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Lecture proposal for new LRC

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Dean of Academic Success and Institutional Effectiveness Bryan Reece said in an email that he and “a group of faculty, staff and managers have been working on an overhaul plan for the Learning Resource Center,” to help students with their individual class work.

The general planning for this project started about a year ago and the detail level in planning has been happening since November.

On March 31, Reece and the group of faculty, staff and managers presented the plans for the project to fellow staff members, and it was open to students as well.

Francie Quaas-Berryman, developmental education and success center coordinator is working with Reece and is excited for this project to get started.

Though she is not clear on when this project will start, she says it will take place during the summer of 2011. “The minor construction will take place this summer, just to get it up enough,” Quaas-Berryman said “So, we can get started in the fall; we don’t have a definite timeline on the development, but the major one will start the following summer.”

Quaas-Berryman is not definite about the time-line, because Reece mentioned in the meeting that it will be done by Fall 2012, because all the paperwork will be done by the summer of 2011.

“I can promise that the planning has been comprehensive,” Reece said, “and upon implemen-

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Per unit fee increases to \$36

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California community colleges’ per unit fee will be raised \$10, moving the fees to \$36 starting July 1 to help the 112-school system offset budget reductions.

“It is about time they raise the fees, [students] can’t expect fees to stay low in such a tough time,” undecided major, Angelica Achondo said, “I just wish they would raise them enough so I can actually get the classes I need.”

The probability of fees going even higher before the next school year is a real one, according to Cerritos College President Linda Lacy. “I would say it is about a 50 percent chance that there will be more increases before next year.”

Currently, 32 percent of students at Cerritos pay for their classes and will actually feel the increase.

“If a fee increase means students can get more classes, I am for it; maybe raising fees would qualify more students for financial aid,” business major David Davila said.

Lacy stresses the importance of students valuing classes they get into and believes student success will aid the situation.

“Seats are very valuable now. Once [students] get that important class, they should take advantage of it and pass the class, not drop it. When you drop a class, another student lost the opportunity.”

Political science major Jasmin Ramirez said, “I think it’s sad that students drop their classes, but at the same time, students are learning to value their education. It is just sad that it had to come to this.”

The \$10 rise in fees is estimated to reduce budget reductions by \$110 million statewide and in turn allow 50,000 students to attend one of the 112 California community colleges.

After breakdowns of budget talks in Sacramento, the original expectation of reducing the California community colleges’ funding by \$400 million has now become a best-case scenario that Lacy said “is not going to happen.”

New predicted figures reach as high as \$800 million, leaving the colleges to absorb the reduction in the coming school year.

As of right now, Cerritos College is planning on following the plan for a \$620 million reduction to the California community college system. This will leave Cerritos to implement reductions to its budget by \$7,445,000 next year.

These figures will result in the loss of 550 course offerings and 3,434 students or 1,651 full time

equivalent students. However, Cerritos plans on dipping into saved funds to limit the reduction of full-time equivalent students to 1,500.

Facing a state-funding cut of up to 10 percent, California’s community colleges will enroll 400,000 fewer students next fall and slash thousands of classes to contend with budget shortcomings.

California Community College Chancellor Jack Scott said in a statement, “This is a tremendous tragedy, and a very deep blow to the economy of Califor-

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PHOTOS BY JOEY BERUMEN AND LAURA CHAU ILLUSTRATION BY GREGORY HORSEY JR
Units on the rise: Students must overcome the increase of tuition and continue to pursue education. Effective July 1 the cost per unit increases \$26 to \$36.

Fund cuts to Cal State enrollment

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The California State University system plans to cut enrollment in an effort to adjust to a \$500 million cut in state funding.

The plan will reduce enrollment for 10,000 students who are planning on attending any of the 23 CSU campuses.

For English major Michael Acuña, this means that he may need to reconsider his transfer choices.

Acuña, who is planning on transferring to Cal State Long Beach, said, “This affects me greatly. The admission GPAs are already really high and they’re just getting higher. Regardless of whether I have the requirements to transfer, I have to stick around just to get some more stuff on my plate.”

Coming from an 18 percent cut in state funding, the Cal State system also plans to cut \$11 million from the Chancellor’s Office and reduce campus funding by \$281 million, according to the Los Angeles Times.

The cut in state funding could increase to \$1 billion if tax exten-

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Marvelina Barcelo

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Upcoming ASCC Presidential and Student Trustee re-elections

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One candidate will be running for president in this semester’s Associated Students of Cerritos College election which starts on April 6 and 7, as well as two women running for Student Trustees.

Scan to listen to Nallely Badillo
Student Trustee candidate

Mobile News



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Director of Student Activities Holly Bogdanovich explained why only one candidate is running for President.

“Several applications went out, but only one group met all the eligibility requirements and had the [required] 500 verified signatures,” she said.

The legislature states that students must have a 2.25 GPA, must be enrolled in five or more units and must be a sophomore. Students should also not have any Fs NCs or NPs in the previous semester, as well as those signatures.

She continued saying, “This has happened before and it will occur again; it is part of the process. The last time this happened was during our 2009 Presidential Election.”

Bogdanovich still encourages students to vote for this election.

“Even with only one official candidate for president and vice president, they still need your votes to win and

we always put on the ballot a space for a write-in candidate during this time, so the official candidates still need 50 percent plus one of the votes to win,” she said.

Despite only one person running for president, candidate Jasmin Ramirez says that her and her running mate Julian Del Real-Calleros will continue to campaign.

Ramirez said, “I feel like we dedicated time to get those signatures to make sure we were on this ticket, and we wanted it this bad.”

Ramirez still wished that she had an opponent to run against her.

“In a way, I am kind of glad I don’t have to have the stress of what often goes on in campaign, which is the bashing and trying to ruin each other’s image,” she added.

The write-in candidates for president are Aldo Lopez and Justin McIntyre.

Lopez said, “I believe a student government should

not consist of only one candidate. [The students] should have the ability to more.”

Running for Student Trustees are Areal Hughes and Nallely Badillo.

Badillo said, “As for academic success, as a representative for the students at the board meetings, I would try to get more tutors available.

“Academic success comes with being involved. I would bring students together, that way, [the students] can rely on each other’s further success.”

Badillo wanted to run for president, but could not since she is a first-year student. She then learned about the Student Trustee position and decided to run.

Hughes said that her goal is to give students a voice.

“We all want to get our point across, and to get our point across, is to have a voice. And if you don’t have a voice, then you don’t have a point,” she said.

Both candidates have a mutual respect for each other.

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Play time: Astrid Feist plays with children at the Cerritos College Child Development Center. Feist received the Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year award for her service in early child development.

Teacher of the year honored

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Astrid Feist, a teacher at the Cerritos College Child Development Center, received the “Teacher of the Year” Award for the Fourth District of Los Angeles County distributed by LAUP (Los Angeles Universal Pre-school).

Feist was nominated by a parent of one of the students from her classroom.

Her nomination required a written portion from both the nominator and the nominee.

The nominator explained why Feist deserved the nomination. Feist, as the nominee, was to write a philosophy statement and why early childhood development was her choice of field.

“I felt it’s important to advocate for children and stress the importance of teachers with degrees in early childhood education. Children deserve the right to get a good education right from the beginning and understand the importance of it as well,” Feist said.

Feist went into early childhood because she, as an English as a Second Language (ESL) student, remembered missing out on opportunities and feels educating the students of a second language was important.

Following the submission of the two writing portions, a committee representing each of the five districts of LA County gathered to make their selections for each district.

Two weeks after the submission, Feist heard back from LAUP being notified that she was to be

presented the award.

In addition, Feist even received a call from the CEO of LAUP, being congratulated on her award and her outstanding work she has displayed.

Feist has been teaching at Cerritos for 10 years and has been a teacher in early childhood development for a little over 17 years. She started part-time at Cerritos and became an intern for a higher position.

Prior to receiving her necessary degrees and permit, Feist shares how she started her general education and received her Associate degree at Cerritos College.

Feist then transferred to La Verne for both her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Early Childhood as well as her teacher’s permit.

Students receive visa and job help

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Immigration lawyer Nadadur Kumar talked to international students on Wednesday about maintaining their F-1 status and obtaining employment through statuses such as Optional Practical Training (OPT), Curricular Practical Training (CPT), H-1B and how to go about obtaining permanent residency and citizenship.

Business administration major Sigfredo Corcio came to the United States two years ago from El Salvador as an F-1 student, meaning he could go to school in this country.

However, he could only work with permission.

Although he didn’t want citizenship or residency, he wanted to find better options to allow him to work in this country.

