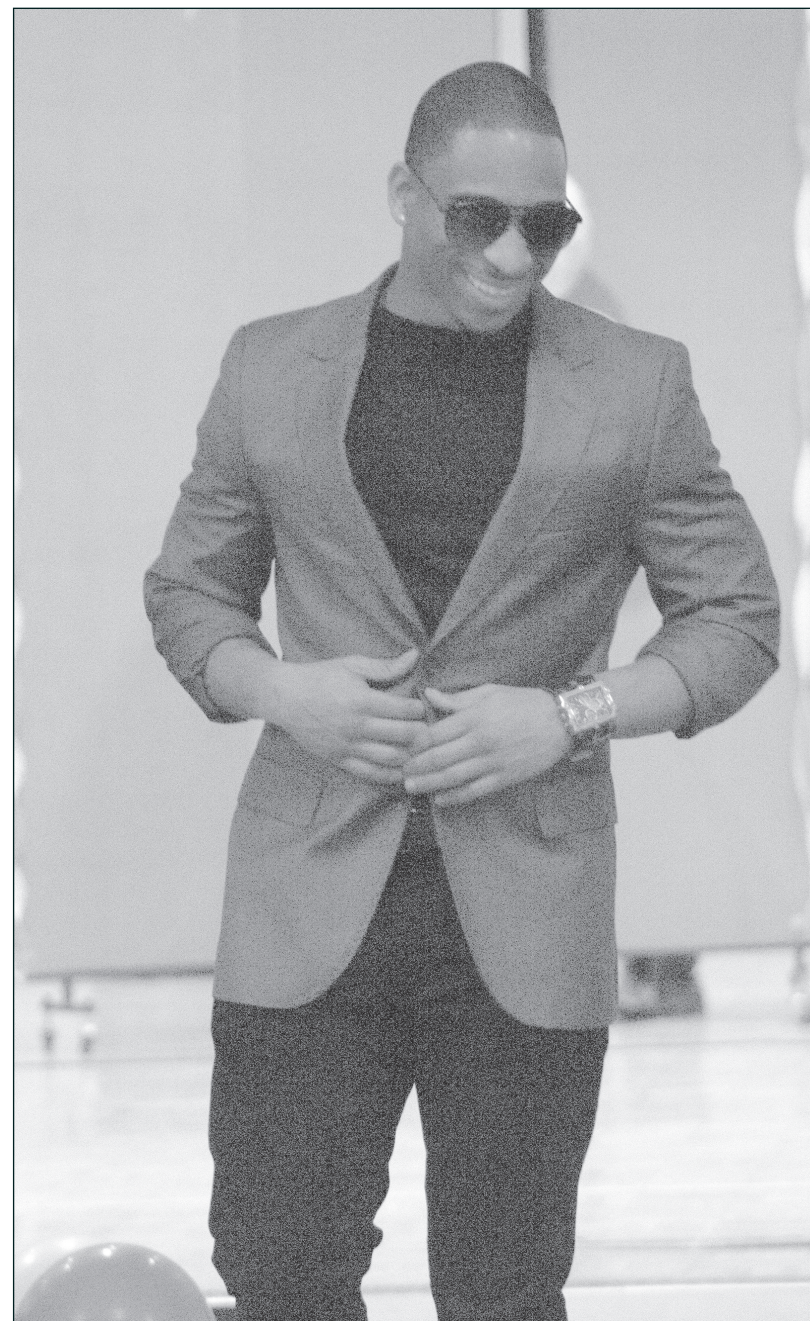


BSU holds celebration in student center



Spotlight: From left to right, Jade Simon, Raneisha Dubose and Josh Mazyck all participated in BSU's event to celebrate Black History Month. Simon participated and placed in the talent show while Dubose and Mazyck participated in the fashion show.

BSU held an 80s themed celebration for Black History Month

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The Black Student Union held a celebration in honor of Black History Month Friday in the Student Center.

The club organized awards that were distributed to those who helped out the

club. It also held a 80s themed fashion show and a talent show that featured models from the club and volunteers.

The event was hosted by BSU club member and dance major Raneisha Dubose who also participated in the fashion show portion of the event.

"(The fashion show) was so much fun, little kids got out there and ripped the runway, I myself .. ripped the runway. We had a blast" Dubose said.

Music major Jade Simon attended and participated in the event by competing in the talent show and placing third and felt like the overall event needed a little more work.

Jade performed with her brother Dauvee Simon, Jade sang "He Wasn't Man Enough For Me" by Toni Braxton while

her brother danced to the song.

"I felt like it was interesting...there were some technical difficulties but other than that it was a good show we mainly came out here to have fun" Jade said.

Both Jade and Dauvee felt that even though the event was fun for them it could've used more advertising.

"We didn't find out about it until Tuesday of this week (Feb. 19), we came up with our routine (on) Wednesday (Feb. 20) night." Jade said.

Regarding the fashion show, Jade said that the event was fun to watch the only downside were kids being shy to walk the runway.

Dauvee found another aspect of the event that stood out as being different.

"I thought it was pretty interesting,

not a lot of people would think of going back to the 80s .. or even doing a fashion show for Black History Month, so I think .. it was a very good idea and a very good concept." Dauvee said.

Despite the parts that were unorganized Dauvee said he still enjoyed the show.

Dubose felt like the talent show went really well and said "We had one performance that was really funny and every one got a kick out of it"

The club mixed a combination of lectures and speeches about Black History Month.

Dubose feels as if BSU could've done more to represent Black History Month.

"We didn't get too much into black history, we more so got into the program. I

think we ... should of, considering it's a Black History Month Program, we could of focused more on black history and we didn't"

This was Dubose's first time working with this event and feels that next time the event will be more organized as far as decorations and the programming.

"I feel like after doing (the event) tonight we know now what to do and what not to do."

She said that something that did stand out about the event was that students could see what the club was about.

During the event there was a vender selling jewelry at the entrance, the club also sold snacks and drinks to fundraise.

The event was held from 7 p.m. in the until 10 p.m.

