



Zoned: A bulldozer moves debris from the Business Education Building in order to make room for the new Liberal Arts and DSPS complex. The new complex is set for completion in the summer of 2015.

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Building a new home

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English major Joseph Hughes couldn't contain his excitement over the new Liberal Arts and DSPS complex being constructed on campus, which is set for completion in the summer of 2015.

The new complex will feature two floors, the first of which will host the DSPS Program and faculty, along with liberal arts related classrooms, while the second floor will host the Liberal Arts Department and staff with additional classrooms.

The facility will cover an area of approximately 40,000 square feet, and will run along Alondra and Studebaker, on the north-west corner of campus.

"It's incredibly fascinating, the

modernization of it all, I think it is a huge step for Liberal Arts and DSPS (Departments) because there will be opportunities for students of both programs to learn in an environment that connects with the technology of today," Hughes said.

The new facility is set to give Cerritos College a new look on learning, while providing students with the supplies and resources they will need to succeed.

Business major Tracie Sandoval said she felt the school was big enough for another building, deeming the demolition of the Business Education Building unnecessary.

"I don't see why they couldn't expand the school instead of plowing down perfectly good buildings like this one," she continued.

"I understand the school is trying to revolutionize the way students

learn, but I believe that a person will learn if they want to, regardless of the facility."

"I could be wrong, but students shouldn't need a high tech atmosphere in order to increase their thinking capacity," Sandoval added.

The offices and staff from the Santa Barbara building will also be relocated to the first floor of this complex.

Accounting major Francisco Zuniga said he is glad the DSPS students will have a better building for their future to flourish in.

"I always thought the Santa Barbara building was a little small for such an important program.

"But now these students, along with those from the Liberal Arts Building can have the space and resources they need, much like the math and science students in the PST building."

Brown wants change in community colleges

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Gov. Jerry Brown is working on policies for community colleges that will change the price of units, how students are able to get credits and when the schools get paid for the students.

"There is still a lot of language that needs to be written regarding it, but on the broad scope we are excited," said Cerritos College President Dr. Linda Lacy.

One of the changes will be that after 90 units community college students will no longer be paying the subsidized price of \$46.

Bringing the cost of one unit at Cerritos College to \$206.

"Trying to limit the credits and having to pay the full prices does not sound good at all," said undecided major Haylee Weeden.

Psychology major Sabina Sandoval Saucedo feels that it would make her think twice about going to a community college.

While students feel that the raise in price is a bad thing, Lacy sees it in a different light, "There's a part of me that says we want to get students in and out, and 60 units is what you traditionally have at a community college so 90 (units) does give that leeway.

"There is a point that it's good for the rest of the students because it frees up those seats... some of those things are going to make the student a more serious (about college)."

If the legislation gets through a student who feels proficient in a subject can take a test so he or she no longer has to take that course, and will still receive credits.

Sandoval Saucedo said "(Testing out) would be better because you wouldn't be wasting your time in a class if you already have knowledge (about) that class."

Brown also wants to hold off on paying community colleges for the students until the student has completed the course successfully.

"The issue with that is we've paid the full salary of the instructors as soon as they start their class. So it becomes an accounting nightmare," said Lacy.

"There are numerous reasons why a student would not complete (a class) successfully, there's work, family obligations, there are a lot of factors in it. It would be nice to have 100 percent, but realistically that's not going to happen."



SARAH BAUTISTA/TM

Wild about nature : President and founder of the Wilderness Club, Enrique Siliezar raises awareness about his club during club info day by holding up a Wilderness Club sign on Tuesday in Falcon Square.

New and old clubs alike take on Falcon Square to attract students during Club Info Day

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Club Info Day presented Cerritos College students with the opportunity to gain more information regarding the various clubs across campus and what they have to offer.

The purpose of this event was to encourage students to become more involved in campus life.

The Wilderness Club was one of the clubs out in Falcon Square on Tuesday.

President and founder, Enrique Siliezar, was out along with volunteer Timothy Lee representing the club.

Siliezar said that the Wilderness Club is for anyone who enjoys the outdoors and cares about protecting the environment.

He also stated that traveling is much more attainable as a group as opposed to attempting to travel and finance a trip as an individual. "That's exactly how we've gotten to Utah and national parks because as a group, collectively, we're able to raise funds," he said.

The Wilderness Club meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 11 a.m. in room 127 in the Science Building.

Students could stop by each club's table and meet with its representatives.

Omar Alonso is the president of the newly founded K-pop Club. "K-pop" is an abbreviated term for Korean pop, which is a genre of music and subculture originating in South Korea.

Alonso said that the club is about getting together for the love of K-pop. "It's mainly Korean music but we focus on other things like Korean culture, food, and dramas.

"Most of the (music) videos have different dance moves that everybody can learn, the music is catchy and everybody is so attractive," Alonso added.

K-pop club meetings are every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in FA 53.

Business major, Broderick Woods is a dedicated member of the Dance Club. "We are a social dance group, we cover all aspects of dance from Latin, Hip Hop, Jazz.

"Basically we are looking to take a bunch of students and create dance pieces and perform them throughout campus and outside of campus," said Woods.

Woods has been compelled to dance and says it is something that helps him to calm down and relax.

Dance club meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 3-5 p.m. at the Student Center Stage.



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Focused: iFalcon club member, Areal Hughes sparks up a conversation with a student who passes by the club's table at club info day on Tuesday in Falcon Square.

F is for focus

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iFalcon is a student-led club that has been around for six years and focuses on the success of Cerritos College students.

Club President Aldo Lopez said, "Club members try to focus on providing students with resources that normally wouldn't be provided."

The number of activities that iFalcon provides for students is extensive. For example, according to club member Raquel Ramirez the club holds specific workshops that address certain areas that could benefit a Cerritos College student.

The activities are based on each letter of the club's acronym.

F is for focus, A for advance, L for link-up, C for communicate, O for organized and N for new ideas.

