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## After 10 years, 'Justice has been served'

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Osama bin Laden, leader of al-Qaida and mastermind of the September 11 attacks, is dead.

President Barack Obama officially announced in his address to the country on Sunday that bin Laden was killed in a U.S. operation in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

German Sanchez, psychology major, said he was listening to NPR in his car when he first heard the news of bin Laden's death.

"It's been 10 years since 9/11, and I was pretty surprised nobody caught him. Even more surprising is where he was caught; from what I understand he was not in a mountain like people were thinking," he said.

The mansion where he was found, a com-

pound with many layers of defense, was the scene of a 40-minute gunfight that ended with the confiscation of his body by the U.S.

Political science instructor Sunday Obazuaye said he awoke from a nap to breaking news of the President's announcement, mentioning that the delay of the address led to the news leaking out into the media as Obama contacted U.S. leaders.

"To me, that was the most popular quote of the night. 'Osama bin Laden is dead.'

It really happened."

He said he stayed up late listening to the analysis, saying the phenomenon was the role new media played.

"With Facebook, Twitter and people who were texting or tweeting each other, before you knew it, the White House lawn was packed with people," Obazuaye said.

People, particularly students, began celebrating the news of bin Laden's death Sunday night, from the sidewalk of the White House to New York City at Times Square.

The Lantern, Ohio State University's student newspaper, reported that thousands of OSU students celebrated early Monday morning, while other students said they thought the celebrations were morbid.

Sanchez talked about reactions from people he knew that were more affected.

"I know a lot of people from the military," he said. "Those people tend to be more affected than I was because, being in the military, they were out there fighting for what Osama bin Laden did: terrorism."

Director and founder of the Global Consortium for Sustainable Peace, and Cerritos history professor, John



Haas said he thinks that al-Qaida has had a major hit against it with the killing of bin Laden.

"The United States has been fighting global terrorism for a long time, and as we start to look at the death, I start to think about what's going to happen to al-Qaida.

"You cut off the Hydra's head, and something else grows there. I'm a little worried about retaliation."

Sanchez shared his feelings about backlash.

"The one concern that I do have is that with his death, it's not over. I just hope that maybe it won't be as bad," he said.

The search for bin Laden led the U.S. to war in Afghanistan, which has cost the nation more than \$400 million since 2001.

Student veterans at Cerritos see this event as proof that their efforts, along with those of their fellow military comrades, are now justified.

Frank Dussan, a student veteran majoring in criminal justice, said, "What we were doing in Afghanistan is finally going to be seen around the world."

ASCC president and student veteran Felipe Grimaldo believes that this is something that can lift the spirits of Americans almost a decade after the tragic 9/11 events.

"In the United States right now, we need some sort of pick-me-up-- something to ensure the American people that there is some sort of success going on overseas," Grimaldo said.

He also mentioned that this can also serve as a means for Americans to work together to move forward.

"Now is the time for the American people to unite together. This made the people come out and say, 'Let's move forward and see what else we can do.'"

"In supporting any of the decisions our president has, either you're a Republican, Democrat, whoever it is, we have to make sure we're supporting our own government."

International Students Association Adviser Danita Kurtz shares Grimaldo's sentiment of using this event as a method of recovery.

"Hopefully, this can start curing the

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**Defeating terror:** President Barack Obama delivered a speech to the American public on Sunday announcing the death of Osama bin Laden. Bin Laden was found in a mansion in Pakistan at the time of his death.

## Cerritos College loses international contribution

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Last school year, the amount of Cerritos College international students (225) has been significantly smaller than some of the other community colleges such as East Los Angeles (707), El Camino (921) and Pasadena (1,120).

International students contributed \$20 billion to the U.S. last year.

Danita Kurtz, the International Student Coordinator, went to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in late February for the Institute of International Education Fair.

"Schools welcome international students," Kurtz said.

It was the first time that a Cerritos College representative went to the fair that helped schools give information on enrollment in the U.S. and Canada in order to gain more international students from Vietnam.

"The reason why all these [local community colleges] have major rates of international students is because they recruit students," Kurtz said.

California is second to New York in housing international students.

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## Bob Epple passes away at 62

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Cerritos College Trustee Bob Epple passed away April 13 at the age of 62 from complications of leukemia.

Epple, a former Cerritos College student, served on the Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1988 and returned to the board in 2004 after the passing of his wife, Cheryl.

Board Vice President Bob Arthur shared his thoughts on Epple, appreciating his experience and knowledge of Cerritos College as a former student and board member.

"His knowledge and history of this campus will never be replaced," Arthur said.

Regarding Epple's work while serving on the board, Cerritos College President Dr. Linda Lacy said, "He was always the one who could analyze a situation, take in all the facts and you didn't see any partiality with him."

Epple served in the U.S. Army for four years after graduating from Excelsior High School. After leaving the Army, Epple attended Cerritos College, where he graduated in 1974 with an associate degree in economics.

While attending Cerritos, Epple worked in the campus bookstore and met his first wife, Cheryl. He also earned an ASCC Silver Falcon award.

Epple continued to work on campus after his graduation and pursued his law degree. He finally

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## Golden Handshake up for approval, 74 college staff accept gesture

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All that was needed for the Board of Trustees to vote on an early retirement program was 44 Cerritos College employees to take the "Golden Handshake" retirement plan.

As of late April, 74 employees have agreed to no longer work and take an early retirement.

The Golden Handshake was offered to college employees and faculty members who are at their retirement age of 55 or with the retirement incentive at age 50 and have to work for the district more than five years.

Among the 74 retirees were 37 faculty members, four certificated managers, 31 classified, one confidential and one classified manger.

Though the retirement incentive has not officially been established, with more than enough volunteers the Board of Trustees is

expected to pass the retirement plan when it gets presented on their May 4 meeting, Cerritos College President Dr. Linda Lacy.

"I'm making a recommendation to the board that it accepts this," Lacy said. "I believe, from every indication of the board members, they will."

The "Golden Handshake," which is a voluntary retirement plan for employees at Cerritos College, is said to help the current budget downfall in the long-run.

Within the first year of the retirement to have taken action, "the school will have accumulated [approximately] a two-million-dollar savings,"

"After a five year period it still looks like we can have a million dollars in savings," Lacy said.

Reason for the million dollar decrease in savings is during the "first year, you haven't replaced the faculty with permanent employees, so you save on their health benefits and

other things," Lacy said.

After a five-year span, the money will have to be paid back into the incentive package and annuities.

"Ultimately, it will still be a nice savings after five years."

Faculty's last day of work will be the last day of finals and classified staff's last day of employment will be in late June.

Lacy believes that this will be a good thing for part-time or new beginning teachers who are seeking jobs to apply to.

"We have not employed part-time teachers with all the budget cuts," she said. "So it will be a good time for us to hire part-time teachers."

Faculty who get hired to replace those retiree professors will be hired for a year as part-time employees, but will be replaced by permanent staff after their year is over.

Two permanent employees from the nursing and pharmacy programs have already

been permanently hired, and the college hopes to hire the remaining 35 within a year.

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**Crying for a change:** Hundreds of May Day protestors came out to take a stand for immigration reform, in Los Angeles May 1. The May Day Rally is a significant day for many immigrants and civil right leaders around the world.

# Protest comes to Los Angeles

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An estimate of 1,600 to 2,000 people came out in support of immigration reform in Downtown Los Angeles, May 1, a low turnout from previous May Day Rallies but organizers still considered the event as a step toward the right direction.

The protestors wanted to voice their opinions and wanted to stand up for undocumented people for citizenship.

Eighteen-year-old Cesar Vargas from San Bernardino High School came to make a stand of his stance for the rally of what his reasons were about embracing the need to legalize immigrants and their benefits to United States.

“If immigrants get jobs, they will provide taxes for the economy and the majority of people are immigrants,” Vargas said.

The march started on Broadway Street and Olympic Boulevard at 10 a.m., where protestors gathered with different organizations that all came for the same purpose.

Angeles Galindo, who educates immigrants on the issues of discrimination of low wages and health and safety regulations, helped organize part of the march for her fellow mates.

“We organize this march to remember that people before us fought for eight hours of work and eight hours rest and eight hours to do what we want and we’re to remember that and to say, ‘yes, we can,’” Galindo said.

As demonstrators for the rally marched north along Broadway

Street, police enforcement watched over the crowd to be sure that everything went according to safety precautions. In order to prevent the violence that occurred in the 2007 rally.

People marched the streets carrying picket signs while chanting “Si se puede” making their presence known.

“I think it’s very important to work toward this [immigration reform] because we are a strong community that works like everybody else. We’re students, workers just like anyone else. We shouldn’t be treated like criminals,” Elba Pineda, Cal State Los Angeles psychology major, said.

Civil rights attorney for Council on American-Islamic Relations Ameena Qazi came to the rally in her beliefs of how America should change the perspective of how it treats illegal immigrants.


“I think it’s disgusting and very shameful the way our country is treating some of the most important people to our nation. The country can’t survive without immigrants and it’s horrendous of how we can’t fix the problems,” she said.

At the end of the day, all attendees wanted to spread their message of devotion to America’s values of human rights.

“We all deserve to stay in this beautiful country. I’m a legal resident, but I came here to support my people,” Braulio Aguilera, a protestor, said. “It’s important now because so many people here don’t have any documents and all of them are hard-working people. They deserve to be here in this country.”

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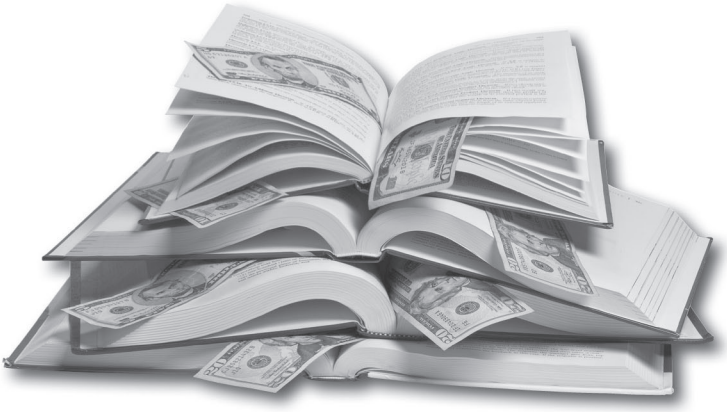
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**Man of the hour:** Psychology professor Todd Gaffney was named the Most Outstanding Faculty Member. The ceremony honored a few faculty members in different areas of studies.