Transfer degrees for the future

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California Community Colleges and California State Universities are working together in order to create state-wide implementation of AA-T and AS-T Transfer Degrees in community colleges.

AA-T degrees are Associate in Arts for Transfer Degrees and AS-T are Associate in Science for Transfer Degrees.

There are currently 112 community colleges in California that are working to make these degrees available to their students and Cerritos College President Dr. Linda Lacy feels that Cerritos College is one of the top colleges doing this.

"If you look at the numbers and the reports we're acknowledged as one of the leading colleges in completing our transfer degrees."

Cerritos College currently has three degrees waiting to be approved and a total of seven that

have already been approved.

Counselors and professors at Cerritos College are working to create fliers and hold workshops to help extend knowledge to students about these transfer degrees.

Lacy said that the college offers mandatory assessment and counseling orientation that has been in affect for about a year now.

A benefit to the transfer degree according to California Community Colleges Deputy Chancellor Erik Skinner is that it helps the student not exceed units by taking extra classes.

A student needs 60 units to transfer to a CSU, and with this new program if a student enters a community college, and then transfers he can get his Associate's Degree and Bachelor's Degree with 120 units completed.

Lacy explained that transferring for students in California has recently been difficult due to CSUs only accepting certain things and now Cerritos College wants to "ex-

peditate and streamline" this program for students.

"One of the leading college in completing our transfer degrees."

DR. LINDA LACY
Cerritos College president

nity college.

"It certainly shouldn't be where you've got 90 or 100 units and still can't go in (to a CSU) as a junior," Lacy said.

Skinner explained that the SB1440, that was created in 2010, "laid ground work" for what the community colleges and CSUs are doing now with transfer degrees.

Before the SB1440 students were repeating courses once they transferred to a CSU, since the 1440 they don't have to repeat courses.

According to Skinner there are

many resources created to help raise awareness to the transfer degrees.

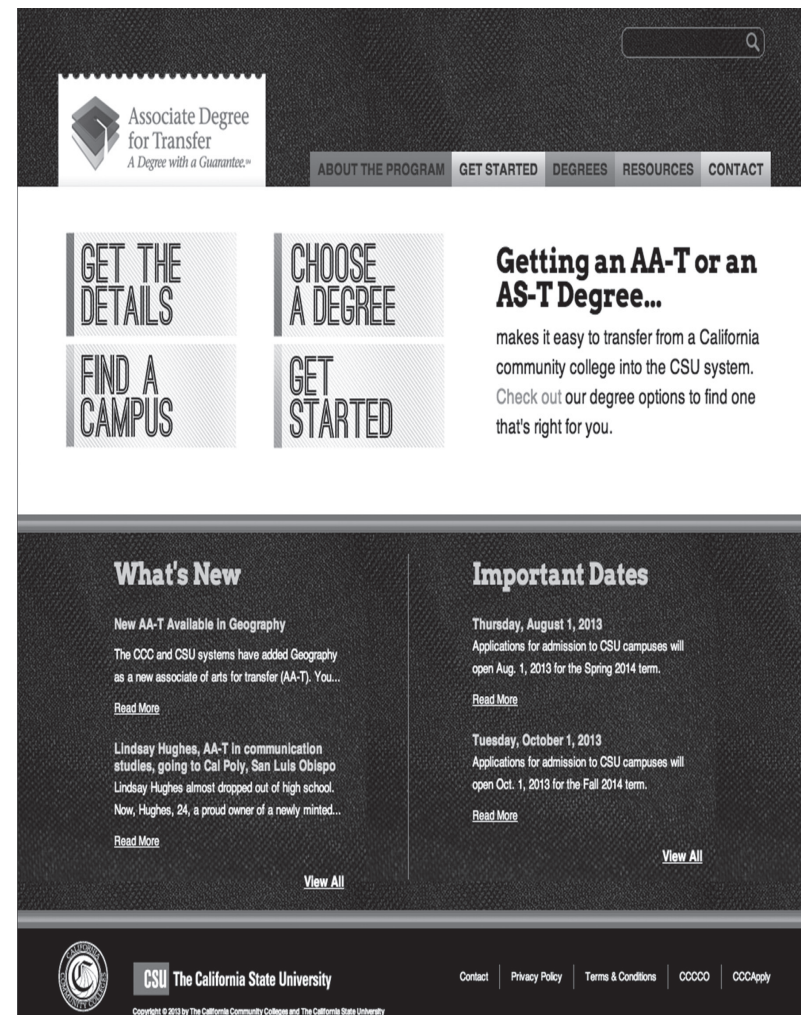
There have been radio ads, as well as counselors and advisers have been trained to inform students and there is also a website called adegreewithahagaruntee.com

California State University Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer Ephraim P. Smith included that information is sent down to students at high schools to let them know what to expect if they go to a community college in California.

Currently there are 22 degrees available in the popular majors and six degrees in the works.

557 degrees that have been approved and stretched across all 112 colleges.

It is expected that 80 percent of majors with the AA-T degree will be approved by fall of 2013, and full implementation at 100 percent by fall of 2014.



Transfer: A screenshot of the website designed to help students with transferring.



On Air: Paul Greer, host of “L.A. Sports Weekly,” finishes up his show on Feb. 11. Students who are a part of the radio production class and the Broadcasting Club can have airtime at the WPMD station.

WPMD shows return to airwaves

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After being shut down last semester Cerritos College's radio station, WPMD, has returned to the airwaves. The station started broadcasting in 1999 on 1700 AM and eventually started streaming radio shows on the internet. Mass Communications Department Chair Richard Cameron explained that the station was shut down for a couple different reasons.

“We had some problems with enrollment in those classes and completions, and many of the students who were broadcasting on the air were not actually signed up for any radio/TV classes.

“Another reason was all the budget cuts we were going through. The lab aides we had for the program. We could no longer justify the money they were costing us.”

The program was brought back as a community services

“That’s where Def comes in, for the good music you don’t hear anymore.”