In the 2011-2012 school year

iFalcon had many accomplishments. A part from the scholarships the club was awarded, it was also named Club of the Year.

This year iFalcon hopes to focus on linking up.

Currently iFalcon has a membership of 40-50 students.

It was originally started by officer of the club and student trustee, Jason Macias along with a couple of faculty members.

According to Lopez, what Cerritos College students are lacking is student engagement. He said, "As a club we want to increase all facets of student success," and explained, "if you're engaged in your school you're going to be more successful."

Lopez hopes to get students to communicate with faculty and build a relationship that could benefit the probability of success.

iFalcon plans to have a raffle that will result in people winning certain trips, like

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museums, with participating professors to promote communication, while in hand with raising money for scholarships.

iFalcon is also selling t-shirts for \$12 to increase scholarships.

In 2012, iFalcon awarded three scholarships.

The club hopes that the money raised can make a difference to deserving students like it did last year.

Ramirez said "This club is so special because it's based on such a good partnership between students and faculty to promote student success."



GABRIELA DOMINGUEZ/TM

Giving info: iFalcon Club President Aldo Lopez works the club's booth with other members during club info day. iFalcon currently has 40-50 members and is hoping to increase funds for scholarships.

The California Dream Act now in full effect

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Accounting major Ulisses Rodriguez supports the Dream Act and believes that some AB 540 students deserve financial aid more than others who get it.

"A lot of people come for the first three weeks just to claim their own financial aid and just drop out.

"If these kids are really going to go for it I think they deserve it more."

The California Dream Act took effect on Jan. 1, and allows undocumented students to apply for financial aid and scholarships.

The Dream Act is made up of two laws that will effect the California law known as AB 540 which allowed undocumented students who were brought to the United States before they were 16 to pay in-state tuition fees.

Under the old laws AB 540 students were not able to apply for financial aid such as the Board of Governors Waiver or FAFSA.

The new laws AB 130 and AB 131 will now allow students who qualify under AB 540 to apply for state aid and scholarships.

Cerritos College President Dr. Linda Lacy supports the law and thinks it will help students who have been attending the school already.

"An educated citizen is the best you can have," Lacy said.

"I want our students, our citizens, and (those) wanting to be citizens to have the best education they can."

Undecided major Max Gonzalez also supports the Dream Act and believes it is fair to give some students the same advantages as others.

"I think that it's a good bill to pass, [it allows them to] get an education, provide them with money...I agree with it."

A possible concern regarding the bills is that they may cause students who are citizens to pay more and will make them wait longer for classes.

However Lacy does not expect to have a large influx of new students and does not believe that it will hurt current students.

"I think the students have always been here. (They) are just going to feel that they now have a little more financial support and [this bill] just makes it more legitimate," Lacy said.

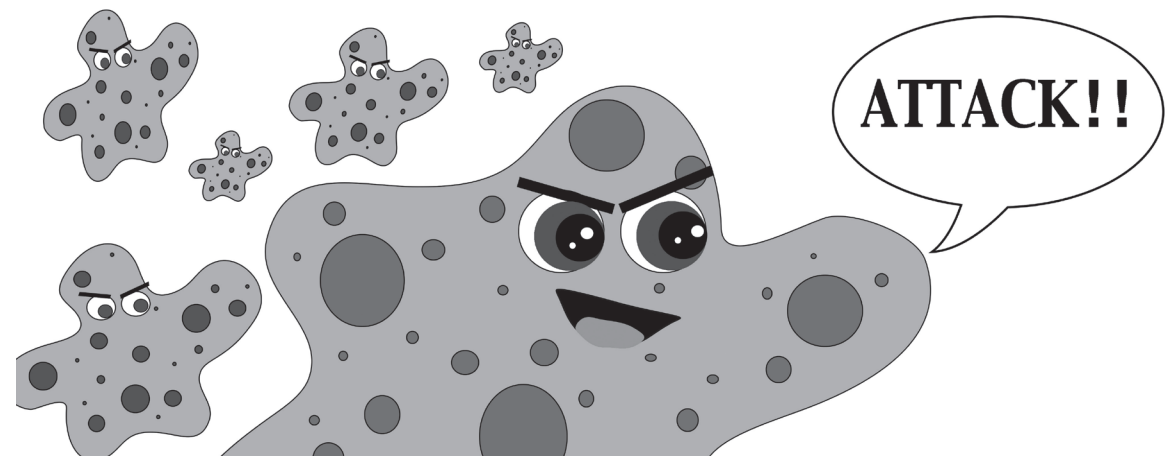
Cerritos College Vice President Stephen B. Johnson does expect an increase in students but does not think it will be too large, and the school has been preparing for the new applicants.

"The department has planned on the interest in these applicants for some time, and there are a number of workshops already scheduled," Johnson said.

Many argue that it is unfair to allow undocumented students to receive state money without paying taxes, especially when the state is already struggling financially.

Johnson believes that allowing these students to attend school will help the state by affording these students the ability to find jobs.

"The expectation is that the students will be continuing in their education and will be able to then proceed into the world of work through their involvement in their educational pursuits at the college level."



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Flu season hits campus hard

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Flu season is hitting Cerritos College. A number of students are dealing with the flu and flu like symptoms.

Nursing major Jimmy Castro was hit hard by the flu, "I just had the flu a week ago and felt like I was going to die."

The flu can be prevented by following a couple of tips according to the CDC Public Health Department from the County of Los Angeles,

"Washing your hands often," as well as "covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing" and "getting an annual flu shot" are good ways to prevent you from getting sick.

For a cost of \$5 Cerritos College Health Services is offering a limited supply of flu shots to those who wish to receive the vaccination.

"Getting sick is not an option for me," undecided major Luis Castillo said, as he commences his semester healthy and flu free.

One way the flu can be spread is

by air when a person with the virus sneezes, coughs, or speaks.

