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Kaleidoscope Project receives recognition

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Along with Stanford and Purdue University's IT Infrastructures and Systems, the Cerritos College Kaleidoscope Project received the 2012 Campus Technology Innovators Award from Campus Technology Magazine this summer.

Cerritos College is one of 10 Campus Technology Innovators Award winners chosen out of 354 nominations from various higher education institutions worldwide.

The Kaleidoscope Project was first recognized at the 2012 Campus Technology Conference in Boston and was featured in the July print and online edition of Campus Technology Magazine.

Also participating in the project is Chadron State College, Santa Ana College, College of the Redwoods, Santiago Canyon College, Palo Verde College, Mercy College and Tompkins Cortland Community College.

All eight colleges collectively helps over 100,000 students annually, 69 percent of which are at risk of dropping out.

According to the Cerritos College website, the Kaleidoscope Project was established in order to create a comprehensive set of general course designs that use open educational resources ubiquitously with the specific focus on improving the success of at-risk students.

The Kaleidoscope project was first launched in the 2011-2012 school year with the goal of increasing the number of students who complete degrees while reducing the cost of textbooks, instruction and other materials.

Under the project, 10 general education courses in English, reading, math, biology, chemistry, business and psychology are being offered to students.

According to the College Board Advocacy and Policy Center, the

costs for textbooks at a public university averages about \$1,168 annually.

Students who enroll in the Kaleidoscope Project courses can access textbooks, a syllabus, study guides and other reading materials from any computer for free.

"Students participating in Kaleidoscope courses have seen a 97 percent reduction in textbook expenses," said M.L. Bettino, leader of the Kaleidoscope project.

According to a February 2011 article titled "Pathways to Prosperity: Meeting the Challenge of Preparing Young Adults for the 21st Century" published by Harvard Graduate School of Education, students drop out of high school and college for many reasons, one of which is financial pressures.

The Kaleidoscope Program is a step forward in helping students save money which in turn, will help them stay in school and continue to further their education.

According to the Cerritos College website, the project has also resulted with a significant improvement in the student success rate.

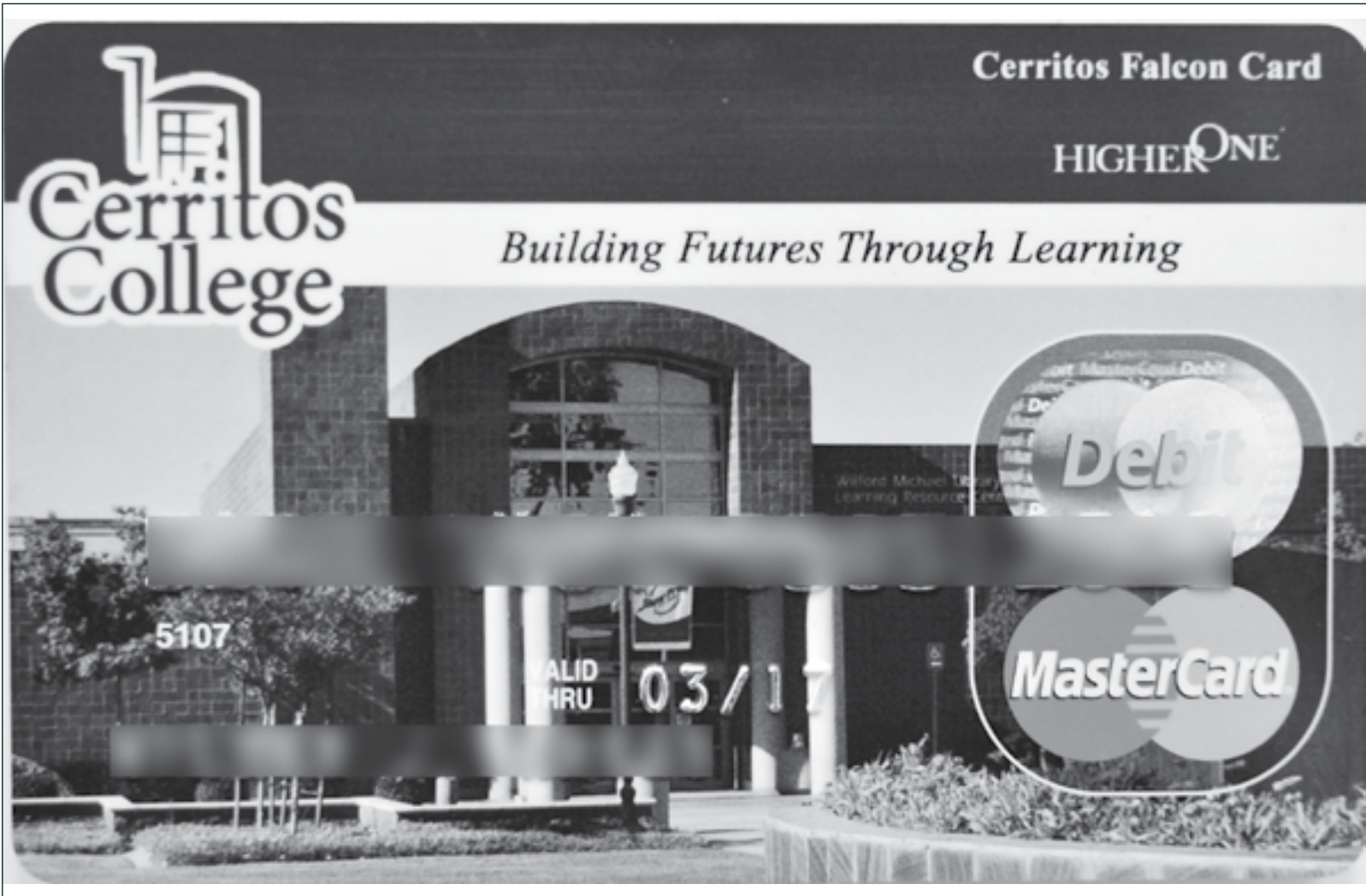
Students are not the only ones who benefit from the Kaleidoscope Project. It also benefits the faculty since it gives them full control of the open content platform, allowing them to modify and improve course materials based on the learning results yielded.