SAVEON SIMON
show host

class that is funded by the students enrolling in the class. He continued, “We recognized the value of the program...[so] we said that if the college cannot afford for the students to do the broadcast, maybe the students can pay.”

Many of the shows feature first time students such as Saveon “Ignite” Simon who runs “Def Man’s Music,” a show dedicated to airing lesser known artists.

“It is full of hip hop that has been forgotten...music you have not heard before,” Simon said.

Simon’s show focuses on artists “who have been told to dumb down” and refused to do so.

“I feel they should be played on the radio and...be played for their gifted talent. That’s where the Def comes in...for the

good music that you don’t hear anymore.”

One of the changes to the station is that it now limits which students can receive airtime.

Special Projects Director Gayle Parks, who hosts returning show “Community Awareness Corner” explained that there are stricter rules than previous semesters.

“If you take [the] class, and you belong to the Broadcasting Club, you’re allowed to have airtime.”

According to professor Craig Breit, “The best way for a student to get on the air is to enroll in our radio production class...it is going to be taught by Casey Piotrowski.”

The other option is for students to join the WPMD Broadcasting Club, which meets every Tuesday at 2 p.m.

While many former shows are not returning this semester Simon believes that the station can still put on good content.

“It’s hard to bring (former hosts) back. So we’re putting new shows on the map...we’re trying to bring radio up as much as we can.”

ICC discusses past and future

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The Inter-Club Council held a meeting to give the different clubs on campus an opportunity to speak about upcoming events. The meeting was on Thursday.

The meeting was conducted by ICC Commissioner, Ace Caguioa.

The first item on the agenda was the blood drive schedule update.

Rob Torrez was the representative who spoke about the recent Valentine’s Week Blood Drive that was held this month throughout the week of Feb. 11.

He reported that there was a great turnout for the blood drive this year.

“Last week was a total successful blood drive here at Cerritos College. Throughout the year it is our best blood drive,” Torrez said.

“We had just under 500 students come by our bus. We collected over 335 pints of blood. Over a thousand patients will be using the blood.”

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be April 15-18.

During the public forum portion of the meeting, the Psychology Club announced that a speaker

from Children Today, an organization which helps less fortunate children with getting them their basic necessities, will be coming to campus on March 19 at 11 a.m. in SS215.

Coordinator of Student Activities Amna Jara spoke about the title of the annual event, “Hoe Down Days” that changed to “Spring Festival”.

She explained that the old Hoe Down Days theme was worn out so they wanted to be able to do other themes, this year being “Mardis Gras”.

The event will consist of actually two separate events. The Falcon Games and the Spring Festival.

The first official day of the Spring Festival will be Tuesday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ASCC will be hosting a Masquerade Ball.

The Masquerade Ball will be held in the Student Center on March 14 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Tickets will be free of charge and will be available in the ASCC office Monday. Only 200 will be distributed.

Outside guests are welcomed under the condition that they attend along with an enrolled student.



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- events
- essay contest

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Calendar of events

Feb.27

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

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

Feb. 28

Mass Communications Brown Bag meeting in Room FA54 from 11 a.m. to noon.

March 1

ASCC Harlem Shake filming at 11 a.m. in Falcon Square

Theatre Department and ASCC’s opening night of Durang Durang at 8 p.m. in the Burnight Center Theatre

March 4

Tickets go on sale for the Masquerade Ball

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

March 5

ASCC Court meeting in Room BK 111/112 at 11 a.m.

March 6

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

March 7

Student Life at 1 p.m.

March 8

ASCC presidential and trustee application deadline at 3 p.m. in student activities office

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“What is your definition of free speech?”

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JAMES ORTIZ
Undecided major

“Being able to say what you want where you want without the need of worry from the government.”

ROBERT DOHRING
Undecided major

“The right to say what you want to say or believe without penalty from the government, police or anyone.”



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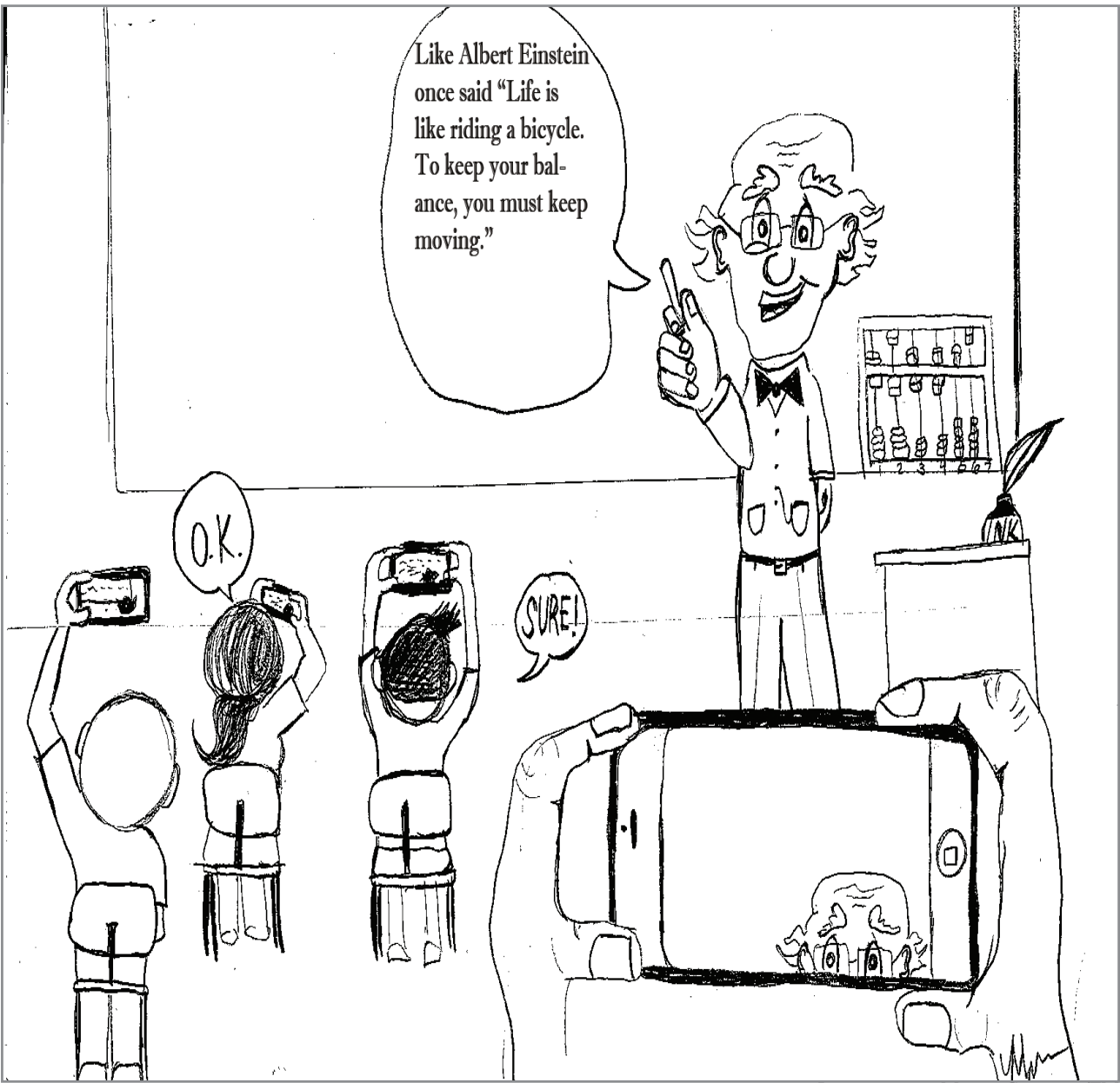
“Say whatever you want without there being any consequences.”