Symptoms of the flu are: "headaches, sore throats, fever, chills, muscle aches, stuffy nose, and dry coughs," according to flu facts at kidshealth.org.

Anthropology major Adrian Prieto sees the importance of getting a flu shot, "I always get my flu shot every year to prevent me from getting sick and so far it has worked."

Associate Dean of Student Health and Wellness and Veterans Nancy Montgomery refused to comment.

Campus Police increase security

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Following a plethora of break-ins and vandalism in the fall semester, Cerritos College has instituted multiple changes to make the campus a safer environment both during and after school hours.

On Sept. 30, 2012 Cerritos College Police Chief Richard Bukowiecki said that eight Macintosh computers had been stolen from the Math Success Center.

In an incident he believes was unrelated on the same day, both the Student Activities Center and the Game Room were broken into and vandalized.

Then, both the Student Activities Building and the Fine Arts Building were broken into during October and November.

Some computers from the Fine Arts Building and a master key from the Student Activities building were stolen.

Architecture major Juan Torres feels that not just property may be in jeopardy if these break-ins continue, but also students' educational opportunities.

"I know many classes depend on working computers, so if those continue to disappear then students suffer.

"Protecting students' education should be a focus of campus police. Right after safety, of course," Torres said.

Bukowiecki said that the new security measures the campus police have put into action around the school will surely prevent future break-ins.

An increase in security in regard to staffing and properly securing valuable items were the focal point of the changes.

"We don't like to advertise what we're doing, but it's really easy to see that we've implemented new locking devices on all of the computers," he said.

"You can also probably notice fairly easily that there are cameras now in [the Fine Arts building] area.

"We also implemented many things immediately to try to reduce these kind of crimes."

Multiple staffing and shift changes have also been made by the campus police, Bukowiecki added.

While security has always been present on campus, the increased notability of security guards even during busy school hours is proof that action is being taken to prevent incidents in the future.

"We're a 24/7 police department," Bukowiecki said. "We always have people present."

Calendar of events

Feb. 4

Spring Festival applications available

ASCC Cabinet 2 p.m. in Room BK 111/112

Feb. 6

Early Bird Special 7:30 a.m. in Falcon Square

ASCC Senate at 2 p.m. in Room BK 111/112

Feb. 11

ASCC Cabinet at 2 p.m. in Room BK 111/112

American Red Cross Blood Drive in Falcon Square

Professor passes on

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On Jan. 23 Cerritos College lost mathematics professor Wesley Jordan who passed away that morning.

No information has been released yet by the family as to the cause of death.

Mathematics professor Graham Chalmers, who was hired at Cerritos College the same time as Jordan in 1991 said, "He was much younger than me. I thought that eventually I'd retire and he'd continue to teach at least 10 years past my retirement. I thought he'd be here a really long time, so I was shocked."

Fellow mathematics professor Lora Carreon said, "I was very shocked when I received the news. He was a really nice man and I respected him a lot."

He had a style of teaching that made a few students feel not so intimidated about math.

Michael Inman, a volunteer student at the Athletic Training Center, took two of Jordan's classes.

Inman said, "He could take a horrible math problem and make it easier to understand. He was a good Christian man with a heart. He was a very popular teacher, and I would recommend him to everybody."

Jordan's presence will definitely be missed by his students and colleagues on campus.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Cerritos College Associate Degree Nursing Program wishes to announce that it will host a site review for continuing accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.

You are invited to meet the visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled February 13th, 2013 at 4 pm in the Health Science Building room 105.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:

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Atlanta, GA, 30326

or email: sjtanner@nlmac.org

All written comments should arrive at NLNAC by 2/6/2013.



“What are the reasons that you think people commit mass shootings?”

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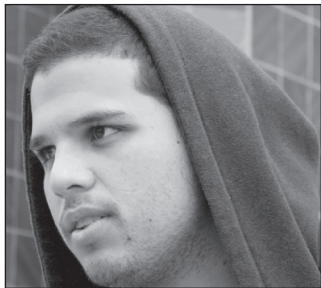


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Architecture major

“Video games. That’s what gets them thinking it’s okay to shoot people.”

ROBERT MONTERO
Undecided major

“I don’t think anything really makes you want to do that unless you’re always thinking about that.”



MARISOL MENDEZ
Photography major

“How they’re raised in their childhood and growing up in a bad environment”

ANDREW LOPEZ
Architecture major

“There are people that are just going through some crazy things and are not mentally stable.”



LISA BALL
Education major

“There is not enough health-care for people that are mentally ill and don’t have the proper medication.”