“I would like to keep my student visa. I plan on going back [to my country] after I get my bachelor’s, I would like to know more about the work thing like CPT, OPT, and all that,” Corcio said.

Kumar talked about different visas available like the H-1B visa and the green card, CPT and OPT.

The H-1B visa is a work visa that requires you have a job offer already.

Kumar stated that 55,000 are given out and 20,000 are reserved for those with Master’s degrees.

These type of visas are only for those who work in a specialty occupation, meaning a Bachelor’s degree is needed for the job. The deadline to apply for this visa is April 1.

CPT is available to a student once they have been enrolled in school for a full academic year full-time. The purpose of this status is to provide employment in an internship that is “integral to the established curriculum.”

A student does not need to be enrolled full time to get full-time CPT.

Another option is OPT, which is a work visa that allows you to work in the field related to a student’s study. There is an application fee and a two month processing fee.

If one is looking to obtain a green card then the employer must prove that they can’t find a U.S. citizen to do the job, but it doesn’t apply for the H-1B.

Caleb Shen, engineering major, wanted to be better prepared with his future and was hoping to get help from the seminar.

“It would be nice for me to find out how these processes work or how all these things happen; it will help me plan out my future.”

Other students, such as economics major Jihyun Park, who came from South Korea, wanted to transfer but due to the economy she plans on obtaining a work visa.

“I was planning on transferring,” Park explained, “but the economy got really bad in 2008, so I won’t be able to transfer. I’m looking to get the OPT visa.”

For more info on employment options and even how to contact Kumar, visit the International Students Center located in SS 225 and ask for him.

Tuition increase: fees might continue rising

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nia.”

He described the budget cuts as setting off a chain reaction throughout the California higher education system.

“Students seeking to transfer to Cal State and the University of California will be denied access, those students unable to get into Cal State and UC and who desperately need to get into a community college will be denied, as well as those who are out of work and are coming to us for retraining,” he said.

Compared to other schools Lacy believes that Cerritos is handling the tough situation well.

Long Beach City College is expected to lose at least 30 staff positions. “Maintaining jobs is the most important thing. If you rip away those people, you rip away student’s education and that is the absolute last resort,” Lacy said.

With a stalemate in Sacramento, colleges in California are still unsure what they are facing. One thing is sure, the longer the wait the more colleges will be asked to carry the load.

Scott said, “We will do the best we can, but we will not be serving the needs of students or meeting our education goals.”

For students that benefit from priority enrollment and fee waivers, they may not feel the effects, but for some students such as Anchondo time may be running out.

Student re-elections: only one eligible for presidency

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Hughes and Badillo are also in the Phi Theta Kappa club.

As far as the president’s role is concerned, Ramirez said that school involvement is important.

“I feel sometimes we lack school spirit because you don’t see many people wearing Cerritos College sweaters, unless they’re in athletics,” she said.

Her other concerns are having a recycling program and a safety program.

All candidates attended the election meeting last Thursday.

Dance major Richard Silva was one of the students who spoke during the panel discussion.

He said that he would like for the candidates to keep the students involved.

“[The candidates] say that they’re going to get the students involved, but they don’t come through with that,” he said.

Bogdanovich asks candidates to be fair, truthful, respectful, to remember that “everyone who is running wants to give back to Cerritos College.”

“These are volunteer positions, and the court likes a good clean campaign,” she said.

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Cerritos College donates shoes to Japan



Charity: Ayako Abelon (left) from public affairs is collecting shoes from Leonard Glick (right) an automotive instructor. Abelon will be collecting shoes at the public affairs office until April 7.

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Cerritos College continues to do its part in the Japan relief by pairing up with an organization to collect shoes.

Heading the shoe drive is Cerritos College employee Ayako Abelon. Students that are interested in donating can do so by stopping by the Public Affairs Building and shoes will be collected through April 7.

Abelon said, "I'm from Japan, and that's my home country, so it really affects me. There's not much we can do here, other than monetary donations.

"But I just wanted to do something larger than that. One of my friends emailed me about a shoe drive, and I thought that maybe we could do something here," she said.

The shoe drive is being handled by Soles4Souls, an organization that has distributed more than 12 million pairs of shoes to those in need since 2005.

Elizabeth Kirk, director of communications for the charity, stressed the importance of shoes in the aftermath of the disaster.

"When a natural disaster happens, individuals lose all or most of their belongings, including shoes. Shoes [are] a necessity in order to get back to normal life, whether it is work or school," Kirk said.

Abelon said she checks Japanese news sites every day, and found that children's shoes are most needed at the moment.

"Some kids just evacuate from the school site and in Japan they use slipper-like shoes, which are really thin, so it's really cold. It's [less than] 30 degrees out there in

the disaster area right now, and it's snowing.

"I have two kids and it's just heartbreaking for me. And that's why I'm asking for children's shoes especially."

Daniel Lozano, administration of justice major, said that it's great that Abelon is trying to help others.

"I already donated blood for Japan. It's a good thing that others are considering to help Japan," he said.

Abelon said that she was fortunate that her family in Japan wasn't in the disaster zone, so they weren't as affected.

Business management major Anique Kennard said she plans to donate a pair of shoes.

"I feel good that she's doing something to help Japan."

Anthropology professor Jeff Rigby, who had planned to take 13 students to Japan before the disaster, said collecting shoes is a wonderful idea.

"Even though a lot of our own students are undergoing financial difficulties, everybody has used pairs of shoes, shoes that sit around in the garage and things like that they certainly could donate," Rigby said.

He continued, "I think, especially under the circumstances, with a lot of students not having a lot of money these days, this is one thing everybody could do very easily to help these people out."

Rigby said that the Japan trip was originally rescheduled to June 9.

"There wasn't an interest after the earthquake and after the nuclear issue over there I decided I didn't want to put students in harm's way. "So that's why I canceled the

trip," he said.

Rigby also mentioned that despite the cancellation of the Japan trip, he will be taking students to Israel for nine days from July 29 to Aug. 6 that costs students a little more than \$3000.

"That's going to be a fabulous trip," he said.

Duval Silva, psychology major, shared his thoughts about Abelon's efforts.

"I think what Aya Abelon is doing is something that should be admired; for her dedication, for her countrymen.

"There are always more things to do to help out, but what I think they're doing right now is pretty good considering the economic position everybody's in, the rumors about class [cost] going up and dropping."

Kirk said that Soles4Souls is working with a third party that has shipping containers filled with shoes in Indonesia ready to deliver once the Japanese government is prepared to receive it.

Soles4Souls isn't the only organization that is donating to the cause of providing Japan with footwear.

According to the Denver Business Journal, Crocs will be donating and distributing 100,000 pairs of shoes to Japan, as well as accepting donations to the Japanese Red Cross Society.

Kirk said it is important for people to do something to help.

"Whether it's hosting a shoe drive or getting your community involved, it is important to remember that all the small thoughts and actions really do make a difference during times like these."

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New LRC: New ideas set for renovation of the learning center

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tation will dramatically expand the academic services available to the students."

Professor Anthony Fortner is looking forward to this project as well; he hopes that his department will help launch this project. "I hope we can use the resources and talent in woodworking to help build some of the desks and chairs to get this project started in a timely manner."

The Language Success Center will be devoted to reading and writing, and will provide language and study skills services.

Anyone that has trouble in these areas can use this space to their needs.

It will include resources such as, technology and software, general study areas, faculty, tutor and instructional aid, private study rooms, workshop areas, testing and assessment areas, clerical and check-in-support; storage areas, and faculty and staff office space.

Among the people who were in the crowd listening to the meeting was president of the college Linda Lacy, and she said after the meeting that, "This is exactly what I asked for, it's a vision of where I want to be; Bryan is doing a great job and this is not a one person endeavour and he has a lot of talented people who are willing to work."

The Math Success Center will be

focused for math and study skills services, it is going to be devoted to students who need help in areas regarding math.

That area will be occupied with the cubicles that are in the study rooms upstairs in the library, and the computers where this area currently occupies are going to be transferred to where the study rooms are.

The Student Success Office is the purple area and it will be designed to help students for planning, teaching and basic skills for students who need questions answered.

The Open Computer Labs area is designed to be a "new" area that will maintain 200 computers and it will be an open lab section for students, some stations will be for stand-only use.

Reece talked about the budget for this project. The money that will go into this is going to come from the General Obligation Bond (a voter approved GO bond), and Vintage Savings Fund, related to the retirement home next to the college.

"It can only be used for student success, so we definitely qualify for it."