ANDREW CASILLAS
English major

“To say whatever you want to say to whoever.”



•EDITORIAL•



Embracing technology

Teachers should embrace the use of technology in and out of the classroom. With all the technology that is out today, it allows for students to learn much easier.

For teachers to explore their options and pick more technology-friendly material would be a great privilege to us students and we should also not abuse it.

It's really about both students and teachers coming together and realizing that there is technology out there to help us out and it should be utilized here at Cerritos College.

As an alternative to the heavy traditional textbooks, eBooks are a great way for students to use the technology that they may already have.

Most students in class take multiple classes that have one or two textbooks required for the course, those

add up. It's tough for students to carry around two or three textbooks each day, and switch out the different textbooks for the ones that they need at the time.

Electronic devices are light-weight and don't take up as much space on a desk as traditional textbooks do.

To have a big textbook plus a notebook is a little much on the small desks that are in most of the classrooms on campus.

With TalonNet also available to teachers, having lectures online not only helps students out at home but in the classroom as well.

If students were allowed to use lap tops or iPads in class it would be more convenient. As would being able to see both notes and lectures on one screen, side-by-side.

As students it is important to remember to be responsible if given this use of technology.

Using a cell phone during class time is a huge distraction.

If asking for the chance to use these other technologies in class, one should take it.

High school days are over, it's time to step up and be responsible. Use technology to your best benefit that way you can do well and get out of community college and move further into your future.

And as for teachers, ask students in your classes what works best for them. Reach out to them.

The 21st century has so much to offer us, it's about time we take some advantage of it.

New ideas shouldn't be thrown aside they should be embraced more.

Good things come to those who create

Cerritos College would benefit greatly from establishing a fruit and vegetable garden on campus grounds.

It is apparent that health and fitness are both valued aspects at Cerritos College.

Some of the campus' amenities include a newly-renovated basketball gym, a track to run on, various sports fields, and a weight room.

A community garden would make a healthful and highly-beneficial addition to our campus.

Gardening is one of the few things in life that can only bring good to people and to the environment.

According to the American Community Gardening Association there are many reasons why establishing a community garden is a great idea.

Some of the benefits of community gardening include:
-Improvement of the quality of life for people involved



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- Stimulation of social interaction
- Production of nutritious food
- Opportunity for recreation, exercise, therapy, and health education
- Preservation of green space
- Creates income opportunities and economic development
- Reduction of city heat from streets and parking lots
- Provides opportunities for inter-generational and cross-cultural connections

According to DuneCraft.com, in children that are growing, gardening produces many benefits like “developing math skills by counting seeds, practicing motor skills through dig-

ging and planting, and learning about flowers, herbs and vegetables”.

All people, regardless of age, could benefit from putting their cognitive skills to use through the act of gardening.

According to the same website, there have been studies done in Texas, which showed that “school gardening increased participants' self-esteem, helped them develop a sense of ownership and responsibility, fostered stronger relationships among family members, and increased parent involvement.”

There are reasons why we were given the opportunity to experience plants and gardening.

We should have the chance to experience those natural benefits through the implementation of a community garden in which various ages and ethnic backgrounds can come together and experience nature.

Letter to the editor:

Dear Editor,

What is the problem with the parking?
Parking is difficult to find for many students, but it is especially difficult for night students.

There are not enough student parking spots. The large parking lots C-1 and C-10 are very far from the Liberal Arts Building and the walk ways are too dark for walking alone. We are scared to walk alone. Also, there is not enough student parking close to the buildings for the students.

Our night class, has brainstormed the following solution. We suggest the empty staff parking stalls be made available so students may find parking closer to the classroom buildings and feel safer as they walk to class and return to their cars.

Sincerely,

Martha Robles, Cerritos/AED ESL Instructor
In behalf of the Adult Education High Intermediate ESL Class

Consistency with schedules



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Scheduling at school should be more consistent when planned around holidays.

Fifteen-week classes that began on Feb. 8 were soon followed by a holiday on Feb. 15, leaving the next class session to be taught Feb. 22, two weeks after the first class.

With homework assigned on the first day it's hard to even remember with a two-week break from the class.

Classes that meet once a week and are either Monday or Friday classes, days that are more likely to have a holiday break.

This disruption is distracting to students. It's tough to remain focused on school with so many breaks in the schedule.