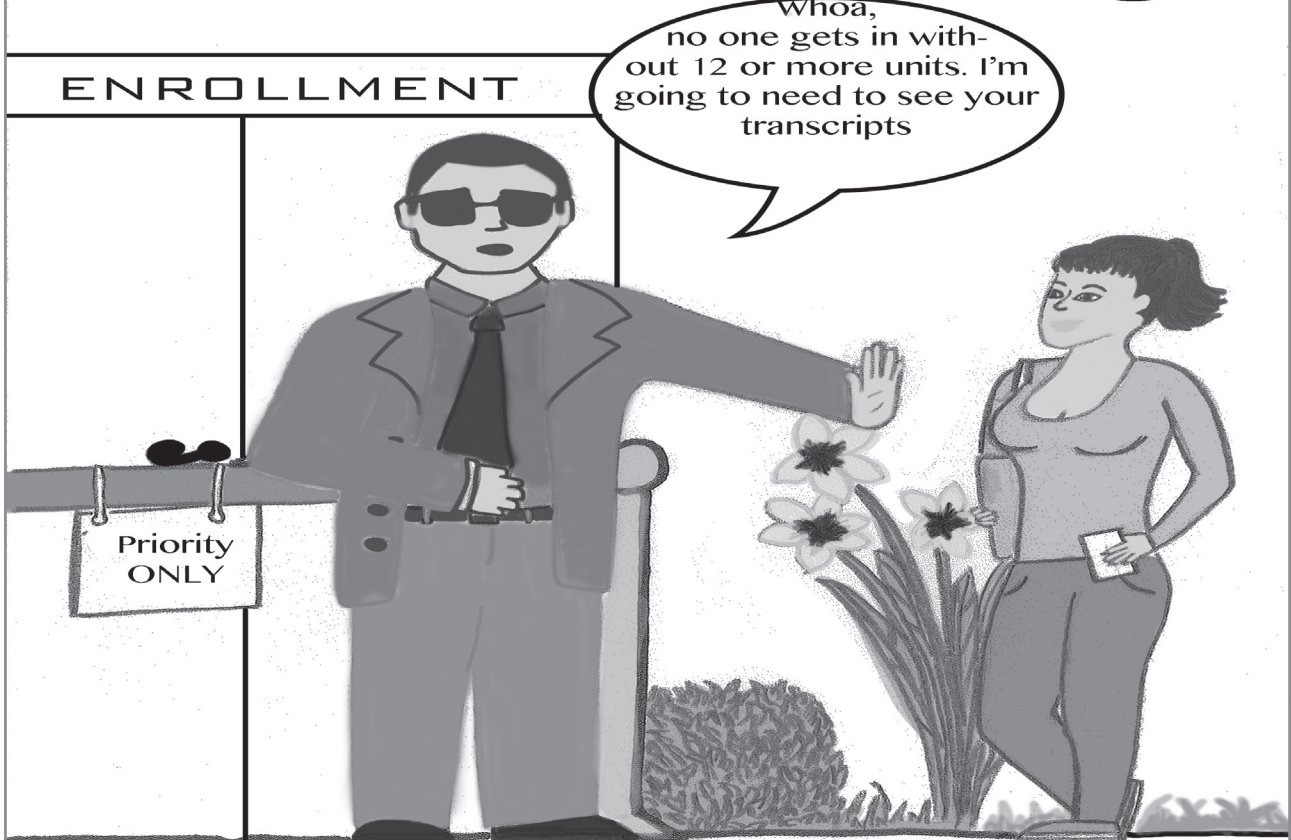
DAVID BAEZA
Art major

“Mass killings have to do a lot with video games and media.”



•EDITORIAL•

Cerritos College



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Brown’s proposals aren’t entirely bad

State of California Governor Jerry Brown made some proposals that will help community colleges for the most part, however, not all of them need to be executed.

The part of the proposal talks about giving priority registration to full-time students, which sounds like a great plan.

Students would be given the opportunity to take tests that would allow for them to demonstrate that they have mastered a class.

The satisfactory completion of these tests would result in college credit without taking the course.

Then one that changes the pricing of a unit after a student completes 90 units, or 30 more than what is required to transfer.

Currently students at the community college level are paying \$46 per unit, whereas the increase would hike it up to \$206.

To be considered a full-time student, one must take 12 units.

At \$46, a semester would cost \$552

before books, parking and the other fees that are accompanied with being a student.

Raise that to \$206 though and suddenly being a student is simply not an option for those looking to develop themselves.

This certainly affects students that may switch majors later on in life, or the ones that simply want to take a refresher course for a more reasonable price.

The last proposal would allow students to pass a class before having to pay for it.

In essence he is trying to speed up the process of getting students through the school systems before penalizing them.

While some would ravish the thought of obtaining priority registration simply for being a full-time student, others just simply can't.

Perhaps it doesn't affect you today, but it might tomorrow.

Put yourself into the thought process that later on in life that additional classes might be necessary for self-improvement.

But then there's the price increase to each unit, which would make it less convenient to take such a class because of how expensive it is.

Voice your opinion today if you're against any one of these proposals.

You can write letters to Brown's office at: Governor Brown, c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173. Sacramento, Calif. 95814.

Then, you can call and leave voice messages.

The phone number to the office is (916)445-2841.

After that, you may even send faxes of your letters.

The office's fax number is (916)558-3160.

Begin a petition at Change.org, a website that allows for such a thing to happen, and exhibits the need for fellow citizens to petition alongside you.

If you don't and are against any on of the proposals, you will live to regret it.

As is said at weddings prior to a bond being consummated: “Speak now, or forever hold your peace.”

Prisons should focused on rehabilitating

It has been said that the American dream is to be able to make it in this country despite the odds you face.

However this dream seems to be lost on the unlucky souls in our jails and prisons.

Inmates have always been seen as lost causes who are looked down on by the rest of society.

We choose to punish them accordingly, and leave them alone once their term is done.

Not once does it occur to us that these men and woman could still be taught how to better themselves and the community around them.

They have made mistakes that will forever leave them labeled as outlaws and criminals.

This was not always the case.

Years ago the outcasts and criminals of society were given a second chance on life.

Today's criminals have no where



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to go.

Inside our prisons, they must focus on surviving a dangerous environment often filled with gang activity and violence.

Outside of prison, they must adapt again to prevent themselves from falling back into the same habits that lead to their arrest in the first place.

When prisoners exit a correctional facility for the first time after their sentence, they are faced with a once friendly world that has suddenly become harsher.

Without proper supervision and guidance to help, only those truly

focused on changing who they are will prevent a growing trend of first offenders becoming return offenders.

It's not a small number who face this situation either as the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation reports that 95 percent of inmates will be released to society.

This includes people who regret the mistakes, served their time, and wish to change the circumstances of their life.

Not every person deserves a second chance. Some have lost that gift and will never have it again, but those who want to change need help.

Their rehabilitation should consist of reintegration with society and business opportunities to help them on their feet and guidance so they don't fall back into old habits.

Once we start treating them as normal people, they can live just like you and me.

Women should stand up more for themselves



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It's hard to stop every man from hitting on a woman, but there's a point when it crosses the line and becomes harassment.

According to Merriam-Webster.com, the definition of harass is: “to create an unpleasant or hostile situation for especially by uninvited and unwelcome verbal or physical conduct.”

