

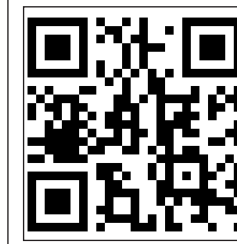


Is Cerritos ready or not?

Students missing out on health and safety awareness

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With having no extra speakers present, Project HOPE Program Assistant Danylle Williams-Manser was left to just herself and only three attendees during a Health and Safety Conference on Saturday.

"We [Project HOPE members] were hoping to have more attendees, but I am glad that those who attended felt that they received a lot of valuable information."

The conference was designed to bring awareness to students and the general public about how to plan for a disaster or an emergency.

For the first portion of the event Williams-Manser was hoping to have the American Red Cross come speak about how to make a plan before an emergency occurs.

According to Williams-Manser, the organization called a day in advance to say that it would not be able to send someone out to the conference.

"We [Project HOPE members] were greatly disappointed that the Red Cross cancelled at the last minute, particularly considering how important it is for people to learn how to prepare themselves for emergencies and disasters. While we realize that the Red Cross presentations are conducted by volunteers, it would still have been nice to have had them show up for the presentation," Williams-Manser said.

Williams-Manser went on to say that she hopes the American Red Cross will still help and volunteer for future events.

In lieu of the speaker from the American Red Cross, Williams-Manser used it's website to display information to the attendees.

The information given through the website went into detail on how to plan in the event of an emergency or disaster, it broke down this plan into specific areas of a person's life, including:

- Children
- People with disabilities
- Pets
- Seniors
- School
- Workplace

The website breaks down key details for each aspect, some of which include what to pack for children,

where to take your pets if you cannot return home, and how to make a kit to fit into your workplace.

Psychology major Daniel Perez is an active member of the program feels like he is prepared for an emergency and can use this knowledge as a tool to help others.

"I've had training in the military, I go to workshops like this. I'm proactive, I'm an advocate for myself, my friends and family. I kind of pick up the slack, so if they are not willing to wake up on a Saturday at nine in the morning and learn about this stuff then at least I can. I can help them because I'm caring," Perez said.

Williams-Manser also showed a video put together by the city of Houston, Texas, "Run, Hide, Fight" that demonstrated an active shooter at a workplace.

It showed viewers how to respond in that situation, with such tips as: evacuate, hide out and take action.

The video also provided information on how to cope with the situation, how to profile an active shooter, and how to spot the characteristics of the situation.

Although Project HOPE put on this conference, Perez feels there is more that Cerritos College's staff and faculty members can do to spread the word to students about being prepared for an emergency.

"I think they are doing a good job, but they are too relaxed about it, and the students can pick up on that. If the staff doesn't take it seriously then how can you expect the students to see the importance in it and take it serious as well?"

For more information on how to plan for an emergency go to www.redcross.org.

There were also only three attendees for the Spanish version of the conference led by Project HOPE Director Maggie Cordero.



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Preparing for an active shooter

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When it comes to having an active shooter on campus, some students agree they would be shocked, but others, like music major Samara Wilson, would take action.

"Initially I would be shocked, but I would snap out of it eventually and then probably try to help (other students)."

Special education major Jaclyn Navan agreed with Wilson and said, "I would be shocked. I wouldn't do anything, I guess, but I would see what I can do to help the situation or try to help someone who can."

During a Faculty Senate meeting on Feb. 26 a handout was given to provide information on how to respond to an active shooter on campus.

The information provided by the handout gave instructions like, having an escape route in mind or hiding where a shooter cannot see you.

According to Chief of Campus Police, Richard Bukowiecki, the handout given provides students with the right information on what to do in the event of an active shooter.

For the police side of the situation, Bukowiecki stated that although he can't fully disclose the tactics of campus police, there are some things students can expect to see.

"You would expect to see (police officers) show up probably wearing protective armor, they would probably be wearing ballistic helmets. You would see them carrying assault rifles, as opposed to a normal handgun."

The handout explains how the police officers main focus is getting to the shooter, and resolving the situation.

It would not be uncommon, according to Bukowiecki, to see police officers not stop to help an injured person, their mind is on the shooter.

Students are encouraged to keep their hands in the air when evacuating a building in this incident, as to not be mistaken for a shooter.

Only as a last resort would a student be encouraged to try to take down the shooter, the handout does suggest throwing things at the shooter to try and incapacitate him/her.

There are safety measures put into place for both older and newer buildings.

According to Director of Physical Plant and Construction Services, David Moore, there is a mass notification system that is being used to alert students of an emergency on campus.

It was last used during the California Shake-Out earthquake drill on campus.

"We also have those LED boards in some of the buildings, so they flash a written message as well for our hearing impaired students, or

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anyone else who wants to read it," Moore said.

As for the new buildings, Bukowiecki stated that there is a feature that allows the doors leading to the outside to lock from the campus police station.

"It is up to the individuals in classrooms or offices to lock down their individual locations," Bukowiecki said.

To alert students of an emergency there is a system called AlertU which allows students to be sign up and receive texts when an emergency is occurring or has occurred on campus.

Bukowiecki said that out of an estimated 22,000 students and faculty on campus there are only about 4,000 signed up for the service.

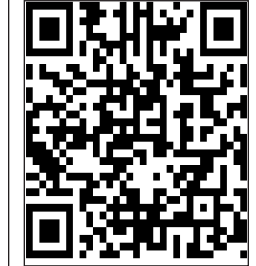
If there were to be an active shooter on campus, it would change the way some students view Cerritos College.

