

Vandalism Destroys Newly Renovated Campus Restrooms



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Graffiti stinks up the bathrooms: Graffiti done by unknown students was inside one of the newly renovated restroom stalls inside a restroom in the Learning Resource Center Building. Graffiti was found in stalls, on hand dryers and on mirrors.

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Cerritos College's newly renovated restrooms have been vandalized by "taggers."

Cerritos College has brought some renovations to the restrooms on campus during the 2012 summer session.

According to David Moore, Director of Physical Plant and Construction Services, about \$200,000 was invested into the renovations of 24 campus restrooms.

Before the renovations, stall doors were missing, some toilets and urinals were either missing or in a state of disrepair, and some faucets were non-operational.

Graffiti was also prominent, it was found

just about everywhere in the restrooms.

Cerritos College staff members as well as hired contractors worked hard to complete the renovations before the start of the 2012 fall semester.

"A lot of the work was done with our own staff," Moore said.

The goal was met and Cerritos College began the 2012 fall semester with newly renovated restrooms.

Seven school days into the new semester, graffiti has begun to make an appearance inside the restrooms.

Some of the graffiti was created with the use of pencils, pens, and markers. Other graffiti, known as "scratchitti," has permanently damaged school property since it is deeply engraved with the use of a sharp object.

The Urban Dictionary website defined

"scratchitti" as a form of graffiti where a person uses a sharp object to scratch his or her message into a wall or object. Some of the tools used for this form of graffiti are, but not limited to, knives, box cutters and exacto knives.

"It makes me nervous. It might get a little dangerous," Lumbi said about the thought of vandals carrying sharp objects.

Lumbi suggests that the vandals responsible should express themselves in other forms.

Criminal Justice major Tommy La Costa said, "I think it's not necessary and it makes the school look bad. It makes us look run down."

According to Section 594 of the California Penal Code, if the amount of defacement, damage, or destruction is \$400 or more, vandalism is punishable by imprison-

ment in the state prison or county jail not exceeding one year, or by fine not more than \$10,000.

If the amount of defacement, damage, or destruction is less than \$400, vandalism is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by fine not more than \$1,000, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

Cerritos College Campus Police Chief Richard Bukowiecki stated that campus police officers aggressively patrol school property in order to deter and prevent vandalism as well as any other crimes.

"We will fully prosecute to the fullest extent of the law," Bukowiecki said.

If you have information leading to the capture of any vandals that have defaced Cerritos College property, contact the Cerritos College Campus Police Department at

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Board of Trustees introduces new management team

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The Cerritos College Board of Trustees has appointed five new members to management positions.

The new members are made up of both incoming faculty as well as faculty who held other positions at Cerritos College.

The new members are as follows:

- Dr. Mary Anne Gularte (Vice President of Human Resources)
- Dr. JoAnna Schilling (Vice President of Academic Affairs)
- Sandy Marks (Dean of Health Occupations)
- Mark Logan (Director of Purchasing)
- Dr. Gary Pritchard (Interim Dean of Fine Arts/Communications)

Gularte was previously the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Services as well as Organizational Development at Chabot- Las Positas Community College District

The transition to Cerritos College has been a fast one according to Gularte.

"I have worked at Colleges my entire career, so coming here it was more of a matter of learning who was where and who does what [the different departments and administrators]."

Even though Gularte started in the summer, she said she was excited to see some students come by the Human Resources Office.

"There were a lot of students coming in here for counseling and for financial aid so it was great to see so many students outside my door and I enjoyed that."

Now that the fall semester has begun, Gularte said the past few weeks have been just as exciting with seeing more students and experiencing more meetings and activities on campus.

Gularte has been setting goals for the Human Resources Office; one of the goals according to Gularte is to structure its office so that it can provide professional expertise and high quality service in an integrated and proactive manner for Cerritos College.

Although Gularte has spent her career working at various colleges, during the past five years, she worked in a district office and wasn't placed directly on a college campus which caused her to

miss being at a college campus.

"I really missed being around students, and having the vibrancy that you get when you are on a college campus and getting to be around the people, we are here to serve. I really wanted to get back on a campus and being around students again and feeling the rhythms of campus life and activities," Gularte said.

After having worked at previous colleges Gularte said she has brought over a lot of experience and knowledge about how colleges operate as well as her experience in developing new procedures and processes.

"It's very exciting it's a great place to be, I don't want to be anywhere else."

Her new position at Cerritos College became effective on June 30.

The second and last Vice President that was named was Schilling, whose position became effective July 1.

Schilling was previously the Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at Rio Hondo College.

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New Management Team Members

- Human Resources Vice President Mary Anne Gularte
- Academic Affairs Vice President JoAnna Schilling
- Health Occupations Dean Sandy Marks
- Purchasing Director Mark Logan
- Interim Dean of Fine Arts/Communications Gary Pritchard

Students participate in week-long blood drive



It's for a good cause: Child development major Vanessa Pena having a gauze wrapped around her vein where she donated blood. She was one of the 75 people on Monday who were able to donate blood.

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Business major Karen Lopez is one of the many people who are afraid of needles when donating blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive which is being held Monday through Thursday in the Cerritos College Falcon Square.

However, knowing that donating blood is going to a good cause, Lopez knows the pain is only temporary.

"I feel good because I'm doing a good cause, that's why I do it," she said.

According to Robert Torres, the senior field manager from the American Red Cross, 97 people came to the blood mobile but only 75 were able to donate blood on Monday.

People who are not able to donate blood are not able to because of different reasons, such as:

- Lack of iron
- Medication
- Having a tattoo done in less than one year.

Torres has been participating in the Cerritos College blood drives for 19 years.

"They're (students) givers. Most importantly, they're helping save lives in the community," Torres said.

Child development major Vanessa Pena donated blood on Monday.

This was her third time donating.

"I've been meaning to do it and I just did it," Pena said.

She feels hungry and a little tired every time she donates.

"People get into crashes a lot. Imagine nobody giving blood, that

would really suck," Pena said.

The last blood drive at Cerritos College was during the summer session.

"We (the blood drive) collected 105 pints in the summer. For a summer blood drive that's excellent," Torres said.

He expressed that the summer time is the worst season to collect blood because that is when least people donate and appreciates Cerritos College for donating during that season.

"There's never been a good summer. The second worst time is the holiday season. That's around Thanksgiving to New Year's."

Over 300 lives were saved from the 105 pints that were collected.

Each time a person donates blood, he is giving three pints of blood. One pint of blood saves three lives.

"I am absolutely phenomenal about this school. These are community blood drives, the blood stays right here at our local hospitals," Torres said.

He is proud of Cerritos College students who donate blood and constantly do it.

Law major Osvaldo Alvarez donated blood on Monday. He has previously donated several times in the past.

"If I have the means and the opportunity to make a difference and help then why not do it," Alvarez said.

He said that donating blood may seem scary at first, even after several times.

"It's just something that you have to own up to and get over," Alvarez said.

The blood that is most needed and always in demand is O negative.

Deferred Action Workshop provides information for minority students

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Both students and parents gathered from all around to attend a free informational workshop for President Obama's Deferred Action Policy Program hosted at the Cerritos College Health Science Building on Sept. 4.