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CSU Cuts: Transfer students advised to prepare

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sions proposed by Gov. Jerry Brown do not make the ballot for the special elections to be held in June.

The last time the CSU system cut enrollment was in Nov. 2009, when enrollment was cut by 40,000 students.

According to Transfer Center Co-Director Marvelina Barcelo, the Transfer Center has been advising students regarding the increasing transfer requirements set by the CSU.

Barcelo said, "We have been informing students as they see us. Now, if they don't see us, they may get mixed messages as to what the cuts mean to them or what they should be doing."

She also mentioned that she frequently consults students to do more than just meet the bare minimum when it comes to meeting enrollment requirements.

Transfer Center Counselor Britany Lundeen suggests that students take a look at other schools as an alternative to the upcoming enrollment cuts.

"The key is that students need to look at other options," Lundeen said, "They need to consider some of the UC campuses that still have some availability to them."

Criminal justice major Ashley Garcia, who hopes to transfer to Cal State Los Angeles, understands that the cuts may prove to be a setback for her transfer goals.

"It's going to be harder because I know they're (the CSUs) going to go for the highest GPA. So it's going to be a bigger issue than it already is," Garcia said.

Barcelo's recommendation for students is that they see a counselor in order to keep track of their transfer progress.

"If they want to improve their grade point average, they should ask their counselor what strategies they could use to get the best GPA as possible."

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Softball:
Offensive surge
leads to 15-1 win
over Pasadena

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in her freshman year she didn't get to throw very many innings, but she has stepped up this year and has done a phenomenal job," Murray said.

According to Lozano, she needs to work on is to stay focused during the entire game.

"We've been working hard and playing as a team; we could improve with aggressive batting, but other than that we have a solid defense," Lozano said.

The Falcons were walked 12 times and earned 13 hits off of the Lancers, who switched pitchers four times.

"To be honest, I don't think they [Pasadena] did very good today I think they should have brought more intensity and not given up after the first couple of runs," freshman short-stop Briana Quintana said.

Quintana got two hits and was walked once.

"I tried my best, personally, and I did good, I got on every time I was up at bat."

Freshman first baseman Jaqueline Flores hit a home run to right field and earned two RBIs.

"I'm very proud of it (the hoe run) because I haven't been hitting in a while and I've been in a slump, so it feels good to come back," Flores said. "We started off a little shaky but we picked it up and played as a team."

An error by freshman third baseman Krista Mele allowed Lancers freshman Elizabeth Hanna to get on base.

"Closing the door in the last inning and letting the other team score runs is something we need to improve on," Murray said.

The Falcons will host El Camino on April 7.



Cut and print: A film crew and photographers get set to film a scene for a commercial for hair product company American Crew. American Crew used the Cerritos soccer field to film its commercial, which is set to air exclusively online.

American Crew films at Cerritos

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Representatives from American Crew, a hair product company, used the Cerritos College soccer field on Wednesday as the set for the company's latest commercial.

The scenes that were filmed portrayed soccer players taking various shots at a goal.

According to Producer Brian Duck, the Cerritos soccer field was chosen because of its simplistic appearance.

"It just had a classic, but not too specific look," Duck said, "It looked

like it could be any campus, anywhere."

Aside from the soccer field, the cast and crew also had the chance to visit the locker room, the weight room, and as the football field.

Creative Director Craig Hansen elaborated on the choice to use the soccer field.

Hansen said, "We were looking for a location where we could film an awesome soccer field.

"We were actually quite impressed with the nice quality and the people here have been really great."

He also mentioned that since it was a commercial for a hair prod-

uct, using a sport that did not use helmets was important for the commercial.

Kyle Carlson, one of the actors portraying a soccer player, explained the plot of the commercial.

He said, "The idea is that you have a group of guys that are on the soccer team and their girlfriends are cheering them on.

"It's about the all-American guy that plays sports. It's all about the hairdo and with all the products [American Crew] has, your hair is going to stay in shape but you're still that cool, suave guy at the end of the day."

Carlson, who normally works

as a contractor, is familiar with the athletic environment.

His background in sports includes playing football, soccer and, most recently, rugby at Winona State University.

Also on the set was Carlson's identical twin brother, Lane, who was also helped portray the main soccer player.

The Carlson twins, as they are more popularly known, have worked with companies such as Armani, Ambercrombie and Fitch, Calvin Klein, and have acted on shows like Fear Factor, Mobile Home Disaster and HGTV.

Honor Code:
Cerritos College
does not need an
Honor Code

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think, "I don't do any of those things, anyway, so what difference does it make?" Just sign it, and go on."

We can safely assume that these regulations wouldn't fly at a two-year institution like Cerritos College.

It would be illegal for those precious tax dollars to "jock block" student athletes, and, quite honestly, the idea is laughable.

Cerritos College's honor code, listed in the first pages of the class schedule, has more to do with academic honesty and plagiarism than personal habits.

Smith said, "These things are so inherent in any college student that I don't think you would need to have someone sign something saying, 'I promise I won't cheat.'"

Agreed. So keep your eyes on your own paper and be happy you're not also required to keep your hands to yourself.

A total of 31 violations to the District's Standards of Conduct are listed starting on page 61 of the summer schedule, followed by another half page dedicated to the Academic Honesty/Dishonesty Policy.

Here, Cerritos outlines the 11th Commandment: Thou shalt not cheat on thine exams.

Okay, we get it.

It's an obvious truth, but one that students sometimes feel pressured to break when everything is riding on that midterm worth 25 percent of the class grade.

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Stuck at home: Cerritos College catcher Vince Perry hits a pop-fly in the 6-0 loss against East Los Angeles College. The Falcons managed just four hits in the contest.

Cerritos shutout on four hits

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Behind a complete game shutout by East Los Angeles College pitcher Chris Reyes, the Huskies defeated the Cerritos College baseball team 6-0 in a South Coast Conference game at Kincaid Field on Saturday.

“I was hitting all my spots, in and out today. Everything I threw worked; my breaking ball was really on today. Everything that I threw just seemed to work,” Reyes said.

The Falcons managed just four hits and struck out seven times against Reyes.

ELAC wasted no time getting on the board in the first inning after a wild pitch by Cerritos’ sophomore pitcher Kevin Hendrix scored Huskies freshman Ruben Ramirez from second base.

Aggressive base-running by the Huskies helped them get runners in scoring position several times throughout the game, attempting to steal a base on five different occasions.

The Huskies extended their lead in the fourth inning with three consecutive base hits that scored three runs against Hendrix, putting them ahead 4-0.

Hendrix struck out five and gave up seven hits and four earned runs before leaving the game after just 4.1 innings.

The Falcons showed a brief glimpse of life in the fifth inning when sophomore third baseman Christian Rodriguez hit a double with one out but was left stranded.

While getting runners in scoring position several times throughout the game, the Falcons couldn’t get a run in.

“I think [Reyes] did a real good job today. Our sophomore guys weren’t competitive at all, but you have to give [Reyes] credit; he had a good game,” Cerritos head coach Ken Gaylord said.

ELAC added two unearned runs in the top of the seventh inning against freshman pitcher Anthony Nunes when a throw was off target on a routine play to first.

The Falcons fell to 7-5 in conference with an overall record of 11-11 with the loss Saturday.

“I think we still have enough time to make a move. We’re only one and a half games out right now. We just need to be more competitive,” Gaylord said.

The Cerritos College baseball team opened up a three-game series against Los Angeles Harbor College April 5. Results were not available at time of publication.



At bat: Sophomore Shawnee Kirk hits a single during Tuesday’s 15-1 win over Pasadena College. The win brings the team’s record to 20-7 (13-1).

Softball wins over PCC in five innings

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The Cerritos College softball team shutout Pasadena College in a conference game on Tuesday with the score of 15-1.

The game that ended after five innings will raise the falcons record to 20-7 overall and 13-1 in conference.

“I felt like we played really well, we have our lead off hitter hurt but I feel our team rallied around that and did a great job today,” head coach Kodee Murray said.

The Falcons are now a half game behind rival Mount San Antonio College for the top spot in the South Coast Conference with three weeks left in the regular season.

“We’ve been doing a great job this season, we have a freshman dominated team and I think they just continue to step up and do a great job,” Murray said.

Lead-off hitter and second baseman Stephanie Aguirre and outfielder sophomore Natalie Garcia were unable to play due to an injury.

Falcon sophomore pitcher Jessica Lozano allowed five hits and struck out seven batters and is now 18-5 overall.