"I wouldn't know what to do. I think I would try to get away from school, and after that it would be hard for me to continue at this school," Psychology major Alberto Dominguez said.

Video on how to respond to an active shooter on campus

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Catholic club on campus

Students create the Catholic Newman Club

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"I feel this new club will add to the diversity of the existing clubs on campus," said Program Facilitator Trudy Dellimagine. The Catholic Newman Club is a new club at Cerritos College, and according to president Jose Espinoza, there aren't many religious based clubs on campus and he hopes to help his club stand out.

"(We) want to give the opportunity to students on campus to share their Catholic faith with other like minded Catholic students"

The activities the club will consist of a universal message that the Catholic Newman Club wants to portray, and according to Espinoza that is "respecting others."

He hopes that the club can open volunteer opportunities for its members, like feeding the homeless or helping out at a local church, and alongside having members create a relationship with one another.

"It is wonderful to see so many clubs that really address the many needs and interests of our students. I feel this is another way to meet the students where they are and to create bonds within the student body," Dellimagine said.

"(We) want to give the opportunity to students on campus the share their Catholic faith."
JOSE ESPINOZA
The Catholic Newman Club President

The club might be in its infancy but Espinoza already has big plans in mind, "My vision is to get with (other religious groups on campus) and have a night of worship."

All these plans for the future are still under construction. He is currently focusing on gaining members and support.

"At the moment I am working with my club adviser to see what we can offer to increase our membership.

"(The Catholic Newman Club) will be different in that its focus is the Catholic faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church. "However, it will be similar to the other Christian clubs in that we will study scripture and discuss them at our meetings," Dellimagine said.

"My hope for the future of the club is that it will be a success and that students will become more involved in not only their church but their community as well."

Espinoza does stress his concern when it comes to acceptance of the club.

He hopes that "students and faculty from Cerritos College can respect the presence of a Catholic group on campus."

Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. in Room SS 138.



Helping hand: Amna Jara helps Associated Students of Cerritos College Senator Bea Caballero and Commissioner of Inter Club Council Ace Caguioa during the Falcon Games orientation on Monday. Jara is currently doing the job of the Director of Student Activities and is the Coordinator of Student Activities.

Amna Jara, to the rescue

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Amna Jara, Coordinator of Student Activities, has successfully found the balance between getting work done and putting a smile on the face of each person she comes in contact with at Cerritos College.

Having to take focus not only her own duties but also the workload belonging to the Director of Student Activities, she still finds the time to do it all to the best of her abilities.

"Originally these two things are two separate positions, as the director oversees student government and the coordinator oversees the clubs," Jara explained.

"Right now my role is weird as I am doing both positions. I'm doing the best I can."

The relationships she has with both the student government and clubs eases the difficulties she could face," she explained.

"I am being pulled into so many different directions. I feel like I'm unable to put 100 percent into either the clubs or government.

"The relationship between myself and the students is a very positive one. I love that they can approach me and feel that they can receive good advice from me."

Jara goes by "AJ" to a majority of the people she comes into contact with, displaying the welcoming aura she gives off to those she works with.

Associated Students of Cerritos College Vice President, Aldo Lopez could speak for days about how fantastic of a job he feels Jara does.

He explained how the relationship between the ASCC and the staff

in Student Activities is better than it has been in years.

"I've been in student government a long time, and it has been hard in previous years to get the issues across and feel that you're being an advocate on campus," Lopez said.

"Ever since AJ has walked into this office, it has been a different experience here. It makes me happy to know that everything I have been working for has been making an actual impact. It's something you can see and feel, and it's all because AJ is such an amazing person."

Lopez also expressed how important he feels Jara is moving forward, stating that, "I honestly wish she would never leave this position. I want to be able to come back here and be able to see what great progress (the students) have made under AJ."

Judicial Affairs Clerk Nikki Jones

said that there couldn't possibly be a better person filling this role. "AJ is really inviting, and lets people come in and talk to her... I think that is what has the biggest influence on the students and the staff"

Jones stated that she believes taking over the director's role has worked in Jara's favor.

"It not only gave her more experience with her job, but got her more acquainted with her students, which is a huge portion of club and government work."

"(The clubs and government) have gotten to learn her way of doing things, and they love it. She's really great to work with."

Jara hopes to continue to make a positive impact in both roles for as long as she is needed, and clearly those she comes into contact with feel the same way as well.

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- March 6
Senate 2 p.m. BK 111/112
Talon Marks Press Club meeting FA 42 3 p.m.
Board of Trustees meeting 6:30 p.m. Cheryl Epple Board Room

- March 7
Student Life Falcon Square 1 p.m

- March 8
Presidential and trustee application deadline 3 p.m.
Cupcake and Chili cook off paperwork due 4 p.m

- March 11
ASCC Awards applications available 9 a.m.
Falcon Games Falcon Square 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- March 12
Spring Festival Days begin
Carnival booths Falcon Square 10 a.m.

- March 13
Jazz and pop concert Student Center 7 p.m.
Academic Decathlon Telaconference Center 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- March 14
Disk jockey Falcon Square 11 a.m.
Video Game Tournament Falcon Square 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- March 15
"Do You Hear What I Hear?" piano recital and lecture series BC-51 11 a.m.



"If a millionaire were to give you \$10 million to help society, what would you spend it on?"

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SPEECH ZONE



GEORGE RIVERA
Architecture major

"I would donate to a orientation church as charity"

ANGEL HERNANDEZ
Psychology major

"Community colleges because I know they really need the money and students are struggling all over."



MANDY RIOS
Business administration major

"Make an amusement park for autistic kids and raise money to help them."