The Kaleidoscope Project has caused other nations to become intrigued.

The project committee has been contacted by representatives of the nation of Qatar and was asked to share their expertise on the Kaleidoscope Project.

According to Aya Abelon, Cerritos College Media Relations coordinator, more than 9,000 students participated in the Kaleidoscope Project last year.

The project is expected to continue in the fall.



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Building futures and debt: This is the current Cerritos College Falcons card from Higher One. The Falcon card is given to students currently getting financial aid.

Financial aid card company sued

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Ventura College student Sherry McFall filed a class action lawsuit against Higher One and Bancorp Bank. Higher One is the company that Cerritos College and at least 520 other colleges use for their financial aid disbursements.

She accuses Higher One of automatically opening accounts as well as charging students with multiple hidden fees.

According to Shoba Lemoine, media relations director for Higher One, students have more than one way to receive their financial aid.

"Direct deposit into your personal account or open a Higher One account. It is faster to have Higher One (account) because we handle finances so you get your disbursement the same day."

According to the April 24 case document, "Higher One deceives students about these fees and does not adequately disclose these fees before or after a Higher One account is opened, moreover the fees are not reasonably avoidable."

The document also addressed the 50-cent PIN based transaction fee as being hidden.

Even though the card is a debit card, Higher One charges students when they make a debit transaction, which is not a charge you would find with bank accounts from other financial institutions.

According to an Aug. 1 press release, Higher One is making some changes to the PIN based fees. Those fees will no longer be charged to the FLEX and Premier accounts, but the fee will still apply to the basic OneAccount.

Lemoine, talked about ways to avoid the fee, "Students can easily use their accounts for free by using swipe and sign."

Swipe and Sign is a campaign that urges students to make credit transactions with their Higher One card, instead of debit transactions.

Kim Westby, Dean of Student Support Services, dis-

cussed how Cerritos College spreads awareness about the Swipe and Sign Campaign.

"Most of our communication to students is electronic, so we provide links in our emails to the students."

The fees are listed on the Higher One website. When students log in to their Higher One account online, they can access the fee schedule at the bottom of every page.

According to Lemoine, the fees have always been easy to find. "We're not like a big bank (the founders) Miles (Lasater) and Mark (Volchek) wanted to make banking easier... not only do we list out the charges, but it tells you how to avoid them."

McFall could not be reached for comment.

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Board of Trustees discusses possible budget cuts from the current semester

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Drastic cuts to this school year's budget were discussed amongst the Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees on Friday.

Business Services Vice President David El Fattal and Fiscal Services Director Noorali Delawalla led the discussion, holding a slideshow presentation that presented the state budget, resources for taking out loans to support the school's budget, and scenarios as to what would be cut from the budget, based on if Governor Jerry Brown's tax initiative passes in the upcoming November election.

According to the Sacramento Bee, the initiative would slightly increase sales taxes for everyone and create an even higher increase on income taxes for the wealthy in California to go towards schools and public safety and prevent from cutting more from their budgets.

"This is the worse it's been in my 10 years (at Cerritos College) and it keeps getting worse and worse and worse."

"I know that we'll turn one day, the corner, and I hope it's before I retire," El Fattal said about the current school budget situation.

According to El Fattal and Delawalla, some of the major threats against having a balanced budget are:

- The governor's tax initiative doesn't pass
- A continuously depleting economy

- Major reduction on reserves
- Hold-offs on creating reductions

They suggest that in order to avoid such threats, the Board of Trustees as well as the Faculty Senate members should take action by contacting legislators, attending Capitol Day events, and voting in this year's November election.

If necessary, the school may borrow more from internal funds such as general funds, special revenue funds, capitol projects funds, internal service funds, and fiduciary funds.

As of June 30, the school has borrowed \$5.2 million dollars from these internal sources.

If cuts continue to manifest, El Fattal and Delawalla suggest looking at the possibility of cutting back more summer session classes, holding off on hiring instructional aides and hourly workers, layoff some employee groups, and reductions on services and programs.

