waiver does not cover the student health fee, and that's just \$16 dollars out of your pocket.

5

Last minute resources

By following these tips, you have the best chances of enrolling into a class without the hassle of missing out. But if worst comes to worst and there are no more classes available through the internet server, consider petitioning.

Chances of finding an open seat for a class are 50/50. you won't know if you don't try.

Instructor-initiated adds are available for the first two weeks of the semester.

It is up to the instructor to allow students to be added to the class.

Take note, however; wait-list students are considered first in line if another student drops. And on most days, an instructor may add you according to available seats in the class; so don't give up.

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Final approval by California to mark the start of reconstruction

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Cerritos College's reconstruction of the Disabled Students Programs and Services, and Liberal Arts Building is still in need of final approval from the college's administration, according to David El Fattal, vice president of Business Services.

He explained that after it is approved by the state legislature, many building contractors will be given

reconstruction blueprints and will bid on who will receive the job.

"This project has been going on for maybe three years, but we are getting to the point where Cerritos College is waiting for the final approval from the state," El Fattal said.

He explained that before Cerritos College submitted final blueprint plans, it was first approved from administration and constructed by an

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Learning Resource Center's staircases overdue for renovation

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The right side of a staircase facing south of the Learning Resource Center Building of Cerritos College has been blocked with yellow tape marked "Police Line Do Not Cross."

The problem is a metal tread that has curved upward, posing a hazard to pedestrians.

According to the Facilities Department, the treads

on this stairwell have come loose three times in just three years, which means they needed drastic overhaul or complete change.

Tom Richey, Facilities manager, explained that the cause of the problem was not the treads themselves but the base that was holding them, which has lost its capacity to hold the tread-mounting due to aging since the early 1960s when

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CERRITOS COLLEGE
News BRIEFS
Clarification on impeachment story
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In the “Tension laces room as commissioner leads group to impeach” story that was published on Nov. 16, it was stated that Commissioner for Student Services David Aguirre was leading a group wishing to impeach ASCC President Jasmin Ramirez and ASCC Vice President Julian Del Real-Calleros.

Aguirre does not wish to impeach Del Real-Calleros. The impeachment would only be intended for Ramirez.

Dean clears rumors of salary increase

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Instructional Dean of Health, Physical Education, Dance, and Athletics Daniel Smith cleared rumors regarding deans’ getting raises over the summer.

The rumor was that the Board of Trustees raised the deans’ salary by 19 percent.

Smith said, “We had a consultant that we hired several years ago to do what’s called a comp in class study for all managers, not just deans, he said.

He continued, saying, “In most cases, there was a slight increase in salary for all the managers on campus, in some cases, there was a decrease in salary over the next two years.

Smith also said, “I just don’t like it when people say ‘all managers got an increase in salary due to this salary adjustment,’ he said.

Cerritos extends hall of fame deadline

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The Cerritos College Hall of Fame nomination deadline will be extended for another two weeks.

Since this is the first hall of fame event that Cerritos College has ever held, the deadline was extended to allow each department to nominate more candidates.

Debra Moore, faculty senate president, said, “I think they just hadn’t gotten enough yet, it was very short this year.

She also said, “It’s brand new to people so I think they’re not in the rhythm of doing it,” said Debra Moore, president of faculty senate.

The date has been extended until Dec. 15.

For more information, contact Amy Condit, Foundation Development Officer at extension 2544.



PHILIP OKOLI/TM
Sharing political views with his guitar: The Peoples’ History Association invited musician David Rovics to perform at its event on Thursday. He recently came back from touring Europe.

Political musician plays for Cerritos

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Independent singer and songwriter David Rovics was invited to play for students on Thursday at the Teleconference Center by Assistant Professor of Philosophy Ted Stolze.

According to Stolze, this concert was put together “in hopes that students would appreciate his [Rovics] incredible lyrical range and depth of historical and political insights.”

“I have listened to and been inspired by David Rovics’ music for about ten years, basically since the crimes against humanity that occurred on Sept. 11, 2011,” Stolze continued.