The free workshop, led by Public Counsel Attorney Joseph Weiner, was held to help both students and parents become more aware of the program requirements and documents needed before submitting their final paperwork.

The program is aimed toward people who meet several key guidelines and would then be eligible for work and travel authorization in the United States.

Cerritos College President Dr. Linda Lacy was present during the opening of the workshop.

She shared a personal experience with a former student from Riverside Community College. She went on to describe to the audience that the student was a model student with a 4.0 grade average, an excellent personality, but was an undocumented citizen and therefore could not be employed after many years of hard work.

Lacy stressed that our country as one was moving toward the right direction for equality for all.

Weiner was there to inform the workshop attendees about the program and answer questions they may have had.

"I think this is a step in the right direction, but it certainly is not enough," Weiner said in regard to the U.S. moving forward when dealing with immigration.

In order to submit an application, applicants must meet certain requirements.

Those including being under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012

and having arrived in the U.S. before turning the age of 16.

Applicants must also undergo a background check to show that certain crimes have been committed, as well as prove that they have resided in the United States continuously for the past five years.

Potential applicants must also be currently enrolled in school, have had obtained a high school diploma, or have obtained a GED.

The program is also open to those who are currently under deportation proceedings.

Applicants who are interested in applying for the program must also fill out a total of three forms, and pay the \$465 filing fee.

The three forms are:

- 821D to request deferred action.
- I-765 to apply for employment authorization.
- I-765WS, a worksheet to establish the applicant's employment needs.

The program will grant those who qualify a two year work permit.

It has also raised the question on what will occur to them after those two years are up.

"We don't know, no one knows. My biggest guess is that if it's a Romney presidency he will end the program, but maybe allow people who have previously had Deferred Action to apply later on," Weiner said.

"If it's an Obama presidency, he would probably keep the program until the Dream Act passes which would hopefully be within the next four years.

"Ideally everything will be the same, allowing them to re-apply."

The news of the Deferred Action Program brought many people relief to know that they or close family members would soon be

able to legally work in the U.S.

"I am applying for my daughter," attendee Maria Elena Saragosa said.

"I was very nervous that Obama might not have kept his promise.

"My daughter is currently in Jalisco, Mexico. She has very good grades, but her situation was very nerve wrecking."

Those applying must be extremely careful when filling out the application as errors may delay the process or might even result in the denial of an application.

Although there's a process to reconsider an application due to certain mistake's, the decisions are final and may not be appealed.

Potential applicants can download and fill out the official forms over to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services website.

They can also attend a free informational workshop on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. that is set to cover the most recent information about the program.

The workshop will:

- Help applicants complete their application package from beginning to end, with copies of the application being provided
- Review application packages by immigration attorneys
- Provide general information for parents in Spanish

The workshop will be held in the Cerritos College Science Building Room 102 and led by Sergio Infanzon from The Southeast Leadership Network.

Attendee Ana Coranela said, "I am very happy with the news of this program.

"There's many students who have the desire to work and study, but aren't able to due to being undocumented. We're definitely moving toward the right path."

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Management: New management positions filled at Cerritos College

Schilling stated that her recent arrival to Cerritos College has been a positive one, and that the campus community has been patient, supportive and welcoming.

According to Schilling, her time since starting at Cerritos College has been spent adjusting.

“I have spent much of my time since July listening, learning, and gathering information. The faculty and staff who have been here at Cerritos (College) are the experts in their respective areas and my first priority is to listen to their ideas, needs, and concerns before decisions are made.”

Even though there are budget cuts happening on campus, Schilling said the Academic Affairs office is focused on helping students continue with their education.

“We would like to look at scheduling across campus in order to maximize students’ time and curricular needs.

“This means implementing a schedule that looks across programs and divisions to ensure students can get the classes they need to transfer or complete a certificate, and schedule these classes at times that allow a student to take more than one class per day or night, if needed.”

Schilling also added that although scheduling classes for a campus that offers over 3,000 class sections per semester it is an important goal.

Schilling describes her transition from Rio Hondo College to Cerritos College as similar to the link Gularte has with students.

She said that what she has brought over from Rio Hondo College is her passion for community college students.

“I think community college

students are the hardest working students in higher education and I want to make sure we don’t let you down in providing the best education possible at Cerritos College.”

She also mentioned that there are some things that were implicated at Rio Hondo College that could also work at Cerritos College.

Schilling has also noticed some similarities and differences between Cerritos College and Rio Hondo College.

One similarity the Schilling has seen is a dedicated staff that serves students, as well as even seeing a few familiar faces from Rio Hondo College.

The difference being the programs offered to students.

“Along with the strong liberal arts, business, science, math, and humanities courses, which both colleges offer, I am extremely impressed with the many programs that Rio Hondo does not have such as woodworking, cosmetology, dental assisting, pharmacy technology, and culinary arts,” Schilling said.

Logan, who was appointed as the Director of Purchasing, has also said he has experienced a positive transition to Cerritos College noticing the aspects of the team he is working with.

“The Purchasing staff are all very hard workers and enjoying serving the needs of the college.

“When you have a good team, anything is possible. And I have not just a good team, but a great team. This will make my transition that much more enjoyable and rewarding,” Logan said.

According to Logan he has also put together a transition plan that will add value to Cerritos College

and provide a seamless transition.

Logan says one aspect of this plan is to assess the Purchasing department and then define and prioritize any needs for improvement.

Since working at community colleges prior to coming to Cerritos College, Logan has noticed that his previous work place of Chaffey College is somewhat similar when faced with this hard economic time.

“We all seem to be doing a lot more with a lot less. Cerritos College, like Chaffey College, is in a better financial position than may other community colleges in California. I think this is due to the leadership at Cerritos College and the foresight to plan ahead and make hard decisions. Decisions that might not always be popular, but decisions that are needed in order to ensure the financial stability of the college.”

Two other positions were also filled by Sandy Marks and Dr. Gary Pritchard.

Marks was previously a full time worker for Cerritos College since 1995.

She served as the medical assisting department chair, as well as represented faculty on multiple shared governance committees.

Pritchard became Interim Dean of Fine Arts/Communications after Connie Mayfield requested a return to being a faculty member.

He started employment at Cerritos College in 1999 serving as the music department chair and director of the entertainment technology program.

He is also the president of the Capistrano Unified School District Board of Trustees.

Life lessons Connie Boardman



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Living the life: Boardman is photographed in the mountains of Machu Picchu. Boardman is a current Biology teacher at Cerritos College and a council member in Huntington Beach.

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Professor Connie Boardman, the chair of the Department of Biology, shares her life journey from falling in love with biology, saving the Bolsa Chica wetlands from city expansion, and serving as mayor and council member for Huntington Beach.

As a young child in elementary school, Boardman always had a fascination of nature and animals.

She would enjoy going on fishing trips in the Utah forests with her father during the summers.

Having a strong interest in nature and plants, Boardman aspired to be a veterinarian and a park ranger, but that would later change. She found her calling, which was teaching Biology labs at Cal State Long Beach while she was studying for her Master’s degree.