President Linda Lacy said, "If you can retire and it's a good thing for you to retire then great and it saves the layoffs and the positions for people that still need their jobs."

Board of Trustees President Bob Arthur suggested leasing or selling the property behind the school where the strawberry fields are currently located.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at the Cheryl A. Epple Board Room at 6 p.m. to discuss further on the current budget.



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Discuss the cuts: Vice President of Student Services David El Fattal leads a presentation discussing the current budget issue. The Faculty Senate as well as the Board of Trustees were invited for an open discussion and questions as the meeting went on.



The line goes on: Students line up to receive their free In-N-Out hamburger along with a bag of chips and small drink. In-N-Out's service was limited to only an hour due to budget cuts.

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Budget affects the hours for both ASCC welcome day and night

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Unlike previous years, the Associated Students of Cerritos College held its Welcome Day and Welcome Night with the In-N-Out truck serving food to students and faculty on campus for only one hour due to budget cuts.

Welcome Night took place on Aug. 21 at 5:30 p.m. and Welcome Day followed on Aug. 23 at 11:00 a.m. in Falcon Square.

The food was only offered to those with a valid fall 2012 sticker on their Cerritos College I.D.

International Student Association Vice President, Ron Cordova, participated in serving 960 students and faculty for ASCC's Welcome Day.

He said that he felt the event was important for students to attend.

"It just gets everybody out of their shell normally we just go here (Cerritos), and students would just keep to themselves and they would never know what's going on around them. But to expose people to that (the event) it's quite fulfilling, it makes your time here in college much more enjoyable."

A DJ played music during Welcome Day while students and faculty were served their food.

On Thursday, psychology major Ingrid Hernandez was one of 960 students given a burger, chips, and

a soda from the In-N-Out truck on campus.

"I think it's nice to have In-N-Out, especially at the beginning of the semester because a lot of new students are coming in and it's a good way to get them in school and to meet new people and get to know the college life," Hernandez said.

She also added what she thought of the DJ during the event.

"I think it gets you hyped up and it's kind of like a break from starting school and the stress of starting new classes."

Nursing major Pauline Logan shared a similar reaction to having In-N-Out on campus.

"I think it's a pretty good thing to do so that everyone could come together and they have free food for everyone," Logan said.

ASCC President Lance Makinano said that ASCC plans to have In-N-Out here on campus again during the 2013 spring semester.

"Probably just the first week of the semester as usual we are going to explore and see due to budget planning," Makinano said.

He went on to say that ASCC is not receiving the revenue it did before. It is currently unknown if Cerritos College will have In-N-Out again after the 2013 spring semester.

Current reigning Mr. Cerritos is crowned as Mr. California USA

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Yidegar Santiago Zuniga, who won Mr. Cerritos earlier this year, has a new crown upon his head.

The Cerritos College alum was named Mr. California USA 2012 on June 10 after beating out 14 other finalists in a competition in Seal Beach.

The Mr. California competition marks the second pageant for Zuniga, and his second win.

"The first thing I did was thank God," Zuniga, public relations and acting major, said. "It felt amazing. But more than anything, it's a responsibility that I have to represent well. I must not let the title make me, but let me make the title."

Zuniga, who graduated from Cerritos College in the Spring with honors, was hesitant at first, but decided to enter the Mr. Cerritos pageant in March after recalling support from his fellow peers.

Zuniga actually had no intention of going for Mr. California, until he won Mr. Cerritos.

"It motivated me because it would be a chance to reach out to the community on a bigger scale," Zuniga said. "I was very nervous because I (have) never done a pageant at the professional level. I felt that I needed to step it up a whole notch and be very professional."

With about a month of preparation, Zuniga impressed Mr. California pageant judges in a timed personal interview, casual and formal wear, and during an onstage question and answer segment.

"We look for some one who is dedicated to (his) community," Sarah Ahmadinia, director of California Pageant Productions, said.

"That's what our judges look for. The pageant is not based on beauty but rather what's in [his] heart and how (he) gives back to his community."

"(Zuniga) gave more than 100 percent. He was very conscious and aware of his community. He had all the qualities, he was a leader and he showed what our organization was all about," Ahmadinia said.

Zuniga took home a trophy, his crown, a Mr. California sash, and a \$1,000 scholarship that he said he will put to use as he continues his first semester at the University of Southern California.

As Mr. California, Zuniga is required to attend various community events throughout the year and to represent a specific charity.

"I chose to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation," Zuniga said, "This organization works so hard to help

out children and make their wishes come true. I want to be a part of that.

"It is a very beautiful and magical thing that (Make-A-Wish does), and to put a smile on a child's face is worth all the trouble in the world."

Zuniga has not yet started working with Make-A-Wish, but is eager to get going.

He hopes to provide the foundation help in Spanish-speaking communities, which he said is an area in need of assistance.

As a Cerritos College student, Zuniga was active in student government and various campus clubs where he volunteered for organizations like Habitat For Humanity and Relay For Life. He also worked with children and participated in an AIDS walk.