“Jessica has done a great job,

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Tennis: Squads prepare for second round of South Coast Conference Tournament

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On the other set of tennis courts, five of the Cerritos College women tennis players were scheduled to play in the first round of the SCC Women’s Singles Tournament.

Cerritos’ high seeded player was freshman Hui You Sohn who was seeded No. 3 in the Singles Tournament.

With a bye in the first round, You Sohn watched the rest of the women compete for the first round.

“I think they did really good. All their hard work paid off,” she said.

One of the players who moved on to the second round through winning a match was freshman Camille Torres.

Torres won her singles match against No. 10 seed Kassandra Heacock of Mount San Antonio College (6-4,6-4).

“We have never played against each other. I thought it was a nice match-up because we both have the same style of play,” She said.

Torres then said the match was a game of who is tougher mentally.

Another player who felt she showed how strong she was mentally was freshman Rachel Aguilar who defeated Jane Lin of Mount San Antonio College (2-6,6-3).

Aguilar said she did not expect to win because of the school that her opponent came from and how hard she was hitting to start the match.

“I am really proud of how I performed today because I was down a set, 2-6 and then I came back the second set to win,”

Another teammate who will be competing in the second round of the singles tournament is freshman Kimberly Diaz. She commented on the key in going further in the tournament.

“Legs. Focus and communicate with my partner,”

The Doubles Tournament was played after all the singles matches finished on Tuesday and the second round for both men and women will be on April 7 and 8.



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Falcons make noise in the first round of tournament



Setting it: Freshman Andrew Turner lost his singles match while playing in South Coast Conference action.

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Men's and women's tennis dominated in the first round of the South Coast Conference tournament on April 5, with two men and one woman, including Yi Qun Chai, earning byes until the next round.

"In order to get a bye, you need to get a pretty good record; I worked hard throughout this season, and got second, so that's why I got the bye," Chai said.

Both teams' tournament brackets had the highest seeded players playing against each other in the first round.

Players from teams like Long Beach City College, Mount, San Antonio College and El Camino College took part in the tournament.

The first halves of the tournaments were the single player matches.

Chai will also be playing his teammate, freshmen Ryan Ilagan, during the second round of the tournament on April 7.

Sophomore player Nick Johnson was one of the first to finish his match, beating El Camino College's Dennis Polk, 6-4 and 6-3.

"I couldn't practice that hard before the game because I needed to rest. But I trained a bit and got my head in the game, and trained a bit in the morning and before the game," Johnson said.

Sophomore Tomas Pierson-Perez believes that all the Falcons trained hard since the summer, and all the Falcons will be able to do great this tournament.

"We all have been practicing since the summer, basically. We were all in the weight room hitting well over 500,000 balls and it seems like it will all pay off. We are a completely different team than we ever were; probably the best we've ever had," Perez said.

These tournaments lead to the regionals, then the state finals, with the Falcons trying to get as much of their players to get there.

"With as much training as we have been doing for regionals and state, we are trying to get as much people to play in both," Perez said. Other winners were freshmen Kyle Porter, who defeated El Camino Jon Fisher, and sophomore Derek Siddiqui had a bye.

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Serve it: Sophomore Yasuto Miyawaki from Palos Verde practicing after his singles match.

MALENO VAN ZITTER PROVES TO BE A TRIPLE THREAT



Fish out of water: Freshman diver, Maleno Van Zitter, practices her diving techniques before a dive competition against Mt. San Antonio College.

Maleno dives into the ocean

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Freshman Maleno Van Zitter represents Cerritos College in the pool, on the stage and in the ocean.

Not only is Van Zitter a member of the diving team, but she also dances in the school Dance Department events.

One thing that many students might not be aware of is that she also works on a shark boat to gain experience for a future in filming sharks, along with a job at the California Science Center.

"I like stepping out of my comfort zone. I do not like to do just one thing," she said.

She does not get paid for working on the boat, but gains a network of friends who are in the shark-filming industry.

As a member of the ship's crew, she is in the process of learning to drive the boat, as well as cook meals and clean.

Van Zitter has been fascinated with aquatic life since the age of 13 and says she will begin filming sharks soon.

On the boat, she met a friend that helped her get a job at the California Science Center in Los Angeles where she has worked for over a year.

The CSC is a free, hands-on museum, with numerous exhibits, for the youth, ran by the government.

Some of her duties at the CSC consist of cleaning the fish tanks, feeding fish and diving for underwater presentations, where people get to see animals and

divers interacting.

"What is really funny in the aquarium is that you have all these really cool fish and yet, the most interesting thing to the kids is the scuba diver. It is so funny because it is just a person," she said.

"We have different types of fish from California (at the CSC), such as Black Sea Bass, White Sea Bass, eels, Leopard Sharks and Horned Sharks. It is a really cool exhibit," she said.

Even with experience from working in the water, the transition for the diver from diving for fun and diving for sport, in her words, "has not been good."

The freshman diver is currently in her first season as a member of the Cerritos College Dive team.

"My boyfriend did the sport the last two years. He told me to try it and I did."

She did not compete in swimming during high school because there was not a team.

Even though Van Zitter is completely new to the sport, her experience in gymnastics during high school helped her with adapting.

One of Van Zitter's teammates is freshman Johnny Morales.

"She is always on top of things. From what I have heard, she is always at school, all day, and she doesn't seem to be stressed at all," he said.

"She has improved tenfold from when she started."

Freshman Scott Robles, said "[She is] a good-spirited hard worker."

Along with athletics, she is also involved in the spring 2011



Splash: Freshman diver, Maleno Van Zitter practices hard before her upcoming meet. Van Zitter also swims with fish and other sea creatures at her job located in the California Science Center.

Dance Department.

Last year, she was invited by the chair of the Dance Department, Janet Sanderson, to do a piece that was performed at Boston University.

Out of the 45 schools, Cerritos College and two other schools were chosen to perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. along with 27 other schools that were chosen from elsewhere.

Van Zitter said, "That was a really amazing opportunity for me and I got to perform in front of amazing dancers, choreogra-

phers and teachers. I also got to take classes from teachers that I would only dream of."

Trying new things has always been easy for her because of the support from her family.

Van Zitter still says that her true passion is being in the water and diving, whether it is for sport or for experience in her future career in underwater filming.

Right now, she is content with inspiring children who go to the CSC and hopes to make an impact in their lives.

Read the fine print before you sign on those dotted lines



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In an era when athletes are expected to sell seats based on their sex appeal just as much as their talent, it makes more sense for an institution to enforce safe sex, rather than abstinence.

However, in an era when younger people have more opportunities to attend college than their parents did, it makes even more sense to shop around and pick a school that caters to your personality, vices and all.

Davies could have avoided the suspension, had he accepted scholarship offers from UC Berkeley, University of Arizona, Utah State University, or Gonzaga University schools that don't require their students to strap on chastity belts.

In the words of Dr. Daniel Smith, dean of physical education and athletics at Cerritos College, "If I was a student and I wanted to do those things, then I'm not going to go to BYU."

"So, when you look at those things and decide, 'Those are things that I really want to do,' pick another school... No one's forcing you to go there."

This is sound advice from the BYU alum and former basketball coach of BYU Hawaii. In his three years coaching on the island, he recruited from hundreds of Mormon and non-Mormon athletes to find the lucky 45 he settled on.

Not once during their time on the team did his players do something "dishonorable"—a claim he has based on the specific attitude he learned to look for.

"If I knew that a kid was a chain smoker, why would I recruit the kid? It would be a total waste, so I had to do more homework."

"The majority of the students never even think about it. They sign that honor code thing and they

Instructors at community colleges have enough trouble getting students to turn in their homework. It's absurd to imagine that professors at four-year universities also have to enforce leading a "chaste and virtuous life."

In the case of sophomore Brandon Davies, star basketball player for the Brigham Young University Cougars, it didn't work.

Well, duh.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported that, on Feb. 28, Davies confessed to having consensual sex with his girlfriend, thus admitting to violating BYU's Honor Code, which forbids students from partaking in premarital sex, even if both parties are of adult age.

The next day, BYU officials suspended Davies from the team for the rest of the season and are still deciding on his fate as a student.

The Cougars fell to the University of New Mexico 82-64 on March 2—their first game without Davies—and were eliminated in the Elite Eight round of the NCAA Tournament by the University of Florida.

But something just doesn't add up.

We've all seen the sport drinks commercials and hip-hop music videos. Professional male athletes aren't people, they're gold-encrusted gods who illuminate the court and tower over their opponents.

Sexual encounters with these otherworldly beings are guaranteed to make women filthy rich by association.

College athletes are on the fast track to the easy life.

