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Life after 30

Proposition 30 passes giving Cerritos College a little bit of a reprieve from the state budget cuts

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Since the passing of Proposition 30, Cerritos College President Dr. Linda Lacy has had discussions with faculty members to clarify what life will be like going forward for both students and faculty.

Prop. 30 passed with 59.91 percent of votes in favor and 40.09 percent against.

"We're so happy it passed, but we have to still be a little cautious because of the fact that it's a temporary tax, and a lot of the things we do have (are) ongoing cost ramifications but one of the nice things about it is in January we're not going to see a 7.5 million dollar cut," Lacy said.

Vice President of Business Services David El Fattal says that with Prop. 30 passing, Cerritos College will be less stressful.

Although Prop. 30 passed, it originally seemed like it was going to fail because the early vote counts were leaning against the proposition.

Cerritos College had back-up plans just in case the proposition failed.

"We put together a Plan A and a Plan B, and we didn't want to put Plan B into place." Lacy said.

El Fattal adds what the state of California would've taken away if Prop. 30 had failed.

"Prop. 30 allows the college to ... not have to make drastic reductions that were coming and that were on the list because the state was taking away five million dollars this year if Prop. 30 didn't pass."

Lacy added that she felt disappointed at first when noticing the early direction of the proposition, but when it turned around she had a sigh of relief.

If Prop. 30 were to fail, then it would've caused more classes for Cerritos College to be eliminated.

Since the proposition passed, it will not only allow a fuller upcoming spring semester schedule, but it will also fund a 2013 summer session, which was in danger of being eliminated.

"We're not cutting our classes further than what they have been cut in the last couple of years," Lacy said.

It's not just the classes that will be af-

According to Lacy, full-time and adjunct professors will also be impacted by the passing of the proposition.

Both groups will be able to teach more classes.

"It's going to impact all employees, faculty and all staff and students in the same way" El Fattal said.

While students can start to see a change in the 2013 spring semester, Lacy has looked ahead at Cerritos College life

saying a bigger change will be felt during the 2013 fall semester.

"We do understand we need a long term solution to this problem so that in four years we're not faced with this same dilemma and see us shutting the door on more students again." Lacy said.

El Fattal adds, "It won't be something that people see or feel next week but it is a good thing that we are moving forward in a positive way on all fronts, on a student front, on offering classes, on the building program."

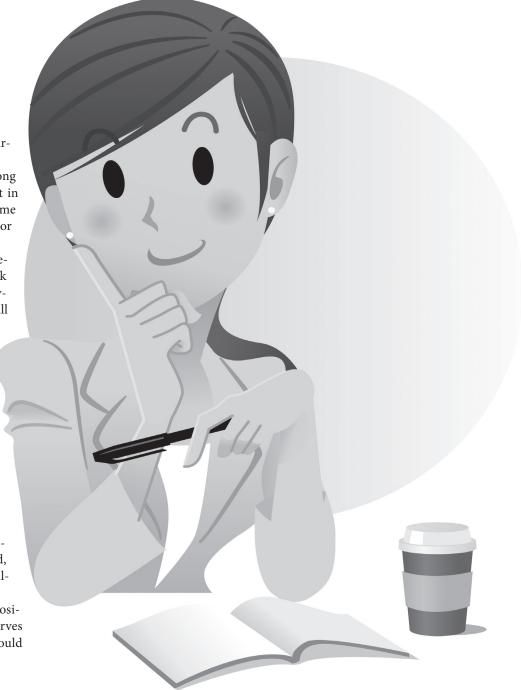
Prop. 30 will help eliminate the deficit in the state budget. Lacy hopes to start reducing the deficit after a couple of years so that Cerritos College can see more

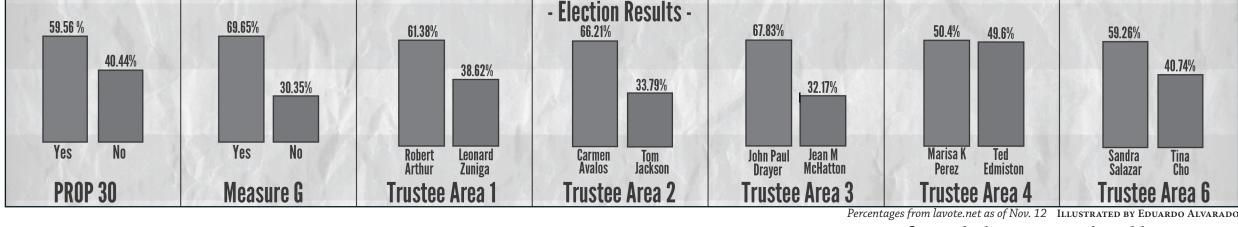
"Right now it (Prop. 30) is just holding us (students and faculty) steady, and that is a lot better than what we were facing if it had not passed," Lacy said.