This happens to women every-day, and it is definitely unpleasant to walk to class and be bothered by someone constantly asking if you're married, where you live, and what your number is.

What some women may wish is for it to all stop, to just be approached by a nice guy who asks your name, and what class your going to.

A man who can start a normal conversation and carry it out without any pressure toward the woman for anything more than a polite conversation, is a man that women may be more inclined to speak with.

Sadly, it isn't the 1950s anymore and men don't court women.

We live in the 21st century, the life of getting what we want, when we want quickly.

It isn't farfetched to think some men think the same thing about women they see what they want and think it's somehow instantly theirs.

Well, they are wrong. Women are not property, especially when we go to school.

We come here, and pay a lot of money to be here, some even travel a long way to go to school.

The last thing we need is some guy following us around our way to and from class.

Women should dress appropriately for school, if you don't want a guy to think it's okay for him to rudely comment on how much skin you're showing, then don't show it.

And don't get overly angry if a man says that he thinks you look beautiful today, just say thanks, be polite and walk toward class.

If women walk with a guy friend to class, it may help to prevent them from being approached by guys when they don't want to be.

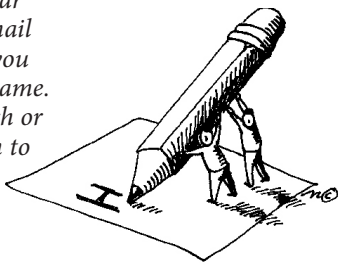
Call a friend or family member when walking to class; you're less lightly to be approached if you are busy.

Lastly, just accept the world we live in, it's going to happen, being harassed isn't something women should have to live with but it's also something that won't go away.

If someone is constantly harassing you, to the point of you being scared of him or her, that is when it goes to far.

Contact campus police if someone on campus is harassing you or someone you know. The number is: (562) 860-2451 Ext. 2325.

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Juicin’ it: Halle Berry plays around with a turkey baster. Berry is one of many stars who can be seen in “Movie 43” that’s in theatres now.

‘Movie 43’ fails to bring in the laughs

Movie Review

Movie 43
Starring: Halle Berry and Dennis Quaid
Director: Steve Carr
Rating: ★★

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Movie 43 has an extensive cast with Emma Stone, Johnny Knoxville, Terrance Howard and Halle Berry that would automatically spark interest, and it did. With the commercials alone it looked hilarious. In the movie, Dennis Quaid a failed star who is trying to unsuccessfully pitch a movie idea to a studio executive, Greg Kinnear. The movie being pitched is just a number of shorts that would either make you laugh out loud or confuse you on a whole different level. Quaid’s character tries his hardest to turn down the idea based on the ridiculous content, even after being held at gun point. The shorts are filled with crued humor and insanely bizarre skits

that dance around the very thin line of funny and offensive. The cringe worthy moments ranged from genitalia on a mans neck, to a cartoon cat expressing a sexual attraction to his owner. In contrast, some induced laughs came from Emma Stone’s passionate confession via intercom system. To her assumed ex-lover played by Kieran Culkin. That involved a love-hate relationship that was a definite amusing scene. Also a depiction of Snooki reading “Moby Dick” as a very accurate form of torture. Lastly, the scene that deserved an “LOL” would be having a glimpse at Halle Berry with extensive plastic surgery, done in her lips cheeks and breasts. Besides the very small hand-picked scenes, the movie overall fell flat. The humor was not tasteful and some material would have been better if it were more subtle. The funny moments did not weigh out the bizarre moments. You might want to pass on “Movie 43” and instead you might want to catch up on some Family Guy or South Park on Netflix. At least that will guarantee a laugh.

Faculty to be featured in spring 2013 gallery

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FAE 2013: Cerritos College Faculty Art Exhibition at the Cerritos Art Gallery will feature work from 22 different faculty members. The exhibits will range from sculptors to photography, print-making and more. Students will have the opportunity to get a glimpse into the careers of their mentors and view art work that influences the teaching techniques brought into the classroom. James MacDevitt, the director of the Cerritos College Art Gallery, describes the overall goal and atmosphere in the art departments as, “inspirational.” MacDevitt continued, “The faculty (members) come by and drop off their work. We don’t know what to expect, but it’s usually great.” The Art Department has a website and catalog dedicated to the work of current and past faculty members that have participated in this event. On CerritosGallery.com there are short bios of each faculty member and photographs of art that have been displayed at previous exhibitions. Featured artist and faculty member Steven Portugal

expresses how his inspirations manifest themselves into teaching and his art work by, “Inspiration is a complex process. Everything that you have experienced up to that moment enters into it. All of the art I have seen, nature and the environment, history, politics and current events, and maybe most important dreams and the unconscious.” Portugal continues by giving the rundown of his advice to aspiring artists, “I show the work of the artists that have inspired me to my students whenever I can. “I encourage them to look around, to be aware, to use the library—inspiration is everywhere. “I encourage them to find their own visual vocabulary. And I try to help them understand the artistic process—it is not magic—it takes a disciplined approach to be a good and successful artist. My goal is to give my students the tools that will help them realize the images and forms of their imagination.” The exhibition will begin Feb. 11 and run through March 15 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is free and open to the public.