Surely, the school overreacted and should have allowed Davies to plead temporary insanity due to March Madness.

Not really, considering that all enrolled students—star athletes or average procrastinators—sign a contract to uphold the 136-year-old Honor Code rooted in Mormon principles.

The Honor Code at BYU, among other things, also prohibits students from drinking alcoholic beverages and smoking.

The school vehemently enforces this code, even when the Centers for Disease Control reported in July 2010 that 91 percent of men 20 to 44 years of age admit to having premarital sex and approximately 46.6 million American adults smoke.

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Dispensaries now part of the ‘Madness’

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The Theater Department has retained its focus to try to capture the right audience for its upcoming musical rendition of “Reefer Madness” by reaching out to the medical cannabis community in hopes to spark interest.

“Reefer Madness: The Musical” is a stage adaptation of “Reefer Madness,” a 1936 anti-drug propaganda film created to instill unrealistic visions of degeneration including, rape, murder and suicide faced by those who become addicted.

Seventy-five years after the release of “Reefer Madness,” Performing Arts Promotions Specialist Renee Bloch finds herself in a sensitive area by promoting this controversial issue.

“Normally, when we market our shows, they tend to have a universal appeal. They are easily promotable to high schools and to the community at large.”

Bloch adds, “This time, the show topic being what it is, along with the show content, has some language issues, and political and religious satire that has potential to highly entertain or offend some people. And because of that, we are being extremely sensitive about how we are approaching our marketing this year and to whom we are marketing.”

The span of promotion extends to local legalized cannabis dispensaries which includes Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Norwalk, Downey, Huntington Park, Long Beach, Lakewood, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier, Garden Grove, Cypress and

Anaheim.

“They have very large sections for ads for medical cannabis dispensaries and doctor recommendations.

“The readership of these papers tend to be a younger crowd that would appreciate this type of over-the-top satire and the readership we believe is the group of people that partake in medical cannabis,” Bloch said.

Philosophy major Diana Cabrera has never heard of “Reefer Madness” and is not a consumer of medical cannabis, but she believes there is no harm done by advertising the upcoming musical to medical cannabis clubs.

She said, “I think it’s proper and it’s within its context. If it’s done for the school play, it’s okay.”

Summer Wilson, accounting major, is supportive of the promotional campaign driven by the Theater Department.

“I’m totally okay with it. I’ve never seen the movie, but it’s totally cool with me.”

Regarding if reaching out to the cannabis community would be detrimental to Cerritos College, Wilson said, “Why would it be a detriment? I guess the school might be afraid that we would be welcoming potheads or whatever, but I wouldn’t think that.”

Undecided major Cassandra Sandoval heard of the play through word-of-mouth.

“My friend saw the flyer at her cannabis dispensary. She was interested in it and it made her want to go see it.”



MICHELLE MORENO/TM
Pressure’s on: Art major Robert Perez uses the pressure unit to sink his image onto paper where it’s printed at the end. The program has many artistic areas of printmaking.

Printing their expressions

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Being a part of printmaking for five years at Cerritos College, fine arts major Sonia Hernandez’ passion for the program allows her to grow, not only as an artist, but keeps her on the track of learning new things.

“It’s keeping the art alive. It’s like a baby; you’re curious to see it evolve and you’re always trying to supplement it the best way that you can.”

Hernandez’ recent project in the class is mono-printmaking, which is a different type of style where she is working on cloth instead of paper. Her end result is going to be a pillow that she’s going to make on her own.

Stenciling is what intrigued Hernandez to start out in printmaking, but as she got more into the program, she started to work with many different types of printmaking.

Her classmate, art major Christle Leonardo, came into printmaking with a background as a photographer and artist. She’s been a part of the class since 2007, with the desire to learn how to make t-shirts, but Leonardo soon began combin-

ing her photography with printmaking.

“I’ve grown a lot as an artist in the fine arts,” Leonardo explained. “Before, I used to take pictures and paint, but screen printing has allowed me to go into what I really love, which is street art. I’m able to express myself in ways I couldn’t have done before.”

Students such as Hernandez and Leonardo have experienced the wide range of artistic approaches that they never tried until they got into printmaking.

Printmaking instructor Jazmine Delgado emphasized that going into the program with any knowledge of how printmaking works shouldn’t prevent you from enrolling into the class as a beginner.

“I teach a lot of students that don’t necessarily have a strong, fundamental art background,” Delgado said.

“I have a lot of students that come in and say that they can’t draw or never took an art class. I give them different examples that show them how to take a photograph and translate that into a drawing that can be used with a basis for a print, which is exciting.”

Former student and current teacher assistant,

Anna C. Javier got into the program with a strong appetite for trying out a different style of art.

“I see things differently. I see art as if we’re painters; you paint a picture, but there’s only one. I can spend 20 hours drawing a print and end up with one.

“With printmaking, not only does it incorporate all of my technical skills, it also incorporates my drawing, painting, color and 3-D,” Javier said.

As soon as she finished her foundation courses in art and design, Javier was impacted the first semester she enrolled into printmaking. She then took the opportunity to take the position as a teacher assistant when it was available.

Students such as Javier, Leonardo and Hernandez are in the class with the passion that they’ve found for printmaking. But Hernandez doesn’t disregard the fact that she keeps on learning and is able to grow from each method she experiments with.

“The biggest benefit is discovering yourself - discovering what you can produce and being able to show it to others and getting their reaction on what it makes them think, along with the ideas that come with the end result.”

Game room is valuable, but in need for an upgrade



JIM BRANNON/TM
Ready? Fight! Undecided major Ryan Silva hones his skills on “Street Fighter III: 3rd Strike.” “3rd Strike” is the most popular game in the campus game room.

Review

Cerritos College
Campus Game Room

Rating: ★ ★ ☆

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The campus game room is a solace to students, which is understandable with the few great games available, but the lack of variety hurts any potential for it to be a popular scene.

It is probably the cleanest location on campus due to the strongly enforced rule against food and drink; the game room isn’t a place you need to avoid.

People that aren’t video game enthusiasts still come in to play the more socially-recognized game of billiards, but that could be changed if some conscious decisions were made about the library of games offered.

There are 12 arcade cabinets in the game room, seven of which are fighting games. That wouldn’t be so bad if all the fighters were actually enjoyable.

“Marvel vs. Capcom 2” is a fan favorite and general staple for any arcade, despite its broken game mechanics and balance.

“X-Men vs. Street Fighter” was a solid game, but it has lost its relevance as a fighter and draws no players on a daily basis.

A much better last-generation game would be

“King of Fighters ‘99.”

“SNK Vs. Capcom” is a great fighter with airtight gameplay, but the learning curve is too steep for the average Joe.

It’d be best to remove it for the sake of serving a wider demographic.

The “Guilty Gear” franchise is amazing, but our game room carries “Guilty Gear Isuka,” objectively the worst installment in the series.

Replacing it with the first “Guilty Gear” game would be infinitely better than struggling to play around Isuka’s horrid controls.

“Street Fighter III: 3rd Strike” is, hands-down, the most played game besides pool, but not everyone enjoys the competition of fighting games.

While the game room also features other genres of games, like “Initial D Stage 3” for racing and “Time Crisis II” for rail shooters, there isn’t enough variety.

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Chips with your salsa?: "La Decision," was performed by the CSULB salsa dance team. Andrew Tran (top) also dances at Cerritos College.

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Dog pile: "Voyages Nocturnes" was put together by choreographer Maha Afra. The dance featured a fusion between Latin, Indian and Middle Eastern-style dancing.

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Femininity and masculinity: Ronald Giler and Tanya De Leon (both center) perform in this piece, titled "THY." It was choreographed by Phoenix Cole.

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Express yourself: For the final piece, "Never Miss Your Chance to Dance," dancers perform in the style of hip-hop. It is the first group piece Popy Saradeth choreographed.

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Chances: Susana Benavides and Marco Serna (pair to left), and Sandy Ramos and Raul Ortega (both right) perform "Lost Chances." Rebekah Davidson and the dancers in the piece collaborated to create the dance.

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The art of dance: Marco Serna and Rebekah Davidson perform their duet titled, "That Which Remains." Instructor Davidson collaborated with Serna in the choreography of the dance.

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Love triangle: Silvestre Grimaldo (left) and Athena Henderson (right) in "La Decision." The piece tells a story, with Grimaldo and Andrew Tran fighting over Henderson. When she chooses Grimaldo in the end, he loses interest and leaves her.

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Deaf student wins annual Poetry Slam

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Judges chose deaf student Francisco Arias as the winner of the \$75 prize of the second annual Poetry Slam, for his performance of his original poem, "Essence."