# Outstanding faculty honored

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Instructors were honored for their work and time during the Faculty Awards Ceremony April 28, including psychology professor Dr. Todd Gaffney, who was named Most Outstanding Faculty Member.

"I have worked very hard [as a professor] and it's been a while. I was shocked at the turnout of the awards ceremony, and I am very pleased and thankful."

The ceremony was for the faculty members that were nominated by students during the end of the fall 2010 semester.

The awards were separated into three categories, one being the Service Award.

This was given to those who have put in their time to working at Cerritos, with the range being between 25 to 45 years.

Those who were honored with awards included Regina Romero from the Counseling

Office who has been working at Cerritos for 30 years, and professor Wendell Hanks, who has been working on campus for 45 years.

The next category was the Outstanding Faculty Award. This is given to those faculty members who are involved on campus, and have had an influence on the students.

One professor who was honored with this award was physical education and women's studies professor Debbie Jensen.

"With teachers working hard in the classroom, they receive the benefits of seeing their students grow and develop right before their eyes. So for me, watching them grow is a win for me," Jensen said.

"I am very grateful for the students I have because I have some hard-working, dedicated students who make my job easier and more fun."

Others who were honored in this category were Jerry Ramos of the business administration division, medical assistant professor Sandra Marks, and psychology professor Christian Maldonado.

A short film was shown of Gaffney's time working at Cerritos, with some students and faculty saying how great of a teacher and worker he was.

One of the influences that made him want to work hard was his students.

"I want the faculty to remember the importance of the students, because the students are the real reason why we are here".

While accepting the award, Gaffney's current and former students came on stage with him to show their appreciation.

Debra Moore, who was the hostess of the evening, enjoyed the size of the crowd.

"The turnout of the event was great; I didn't see any empty seats. I'm glad [students and family members] could come out and celebrate with [the faculty]," Moore said.

"It was an especially enthusiastic crowd this year. I would usually tease them because the Health Occupation Department usually has an enthusiastic crowd, but everyone was today."

## Osama bin Laden: World's most wanted man killed by military

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country and can help bring it to the point to where we can stop this war and move forward as a country," Kurtz said.

Obazuaye described student reaction at Cerritos College on 9/11.

"The students were wondering, 'why did this happen?' and 'what did the people do to deserve what happened?'"

"The fear of the country under attack," Obazuaye said.

Obazuaye said that he explained to a student shortly after 9/11 that the goal of terrorists is to demoralize.

"Terrorists go after civilian population, because they know that in a democracy ... if they can put pressure on the population, that will make them go against their leaders."

The FBI, after placing him on

their Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list in 1999, recently updated the status of bin Laden as deceased.

After subsequent DNA tests proved it the body to be bin Laden, he was buried at sea Monday morning at an undisclosed location.

Haas said, "Burying somebody at sea and not disclosing where he's been buried, the purpose of that is not to set up a shrine, which doesn't mean that people won't still see him as a martyr."

According to the Washington Post, Hamas, considered by the European Union and countries such as the U.S. and Japan as a terror organization, condemned bin Laden's death and referred to him as a Muslim warrior.

In his address, Obama said that bin Laden was not a Muslim leader, calling him a mass murderer of Muslims, while stressing that the U.S.-led war is against terrorists,

not Islam.

Haas said that the symbolism of bin Laden should not be underestimated, but with the revolutions across the Middle East that al-Qaida loses relevance.

"Teaching global studies this whole semester has just been incredible; usually when you teach history you're going in the past."

"We've had so many revolutions that have taken place in Tunisia, Egypt and Bahrain, and the revolutions and the conflict in Libya, it's wonderful to be a teacher and have those things taking place in your classes."

Haas will be hosting "Revolution in Egypt, now what?" as part of the GCSP in the Teleconference Center Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m., which will include discussion about the aftermath of removing President Hosni Mubarak.

Administration of justice ma-

jor Joshua Villalta believes that, despite the death of bin Laden, the war in Afghanistan is far from over.

"It would be pointless to say, 'The war's over' because it's not. We just took down one of the major powers and it's going to continue," Villalta said.

Obazuaye encouraged students to pay attention to the news from now on because elections are coming next year, saying that bin Laden's death will be politicized in campaigns.

"That's what makes American government interesting," he said, "so it doesn't matter how people seem to be happy and jubilant, there will still be those who will question the legality, the constitutionality of how it came about and how it was carried out."

"That's what makes it interesting for me, teaching American government. It's never dull."

## Bob Epple: Cerritos College trustee remembered by family and colleagues

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became an attorney in 1979.

Aside from serving on the board, Epple was elected to the 63rd district of the California State Assembly, which he served in until 1994.

One of Epple's contributions to the Board of Trustees includes helping rewrite the policies and procedures manual of the board.

A memorial service was held for Epple on April 25 at the New Life Community Church in Artesia, where family members and colleagues were able to share their thoughts and condolences.

Board member Dr. Ted Edmiston had an opportunity to speak at the service and dedicated his work on the board to Epple.

"I will continue to serve in his

## International: Fewer international students attending Cerritos College

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International Student Association President, Jihyun Park, feels that more international students enrolled at Cerritos College can solve the budget crisis.

"International students pay \$247 dollars per unit. Out of that, \$221 is called the Non-Residential tuition fee and that goes directly to the school's budget," Park said.

Kurtz believes that Cerritos College should be more of an international student friendly school.

"It's crucial for us to be exposed to other countries so we can make connections with people of different cultures," Kurtz said.

Park agrees with Kurtz.

"As the president of the ISA, I try to help international students with anything such as housing and any other problems or concerns. I think other students should join in order to help international students," Parks said.

## Golden Handshake: Incentive approved

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to hire the remaining 35 within a year.

Departments will decide how they would like positions to be filled.

"The classified and management positions will be replaced, effective July 1 or August 1," Lacy said.

Anna Montero, business major, finds herself affected by the retirement plan and its possible effects.

"I think hiring part time teachers will affect us because for example if we have a question we're not going to be able to go to their offices," she said, "It will affect us in our grades and learning process."

The early retirement program has not been offered to Cerritos College employees since 2003.

Though early retirement incentives are design to avoid major layoffs and to improve financial budget, Cerritos College can not be 100 percent certain that the early retirement program can avoid budget cuts.

Depending on Governor Jerry Brown's decision on the May 16 budget revision, California community colleges can be severely affected if he decides to cut up to \$12 million dollars in the budget.

"We are going to start and try to rebuild our fall and spring semester schedule with classes and different things so the [money in our] savings keep us from having to keep cutting more and possibly adding back," said Lacy.

## CERRITOS COLLEGE NEWS BRIEFS

### Instructors set for study abroad program

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The instructors for the Study Abroad trip to Spain were selected on April 29.

Froylan Cabuto, a Spanish professor, will be teaching Spanish and Diane Keenan, an economics professor, will be teaching economics and political science courses.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Bill Farmer said, "In fall of 2011 we will start having meetings that will give students a chance to come and hear about the program from me and the professors."

"[This will give students] a clearer idea of what it will be like," Farmer said.

The estimate cost for the trip is between \$6,000 to \$7,000 not including the cost of the flight.

### Kidney walk proves successful

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The Kinesiology Club held its first Kidney Walk Day in efforts to donate to the National Kidney Foundation on Tuesday.

Kinesiology Club Adviser Debbie Jensen said, "We were looking at recreation, donation and education."

The Kinesiology club raised \$327 and collected about 25 pairs of shoes.

"We're really happy with the success with the first year, so we're looking forward to double the amount next year," she said.

The club will hope for bigger numbers next time.

### Vendors arrive for community resource fair

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About 35 vendors signed up to attend the Community Resource Fair this year but only 29 vendors set up their booths.

"This year we seem to have more people joining in, I feel like the drawing is one of the things drawing students in with the community. It's beneficial to us because later we get to read all these surveys and see what we are doing well," Shannon Estrada, resource specialist, said.

First semester students such as Anai Muniz, sociology major, found the fair helpful and informative.

"It's been great. I got a lot information in several booths; I still have more to see. Many students are enjoying the great weather and all the information being provided," Muniz said.

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•EDITORIAL•

# Try to transfer before trying to travel



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The college environment is revered as one of the most powerful experiences in a person's life. The events that take place during students' college years will shape the way they live and react in the future.

Universities are well prepared to offer students the resources they need to advance their intellectual minds and expand their personal growth. One of these resources is the study abroad program.

But with the recent announcement of a new study abroad program at Cerritos College, the question becomes: is this program really necessary for community college students?

Studying abroad can teach a student a number of lifelong skills, such as intercultural development, internship attainment, and academic commitment.

Although the opportunity to study abroad can be a rewarding and exciting experience, going out of the country on your own requires a certain amount of maturity and drive.

This is essential to focusing on schoolwork while overseas and not getting caught up sightseeing and enjoying the spoils of another country.

Some students at the community college level may not be ready to handle the responsibility it takes to stay focused, especially when they haven't started working on courses essential to their specific major.

Students in community colleges should be focused on completing their general education and transferring out to a four-year school.

A study abroad program would only serve as a distraction to those in community colleges who are working on their general education classes.

Although most students have already decided on a

major, according to www.flcc.edu, 25-50% of students entering college are undecided.

A study abroad program is a great program which should only be offered to those in universities who are well on their way to a degree, not for those students who have yet to decide on a major or have not finished their general education.

There is also the question of pertinence.

What is the relevance of studying algebra in Italy? What do students have to gain from studying sociology in France?

Students may not be able to reap the benefits of studying in a foreign country if they are still taking general education courses.

Studying in a foreign country can be beneficial once students have started working on the core courses of their major, such as linguistics or history.

Funding is a problem as well.

With recent budget cuts limiting the amount of classes offered at Cerritos College and nearly wiping out the summer school program, this may not be the smartest addition to our college's programs.

We should not have to supplement the thousands of dollars in expenses for students to study in other countries when we are cutting courses left and right on our own campus.

The study abroad program should only be offered at the university level as an incentive for students who have already completed their first leg of schooling.

Studying abroad should be something students can look forward to when transferring to a four-year school.

## Letter to the Editor: Teaching isn't about money; it's about passion

Dear Editor:  
I must question your editorial that claims that our retiring professors are people "who are no longer passionate about teaching or burnt out from decades of work" (Editorial, March 23, page 4). Age is no marker of passion.