She taught Science classes at Warren High School before becoming a teacher at Cerritos College.

Although she is currently teaching, she still plans to one day become what she aspired to be when she was younger.

Boardman said, “After I retire from teaching, my goal is to be a seasonal park ranger at Yellowstone National Park.”

In her classes, she offers the students a chance to help grow and restore native vegetation on the Bolsa Chica wetlands.

Campaigning for her community

In 1992, Boardman was a key player from the Bolsa Chica Land Trust Movement to stop the city of Huntington Beach from creating 4,884 houses in Bolsa Chica, including a four-lane highway and 900 more houses over the Bolsa Chica wetlands.

Boardman stated, “We finally were able to take up legal action. We sued and ended up winning at the trial court level and the superior court level because the project violated the Coastal Act, which was passed by the voters in 1970 which protects the wetlands. The project was then revised, and eventually only 350

houses were allowed to be built instead of the 4,884 planned, and sold the wetland property to the state.”

In 2003, Boardman became mayor of Huntington Beach, where she was focusing on the physical health of the city, as well as continuing to support nature community groups.

After her term as mayor ended, she decided not to run for re-election.

However, she is currently serving as a city council member for Huntington Beach. Her term comes to end in the year 2014.

During her time as mayor and council member, she helped create plans that will make ocean water cleaner, and ordinances that would ban plastic bags.

Boardman said, “Huntington Beach is really a community of people who care a lot about water quality and the environment.”

Boardman has been recognized for her efforts to make Huntington Beach a better place. She was given the Environment Hero Award presented by Southern California Edison.

Getting the students involved

Besides teaching Biology at Cerritos College and serving as a Huntington Beach City Council member, Boardman is also the advisor of the Wilderness Club at Cerritos College. The club has been on camping trips to Joshua Tree National Park, and Crystal Cove State Park, as well as day-long hikes in the local mountains, learning about plants, animals and their adaptations.

Professor Anna Varcarel, a Biology teacher at Cerritos College, believes that Boardman is a big inspiration to the students and faculty at Cerritos College.

“I think that she (Boardman) has made a huge impact on campus as she is the one that motivates people to really get things done. She shows students what they can do to make a difference outside of the classroom, and it makes me proud to be a part of the Biology department knowing that our teachers actually care about what we are teaching about.”

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MADE FOR ART GALLERY: Paramedic Falls (Rectilinear Figure) by artist Preston Daniels presented at the art gallery. This art piece was made exclusively for Architectual Deinforcement.



DESTRUCTION AT HOME: Artist Amy Casey's "Downfall" art piece presented at the art gallery for Architectual Deinforcement. Thirteen contemporary artists have their art pieces presented at the gallery.



Taking a closer look: Cerritos College board member Jean McHatton examines a series of paintings by artist Wendy Heldmann. McHatton found the artwork to be unique, creative and full of individuality.

People gather to view art based on disaster

Architectural Deinforcement and Adam Davis debut

Beyond the Tangible Universe As You Understand It

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Two different exhibitions are being presented right now at the Cerritos College Art Gallery.

Students and staff alike attended the Cerritos College art gallery opening on Monday which featured Adam Davis' debut of "Beyond the Tangible Universe As You Understand it" along with 13 contemporary artists participating in the second exhibition of the gallery, "Architectual Deinforcement."

In the main room, there is a mixture of paintings and sculptures.

Albert Hernandez music major said, "I expected to see a lot of drawings but there is a lot of architecture. It has this structure, this house made out of silver, it's very interesting."

Eduardo Gonzalez, computer major had a similar reaction to the pieces, "I like the art work, it's very different." He

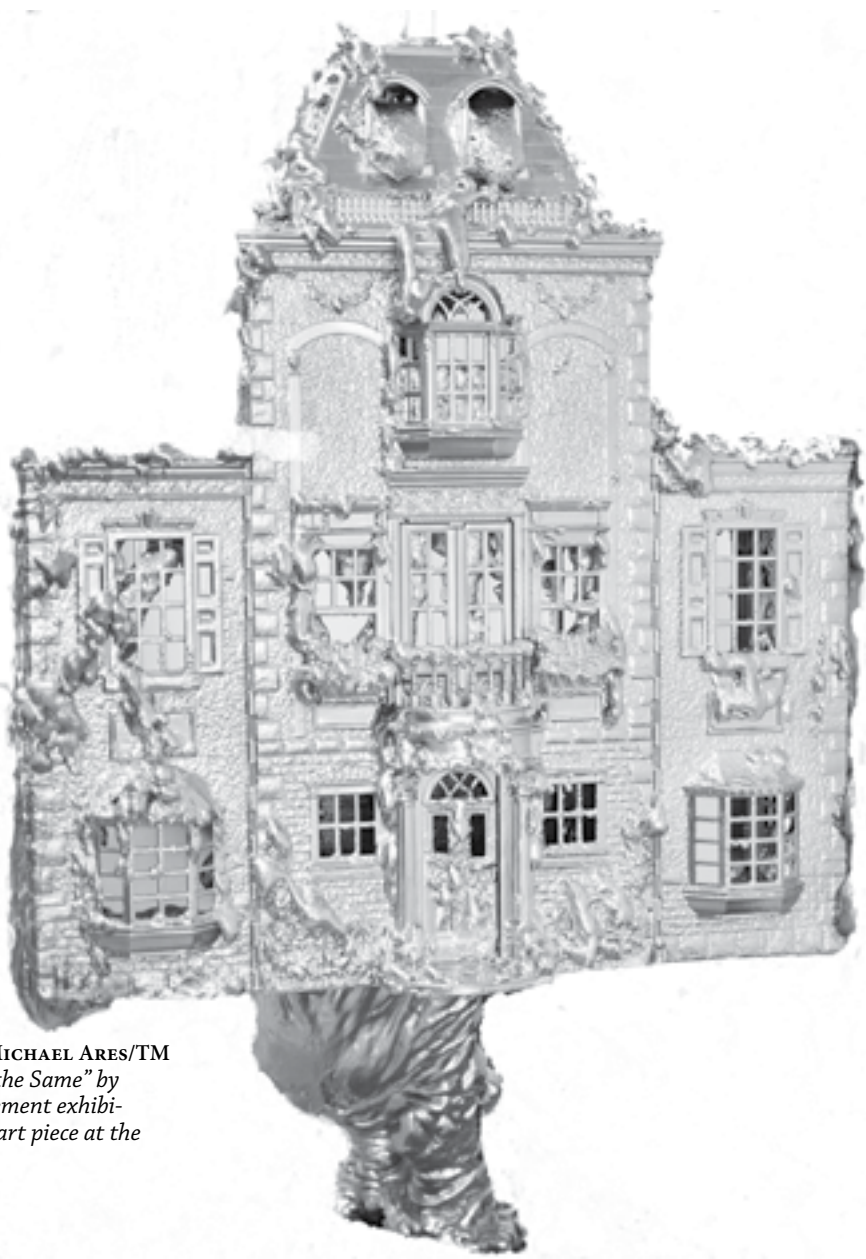
continued, "Some of the art work, I knew what it was right away, and some of them I'm trying to figure out."