The Library Club opened the doors for the second Poetry Slam, after high demand, to let poetic students be able to showcase their talents on March 30.

"The Poetry Night started out as an idea, but people thought it was a great idea. Especially since there wasn't such a huge poetic outcry. So this was the perfect venue for it because there are a lot of talented students at Cerritos, and this is where they can speak," Enrique Silliezar, president of Library Club said.

The night brought out 18 performers who all came out to perform their recent work, including the third place winner of \$25, English major Brianna Vega who performed her poem, "Echo, Echo."

"I wasn't really expecting to win anything. Everyone was great, so it was cool," Vega said.

Students who submitted their poems in the open themed contest before the March 30 deadline all had a chance to perform for a possible cash prize and a certificate.

For the students who were par-

ticipating in the contest, including biology major Benjamin Nwakamas who performed his untitled poem, the intention wasn't to win, but to express themselves and showcase their poetry skills.

"I didn't write my poem to win, I just saw the Poetry Night as an opportunity to express myself. If I win, that's cool, but if I lose, oh well," Nwakamas said.

Second place winner, Benjamin Lewis, who performed a poem titled "I Just Want You to Love Me," also wasn't looking to win, but still came out with a \$50 prize.

"Honestly, I didn't perform so I could place and win anything because that's when poems start to suck. I wanted to do this because I like to write. When I miss my intentions in doing things, that's when I start to mess up, but I got what I got," Lewis said.

Students were given the opportunity to write about topics they felt they would be able to express the most about.

"We wanted to leave the topic open to the poets because if we told them to write about love or a certain topic, I think it may have pushed away some of the poets, and we didn't want to do that. So we left the topic open and uncensored so people can say whatever they like," Silliezar said.

With the topic opened, students



Inspiring: Francisco Arias recites his poem "Essence" in the Teleconference Center. Arias was awarded \$75 for placing first in the Library Club Poetry Slam.

ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ/TM

wrote about many different topics and had different influences to write what they did.

"I was listening to a Lauryn Hill song, and at the end of it, there were kids in a classroom, and a kid was explaining why if he ever hurt his girlfriend, he would do everything to make sure she felt better, and the

teacher asked, 'Why?' and he said, 'I just want her to love me,' and that seems like that is the root of a lot of people's trouble; that they just want someone to love them," Lewis said.

Other than the three students who got awards, the club also gave the three judges awards of appreciation for taking the time to be there.

Cerritos Dance Concert is a hit

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The Cerritos College 2011 Spring Dance Concert consisted of a variety of different styles and many colorful concerts this past weekend.

The Dance Concert took place at the Burnight Theatre Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night with a matinee on the same day.

The concert, complete with Latin, Bollywood, contemporary, jazz and hip hop, as well as many more styles, featured return performers like dance major Robert Albanez.

Albanez performed at his first Cerritos College dance concert in spring 2009 when he had a solo in two pieces.

He took to the stage in an opening number by dance instructor and choreographer Maha Afra, where he had a lead and a solo.

The concert offered a lot of first-time opportunities to students such as dance veteran Popy Saradeth, who danced in the ballet piece choreographed by Daniel Burney.

"I never though I'd be able to dance ballet on stage," Saradeth said, "but my choreographer believed in me."

He also choreographed his first group piece.

Dance major Andrew Tran, who is a returning performer in the concert, making this his second semester, did a Latin piece and performed in Saradeth's hip-hop number.

"It felt very exciting," Tran said, "because I never performed hip-hop before so it was something

new."

"He's (Saradeth) a really nice person, but you have to listen to what he says; people goof off and it becomes annoying," Tran said about working with Saradeth.

Saradeth mentioned that it wasn't hard teaching others because he had experience teaching.

"I started teaching the steps to my dancers and it got easier because I have experience teaching."

Child development major Juanita Reyes danced in the ballet and African pieces, as well as Saradeth's hip-hop piece.

Reyes said, "It felt good because I got to expand, because I have been doing ballet for three years. But I wanted to try something different."

She said that dancing in the hip-hop style for the first time presented new opportunities, as well as challenges.

"I have never danced in shoes before," Reyes said, "it was different to me and I put so much energy into it and I'm a very energetic person."

On working with Saradeth, she said, "The greatest thing of all is not only is he a choreographer, but he's one of my close friends."

"He's very inspiring and, out of all the dancers at Cerritos, I admire him the most."

Reyes said they kept it on a professional level during rehearsal.

"I see him outside of the studio and in the studio."

"When I walk in the studio, I leave our friendship outside and it's more of a professional thing."

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Hate on Obama taken out on school



those schools with “resources that will help the struggling schools to improve.”

The Obama Elementary School’s solution is to shut down and relocate to other close schools in the area.

With no statistics found on the drop rate, how come no one is coming to aid Barack H. Obama Elementary?

The simple reason is just another attempt to sabotage Obama’s presidency.

Not saying that he has been the best president, but should his school be shut down because of low enrollment and bad grades?

Why not shut down every other school that is doing horrible in academics?

But no, America will continue to kick Obama out of states, deny his proposals, and criticize him about every decision that he makes.

What is more surprising to hear, that Barack Obama has his own school or the fact that it will be shut down after 10 years due to low enrollment and low grades?

CNN.com has reported Barack H. Obama Elementary in New Jersey will be shut down because of its unsuccessful statistics, really?

How many times have we heard about a school doing badly in academics and low-test scores? And how many of those schools have been shut down?

According to blog.cleveland.com, in 2008, 10 of Cleveland’s lower ranked schools had this same issue.

Their response was to help out



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FREE SPEECH ZONE TWO-PART QUESTION:

How far do you think the women's rights movement has progressed, and how much further do you think it has to go?

Zareeb Lorenzana Women's rights? Get back in the... Oh, wait.

Asides from being objectified, relegated to household work, stoned to death, flogged, and discriminated, I say they're doing pretty good, especially in the middle east. Now that the republicans are in power, I won't be surprised if it gets worse here. They already voted to defund planned parenthood, they'd probably overturn Roe v. Wade next.

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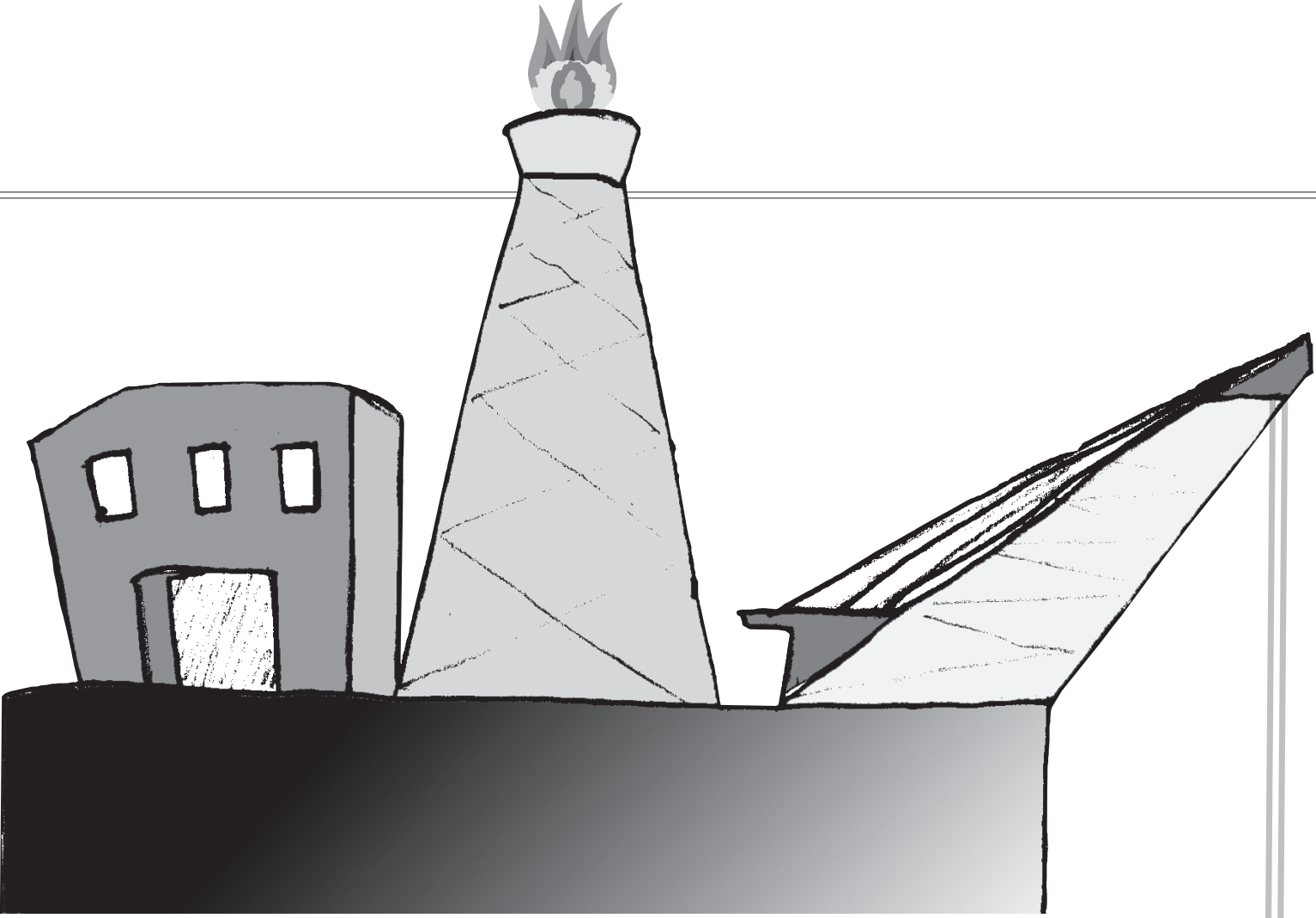