ADRIAN RIOS
Exercise science major

"Give it to the schools because of all the budget cuts and also to fix the streets (in LA) because they're really messed up."



VIVIANA RAMIREZ
Music major

"Kids that are in orphanages because kids are the future and they deserve it"

CINDY PHAN
Undecided major

"Education and saving programs because I know a lot of art programs have been cut."



•EDITORIAL•



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Athletes are not heroes

There are not many careers where people can be an alleged murderer, thief, or even assemble and take part in a dog fighting ring and society still puts them on a pedestal, but athletes definitely have that going for them.

The amount of professional athletes in society today that have as many convictions as zeroes after the first number in their bank account is proof that we put these people on a pedestal.

As if they are heroes, although there is truly they are no such thing.

The worst part of this situation is that many people, especially children, look up to these athletes as idols and role models.

Children may in turn view these indiscretions as acceptable due to the frequency that they happen.

There have been many cases through the years where profession-

al athletes have set bad examples for fans.

In 1994, Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman were murdered, and retired NFL player O.J. Simpson was charged. He was acquitted of all charges, despite the fact that a lot of people felt that all of the evidence pointed toward a conviction.

Whether or not a conviction occurs, many athletes find themselves walking away free men, avoiding or not serving full jail time, and even receiving fines that are nothing in comparison to the big pay checks they receive.

Most recently, the "blade runner" from South Africa, Oscar Pistorius allegedly murdered his model girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp.

A man who can be seen as a hero in his home country, allegedly shot his girlfriend after mistaking her for an intruder, and has thus been

charged. This situation could easily turn ugly once again for justice, especially considering this man is not only a hero by his sports standard but his country's standard as well.

Although his part in the murder is only alleged at this point in time, if he were to be found guilty this is a real opportunity for it to be made known that athletes can be found just as guilty as anyone else.

Signing the big contract and wearing the jersey with your name on the back doesn't make you any less guilty than anyone else. Not only do fans need to realize this, but the law needs to recognize these facts.

The leeway that athletes receive when it comes to convictions, serving time and paying fines needs to end automatically. Not only does set a bad example, but it also creates this facade that athletes feel that they can "get away with murder".

Sexual orientation shouldn't bother society

Sexual orientation has nothing to do with a selection process, no matter what the situation involves.

Segregation of any kind is wrong, especially for employment or social gatherings.

Having feelings for the same sex in no way can define the skill set that a person can bring to the table.

A gay man can have the same capabilities that a straight man has.

Judging people by their choices is not only wrong but there is absolutely no legitimate reasoning behind the motivation to ostracize human beings by their sexual orientation.

Its important to learn from the mistakes of the past.

In 1992, when Bill Clinton was running for president, the Department of Defense had a questionable policy based on Article 125 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice which prohibited homosexuals from



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serving in the military.

Clinton issued an executive order for the current "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

It's not only morally corrupt but illegal for an individual, a organization, or even an employer to forcibly ask for your sexual orientation.

It's been 20 years since then, and for an issue involving segregation due to a person's style of living is redundant.

If a person is gay, lesbian, straight, or bisexual, no matter what, it doesn't matter.

This eligibility for certain things does not, in any way, tie into his or

her sexual orientation. It is irrelevant.

Estimating people's work ethic or mental capacity based on their sexual orientation is like guessing how tall someone is based on the sound of their voice.

Yes, it's that irrelevant of a connection.

It shouldn't even be a topic of conversation in an interview.

Now a days, many people focus on the unimportant details. Applying for a job?

Then the employer should focus on your experiences, strengths, and weaknesses, not on your personal life.

One can only hope that in the future people can be accepted for whatever they are and just exclude the unnecessary scrutiny that homosexuals go through.

People need to understand that someone's sexuality is not there business to know about.

Letter to the editor:

Dear editor,

I came across the "Embracing Technology" piece and thought I'd comment on it. I have no quarrel with professors implementing technological resources in their classes. Although I prefer physical books and notebooks, it probably is more costly to purchase the physical textbooks, rather than the ebooks.

Regarding students using iPads or laptops in the classroom, I'm unaware of a policy stating they are prohibited. I haven't looked into it so I'll assume they are. One of the main drawbacks from allowing items like these into classrooms is the distraction they bring. Let's be honest, young adults these days have a very short attention span. It's difficult for many to sit down and focus on one thing without becoming distracted by something else.

Time and time again I have seen iPads, laptops, cell phones, etc. abused by college students in classrooms. Instead of solely using these items for class related purposes, students use them to drag them away from classroom material which they find uninteresting. Instead of paying attention, they check out a social media site or whatever site will capture their interest at that present time. It's extremely rude and disrespectful when students browse the internet while a teacher is speaking.

Eric Diaz

Undeclared major

Another day, another country



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Studying abroad, say in Europe or Japan, is a great opportunity for students to learn a different culture and expand their horizons on learning.

There are so many opportunities out there, cross-country, waiting to be discovered by eager learners, and the only way to obtain them is to study outside your comfort zone.

Think of the possibilities and benefits that come from any study abroad program.

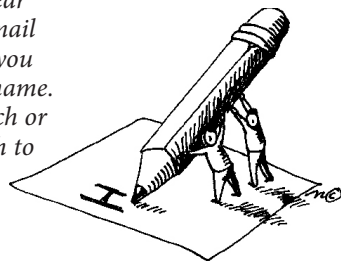
You meet new people and learn how their culture works, and if you stay for a long enough period of time, you could even pick up enough of their language to count as a skill for a job.

It can also improve your problem solving and decision making skills by finding yourself in new situations every day and navigating through uncharted territory constantly.