The performance was free of charge; however, there was financial assistance to help pay for Rovics to perform at Cerritos.

“Several faculty members from the economics, history, and philosophy departments chipped in to pay for David Rovics to come to our campus.

“The outstanding scholars and activists from the People’s History Association raised money and advertised the concert,” Stolze said.

With the Teleconference Center filled, many students attended the event for extra credit; how-

ever, the majority of the group was intrigued with the songs that Rovics sang.

Stolze said, “Rovics sings in the tradition of such great troubadours of the people as Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Phil Ochs, and Silvio Rodriguez. Although I listen to many different styles of music, David Rovics and Tom Morello are my two favorite topical singer/songwriters.”

He performed with his acoustic and natural singing voice without the help of any microphones.

Economics and mathematics major Ben Bernal said that Rovics’ songs “were very solid because each song had a lot of meaning.

“I really appreciated every song that I heard,” Bernal continued.

Rovics was shocked by students response to one song where he learned that students are aware of Saint Patrick’s Battalion, a unit of European descent who were part of the Mexican Army against the United States in the Mexican-American War.

“Something good is happening here [at Cerritos College],” Rovics said.

It is extremely unusual because we live in a society where public and private schools are very tightly controlled and only teach what is in the book.”

Although Rovics did not announce the song titles that he performed, the songs meanings lingered into students’ minds.

“His song about bullies ruling the world is really true if you listen to it from a simplistic perspective. You see the bullies essentially monopolize the playground and power over it,” Bernal said. “You see that being played out in the corporations in the real world.”

As an active indie musician, Rovics has performed in at least 26 Occupy encampments. “I knew Occupy Wall Street was going to happen months before it did,” Rovics stated. “Organizers e-mailed me to perform on the 17th of September on Wall Street.”

Rovics’ songs are available free for downloading at www.DavidRovics.com.

The inspirational performances are not just over yet. “I’ll certainly try next semester to get Tom Morello to play a concert on campus, too, although I suspect that he is a lot harder and more expensive to book,” Stolze said.

Board of Trustees set to change district voting system

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The Cerritos College Board of Trustees is set to vote on Wednesday to approve one of three plans to change the system by which its members are elected, changing it from an at-large election to a district-area election.

According to Cerritos College President Linda Lacy, each plan that was created has met state standards for equal representation of all ethnic groups throughout the district.

“It’s a process that’s been going on for several months; there are several stipulations in the law that are looked at to make sure all the areas are well-represented with the ethnic groups within the district and community,” Lacy said.

The proposed plans that were brought to the board during its Nov. 2 meeting state that single-member election districts will be drawn so members of minority groups can choose the representative of their choice under the following conditions:

- A group is large and compact enough to

form a majority in a single-member district

- The group is politically cohesive
- There is a history of racially-polarized voting in that group.

