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## Students can lose grant aid

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The House of Representatives has approved a proposal to cut \$845 million in Pell Grants, which Cerritos College has already estimated would affect 12,240 students as soon as next fall.

However, this plan still needs to pass through the Senate, which opposes this plan.

Scott Lay, CEO of the Community College League of California, said that these cuts will reduce the maximum Pell Grants from \$5,550 to \$4,705, which is a 15 percent decrease.

"The cut would reduce the Pell Grants for 418,000 California community colleges, collectively slashing their financial aid by \$203 million," Lay said.

According to Kimberly Westby, dean of Student Support Services for Cerritos, those 12,240 students were based off the 2010-2011 financial aid reports.

Westby added that there is also a possibility that this budget cut could affect the 2011 summer sessions.

"There is also a proposal on the table eliminate what's called 'year-See Pell Grants Page 3

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**Pick your part:** The \$58,000 2011 Chevy Silverado sits in a secured area of the automotive technology department after the donated truck was stripped of its tail lights and tail gate last week. According to campus police the parts were found on Craigslist for sale just days later.

## Stolen parts found on Craigslist

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**A** Cerritos College automotive technology student was arrested on allegations of stealing parts off a recently donated truck last Thursday from the Cerritos College Automotive Department and attempting to sell the parts on Craigslist.



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**Hot parts:** The tail lights of a Chrysler C300 have been stolen. The car was also donated to the Automotive Technology Program.

The incident has shed light on what automotive instructors call a bigger issue: the Automotive Department being unsecured for the past four months.

Samuel Cruz was taken into custody at school after authorities say he stole the tail lights and the tailgate off the \$58,000 2011 Chevy Silverado that belonged to the Automotive Department.

"He was in my class and was a regular student, I wouldn't have suspected him at all," instructor of automotive collision repair Robert Asperen said.

Cruz did not return an e-mail to be interviewed but, according to his Facebook profile, he works for General Motors.

The parts, according to Cerritos College Chief of Police Richard Bukowiecki, totaled \$3,300.

According to Bukowiecki, Cruz was singled out as a suspect after an automotive technology instructor found the missing parts on Craigslist just days later and reported it to campus police.

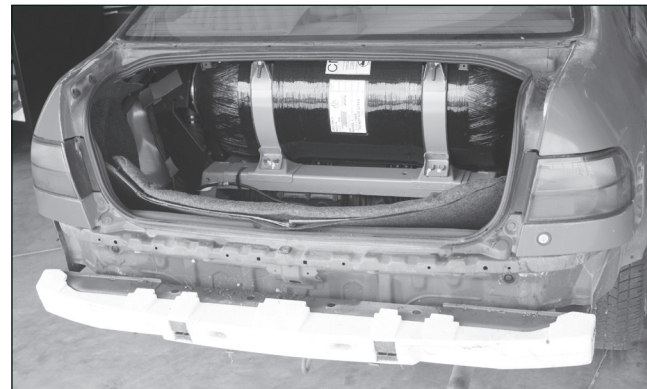
After campus police were informed of the ad they launched an investigation into the theft and soon traced the phone number linked to the ad that they believe Cruz posted.

"All of the missing items were found at the suspect's

home and have since been returned to the Automotive Department," Bukowiecki said.

But according to Frank Vega, instructor of automotive mechanical repair, the problem stems a lot deeper than just Cruz' incident and the problem has been apparent for two to three years now.

According to Vega, parts disappear on an almost daily  
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**Gone missin':** The bumper and trunk of a Honda Civic have also turned up missing as a result of the thefts. No suspect has been identified for the theft.

## Priority enrollment point system raises questions among college faculty

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The Cerritos College Faculty Senate discussed the possibility of revising the priority enrollment policy, to better aid students who are succeeding, at its meeting on March 1.

Faculty Senate President Debra Moore put it on the agenda, so the Faculty Senate could discuss whether it would like to propose any changes to the procedure.

Moore said, "We are trying to help stu-

dents get a higher enrollment status by giving them an incentive to do better."

As of right now, the way priority enrollment operates is one of two ways: a point system and the enrollment in certain programs, such as EOPS or DSPS.

Students who don't fit into one of the seven priority-worthy programs fall into the point system pool. In the point system, students receive points based on certain criteria that update on a semester to semester basis, accumulating points along the way.

The breakdown of the point system is as follows: a student who is enrolled in zero

to three units receives no points, 3.5 to six units equals two points, 6.5 to nine units gets four points, 9.5 to 15 units receives six points and 15.5 or more units equals 10 points.

Students also receive an additional point for every unit they are enrolled in after the last day to drop, despite what grade they receive in the class. So a student who fails a class can still receive points according to the policy.

Ten bonus points are awarded to students who earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

The higher a student is on the point sys-

tem, the higher his priority enrollment status will be, but once he reaches 90 points, he is then reset back to zero, which will drop him back down to the bottom of the list.

The exceptions to the point system are students who are enrolled in special programs.

Priority enrollment is given to students who are enrolled in the following programs and are listed by top priority: EOPS students, DSPS, U.S. Armed Forces, CalWORKS, student athletes, mandatory enrollment requirement students, Scholars' Honors students, matriculated students,

then continuing students followed by returning students.

One issue Faculty Senate talked about revising is to not reward the students who fail classes even though they stayed in after the drop date.

According to Moore there are "approximately 3,900 students in the groups starting from EOPS through Scholars' Honors students."

Matriculated students are not part of that number.

She then proposed that students that  
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Auto Tech  
Thefts: Dept.  
unsecure while  
construction waits

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basis.  
“Some of these guys are ruthless, they think this place is a pick-your-part.” The [Cerritos College] automotive department is one of the biggest programs in the state and this is a huge black eye to the program.”

Automotive student Moses Lopez said, “[The thefts] are something you hear about all the time, you just never see it.”

Some believe that because of recent construction it is easier than ever for thieves to access cars and parts.

Asperen said, “It’s a mess. We haven’t been able to secure anything. The building hasn’t been secure in four months.”

The Automotive Department has been under construction since winter of 2009.

According to Robert Riffle, director of physical plant facilities, work stopped about six weeks ago when the contracted company gave up the project to another company for undisclosed reasons.

“If there are doors that are not securable nobody should be allowed in that area and I have a problem with that. This problem has not been brought to my attention, the construction manager or [division dean] have not informed me,” Riffle said. “I don’t know why they would store things in areas that can’t be secured.”

The project is expected to be finished in December with work slated to begin again at the end of this month.