Being in a different country and atmosphere can also have a good impact on your mental health because the new sights and way of life create stimuli for the brain.

The possibilities are endless when studying away from your place of origin because it gives you insight on things you've never experienced before.

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Love triangle: Kelsey England (Mae) leans up on Carlos Holguin (Beth) who faces off with Matthew Cruz (Jake-Frank) in “A Stye of the Eye.”



Pouty mouth: Matthew Cruz (Lawrence) pouts in “For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls.” Cruz was one of twelve theater members who performed during “Durang/Durang’s” opening night.

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Bummi Famuyiwa as Dr. Martina in “A Stye of the Eye.”



Kelsey England (Mae) in “A Stye of the Eye.”



Matthew Cruz (Maggie) in “Desire, Desire, Desire.”

‘Durang/Durang’ lots of laughs

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Viviana Gallo was a force to be reckoned with in Cerritos College’s newest theater production “Durang/Durang,” which debuted Friday. Gallo who popped up every now and then throughout the night delivered some well deserved laughs.

“Durang/Durang” consists of four short comedic plays written by Christopher Durang. Those of which include “Medea,” “For Whom the Southern Bell Tolls,” “A Stye of the Eye” and “Desire, Desire, Desire.”

Each short comedic play brought a different twist along with laughs to audience members, some more than others, but worked overall.

‘Medea’

“Medea,” based on Euripide’s classic Greek tragedy, brings in some classic comedic twists right from the start.

“Medea” chorus members Bummi Famuyiwa and Jolene Gazmen, stepped out on stage with some odd choice of words and hand gestures, but started the night with the first laughs from the audience.

Brianna Stephens, who played Medea, seemed to be over the top, but it worked to her advantage as audience members seemed to love her.

A highlight from “Medea” has to be when Matthew Cruz’s character, Angel Ex Machina, steps out in an angel costume pushing a stair case that is painted to be clouds that he walks up and delivers a message from Zeus.

Angel Ex Machina even points out that in other productions he might have came down from the ceiling instead of pushing the stair case out on stage and naturally getting some laughs.

‘For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls’

“For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls” is an adaptation of Tennessee Williams’ memory play

Theater Review

“Durang/Durang”
Starring: Brianna Stephens, Matthew Cruz and Kelsey England
Director: Trevor Bishop
Rating: ★★★

“The Glass Menagerie,” where the fragile and glass-animal obsessed heroine Laura is now played by a man and her name has been changed to Lawrence.

Kelsey England did a remarkable job in portraying Amanda, mother of Lawrence, who tries to have him wed so she can be alone.

We saw Gazmen once more as Ginny, a hard to hear mine worker who has been blindly set up for a date with Lawrence by Amanda and Tom, Lawrence’s older brother, played by Eric Boone.

Matthew Cruz did an excellent job in playing Lawrence with an obsession of glass cocktail mixers and having so-called disabilities, being a limping leg, having eczema and asthma.

Cruz delivered each exaggeratedly, but was delivered so well that it worked as it was intended to be over the top.

‘A Stye of the Eye’

In “A Stye of the Eye” we are introduced to plays from Sam Shepard, where soap opera, family disfunction and the American West are ridiculed.

Matthew Merys, who plays both Jake and Frank did a great job in the beginning of the play until half way, where most audience members seemed to get confused.

Merys would switch off playing both Jake and Frank on stage as if he was bipolar ending with an odd death of one yet one was still living, pretty much confusing the audience.

Carlos Holguin was the star of “A Stye of the Eye.” Holguin, who played Agnes and Beth, was

very amusing to watch.

We get to see Holguin in a nun outfit and then a mini red dress. The most entertaining part of watching Holguin has to be his very unexpected confession as he play Agnes and his hilarious exit from the comedy at the end.

‘Desire, Desire, Desire’

“Desire, Desire, Desire” takes the characters Blanche, Stanley and Stella from “A Streetcar Named Desire” and throws it in with six other different plays that got extremely confusing at the end.

Although “Desire, Desire, Desire” started with some laughs, it ultimately left many audience members with more questions than anything else.

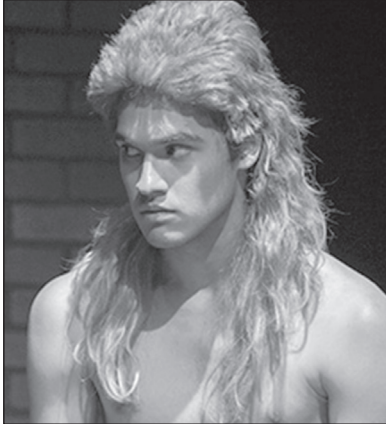
Gallo who played Blanche delivered most of the laughs from Desire, Desire, Desire.

Stanley, played by Merys was once again confusing due to his character. He would yell “Stella” in the most odd times which seemed to just confuse audience members even more.

Even with the plot being all over the place “Desire, Desire, Desire” was the most entertaining to watch out of all four comedies.

“Durang/Durang” overall brought many laughs throughout the night and contains a spectacular cast. Each actor did a great job, even if the character was oddly written.

If you want to have a great time and laugh all night, then this is a must-see. But you should beware for some confusion in the last comedy as it will leave many questions pertaining to the plot.



Christopher Ibarra bares all as Wesley in “A Stye of the Eye.”



Carlos Holguin (Young Man) in “Desire, Desire, Desire.”



Brianna Stephens (Maggie) in “Desire, Desire, Desire.”