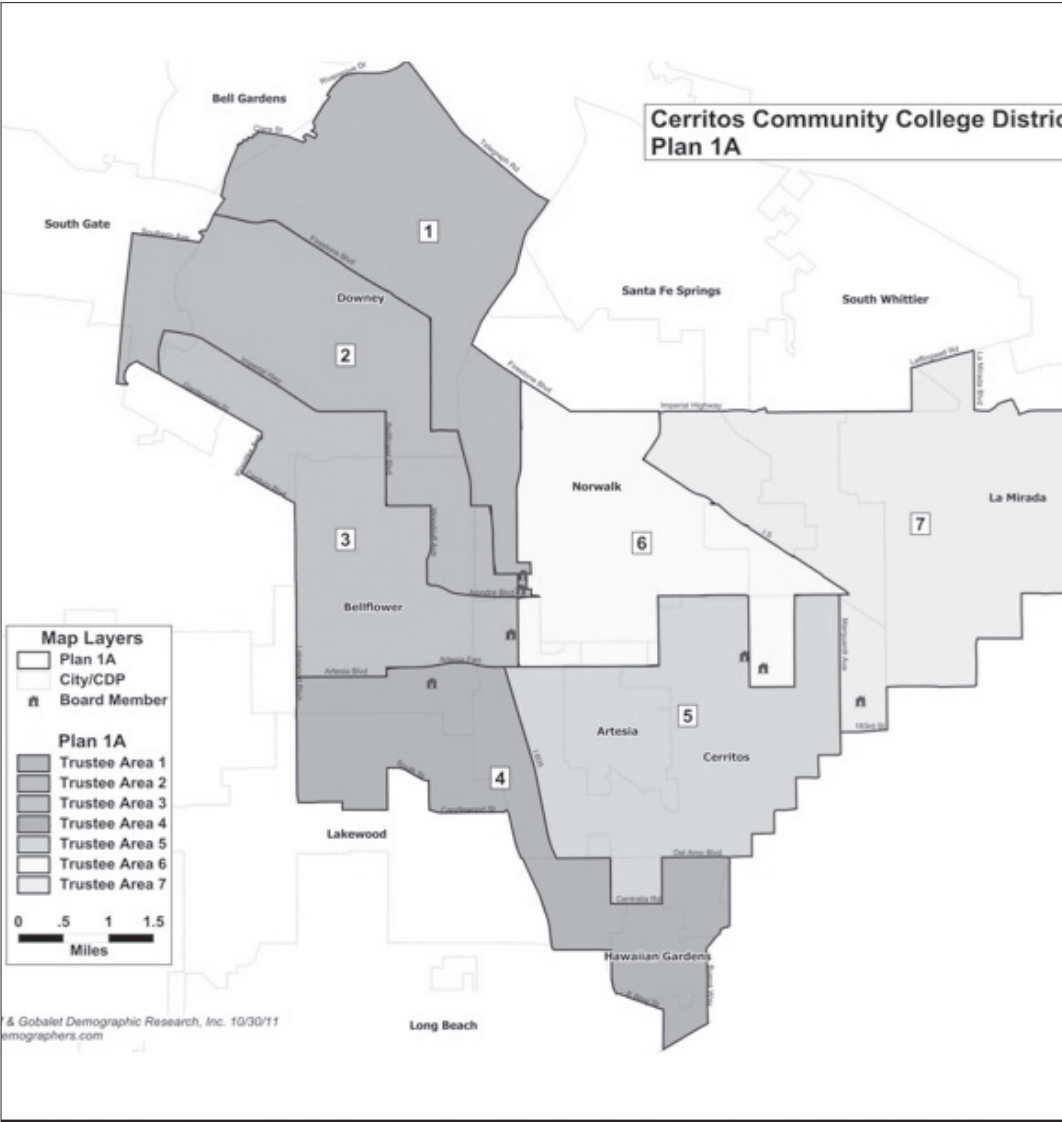
Board Member Bob Hughlett stated during the board’s Oct. 5 meeting that the plans that are currently set for its approval were put in place before the lawsuit was filed against the Cerritos Community College District by former board candidates Tom Chavez and Carmen Avalos, as well as fellow plaintiff Edward Zuniga.

“The Board of Trustees is committed to do the right thing under the California Voting Rights Act and that is why we are taking action at our meeting tonight and why the process was begun weeks ago before the plaintiffs filed their lawsuit,” he said.

Board Member Jean McHatton believes that the board will act positively after a plan is chosen and approved.

“I think people on the board will act professionally and will move forward with whatever happens,” she said.

McHatton continued, “I feel like those on the board have strengths that they bring and that they will look at the redistricting plan and move forward.”



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Changing the vote: This map displays one of three proposed plans to re-arrange the trustee election areas to a district-area election, in order to ensure equal ethnic representation. The Cerritos College Board of Trustees is set to approve one of the three plans during its next meeting on Wednesday.

DSPS: Construction expected to start November 2012

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architecture firm.

“We are expecting in February to award a reconstruction blueprint to an architecture contractor,” he said.

“If all goes well, we are going to start construction in November of 2012.”

He also said, “The new building is going to be a beautiful building for Cerritos College students,” and added that it will be located on the corner of Studebaker Road and Alondra Boulevard.

Undecided major Daniel Estrada explained that reconstruction of the buildings would provide a better atmosphere for students.