Many emeritus professors keep teaching after they retire for a fraction of their old salaries. Would they do that if they were not still passionately sharing knowledge?

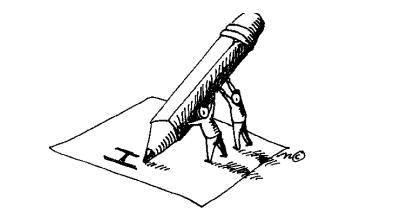
Passion increases with experience. The average full-time professor in America is 59.7 (IR Extract Files), and professors often improve with age. The average Nobel Prize winner in Economics is 67. Marie Curie died in the lab at 67. Einstein kept guessing until 76. Yoda was ancient.

Don't believe the hype, young Jedi. Some bosses hire new professors (who average about 40) because they are cheaper, not better. (As Counselor David Young said on page one, "I was younger and didn't know diddley once, either.") It's that simple.

Perhaps the key lesson of higher education is this: intellectual curiosity gives you strength and energy for a lifetime.

As Mr. Spock put it, "May you live long and prosper."

Yours sincerely,  
Frank Gaik  
Professor of English



## Not the higher education we meant, Wiz

Cameron Jibril Thomaz, commonly known by his stage name Wiz Khalifa, raps about the ultimate rapper's lifestyle, including: women, partying and drugs.

The Pittsburgh native rose to fame last year when his hit single "Black and Yellow" sold more than 2.5 million digital copies. Khalifa has released the studio albums "Show and Prove" (2006), "Deal or No Deal" (2009) and "Rolling Papers" (2011).

Obviously, with his experience in the music industry he would be perfect for teaching ... botany?

What?  
Now as crazy as that seems, it's reality.

The Daily Athenaeum, West Virginia University's publication, reported on March 31, that Khalifa would be joining the WVU staff as a visiting professor in the fall.

I am a strong fan of his music but I don't think someone should be allowed to teach botany just because he smokes marijuana, especially someone who has never taken one unit of a college course.

So how is this possible?  
WVU's Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design received a government grant to start a special-interest horticulture program.

The new immigration rule in Utah allowing immigrants to work in the state is the direction the United States needs to move toward.

It will help improve the state with the fact of how these very same people came to Utah with the determination to find financial support for them and their families.

It is biased for United States Representative Lamar Smith to ask the Department of Justice to sue Utah for what he claims is "unconstitutional."

What is unconstitutional is not giving rights to immigrants who have dedicated most of their lives to work in order to put a single meal on the table.

The tension that is coming forth with this issue is how the law would create an amnesty with illegal immigrants.

The Utah state legislation bill HB 116 is a brave call to action in resolving the problem for undocumented workers, not a result of pardoning them for their illegal status.

Those who migrate to the United States are people who are coming for the fundamental human rights that the nation offers compared to their native lands. No benefits available to immigrants in their home-



The program is designed to help develop a species of marijuana that will be used medicinally in the states in a prescribed form of treatment.

And if the department's support insists enough, Khalifa has the support of WVU's president.

WVU President James Clements said in a previous interview, "We are excited about the opportunity to work with the government to help develop the future of medical marijuana. The future of this type of medicine is a prosperous one at this stage, and having a face [like Khalifa] to attach to the program will help put WVU at the forefront of the field."

Khalifa will be forming research groups with professors and students, training them to cultivate marijuana with high levels of Tetrahydrocannabinol , otherwise known as THC.

He said, "The whole world knows I like to smoke



lands lead them to desperate situations to deal with.

The situation that immigrants have to deal with is the increase of crime and corruption.

The rates of criminal activity give undocumented workers the unlikely chance of gaining opportunity to fulfill the prosperous act of a successful life of supporting their families.

The decision to migrate to the United States is to experience the open option of obtaining substantial employment that will sustain their lives in order to go back to help out their relatives from where they came from.

Immigrants migrate to the United States for the very fact that our rights as Americans gives us the chance to seek the possibility of justice to live a life of freedom and sophistication.

Smith's criticism toward HB 116 is only attack-

[marijuana]. What people don't know, however, is that I am a botanist first and a rapper second," Khalifa said.

While it may seem that the college is doing this for a beneficial purpose, it may create a horrible trend in universities, especially those located in the 16 states where the medicinal use of marijuana is legal.

What kind of school could possibly set up a scenario where students can study about marijuana then after class roll some up with "Professor Wiz?"

This isn't to say anyone can just enroll in the class to study about the green stuff. The school has set "limits" on who can participate in the program.

Anyone who meets the prerequisite of 16 combined chemistry and biology credits will be eligible to take any of Khalifa's 400-level courses.

If anyone is stoked about the new opportunity, it is Khalifa himself saying, "I can be a rapper and smoke, but I would rather be a smoker that gets paid to smoke and develop new marijuana."

This shouldn't be allowed at all. There are plenty of experienced researchers around the country who are more qualified for the job, and the school could've at least picked someone who has ties to it.

ing the will of letting immigrants have the chance to experience the freedom that they will never have in their homelands and his call is producing the intense atmosphere of opposing something positive for undocumented workers.

Utah's bill will not only help immigrants to strive for the human rights that they deserve in the state but it will refine the financial status of the state itself by having immigrants pay taxes that will in the end benefit Utah.

Much of the agriculture employment in Utah is a popular field for immigrants, which citizens have failed to fill in.

It is acts like these where immigrants' status is just as important to citizens, but opposition from Republican lawmakers makes it difficult to pass a resolution to a crisis that has been waiting to be figured out.

The inoperative federal immigration system is in desperate need to be reformed.

Utah's civil action to supporting the rights to migrant workers is a definitive way in approaching a difficult issue to garnishing the matter out of the air.

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“Did Japan need charity, and will it be OK in the long-run?”

STEVEN PALLUNA

theater major

“I think Japan will be good in the long-run, but most people’s concern is about the chemicals coming here.”

ELIZABETH BURDEN

child development major

“Charity is always a necessity to uplift the morality and a lot of people were affected. We need to give back.”

BLANCA IBARRA

fashion design major

“The charity is good because there’s people who need the help and there are those who don’t need it. You can either take it or leave it.”

“After seeing some complete construction, do you think it was worth it?”

LUIS JUAREZ

music and literature major

“I hope it is worth it because this school gets the worst budget cuts.”

FRANK CASTELLANOS

teaching major

“I’d expect to be done by early of last year, but the way the budget cut is going the money could’ve gone to students’ needs.”

STEVEN PALLUNA

theater major

“I’m fine with the whole construction thing as long as someone comes up with a parking structure for us.”

“How have the budget cuts affected your schooling, and is there a solution?”

VICTORIA CLEMENT

child development major

“There are limited resources, especially if we plan to work in the education field.”

BARON HOLLIS

undeclared major

“It could be fixed if people got together and worked things out.”

SANDRA CERVANTES

psychology major

“I want to take English 52 and I can’t because of the budget cuts and full classes.”

Letter to the Editor

Parents aren’t slackers; they need the slack

Dear Editor:

I am writing in direct response to the article titled “Campaign to feed kids aids lazy parents.”

I would like to address the writer, Mayra, directly in saying that she is expressing opinions that are both ignorant and myopic. Look [those words] up in the dictionary.

How dare she accuse today’s hardworking parents of being “lazy” and wondering if parents “ever [had any] interest in their kids.”

Since Mayra felt it necessary to share some facts about how many quality-time hours per week that parents “share with their kids,” I think she should hear of some other facts.

In her research she did not find that, according to the Share Our Strength website, more than 17 million children in America

are at risk of hunger, 15.5 million kids in America live in poverty, 20.1 million children benefit from their family receiving food stamps, yet only 9.4 million kids get a free or reduced-price school breakfast on an average school day.

According to the 2009 Census information, 15.6 percent of people are below the poverty level and the average household of three has an average income of only \$55,000.

The average commute time is 29.4 minutes, not including time necessary to get children to their school.

If the average elementary school student must get to school no later than 8 a.m., and the average daytime job begins at 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., this presents significant scheduling difficulties for a family to schedule its mornings.

Add to that the average start time of ju-

nior high schools, middle schools and high schools at 7:30 a.m., and a family’s morning schedule becomes even more complicated.

Try to imagine how long it takes to wake up children who don’t want to get up, take showers, and get teeth brushed for all family members.

Most average family homes have a single bathroom. Trying to get through the bathroom routines for three individuals can take a minimum of 45 minutes.

If parents must drop off their children at 7:30 a.m. to get to work on time, that family of three would have to start bathroom routines at 6:45 a.m.

That would allow an extremely tight timeline to get ready to go and leave the house. To allow for breakfast to be made, served, eaten and cleaned up afterward would require that family to wake at 5:45

in the.

Due to the rising cost of living and the crunch on existing employees to take on 1.5 to two jobs as companies pare down employees, parents cannot afford to miss time from work because they are late from dropping kids off or leave early to pick up kids at 2:30 p.m. every day.

These programs, “Share Our Strength” and the after-school activities programs allow the average working family to simply survive and keep its children in school.

These same families are the ones who often cannot afford to send their children to universities.

Thus, Mayra, you are insulting the families of a majority of your own readership.

I have many friends and relatives who are the “average” family with median income and struggle to get through their weekly schedules.

They do their very best to provide for their families and get in as much quality time as possible.

The sad reality is that there is little time possible to have quality time for parents and children or parents together as a couple.

I wholeheartedly encourage you to find and marry your own Donald Trump in the future so that you can stay at home and spend mass quantities of time with your children.

P.S. “Quality time” is called that because it is defined by the quality of the time spent with another, not the quantity.

Yours sincerely,

Renee Bloch

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Promotions Specialist

The Republican’s party is one we should not attend

Crazy lunatic Chairman Hal Rogers from House Appropriation announced in Washington, D.C a partial list of 70 spending cuts that will be included in an upcoming continuing resolution bill insulting the American people.

The total spending cuts in the Continuing Resolution of \$74 billion, including \$58 billion in non-security discretionary spending reductions will be taken away from government programs.

This continuing resolution bill from the Republican Party is another way they show that republicans don’t care for the average American’s future and finan-



cial problems.

By defending \$ 20 billion in government giveaways to oil companies and protecting the top 2 percent in Wall Street in 2008 with their \$800 billion bailout are now insulting Americans intelligence once again with this CR bill on their expense.

This type of action by the Republican Party tells Americans that we need change from us in

Washington D.C., and help to take out these non-patriotic Republicans out of office.