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Girls rocking out: The band “Apostasis” performing for the Women’s History Month kick-off with the Feminist Uprising Club at The Hill. English major Kassandra Sandoval (left) is a co-founder of Feminist Uprising club.

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Feminist Uprising celebrates women

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Women’s History Month kicked-off on Thursday with a special event hosted by Feminist Uprising, a club at Cerritos College.

A performance by the all-girl band “Apostasis,” which included students currently enrolled at Cerritos College.

The event drew in large crowds of students, curious to see what the event was all about.

Feminist Uprising was engaging students by asking them to sign a big white banner with reasons why they believe that feminism is important.

There was also a bake sale being held by the club, fundraising for upcoming events and field trips.

Biology major Jessica Stroup feels that feminism is important because even though things seem as they are equal for both genders in today’s world, they really are not quite there yet.

“It’s important because I think a lot of people have these weird ideas about feminists as man-haters or lesbians. Also, people think that things are equal, but they’re not, we still have the big pay gap.”

She goes on to say that the term feminism needs to be thought of on a broader platform, encompassing different backgrounds of women.

“We need to be concerned about all women so we can help black women, latino women, and disabled women.”

A current problem that Feminist Uprising Club member Barbara Vela says is important is human trafficking. “I think in poor areas such as Asia and Eastern Europe, women don’t really

have rights or a say.”

There were many students gathering near the club’s tables.

Accounting major, Katina Hughes was one of the students who stopped by to have a close look.

Hughes believes that women should be respected as much as men.

“We are all equal. It [doesn’t] matter about our gender, it’s our capabilities [that matter.] We can do the same thing as much as a man can,” she said.

Feminist Uprising meets Thursdays at 11 a.m. in SS137.

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Coachella set to break record in attendance

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The 2013 Coachella Festival looks to draw record crowds with the addition of new faces in this year’s line up as it will be a two-weekend festival for the second straight year.

It will be held on the weekends of April 12-14 and April 19-21 in Indio, Calif.

Among the popular performers for this year’s festival will be The Red Hot Chili Peppers, The Postal Service, Wu-Tang Clan, La Roux and 2 Chainz.

Last year’s festival was one for the books as it ended with a hologram of deceased rapper Tupac Shakur performing with Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg.

“It was crazy seeing that. It looked so real, many people didn’t know what was going on,” said communications major Adriana Ross, who attended last year’s festival.

She also added, “It’s a really fun festival. It’s a lot to do. Everyone

around you is just having a good time. It’s amazing.”

According to the website, tickets are sold out for both weekends. That means that if you’re looking for tickets, you better start looking online for people selling theirs.

“(The tickets) sold out within at least an hour after they went on sale,” said history major Alfonso Garcia, who is planning on attending this year’s festival and has also attended a previous festival.

“Luckily for me I have a sister who was all over the tickets when they were released, so I was able to get mine.”

Tickets sold for as little as \$349 and as much as \$434 for each weekend of the festival.

Websites such as StubHub, have general admission tickets selling for a starting price of \$525.

“It can definitely get pricy if you wait to buy tickets last minute. But in the end it’ll be worth it,” Garcia said.

Also performing in this year’s festival will be Benny Benassi, Vampire Weekend, Phoenix and many more.

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Catholic Newman Club
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Season ends for Falcons

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A 69-54 loss to the Antelope Valley College Marauders put an end to the Cerritos College men's basketball season as turnovers were a big factor last Wednesday.

The No. 19-seeded Falcons came out with a lot of energy and put together an early 14-7 lead on the road, but then saw their lead cut as consecutive turnovers hurt the team.

The Marauders took a 34-27 lead into the half and didn't look back, they held a lead as big as 18 points in the second half.

Cerritos College shot 28 percent from the field and turned the ball over 16 times in what was the game that would close out the season for the Falcons.

Sophomore point guard Anthony Holliday was only held to seven points and two rebounds in 36 minutes of play.

"We lacked focus at points. I believe our potential goes way beyond a first round loss, I believe in those guys. We just needed to maintain a consistent focus level throughout the season," he said.

Holliday, who will be transferring to Lamar University on a basketball scholarship, still feels the season was a successful one.

"It's hard to deal with a loss like that, but through all the ups and downs it made us more than just teammates, it literally made us a family."

He added, "I loved the chemistry, from 1-13, everyone was close, everyone was like brothers, I loved going to practice because this group of guys made it enjoyable."

Guard Kevin Conrad, who has had a successful freshman season, played only seven minutes due to an injury he suffered early in the game.

"I had to watch the season slowly fade away but it's motivation to do 100 times better."

"Great season didn't go as far as we wanted, but we learned a lot. I loved the chemistry. (We have) great teammates and (a) great coaching staff by far."

The Falcons finished the season with an overall 16-11 record and will look to rebuild for next season as the team will be losing nine sophomores.



High jump: Dionbrea Norris clears the high jump bar with little struggle during the Long Beach State Classic last Saturday. Norris took first place in the high jump as he jumped for a height of 2.02 meters.

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Cool running up toward state

Track and field teams' main goal is: Finish second half of season strong

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The Cerritos College track and field teams are nearing the completion of the first half of a long season, and continue to surge while looking at a run toward the state championships.

The teams are coming off a meet where they faced universities such as California State University at Long Beach and the University of Southern California.

High jumper Dionbrea Norris is looking forward to the remainder of the season. He said his goal is, "(Get a) personal record again, and to get the school record."

"My biggest obstacle is to come out and finish strong."

—DIONBREA NORRIS
High Jump

Norris took first place at the Long Beach State Classic and second place at the Pasadena Games. The Cerritos College record for men's high jump is currently 6'11" set 34 years ago by Dean Sears in 1979.