“It’s a great idea; there will be more classes, which means more students enrolling.”

Xavier Scott, computer analysis major, said, “It’s a new change in the environment for students.”

Staircase: Richey plans to finish fixing stair case by the library

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it was built.

He would repair the base first before deciding how to deal with the old treads.

Richey is waiting for estimates from companies who can strengthen the steps with “finished cement work” and is hoping to complete the repairs in about three weeks.

Richey added, “It looks like somebody bent it up. That’s not an natural occurrence.

“What we are experiencing is now is the cement under the treads is deteriorating, and we are not able to secure the treads back the way we want to,” he said.

Richey said that the treads sticking out is a tripping hazard.

“I don’t think you’ll see that by treading on it normally, or lifting it or some other thing, so there is a possibility of that mild vandalism.”

Pharmacy major Emanuel Rodriguez’s attention was drawn to the staircase. He said, “Now that I’m aware of it, I should be careful.”

Randall Siggson, a paralegal major, said he uses the stairwell regularly, and that he considers that someone must have tried to remove the metal tread for his own use.

•EDITORIAL•

What is fair representation?

A survey conducted by Evan Thierry, ASCC Assistant Commissioner of Student Services, showed how involved students are on campus.

Some of the results included 11 percent of students went to the Cerritos College football Homecoming game on Sept. 22, 79 percent knew that there is a student government, and 13 percent attended the Job Fair on Nov. 9.

One hundred and seventy-eight students participated in the survey. Yes, only 178 students out of 24,355 students, from enrollment of Spring 2011 according to Public Affair's "Facts at a Glance" page on Cerritos.edu, on campus were surveyed.

This is not even one-hundredth of a percent of the college, so how could this possibly be a fair representation of students being on campus?

Although Commissioner of Student Services David Aguirre and Thierry are planning on re-doing the survey to get a better representation, will that be enough?

Thierry said that it was his first time doing a survey and was not given direction



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of how to do the survey, so he is not to blame for not getting the other 99.9 percent of the school.

Now whether or not the numbers could be different if more students were surveyed is the question.

How about surveying the person talking to their friend, he could be part of a club.

How about the person

waiting in line for their food? He might know where to get a haircut on campus and the person lying on the grass might know where to buy discounted movie tickets.

A fair representation of the campus would be at least 5,000 students, which would be 20 percent of the student body, to 10,000 students, which would be 41 percent.

In order for this to work, Aguirre and Thierry must plan days ahead of time.

Plan out a group discussion as to how to survey students, and it can't be a last minute assignment.

Assign several people to do the survey. Don't leave one member all alone for an assignment like this.

And also realize that this

will take more than one day to do properly.

It is difficult to talk to 24,355 students, but not impossible. So instead, plan four or five groups of six or seven people.

It is up to those who do surveys to get a representation of more than 178 students as to how much students are involved on campus.

Talking in the library must be stopped

"Silence is golden" is a term that the movie industry uses to request that people are quiet when watching a film in a movie theater as to not disrupt others. Apparently, the students of Cerritos College failed to get that memo because they yell, laugh, use profanity, and just about anything else they that want to do in the campus library.

Exercise some common sense. There are a few sacred places where you are expected to be quiet. Church, professional work-related environments, classrooms, and libraries, among others.

Why do some Cerritos College students have such diarrhea of the mouth that they insist on bothering others? Be quiet, zip it, put a sock in it, silencio por favor [Spanish], se taire [French], den Mund halten [German], Opsluiten [Dutch], zamknij się [Polish], houjou fokin bek [Ghanaian].

The proverbial powers that be at Cerritos College need to actually exercise some of that power



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and put a stop to this. How about a fine?

If students start seeing a trend in how much money they are paying as a result of their mouth, it is a very high possibility that they would start to think twice.

No student that comes to the library with intentions to study for a test, or write that all-important paper cares about what you did over the weekend.

No student that actually cares about his education wants to hear about how you almost lost an eye while drunkenly playing around with friends.

There is not one person attending Cerritos College who goes into the library to study that wants to

hear about what guy or girl you find attractive.