"He's a super outgoing guy," Raquel Ramirez, current reigning Cerritos College homecoming queen, said.

"He was always very involved in student government and trying to get other students involved."

He is results-driven, always trying to pass legislation and make a real change on campus."

Zuniga's academics at Cerritos College were also exceptional. Zuniga graduated on the Scholars Honors Program at Cerritos College, was listed on the EOPS Wall of Fame every semester he attended, and was also on the dean's and president's lists.

He was also inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for community colleges.

"I think more than anything that, (Cerritos College) was my home away from home," Zuniga said. "At Cerritos College, I grew and matured and learned more than academics, I learned about life in general. I am very thankful to Cerritos College for that."

"More than all that, all the memories I share with all the friends I made in the (various clubs) was certainly an amazing, memorable experience in general and I will never forget that."

"I hope (students) learn that you can always achieve your goals no matter how hard your obstacles seem," Zuniga said.

"I want to remind every student to always strive for excellence and to get involved!"

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Books weigh down our wallets

The cost of textbooks at the Cerritos College bookstore are way too expensive. Not only for the financially strained students, but seemingly for the financially comfortable students as well.

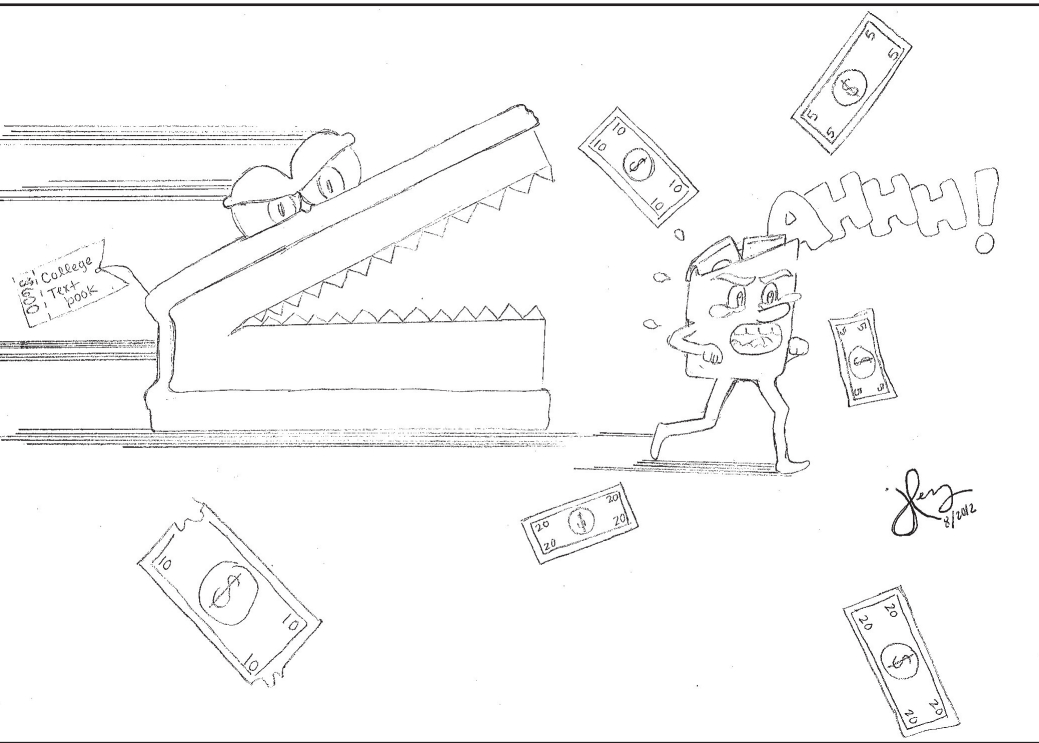
As students, we don't have to simply "grin and bare it". We don't have to just accept excessively high prices for textbooks that we need for our classes.

The campus bookstore does have a rental program that allows students to rent textbooks to use for the semester at a lower cost than what it would cost to buy a new or used textbook, but that option is only available for some books.

Students can use tools such as Google shopping, which is located in the Google search engine that allows people to search specifically for things that they want to buy and lets customers compare prices in one place.

However, the blame is not specifically on our campus bookstore. They are not the ones that set the price of the books. That blame would be on the book publisher.

An argument can be made



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on any potential mark-up in pricing once the bookstore inventories the book to sell, but it is a business and as such should make a profit.

This problem with the price of books on campus is not only limited to students. Professors feel the strain as well.

Knowing full well that the price of books is out of control, professors are faced with a dilemma.

They can either require cheaper textbooks that will

save the students money, but

very possibly lack a good portion of the necessary material needed to pass the class, or professors can choose to require the more expensive books which best assist them in educating students but risk students dropping the class or failing due to not buying the book.

The student's goal should be to complete the classes that are required to either graduate or transfer, but a lot of students are in essence forced to take classes that require a

textbook that is affordable

rather than take classes that will lead to that student's particular educational goal.

The Cerritos College administration and faculty pushes and motivates students to work toward graduation or transfer. How can that be accomplished if as students, we can't even afford the very books that are required to reach that goal that we are being so eagerly reminded that we need to accomplish?