Though Norris has set his goal on holding the new school record by the end of the season, it is not the only thing on his mind as he also participates in the long jump and the triple jump.

"My biggest obstacle is to come out and finish strong, win (the) state (championship) in my events."

Gabor Fusick, a sprinter who runs the 200 meter, the 400 meter, and the 400 meter relay, only has one goal this season for his 400 meter race, "Hit that 47 (second mark) and make it to state."

Though track and field is largely focused on singles accomplish-

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ments there is an overwhelming sense of a team mentality on what the team needs to do in order to make it to the state championships.

Fusick said, "We've got a big target on our back, basically. We got to stay focused, and keep together, that's our main obstacle. (If) we stay together we are going to win."

The men's and women's track and field teams will face Mt. San Antonio College, American River College, and Sacramento City College at Mt. SAC Friday at 9 a.m.

The teams will also be participating in the Ben Brown Invitational at California State University at Fullerton Saturday, which is an all day event beginning at 9 a.m.

Long Beach State Classic

Sophomore Dionbrea Norris performed well, winning two field events, including the high jump, in which he defeated his teammate, Adam Aguirre, by leaping for a height of 2.02 meters.

Freshman Alexis Dalton broke her personal record jumping 1.70 meters to win the high jump event, one of two victories for the Cerritos College women.

Sophomore Tiffany Gray was another victorious athlete, winning the shot put, throwing it 13.02 meters.

In running, freshman Nashay Shaw placed in ninth, finishing with a time of 12.62 in the 100 meter race.

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Men's tennis ready to finish season on a high note after early confidence issues

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The men's tennis team looks to the remainder of the season with high hopes after battling early confidence issues, and is ready to take on a tough schedule on its way to the conference championships.

Head coach Alvin Kim stated the issues the team needs to address in order to achieve its goal of winning the conference championship.

"We've been losing a lot at the four, five and six positions and our three doubles. So we're really working hard every day to get better at those."

Freshman Mathew Espiritu said about the first half of his season, "The first half I wasn't doing as well as I planned, it was mainly a confidence issue."

He also added, "I want to improve my record. I'm really trying to build up my mental strength."

The Falcons face a tough second half of the season, including some NCAA teams such as Amherst College and Arizona Christian University.

"We're playing a lot of NCAA schools. They're pretty good. They attract better talent, and it's good experience and it's good recruiting for our boys as well," Kim said

Kim is expecting a lot from his No. 1 guy, Nathan Eshmade.

"He's only lost one match, so we are hoping he continues his streak, and he'll be one of the top guys from the south as we enter the state tournament."

Eshmade said, "There (are) a lot of matches I'm in all the time, so I need to make sure I'm fit and healthy. The biggest obstacle the team faces together is really relying on each other and making sure everybody does (his) part individually, and making sure everybody is prepared for (his) game."

The team will travel to face San

Diego City College Friday at 2 p.m.

Men's tennis downs El Camino College

Nathan Eshmade of Cerritos College cruised in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0, defeating Anthony Ya of El Camino College Thursday as the men's tennis team was victorious 8-1.

The victory gives Cerritos College its third victory in a row, and boosts the team's record to 7-4 on the season.

But all was not simple as four Cerritos College players would drop the first set of their match up before rallying toward victory.

Todd Jenkins of Cerritos College was another player alongside Eshmade that won in straight sets, defeating Alan Tong, 6-3, 6-1.

—JONATHAN GARZA

Calendar of events

March 7

Baseball
vs. Mt. San Antonio College
2 p.m.

Softball
vs. Los Angeles Harbor College
3 p.m.

Women's Tennis
vs. Long Beach City College
2 p.m.

March 8

Men's Tennis
at San Diego City College
2 p.m.

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

Women's Swimming and Diving
at Cuesta Invitational
8 a.m.

Men's and Women's Track and Field
at Mt. San Antonio College
9 a.m.

March 9

Baseball
at Mt. San Antonio College
Noon

Softball
at Cypress College
3 p.m.

Women's Swimming and Diving
Cuesta Invitational
at Cuesta College
8 a.m.

Men's and Women's Track and Field
Ben Brown Invitational
at Cal State Fullerton
9 a.m.