This is getting out of hand. People are taking over the few remaining places that serious students have to retreat to. What has happened to our inside voices?

Most of the students that attend Cerritos College are technically adults even if only by the number "18" that denotes their year of age, but if that is true then act more like the adults that you say that you are and not less like them.

Cerritos College is not a place to be used as a playground. It is a highly regarded and well-respected educational institution. If you want to go play, why not visit the McDonald's playland. You can go there and be as loud as you want to be, but then again, you would still need to exercise basic respect because the small children don't play around when it comes to the slides and ball area.

DJs should not be allowed to perform at 'The Hill'

DJs at Falcon Square should play music elsewhere so that Cerritos' own WPMD DJs can be heard.

Most DJs play their music at the Falcon Square Amphitheater, which is very near to the only speakers on campus.

The DJs play their music loudly during some students' radio shows.

As a host of my own music show, I would hate any DJs playing their music so that students on campus only hear them and not the WPMD DJs.

The whole point of a college radio station is to play music, inform or

even entertain the students on campus.

When a radio personality/DJ gets enough support from his intended audience, it encourages him to keep doing his show and follow his dreams and fulfilling his major.

Besides, how cool will it be if one of our radio personalities gets famous?

We'll be able to tell everyone that we know a famous person or that we



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Sometimes, some of the individual DJs play the exact same music that some of the radio shows play, only louder.

The school should also arrange more speakers around campus so that more students are able to listen to shows while on their breaks or while they're hanging out.

went to the same school as that famous person.

WPMD personalities should get as much support as any other department because it's one of the things that makes us unique as a community college.

It not only benefits the radio personalities but also the students of the campus.

Even if the school contracts the DJs, the DJs can easily work on getting their own shows on WPMD and play their music there.

That is the main reason there is a radio station on campus.



"Do you think enough students get involved on campus?"

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NICOLE SAWICKI
nursing major

"I don't know because I don't participate so I don't know anyone who does, but it's because it's a little tough because students have class and a lot of them work."

PAIGE NIKOLICH
undecided major



"I think a lot of people do. People get more involved in clubs to further extend their education outside of the class."



MARK MARTINEZ
theater major

"I think the students that can do because sometimes there are events, but students are in class so they are unable to participate."

SANDRA GODINEZ
nursing major



"I think most students just come to school and go to class. Their lives are very busy; they have jobs and families."



GONZALO CERCERES
computer science major

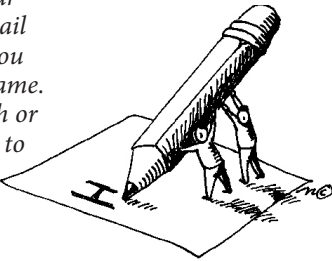
"No, because I'm one of the ones that don't. I see the tables and I just walk through and try to get to where I'm going."

MANNY SALCEDO
theology major



"I feel most students join clubs just to get in classes easier, but most of my friends are in clubs so I don't know."

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The Crowd Cracks up: Cast of the Late Night Burnight performs to bring the crowd to tears of laughter. The show contained improv, stand-up, and sketch comedy.

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Stacked aims for modern eating style

Restaurant Review

Stacked
18425 Gridley Road
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Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

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The newest and possibly trendiest of restaurants is on the scene as Stacked most definitely stacks up well against the best of competition.

The ambiance of cozy, inviting lights sets the tone for a welcoming dining experience.

Stacked has the most interesting ordering system that I have ever seen. Orders are placed via a menu-iPad system. This was actually an exciting experience as it was extremely easy to use.

There was one downside with the iPad ordering system. It seemed like patrons need a credit card to use it. I did not have one so the young lady swiped her employee menu card instead.

The experience is so wonderful that it makes you want to return immediately. Stacked is a definite must for any one that loves a good time.

Laughter fills Late Night Burnight

Review

Late Night Burnight
Starring: Cerritos College Theatre Department
Director: Forrest Hartl
Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

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The Late Night Burnight cast won its audience over by making them laugh hysterically in every sketch on Friday.

With a ridiculous opening sketch, the cast awakened its audience right away.