The Republican Party that put America in debt in 2000 during the Bush administration and profited billions for oil companies know having middle class America carry the debt of this continuing resolution bill.

Never before in the history of this sober nation has congress undertaken a task of this magnitude.

Make no mistake these cuts will have an impact in every district across the United States making it hard for millions of middle class Americans hard to support themselves and the low-

er class worse.

We patriotic Americans should say no to this CR bill by having the top 2 percent in Wall Street fix its own debt it put our wonderful nation into and raise taxes for corporate America and cutting the Pentagon spending budget.

If we decide to do this we could generate billions of dollars, fixing the debt they put us into.

Without having to cut government programs, like taking away \$700 billion from WIC or \$775 million from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention programs, that benefit millions of Americans in the United States.

Apple may not be as reliable as they seem to be

This recent discovery has been known since Will Smith’s “Enemy of the State.”

The capabilities that cellphones have nowadays aren’t anything new or to be alarmed about.

The better question is why does Apple need to keep everything so quiet when the issue is brought up?

Probably because Apple is a big name and cannot afford to lose its consumers’ trust.

By admitting fault, it creates a rut for itself in its upcoming devices.

Consumers are left baffled as to why there’s a file that logs their time and place in an unen-



rypted file and what benefits the company has by keeping them in the dark?

According to the O’Reilly Radar, a technology blog, the consolidated file logs time and place in an unencrypted format that’s accessible to anyone who physically handles the device.

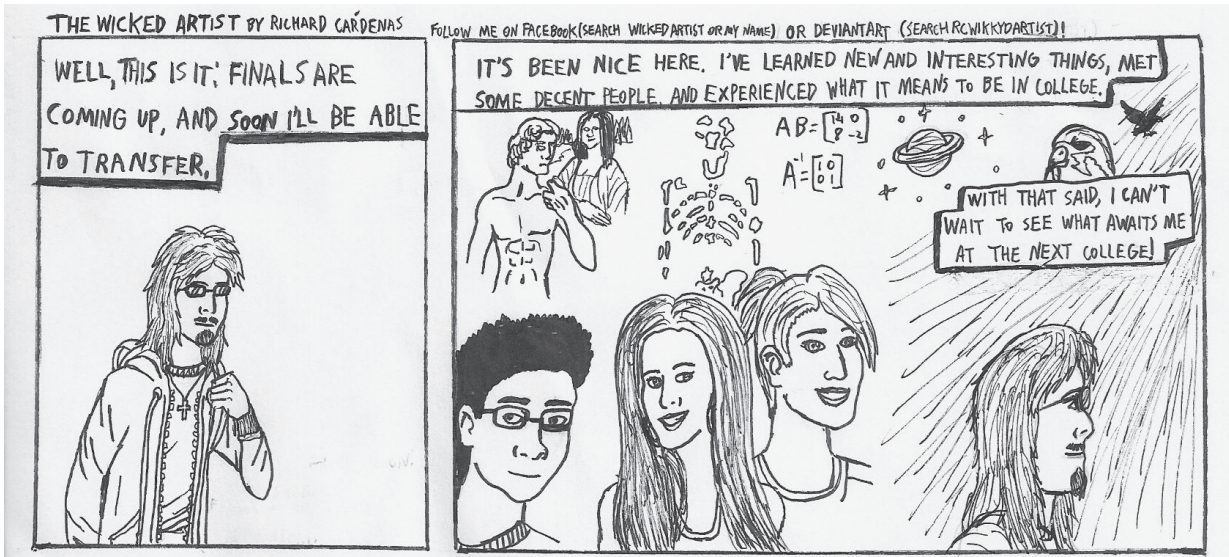
There are some who fear the file itself is transmitting its results to Apple, but that is purely speculation.

This type of issue could be solved quickly if Apple sent a representative to talk about the issue and help ease consumers’ thoughts on what is going on.

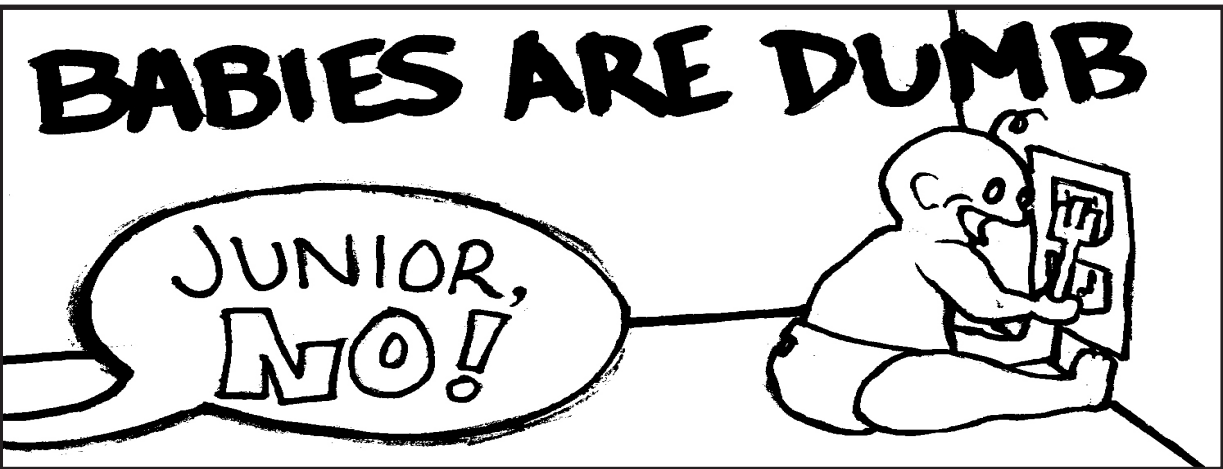
The LA Times had stated that’s not the case because Apple has said zilch on the matter and is dodging the questions.

It’s about time the consumers let Apple know that our security and privacy are not just a number.

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# Animals to be theme in show

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The Cerritos College Cosmetology Department is presenting the first “Animalistic” show at 7 p.m. located in the Student Center on May 9.

The fashion show will present 63 groups of students from the Cosmetology Department, and will express their “animalistic” sense of style on the runway.

Assistant professor Nina Motruk explained that the department has been presenting fashion shows for 22 years since she has been in Cerritos and added that it is the first time it will have the audience judge the show.

She also explained that in the beginning the department decided to have “Animalistic” located at the Teleconference Center, but was not able to have it there and decided to perform the show in the Student Center.

Motruk also added, “Some students are really anxious, but then we have other students that are really nervous.”

She also explained that it will be a good chance for cosmetology students to express and show their fashion skills to the audience, and added that the winner would win cash prizes to buy beauty supplies.

Mary Duchscherer, cosmetology major, explained that the department has been preparing for this fashion show since the beginning of the semester and also added that it is the first time the Cosmetology Department will have an animal theme.

“I am a little nervous but I think everything will go well for us.”

Cosmetology major Amanda Dollinger, one of the students from the groups that are going to present their works of fashion, explains that her team has been getting ready for this show for some time.

Dollinger explains that the show will be presenting some animals such as peacocks, leopards, jellyfish and other animals.

Presale tickets will be \$5 and \$7 at the door.

# Students get inked on campus

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For some students, a tattoo is a big commitment that will be permanent on their skin.

However, the Artists Society offered its services Wednesday and Thursday and sold henna tattoos to students for \$2 to \$5 to raise money for a possible event at the end of the semester.

“There’s a huge difference from having your tattoo your entire life and having one for a week,” Artists Society President Gabriel Segura said.

“Hazards come with everything and anything. So if you’re going to get a tattoo and if you admire art and speak your mind and let people know who you are, then why not?”

Much to the relation of choosing henna tattoos over permanent tattoos, the Student Health Center gave out an outreach pamphlet about the awareness of hepatitis C when getting a tattoo.

For Vice President and Treasurer of the Artists Society Melissa Gonzalez, she thinks the best way to prevent from being affected by the chance of getting hepatitis C is to try out washable henna tattoos.

“Henna tattoos are just temporary and I guess if you’re not one that wants to get a permanent tattoo, I think henna tattoos are a good alternative,” Gonzalez said.

The Student Health Center was in support of campaigning the experience of college students deciding on a tattoo.

The campaign is also meant to help students avoid getting a tattoo that they will end up regretting.

Agreeing to what the campaign stands for, Lizbeth Rivera, art major, sided with this stance by stating how henna tattoos can help a young college student make a smart decision on the actual tattoo they might end up using.

“I think they’re great but they’re permanent, so if you’re going to get something, don’t just get it because you like it temporarily. It’s better to get a henna tattoo of the design that you want and see if you like that every day.”

The Artists Society continued its fundraiser until 1 p.m. both days in Falcon Square, where students had the chance to check out the members’ skills of free-handing henna designs.



**Getting ‘tatted:’** Artists Society President Gabriel Segura draws a henna tattoo on a student’s forearm. The Artists Society offered henna tattoos to students, with prices ranging from \$2 to \$5.



**Cerritos ink:** Henna tattoos with designs such as this butterfly were given to students on Wednesday and Thursday in Falcon Square. Part of the purpose of this was to provide students with an alternative to getting permanent tattoos.

# Extravagance makes ‘Fast Five’ a movie worth watching



**Adrenaline rush:** Paul Walker (left) as Brian O’Conner and Vin Diesel (right) as Dom Torretto prepare to jump off of a car in a scene in “Fast Five,” the latest installment of the “Fast and Furious” series.

## Movie Review

*Fast Five*  
**Starring:** Vin Diesel, Paul Walker  
**Director:** Justin Lin  
**Rating:** ★ ★ ☆

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“Fast Five” is ridiculous. Its plot is absurd, impossible and even asinine. This being said, it is still a blast to watch.

Through each over-the-top, uber-violent, toilet-exploding, action-filled scene, the movie succeeds in its simple one-dimensional endeavor to give the audience the ultimate “Fast and Furious” experience.

The fifth installation in the “Fast and Furious” series that began a decade ago, “Fast Five” unites the se-

ries’ main characters with many of the films’ supporting characters, as they assemble to bring down a Brazilian kingpin while taking all his money.

And, of course, this familiar formula all involves driving really, really fast and dangerously, even though there are much easier methods to accomplishing these things.

Director Justin Lin, who also helmed the past two films in the series, continues to refine and build upon his work with the genre.