Services that are available to students on campus, such as financial aid, would have been impacted due to a failure of Prop. 30.

According to Lacy, if the proposition would have failed, staff that serves students in areas like financial aid would have faced possible hourly cuts.

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Trustee area two:



Trustee area three:



COURTESY OF MARISA K. PEREZ Trustee area four:



Trustee area six: Sandra Salazai

Commissioner of Athletics challenges campus police about break-ins

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Associated Students of Cerritos College Commissioner of Athletics, Daniel Gomez, addressed the Board of Trustees on Nov. 7, on the subject of campus safety during the off hours.

"You see the police roaming around, you see the student security guards walking around.

"That's not the issue I'm concerned with; my issue is we have had four break-ins in the past two months. Why has it gotten to this point? What is being done to prevent things like that?" Gomez said.

The Student Activities Office was broken into for the second time in two months. The other break-ins took place in the Math Success Center and the Fine Arts Build-

"During school for the most part the students I have talked to don't have an issue with (safety) concerns during school. It's when were not here, what's getting done? Chief Buck told us that during night time when were not around that he has officers patrolling and anyone on campus, even if it's just someone walking their dog, gets questioned. If that's the case, then how do we have four break-ins in two months? ... What can we do when were not here?" Gomez said.

He spoke to the Board of Trustees during the public presentations part of the monthly board meetings.

During that time anyone can have five minutes to address the board members about any topic.

Although the board members listen, they do not respond during that time.

After the meeting, Cerritos College President and Superintendent Dr. Linda Lacy said, "It's such a large area that the officers are over here and it's happening (in another area), but we are putting more officers in that area." Lacy continued, "We're trying to beef up the patrols

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Tuesday near Norwalk 🚱 Breaking news: The Student Activities Office was broken into this weekend. Master keys were stolen. Story to come Unlike · Comment · Share 🖒 You, Alexandra Scoville, Rosaüra Montes, James Williams and 5 Nathan Ruiz WHAT is going on! another break in on campus WOW! Tuesday at 12:34pm - Unlike - 🖒 4 Windy Bay Herman We seriously need more security this is getting scary and Ridiculous and I don't wanna be on ampus half the time because of the Break-Ins . Windy Bay Herman I don't feel safe there anymore and it used to be a safe campus but now its not uesday at 12:37pm · Unlike · 🖒 2 Alexander Jeane Mathias wtf. another one. Tuesday at 12:42pm via mobile · Like Cesar Guevara And nothing is done again.. Fuesday at 12:55pm via mobile - Unlike - 🖒 2 Vic Diaz My question is, where is Campus Police during Tuesday at 1:05pm via mobile - Unlike - 🖒 7 Ruben Mendez ITS ALL AN INSIDE JOB Tuesday at 1:13pm · Like · 🖒 4 Brianne Newell Wow.. with all the break ins at the school lately...you would think there would be round the clock Tuesday at 1:25pm via mobile - Unlike - 🖒 3 Josue Vivanco They need to up the security at school! (2) uesday at 1:44pm via mobile - Unlike - 🖒 1 Sunem Rivas Wow. Cameras and more security please! Tuesday at 1:51pm - Unlike - 🖒 2 Anthony Guerrero Again?!

Managing Editor managing@talonmarks.com In a historic election on Nov. 6, four out of the five incumbents run-

Sarah Niemann

ning for the Cerritos College Board of Trustees were voted out. Tom Jackson, Jean M. Mchatton, Ted Edmiston and Tina Cho have been replaced by Carmen Avalos, John Paul Drayer, Marisa K. Perez

and Sandra Salazar respectively. Current President of the Board of Trustees Bob Arthur was the only one who kept his seat.

"The at large voting system was faulty," said Drayer, board-member elect for area three.

This was the first election since the Cerritos College trustee areas were changed to give minorities more of a voice on election day.