Late Night Burnight had everything you can expect in a comedy show.

The show had everything from impressive improvisational skills to enjoyable physical comedy.

The one true weakness of the performance was the stand-up comedy. The comedian failed to get as much laughter from the crowd as the actors from other sketches.

The actors that really had the audience laughing out loud for most of the show were Melissa Legaspi and Jared Head.

The cast played games to keep the audiences' attention and even made pop culture jokes.

One of the games they played was "guess who

the guest is" where one of the actors steps out of the room and the audience gets to decide which character they have to play.

One of the pop culture references involved in the performance was Dora the Explorer.

A male cast member dressed up as Dora and took a hilarious journey from Cerritos College to the Staples Center.

Some characters that were played were Kim Kardashian, an Irish man, a crack dealer and a Charlie Sheen cameo.

Future performances on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will start at 8 p.m. The Dec. 12 performance will start at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission , \$12 for Cerritos College students, staff and faculty.

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Art in time for holiday shopping

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Cerritos College will hold the Student Art Sale on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Center.

Professor Steven Portigal, head of the Ceramics Program, s said, "It's a great learning experience for many students to sell their work. They get a real understanding of what it takes to potentially go into business."

Student's art pieces are put on sale and range from prices of under \$5 to \$200 for more intricate, complex pieces.

First-time participant of the art sale, Beverly Thompson, said, "I'm just excited to see if anyone will buy what I made."

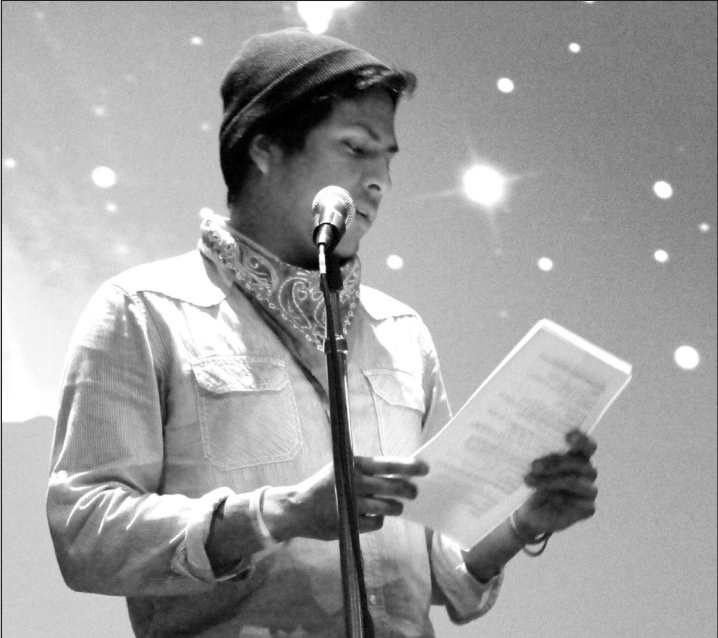
Thompson has been taking ceramic classes off-and-on for about 15 years.

Anthropology major Monica Bravoderueda said, "I'm looking forward to seeing what other art classes are producing."

All art programs are able to participate in the Student Art Sale. The Wood Working Program will also be participating.

Free parking will be offered in lots C-9 and C-10.

Library Club hosts Poetry Night



Open-mic: Poets and singers performed for poetry night on Nov. 30 in the Teleconference Room at Cerritos College.

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Conference Record: 11-3-1 **SCC**
Season Result: Lost at SoCal Regional



Overall Record: 8-4
Conference Record: 5-0 **NDNC**
Season Result: Lost to Mt. SAC



Overall Record: 6-6
Conference Record: 1-3
Season Result: 4th in state



Overall Record: 27-5
Conference Record: 7-0
Season Result: Lost at SoCal Regional



Overall Record: 20-14
Conference Record: 4-1
Season Result: Lost at SoCal Regional



Overall Record: 10 - 0
Conference Record: 10 - 0
Season Result: 6th in state



Overall Record: 10-12
Conference Record: 7-7
Season Result: Missed playoffs



Overall Record: 10 - 0
Conference Record: 10 - 0
Season Result: 18th in state

NDNC/SCC = won conference

Fall sports don't match up to those of 2010 season

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Victorious and not, Cerritos College's 2011 fall sports teams had their champions and teams that just couldn't make the cut.