Action sequences, insane as they may be, are ingeniously conjured and strung together by Lin to fit into a well-constructed storyboard. It’s less about pointlessly blowing things up, and more about convincing the audience that these things are necessary if we want our protagonists to succeed in their mission.

So, if they need to drag a huge 10-ton money vault on populated streets with their cars, then so be it. The chaos that entails sure is entertaining.

There are some unavoidable, glaring faults to the movie, naturally.

Throughout the film characters talk about their longing for a permanent freedom, yet they seem awfully concerned with being rich, too.

It just seems a little inconsistent. The insignificance of the acting almost goes without saying.

It largely consists of super-buff macho men and sexy women scowling as they drive and try to accomplish freakish feats.

But, again, this factor is mitigated, if not completely eliminated by the escalating explosiveness through each scene.

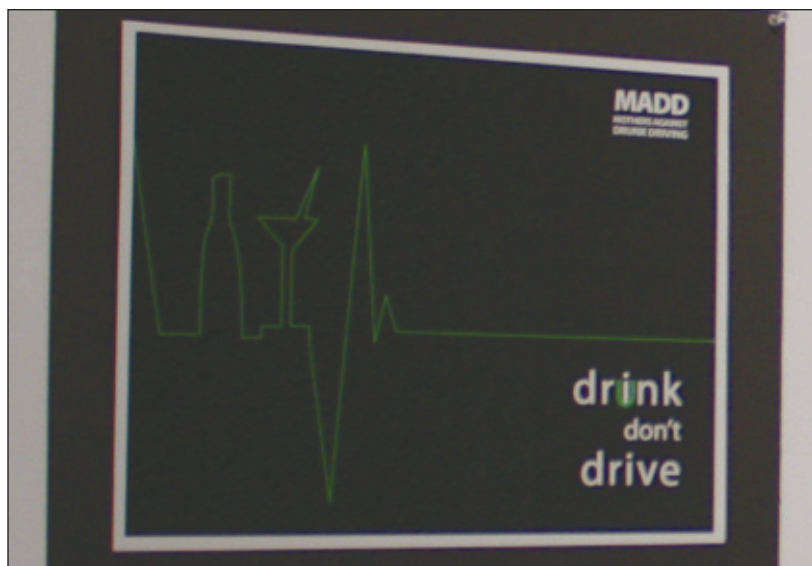
So the verdict for “Fast Five” is very simple. Go for the action; stay for the well-constructed, fast-paced, adrenaline-pumping, absolute bonkers action.

Your brain will filter some of the laughable acting and ludicrous plot-line out for you.





**Orange bang:** Art Instructor Kirk Miller looks at Gabriel Segura's "The Orange Truth." It earned Segura a third place prize.



**'MADD' skills:** This graphic design piece, titled "Drunk Don't Drive," is by Danny Gaviria. He won a second place award and also designed the cover of the catalogue.

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**(Lack of) sleep:** These two works, both concerning sleep, are "Everything Falls Apart" by Galileo Gonzalez (left) and "Into a Dream" (right) by Wei Huang. Both artists received scholarships during the ceremony recognizing them as outstanding students in the field of painting.



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# Student Art Exhibit 2011 receives warm reception

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A painting of a jar containing a set of conjoined twins afflicted by the chemical Agent Orange with Da Vinci's "Vitruvian Man" upside down and bleeding in the background was just one of the many pieces displayed at the Cerritos College Student Art Exhibit 2011.

Gabriel Segura, president of the Artists Society, won a third place prize for his painting, titled, "The Orange Truth."

He said he originally started with cars, until people told him that, although they thought his skills were good, he needed to put feeling into his paintings.

"So I said, 'Well I get feeling from the cars,'" Segura said. "But they said, 'No, you need to make people think.'"

The Cerritos College Art Gallery opened its doors for the exhibit, which featured paintings, ceramics, photography, graphic design and other media on April 26 with a reception and award ceremony.

Each award came with an unspecified cash prize that fell into one of five categories.

Each category offered two honorable mentions, two third and second place prizes, and only one first place.

## Truth and tradition

After brainstorming, Segura based his work on seeing the adverse effects of Agent Orange, which was used for herbicidal warfare in the Vietnam War, on Vietnamese people.

"As you can see, it's horrible," he said.

He described the experience as eye-opening.

"Nowadays, you look around, even in the newspapers from politics to war to anything that's going on, you can look around and it's not the truth.

"So I said, 'Let's give them the truth.' I'm all about the truth," Segura said.

Photography major Aydi Ortiz said she thought Segura's idea was very well-executed.

"I admire his work, his bravery for doing something like this, especially since I know he may have referenced some things," she said. "But to create something out of nothing, out of just thoughts in his head ... he has lots of skills in painting and I can appreciate his work."

Lee Davenport, art major, also had his work, "Power to the People," featured, and said everyone in his family has attended Cerritos College at one time, including his 23-year-old and 27-year-old sons and his wife.

Davenport studied in business and mechanics at Cerritos College in the 1970s and 80s.

After retiring at 55, he decided to return to school and renewed his interest in art.

"I always liked art," he said, "and now I have the time to pursue it."

Davenport said this was his third time featured in the Student Art Exhibit, and that in the past, he placed third with assemblage entries.

## A matter of perspective

Judging the exhibit was Joe Biel, an assistant professor of foundations and studio art at Cal State Fullerton, who explained shortly before the awards were handed out that whether a student won or not didn't matter because it was a great show.

He told students at the ceremony he looked for a point of view when judging, saying, "As an artist, your real job is to find a voice."

Art instructor Kirk Miller said, "James [MacDevitt] has done a great job with the gallery.

"No matter what exhibit he does, they're all really super and professionally done."

Miller said he liked seeing students with their families.

"It's an opportunity for students ... to be proud and show what they've done this past semester," he said. "It's nice because I have the feeling that most people don't quite understand, especially in computer graphics, what can be done, what's possible."

Danny Gaviria, graphic design major, had two graphic design entries, including one, titled, "Drunk Don't Drive," that was treated as if it was an advertisement by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, which depicted an electrocardiograph spiking shapes of alcoholic beverages before flat lining.

"It was an assignment for our graphic design class," Gaviria said.

"That one was my final piece, and I really liked the way it came out," he said.

Gaviria, who also graphically designed the cover of the gallery's catalogue for the exhibit, won second place in category four.

The catalogue is being sold by

the gallery for \$15.

## Honoring a legend

One student said he took inspiration from his frustration with working at a supermarket, literally making it the foundation of his piece, titled, "Everything Falls Apart."

"I took one of the pallets from Ralphs," Galileo Gonzalez, computer animation major, said, "and just broke it apart into pieces."

However, Gonzalez said it wasn't frustration with the job itself that inspired the piece, but the time change.

"At the time, I was working the graveyard shift, so I did a whole series on pretty much my frustration toward the graveyard shift," he said, "because it was really screwing me over, sleep-wise."

He said he primed it with some clear coat and painted it with oil, then let it dry and separated the pallet into pieces, which took him around two weeks to finish.

Gonzalez took home second place in category two for this work and also received the very first Victor Hugo Silva Memorial Scholarship.

Silva, who in 2009 earned a master's in fine arts in painting, drawing and sculpture from the New York Academy of Figurative Art, passed away on Feb. 8 at the age of 37.

Art Department Chair Hagop Najarian described his former student as passionate, committed and tenacious.

"He just left a huge impact on me and contagious energy," he said.

"The class would then get sucked up into that fervor, wanting to make better work.

"He's that student you have in class that we've all had, even when I was a student in class; [he was] kind of always on the edge, saying something," Najarian said.

The Student Art Exhibit's reception was really positive, according to Najarian.

"The reason I teach is to kind of regenerate those positive ideas about making art, exhibiting your work and getting people to come see your work," he said.

"Overall, I can just say it's a huge, positive optimistic experience for the students and the parents."

The exhibition will close on May 17.

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# Cerritos musician raises money for kids

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"I don't want to be this 'Warped Tour-superstar' or anything like a false idol anymore, so I decided that I'm going to raise money."  
For singer, songwriter and public relations major Rocky Kim, a sudden change in dreams led him to start a band under the name of ComebackAlive, which will raise money for foster organizations.  
Years before any thought of performing, Kim was born in Jin Ju, South Korea, and at the age of four, came to the U.S. with his parents.  
When he was nine years old, his father was arrested for drug trafficking and fraud, and was sentenced to 15 years in a Texas state prison.  
During that time, Kim also left his mother and took care of his younger sister.

In 2007, his father was deported back to South Korea and granted probation, and later that year, Kim's mother suffered a fatal ruptured brain aneurysm.  
Around that time, his father failed to get back in contact with Kim and his immediate family, and then his father fell into severe depression because of it.  
His father was found dead in Korea with a picture of Kim in his hand.  
He has planned to give back to the foster community

through his skills as a singer and songwriter that have been acquired through years of performing with various bands.  
"Music and singing have always been an outlet, and when I was 16, I discovered that I can actually perform, so I have been in bands ever since," he said.  
Plans on releasing music through iTunes and hard copies have been made and 60 percent of the proceeds will go to a foster organization.  
The Cerritos College financial aid advisors have opened donation accounts for the proceeds to funnel into them.  
Kim and his band most recently performed at Cerritos College for the Financial Aid Awareness Fair on April 25.  
Yajayra Tovar, the student affairs technician in the financial aid office, met Kim through a group involved with creative change.  
Along with coordinating the fair, she made the decision to ask CBA to play during the first day.  
"I was the one who contacted Rocky. He happens to be a student that I have gotten to know," Tovar said. "Before the fair, I listened to a couple of [CBA's] songs and I felt we can all relate to the material."  
For the past year, Kim has been playing shows with singer Taylor Collins and the CBA lineup.  
Collins had a solo performance right before CBA on April 25, but usually shares the same nucleus of band members as Kim's band.  
"We have started to get this going, as far as Rocky's and my CDs being released," he said.  
Collins said of the performance, "I thought it went really well; the people that were there seemed to have liked the message we were sending."  
In the past year, meeting new people from school and playing shows, Kim has set himself up for what he plans on doing for the rest of his life: "playing music and writing songs."

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**With passion for charity:** Rocky Kim, a public relations major, singing at a show. He plans to use proceeds from selling music to donate to a foster foundation.



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**Tears of joy:** Music Director Richard Elegino (center) received applause from U.S. - Japan Council Program Director Bryan Takeda (left) and Cerritos Mayor Carol K. Chen (right) for conducting the . The event raised more than \$6,000 in aid for Japan.