With the automotive department faculty unsure how to protect their parts, some like Vega have considered taking matters into their own hands, “A couple of us are considering buying cameras for the department out of our own pockets, the school sure doesn’t have the money for it.”



**Fighting discrimination:** Alice Scott came to Cerritos College to talk about the different encounters women face in a male-dominant profession. Scott retired after 30 years in the criminal justice department.

# Former officer shares her story

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As a part of Women’s History Month, Alice Scott came to Cerritos College on Thursday for a discussion about the many obstacles that women face with careers in criminal justice.

Working 30 years in law enforcement, Scott faced discrimination in the field for being a woman, but still educates women who are going into the force about the opportunity it brings them.

“I think it’s a wonderful opportunity for strong women who are ready to take on that type of career and take on the world because it’s going to be challenging.

“It’s male-dominant, but we still need women to get in there and take care of business and move up in rank.”

Scott had a classroom full of students in the Science Lecture Hall building, where she brought up the different promotions when she moved up in her field.

Starting out as a deputy in 1980, Scott was in law enforcement when women in the field didn’t have respect for being a part of the department.

According to Scott, statistics of promotions and employment for women in criminal justice careers are very low. Women in the force work with a male-dominant superiority, but handle cases just as the men do.

Scott has managed cases such as arresting drug addicts, taking custody of children from unfit parents and the world of prison systems.

Sociology major Evamaria Gomez attended the lecture and was surprised by the amount of disregard that women face from men in law enforcement.

“I thought the presentation was very informative. I didn’t know female officers went through so much. Throughout the years they face so much discrimination and have to work twice as hard to get respect in the force.”

One of the challenges that Scott mentioned in her lecture was the issue of a woman being herself in the force and having a family.

Being a female in law enforcement means having a family before you start your career, later, or not having one at all. Scott chose to have her children at the age of 34.

Striking her attention on this certain issue, sociology major Yoselin Petlcalco praised Scott’s devotion to her career.

“One of the dilemmas that I was really interested in was whether to be a tough girl or your regular self. It’s a conflict with

yourself, and she [Scott] overcame it and I thought it was amazing,” Petlcalco said.

In response to this problem that women have in law enforcement, literature major Brittany Fontenot understood the types of sexism there are in law enforcement.

“With the two extremes of the male officers in connection with how the women have to behave, it was either they were extremely tough on them to where it’s just rude or they were just coddling,” Fontenot said.

“It’s disrespectful and hard to deal with.”

Scott has been retired since July 2010 with at the rank of Captain.

She enjoys her life. While her husband works toward his retirement, Scott stays home and prepares her teenage children for college.

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# CERRITOS COLLEGE NEWS BRIEFS

## Chili cook-off applications are available

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Students, faculty and staff who can make the best chili are urged to apply for the Cerritos College Chili Cook-off, on March 16.

The cook-off will be a part of the springtime Hoe Down Days.

The deadline to turn in an application is on March 11 before noon.

Applications are available in the Student Center, which is located by the bookstore.

Coordinator of Student Activities Amna Jara is setting up the cook-off for the first time and hopes to have a big turnout.

## Students learn to budget time and life

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Time management, study skills, building a support system, and finding quality childcare were among the things discussed on March 3, in a workshop titled Balancing Family and School.

Students benefited from the workshop as they learned techniques they can apply in different areas of their lives.

Sociology major Elizabeth Nieto, attended the workshop in hopes of finding answers to her hectic life.

"I have a heavy load. I hope to get structure out of the workshop," Nieto said.

## UCLA offers mentor program

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One on-campus program that may be vital to a student looking to transfer, is the UCLA Center for Community College Partnerships.

The program encourages students to not only transfer to UCLA, but other universities also.

Students in the program will get a peer mentor who will meet with the student once a month to go over the academics that the student is involved with at the time.

Peer mentor, Mario Salcedo, a success story in itself said, "I wanted to pay it forward. I wanted to make sure I can give other students the help I got," Salcedo said.

Along with the classes, workshops are also available for students in the program.



**Decisions to be made:** Many representatives sat at each table, patiently and eagerly waiting to help out any student who had a question about the education that each school offered. Students are urged to seek a university and transfer to it.

# Universities visit campus

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Thirty-five universities came to Cerritos College on Tuesday, in hopes of getting students interested in transferring to their school.

Katie Diaz represented California State University, Dominguez Hills as part of the Student Outreach Services at her campus.

"Our purpose here today is to give information to students about transferring. We have a pamphlet to success that helps them get into the university and guarantees them a spot as long they meet the requirements," Diaz said.

There weren't only Cal State Universities present at the fair as representatives from Mount St. Mary's College, a Catholic private school based on the education of women, were signing up students.

Presenting their traditional and weekend college program, Edgar Perez, weekend college outreach coordinator and transfer admission coordinator, Tony Law, talked about what was

unique about the programs at Mount St. Mary's.

"It's a really different atmosphere to empower women to strive for their goals, masters and graduate degrees," Law said.

Perez elaborated on the types of schedules that busy college students might have and how the weekend college would benefit their time management.

"We allow students who might have to work during the week to attend class during the weekend. What's neat about this program is that you attend six weekends a semester, which breaks down to every third weekend when you have a class."

From table to table, there were different representatives of universities.

Next to Mount St. Mary's table was Chapman University Assistant Director of Admission Jeremy Smotherman.

Smotherman talked about the major reasons why Cerritos College students should choose Chapman University out of the other schools that were present at the University Mini-Fair.

"We're located in the city of Orange. We have a small university of 45,000 students. We're really good when it comes to availability for scholarships. Transfer students can be eligible between a 3.3 and 3.6 GPA. So, there's definitely a little bit more availability there," he said.

David Morales, business and political science major, visited the University Mini-Fair with an interest in learning how to transfer to Cal State Los Angeles.

"My purpose to come here was to learn how to transfer to a university, which will make my credibility better when I get a degree. I'm actually happy to be here because this is where everything starts," Morales said.

Students who signed up for any of the specific universities at the fair received information about the school and will be getting a call from one of the campus' student outreach services.