From wrestling taking fourth in state, to volleyball unable to make it to playoffs, each team had its ups and its downs.

Football had started off 2-5 and then after losing its third game, began a six-game win streak until finally losing to Mount San Antonio College in the Southern

California Championship game 17-14 on Nov. 26.

In a season that was dedicated to their former teammates Eddie Valencia and Carlos Ornelas, the men's soccer team compiled a 17-3-2 record en route to a second-place finish in the South Coast Conference.

Valencia and Ornelas were killed in a car crash on Aug. 15 as they were on their way to play at Kansas Wesleyan University on scholarships.

The team was awarded the No. 2 seed in the Southern California Regional Playoffs before it was defeated in the second round by Golden West College.

Men's water polo finished its season taking second

place in the South Coast Conference.

Several of the team's players were awarded First-Team All-South Coast Conference honors, including goalkeeper Michael Skinas, driver Isaiah Irvine, and utility Rafael Romero.

Sophomore utility player Isaac Oglobin was named an All-American and First-Team All-Southern California.

Women's water polo made it to SoCal Regionals, where it was seeded No. 3.

It was defeated by the No. 2-seeded team, Golden West College.

Wrestling went from second to fourth in the state as a team.

With unsuccessful matches for about three weeks, the team had dropped to sixth place.

At the Southern California Regionals, the team placed third with eight wrestlers qualifying for state.

The team will wrestle in the state championships on Saturday at Santa Rosa College.

The volleyball team (10-12) missed the playoffs for the second consecutive season.

German-born player looks toward NBA

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Traveling from Germany to the United States in hopes of becoming a professional basketball player, Cerritos College men's basketball center Isaac Okebiorun looks to fellow coaches and teammates to gain the experience to one day achieve his goal.

In 2003, Okebiorun was introduced to the sport of basketball when he traveled from his home in Germany to California to visit his cousins.

"I've gotten into basketball and I'm in love with the game and I don't think I'm ever going to stop playing basketball."

His cousin had noticed how tall he was and told him that he should think about playing basketball.

He moved to California when he was 17 years old, so that he could grow as a basketball player.

He joined the basketball team at Downey High School for his final two years of high school.

Most Improved

As a senior, he was given the Most Improved Award by his team and helped it in winning two San Gabriel Valley League Championships as well as advancing to the California Interscholastic Federation Playoffs.

After the basketball season ended his senior year, Okebiorun joined his high school track and field team where he received both bronze and silver medals.

When it came to choosing between which sport he wanted to

pursue, he said, "My main reason for coming [to the United States] was basketball and my senior year I tried track and field just for the heck of it."

Playing in College

He then came to Cerritos College so that he could build up on his experience.

Head Coach Russ May said Okebiorun, "He's a great example of a student athlete. He's taking high-level classes and he's coming to school to get his education first. As a basketball player, he does the things that we need his position to do which is rebound and play good post-defense and he is a quick learner."

This is Okebiorun's first season playing for the Falcons.

May also explained how his lack of experience hurts him as a player.

"He needs experience, he needs some game action, understanding how the flow of the game works and just what to do on the floor in certain situations, some fundamental work, some foot work and some of those things fundamentally."

His Lifelong Dream

Okebiorun is also studying civil engineering as well as playing basketball.

If he does make it to the NBA, he said he doesn't care what team he ends up on, as long as he gets the chance to live out his dream.

Okebiorun talked about how his family supported his decision to leave Germany.

"My family knows that this was not an easy decision to make to just



LAUREN GANDARA/TM
Boxing out: Center Isaac Okebiorun (right) boxes out a teammate during practice. Okebiorun moved from Germany to California to pursue a basketball career.

leave your family, your friends, and everything behind to push through your goal.

"I really hope I fulfill my dream and make my parents proud."