The main exhibit, "Beyond the Tangible Universe As You Know it" is in a separate room and consists of digitally manipulated images being projected for the gallery goers to see as well as audio for them to hear.

Tim Nguyen research analyst for Cerritos College described the gallery as "art for the eyes." Davis explained, "I photographed (the images) through Adobe Photoshop. Those images were then taken to add motion they were video footage. He continued, audio components contain manipulated interviews as well as a field recording made in Hama Syria, of a noise created by one of the large water wheels in which the town is famous for."

The main exhibit which started in 2010 came to Cerritos College through the "good graces of James MacDevitt (curator and director of the art gallery)" Davis said, "James was great to work with and has great artistic vision. Cerritos College is very lucky to have him on staff."

The gallery will continue through Oct. 11.



Using mixed media: "Nothing Remains the Same" by Ashley Hagen at the Architectual Deinforcement exhibition at the art gallery. This is Hagen's only art piece at the exhibition.



From a glance: Art major Antonio Perez examines the work "Architecture's Sentence" by artist Preston Daniels. Perez said, "The art is pretty cool how it all relates to structure and foundation but comes in different forms."



From a view: Graphics art major Oscar Sevilla peeks through "Reconstructing a Space from Memory" by artist Veronique D'Entremont. This art piece is made out of porcelain, steel and concrete.



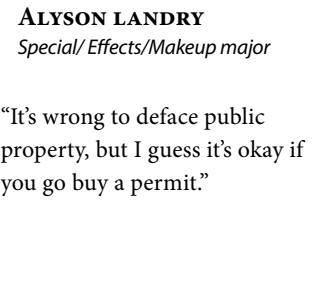
What are your thoughts about graffiti?

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VIVIAN HERNANDEZ
Pharmacy Tech. major

“Here at school I think its really bad. A lot of graffiti is just exploitive of gangs and its nonsense to them.”



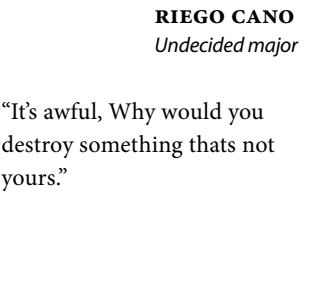
ALYSON LANDRY
Special/ Effects/Makeup major

“It’s wrong to deface public property, but I guess it’s okay if you go buy a permit.”



LEWIS GONZALEZ
Undecided major

“I think it’s unnecessary. It’s bad, theres no point it’s just bad to see words all around the school.”



RIEGO CANO
Undecided major

“It’s awful, Why would you destroy something thats not yours.”



DARANT REDMAND
Physical/Therapy major

“On certain places it shouldn’t be permitted like on a fancy restaurant or something like that.”



LYZETTE PURISIMA
Undecided major

“It’s good and bad if you use it for the wrong reasons. Its good if you see it on a canvas but it’s bad if you see it in the freeway.”



Tag your own property

Tagging is stupid, unnecessary, and more importantly illegal. The people that do it are ignorant and have no respect or consideration for other people’s private property.

Taggers should realize that they are not only destroying someone else’s property, but that they can face severe repercussions since it’s illegal.

Those who watch the tagging take place and do nothing are just as guilty. Not reporting a person who is tagging should be a crime.

Tagging is a crime people. If it wasn’t, by now the White House would no longer be considered “white” anymore. It would be covered in graffiti.

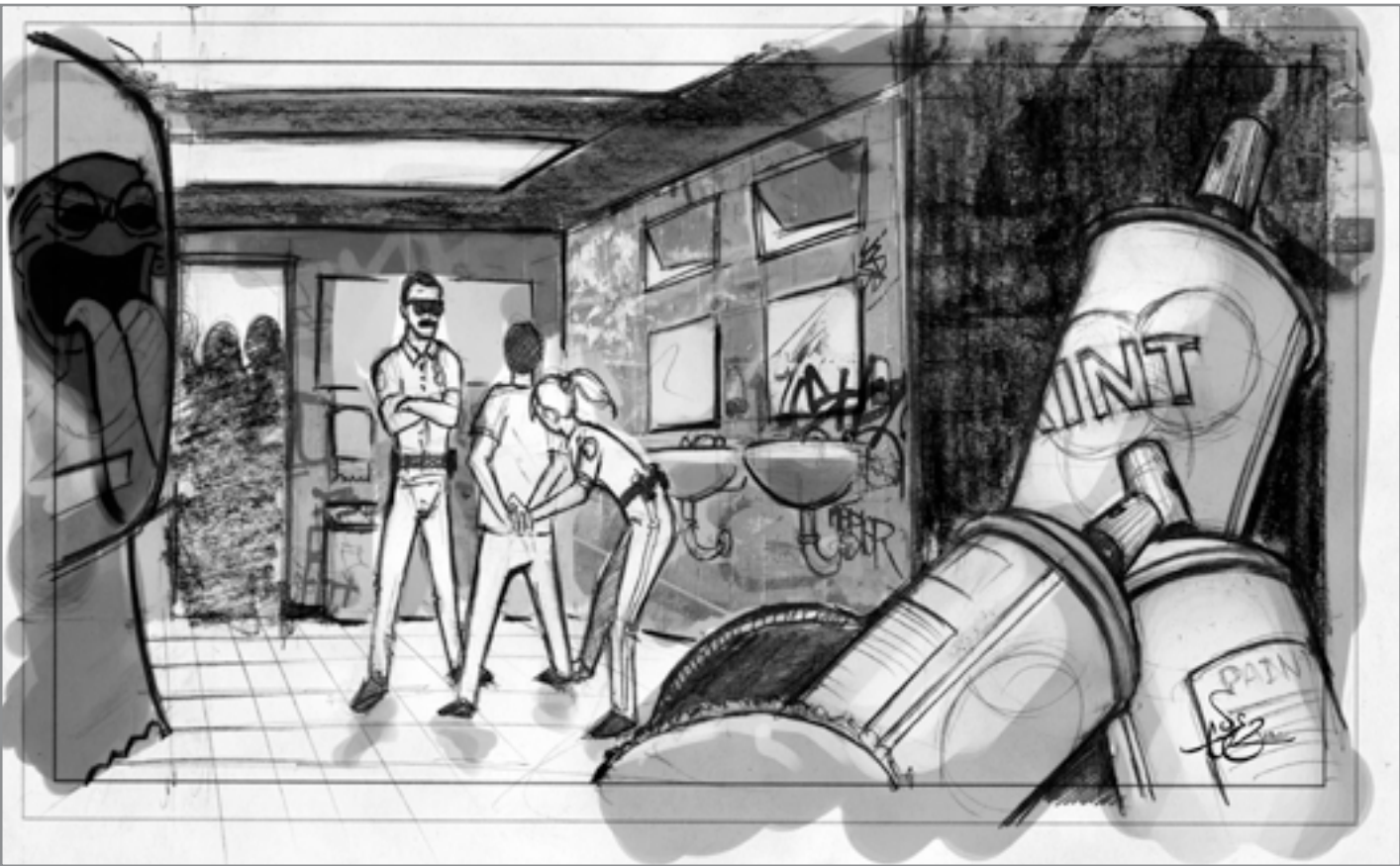
Why must people feel the need to draw and write little sayings and gang names on the inside of a restroom stall anyway?