Holidays are good, and should be observed.

But it disrupts the focus of the student, who in college should be more responsible in getting work done anyway.

But why schedule a class that has one meeting, and then doesn't meet again for two weeks?

When planning the schedule, was that the school's only choice?

There could have been an orientation meeting for the class.

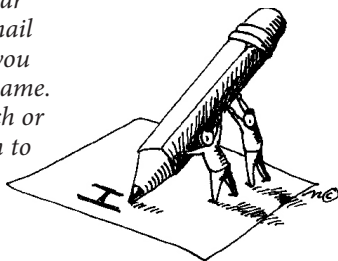
It's hard to even remember what was said after two weeks of focusing on other classes that have already been in session for three weeks.

Now, not all classes got that break, because there are classes on Tuesday and Thursday as well.

Classes shouldn't be the reason why the other one randomly gets a two-week break.

There should be more consistency when planning schedules. around holidays.

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Cerritos College faculty inspire students through art showcase

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The Faculty Art Gallery consisted of art work, including recognizable pieces from artists that have participated in previous art shows.

Art major Erika Figueroa said, “This show really shows the professors’ capability. The work they don’t show in class and that they have brought here really shows who is teaching you.

Many of the art shows off campus inspiring momentum, in capturing what you’re doing.”

The art varied from paintings, photography, crafting, and ceramics.

Art and design major Kimberly Pascual and drawing and painting major Miriam Bricio stated,

“This is blowing my mind. It is recognizable art that I’ve seen somewhere else from the same artist. It’s his signature style, awesome. I don’t always know what they’re talking about and I come and see this and I understand what they meant in class. They’re not just teachers, but artists.”

The art pieces were very unique and each stated a little about the artist’s style. The way they used the colors and shapes brought out the uniqueness in each piece from the dark sides to the bright colors and even cubism, which was a huge piece in the middle of the gallery standing out with the variety of colors

and the way the cubes form different objects like a giraffe.


Illustration major Josh Espinoza stated, “This show is successful. (It) shows what professors we have love, and that they really know what they’re talking about. It’s very inspiring.”

Many talented artists presented their art work with pride. One very recognizable art piece happened to be “Miss Me, Miss Me. Miss Me” by artist Daniel Du Plessis. His piece with a very unique texture was recognized by many as he has presented and demonstrated his artistic talent before in such places like the Orange County Fair.

All of the professors who presented their art connected more with students after demonstrating their potential and inspired many

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art majors to continue pursuing their dreams with the fact that anything is possible if they set their mind to it, or in this case, your brush.

The art gallery is set to run up until March 15 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Admission for the gallery is free for and open to the general public.



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Art inspired: The art gallery showcased artwork from faculty members at Cerritos College. Art work included paintings and sculptures.

Theater Department prepares to debut new comedy production

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Theater major Natasha Lopez said, “This is going to be a great play, one with many surprises. I encourage everyone strongly to come and watch the play.”

The opening night for “Durang, Durang” will be on March 1 at 8 p.m. on the main stage of the Burnight Center Theatre.

Trevor Bishop is the director for the play.

In case you miss opening night, the play will be going on March 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. The final showing will be on March 10 at 2 p.m. The tickets will be sold at the door.

“There will be many surprises throughout the play. You can expect many secrets to be revealed if you watch the play,” said Natasha Lopez, who is participating in the production. The cast strongly recommends for everyone to view the play.

“Durang, Durang” will be presented for the first time at Cerritos College. It is a comedy that is made up of four, one-act plays that all build up to be a parody of other plays.

“There will be a lot of weird moments and all of the acts are differ-

ent, you’re in for a good laugh,” said theater major Viviana Gallo. She will be on stage as different characters throughout the night.

Auditions were held during the first week of the semester.

There will be a preview of the play on Thursday night, as they will be getting ready for opening night.

Business major Alejandra Ortiz said, “I enjoy going to all the plays hosted by the Theater Department. I am looking forward to attending this one. After a long day at school I will look forward to watch(ing) the play and get a good laugh out of it.”

The actors have been practicing their roles for about two months, and even practice on their free time to present a great play.

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Gaming war: “Crysis 3” takes place 24 years after the events of the previous game. The game also allows players to immerse into stories where players are challenged to make decisions pertaining to the game.

‘Crysis 3’ is set to take gamers to a whole new level of experience

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Built from the ground up, “Crysis 3” plans on taking gaming to a new level. Hoping to continue tradition of visually stunning and thrilling action games, Crytek recently released the long awaited “Crysis 3” on Feb. 19.

Taking place 24 years after the events of the second game, players will once again be able to control Prophet, always equipped with his advanced nanosuite, and take on what remains of New York after it is encased in Nanodome by series villain, the C.E.L.L. corporation.

As always, this version of Crysis has been built to immerse players as the story continues, and challenges them to make decisions.

These choices range from how they tackle the game, to how they choose to upgrade and outfit their suit for either stealth or combat.

What seemed to grab the most attention at its last showing in the 2011 Electronic Entertainment Expo, or E3, was the inclusion of a compact bow. Event goers were treated to a first person shooter game that seemed to be missing the streams of bullets that other hits, such as “Call of Duty” or “Halo”, depended on.

Skeptical at first, fans’ expectations were blown away when they saw arrows flying and taking down soldiers and helicopters. Since then, fans have been waiting for a chance to string up an arrow and send it sailing.

Architect major Jaime Reyes said,

“It’s awesome. It puts you in a place that I’m sure a lot of hunters are put in, and for a while you are immersed in the whole environment.”

To separate itself from other shooters, Crytek has prided itself on making a game that is as digitally advanced as possible by building a system engine from scratch, which is entitled the “CryEngine3.”

“CryEngine is known for un-

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compromising visual fidelity; handling even the most complex scenes at a steady frame-rate,” said Crytek on its engine’s website.