"I was in support of it to diversi-

The at large voting system was faulty.

Four out of five incumbents lose

JOHN PAUL DRAYER Board- member elect for area three

fy the board, even though I thought it could be a problem for me," Cho

Being a minority herself, she felt that her area was unfairly divided.

"It put me in an (area) that was unfair to me. I think it was a political thing to get me off of the board. Bob Arthur was campaigning hard against me."

During her campaign, there was an article written about her in a local paper that stated that she was

"They twisted the truth, I had a

their seats on Board of Trustees lot of Latino support," Cho said.

Avalos, board-member elect for area two, said, "The community votes for who looks like them. I think in one of the areas name recognition came into play. But this (the new board) is a positive change."

The new and outgoing members have positive outlooks about the diversity on the new board.

"It's great to get new board members, three of them with Hispanic heritage. I just didn't appreciate some of the things that happened," Cho said.

The newcomers shared some of the same thoughts.

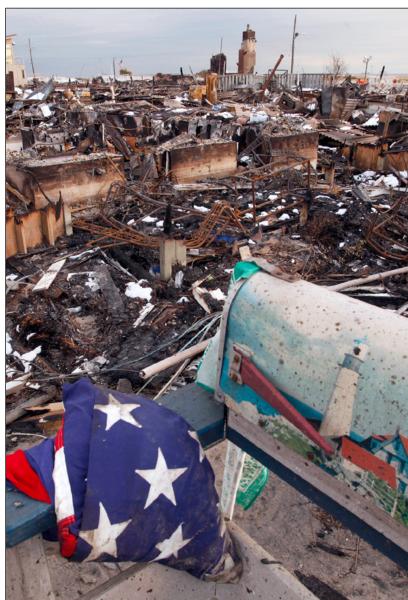
Drayer said, "I am very humbled and honored that my neighborhood felt so highly of me."

Avalos said, "I'm very excited to once again be a representative on the board."

and that type of thing, and we're putting in more alarms because in a place this vast they'll just move around to where the officers aren't. We are taking preventative measures, with the alarms and different things with mo-

"With cameras that will help catch the perpetrator, the alarms are to help deter. Keep in mind that all comes with an expense and so we are trying to balance that."

Hurricane Sandy hit home for some



PROVIDED BY MCT CAMPUS A dusting of snow fell on the community of Breezy Point, New York, where more than 100 homes burned due to Hurricane Sandy, on Thursday, November 8, 2012. Temperatures below freezing delayed the cleanup effort even further. (Carolyn Cole/Los Angeles Times)

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"It's always scary if you don't know what's going to happen. And you just hope that everyone around you is going to be safe," the words that art history professor Julie Trager thought of when she was in New York when Hurricane Sandy hit.

The destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy left trees fallen on the ground, wrecked cars, floods of water under subways and a lot more.

She arrived in New York on Oct. 26, three days prior from Hurricane Sandy which hit on the following Mon-

In the middle of the hurricane, Trager's was staying in lower Manhattan, surrounded by extremely high

"It was very frightening. It wasn't raining hard but there was a lot of wind and a lot of anxiety about what was going to happen," Trager continued.

"There's something about that tense wind that I think throws the body off."

Coming from New York to Cerritos College to continue college, criminal justice major Tim Yuen thought Hurricane Sandy was at first "going to be like another storm just to pass but when it actually happend, this time I was scared for my family (in New York)."

"I felt scared. I felt like flying back to New York even if I were to fail my classes because I believe my family is more important than school," Yuen explained.

Not being able to leave New York, Trager was one of hundreds affected by Hurricane Sandy.

"I had no hot water, power, internet, (or) cell phone service," Trager said.

She was surprised to experience downtown without any life; no electricity or power. "There were no traffic lights (and) there wasn't a store open," Trager said.

"It was bizarre to go to downtown in the evening step closer to rebuilding what they can.

and be absolutely pitch black."

She had to walk 30 blocks from where she was staying at to reach cell phone service and electricity.

For Yuen, his calls to New York wouldn't go through. When one of the calls went through, he was able

to get in touch with one of his friends. He had him go check up on his little brother to make sure he was okay.

Yuen said that if he wasn't able to get in contact with his family, he would have taken a plane to New York to see for himself if his family was okay.

Many of Yuen's friends showed him pictures.

"They showed me pictures of the train systems and the places where I use to hang out at."