If students consider other options for their textbooks, the bookstore gets upset be-

cause we are taking money out of its pocket.

If students focus on taking classes that have books that they can afford, the Cerritos College administration and faculty get upset because students aren't working toward graduation and if students just accept that textbooks are expensive and deal with it, the students get upset because there is only so much financial aid to go around.

And what about the students that don't receive financial aid? It should not be assumed that if a student does not qualify for financial aid that it's because he makes too much money. There are a lot of low income students that may qualify for a fee waiver, but not financial aid. Those students deserve the same opportunities to purchase decently priced textbooks as any other student.

The students have a voice and can speak out against the high price of books, but it would be nice to know that our school had our back.

Column: Life of a returning student

The first week of classes for the fall semester has been interesting and long. I made the decision to take 16 units this semester, including serving as editor-in-chief for Talon Marks this semester.

I learned quickly that while that was a commendable goal, it was not realistic in any way.

The first week of the fall semester was absolutely crazy. It felt as stressful as it would feel if the DMV was giving away free money. Lines everywhere you look, tempers rising, and at no matter what time you went, it seemed like people continued to show up.

Even the professors seemed unusually stressed. A student asked a teacher if he knew where a specific class was while coming out of the library and the professor stopped, and looked so frustrated that the student said never mind and walked away.



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It was like ants at a picnic on campus during the first week of class.

In one of my classes, the instructor gave a student a verbal lashing for being late on the first day while that same instructor showed up to class a few minutes late.

It was obvious that it was the first week of class. Students scrambled to find classes sitting in on classes that they were not even enrolled in hoping to catch a break.

A girl even asked me what my major was. I re-

sponded that my major is Journalism, she jokingly offered to give me money to drop the class since she held the next waitlist spot but the class was full. I declined but felt horrible about it.

Even though I do not have a car, I noticed a tension filled back and forth battle in the parking lot as people all but got out of their cars fighting over parking spaces.

It was like a battle royal wrestling match in the parking lot the whole first week of school.

I set a new goal for myself as a returning student which I hoped to start working toward accomplishing this semester. That goal being taking only classes that I need to graduate.

Mission failed.

“Lines everywhere you look, tempers rising, and at no matter what time you went, it seemed like people continued to show up.”

Higher One fees not something to complain about

Like everything else these days, financial aid has gone digital and of course, plastic.

The Higher One is a card for students who qualify to receive their financial aid money as opposed to the “old school” checks students used to receive from the state government.

Yes, the card has fees. Yes, it's inconvenient. And yes, everyone is complaining about it. Get over it. It's free money from the government that can help pay for school.

It's not like those complaining are



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illiterate and can't go on the Higher One website to read what the fees are prior to using the card.

Not only does Higher One provide a very easy to read “fee schedule”, but next to every fee it gives a way to avoid that fee.

Instead of complaining that the fee exists, why don't you people just read the list over and watch the cute little videos on the website, which are actually very informative.

Okay, not everyone is complaining about the fees tacked onto the Higher One card, but those complaining need to take a step back and realize that it could be worse.

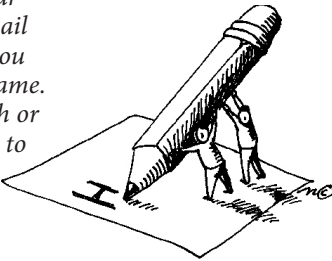
Maybe you would actually have to pay for college out of your own pocket like the rest of us.

There are some hidden fees which

Higher One is dealing with in court, but to complain about the fees that are staring you in the face on the website is just plain spoiled and irresponsible.

Students already have their free money, instead of complaining about a “foreign ATM fee” thats 50 cents, drive a little further down the street, like you do when you want to find your actual bank's ATM machines, to a Higher One ATM and then complain about how much gas you wasted instead.

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“How do you feel about Higher One account fees?”

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TIEQUESHA ATKINS
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“I don't like when they charge me every time I put my pin in.”



JAMEL BLACKMON
Administrative of Justice major

“With the 50 cent charge I feel that it is uncalled for because every time you swipe they take away 50 cents from you.”

LORIETTA EVANS
Nursing major

“Honestly, I think it's not fair because I don't feel my money should be taken away from me every time I take money out.”



JADE WEBBER
Undecided major

“If I take out money I use the Higher One account and not one like Bank of America that is going to charge me more.”



BREANNA STONE
Administrative of Justice major

“It is a good advantage because you can use credit they don't charge you but if you use debit they charge you.”



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Do you feel that Higher One's fees are too excessive?

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Auditions held for Fall Dance Concert

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The Cerritos College Dance Department held two different auditions this weekend for the fall Dance Concert.

Each semester, dancers gather to demonstrate their abilities and techniques by auditioning for the dance concert.

Saturday's audition began with a warm-up lead by ballet instructor Daniel Berney.

Dance major Michael Mendoza said, "We have a lot of talented dancers here."

Sunday's audition was specifically for dance repertory.

Ten to 15 dancers for repertory were expected to have the technique to dance ballet, modern, commercial and world fusion.