“Crysis 3” is available for purchase on all systems and computers, while the “CryEngine3” is available for free, non-commercial use at www.mycryengine.com



On the run: Melissa McCarthy stars as Diana, a woman who has stolen Jason Bateman's character, Sandy Patterson's identity. The movie opened at No. 1 at the box office with \$34.5 million in its first weekend.

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'Identity Thief' steals two hours from its audience

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"Identity Thief" starring Melissa McCarthy and Jason Bateman, felt as if it dragged on forever.

It is easy to guess the plot of the movie based on the title. That's one of the things about this movie that made it not so enjoyable.

You knew going into the movie theater that this movie would be about someone stealing another person's identity.

Bateman plays Sandy Patterson and finds out that McCarthy's character, Diana, is stealing his identity. He drives to Miami to find her.

Plot aside, it was clear that it was going to be funny, considering McCarthy had stellar years in 2011 and 2012 with very comedic movies, and Bateman is always funny in his roles.

Movie Review

'Identity Thief'

Starring: Melissa McCarthy and Jason Bateman

Director: Seth Gordon

Rating: ★★

In what could be considered a coincidence, the song "Bad Girls" by M.I.A. was used to promote both "Identity Thief" and McCarthy's other movie "The Heat."

While hearing the song in the movie it could possibly remind others to see "The Heat" this upcoming June.

At first thought you would think this duo would equal a hilarious film, but sadly that didn't happen.

McCarthy and Bateman did have chemistry with each other, but

still the laughs didn't seem to come at you as rapidly as expected.

They were scattered throughout the movie.

Writers Craig Mazin and Jerry Eeten seemed to forget to create a script that would make us laugh. Instead it seemed like they purely relied on McCarthy and Bateman to just naturally do it.

The action scenes when McCarthy and Bateman were trying to go from Florida back to Denver, were an upside to the movie.

"Identity Thief" had some action when McCarthy and Bateman's characters were being chased by two associates of a man that is in prison due to McCarthy's identity theft.

The two characters, Julian played by T.I. and Marisol, played by Genesis Rodriguez, worked well together and made the movie a little better.

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Without giving away the ending, it's safe to say it was the best part of the movie.

It was cute, surprising and was the only part of the movie that was really worth it.

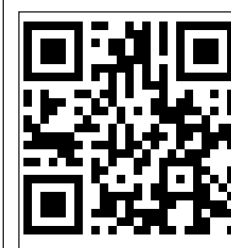
If it weren't for the action scenes, it would just be two characters staring at you from a screen trying to make you laugh.

This movie would totally be worth a movie night at a friends house, but isn't a movie worth the over-priced admission at a theater.

Cerritos College hosts annual Women's History Month Essay Contest

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"I think women can do almost anything a guy can do and I think it's really cool that they get the recognition they deserve," business major Joshua Canales said.

Women's History Month has been celebrated in the U.S. since 1987. Cerritos College continues the celebration with its annual essay contest.

March is the month that is devoted to women and the accomplishments of the female sex.

"Deep down, I firmly believe women deserved the same rights as men, and it is possible a woman can survive in this world, independently," zoology major Rose Mary Matute said.

March can mean many things to different people, but for Matute it's special.

"I believe Women's History Month serves to remind and inspire every young woman in the world to fight for her rights and work unbelievably hard to make her dreams come true," she said.

The contest is a chance for students to learn about the experiences of specific women in history.

"I didn't know about the essay contest but I think it's a cool idea just to hear what people think," photography major Joseph Pineda said.

Everyone has a different interpretation of women in history, and this contest gives the Cerritos College community a chance to express itself and win prizes.

"As a guy I can honestly say that a woman who is not scared to challenge a man definitely deserves to be honored even if they are not (one of) the women you hear about in history class," Canales said.

"I love my mom, she raised me herself. She's the strongest person I know and without all the changes that these strong women throughout history have (made), I would have probably never have been here today," he continued.

The contest's theme for 2013 is celebrating women in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, as well as any woman known personally by the contestant.

It must be a minimum of 500 words and in either APA or MLA format. The contestant must provide two typed, double-spaced copies of the essay.

Essays are to be turned into Dr. Linda Palumbo's mailbox by March 8 at 5 p.m.

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VOICE OF AUTHORITY: Head Coach Karen Welliver makes her presence known from the bench, as she shouts out to her team during a victory versus El Camino College. The Falcons dropped out of playoff contention with a loss to Pasadena City College on Friday, which will be their first absence from the postseason since 1991-92. HANNAH BRADLEY/TM

Sports Briefs

WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD
Mt. San Antonio College Decathlon brief

It took just one collegiate event for Cerritos College freshman Alexis Dalton to set a new school record in the heptathlon. Dalton scored 4,799 points at the Mt. San Antonio College Combined Events Challenge over the weekend, eclipsing the former record of 4,499 that was set in the state championships in 2006 by Jacqueline Taylor. Also participating was Dalton’s teammate, sophomore Angel Sifuentes, who came in second place in the event with 3,960 points.

-JONATHAN GARZA

WOMEN’S SWIMMING
Golden West Invitational brief

The Gabayeron show continued Friday at the Golden West Invitational, as sisters Katherine and Raquel teamed to help Cerritos College finish in third place in the team event. Cerritos College finished the event with 924.5 points, standing atop five other teams in third place for the event. Katherine won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:22.95, defeating the next swimmer by six seconds. The women’s swimming and diving team will host El Camino College and Long Beach City College at 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

-JONATHAN GARZA

Hard training has men’s swim prepared for competitive year

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Freshman Eugene Runas along with the rest of men’s swimming team look to build on chemistry when it hosts its first swim meet of the season on Friday.

Runas is coming off a record-breaking performance where he set the team record for the 100-yard breaststroke at the Golden West Invitational with a time of 59.97.

The record was previously set last year by Grossmont College’s Julian Myers with a time of 1:00:62.

The men’s swimming and diving team will host El Camino College and Long Beach City College at 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

“I keep a cool mind, loose body, and imagine myself swimming the event beforehand in my mind,” said Runas.

“We are always ready to swim any event no matter what our coach puts us in. But I don’t see much of a weakness within the team.”