# City of Cerritos aids Japan with music

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The 3.11 Japan Relief Concert helped raised \$6,864 to aid Japan's natural disaster victims.

The concert began with a moment of silence led by Richard Elegino, music director, conductor and concert organizer.

"I feel so happy that people generously came to the concert to help the people in Japan."

The concert's first piece was "Adagio for Strings."

"The people in Japan like this music," he said. "With this, maybe they can get positive energy and we send a message to them that we are here for them on the other side of the water."

Also among the audience was Los Angeles County Fire Chief Gerald Heinzl, who has been a supporter of natural disaster victims.

"Our firefighters from Los Angeles County have gone over [to Japan] in a team of 74 individuals and we supported them with a search and rescue effort," Heinzl said.

Among the 74 firefighters was

Atsushi Uehara, firefighter specialist, who served his first deployment to Japan as a California Task Force Member.

Uehara and the other firefighters did not find any living people but found eight deceased.

"Seeing the devastation was phenomenal," he said. "We were stationed in a small part of a town where a quarter of it was wiped out."

"We went to Kamaishi, another town that was completely wiped out by the tsunami," Uehara said.

As Uehara stood there at base camp in Japan the effects that the

earthquakes and tsunami had on people caused him to feel sorrow.

"That Friday [before departing], they told us we had to keep it down, because there was going to be a graduation that morning."

"As we were packing we looked up and asked ourselves, 'Where are all the people?'" Uehara wondered about the graduates' and their families' whereabouts.

"Task force leaders [approached] us and said, 'Hey, thank you for keeping it down.'"

"All of us wondered, 'Did they still have the graduation?'"

Family members were not attending the school's graduation because most families were lost due to the natural disasters.

Cerritos Mayor Carol K. Chen was humbled to host the event that was held at the Cerritos Park East.

"It was extremely meaningful to host this event, because not only was it spearheaded by our residents who put the concert together, but it was an opportunity for the community to come together to show our caring nature and generosity that we have always been known for."

The city of Cerritos partnered

with the Soles4Souls charity organization, and together they collected 2,000 shoes for Japan tsunami and earthquake victims.

Uehara felt the tsunami and earthquake effects closer to home as he has a sister that lives in Japan and family from Hiroshima Park.

Like Uehara, Elegino also aids the victims with his musical presence.

"I feel like I've done something, but I haven't finished yet. There will be other concerts in other places, such as Pasadena," Elegino said.

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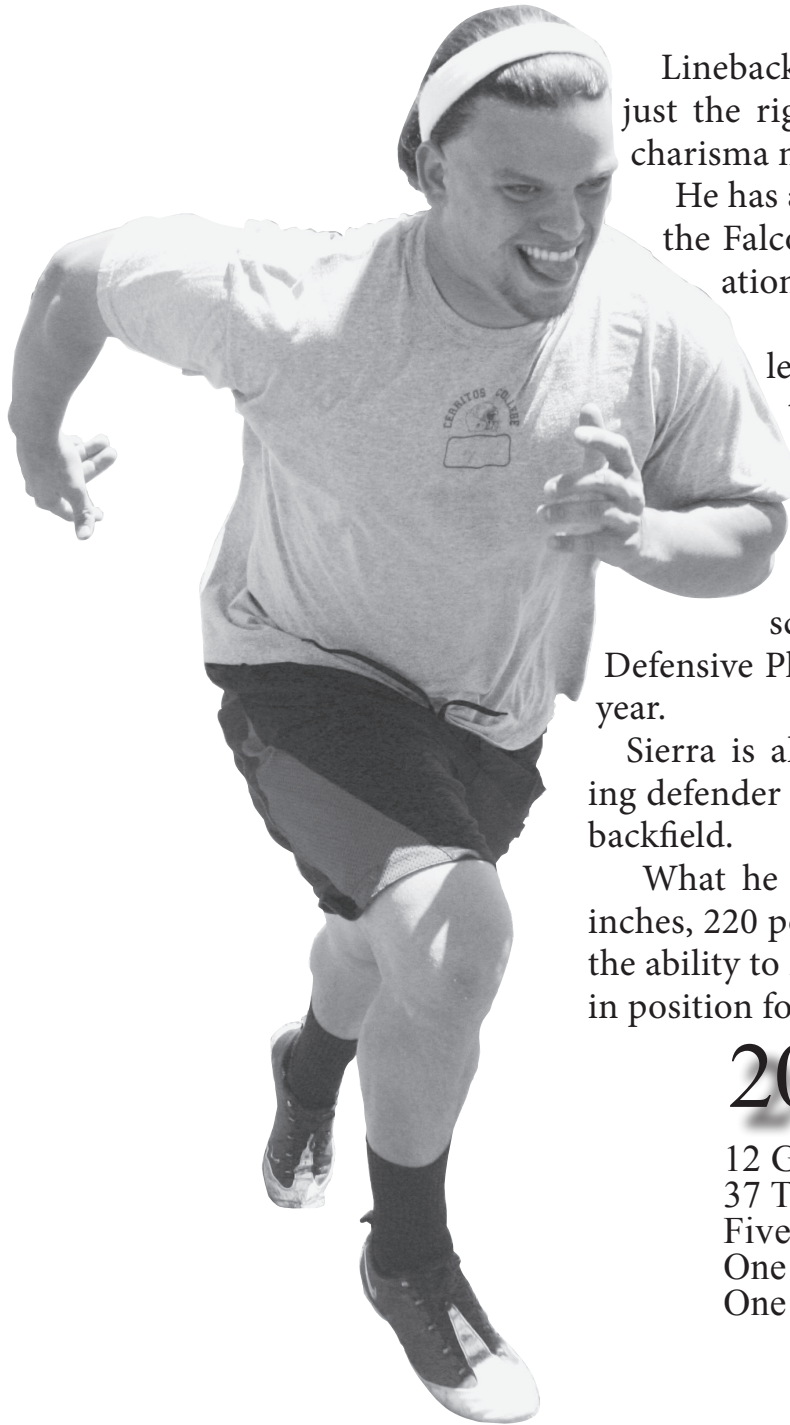
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# Spring ball is in full swing

After finishing the 2010 season with a 9-3 record and a 51-0 thrashing from Mount San Antonio College, the Cerritos College football team are reloaded and ready to contend for a state championship. The team has lost two All-Americans, and a dozen others that made the conference team. Here are some returning players to watch for and what skills they can add to next season's team.

## DOMINICK SIERRA: CHARISMA



Linebacker Dominick Sierra has just the right amount of energy and charisma needed to play the position. He has a spark that will help ignite the Falcons' defense in clutch situations.

A proven leader, he helped lead La Habra High School to two consecutive California Interscholastic Federation championships, and earned CIF recognition three of his four high school years including CIF Defensive Player of the Year his senior year.

Sierra is also an effective pass-rushing defender who can make plays in the backfield.

What he lacks in size (six-foot-one inches, 220 pounds), he makes up for in the ability to make plays he puts himself in position for.

### 2010 Stats

12 Games Played  
37 Tackles  
Five QB Hits  
One Sack  
One Forced Fumble

## ANDREW WEIDEL: INTELLIGENCE



Offensive lineman Andrew Weidel will be one of the anchors on the Falcons' offensive line this season, after losing All-American lineman Fou Fonoti (Michigan State University), lineman Marcus Falanai (University of New Mexico) and Jeff Houser (Benedictine College, [KS]) to graduation.

Weidel is a smart player and he is going to be key in calling the signals along the offensive line in order to protect the quarterback.

The six-foot-two, 285 pound, Weidel will be one of the smallest members of the offensive line, however, his quick wits will give him an edge over anxious defensive linemen.

### 2010 Stats

2219 rushing yards  
184.9 rush yards per game  
32 sacks allowed  
(Cumulative offensive line stats)

## SILVER VAIFANUA: AGILITY

Wide receiver Silver Vaifanua is just a quick pass-catching wide receiver.

He not only has great speed but the agility to slash in and out of his cuts.

His route-running ability complements his speed as he is able to run routes precisely and beat defenders.

The former Millikan High School Ram also has great hands for a sub six-foot receiver.

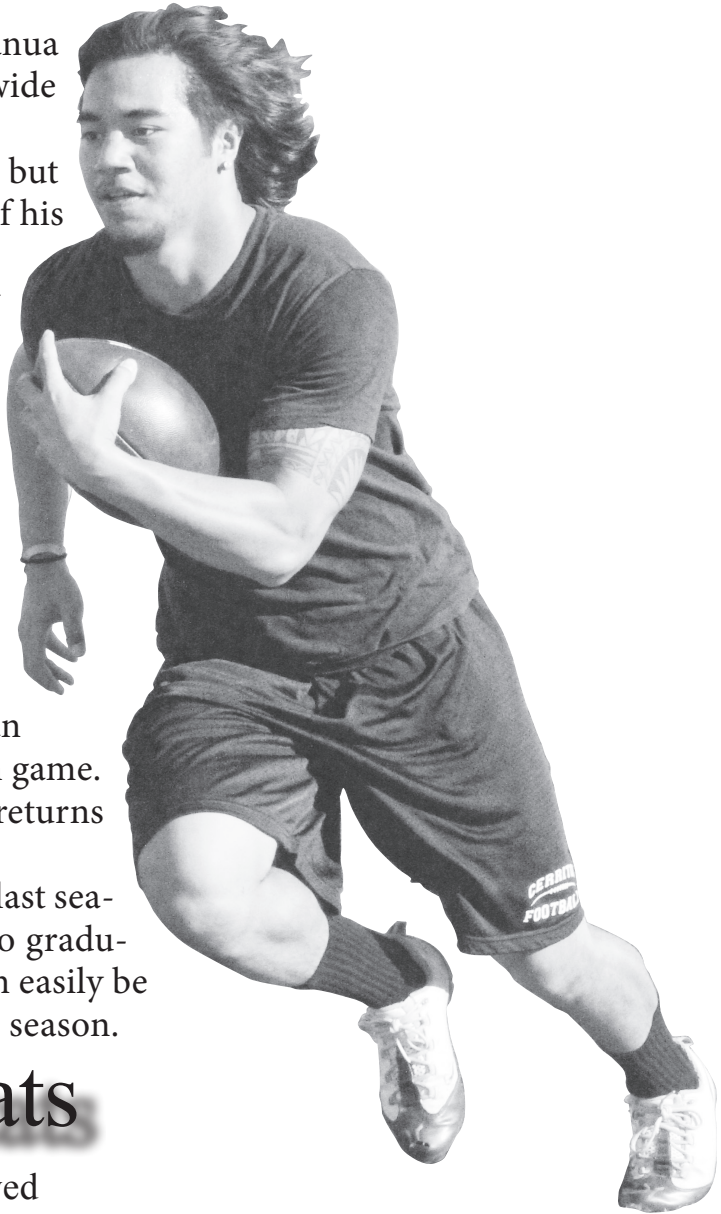
He can play in the slot or he can play on the outside.