## Priority enrollment: Faculty discusses revision

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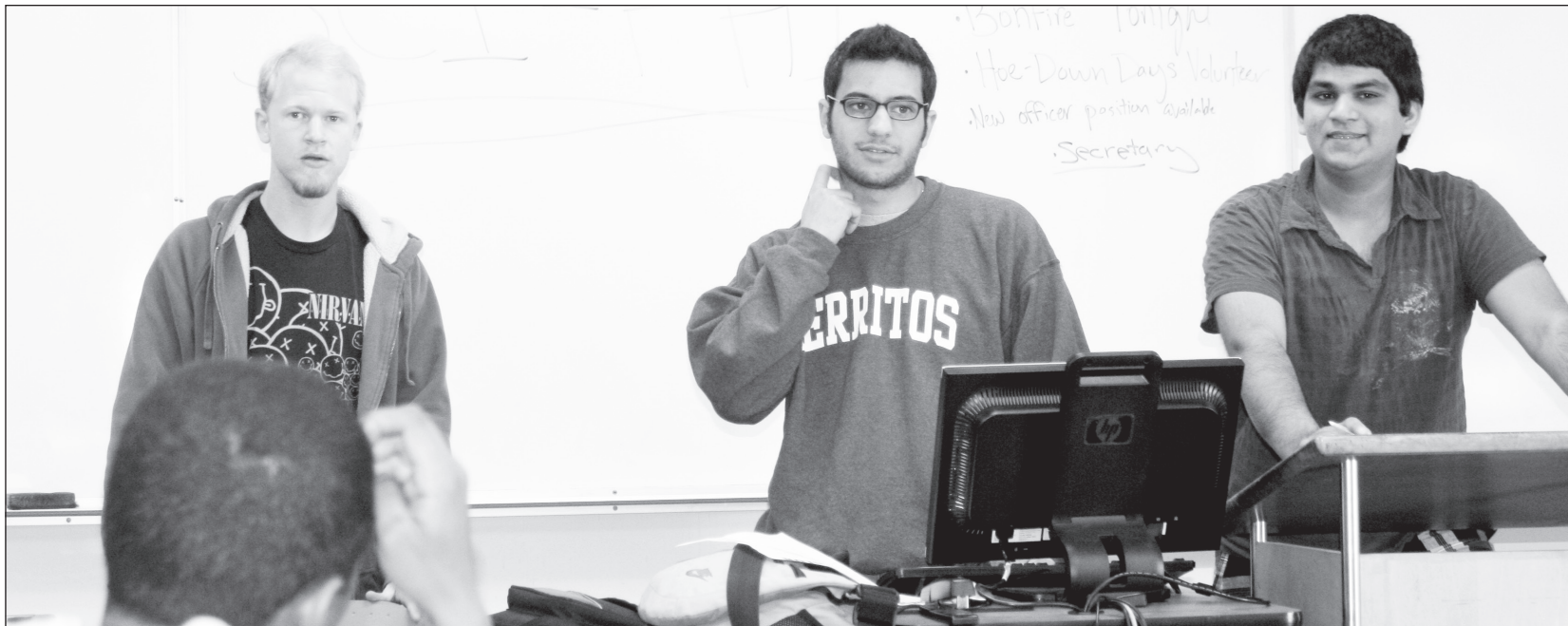
She proposed that those before matriculated students be given a cap on units they can enroll in, "The problem we face is that students are taking on too many units then dropping them not allowing other students a chance to fill that spot.

"Implementing a unit cap would discourage people from shopping around," she added.

Child development major, Paul Zapata, said, "I think a cap should be put on students who keep dropping classes."

Jesus Cuarenta, undecided major, thinks that by publicizing the policy, "It would be very helpful so you know how to get better priority."

Before any changes are made, Faculty Senate has to come to a consensus. Where it will be forwarded to Student Government and if it passes, it will make its way to the Coordinating Committee where, according to Moore, is where a decision is made.



**Formulating ideas:** (left to right) Chris Griswold, secretary, Alex Bishara Jreisat, president, and Jit Singh, vice president, discuss new proposition about their club.

# Club on campus starts scholarship

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Scientific Philosophy Club, a new organization on campus, is selling silicone wristbands to raise funds for a scholarship called, The Scientific Philosophy Scholarship.

The wristbands, which contain the question, "What Would Darwin Do?", come in a variety of colors and are available for \$2 each.

"What [Darwin] wanted to do was, not to bash religion, but to pursue objective thought and the most likely answer to something, based on his observations of the natural world," Club President Alex Bis-

hara Jreisat, said.

"I think what we should all strive for is to come to a concise and valid conclusion through observations that we could see," he said.

The \$250 scholarship will be available by the fall 2011 semester.

Students interested in the scholarship must have a minimum of a 3.25 GPA, must have taken at least a total of 30 units and must be taking more than units this semester.

An essay question will also be required to be written and will be reviewed by a council that will consist of the club's standing president and vice president, two Cerritos College professors and the Director of Cerritos College foundation

Steve Richardson.

"You don't have to be in the club; anyone is eligible if they meet the requirements," Jreisat said.

Jreisat described the club, "One of the purposes of the SciPhi Club is to create a close network of confident objective scholars who are searching to apply the knowledge they gain in class to the rest of their lives."

SciPhi Club's purpose is to introduce empiricism and objectivism to students; club members are challenged with tasks to make choices based on critical thinking and without bias.

Club member Matthew Green, said, "I've always strived to be ob-

# Pell Grants: Students advised to find other aid

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round Pell', and it goes into effect this summer.

"If [students] used all of their Pell Grant in the fall and all of it in the spring based on being enrolled full-time on both semesters, they wouldn't have any funds available for summer," she said.

Westby added, "If the 'year-round Pell' doesn't get eliminated, we can go into the 2011-2012 Pell and give it for summer. But there's also a proposal on the table to end the 'year-round Pell,' and we don't have more information after that (whether or not the proposal will pass)."

If the proposal passes, Westby advises students to look into scholarships and apply for loans.

Still, Westby wants students to apply for financial aid as soon as possible to get the funding that will be available for the fall.

Cerritos College President Linda Lacy said that students will still be eligible for the Board of Governors Fee Waiver.

Lacy also said, "I would highly advise students to seek any bit of tutoring if they're behind in their class and not drop classes, because there are no guarantees when you would be able to get those classes again."

Lacy has said that President Barack Obama opposes this budget plan.

"However, the bill is necessary to continue operating the federal government, so it would be difficult to veto," Lay added.

Lay has advised anyone who opposes the cut to go to DontCutPellGrants.com and sign the petition to overturn the budget cut plan.

According to CCCCCO.edu, 75 California Community College leaders met with the Chancellor and members of the C.C.C. Board of Governors at Washington D.C. on Feb. 13 to 16 at a National Legislative Summit.