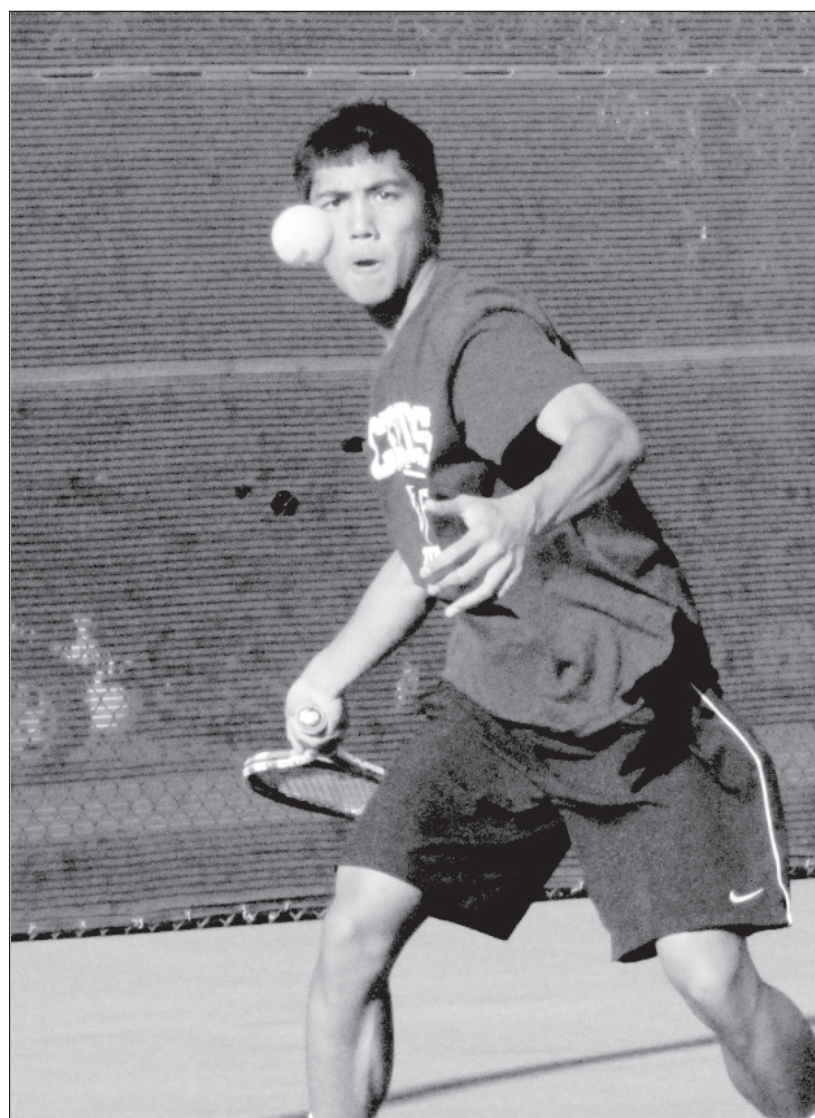
March 12

Baseball
at El Camino College Compton Center
2 p.m.

Softball
vs. Mt. San Antonio College
3 p.m.

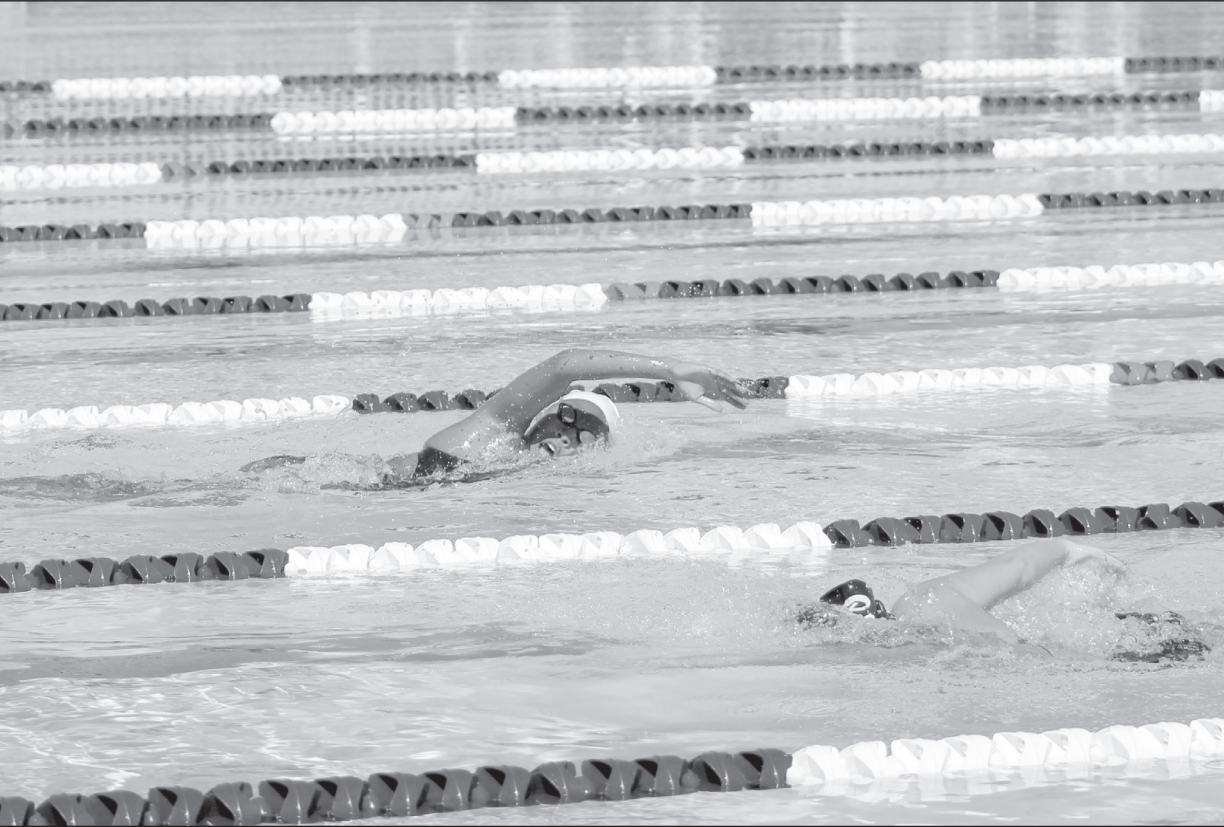
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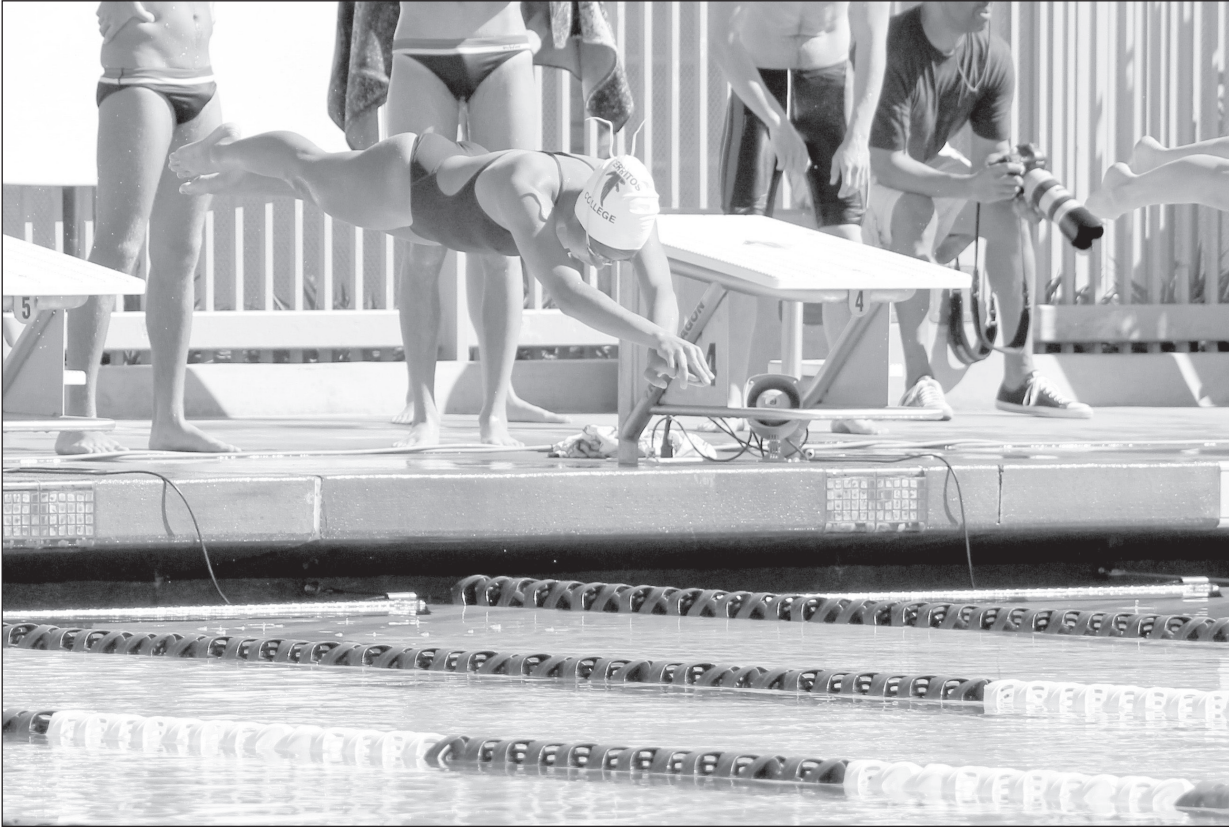