Vaifanua has proven he can have a big impact in the return game. Last season, he had 13 kick returns for 135 yards.

Since 12 pass catchers from last season's team not returning due to graduation or transfers, Vaifanua can easily be the team's leading receiver this season.

### 2010 Stats

Eight Games Played  
Five Receptions  
89 Receiving Yards  
17.8 Yards Per Catch  
135 Punt Return Yards



## DWAN GILL: SPEED

Speedster Dwan Gill out of Carson High School may have had the biggest impact as a freshman Falcon last season.

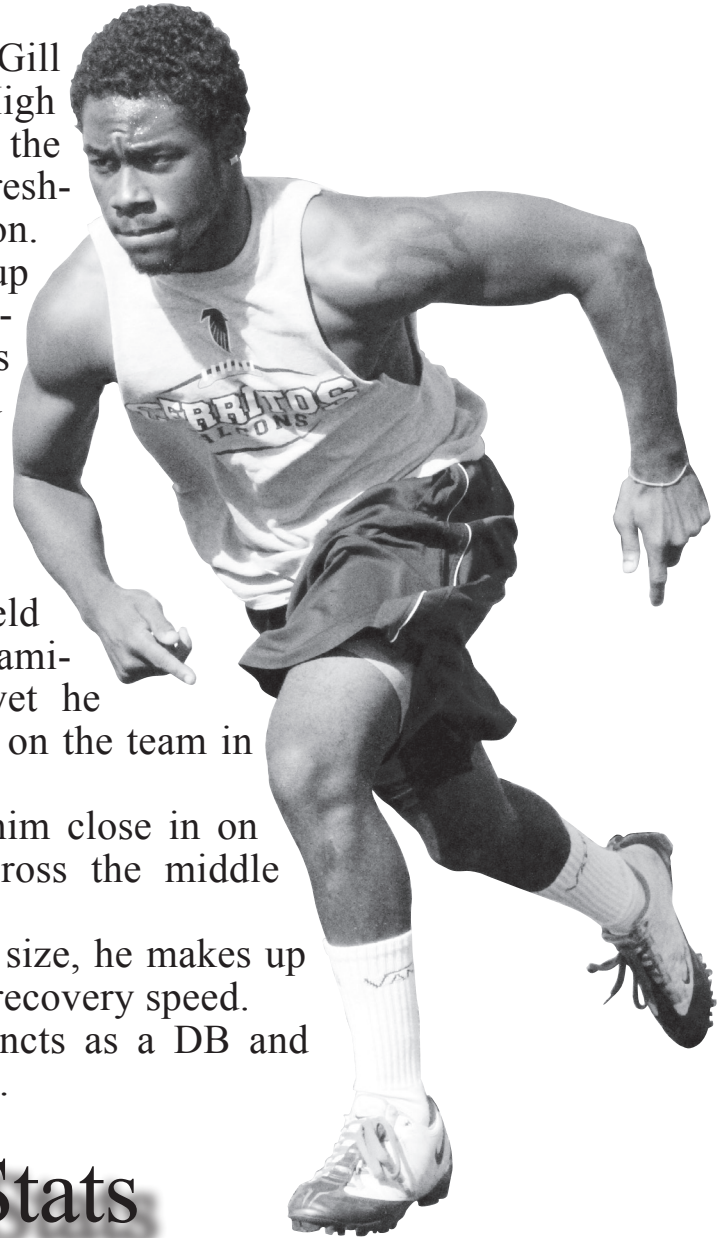
He quickly rose up the depth chart to become the defense's No. 3 cornerback and also saw significant playing time in the 3-3-5 stack formation.

A foot injury held him out of the El Camino College game, yet he still led all freshmen on the team in games played (12).

His agility helps him close in on receivers coming across the middle and make the play.

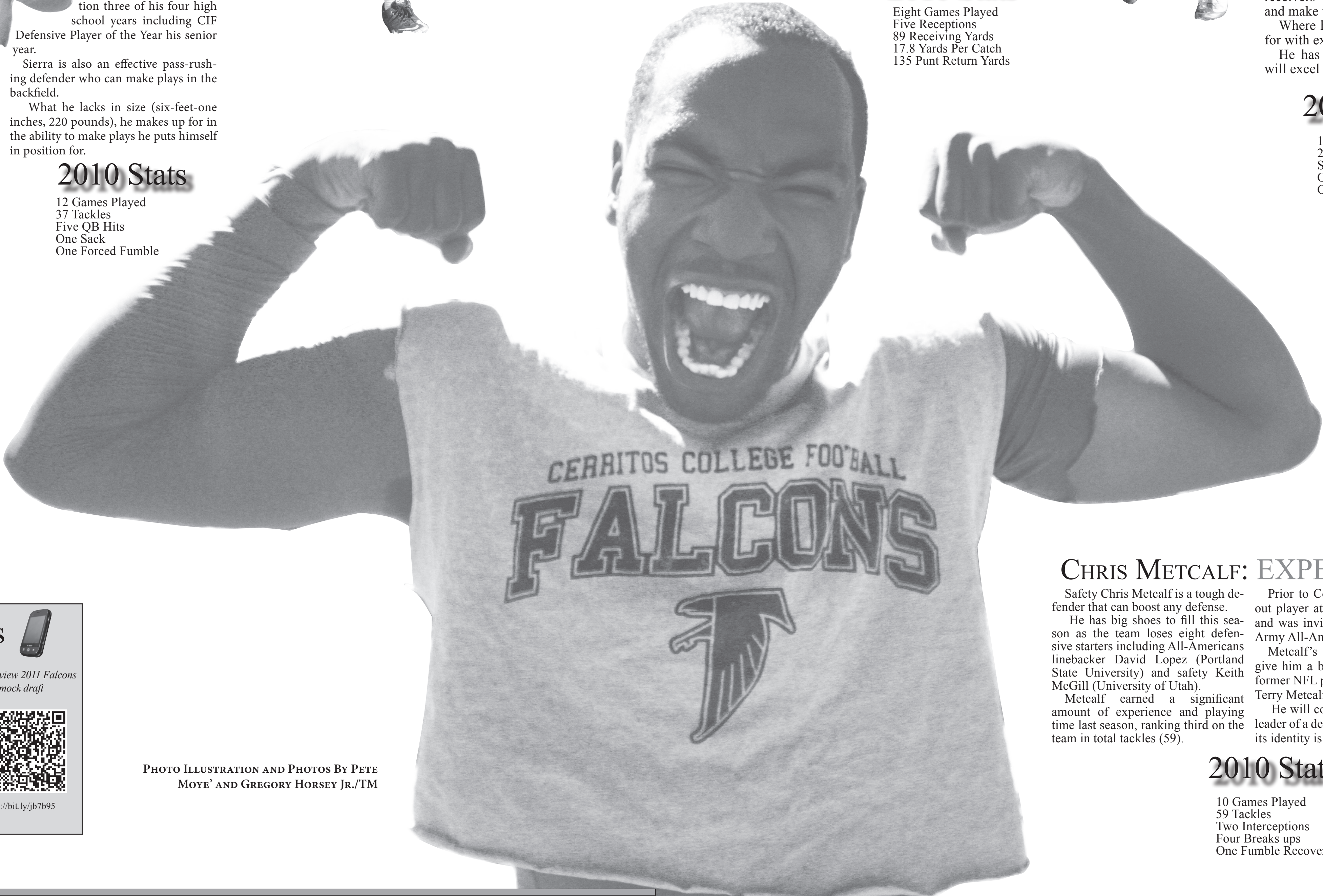
Where he lacks in size, he makes up for with exceptional recovery speed.

He has great instincts as a DB and will excel this season.



### 2010 Stats

11 Games Played  
26 Tackles  
Six Pass Break ups  
One Interception  
One Blocked Kick



## CHRIS METCALF: EXPERIENCE

Safety Chris Metcalf is a tough defender that can boost any defense.

He has big shoes to fill this season as the team loses eight defensive starters including All-Americans linebacker David Lopez (Portland State University) and safety Keith McGill (University of Utah).

Metcalf earned a significant amount of experience and playing time last season, ranking third on the team in total tackles (59).

Prior to Cerritos, he was a standout player at Compton High School and was invited to play on the U.S. Army All-American team.

Metcalf's NFL bloodlines also give him a boost as he is related to former NFL players Eric Metcalf and Terry Metcalf.

He will continue to emerge as the leader of a defense still deciding what its identity is.

### 2010 Stats

10 Games Played  
59 Tackles  
Two Interceptions  
Four Breaks ups  
One Fumble Recoveries

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**How high?:** Alumnus Andre Cobbs (left) shows current Cerritos College track and field athlete Karlin Stewart his record in the triple jump. Stewart has been chasing the 26-year-old record all season.

# Cobbs builds a deep legacy

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## His basketball skills

He was on the basketball team when he was in the U.S. Marine Corps and had a chance to participate in an exclusive armed forces tournament.

At the tournament, he was selected as one of the 12 best basketball players in all four branches of the military.

The 12 ultimately became the elite team of the Armed Forces, known as the Schism Team, that played all over the world in countries such as Spain, Italy, Japan, and Korea.

Bob Klappenburg, former assistant coach for the Seattle SuperSonics, coached the Schism Team to the Pan-American games in 1982.

He has also played on numerous basketball levels, including the Joe Wheatley Summer Pro-Am, Loyola Marymount Summer Pro League, and the Canadian Basketball Association.

After his playing career ended, he began coaching in the American Basketball Association, International Basketball League, West Coast Professional Basketball League and the Long Beach Summer Pro league, where under his coaching, his team was the only three-time champion.

## Legacy as a Falcon

Cobbs set a school record in the triple jump in 1984 and it still stands.

He said, "I broke it twice in the same day, in sweats! It wasn't really a good day for me either."