Congress had until March 4 to the make the final decision

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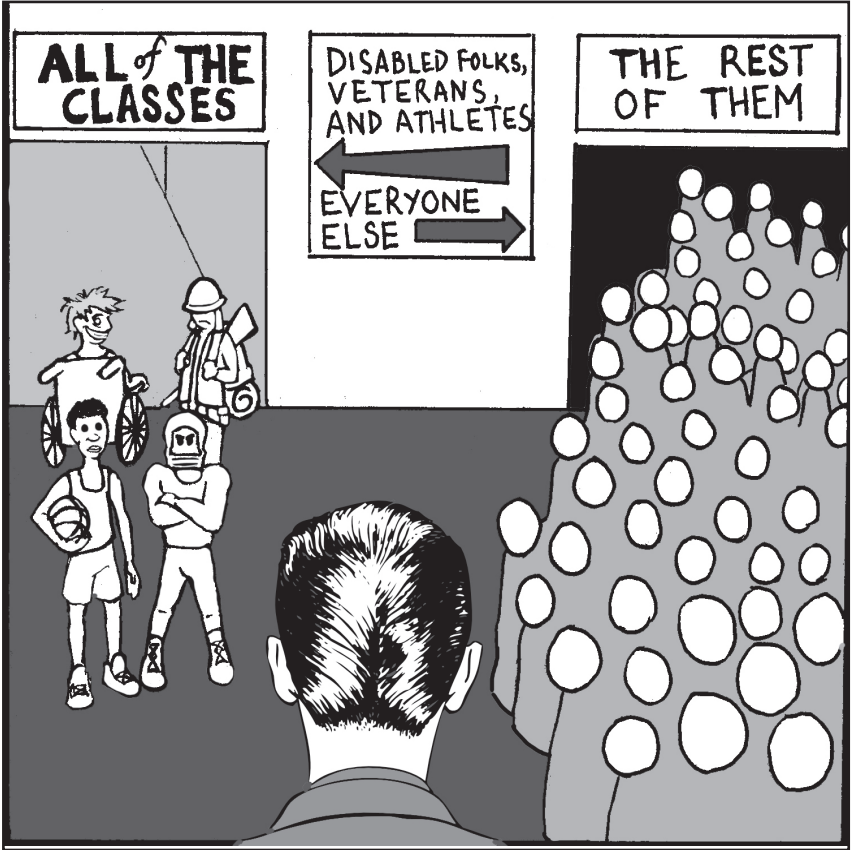
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EDITORIAL

Enrollment a major priority



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STUDENT GROUPS WITH THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES: From highest to lowest:

- Extended Opportunity Programs and Services
- Disabled Students Programs and Services.
- Members of the Armed Forces, within two years of leaving active duty.
- Students who receive assistance through CalWORKs
- Student Athletes
- Students in the Scholars' Honors Program

HOW THE POINT SYSTEM WORKS

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\* Taken from the Cerritos Community College District Procedures

The enrollment priorities and limitations at Cerritos always seem to have an emphasis on "limitations."

Despite their registration dates progressively coming earlier and earlier each semester, students struggle to enroll in the classes they need to graduate or transfer.

The truth is that the system that calculates students' enrollment priority is outdated, and there are some changes that could aid in its refinement.

Expedited by the recent economic downturn, our community college has become even more overcrowded.

Add on top of that the budget cuts that have led administrators to slash course offerings each semester, and the spaces in our classrooms continue to dwindle.

At this point, the odds for all our students to get into the classes they need are ridiculously unfair.

The most important change to consider would be to better reward for a high GPA.

The current system allots one point for each prior unit earned by students, plus bonus points based on unit load, regardless of the grade earned in those classes.

The fact that a straight-F student could accumulate points in this manner is inconceivable.

We propose that these unit points should only be distributed only to students who pass their classes with a C or above.

This ensures that students actually remain in their courses and participate in them.

Furthermore, in the current system, a 10-point bonus is given to students with a

2.0 or higher GPA.

Once again, there is a showcasing of low standards from such a general point bonus.

A 10-point bonus should be awarded each semester to students who possess a 2.0 to 2.9 GPA, while students with a 3.0 GPA or above would be awarded 20 bonus points.

The biggest change made would be to eliminate the Scholars' Honors priority altogether.

Taking this off the list would provide deserving students with equal enrollment opportunities.

Secondly, the veterans group would move down four slots, after mandatory enrollment requirement students.

Currently, this group holds these priority privileges within the first two years after leaving active duty.

Although they should be moved down the list, after some groups with more demanding needs, they should also be awarded three years of priority privileges, as opposed to two, to give those who are recently discharged more time to plan their future.

These simple refinements are just some of the steps our school can take toward a much better learning environment.

As Cerritos College's classrooms continue to overflow, leaving students who truly need specific courses high and dry, changes must be made to mitigate our current economical predicament.

Where is the construction money going?



There have been a ridiculous number of unfinished and poorly planned buildings for college campuses in the Los Angeles Community College District for the past 10 years.

Whole projects being abandoned and even more of taxpayers' money is going toward projects like these today.

Over billions of dollars have been wasted from the series of bond measures, which raised \$5.7 billion throughout the decade to rebuild all of the nine L.A. community colleges.

Although the LACCD is the largest community college district in the U.S and one of the biggest in the world, this problem just adds on to the deficit that California already has.

With what is going on with the economy, a bond measure that was passed 10 years ago should have finished its plans by 2007.

What started this project was the poor condition that the colleges were in by the end of the 1990s.

In reaction, the board placed a \$1.2 billion bond measure in 2001, which was followed by a \$1 billion bond in 2003, both passed by voters.

The board promised voters strict oversight of the money and for years they had gone with almost no public scrutiny because of it.

In 2007, worries of the previous bonds running out before the projects were finished, led the board to go to voters once again.

This time, a \$3.5 billion proposal, in which contractors helped raise \$1.9 million for the ballot campaign was put forth.

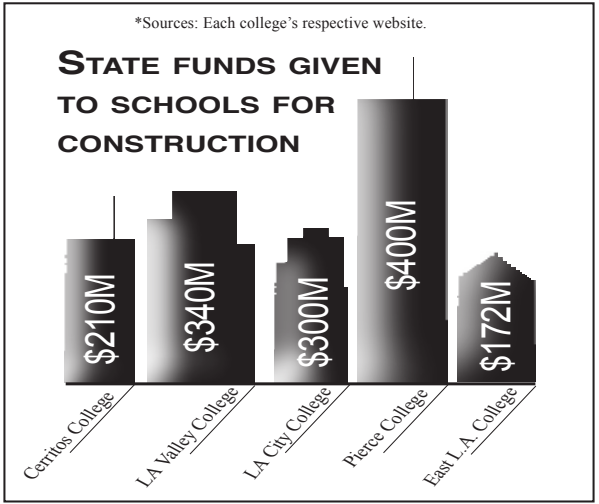
Fast-forward to 2011 and we can see that not much has changed in the LACCD and its surrounding districts as well.