Cerritos College Theatre Department set to host Drowsy Chaperone auditions

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“I love acting and musicals. I just want to get back into it and this is my chance.” says theater arts major Natasha Lopez who is excited for the upcoming show, “The Drowsy Chaperone.” Created by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison, “The Drowsy Chaperone” is the winner of five Tony Awards and numerous Drama Desk Awards. First appearing on Broadway in 2006, the show has grown in popularity as it moves from venue to venue. Set in the 1920s, this musical comedy pays homage and parodies the great productions of its time. Packed full of laughs and crazy characters ranging

from gangsters to up-and-coming Broadway beauties, “The Drowsy Chaperone” seems like a perfect fit for the actors here at Cerritos College. “The director is popular and so many students love him that I’m unsure that I’ll get in,” added Lopez, “It makes me just a bit nervous.” Auditions will be held in the Burnight Center Theatre starting Feb. 11 and continue the next day, with callbacks planned for the Feb. 13. As is with most musicals, the actors and actresses will need to be ready to sing and dance to land the role they want. Tickets and more information about “The Drowsy Chaperone” can be found online at www.cerritos.edu/theater or by calling the Cerritos Theater Department at (562)467-5058.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MCT
Actress Betty White becomes overwhelmed during her surprise birthday party at Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri, on Thursday, January 20, 2011. Brad Moore, president of Hallmark Hall of Fame Productions, surprised White after the screening of her upcoming Hallmark Hall of Fame movie “The Lost Valentine.”

Five questions with Betty White

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To Betty White’s way of thinking, retirement is for people who hate their jobs. That’s why the 91-year-old funny lady, a TV icon who has won seven Emmy Awards, refuses to call it quits. There’s nothing about acting and making people laugh that bores her. “My problem is I love what I’m doing, and I love this business, and I enjoy the work, and I love the people I work with,” White said. Not only is she still going strong in the fourth season of TV Land’s “Hot in Cleveland” on 10 p.m. Wednesdays, but she also hosts a hidden-camera prank show called “Betty White’s Off Their Rockers” that’s on at 8 p.m. Tuesday on NBC. “I’m the luckiest person on two feet,” White said. “I’ve done about as much as I can do. I’d just like to keep on doing it.” 1. Is it harder to make TV audiences laugh today than when you were just starting out? When I started out, television was that miracle on the box in the corner of the room. Over the years, as television got to be such a major part of our lives, the audience has heard every joke. They know every storyline. They know where you’re going almost before the first line is out. That’s a hard audience to surprise and a hard audience to entertain. And it gets more difficult all the time. 2. So how do you explain the success of “Hot in

Cleveland,” which uses almost the same playbook that you worked from in the 1970s and 1980s, when doing “The Mary Tyler Moore Show” and “The Golden Girls”? Every once in a while, just a good old-fashioned, straightforward television show, or a situation comedy, suddenly hits the spot. It’s almost like something the audience hasn’t seen for a while. 3. You’re famous for your ribald sense of humor. But is there a limit, a line that you refuse to cross? I always see more than one meaning to a word, so the double-entendre kind of comedy comes naturally to me. But a double entendre is one thing. Dirty humor is something else. I don’t like dirty jokes, but I do enjoy a double entendre. 4. Given the premise of “Off Their Rockers,” in which seniors play pranks on the younger generation, are you much of a practical joker? I’m not a real prankster. I will maybe kid my friends. I’ll tell them something happened that didn’t really happen. But I straighten it out pretty fast. The trouble is, you can paint yourself into a corner if you try too many pranks. 5. Are there any downsides to feeling young and vital at age 91? My problem is, all my life, I never was interested in younger men. He always had to be a little older than I (was). And my problem now, at 90, is I can’t find anybody who’s older.



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Shooting through: Emma Stone, who plays Grace Faraday, stars opposite Ryan Gosling in the mob themed film Gangster Squad.

Gangster Squad shoots over fans’ expectations

Movie Review

Gangster Squad
Starring: Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling
Director: Ruben Fleischer
Rating: ★★★★★

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Emma Stone’s remarkable performance as Grace Faraday was spectacular, in her role portrayed as Mickey Cohen’s girlfriend, who’s heart is stolen by Sgt. Jerry Wooters played by actor Ryan Gosling. Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone make a perfect couple while the action will have you sitting on the edge of your seat. Sgt. Wooters who helps a group of vigilantes bring down Cohen’s plan to make the biggest business of heroin distribution in the western United States. Cohen has problems with the East side Mobsters trying to take

his territory in L.A, when he discovers that his then girlfriend is seeing the cop who along with his fellow officers, brings down the 1950’s biggest dealer in California. Josh Brolin who plays Sgt. John O’ Mara is given the opportunity by police chief of the Los Angeles Police Department to bring down Cohen, when his pregnant wife then discovers that he’s taking on this assignment she helps him bring together a group of well developed officers to put a stop to this big time dopest. His group starts interfering with Cohen’s deals to get the drugs into the city and burning down his businesses before he discovers that they’re cops and kills them and their families. The officers sneak into his house and plant several microphones to listen to his plans. However, when Cohen discovers these mini microphones he comes up with an evil plan to catch these cops and kill them. The movie isn’t all guns and guts. While Sgt. Wooters is helping this group bring down Cohen he is also getting himself into deeper trouble by sneaking around with

Grace Faraday behind his back, risking both their lives. When Cohen discovers that they are meeting and having an affair he sends his men to kill her. She has to stay in hiding throughout the movie until she finally stays with the good guy who saves her life. As she sees Cohen murder one of Sgt. Wooters’ fellow officer that was protecting her from him, she becomes the number one witness in the trial that sentenced Cohen to Alcatraz for fifteen years. People should go watch this movie. Especially if you’re into the 1940s and 50s scenario.

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Calendar of events

Feb. 11

Auditions for Drowsy Chaperone being held in BC17 at 7 p.m.

2013 Faculty Arts Exhibition opens in FA50 at 8 p.m.

Feb. 12

Auditions for Drowsy Chaperone being held in BC17 at 7 p.m.

Feb. 13

Call backs for Drowsy Chaperone in BC-17 at 7 p.m.



History: The Falcon Gymnasium was opened on Jan. 25. The first official basket scored was by sophomore guard Anthony Holliday.



Wrap-up: Head coach Russ May goes over the game plan during a time out. Limiting turnovers and hitting free throws down the stretch were key factors in the win.

Men's basketball looks to extend streak



Going in: Freshman guard Kevin Conrad drives pass the Pasadena City College defense for a lay up. Conrad had 21 points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals on the night.