While Runas doesn’t see a weakness in his team, Head Coach Joe Abing has identified it.

“Our biggest weakness is not having much depth in the distance events,” Abing said.

“Overall, I am pleased with our progress. We have been training hard and have seen some positive results.”

MEN’S SWIMMING
Golden West Invitational brief

The Cerritos College men’s swimming team grabbed a fourth place finish and broke a record at the Golden West Invitational.

Freshman swimmer Eugene Runas won the 100-yard breaststroke in record fashion, finishing with a time of 59.97 seconds, 0.65 seconds better than the previous mark.

It helped the Falcons grasp fourth place (out of seven teams) in the meet with 972 team points.

-JONATHAN GARZA

Falcons miss out on playoffs

Young Cerritos squad unable to rebound from its late season slump

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Nia Lateju and Marissa Rendon were the leading scorers in the final regular season women’s basketball game, although it ended in defeat as the Pasadena City College Lancers took the win from the Cerritos College Falcons 66-45 on Friday.

With the loss against Pasadena City College, the Falcons will finish its season with a record of 14-13.

The Falcons will miss the post season for the first time since the 1991-92 season.

In the beginning of the first half the Falcons only trailed 13-11, but the Lancers continued to score big as they outscored the Falcons 27-6 the rest of the half.

The Falcons’ shooting wasn’t at its best, making 25 percent of its shots, while Pasadena City College made 48 percent from the field. 25 turnovers from the Falcons resulted in 20 points for the Lancers.

Coach Karen Welliver felt the team did much better in the second half, committing fewer turnovers.

“I was really proud of (the players),” said Welliver. “They didn’t

quit and kept fighting.”

Lateju, the freshman center for the Falcons, led the team in scoring and rebounding with 14 points and eight rebounds.

“I think (my performance) was pretty good, I made a few mistakes and I rushed sometimes, resulting in a couple of turnovers that could’ve been eliminated,” Lateju said.

Areas of improvement for Lateju include working on defense, taking care of the ball and making good decisions on the court.

“Offensively I could be more aggressive,” Lateju added.

Rendon, sophomore point guard, scored the first points of the game with a three-pointer ending with 12 points, most of which were from beyond the arc.

“My performance tonight was average but I could have done better,” Rendon said, “I could improve on my composure, I get frustrated easily which is definitely a downfall as that is a key to being a good point guard. Having better ball handling is something I am going to focus on for (my) next season.”

The Cerritos College women’s basketball season is over, the Falcons worked hard this season with more wins than losses. The team will be focusing on improving even more next season.

Coaches vs. Cancer fundraiser held by Cerritos College to benefit the American Cancer Society

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Cerritos College Athletics and the California Community College men’s and women’s basketball Coaches Association held its third annual Coaches vs. Cancer fundraiser and awareness night at Cerritos College on Friday.

The fundraiser took place during the men’s and women’s basketball game against Los Angeles Southwest College and Pasadena City College respectively.

The fundraiser benefits the American Cancer Society as it collaborates with the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) to raise awareness for coaches, their teams and the community.

Many community colleges across the state that are part of the NABC participate in raising awareness and fundraising in their own college every season.

At the end of the fundraiser all the money is collected and sent to the state where it gives the money to the American Cancer Society.

Admission to the game was free, but attendees were encouraged to make a \$5 donation. In return they received a raffle ticket. The person with the winning ticket was given a

chance to make a three-point basket, with the winner receiving a \$50 gift card to Lucille’s Smokehouse BBQ.

Cerritos College athletic director Dan Clauss said that since the gymnasium had just recently opened, there wasn’t time to put the fundraiser together and it wasn’t as big as he would want it to be.

Clauss also added that since it’s the NABC only, basketball coaches are the only ones involved with the fundraiser.

“Now that the gym is ready we will have more time to put it together and look for more sponsors,” said Clauss.

At the entrance a board was placed as the “Wall of Remembrance”. Those who donated could write a message or a name of someone who they know that has been diagnosed with or survived cancer.

“It’s an awesome event, almost everyone participates,” said Karen Welliver, coach of the women’s basketball team.

“Our athletic director did an amazing job putting it together.”

Along with the raffle ticket money, all the money the snack bar made during the game benefited the American Cancer Society.

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Men's basketball playoff preview



Decisions: Freshman shooting guard Jordan Reise is guarded by Los Angeles Harbor College small forward Sheldon Blevins on Feb. 20. Reise averaged 5.7 points per game in 22 games played this season.



Throw down: Freshman guard Kevin Conrad goes up for a dunk against Los Angeles Harbor College on Feb. 20. Conrad averaged 12.2 points per game in 22 games played this season.

'Just win' the main goal for playoff bound Falcons

After missing the playoffs last year, the Falcons look to make their mark in history this season

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On Wednesday the men's basketball team will go up against a familiar foe when it plays the Antelope Valley College Marauders in the first round of the Southern California Regionals at 7 p.m.

The Falcons and the Marauders met in the College of the Canyons Tournament with the Marauders coming out victorious, 62-59.

It was a game that came down to the wire as both teams went in tied at 59 with two minutes to play, with the Marauders coming out on top.

The Falcons, who are the South Coast Conference South Division champions, come into the tournament ranked as the No. 19 seeded team out of 20.

The ranking has small forward Terence Traylor feeling a little uneasy.

"It's kind of bittersweet because

I feel we should have had a better record to get a home game and a top seed," he said.

The Falcons ended the season with an overall 16-10 record and a 10-3 conference record.

Traylor, who averaged 4.1 points per game in the regular season, wants to help the team win in the post season.

"I (am) preparing myself by just continuing to do what I've been doing. The worst thing I could do is put too much pressure on myself."

He also added, "The main goal of the playoffs is to win. We can't just be happy we made it (into the playoffs)."

The Marauders were tied for second place in the Foothill Conference and are coming in as the No. 14 seed. They finished the season with an overall 19-8 record.