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Gas prices simply out of control

Woe is us. Family outings, nice dates, over due bills and other financial demands are going straight into our fuel tanks.

However, the consumer in us all continues to unfold the billfold and surrender profits, tenfold, to the “unroyal” oil barons.

Apparently, it’s alright with the people to be stripped of their earnings with our overpriced, oil-based addiction.

As well as our inclination to be too busy to stick up for our wallets and effectively, our families and their quality of life.

The human race has decided to turn to automobiles to get around the cities of the world and these vehicles use fossil fuels.

Fuels that fuel economies, machines, greed and war.

Fuels that we as a people were sold on as the sole economically feasible energy source that can keep the world movin in this day in age.

We’ve seen the value of oil placed higher than that of human life through the act of war in oil-rich regions.

Between choking down mouthfuls of our hard earned cash, these consumers wonder when the American populace will reach its Egypt factor and finally say, “Enough is enough.”



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They [the oil companies] know this time will come. Complacency has become way too expensive.

So when is enough truly enough? \$5? \$6? Or even \$7 a gallon? \$10 a gallon is too much!

How much of this thievery are we going to continue to put up with? When will we finally stand up for ourselves?

Gasoline should not be this expensive!

Human quality of life should not be subject to blatant garden-variety greed, or to our own pathetic apathy.

And to rely on these fossil fuel companies to spearhead development of ‘alternative’ fuels is a joke, a bad joke.

It’s like the beef industry “working hard” to bring you a better tofu burger. It just isn’t in their interest.

The supposed millions of dollars these companies are spending on the alternative fuel effort is either not enough or the plan to develop an

alternative energy that would replace fossil fuels is disingenuous.

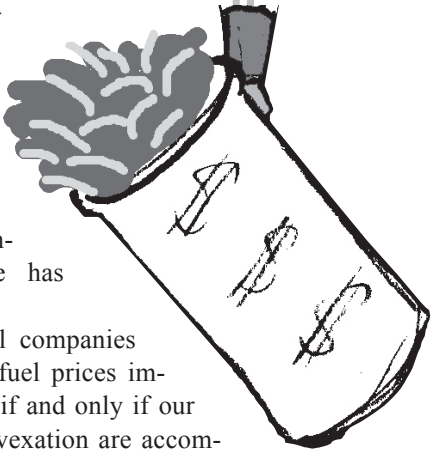
If our survival on this planet depended on the human race developing past the use of fossil and nuclear fuels, one would imagine many answering this call. It does.

Change begins with a resolute decision by the people. Then it goes to making honest folks out of the politicians we elected into power and their promises to represent the people.

And a loud voice, a voice that does not end until change has come.

The oil companies will drop fuel prices immediately if and only if our voices of vexation are accompanied by our actions.

Good old-fashioned protest. It works every time.



The Rebecca Black plague has been spread and it’s sickening



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“It’s Friday, Friday, gotta get down on Friday.”
No, you don’t; you’re in middle school.

The premise of Rebecca Black’s hit song, “Friday” is, without a doubt, one of the stupidest, most insane ideas ever conjured in the history of human existence.

The lyrics themselves make one rather want to listen to a combination of Kim Kardashian’s latest single and a revival of General Larry Platt’s “Pants on the Ground” as performed by William Hung.

One has to ask, how important is it to listen to a song that

describes all the days of the week?

“Yesterday was Thursday.”

Okay, so?
“Today is Friday.”

Thanks for the update.

“Tomorrow is Saturday and Sunday comes afterward.”

Cool, because I didn’t know the days that made up the week-end.

What’s even worse is that throughout the song, the popular effect known as auto-tune is used to augment Black’s voice, but it only makes her voice sound worse.

However, in an appearance on ABC’s “Good Morning America,” Black sang a line from the national anthem that sounded well done that it begs the question, what was the point of the auto-tune?

The sad thing is that she

success, or lack thereof, of this song, is not even the poor girl’s fault.

It is the combined ineptitude of Black’s mother and music producers Ark Music Factory.

Black’s mother paid \$2,000 for Ark Music to create and produce this oxymoronic successful failure.

As far as she was concerned, all she wanted was for her little girl to make it on the Internet.

There are two problems with that:

1. Anyone can make it on the Internet (e.g. “Chocolate Rain,” the dramatic prairie dog and the reincarnation of Rick Astley’s “Never Gonna Give You Up”)

2. If she really wanted her daughter to gain Internet fame that badly, maybe she needed to look over the lyrics to ensure her daughter wasn’t about to

make a complete fool of herself in front of a limitless audience.

The question is, is this the result of the further exploitation of mediocre music or just bad parenting?

The answer is, both.

Ark Music Factory is guilty of creating such a dull, meaningless, piece-of-junk song and having someone as innocent as Black sing it without truly analyzing the significance, or in this case, relevance, behind it.

Black’s mother is guilty of trying to give her daughter a present without really looking into what she’s getting involved with.

My only request for Black is that she uses this incident as a way to grow and move forward because it would be a damn shame to see such good talent go to waste.

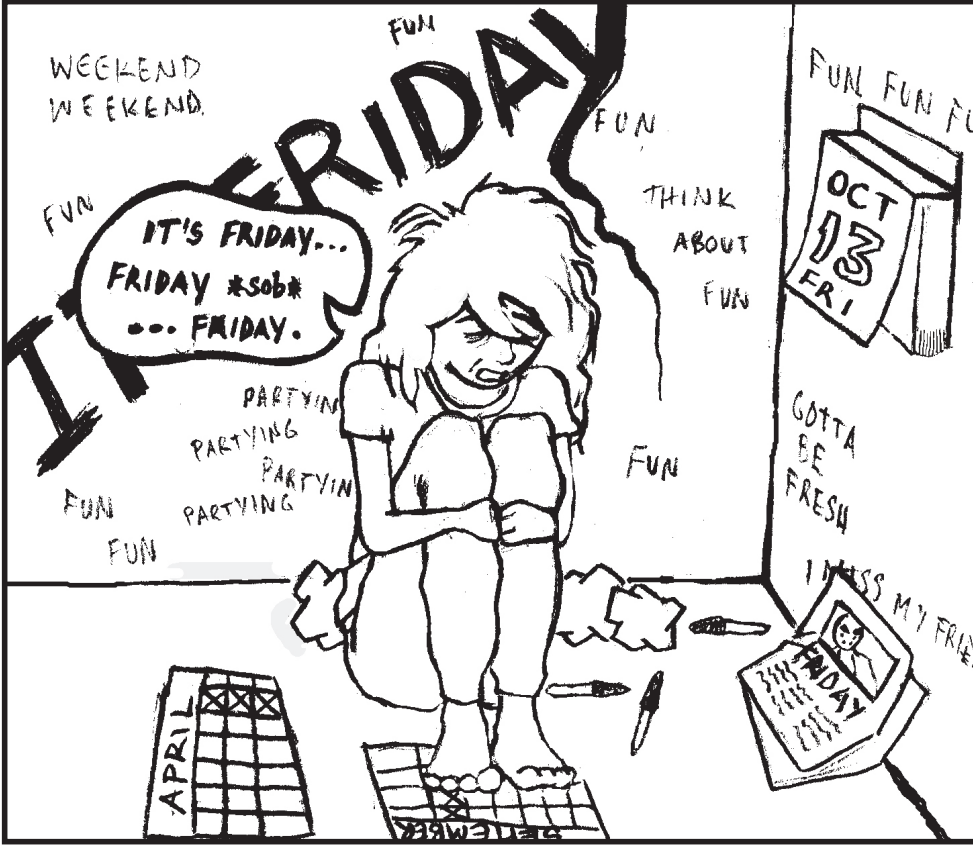
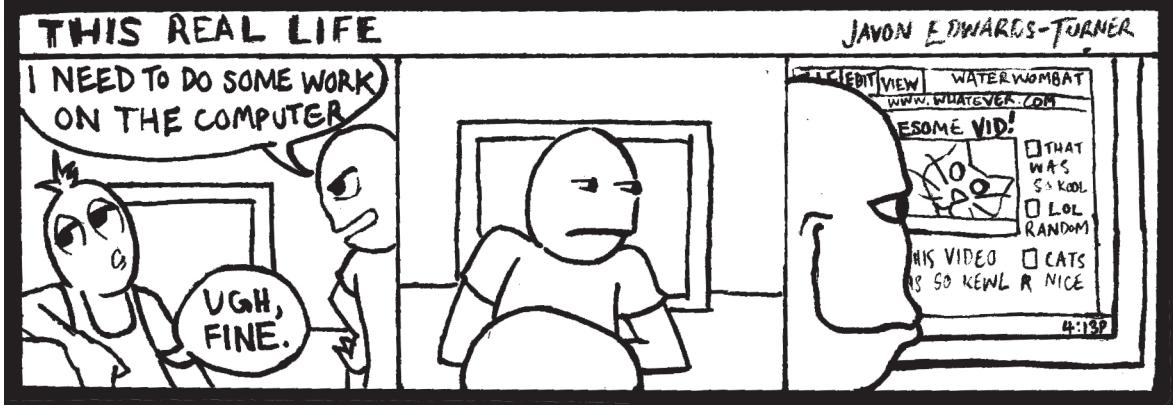