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The Cerritos College men's basketball team (12-7) defeated the Pasadena City College Lancers (7-12) 95-85 in the newly renovated Falcon Gymnasium picking up its sixth straight conference win Friday night.

After spending two seasons playing home games on different sites, the Falcons finally got to return to Cerritos College on Friday night to host a home game on their own turf.

Freshman guard Kevin Conrad led all scorers with 21 points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals while sophomore power forward Marquise Washington, had a big game of his own with 18 points, 14 rebounds, four assists and one block.

Cerritos College, who had a 21-point advantage in the second half, saw its lead cut down to as little as five points with 1:55 left in the game.

Poor decision making by the Lancers late in the game helped the Falcons hold on to the win.

"We did a real good job on (defending) their three-point shooters and passed the ball well. By breaking their press we got some easy buckets," said head coach Russ May win.

Conrad feels that teamwork was a big key to the victory against the Lancers.

"(Good) passes, team work, and strong finishes by the whole team helped us," he said.

Sophomore point guard Chris

Wymys gives a lot of credit to playing hard on the defensive side.

"We just have to play (a good game of) defensive rebounding and play hard," he said.

Wymys also added that free throws are one of the team's weaknesses and feels confident the team will be able to fix the problem.

"The coaches will fix it for us, we'll be shooting a lot of free throws."

While the Falcons might have taken the win, May is glad to have finally got the gym opener out of the way.

"I'm glad it's over. Now we can just relax a little bit. Opening up a new building is a little stressful."

The Falcons are now 6-0 and sit atop the South Coast Conference with Mt. San Antonio College keeping pace with a 5-1 conference record.

"(We have to) take it game by game. Just practice hard, it all starts with practice," Conrad said.

The men's basketball team will now travel to face El Camino-Compton Center College (8-9) on Wednesday.

El Camino-Compton Center College will look to get back in the win column as it comes off a loss against Los Angeles Harbor College.

"(The warriors are) a new challenge. They play fast; they're a dangerous team. They can definitely score in bunches but I think our team is definitely focused on something bigger," May said about the upcoming match up.

Tip off is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

Track and field to improve under new leadership

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Christopher Richardson, who brings a new coaching staff to the track and field team, also brings a higher expectation.

What he believes is a team capable of being state champions this season, one that placed second in the South Coast Conference Championship a year ago.

"My expectation for this team is fairly high, in terms of the way (the team members) conduct themselves. I think we've changed the culture in terms of creating an environment of champions. If they take care of their classes, stay healthy, and listen to what me or the other coaches have to say, we could be contenders for the state championship," he said.

Richardson also talked about the Mt. San Antonio College track and field team who is hosting its season opener on Feb. 8.

"Mt. San Antonio College College usually hosts a good field of athletes. Most of the Cerritos (College) teams in the past that weren't able to beat Mt. SAC because they didn't cover a very good range in terms of multiple events. I think because we cover most of those we are going to be pretty hard to beat. The only people that can really take us out of contention is ourselves."

Richardson stated who he expects things from, "I'm really looking for some big things from Angel Sifuentes who was the state champion in the javelin last year. She's going to be really good in the Heptathlon."

Sifuentes's personal best in javelin is 138.8 ft. She feels the pressure of the upcoming season, "To be honest, kind of a lot, but I'm excited and I trust my coaches."

Sifuentes said she hopes to reach a new personal best of 160 ft. this season.

Richardson, who comes from

coaching at El Camino-Compton College, has brought along with him his coaching staff from his previous college.

Sifuentes admitted that the team was unsure of how they close they would be, "At first we didn't know if we did like each other or not. But everybody was open. We're a family already and the season hasn't even started yet."

Richardson concluded saying, "Even though there are a lot of different event groups in this program, I think they all respect each other as student athletes. They're willing to fight and compete for one another to come out on top as champions."

The track and field teams will have their event at home, the Cerritos College Invitational, on Feb. 15 and 16.



Practice: Angel Sifuentes practices her high jump, one of her events in the Heptathlon.

CHRISTOPHER MACIAS/TM

Calendar of events

Jan. 30

Softball
at Santiago Canyon College
3 p.m.

Women's Basketball
at Mt. San Antonio College
5 p.m.

Men's Basketball
at El Camino-Compton Center College
6 p.m.

Jan. 31

Men's Tennis
at Irvine Valley College
2 p.m.

Feb. 1

Softball
at Riverside College
3 p.m.

Baseball
vs. Citrus College
2 p.m.

Women's Basketball
vs. El Camino-Compton Center College
5 p.m.

Men's Basketball
vs. Mt. San Antonio College
7 p.m.

Feb. 2

Baseball
vs. Los Angeles Valley College
10 a.m.

Baseball
vs. College of the Canyons
2 p.m.

Feb. 5

Men's Tennis
vs. San Diego Mesa College
2 p.m.

Women's Tennis
at Riverside College
2 p.m.

Softball
at Palomar College
3 p.m.

Feb. 6

Women's Basketball
vs. El Camino College
5 p.m.

Men's Basketball
at Los Angeles Trade Tech College
7 p.m.

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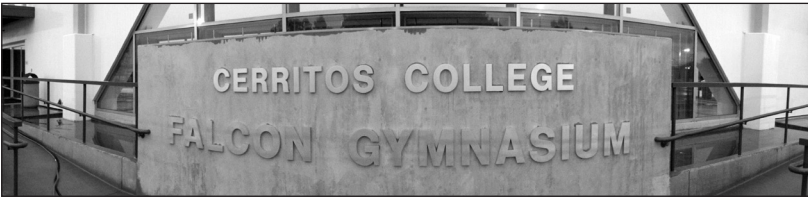




New Beginning: The Cerritos College Falcons defeated the Pasadena City College Lancers 95-85 in the first game played at the new Falcons Gymnasium. Renovation of the gym lasted two years, forcing teams to play home games at nearby high schools.