Are you trying to pre-occupy yourself while you do your “business?” If it takes as long for you to use the restroom as it does for you to tag an entire bathroom stall then maybe it’s time to see a doctor.

Honestly, the bathrooms are not an art studio. You want to draw and write cute little messages or show everyone what a tough guy you are, then tag on your own property.

The school did not pay thousands and thousands of dollars to renovate the bathrooms and buildings on campus so that little punks could try to look cool and vandalize it all over again.

The school wanted to fix that and renovate the restrooms so that the fall semester students wouldn’t feel like they entered nasty restrooms.



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The restrooms were made to be clean, fresh smelling and graffiti-free. Several days into the new semester, and there are markings found within the newly renovated restrooms.

Really? The things you drew and wrote were that important that you had to let everyone who entered the restroom know and see?

The worst part is that most people get away with the tagging. It’s surprising how these people have no shame.

It’s also terrible that the reason why some people get away with it is because the people who see what’s going on don’t speak up or inform the campus police.

Yes, we are all adults, yes it can be scary to speak up but doing the right thing is much more important. It sounds like a Disney cliché, but it’s the

Cerritos College should be smarter about spending

In these troubling economic times, Cerritos College can’t afford to spend money to give out free things to its students.

Someone needs to have a serious conversation with the Cerritos College Board of Trustees and remind it that as the school continues to cut classes for what it says are reasons related to the state of the budget, now is not the best time to be spending money when it should be saving money.

It’s like a teenager who desperately wants a new car and has to save money to be able to afford it. That dream of buying that car would be impossible without saving.

Students don’t need things like free In-N-Out hamburgers. If the ASCC wants to welcome students to a new semester, why not pass that cost on to the student and actually make money rather than spend it?

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If the goal of giving out free stuff is to build morale and create a positive atmosphere among students, there has got to be other ways; more cost effective ways to do so.

How about Cerritos College allow its students to vote on a faculty member that would represent a particular division within the school and have the students pay a few bucks to attempt to dunk them in a dunk tank.

That would be much cheaper, it would be fun for the students as well as the facility, and it

would make the school some money.

Students can show up in mass to take advantage of receiving free things from the school but can’t show up in mass to support their schools sports teams.

Something seems wrong with that picture. Sporting events at Cerritos College are free unless a team makes it to the post season, so clearly the word “free” does nothing for the school or its students.

As a collective unit, all branches of Cerritos College need to lock down all spending that is not necessary to student learning.

It will be shocking how similar students respond not to mention how much more money is saved.

Obamas re election in 2012 will support minorities

It might be necessary for Barack Obama to receive the full support of minorities in order to be re-elected, especially from Hispanics since they are one of the largest ethnic groups in the United States population today.

The recent Deferred Action Policy aimed to help the undocumented youth living in the United States has improved the credibility that Hispanics have for Obama.

Obama showed interest in helping immigrants with an amnesty while running his first presidential campaign especially the youth who were brought to America at an early age and have been in this country for so long they can be considered Americans. Once elected, he made an attempt to accomplish what he had originally promised.

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The Dream Act granted an opportunity for all the undocumented students in the United States to have an equal opportunity as others for higher education and to be able to pursue their career.

With a 55-41 vote in the year 2010, the senate vetoed the Dream Act?

Spanish television network TELEMUNDO conducted recent polls in which the president is currently the Hispanic community’s preference while the Republican Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney is perceived negatively; the rate went from 35 percent last month to an increase of 41 percent.

Although Romney has tried to re-connect with Hispanics by hiring more Latinos to advise in his campaign, Obama’s administration seem to have strategically enforced the policy at the perfect time.

Romney has stated that he plans to eliminate Deferred Action if he is elected.

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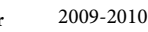
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GRAFFITI DOES NOT BELONG ON CAMPUS

Enough is enough with graffiti in the restrooms.

Before the restrooms were renovated, they looked really bad with carvings on mirrors and full of tagging on stalls.

It isn't fair at all for the workers who renovated the restrooms to make them look brand new for the school and people still have the nerve to write priceless crap on them.

No one wants to see a person's name, get over it.

Graffiti doesn't benefit any one.

Plus, a name is just a name and writing it somewhere doesn't stand for anything.

If a name shows up constantly, that will be put on record for people to be on the look out of who can possibly be making the graffiti.

If a person gets caught, he has to pay a fee that could have been avoided if graffiti was made.

It just makes something look bad.

A friend has informed me that graffiti has made an appearance in the men's restroom.

That appearance was made in just seven days after it was renovated.

It took renovators a long time to renovate the restroom, and writing on it doesn't make anyone famous.

Even if it wasn't brand new, it should not be



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ruined. Graffiti is just horrible in general.

Luckily, a restroom in the F.A. building doesn't have any graffiti written on it, yet

Upon entering the restroom, it's surprising how much work was put into repairing it.

Everything was new.

Everyone going inside the restroom will be shocked about how new it is.

Before the renovations, the stalls in the restroom had conversations written on them.

It is unnecessary to read that let alone do it.

People shouldn't even have the time to sit down in a stall and write on stalls.

The restrooms just need to be clean and people don't need to write on them.

As well as writing there were drawings on the stalls too and they shouldn't be there.

The stalls are not for writing on.

Keep graffiti out of them and they will look clean as they should be.

When there is any graffiti in the new restroom, it's frustrating because it shouldn't even

be there in the first place.

To those who write on the walls, please do everyone a favor and stop ruining the renovated restrooms by writing something that no one wants to see.

That counts for any place.

Graffiti doesn't suit anyone.

The only way graffiti will be considered art is when it actually is.

There are places around the world that have walls dedicated to paint over it.

Now, that's something beautiful and makes a statement.

When someone takes hours to create an art piece that stands out it is worthy because it can be appreciated.

If someone scribbles their name quickly it is not considered art in any way, that is why it isn't appreciated and ruins what its written on.

Graffiti is not art when it ruins something rather than making it look better.

Please, don't make our school look bad by writing unwanted graffiti anywhere.

Keep our school clean by leaving it as it as and don't add any graffiti.

Life of a Returning Student



Three weeks into the semester and it feels like it is three weeks remaining in the semester. I finally understand the meaning behind the words "full-time student." It is definitely a full-time job.

With students beginning to settle into their classes, it is becoming less hectic around campus but just as stressful.

The campus tradition of clicking up and hanging out around the various parts of the campus has begun.

The extremely serious grade-cautious students linger after class to speak to the instructor about things that they can do to ensure that their grades are what they expect them to be.

The athletes all hang out along the wall by the Student Center.

The couples on campus cuddle and spend time together at the hill.

People get accustomed to whatever daily routine they are falling into and somewhere in between all of that activity on campus; some people find the time to defile the campus restrooms with graffiti.

I am sure that this exists for most students, but specifically as a returning student, I have no desire to see tagging during my private time.

I feel like I am back in high

school dealing with a continual battle for campus supremacy.

Are we in college or in the hood? "Things that make you go hmmm."