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•EDITORIAL•

Pupils must grin and bear it



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Students at Cerritos College have been receiving education on the cheap for years, but that's all about to change.

An increase in fees by \$10 per unit this July will result in just \$120 more for the average community college student, but that small increase may help alleviate the huge deficit that California community colleges are facing.

This economic climate is a battlefield, and the only way that to save education is by picking and choosing battles.

If students don't take the heat for this one, and if, hypothetically, we were still working with \$26 per unit in fall 2011, then those same students may no longer have the opportunity to study when they find hundreds of course sections lost due to underfunding.

Cerritos College will already likely cut more than 500 course sections in the falls, which will result in the loss of more than 3,000 students.

According to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the community college system stands to lose more than 400,000 students.

California legislators failed to provide residents with the chance to vote on a tax proposal that would have been scheduled for June.

The only solution at this moment is to raise fees for students, unfortunate as that may be, but it isn't out of the question when the financial burden of other students

is taken into consideration.

International students at Cerritos College currently pay \$210 per unit, and will be paying \$220 per unit starting in July.

Students, both local and foreign, are the beginning and end in the discussion about state-wide cuts that will adversely affect affordable education.

This fee increase should serve as a wake-up call to all students to try to work to find a solution.

The best that can be done at this point in time is to take the \$10 increase as a compromise.

However, it is essential for community college students to represent themselves individually and collectively as a demographic not to be pushed around.

In the March 16 publication, Talon Marks reported on ASCC President Felipe Grimaldo, along with other representatives in student government, collecting signatures to petition against the penalization of Cerritos College for not meeting its Full-Time Faculty Obligation.

This is a demonstration of student action in response to California legislators who wouldn't know how to run a budget if their paychecks depended on it.

But, as young people, it should be noted that we set an example for those that follow in our footsteps, which is an idea that is lost on the California legislature that landed us in this mess.

Campaign to feed kids aids lazy parents

Los Angeles elementary school students are going hungry. The young scholars are not eating breakfast at home and often arrive to school running to the breakfast line, but by that time it is 7:45 a.m., Ms. Jones has closed the cafeteria doors.

Now, little Johnny has to go to class on an empty stomach depriving him from academic concentration.

Little Johnny has had the same luck everyday for the last couple of weeks, but due to this new program called the No Kid Hungry Campaign, signed by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, little Johnny can have a breakfast meal while he sits in class.

Though the campaign is a great program for kids to have, due to the millions of kids in the Los Angeles area that lack balanced meals, it is an eye-opener to the way our society is heading.

This alludes to the lack of attention that parents give their children.

The No Kid Hungry Campaign is designed to stop child hunger by the year 2015. Though it will be ideal for child hunger to be defeated by this year, odds are that it won't.



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Though the program considers the best interest of today's youths, it is the reason why many parents neglect their children.

Parents become reliant on programs like this one to pick up the slack.

You see, little Johnny's mother doesn't have to put in the extra effort to make sure he has breakfast in the morning. Little Johnny's mother knows that the No Kid Hungry Campaign will take on her motherly responsibilities.

Not only because her child is taken care of during school hours, but this after-school program holds her child until 6 p.m., where they were helped with their homework and, of course, fed.

I often ask myself, "When was there ever any interest shown from parents to their kids?"

"When was there ever any interest shown from parents to their kids?"

Bilingualism is an obvious advantage to pursue today

People in America should be bilingual or even learn more than two languages because it not only delays Alzheimer's disease, it makes people understand different cultures around their environment.

America is a diverse country with many different languages. Just learning one language doesn't cut it in this country.

Monolingualism is one reason people are racist and become violent toward other ethnicities.

One in five Americans ages 5 and up speak a foreign language at home.

The children who speak their native language at home before they're enrolled in preschool have a better habit of learning in their first five years of school.

A study done last year in the journal "Neurology" surveyed 211 Alzheimer's patients, and those who only spoke one language were diagnosed four to five years earlier than the others who spoke two or more languages.

There might be controversy about children learning a different language other than their native lan-



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guage, because it might delay their learning progress, but there are no signs of that happening.

However, there are signs of an increase in their memory. It also encourages them to explore different cultures throughout their life.

They are able to multitask more effectively and have more friends than those who just speak one language.

It is not because bilingual individuals are "better" than those who can't understand another language, but because they paid attention and understand that knowing two or more languages gets them a better job and helps them understand a problematic situation.

Learning multiple languages is not just for finding

a job, but it is a universal tool that should be mandatory for children to learn.

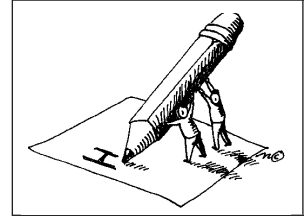
Having this tool will help them explore and understand other cultures and know the history of the changing world around them, making it easier to maneuver in a foreign country.

For example, students, Jerry Cleveland and Joe Hex, both applied to intern for a car dealership in California.

Cleveland has a good resume, but puts down that he only speaks English. Hex has a profound resume and speaks English and Spanish.

The applicant who knows two languages will get the job because he can attract more customers and make more revenue for the company.

It is for one's well-being because they can prevent themselves from getting Alzheimer's disease and actually remember things that happened five minutes or even 20 years ago.



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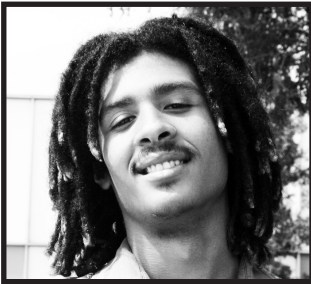
MANUEL RODRIGUEZ
pharmacy major
"I plan to be a full-time student for the summer session."



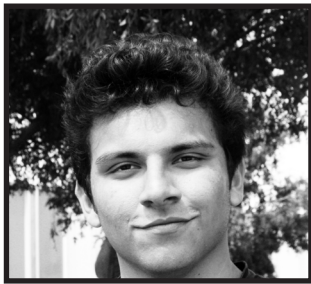
WHITNEY SANTOS
art major
"I thought about it, but I'm not sure if I'm attending the summer session."



ELIZABETH LARA
sociology major
"I was thinking, but I'm not 100 percent sure. If I do, I'll take a math class."



CAMERON BASTHON
communication major
"I'm definitely coming for the summer. I need to take a math class."



JOSEPH TORRES
undeclared
"I really hope they don't because I'm not depending on it. I will be taking an English class."



BRUCE COLLINS
undeclared
"Yes, I am. If they don't have it well then I guess not."