Stay tuned: Despite a lack of presence by trophies in the new Falcon Gymnasium, a game was played. The school will celebrate a ribbon cutting event on Mar. 8 at 11 a.m.



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Tennis team’s goal is simple: Just win

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have to use some game time to be able to fully adjust to changes made in the offseason.

“Fine tuning doubles teams takes some time and it’ll take actual match stress to test it out.”

Freshmen Giani Jeong has set his personal goals for this season.

“(My goal is) to do my best and to start the games,” he continued.

Jeong also added that Mt. San Antonio College will be the toughest opponent in the South Coast Conference.

Recovering from injury last season, Matthew Espiritu, said the team wants “To build on its mentality” heading into the season.

Kim admits that the lack of sophomores on the team may be the toughest obstacle to overcome early on in the season.

“We have a lot of freshmen this year, and without sophomore leadership it’ll take a while for teams to mesh.”

Cerritos College will face-off at home against Irvine Valley College Jan. 31 at 2 p.m.

First conference game will be played at Mt. San Antonio College Feb. 1 at 2 p.m.

The Cerritos College men’s tennis team is looking to improve during the 2013 season after ending the 2012 season on a bad note.

The team finished with an 11-9 record and were ranked No. 14 in the California Community College Athletic Association.

The Falcons dropped their last conference game to El Camino College as they lost a 6-4, 3-6, 10-7 match.

Tennis coach Alvin Kim said the goal to accomplish this season is to improve from last year’s results.

“I think we’ll be among the most prepared teams out there. We’ve been preparing for next week by going through full match simulations the past two weeks,” he said.

He also added, “(We have to) do better than last year and win the conference.”

Kim noted that his team will

Trophies, audio/visual system among items missing as gym opens last Friday

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After much anticipation throughout the campus of Cerritos College, the opening of the Falcon Gymnasium finally arrived.

“Just wait until you see it. It’s state of the art,” said Dan Clauss, the athletic director of Cerritos College athletics.

“The total cost was about \$15.5 million. However, it is still being determined,” said Dr. Dan Smith, the dean of Cerritos College athletics.

Included in the renovations were new: scoreboards, court, baskets, championship banners, seating and even fire safety system.

However not everything is completed just yet.

“There is still more to be seen. The audio/visual equipment is not yet installed... Neither are the fire alarms. To get the game underway we needed to hire two fire watchers that are patrolling the gym,” Smith added.

A trophy display case sits in the lobby of the new gym, but remains empty.

“(The school is) having a ribbon cutting ceremony on Mar. 8. We will make sure that (the display case) is fully furnished in time for the event,” he said.

The 2013-14 California Community College Athletic Association State Championships will be played in the new gym.

Smith added that the gym will be attractive to prospective recruits.

“While it’s too early for commits, the gym is going to be breathtaking for recruiting. Who isn’t going to want to play in our gym?”

The first basket of the new gym

belonged to sophomore guard Anthony Holliday, who helped the Falcons win its sixth consecutive game and remain undefeated in South Coast Conference play.

Cerritos College women’s basketball (11-9, 5-4) will be next to play in the gym on Friday as it hosts El Camino-Compton Center (0-16, 0-9) at 5 p.m.

Right after that the men’s basketball team (12-7, 6-0) will take the floor against Mt. San Antonio College (18-2, 5-1) in what looks to be one of the better games of the season.



HANNAH BRADLEY/TM

Not giving up: Forward Diamond Roberts is heavily defended by guard Marissa Rendon during practice. The Falcons play Mt. SAC on Friday.

Women’s basketball team is steadily improving every day

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“We’ve done well [so far this season], especially with our lack of sophomores... and I’m just impressed with the hard work from our freshmen,” sophomore guard Marissa Rendon stated about her fellow teammates on the Cerritos College women’s basketball team.

Support and positivity were the key things needed from the 5’7” captain of the team, who just got out of a tough practice three days after the Falcons lost their second straight conference match up against a top-15 ranked opponent.

Pasadena City College and Long Beach City College both managed to walk away with victories, leaving the young Cerritos College squad, who only has four sophomores, with a 5-4 conference record heading into their most difficult opponent Wednesday.

“Our focus is to work hard and to not get discouraged because we are playing the top team in the state. If anything the pressure is on (the Mounties) because they’re obviously

No. 1 in the state,” Rendon said. Head coach Karen Welliver is confident that her team knows what to expect in this match up against top-ranked Mt. SAC, as the Falcons and the Mounties both know each other too well.

“It’s our third time playing them, because we played them also in the championship of the Fullerton Tournament also.

“We know that they’re big and that we have to work really hard on being physical and blocking out.”

Both sophomores Deenesha Bee and Diamond Roberts feel their sophomore roles have extreme importance in regard to both big games and the rest of the season, especially being surrounded by an inexperienced young team.

“Like Marissa said, I really believe that [the freshmen] work hard,” Bee said.

“We need to improve on mainly defense, keeping our composure, finishing shots, and playing as a team.”

“Some of our roles [as sophomores] are talking, to be leaders, cheering the freshmen on, telling

them to keep their heads up when they make mistakes, but really just being leaders.”

Looking forward to Friday’s game against El Camino-Compton Center, sophomore Angela Peña cannot contain her excitement about her team playing its first game in the new Falcon Gymnasium.

“We’ve been playing at Gahr (High School). At Hope (International University). We’ve been practicing at Excelsior (High School).

“I’m very excited, and I know all of my sophomores are super excited about having our own gym here.”

The Falcons feel that they have their standards set high for the rest of the season, but are willing to knuckle down in practice to achieve what they want, especially in this match up against Mt. SAC.

“The harder we work, the more we keep improving and improving,” coach Welliver added.

Cerritos faces Mt. SAC away at 5 p.m. Wednesday, and will host its first home game of the season against El Camino-Compton Center Friday, Feb. 1 at the 5 p.m.



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