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Swing: Freshman Mathew Espiritu during a match against Eric Sanders of El Camino College last Thursday. Espiritu won the match 4-6, 6-3, 10-4.



Focus: Sophomore Katherine Gabayeron swimming in the 1000-yard freestyle last Friday against El Camino College and Long Beach City College. She won the event with a time of 11:21.64.



Diving in: Freshman Raquel Gabayeron swimming against El Camino College and Long Beach City College last Friday. She won the 100-yard individual medley with a time of 1:06.44.

Swimming is a way of life for sister duo

Cerritos College isn't the first time the Gabayeron sisters have swam together

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Katherine and Raquel Gabayeron are sisters who are two of the top swimmers on the women's swimming team and are leaders that inspire and motivate. The Gabayeron sisters consistently rack up great times in their respective events and have provided the women's swimming team with a nice boost to get it off to a good start this season.

"We tend to push ourselves during meets,

if we happen to have the same events," Katherine said. "Not really during practice. But during meets if we have the same events, we'll compete." Katherine, who typically swims the freestyle and individual medley events, has had a successful two years with the team so far holding numerous school records in events such as the 500-yard freestyle and the 200-yard individual medley. "My motivation is wanting to go to (the) state (championships)," Katherine said. "That's my motivation to make (the) state (championships) and place first." Katherine doesn't have to endure the desires to reach the state championships on her own with her sister constantly there to motivate her even further.

Raquel swims the butterfly and individual medley strokes and is always pushing to beat her previous times. "I swim for fun, mostly to stay in shape for the season," Raquel said. "I work to beat my best times every day." Although unique and special that two sisters with lots of talent end up on the same team, it is not the first time that the Gabayeron sisters have swam together as teammates. "It feels like high school again having my sister as a teammate," Katherine said. Raquel added, "It's exactly that. It feels like high school again. It's really cool. We just grew up as swimmers. This is what we have been doing our whole lives." Women's swimming head coach Sergio Macias notes that the Gabayeron sisters

have both provided a boost of morale and a presence of leadership on the team. "They're so competitive. They constantly push each other," said Macias. "Once they hit competitions at swim meets, they push each other to the limit. "They lead by example. They do the tougher events. They do the challenging events. The team does acknowledge and appreciate their work ethic and commitment, as well as their talent." Many teammates have acknowledged the work commitment of the Gabayeron sisters such as freshman teammate Carla Harvey who used to swim with both sisters at the club level. "They love swimming. They are so much fun to swim with at practice," said Harvey. "They're good. They're really hard workers

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and it pays off when they swim in meets." Katherine and Raquel both feel that swimming comes naturally to them and that actual practice is the least of their worries. "The hardest thing is actually having to wake up to go to practice," Katherine jokingly added.




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