Repertory auditions required students to have intermediate to advanced dance experience.

Students who are chosen from the repertory auditions have the opportunity to dance and perform outside campus.

Student choreographers Kevin Urcino and Karen Rodriguez assisted in leading the auditions.

Both will showcase a dance piece at the concert.

"We can expect to see new

faces (for the audition). There are a lot of new students in the dance department," said Rodriguez.

Dancers needed to demonstrate certain moves and talents.

They were taught short routines, some in groups and others individually.

Some danced across the floor for something called an "eight count" which guides the dancers through the tempo (speed) in which they have to perform the song.

Results of the auditions will be posted in room 55 of the Fine Arts building later this week.

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Art Gallery to feature Disaster and Decay

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The Cerritos College Art Gallery will open its doors to feature two new exhibits, "Architecture Deinfocement" and "Beyond The Tangible Universe As You Understand It."

The opening reception will be on Sept. 10 from 4 to 8 p.m.

As stated in the official gallery press release, "Architecture Deinfocement" is a group art show comprising over 13 different artists.

Each artist use a wide range of mediums such as painting, sculpture and assemblage to create works centered around the theme of architectural ruins.

The second featured exhibit is a solo digital installation titled "Beyond The Tangible Universe As You Understand It" created by international artist Adam Davis.

The exhibit contains a looping reel of digitally animated photos

of transition wires playing on four television screens accompanied by a soundtrack of 13 different alternating languages.

Both exhibits explore the issue of sociological, political and psychological fallout created in a continuously developing world.

According to James MacDevitt, Director/Curator of the art gallery, the conception of the exhibit "Architecture Deinfocement" intends to open a discussion of ruins, destruction, disaster and decay within the context of the current and ongoing housing crisis.

"Artists are impacted by the same issues we all are and often try to use their artist practice to shed light on the causes and consequences of larger social-cultural-political issues," MacDevitt said.

He explains the "Beyond The Tangible Universe As You Understand" exhibit, "Explores competing and contrasting issues of faith and experience, highlighting the power of our beliefs to shape our reality."

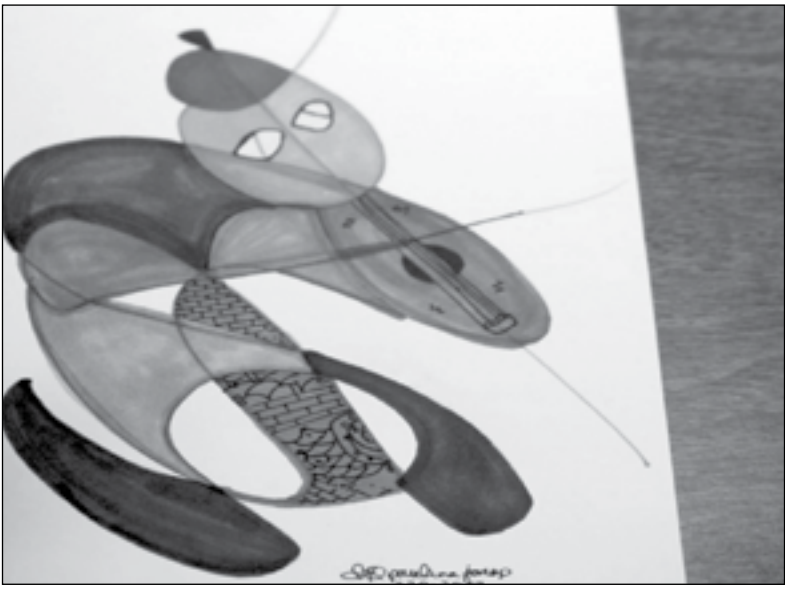


Posing with her "P Face": Student artist and art major Paulina Jones holding a piece of her work titled "P Face." Jones sells her art work online and is working on launching her own clothing line company.

Student artist sells own creativity



Selling on her own: Paulina Jones is a student artist who sells her own work online. This illustration is made out of random lined squiggles and Prismacolors were used to draw it.



Made out of squiggles: Student artist Paulina Jones' illustration is representing a woman in Mississippi. Jones tried to portray the woman's vintage style.

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Art major Paulina Jones is in love with her passion for art.

This led her to sell her own art over the Internet to people all over the nation.

"Since high school, I have sold many sketches and colored illustrations to people in many states in the U.S.," Jones explains.

Her art is featured on her website www.paulinajones.com, which redirects to her Etsy shop. All of her art is produced on her own.

Her California Seller's Permit allows her to sell at Venice Beach Boardwalk.

A friend of hers, Josh Hammonds, said "I can give her (Paulina) a piece of paper with scribbles and she can make an art piece out of it."

Jones began to produce her own art work around the ninth grade while in class doodling on the side of her notes.

It distracted her from what was going on in her life and it was also a good way to stay busy in class while listening to her teachers.

Her friends encouraged her to continue her doodling.

Soon, the doodling would expand to drawings.

When she got her first sketchbook, her doodling became, "blowing it up with like big pictures and stuff. I just never stopped," said Jones.