There are many issues with graffiti specifically on campus. I can't speak for the younger students, but the students more experienced in life have no desire to see that junk. Take some pride in your school.

That is about as stupid as people that decide to riot in the exact neighborhood that they live in. Tear up your own stuff why don't you.

It makes me wonder what the faculty at Cerritos College thinks about students vandalizing our campus.

Sure, it starts with a restroom, and then is a lot of restrooms and can eventually be spread to the entire campus.

The ironic thing is that when someone hears that our restrooms have been vandalized by graffiti, that person may be inclined to think that a male was the person creating the problem but according to several females, the problem includes our female restrooms.

It tells me that either we have a cross-dressing tagger on our campus or both men and women are ruining our restrooms.

People need to find a more constructive hobby.

"Graffiti is not art when it ruins something rather than making it look better."

HEALTHY MIND AND BODY AT SCHOOL

Although students are sometimes faced with a busy work load, our diet should not be effected even though Cerritos College doesn't exactly have a lot of ways of helping us health wise.

Sure, it is easier to walk out of class and go to the food court to order a burrito from Taco Bell within the possible 15 or 20 minutes before heading back to another class, but that doesn't have to be the only way.

If you find yourself staying here for a long period of time during the day and are constantly in the library studying, finding some time for a decent lunch wouldn't hurt.

With only four choices of food in the food court it is quite simple to just choose one, sit down with your friends and eat before you move on with your day.

If you only have one or two classes and are finding out that you



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do have time to go home and make a lunch or you can go to a nice restaurant and eat, keep up that habit and see if you can help someone who is in a different situation.

This school is full of convenience with the elbow room located near the Business Education Building, as well as three Frantones locations.

Just because it's convenient doesn't mean it's better.

Cerritos College's food choices aren't the only problem.

The parking lot is known to be crowded, it's understandable to not want to drive 15 minutes down the street to grab Subway and then come back and find another park-

ing spot.

But Subway is a healthier choice and if you care about your diet and have the time to go, it's worth it.

Think about this, the Student Health Services offers health education according to its website.

If you find that you are experiencing a tough work load and you don't have time for a decent healthy meal, the Student Health Services can help.

The help may not be as easy to get as a tasty burger from Chicago Harv's but it's there and it's worth it.

Because some say with a healthier body comes a healthier mind and that might just help out with your grades, and who wouldn't want that?

Not to say there aren't any

healthy students on campus or that all are not healthy.

Health is important and it should always be important even at school.

This school is made up of part time and full time students. It's made up of students from different cultures.

We are all thrown into an environment in which we have to become accustomed and that can easily affect our diet.

But that doesn't mean we have to let it. Don't go hungry either that won't solve anything.

And honestly that seems a little extreme.

Those extreme measures are not needed and sadly they do happen.

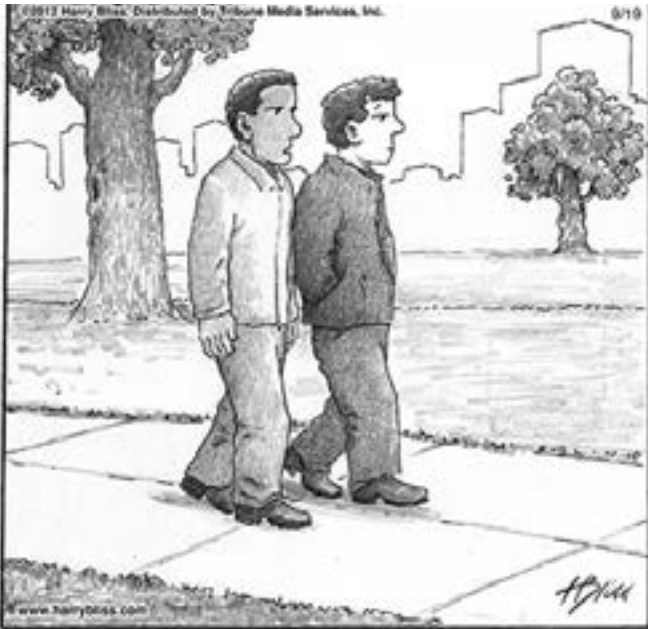
There are ways to help out any health issue like the previously mentioned Health Services office. For more information go to www.cerritos.edu/shs



"I'm relieved. I thought you didn't love me anymore, but now I realize I was just projecting!"



IF I SAID YOU HAD A BEAUTIFUL BODY, WOULD YOU LET ME MAKE SWEEPING DECISIONS ABOUT ITS REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH?



"It seems my fear of death has been replaced by my fear of politics."



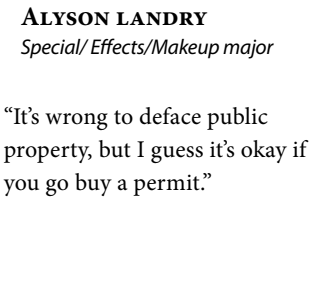
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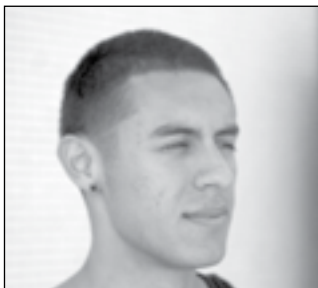
VIVIAN HERNANDEZ
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“Here at school I think its really bad. A lot of graffiti is just exploitive of gangs and its nonsense to them.”



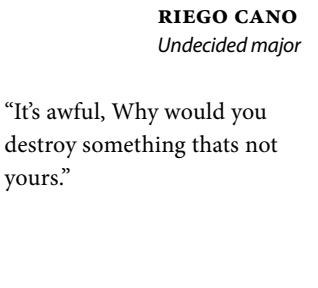
ALYSON LANDRY
Special/ Effects/Makeup major

“It’s wrong to deface public property, but I guess it’s okay if you go buy a permit.”



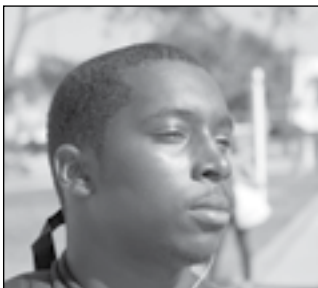
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“I think it’s unnecessary. It’s bad, theres no point it’s just bad to see words all around the school.”



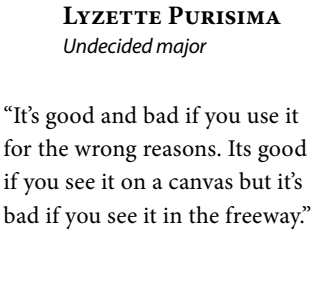
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“It’s awful, Why would you destroy something thats not yours.”



DARANT REDMAND
Physical/Therapy major

“On certain places it shouldn’t be permitted like on a fancy restaurant or something like that.”



LYZETTE PURISIMA
Undecided major

“It’s good and bad if you use it for the wrong reasons. Its good if you see it on a canvas but it’s bad if you see it in the freeway.”



Tag your own property

Tagging is stupid, unnecessary, and more importantly illegal. The people that do it are ignorant and have no respect or consideration for other people’s private property.