Yuen had sleepless nights because of the scare he had. "I failed a test (because I) was worried."

According to an article by the Huffington Post, many buildings that Hurricane Sandy destroyed left people without work and many trying to get around have to walk to their destination because of closed subways and damaged cars.

"What was really upsetting was how many people lost work. It continued to, it's not over," Trager said.

She had a hard time leaving the city. "Two flights were cancelled, I couldn't get out. All the airports were closed," Trager said, shaking her head.

She was happy to come back to California Friday, Nov. 2 and come to work the following Monday.

"I was happy to see my students. I had emailed them prior when I knew my flight(s) was cancelled. I had been in touch with them," Trager said.

All the damage that Hurricane Sandy made will not be cleaned up for awhile.

People affected by it are working every day to get a

Calendar of events

Nov. 14

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

ASCC awards application deadline in the Student Activities Office.

Nov. 15

All Majors Fair at the library sidewalk from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Nov. 16

Project HOPE American Red Cross Facility Tour at Cal Poly Pomona from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Nov. 17

Maddi's Closet hosts 8th Annual "Mad Dash" at La Serna High School at 8 a.m.

Life after 30: How Proposition 30 will affect the Cerritos College campus after being voted in during the general election

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Students such as Daniel Gomez, as well as voting as a whole for the Commissioner of Athletics and cochair of Operation Outreach, had students on the effects of Prop. 30,

past five weeks.

Gomez, like Lacy, knew how been campaigning and educating Prop. 30 could impact the future of Cerritos College during the be-

ginning of the election. However, and knowing that we were go- Gomez said. he said he has noticed the importance of campaigning within the last two days before election day.

"From what I have learned

ing to have an event at school on Outreach, we had a chance of getting the word out to more people,"

Gomez also expressed his feel-Tuesday (Nov. 6) from Operation ings about the passing of Prop. 30.

"I was ecstatic. I was one of those people who stayed up (un-

til) four in the morning, (until) I knew for sure it was passed, and quite frankly it really did choke me up because I knew that Cerritos College had done its part."

New must-have electronics for college students this Christmas

10:22 AM iPod

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As the largest shopping season of the year quickly approaches, some Cerritos College students have already made up their minds on which electronics are must-

From cell phones in their pockets to computers in their classrooms, electronics are a major part of college students' lives.

haves for the holidays.

Apple, Microsoft, and Nintendo released all new products, sparking the attention of many students on the Cerritos campus.

Apple has recently released a plethora of products, ranging from a newer version of their iPod touch, to a miniature version of the iPad and the iPhone 5.

Architecture major Andres Neria has had his sights set on Apple's new iPod touch for quite some

"The new slim look, bigger screen and how it has more functions like an iPhone are what sold me," he said.

Neria expressed more excitement toward the new releases Microsoft has, stating his plans to acquire a new computer with the new windows system.

Microsoft had a massive launch in October regarding their new Windows 8 platform, establishing it on the market with a wide range of

The new Windows 8 software

product, the Microsoft Surface. The Surface, with custom front page tiles for easy navigation, has incorporated both a screen cover and keyboard.

can be found on a range of comput-

ers, multiple new phones and a new

In gaming, Nintendo's new Wii-U is set to hit the market Nov. 18, according to the Nintendo website.

It's the first console from Nintendo to boast high definition graphics with primary controllers that are incorporated with touchscreens to enhance the player's game play.

Undecided major Jose Hernandez has already placed the console at the top of his shopping list.

"It will be a whole new type of gaming experience that I can't get anywhere else, and that's the main reason I want it."

Undecided major Kevin Guevara is looking forward to something every man needs in his pos-

"I want a TV, probably a Vizio or a Sony, for sports like football and basketball," Guevara said.

The new E-Series of televisions from Vizio, called Razor LED Smart TV's, have applications such as YouTube, Hulu, Netflix, Facebook and Twitter built in to the system.

From gaming consoles to televisions, tablets to computers, this holiday season is jam-packed with electronics that may drain your wallet but provide a mass amount of entertainment to make it all worthwhile.



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"What do you want the Board of Trustees to change?"

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Eric Carillo

More socializing with different groups."



"Give more opportunity with registration. I wish it would be more first come first serve, rather than seniority."





Nakao Aliviado Undecided major

'I just would like the gym to be done already."