Many community colleges in the area such as Cerritos College are still undergoing construction and will remain under construction for a while.

The only thing the average student can do now, is question the plans that were made and keep a closer

eye on those in charge of the projects that are in progress.

Although this may be a case in lack of planning, someone in this equation of school construction has to be reaping benefits from the delays and redesigning of buildings. There can be many injustices going on in the system and we cannot fix them if we don't open our eyes and look for ourselves.



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Laptops get the win over new tablet devices

Since 2010, the "new" tablet market has pretty much been dominated by the Apple iPad. I even owned an iPad, for about one month.

The iPad did very well in a mobile device section, but it is not a pocket mobile device, nor did it offer me a comfortable way to write essays and edit photos.

I am a college student, so my focus will be whether an iPad or a smart phone device is a reasonable alternative (cost, features, function) to a laptop.

When comparing the Apple iPad 32GB (\$629), the Samsung Galaxy 3G (\$499), and the Motorola Xoom (\$799), against an entry level Windows 7 laptop (\$329) and a Macbook (\$999), the laptop has the advantage.

The cost would be in mind when making a purchase for a student. It is about what is available to us, not unavailable.

The memory on a tablet is usually flash-memory based, but expensive and it is space limited.



Most laptops have the advantage over tablets because they come standard with a spinning hard drive, that may be slower, but have 250GB-500GB of memory space.

Inputs and outputs is where tablets could have really sizzled, but instead fizzled. Not one of the three tablets has either. The Windows-based laptop, and Macbook, both have it.

Finally, the tablets are all touch screen, but as soon as you need to type for any extended period of time, it is not enough.

To reinforce this point, both the iPad and Xoom have wireless keyboards available, and arguably are limited to use novelty devices without a keyboard and for this reason is that laptops have the advantage over tablets.

For function, we will look at mobility and ease of use. Tablets get the advantage with being a mobile device. They are flat, thin, and usually weigh no more than a textbook.

Laptops take the advantage once more over the tablets because the iPad seems to be a one-task-at-a-time device.

Whereas every laptop and Macbook is capable of multi-tasking, and usually handles uninterrupted. If you are on a budget, or just want the most for your money, then stick to a laptop or Macbook.

If you have more money than you know what to do with, are all about aesthetics, then get you a tablet.



FREE ZONE

How familiar are you with priority enrollment?"

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GINA LOREDA biology major "All I knew was if you continue attending this school, you'll get to pick your classes before anyone else."



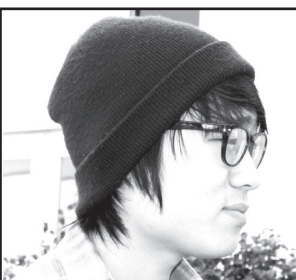
JAMES DAVID LAWYER film major "I didn't know there was such thing as priority enrollment at this school."



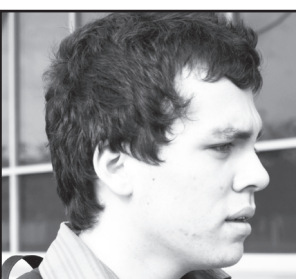
SANDRA SALAMANCO criminal justice major "I don't know much about it. I applied in December, and I got all my classes except for a math course."



DONTE WAYNE undeclared "I know nothing about priority registration; I just applied as soon as possible."



DEREK CHANG English major "I know very little about priority enrollment, but I would like to learn more about it."



JUSTIN GONZALEZ psychology major "I am in the EOPS program, so I know quite a bit about it. I got registration a month earlier than most people."



**Nothing but the truth:** Prosecutor El-Fayoumy (Emmanuel Plascencia) speaks loudly to Mother Teresa (Cristina Terrazas).  
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**Redemption:** Jesus (Paul Martinez) takes sympathy on Judas (Richard Martinez).  
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# ‘The Last Days of Judas Iscariot’ is a hit



**Holy smokes:** Angel (Bryanna Castro) and Loretta (Ashley Johnson) gossip about Judas.  
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## Play Review

*The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*

**Starring:** Richard Martinez  
**Director:** John Zamora  
**Rating:** ★ ★ ★ ★

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Excellent isn't a strong enough adjective to describe the production of "The Last Days of Judas Iscariot" put on by the Cerritos College Theater Department Friday night at the Burnight Center Theatre.

From the very beginning, the play screamed excitement and wonder. When you first walk in to the room, the intimate setting grabs you right away as the audience is

wrapped around the stage and the stage resembles a mosh pit in the center of the audience.

In the middle of the stage, something like a doll lays on the ground and it stays there from about at least 30 minutes before the play starts.

After the first 10 minutes of the play and after a blackout, the doll seems to have moved to the other side of the stage.

It isn't a doll, but lead character Judas Iscariot, played by Richard Martinez.

Martinez is a phenomenal actor who played his character very convincingly, especially during a scene between him and Jesus of Nazareth, played by Paul Martinez. Jesus is begging Judas to talk to him and Judas is cursing and at one point spits on him.

They also share a tender moment where Judas is laying on the floor after their fight and Jesus comes out

carrying a bucket and washes Judas' feet.

He also brought a sense of honesty to a very troubled guilt-ridden confused man and gave a visual to a story that people, despite their religious background, have heard.

One thing that is striking is the amazing focus that Martinez had. He seemed so into his character that it didn't matter what went on on stage, he never broke it.

Another character that stood out was Fabiana Aziza Cunningham played by Bianca Meiloaica. If one didn't know any better, one would think she was really a lawyer in a past life.

Meiloaica brought her character to life with passion and pure honesty.

Her zealous character engaged the audience as she found herself trapped between defending the "Bible's most infamous sinner" and her own haunting past. After a very emo-

tional run-in with Satan, played by Angel Costello, we see Cunningham, a strong character, reduced to tears.

One thing that was really amazing was how the students brought these characters to life and transformed the small theater into a courtroom in downtown purgatory.

Take caution in coming to see this play if you are offended by cursing or religious parodies, but if that doesn't affect you, then come and see this production.

It definitely keeps you on the edge of your seat and never lacks in energy. There is never a point where you can become bored or fall asleep.

This play is definitely worth seeing again and again, and these actors might have a future in the world of Broadway and television if they keep it up.

"Judas Iscariot" will be performed again March 10, 11, 12 at 8 p.m. and March 13 at 2 p.m.

## Hip-hop and art show in Maywood set to explore underground

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The 3rd Shift hip-hop and art show, which starts March 12 at the House Lounge in Maywood, will have some of Los Angeles' underground hip-hop DJs performing that day and artists showing their art, with a section for attendees to work on art.