Forward Willie Edwards said, "Isaac is a nice rebounder, a shot blocker, somebody that can leap off the floor. He's very strong, intelligent and just an overall humble guy."

Religious ties

Okebiorun also plays the key-

board in his extra time to help him relax.

He is a keyboard player at Christ the Apostle Church in Inglewood, where his uncle is the pastor.

He believes his faith gives him the ability to juggle being a student-athlete and playing basketball.

He said, "All in all, I thank God that I have the opportunity to be part of basketball, academics and being able to play the keyboard for the Church."

"It's kind of difficult but in the end it all pays off"

35 Falcons earn All-NDNC and All-SCC team honors

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Football Head Coach Frank Mazzotta and women's water polo Head Coach Sergio Macias captured Coach of the Year honors.

Mazzotta was named for the 2nd straight season as the National Division Northern Conference Coach of the Year.

It is his 4th time being named Coach of the Year in his career.

Mazzotta coached the Cerritos Falcons to the Southern California Championship game only to come up short against Mount San Antonio College for the second straight season.

Macias was named as the South Coast Conference women's water polo Coach of the Year for the second straight season in a row. It is his fourth time being named as the coach of the year in his career.

Sophomores quarterback Brandon Denker, men's soccer defender Alejandro Covarrubias, women's water polo utility player Shelby Gleason and men's water polo defender Isaac Oglobin captured Player of the Year honors in their respective conference, headlining the list of this fall sport's athletes who received All-Conference honors.

Denker was named Offensive Player of the Year in the National Division Northern Conference after throwing 2,319 yards and 31 touchdowns this season.

Covarrubias was named Men's Soccer Defensive Player of the Year

in the South Coast Conference.

Gleason was named women's water polo Co-Player of the Year within the South Coast Conference was also named to the All-SCC First Team for the second time in her career.

Oglobin was named as Men's Water Polo Co-Player of the Year for the South Coast Conference and was also named an All-American and 1st Team All-Southern California for the second year in a row.

Sophomore outside hitter Lupe Garcia was the only player to earn First Team honors in the South Coast Conference.

Garcia led the Falcons with 189 kills this season. She also finished second on the team with 170 digs and added 116 assists.

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Dog fight: Cerritos College running back Donald Livingston (center) is gang tackled by a host of Mount San Antonio College defensive players during the Falcons' 17-14 loss on Nov. 26. The Falcons were defeated in the Southern California Championship by the Mounties for the second consecutive season.

Football falls short to Mt. SAC again

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Refusing to allow Head Coach Frank Mazzotta and the Cerritos College football team a chance to attain vengeance, the Mount San Antonio College football team defeated the Falcons 17-14 on Nov. 26.

Last season, Cerritos College was humiliated 51-0 by Mt. SAC.

The Falcons (8-4) were rallying late in the fourth quarter with two minutes remaining when sopho-

more quarterback Brandon Denker eluded a swarm of Mounties and threw a deep bomb to a streaking Robert Abeyta who caught the ball at the Mounties' two-yard line amid being surrounded by three Mt. SAC defenders.

However, the play was negated when officials called a pass interference penalty on the freshman wide receiver.

"At that point in the game, to make that call is sickening, just sickening," Mazzotta said.

Two plays later, Mt. SAC defensive back Ash-

tun Williams intercepted a pass thrown by Denker, ending the Falcons' hopes of a comeback. Williams had two interceptions. This season, the Falcons swept the National Division Northern Conference (5-0.)

Freshman Defensive Tackle Kyle Peko finished his first season at Cerritos College with 39 tackles and 1.5 sacks.

He said, "I feel good about this season. I can't blame [the loss] on anyone."

With the win, the Mounties (11-1) capture their fifth straight South-

ern California Championship and a third consecutive birth in the California State Championship for a chance to win their third consecutive state title.

City College of San Francisco triumphed over Fresno City College 57-13 on Nov. 26 and it will face Mt. SAC in a rematch for the state championship on Dec. 10.

Defensive tackle Fred Lavulo captured the game's Defensive Player of the Game award. He had five tackles.

"I wasn't expecting the



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