ALEXANDER TERRAZAS Engineering major

"I think the vocational and how its doing away with summer school."





Esmeralda Cortes Undecided maio

'It would be awesome if we had more classes to choose from. There's been a lot of cuts and it's been affecting every-

Annika Vega Undecided major

"To add more classes because there (are) a lot of students trying to get into classes."



• EDITORIAL •

New board members: Get to work

The four newly elected members of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees are coming in at a chaotic time and it is important to students that we see change from them.

This is a major change due to the fact that • four of the seven Board of Trustees members are going to change.

Cerritos College is experiencing a multitude of highly sensitive issues that need immediate attention, such as security threats and budget cuts.

It is understandable that being a member of the Board of Trustees isn't easy, but it is a position the candidates campaigned for, so once you are officially a member of the Board of Trustees, it is time to get to work and get things done.

According to No. 2200 of the Cerritos College Board Policies, the board is committed to fufilling the following responsibilities to:

- Represent the public interest
- Establish policies that define the institutional mission and set prudent, ethical, and legal standards and establish the direction for planning and college operations

- Hire and evaluate the President/Superinten-
- Delegate power and authority to the President/ Superintendent to effectively lead the District
- Assure fiscal health and stability, by adopting a responsible annual budget, assuring fiscal oversight, and providing for independent au-
- Monitor institutional performance and educa-
- tional quality Advocate for and protect the District.

In order to effectively fufill its responsibilities, the members of the Board of Trustees should invest as much time and effort into the school as

The new members must know the concerns of the Cerritos College students and faculty. Find out the issues that Cerritos College is experiencing and do what they can to address those issues.

they did when they campaigned for their position.

An issue that is important to the students and faculty is safety.

You can't make an educated decision if you know nothing or very little of the situation.

They should also make their presence more known around campus as well as make themselves more transparent.

Don't just hide in your little board room and make decisions that will directly affect the present and future of the school as well as the students' and faculties' lives.

Show the students and faculty that their issues and concerns are being heard and that measures will be placed into effect to alleviate those issues and concerns.

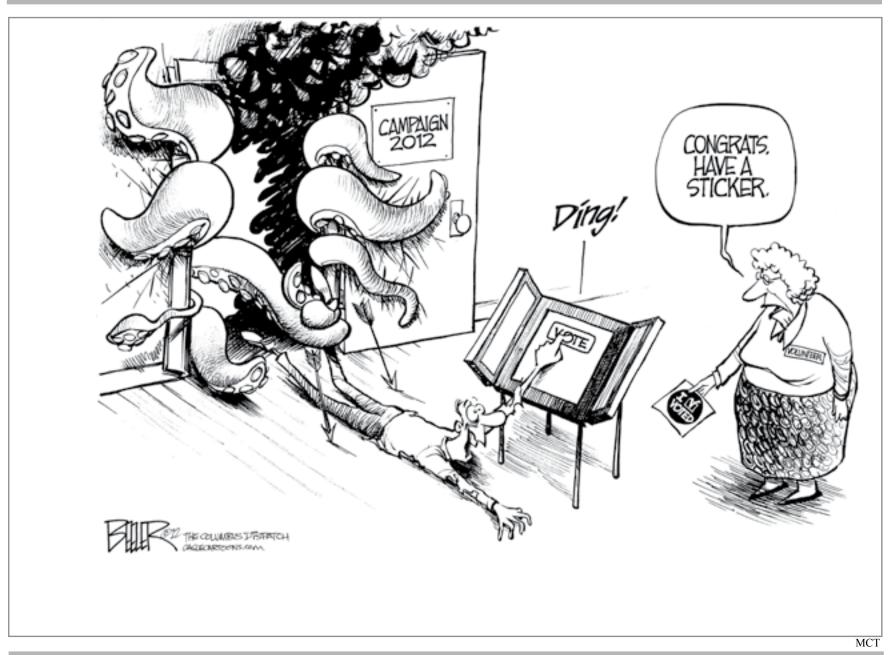
For many students and faculty, Cerritos College is their home away from home. That should be taken into consideration when decisions are being made that can directly affect them.

We all should be able to have a voice when it comes to the decision making.

Like Stan Lee, creator of Marvel Comics, once said, "With great power comes great responsibil-

ity."
The school is in your hands. Take good care of

The entire Cerritos College community will be



Are counselors really guiding students the right direction?