Sophomore Karlin Stewart participates in the triple jump for Cerritos' track and field team and he is currently chasing Cobbs' 26-year-old record of 51-feet-1-inch in the triple jump.

"It's an honor to meet him," he said. "It's good to see the marks ahead of you and set goals to beat the record, but I'm trying to go beyond it," he said.

Stewart has six meets left this season. So far, he has reached 49-feet.

Cobbs currently works out at Aurora Hills/Calabasas Community Center by playing basketball with NBA legends such as Mark Jackson, Byron Russell and Michael Cage, in addition to having his own gym.

He is a silent partner of Crystal Fitwell, a gym that has three locations in Lakewood, Beverly Hills and West Covina.

"This gym isn't a normal gym. We use some of the same technology that NASA uses. It's six to seven years ahead of our time," Cobbs said.

The gym has radiant heat aided cardio exercises, crystal energy Rooms, TurboSonic Vibration Trainers, along with other technologically advanced workout machines.

## Always lending a hand

Adding to his list of activities is his participation in hosting events for the Los Angeles Adventist Academy, a Seventh-Day Adventist school for K-12 students that was established three years ago.

"That school puts out kids that

go to Harvard and other Ivy League colleges and you wouldn't even know it just by looking," he said.

Cobbs also contributes to Operation Tulong USA Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit humanitarian organization that helps to foster education and support institutions of learning in the Philippines that is based in Glendale, Calif.

Founded by Manuel Calpito, the foundation's founder and president, OTUSA's goal is to provide vocational training to non-skilled, unemployed individuals and to facilitate the communication among people.

OTUSA also operates a fully-functioning television station on the internet called Internevision.

Internevision aids the foundation in that it helps raise awareness from helping those in need to expressing the opinion of a minority without a voice.

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# Falcons on the diamond gearing up for the playoffs

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Sophomore pitcher Jessica Lozano looks to lead the Cerritos College softball team to a win when it hosts a first round, best-of-three series in the South Conference Regional Playoffs against Bakersfield College at the Nancy Kelly Field on Saturday.

The Falcons finished No. 2 in the South Coast Conference after losing to Mount San Antonio College in a 9-0 game.

Cerritos (30-9), who defeated the Renegades (26-14) in a double-header earlier this season at Bakersfield College, was seeded No. 4 this season in the South Coast Conference Regional Playoffs, while Bakersfield College was seeded No. 13.

Head coach Kodee Murray said, "For a young team like we have, I think nerves are the key to playoffs, not being able to really understanding what the playoffs are, and playing in a big game against seasoned sophomores is difficult."

The Falcons lost last season to Mt. SAC in a 6-5 game in the South Coast Semi Finals making them ineligible to run for the state title.

"Truly coming into this series and being ready to play hard and giving themselves the ability to step on the field and just play the game, they are very successful this season already, they just have to continue with what they are doing," Murray said.

Bakersfield is the Western State Conference Blue Division champion, and its starting pitcher, Julie Estep, received the Pitcher of the Year award for WSC.

"Our team right now is 15 players that are united as one. They work together, they don't have a lot of petty stuff that can usually break teams up, they come out and they want to win. When you have a team like that, it can accomplish a lot," Murray said.

Freshman shortstop Brianna Quintana believes that having the home-field advantage over the Renegades is really important because they are able to be more comfortable since they practice and are familiar with the field.



JESSICA LOZANO

Lozano, who is 15-2 in conference, was awarded the Pitcher of the Year award for South Coast Conference.

"Jessica has done a great job, 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.

Freshmen catcher Jessica Roper, shortstop Brianna Quintana and sophomore outfielder Shawnee Kirk, were named to the first team, while freshman outfielder Courtney Priddie was named second team in SCC.

"We're the underdogs right now, people aren't really thinking much of us since we lost," Roper said. "But we're coming into this with a whole new mindset and we're just excited and ready."

"It really is a big honor, we come out here and play for our team; it's nice to be recognized by someone other than your coach and teammates," Roper said.

Quintana batted .472 and had 29 RBIs, while Roper batted .471 with 20 RBIs and Kirk batted .438 with 12 RBIs.

As for Priddie, she hit .460 with two home runs and 14 RBIs.

"I really wasn't expecting it, but I'm very proud of myself and my goal for next year is to get first team, and break all my personal records that I have right now," Priddie said. "The key to playoffs is just doing what we do when we win games and just coming out stronger."

Lozano is expected to be the starting pitcher on Saturday.

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# Track and Field finishes in second and third place in South Coast Conference

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Sophomore Ameer Webb broke the school record in the 100-meter sprint (10.16) and the 200 meter sprint (21.04) as the men took second place in the Southern Coast Conference Championship against Mount San Antonio College last Friday.

Freshman Priscilla Gardner placed first in the discus, hammer, and shot put to help the women place in second.

Webb said, "I train everyday to get [those records] this fast, and the hard work has paid off."

He continued, saying, "Coach [Treallis] Brown always kept me motivated. Right before the race,

he just told me to come out of the gate hard."

Sophomore Brandi Gerardo placed first in the 400-meter IH for second place, while sophomore Sandra Flores won the 3000-meter steeple chase for the women.

Other winners from the men's team included sophomore Gabriel Hilbert in the 800-meter race, freshman Daniel Herrera winning the 5000 and 10,000 meter race, and sophomore Karlin Stewart in the long jump competition.

Hilbert said, "I like winning, and winning is a good feeling; I have a strong finish, and that's what will me to win."

Distance coach John Goldman is glad about the program's success.

"Overall, I thought we did a really good job, we won a lot of con-

ference champions this year," he said.

Goldman also mentioned how tough the SCC is and how winning a championship is a big deal.

"Finishing in the top three in our conference means a lot, if you could do that in our conference, you're a really good team," he said.

"The championship always comes down to [Cerritos] and Mt. SAC especially in the last several seasons," he said.

Twenty-six members of the men's track and field team have been placed in the Southern California Preliminaries, and 36 of the women have been chosen.

The Southern California Preliminaries are this Friday at noon at Mount San Antonio College.

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# Doug Wells’ storied tenure comes to a close

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Doug Wells, director of track and field, has emerged as the face of the Cerritos College track and field program over the last two decades.

At the conclusion of this season, the program will face the monumental task of trying to replace him in the eve of his retirement.

“I’ve always wanted to leave the program in good shape and I certainly feel like I’m doing that,” he said. “I feel like the program is on a good level.”

Wells said he has received support from several people outside the track and field program during his tenure.

“I think the administration has been very good here. They’ve always supported athletics and track and field. Especially Dr. [Linda] Lacy because she has an athletic background,” he said.

“The Academic Support Center has been very good for us; the Associated Students of Cerritos College also supports track and field. It’s there when you need it. I couldn’t ask for more from the school, the administration and the people,” Wells said.

“I’ve been thinking about it for the last few years. I’ve been doing this a long time and now it’s time to travel and do some other things. I’ll still keep my fingers in it a bit, one way or another.”

He also said that the Golden Handshake, a retirement incentive program that was offered earlier this semester, did affect his decision to retire.

“I knew there wouldn’t be another chance for me. I’m past retirement age so it was something I was going to do soon anyway. The opportunity was right, so I took it.”

Wells’ coaching has also expanded outside of Cerritos College. He was chosen to serve as the head manager for the U.S. Na-

tional Track and Field Team and led them at the NACAC Under-23 Championships in the Dominican Republic in 2006.

Sophomore sprinter Ameer Webb ran for Wells for two years and Webb said he has always pushed him to do better.

“It makes you feel good because he’s coached so many athletes, and not just that, but so many great athletes. He told me that I have so much potential that he hasn’t seen in years and years of coaching.”

Wells said, “I’m just very thankful to be at Cerritos. I’m so fortunate to have a great school with great facilities to recruit and coach at. We have one of the best facilities in the state,” he said.

As he nears the end of his 22nd season, Wells is still focused on his team performing well.

“Our men’s team is No. 2 in the state and our women are No. 4,” he said. “We’ll see how it comes out in the end. Both teams will be on the hunt for a state championship.

“We’ve definitely gotten better as time’s gone by and we’ve figured some things out. We’ve been in the elite [class] of track programs for the last 10 to 12 years.”

Over the course of time, he has had dual-sport athletes. He and head football coach Frank Mazzotta have developed a good relationship over the years, which makes it easier to work it out.

“Mazzotta and I played football together at (University of Utah), so I’ve known him for a long time. We’ve been able to work it out athletically with football and track.

“I’ve seen really good football players also be really good track athletes and win state championships. It takes a bit of work to do it but it can be done,” he said.

Wells has been easy to recognize be-



PETE MOYE’/TM  
**Calling it quits:** Doug Wells, director of track and field, on the phone tracking down his athletes. Wells is retiring at the conclusion of the season after 22 seasons as the head of the program.

cause of the cart he rides around in during practice.

“I can get around so much faster. People think I use it because I can’t walk but it has really become a good coaching tool.

“I can get to all of the events so much quicker and faster,” he explains.

Before coming to Cerritos, Wells was the head coach at Taft College for 10 years. He led the team to a state championship, seven conference championships and was awarded the California Community College Cross Country and Track Coaches Association’s Coach of the Year award.

Since coming to Cerritos, he has guided

the track and field teams to five SCC titles and two state championships, and they are in good position to capture two more this season. He was also awarded two more coach of the year awards by the 5CTCA and named Coach of the Year by the California Track and Running News five times.

“I just want to teach them integrity and honesty and to compete at their best level,” he said. “Not everyone can be a state champion, but I’ve always stressed, you need to compete to your best ability, whatever that is.

“That’s what I try to instill in them,” he said.

## Gabayeron swims away as a champion

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Sophomore swimmer PJ Gabayeron may hang up his Speedo and goggles knowing he may have solidified his place as the best swimmer in the history of Cerritos College.

Gabayeron won two more state championships at the California Community College Athletic Association Men’s Swimming Championships at East Los Angeles College on April 28-30.

Prior to winning this past weekend, Gabayeron said, “I don’t focus too much on winning or losing. I just believe in myself.” He won the 100-yard breaststroke on Friday with a time of 55.68 and followed it up with a win in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:00.24, shattering a 23-year-old state record.

Gabayeron finishes his career with five individual state championships (a school record), eight South Coast Conference Championships, was named an All-American six times as an individual and three others as part of a relay team. Along with that, he has set four individual school records and two relay records and was named Swimmer of the Meet at last year’s state championships and CCCAA Male Athlete of the Month for May 2010.

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