"We are excited to play in the playoffs. We played them before so we feel comfortable playing them," said Head Coach Russ May.

"The playoffs are a good motivation for them (the players) and we're looking to take advantage."

The winner will have No. 3 Mt. San Antonio College waiting for them in the second round on Saturday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL Cerritos College vs. Los Angeles South West College Brief

Success for the Cerritos College men's basketball team as it completed its season on a high note, defeating LA Southwest College, 80-72.

Sophomore forward Marquise Washington led the way with 18 points and 16 rebounds (six being offensive). He led all Falcons playing in 31 minutes.

Sophomore guard Anthony Holliday, who added 16 points, three rebounds and two assists; and freshman Kevin Conrad, who contributed 13 points, three rebounds and one assist.

-JONATHAN GARZA

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**Baseball
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College
2 p.m.**

**Softball
vs. Glendale
College
3 p.m.**

Feb. 28

**Baseball
at Cerro Coso
College
6 p.m.**

**Softball
vs. El Camino
College
Compton
Center
3 p.m.**

**Men’s Tennis
vs. El Camino
College
2 p.m.**

**Women’s Tennis
at El Camino
College
2 p.m.**

March 1

**Men’s and Women’s
Swimming and
Diving
vs. El Camino
College/Long Beach
City College
12:30 p.m.**

**Men’s and Women’s
Track and Field
Long Beach State
Classic
12:30 p.m.**

**Softball
vs. Bakersfield
College
2 p.m.**

March 2

**Men’s and Women’s
Track and Field
Long Beach State
Classic
12:30 p.m.**

**Baseball
vs. Glendale College
1 p.m.**

March 5

**Baseball
at Mt. San Antonio
College
2 p.m.**

**Softball
vs. El Camino
College
3 p.m.**

**Men’s Tennis
at Mt. San Antonio
College
2 p.m.**



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Wind-up: Freshman pitcher Jared Robinson throws a pitch against Ventura College last Thursday. Robinson struck out six but gave up six hits and four earned runs through five innings. He has an earned run average of 3.86 with 24 strikeouts through 23.1 innings pitched this season.

Baseball improving as season progresses

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Freshman outfielder Myles Mendez expressed the importance of chemistry after the Cerritos College baseball team scraped together a victory over Ventura College Thursday.

“We’ve built on chemistry since day one, from our first summer practice up until now,” Mendez said.

“We’ve been able to goof around but still maintain our focus when we play... chemistry has been big for us.”

The team sat with a 3-5 overall record after its victory over Ventura College last Thursday. It began preparations to face Cerro Coso

College back-to-back on Wednesday and Thursday, a team it didn’t see the previous season.

Sophomore pitcher Sebastian Frutos, who got the final out versus Ventura College to seal a personal 2-0 record on the season, stated he would rather not know a lot of details about a new opponent.

“I’d rather not know anything [about Cerro Coso College] to get myself more prepared to go over there and take it to them,” Frutos said.

Expectations have been set high by both players and Head Coach Ken Gaylord.

“I want us to keep getting better... some of these young guys coming from high school to college have to make some mistakes before they will finally start getting it,” Gaylord

continued.

“You can tell them, tell them, and tell them, but sometimes they need to go through it and fail before they can figure it out.”

On a positive note, he added, “Our pitching is getting a little bit more under control, though, which is good.”

Hayden Stevens, a freshman third baseman, has clearer expectations in his head, stating that he wants to, “win conference and win games.”

“We’ve been losing games just because we haven’t been getting that one hit, or due to a lot of errors the past few games, so hopefully we’ll improve,” he said.

All three players agreed that they have the right coaches in charge

moving forward in the season, with Mendez adding that, “I have never doubted them... they get the job done and they get it through us.”

“They get on us, and it’s for the best because they want to see us succeed.”

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BASEBALL
Cerritos College vs Ventura College
Brief

On Thursday, a game of cat-and-mouse between the Cerritos College Falcons and Ventura College Pirates resulted in a 5-4 victory for the Falcons.

Falcons starter Jared Robinson struck out six Pirates batters, but allowed four runs and six hits in 5.0 innings pitched.

His effort was supported by that of third baseman Hayden Stevens, who in the eighth inning connected on a game-winning RBI-single against Pirates starter Jacob Murray, who took the loss.

-JONATHAN GARZA



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Practice: Third baseman Ariana Mejia throws to second baseman Gina Ayala during practice. Mejia currently holds a .351 batting average.



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Preparation: Second baseman Gina Ayala practices throwing to first base during practice on Feb. 25. Ayala currently holds a .259 batting average.

Softball team working hard
toward enhancing chemistry

Playing together is an important factor down the stretch for women’s softball team

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The Cerritos College softball team has been hard at work this season with hopes of improving and bringing the team together.

Coach Kodee Murray explained that all games are important to the team, and are taken with the same amount of importance.

“I think they are doing a good job,” said Murray.

Murray said that it’s almost a brand new team aside from a couple of returners.

Catcher Katie Caraballo said that the team had a rocky start but is working on getting better and fixing its weaknesses.

“Everyone pushes everyone to work together,” explained Caraballo.

Shortstop Stephanie Olivas said that the team is getting the hold of things and is surely improving its game.

“We have been working on improving our hitting,” Olivas said.

Murray believes that it is important to work as a team and is currently working on getting the players to play as one.

“We have to learn to play together...we are almost a brand new team,” she said.

The softball team will face Glendale College on Wednesday and El Camino College Compton Center on Thursday at Nancy Kelly Field.

SOFTBALL
Cerritos College vs College of the
Canyons Brief

Kimmie Lockhart, the pitcher for the College of the Canyons, received all the help she needed as Cerritos College fell just short of a comeback bid, 7-5 Friday in Santa Clarita.

College of the Canyons scored at least one run in three of its first four innings, including four in the fourth, opening a 7-0 lead.

Despite 11 hits, including a 1-for-2 afternoon by first baseman Angela Arellano, who added two RBIs, Cerritos College would fall short, snapping its three-game winning streak.

-JONATHAN GARZA