We all dread the long process of waiting just to meet with a counselor here at Cerritos College.

The worst comes when you have met with the counselors and not all your questions have been answered because the limited time you can be in their office.

Having the option to meet with different counselors can either be a good experience or bad.

Yet for the most part fellow students have mentioned more negative comments about counselors than positive.

One of the main issues is miscom-

munication between counselor and student.

It is constantly brought up by different students that counselors usually give the wrong information and advice on what classes to take.

It ends up turning into a waste of

time and money for students. It is becoming more of an issue, yet who is it to blame? Students or counselors? The fact is that students need to be more informed and take this subject more serious.

It has become more apparent that students are taking longer to complete their units in order to transfer.

Maybe it is time to give it the importance of solving this constant problem.

Extending the meeting time a student is allowed to have with a counselor can be a good start.

If some counselors do not make

it a priority to give each student the attention he needs, then how is it expected for students to move forward out of Cerritos College successfully?

It is a counselor's responsibility to make an effort to become more involved in and concerned with this chaotic miscommunication, especially since they are getting paid to assist

We cannot generalize that every counselor is not effective on campus because there have been other good comments, but for the most part the ones with good experiences are because the students get advised to make an appointment with a specific counselor from other students or profes-

Before you meet with a counselor, you should write down the questions you may have.

Make sure that your questions are



answered, and you do your homework on your concerns prior to your meeting.

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Bullies are victims themselves



Every time there is a suicide that is associated with "bullying," the blame is solely on the bully, but never at a culture in need of change.

Even though bullying and suicide can be interconnected, other key factors like anxiety, depression and disconnection with the family should be evaluated.

It's easy for schools to try to eliminate violence and single out the person who bullies by labeling him/her as evil due to their bullying behavior.

Bullies might be victims themselves. The act of bullying is an adaption due to a harsh environment and the feeling of powerlessness they are or have experienced as According to psychologist Al-

bert Bandura's Social Learning Theory, individuals learn how to behave and imitate other people.

If we can learn how to conduct ourselves in a respectful way toward other people, then logically violent tendencies can be learned and ap-

The fact is there are many factors that contribute for people to be bullies, usually from a violent upris-

Some kids are brought up in an authoritarian household which are either the parents, relative, or sibling who will physically and/or mentally abuse, as well as have a final say in everything.

Kids that grow up in these harsh environmental conditions that involve being beaten will believe they deserve it, which will cause them to be more accepting of violence.

Murray A. Straus, sociology professor at the University of New

Hampshire, and his colleagues they have been harassed or punconducted national surveys on the effects of corporal punishment and verbal aggression on children.

They found that parents who frequently use corporal punishment and verbal aggression on children have a higher chance of becoming depressed, having suicidal thoughts, performing poorly at school, becoming juvenile delinquents, and having less control of their aggres-

Once the kids reach their teen years, they will have low self-esteem, and will handle situations with violence or let themselves be victimized due to them having a difficult home environment.

People bully other people because it's a way to release stress, low self-esteem, and believing that is the social norm since they grew up with violence.

People who allow themselves to be victimized, feel shame and guilt, and won't recognized and dismiss

ished.

There are other factors like media that glorify sex, hatred, and violence, American's lust for guns, redemption and psychically disciplining their kids so it's not a surprise that kids are vicious to one

Anti-bullying legislature or zero tolerance for bullying at schools isn't going to help stop bullying.

There are already too many laws as it is, having a crime and punishment law for bullying is just turning a blind eye to the problem.

A positive method would be to work with the bully and his/her family to change the dynamics at home and how they communicate since violence is a behavior that is taught within families.

Another effective approach to bullying is to teach kids to treat everyone with respect, teach them values and manners, and empowering parents to alternate ways than

"power over" methods on kids. Most people see people who do

commit suicide due to harassment as cowards, which is ignorant. It will take a lot of torment for people to consider suicide to be the

only escape route for their prob-

People would point that people who commit suicide aren't mentality strong, but not everybody has the same mentality.

Being self-confident in yourself isn't something people are just born with, it is built upon life experiences and being optimistic.

Another problem is that parents are telling their kids about the dangers of the internet where most bullying has been happening these days and the world in general, not helping the kids build self-confidence and self-esteem and just being there for their kids.

In order to change bullies' and victims' way of thinking is to fix the cycle of violence they are born into.