Taggers should realize that they are not only destroying someone else’s property, but that they can face severe repercussions since it’s illegal.

Those who watch the tagging take place and do nothing are just as guilty. Not reporting a person who is tagging should be a crime.

Tagging is a crime people. If it wasn’t, by now the White House would no longer be considered “white” anymore. It would be covered in graffiti.

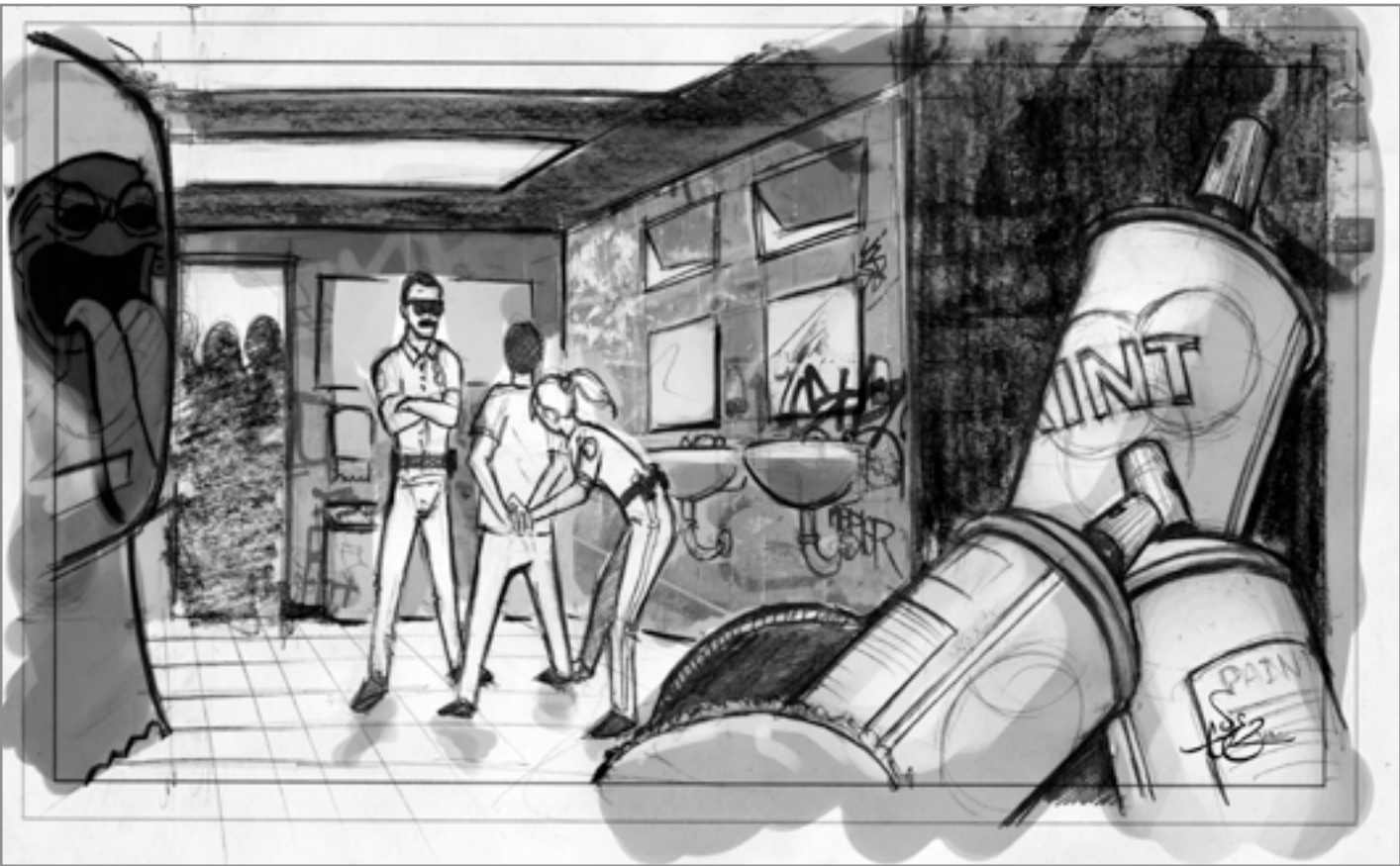
Why must people feel the need to draw and write little sayings and gang names on the inside of a restroom stall anyway?

Are you trying to pre-occupy yourself while you do your “business?” If it takes as long for you to use the restroom as it does for you to tag an entire bathroom stall then maybe it’s time to see a doctor.

Honestly, the bathrooms are not an art studio. You want to draw and write cute little messages or show everyone what a tough guy you are, then tag on your own property.

The school did not pay thousands and thousands of dollars to renovate the bathrooms and buildings on campus so that little punks could try to look cool and vandalize it all over again.

The school wanted to fix that and renovate the restrooms so that the fall semester students wouldn’t feel like they entered nasty restrooms.



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The restrooms were made to be clean, fresh smelling and graffiti-free. Several days into the new semester, and there are markings found within the newly renovated restrooms.

Really? The things you drew and wrote were that important that you had to let everyone who entered the restroom know and see?

The worst part is that most people get away with the tagging. It’s surprising how these people have no shame.

It’s also terrible that the reason why some people get away with it is because the people who see what’s going on don’t speak up or inform the campus police.

Yes, we are all adults, yes it can be scary to speak up but doing the right thing is much more important. It sounds like a Disney cliché, but it’s the

Cerritos College should be smarter about spending

In these troubling economic times, Cerritos College can’t afford to spend money to give out free things to its students.

Someone needs to have a serious conversation with the Cerritos College Board of Trustees and remind it that as the school continues to cut classes for what it says are reasons related to the state of the budget, now is not the best time to be spending money when it should be saving money.

It’s like a teenager who desperately wants a new car and has to save money to be able to afford it. That dream of buying that car would be impossible without saving.

Students don’t need things like free In-N-Out hamburgers. If the ASCC wants to welcome students to a new semester, why not pass that cost on to the student and actually make money rather than spend it?

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If the goal of giving out free stuff is to build morale and create a positive atmosphere among students, there has got to be other ways; more cost effective ways to do so.

How about Cerritos College allow its students to vote on a faculty member that would represent a particular division within the school and have the students pay a few bucks to attempt to dunk them in a dunk tank.

That would be much cheaper, it would be fun for the students as well as the facility, and it

Obamas re election in 2012 will support minorities

It might be necessary for Barack Obama to receive the full support of minorities in order to be re-elected, especially from Hispanics since they are one of the largest ethnic groups in the United States population today.

The recent Deferred Action Policy aimed to help the undocumented youth living in the United States has improved the credibility that Hispanics have for Obama.

Obama showed interest in helping immigrants with an amnesty while running his first presidential campaign especially the youth who were brought to America at an early age and have been in this country for so long they can be considered Americans. Once elected, he made an attempt to accomplish what he had originally promised.

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The Dream Act granted an opportunity for all the undocumented students in the United States to have an equal opportunity as others for higher education and to be able to pursue their career.

With a 55-41 vote in the year 2010, the senate vetoed the Dream Act?