One of the people that worked to set up the 3rd Shift show and will be attending the show to help is Galileo Gonzalez, computer animation major.

He said that it will be the first time the 3rd Shift will be located in Maywood and he is also happy that for the first time it will have art work at the show.

"The show will start from 9 p.m to 2 a.m at the House Lounge on Fruitland Avenue in the city of Maywood," Gonzalez said.

He addressed concerns about safety at the event, saying, "Don't worry; you won't get shot."

In charge of the 3rd Shift show is Jeph Ortega, art major.

He said that the 3rd Shift is actually a hip-hop and art show, and he was given the authority to manage the artists and hire the DJs.

Ortega said that he will be one of the DJs performing that day.

"I am just very excited. I have been mass producing, and it will be a good show."

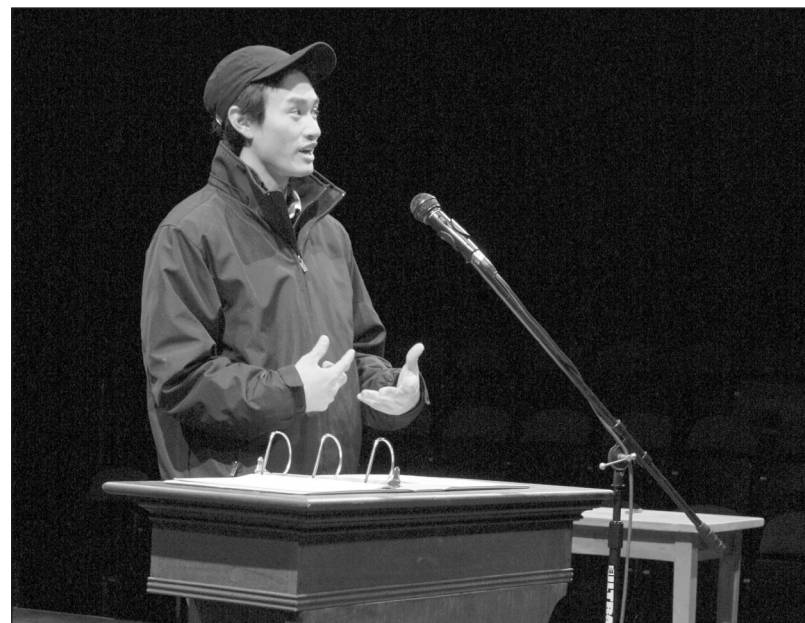
Planning of the show began in November with the theme, which is about the end of underground hip-hop.

He also said that it won't be the first time 3rd Shift has occurred but the second time, and said that he had been doing shows and promoting for a year.

3rd Shift is meant to be for the 21-and-over crowd, but the door will be open for anyone to check it out.

The show will have ten artists with a guest DJ and live painting in the House Lounge patio.

With much excitement and enthusiasm, Ortega said that hopefully it will be successful so more shows like 3rd Shift can be offered for Cerritos students and the public to attend.



**Crew MVP:** Thompson Tran won the best crew member award. He participated in and worked on numerous projects and plays.  
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**Applause, please:** The audience at the Burnies anticipating who wins awards. The best male performance went to Paul Martinez for "The Grapes of Wrath," who was not present.  
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Awards and scholarships were given to students who participate in the film and theater programs at the 2011 edition of the Burnie Awards ceremony.

This year, 14 film and theater students were honored with awards, including four students who got scholarships of \$250.

"Choosing the winners of the awards is always difficult," John Zamora, theater faculty and one of the presenters, said. "There are a lot of people who deserve to win the awards. Everyone who was nominated for an award deserves it. There are so many talented students in the program."

The event showcased a few students' work, including the films that were made by the night's first award winners, Dustin Ong and Justin Shertick, who both won the Outstanding Film Student Award.

Other awards that were presented that night were Best Student Playwrights, and others honoring students that played a big role backstage.

Other than getting a certificate of appreciation, a select few students were also rewarded with scholarships, including engineering major Thompson Tran, who won the Best Crew Member award.

"I feel really honored in winning

the award," Tran said.

"I was nominated with many other great members that I hang out with in the Theater Department, so it's an honor. I did my best, and that's all the professors wanted."

Another student who was given a scholarship was theater student Felicia Buffington, who won Best Female Performance.

"[Winning the award] is amazing. I never thought I would have gotten this award."

"I received awards from previous Burnies, but never thought that I would win this one. I worked very hard getting into my character, Ma, in 'The Grapes of Wrath'. I stayed true to the character and to the cast, and the whole crew worked hard in the play," Buffington said.

Other students who won the scholarships were Best Male Performance winner, Paul Martinez, for his role in "The Grapes of Wrath," Michael Timoney, who won the Kevin Hoggard Scholarship, and Tyler Tingley, who won the Most Valuable Theater Student award.

Other than students being honored, it was mentioned that within a year, there will be a Department of Film and Theater and students will be able to get an Associate of Arts in Theater.



**Flavorsome:** Lucy Self (left), program assistant for the Physical Education Department, enjoys the first course, which was a lentil salad and trout fillet. This was the first of five courses.



**Veggie tale:** The second course was a crostini with brunoise vegetables. It is topped with goat cheese.

# Five courses done right

## Food Review

Alice Waters  
restaurant-style  
five-course menu

Rating: ★ ★ ★

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The Culinary Arts Department held an Alice Waters restaurant-style five-course dinner that featured a combination of deliciousness and neglect.

The first course was a great combination of a lentil salad and trout fillet with two types of lentils and cherry vinaigrette. The lentil salad and trout fillet were flavorsome and the cherry vinaigrette complemented the trout perfectly.

The second course was a tasty crostini with goat cheese and brunoise vegetables. The crostini was rather

hard, but it still tasted great with the goat cheese spread on top.

The vegetables had no taste. The corn didn't taste like corn, the carrots didn't taste like carrots. It was just all one flavor.

The third course was a cauliflower soup that featured a spicy finish. That kick of spiciness is enticing at the first couple spoonfuls, but is tiring as you continue to eat.

The spicy taste stays stuck in the throat as you eat, though a bit of salt seemed to be a simple solution.

The fourth course was a poorly-timed seared beef with mashed turnips, baby carrots and pomegranate orange sauce.

The beef was cooked well done, but still managed to be served at a cool temperature and a bit dry. The baby carrots were cooked great and the mashed turnips were a better and sweeter replacement for potatoes.

The pomegranate orange sauce was a great complement to the beef, and an easy solution to its dryness.