She talked about her motivation.

"Definitely my family. They're all super artistic and they all have their own kinds of things that they can do so well."

Her family, as well as famous painters, provide her with inspiration.

One of her aunts took her to a place that exposed her new artistic mediums.

"She took me to some museum that had Monet's paintings," Jones said.

Jones' art work has not limited herself to draw her work on paper.

Some of her biggest art pieces she has created were on the walls in a friend's room.

Later, one of her teachers asked her to draw for him on a surf board.

"When I was in high school one of my teachers asked me to do a surfboard for him. It was no big deal."

She explained, "That's (the surf board) probably one of the biggest things I've done."

"I spent a lot of time coloring on there and it was just a plain surfboard."

Her teacher wanted something drawn that represented his family.

"On one side it was him and his wife kind of twirled together and the backside his three daughters," Jones said.

It took her 25 to 30 hours to complete the surfboard.

Jones is looking forward to expanding her art globally through clothing and merchandise of her own company called SIDEFIR-ING.

She plans launching her company next year.

Theater students gather for 'To Kill a Mocking Bird' auditions



Auditioning for a part: Theater majors Matt True (top left), Amanda Fox (bottom left), Christopher Rodriguez (bottom right) and Natalie Williams (top right) going over a monologue for "To Kill a Mocking Bird" auditions on Aug 22. People who audition were required to use a southern accent.

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Auditions for "To Kill a Mocking Bird," the first play of the Fall 2012 Cerritos College Theater Department, was on Aug. 21 and Aug. 22 at 6 p.m. inside the Burnnight Center Theater.

The play is about an innocent black man who is accused and convicted of beating and raping a white woman. This play deals with racial injustice and destruction of freedom.

Kevin Slay directed the "Crucible" and is now directing "To Kill a Mocking Bird."

"I directed 'The Crucible' here at Cerritos College two years ago and was asked to come back to helm this production of Mockingbird. I'm thrilled to be back and am happy that Georgia Well, the Chair of the

(Theatre) Department, has asked me back," said Slay.

Students rehearsed their monologues as they waited for the auditioning process to begin.

Theatre major Natasha Lopez, who received a callback audition, said that this play is her favorite.

"I love how the story has a really strong and powerful message, how not to judge people because of rumors that you hear or how the person looks like," Lopez said.

Theatre major Emmanuel Plascencia, who has been in several Cerritos College plays, also auditioned for a role. "I am really excited to be here and audition for 'To Kill a Mocking Bird,'" said Plascencia.

Slay commented on what acting is all about.

"As actors you need to give yourself something to fight for at all times."

This play is set to open Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. with additional show dates of

Oct. 13, 18, 19 and 20 also at 8 p.m. The production will close on Oct. 21 with a 2 p.m. show.

For tickets and information, contact the Cerritos College Theater Department at (562) 467-5058.

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CERRITOS COLLEGE FALCONS
UPCOMING GAMES

Football	Women's Volleyball	Men's Soccer	Women's Soccer	Men's Water polo	Women's Water polo	Cross Country
*Los Angeles Harbor Sept. 1 @ 7 p.m.	Mt. San Jacinto Sept. 5 @ 5 p.m.	Rio Hondo College Aug. 29 @ 4 p.m.	San Francisco City College Aug. 31 @4 p.m.	Navy Labor Day Open (Annapolis, MD) Aug. 31-Sept. 2 @All Day	American River Tournament Sept. 7-8 @ All Day	Mark Covert Classic (Carbon Canyon Park) Sept. 1 @ 9 a.m.
	Santa Ana College Sept. 7 @ 7 p.m.	Hartnell Tournament (Salinas, Calif.) Aug. 31 @ 10 a.m.	Foothill College Sept. 2 @ 2 p.m.	Golden West Tournament (Golden West College) Sept. 7 @ All Day		
Fullerton College Sept. 8 @ 1 p.m.	Fullerton College Sept. 12 @ 6 p.m.	Hartnell Tournament (Salinas, Calif.) Sept. 1 @ T.B.A.	Cosumnes River College Sept. 7 @ 4 p.m.	Citrus Tournament (Citrus College) Sept. 8 @ All Day	Los Angeles Trade Tech Sept. 12 @ 3 p.m.	Palomar Invitational (Oceanside) Sept. 7 @ 9a.m.
		Hartnell Tournament (Salinas, Calif.) Sept. 2 @ T.B.A.	Sierra College Sept. 9 @ 11 a.m.	Los Angeles Trade Tech Sept 12 @ 4:15 p.m.		

Upcoming Games: Listed are the home and away game schedules for all fall sports through September 12, 2012. * Denotes home games.

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Men's basketball
works out kinks

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The Cerritos College men's basketball team looks to improve on the court after struggling last season.

Improved by experience and growth, head coach Russ May is looking forward to the new season.

May said that returning sophomores Anthony Holiday, DeAnthony Roberts, Marquis Washington, Ike Akajiobi and Chris Wims are "all sophomores who are looking to provide a large boost for us."

"We had a lot of freshmen last year and they took a big step forward. They were still freshmen, but the nice thing about it is they've matured a little bit and now they're sophomores."