Spanish television network TELEMUNDO conducted recent polls in which the president is currently the Hispanic community’s preference while the Republican Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney is perceived negatively; the rate went from 35 percent last month to an increase of 41 percent.

would make the school some money.

Students can show up in mass to take advantage of receiving free things from the school but can’t show up in mass to support their schools sports teams.

Something seems wrong with that picture. Sporting events at Cerritos College are free unless a team makes it to the post season, so clearly the word “free” does nothing for the school or its students.

As a collective unit, all branches of Cerritos College need to lock down all spending that is not necessary to student learning.

It will be shocking how similar students respond not to mention how much more money is saved.

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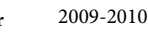
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Hornets to host Falcons

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The 1-1 Cerritos College's Volleyball team travels to local rival, Fullerton College on Wednesday to face the Hornets in their home gym.

The Falcons are coming off their first win of the season, sweeping the Dons of Santa Ana College 3 - 0 on Friday.

It was a welcomed victory after the team lost its' opener in the desert at San Jacinto College 3-1.

Cerritos College looks to improve on last seasons 10-12 record.

Last season, Cerritos College fell short against Fullerton College, losing 25-19, 25-11, 25-15

During the matchup between the two teams last season, hitting mistakes impacted the Falcons chances at getting the win.

The Hornets of Fullerton (1 - 0) are currently ranked No. 20 in California and faced Palomar College last Friday in Escondido.

Fullerton prevailed in that contest, 3 - 1, per the Palomar College sports information desk.

According to the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA), Cerritos freshman Susan Suski leads the South Coast Conference in hitting percentage at .321 so far this season.

Additionally, sophomore teammate Latia Peters accounts for the number two spot on the team.

First serve is slated for 7 p.m., at Fullerton's Gymnasium.



FALCON SPORTS benefit from their new website

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Fans of Cerritos College athletics can now stay updated on the brand new cerritos-falcons.com website, which has replaced the old site previously hosted by cerritos.edu

Streaming live video and all visual aspects will be facilitated with the .com site according to Sports Information Director, John Van Gaston, who will oversee the new website.

"We've struggled with these features with the college's site (.edu)," said Van Gaston

The California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA) has signed up to work with PrestoSports, the company that helped launch the new website.

"I felt like we were limited to the amount of information we can use being attached to the college's website(.edu), and we wanted the website to be hip, more main-stream using Twitter, and Facebook to stream-live our statistics and profile our athletes." Athletics Director Dan Clauss said.

The new website will be the official Cerritos College Athletics' website, and now allows

the athletic department to generate revenue by selling ad space.

It is composed of team rosters, game schedules, media guides and will eventually feature an online store where fans can purchase Falcon merchandise.

Raising funds through the web-site will allow the athletics department to gain some of the accommodations they've lost with all the budget cuts and will also go to the maintenance of the site it self.

Clauss said, "by being a .com and no longer associated with .edu, it allows us to start getting fund-raisers and start getting sponsors from the local community, if interested."

He said,"We want to use the fund-raisers to raise money to give to our athletics, so that we don't have to rely on ASCC and the district."

What differs now is the ability to design the web-site in any way they choose, of course keeping all content within the limitations of the division.

"We have about a year of constantly creating content before it gets where we want it to be, so it actually is a working progress."

The website currently has no sponsors, but having it up and running will give an idea to potential advertisers of what the site is all about.

SAM Wrestling Preview

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Last season, the Cerritos College wrestling program took 11th place in the State Championships, and as far as this season is concerned, Fresno City College, as in past seasons, is the team to beat for the State Championship.

"They lost a lot of guys last year so I mean if there's a time to knock them off it's going to be this year because they're going to have a lot of freshman in their line up and some inconsistency. I think if there's a year we can do it, it's going to be this year," said head coach Don Garriott, who is entering his seventh season with the wrestling program.

As Garriott prepares his team for the upcoming season, He will have to cope with the loss of several key wrestlers from last season, such as brothers Alfonso and Ramon Estrada, both at the 174 weight class, 141-pounder Voris Meeks, 285-pounder Spencer Smith, and

125-pounder Jake Harrison.

Garriott feels his team can fill in the gaps.

"I definitely think that we can fill those spots with kids that can do at least as good as they did last year."

Among the wrestlers returning for another season is 174-pounder Tyree Cox and 157-pounder Eric Chapman.

Last fall, Cox ended the season with a 29-16 record, while Chapman finished the season with a 2-10 record.

"I think we're going to do a lot better this year. We have a lot of guys from high school who are coming in, and pushing some of the old guys, and picking up right where we were last year, grinding and pushing each other as hard as we can," said Cox.

Cox also said that he will push himself harder, focus more in practice and technique and perfect what he lacked the previous season.

With new wrestlers coming in, Chapman stated that he will have

to work and fight harder in order to earn his spot amongst the starting wrestlers this season.

Within the group of first-season wrestlers is 133-pounder Dalton Foster who comes to Cerritos College from Millikan High School, where he was named First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Area, and Moore League champion during his senior season.

Comparing high school wrestling to college, Foster said, "It's a lot harder, it's a lot more intense, and everyone is good. In high school you get the occasional scrub [and] no one is bad here, everyone is good."

Along with Fresno City College, Garriott said the biggest challenges the team will face will be competing against Sacramento City College, Santa Ana College, and Mount San Antonio College.

The team's first match will be away at the Mt. San Antonio Duals on Sept. 22.

NEW SEASON FACES OLD RIVALRY

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The No. 32nd-ranked Cerritos College football team faces one of it's most daunting tasks when the team hosts the No. 1-ranked community college in the nation, Mount San Antonio College on Saturday at Falcon Stadium.

Cerritos (1-1) is coming off an upset win over rival, and previously No. 8th-ranked Fullerton College, 47-30 in Fullerton.

The Falcons have experienced four straight challenging games against the Mounties of Mt. SAC (2-0).

Head Coach Frank Mazzotta of Cerritos College said, "This is our fourth time in four years playing these guys. Three years ago they were undefeated and we beat them in triple overtime. The next year, we were undefeated and they beat

us in triple overtime. We missed an extra point. The following year, we got beat in the Southern California Championship."

"Everybody in California is waiting for the outcome of this game," Mazzotta said.

Last week, Mt. SAC's quarterback Nick Montana threw for just 95 yards in its 34-14 win over Bakersfield College in Mt. SAC's home opener.

Montana, son of National Football League Hall of Famer Joe Montana, did throw for 350 yards in Mt SAC's first game, a win over Saddleback college.

Regarding Montana's legacy, Mazzotta commented that, "He is the son of Joe Montana, but that doesn't make him Joe Montana... he's pretty good, but he isn't going to be the difference in the game."

Mazzotta added, "They're beatable. It's early. We're all beatable."

Additionally, Mazzotta praised the efforts of Cerritos' signal caller, Morgan Fennell.

Fennell comes off a brilliant performance against Fullerton in which he threw for a career-high 269 yards on 11-of-16 passing, good for four touch downs in the victory.

"He'll be the measurement of how good we [Cerritos] are going to play," Mazzotta confirmed.

The game against the Mounties kicks off at 7 p.m.



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