The fifth course was a delicate and warm apple tart with a delicious homemade ice cream and whipped cream mixed with a bit of cinnamon.

The apple tart just falls apart as you bite it, and even though the ice cream has begun melting by the time you even pay attention to it, it tastes so wonderful.

# Culinary's menus challenge fast food

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The Culinary Arts Department hosted the second themed menu of the spring series in the Student Center, which started on March 1 and finished on March 3.

The event cost \$10 and was RSVP-only, with 20 Cerritos College staff members present for the five-meal entry on the first day.

The theme was put together by chef, activist and humanitarian Alice Louise Waters.

One student that helped orchestrate the menu was culinary arts ad-

vanced course student Grace Gonzalez.

"I did a report on her my very first semester," she said, "so that's why I chose her and I like the vegetables that are very bright and colorful."

Grace and her peers' main goal throughout the event was to emulate the style of Waters without the use of a recipe.

One Cerritos College staff member who loved the food was librarian Valencia Mitchell, who had nothing but good things to say about her first five-course experience.

"They run a tight ship here and it is very great," Mitchell said.

Someone more critical of the

food was culinary arts instructor Michael Pierini.

Pierini said the first day was challenging because the health inspector came during the meals.

"A big curveball. It's a random, whenever-they-want-to-come-in thing," Perini said.

On top of that, he said Tuesdays are usually the busiest days in the café, when they serve about 200 plates.

In about three weeks, another menu will be available for those who RSVP in time.

The next themed restaurant will be open to the student body. Students interested can talk to the cashier at the cafe.



**Beefy:** Seared beef was the fourth course. It was complemented by mashed turnips, carrots and pomegranate orange sauce.

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**Are you done yet?:** The Cerritos College Aviary Gym will continue to undergo construction throughout the rest of the year. It was originally expected to be finished this summer.

## Gym's completion date set back for next spring

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The Cerritos College Aviary Gym is one of several projects on campus undergoing construction that is facing a delayed date of completion.

As a result, the men's and women's basketball teams, the volleyball team and the wrestling team will all be without a home gym for at least another season.

Director of Physical Plant Robert Riffle alludes to site conditions as one of the culprits for the postponement.

"Right now, the gym project is at a standstill due to site conditions.

"We have our engineers, looking at those issues, coming up with an agreement on how we are going to move forward."

There are 120 pylons around the building and 20 have been placed so far; however, those 20 do not work because of the difference in soil around the building.

Riffle said that construction on the outside of the building was then put to a halt.

"We want to work through some of those issues before we start up again.

"They are continuing to work on interior modifications to the building, just not the pylon driving which is the seismic retrofit of the project."

Cerritos College President Linda Lacy wants an efficient building in place before its completion.

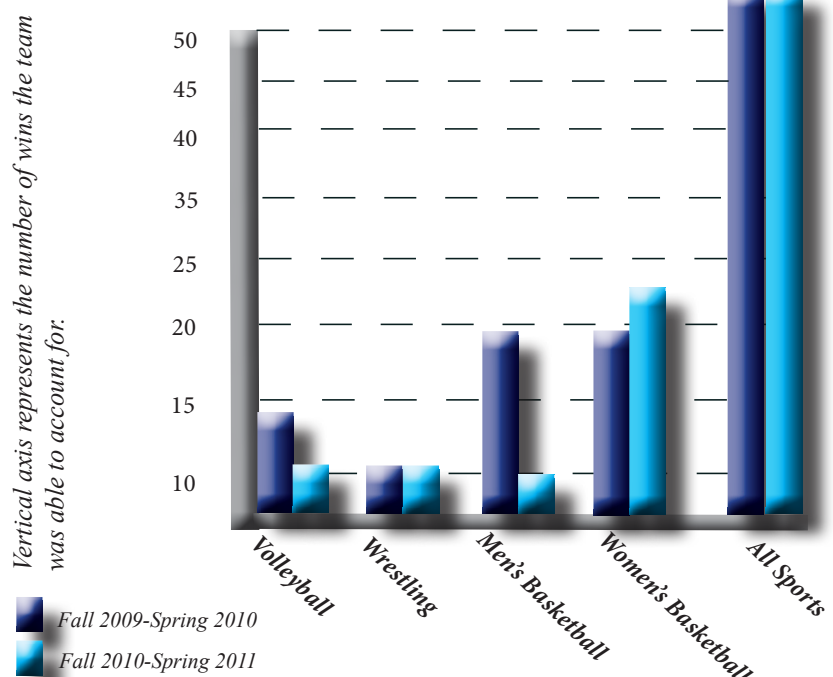
"We will not accept a building that doesn't meet standards," she said.

In regards to the first expected completion date of July 2011, Lacy said, "It's not going to happen."

The project hasn't affected several financial decisions, but it has prevented Cerritos from hosting tournaments.

"Our volleyball team used to host a high school volleyball tournament, and the wrestling tournament would host its tournament, but [due to the construction], the fundraising aspect of it has been hampered," she said.

**This year's wins vs Last year's wins**



## Falcons don't need homecourt advantage



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Due to current construction of the Cerritos College Aviary Gym, four athletic teams have been displaced.

The wrestling team, the volleyball team, and men's and women's basketball teams have been forced to find a new home with the latter three teams playing their home games at Gahr High School.

While homecourt advantage generally helps a team in sports, Cerritos College has managed to attain about the same success, with a few teams doing even better without it.

The spring season of 2010 was the last time the gym was available for play, and during that entire school year, the four indoor teams accounted for a 52-32 record overall.

This past school year, those same four teams have put together a 52-38, without a gym to call their own.

Too much is being put into the importance of homecourt advantage.

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**Soaring to the finish:** Sophomore sprinter Ameer Webb runs springs in practice. Ameer, in his second season on the track team, signed with Texas A&M University before the beginning of his sophomore season.

## Sprinter Ameer Webb swings his way to Texas A&M University

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Sophomore track and field sprinter Ameer Webb signed a scholarship to run track and play football for the Texas A&M University next season after capturing the California State Championship in the 200-meter and second place in the 100-meter during his freshman season.

Webb, who was also named one of the Athletes of the Meet during last year's state championships, began his recruiting process before the track season started.

According to Webb, the reason TAMU wanted to recruit him was his stats as an individual and his similar stats to current TAMU track and field star, Curtis Mitchell.

"They see a lot of him in me. He went there and he did great and he ran great and now he's professional, so they probably see a lot of him in me," he said. "They want me to do as good or even better."

Webb had an idea of what kind of school he wanted from the beginning, and TAMU worked up to his standards.