"We've added some really really good freshmen this year and we're really excited about our prospects."

May is anticipating a winning season for the team in a balanced conference with good competition, which he believes that they match up well against.

"You know, I'm very excited about our group of guys this year and we hope we can see many students out there at our games, and we are going to represent Cerritos (College) in the finest fashion," May said.

Defense is a major focus that has been stressed during practice sessions between May and his team. Roberts, returning sophomore who has been playing two seasons for Cerritos College, said, "Defense is very important. Without defense, you know, you can't get on offense without stopping the team."

"You can't win games without defense, so you know, you do all your best, you work hard, play hard, play help side and talk on defense and we'll be fine."

May stresses the team philosophy of "defense turns into offense," which he believes can push Cerritos College into the next level.

As for offense, May said, "We definitely want to push the tempo. We got some great athletes, I want to let them be able to create and show and demonstrate their skills and abilities."

"So my goal is to put them in the right spot so they could do just that."

Point Guard Chris Holmes, who will be the teams facilitator, said, "I look to distribute and get everybody involved and be a leader."

Washington emphasized the importance of teamwork, "My goal obviously is to make it to that state championship, but you know as a team everybody eats, everybody gets scholarships, everybody makes it to that next level."

The first game of the season for Cerritos College will take place at Gahr High School on Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. versus Santa Monica College.

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Hard at work: Cerritos College football team practicing for the upcoming season. The first game is on Sept. 1 against LA Harbor at Falcon Stadium.

Falcons prepare for Gridiron

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The first kick-off of the season is right around the corner for the Cerritos College football team, and it certainly has some high expectations.

"We want to win the opener, the league championship, the bowl game, the SoCal Championship, and State," said head coach Frank Mazzotta, who will be entering his 35th season in the program.

Last season, things got off to a slow start. The Cerritos College football team lost its first two games.

However, the Falcons won eight of their next nine contests, before losing in the SoCal Championship

to Mt. San Antonio in a close game, 17-14.

"We have high expectations because we have a lot of returning kids. The biggest challenge is getting everything on the same page, a lot of kids are from different programs," a task that is not unfamiliar to the coach.

Joining the team this season are John Jesse, a defensive lineman from Oregon, and Robert Chism, an offensive lineman who transferred from Fullerton City College.

Both come from different walks of life, but they share the same sentiment for their football team.

"I expect no less than to go undefeated this year and win the State Championship," Jesse said.

The opinion wasn't very different from Chism, "I want this team

to get to the State Championship. We can go undefeated and accomplish the feat."

A big storyline unfolding is the match-up that will take place on Sept. 29 against Pasadena City College, when Mazzotta opposes coach Fred Fimbres, a former player and coach of his.

Fimbres played in 1990-91 for the Cerritos College football team, and would later coach for nine seasons under Mazzotta, coaching the linebackers, defensive backs, and defensive line for Cerritos College. He was a part of six-bowl championship teams.

On the schedule this season is a re-match of last year's SoCal Championship against Mt. SAC on Sept. 15 at Falcon Stadium. The game is one of five home games this season.

Mazzotta was quick to state the name of Morgan Fennell as the player who could carry the Cerritos College football team over stiff competition like Mt. SAC, "If you have a good QB, you will have a good team. We have our returning kid that we are looking at to carry our team. He was a winner in high school, and he's been with us for a while."

Also on the schedule are meetings on the road against Fullerton College, Palomar College, Ventura College, and Bakersfield College, while Cerritos College host Allan Hancock College, College of the Canyons and Moorpark College.

It all begins with the season opener scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. against Los Angeles Harbor College.

Men's water polo opens season on East Coast

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The 2012 Cerritos College men's water polo season is going to start with a boom as they prepare to travel to Annapolis, Maryland, for the Navy Labor Day Open.

"We are excited about our trip to the Naval Academy. It is a tournament with mostly water polo teams from the East Coast region," said coach Joe Abing, who will be taking the Falcons to the event for the second consecutive season.

Abing was very enthusiastic when asked about the itinerary of this year's tournament, stating that the team had a lot of success in last year's trip.

"It is a terrific way for us to build team chemistry as we are together for five straight days, 24-hours a day. Last year, we drove to Washington D.C., about an hour away, and toured some monuments as well as seeing the White House. We hope to do the same this year."

The trip is quite an important one according to Abing, who

shared his expectations for the tournament, "I am hoping we can grow closer as a team from the experience. I also hope to learn exactly what our strengths and weaknesses are for our future games."

Games for the Cerritos College men's water polo team begin on Aug. 31, and continue throughout the weekend, concluding on Sept. 2.

Highlighting the tournament will be a match-up against Division I opponent, and tournament-hosts, the Midshipmen of the Naval Academy.

The Midshipmen concluded the 2011 season as the 15th-ranked team in the Nation, with a record of 23-7, enough to put forth quite the stiff test for the Cerritos College men's water polo team.



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Tournament ready: Men's water polo team getting ready for tournament at the Naval Academy in Annapolis Maryland.



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