"I decided this is the place I wanted to be. There are party schools you can go to, but by going here I can get things done and go on to where I want to be."

Before his season on the track team began, Webb played football for the 2009 season. After his freshman year, he decided to focus all of his talent on one specific sport, and track and field became his priority.

"When I played football for Cerritos, I didn't get that much time as a freshman. But most freshmen don't get that much time."

"After that season, I went to track and it was kind of like, if you're fast you're fast; you're going to do your thing. From there on, I had a bigger future in track and field than I did in football."

Not only does Webb believe this was the best decision for him, teammate Karin Lopez also believes he is great at what he does.

"He's the backbone of the sprinters," Lopez said.

"He's going to be one of the top runners in the state, so we will get a bigger reputation because of him."

Webb says his goal this year is to win the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes at the state championships

after not winning both last season.

"I considered that a flaw and decided I had to work on bettering my flaws and making me perfect."

Webb also received interest from the Universities of Oregon, Arizona, and Georgia, however, he declined their offers once he took a visit to TAMU.

In his career, Webb has finished in first place nine times and finished in second eight times.

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Appearance is important on and off the field



When you buy a ticket, go to the game but stay for the fashion show.

Athletes set themselves apart from their uniformed teammates through body alterations and unique hairstyles.

It makes sense. With all the Michael Jordan and Brett Favre protégés signing contracts for billion-dollar advertisement campaigns, athletes now compete for the winning score as well as the limelight.

Diamond-encrusted teeth and disheveled hair are sure to catch the paparazzi’s attention, on or off the court.

This situation, unfortunately, doesn’t apply to student athletes at the community college level, since the physical transformation they sometimes undergo during their 15 minutes of fame can hurt their reputation down the line.

The gifted few that make it to the big leagues, and are expected to reinvent their image well into their forties, don’t compare to the majority of student athletes that pay their own way through school, and life, by means of respectable part-time jobs.

Students who have earned a reputation for fancy moves on the field but don’t receive letters of intent must decide whether to chase the dream or join the rest of us average Joes in the workforce.

If the latter is the case, maintaining an upstanding reputation throughout their time in school should be a priority.

The dyed locks grow out and the piercings can be removed, but that tattoo of the sophomore season jersey number with a fireball blazing in the background takes more than a dollop of hand soap to get out.

Long sleeves and collars are a quick fix, as long as a potential boss doesn’t check Facebook profiles for pictures of what applicants wear after hours.

And, in case anyone is wondering, crying “Discrimination lawsuit!” won’t help your cause.

The issue doesn’t come down to judging a book by its cover; instructors, employers, friends and mates will ultimately find the best candidate to fill the position, no matter what you wear to the interview.

The challenge is learning to play the sport of social norms.

Society has set the rules and it’s everyone’s job to follow them, for the sake of proving that we respect the system.

Athletes are familiar with regulations and good sportsmanship. They should view employers and professors as referees when it comes to making a good impression.



The K Master: Sophomore pitcher Christian Rodriguez threw for 5 1/3 innings in the Falcons’ 5-2 victory over Pasadena College. He gave up four hits and had four strikeouts.

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Falcons open series with a win

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The Cerritos College baseball team defeated Pasadena City College 5-2, on Tuesday for the first game of the series that will conclude their meetings for the year.

The Falcons began the South Coast Conference with a win at home and started this month March 1 with a walk-off win on.

They had 11 hits for the game and only one error on the defensive side that led to one of the two runs that Pasadena had.

Cerritos College was 4-6 on the season prior to the game and is now 5-6.

Cerritos was also looking to extend a two-game winning streak that started at the end of last month.

Sophomore Tim Soonthornagnarun was the most successful player for the Falcons as he reached base three times, scoring twice.

“It is a big win for us because it is just going to build us up and make us get better,” Soonthornagnarun said after the game.

“We need to just hit and stay confident,” he said when asked what the team has to do to win the next meeting against Pasadena.

Cerritos College had less field time to start the year because of construction; the Falcons’ coach Ken Gaylord felt the team was a little behind.

“It is going to be a challenge, but we are getting better. We really did not have a facility until early January,” he said.

Gaylord went on to say that although he was unhappy with the construction, he did like the way it turned out.

Shortstop Chris Hefner was happy with the win and the progression of the team thus far.

“[Pasadena City College] is a good team

and we did a good job. We need to come out and practice hard so we can carry the momentum for Thursday,” he said.

Hefner also went on to say that the team’s ace will be on the mound Thursday at Pasadena and that might help greatly.

Not winning any away games Gaylord and the Falcons baseball team says that it hopes to change that during the SCC games.

The Falcons’ final two games against Pasadena are Thursday at Pasadena and back at home on Saturday.

Men’s swim team sets sail for Cuesta Invitational

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The Cerritos College men’s swim team will be traveling to Cuesta College for its next meet on Friday and Saturday, which will be all-day events.

Cerritos hasn’t attended the Cuesta Invitational in the past three years due to the cost and distance.

in the Golden West Invitational, the Falcons took fourth place with a total of 843 team points.

Falcons swimming head coach Joe Abing said, “There were no flaws, there were just three teams that swam faster than us.”

Cuesta swimming and diving team head coach John Marsh said, “Some schools have had difficulty due to their budgets.

“We’re not traveling as much as a college; we’ll have to give up [the Pasadena Invitational] because of the budget.”

There have been 25 colleges that confirmed they’re attending the Cuesta Invitational, with a total of 40 being expected.

“We are preparing in some things, we’re more focused. In this meet, we will compete against Northern California colleges,” Abing said.

Freshman Falcons swimmer Enrico Hidalgo said, “I want to make all my times to get me to state and win all of my races.”

This is the third away invitational that Cerritos has attended this season.

Cerritos has increased its intensity of training due to the amount of teams that will be attending the invitational.

“The intense amount of work that I have put into practice has me ready for this invitational,” Hidalgo said.

Several schools have the advantage to win over Cuesta College because they have had competitions before. This is Cuesta’s first meet because its aquatic center was going through construction.

Marsh is also concerned with Cuesta having meets Thursday and Friday and does not want his players to be too drained.

“We will have two meets before our invitational. Until then, we will continue to practice harder this whole week,” Marsh said.

REMAING MEETS THIS SEASON

- March 11-12 Cuesta Invitational
- March 18 vs. LA Trade-Tech and Pasadena City
- March 25 vs. Rio Hondo and El Camino
- Apr. 1 vs. Mt. SAC
- Apr. 8-9 Pasadena Invitational
- Apr. 15-16 SCC Diving Championships
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