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wrote that grinds your gears?

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really like or would like to see.

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Sex Ed. courses should be required

Sexual education courses should be mandatory for all students in college, as the minor amount of information given in earlier courses at grade school levels does not provide enough intelligence to the subject.

Despite the fact that a majority of college students have already become sexually active, sexual education courses that are required in both middle and high school are not informative enough for the students in the long run.

While the basics may have been covered in earlier courses, important facts regarding both personal health and relationships are blatantly left out due to the lack of maturity at the time of the education.

In college, students should be mature enough to understand the seriousness of a multitude of things that tie along with being sexually active, from sexually transmitted diseases to condoms to prevent both diseases and pregnancies.

According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), sexually active adolescents and young adults from the ages of 10-24 are at the highest risk of getting a sexually transmitted disease.

Also, out of the 19 million new sexually transmitted diseases each year, nearly half of them are in young adults between the ages of 15 and 24.

With a majority of the students on the Cerritos College campus falling directly into this age range, awareness and education are needed to keep students informed about what is happening with their bod-

A more serious look at not only the health issues that can result from unsafe sexual practices but the consequences on young lives should be discussed inside of a classroom, and is necessary moving forward.

With the exception of health classes that some students may take in order to obtain a major, a lot of people miss out on vital information about their sexual health that Cerritos College should offer them to make for a healthier campus.

According to familyfirstaid.org, thirty-four percent of women become pregnant before the age of 20, with eight in ten of these pregnancies being unintended.

Pregnancies force student dropouts, which is not only bad for the student and the child but it also makes the college look bad.

Of course, some students may not walk away with any more information than they already knew in regards to their sexual health after completing the course.

However, the impact that this course could have in possibly saving some ones life completely outweighs the possibility of a few students already having enough awareness for their own well being.

Instead of only taking classes that may be general education and filled with information that you will never use later on in life, students should jump at the opportunity to take a class that will make them more informed on both their personal health and how to stay healthy with their partner(s) moving forward.

The introduction of sexual education courses at Cerritos College could make for a smarter, healthier and happier community, and enable students to graduate with not only their degree but the knowledge of how to be smart and healthy in their personal lives.

A 16-week school semester will not



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work well

The idea that college semesters should be shortened to 16-weeks is silly and ridiculous. Doing so would create an even more hostile learning environment for students than is already present because it would condense the same amount of material that needs to be taught into a shorter time frame.

Think about the impact to students. Talk to professors about if shortening the school semester would help or hurt how they teach their classes.

Ask students that have taken 9-week courses what their opinion is on shortening the semester to 16-weeks.

Sure, if you are taking a "fun" course, it may not impact you all that much, but if you take a course that has serious implications on your educational goals, you will see the difference.

Imagine needing a math class to graduate and needing to learn the same amount of material in a 16week semester that you would be taught in an 18-week semester.

The workload would not shorten just because the semester does. You would still be required to learn the same amount of material in less

And what about the students that struggle in a particular subject? Those students would still have to keep up with the rest of the class.

That would be the equivalent of telling you to join a class two weeks into the semester and expect you to be on track with the rest of the class.

Not to mention the impact that shortening the school semester would have on the Cerritos College employees.

Employees that sign a contract that is based on the time that they work on campus would be greatly affected because that would mean two weeks less of pay for them as well as their families.

The negatives far outweigh any positives that anyone could ever argue as to why cutting the semester to 16-weeks instead of 18-weeks would be a good idea. It is a horrible thought and any conversation about it needs to be stopped immediately.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to request that you reconsider printing mindless jabber on the school's newspa-

Lets remember that we are in a college full of adults who seek intellectual stimulation.

I'm talking about the questions you choose to ask random students.

dents what they fear most about Halloween. Seri-

The last Talon Marks issue I read asked stu-

ously? And by the way, where are you finding these simpletons that provide these answers?

I truly love reading which is why I felt that it is my duty to call you out on the poor quality Talon Marks portrays.

-Janeth Briceno







This week in history

 November 14, 1969 NASA launches Apollo 12, the second crewed mission to the surface of the Moon.

• November 14, 1972 - The Dow Iones Industrial Average closed above 1,000 for the first time, ending the day at 1,003.16.

 November 15, 1956 Love Me Tender, Elvis Presley's first movie, opens in New York.

 November 15, 1939 In Washington, D.C., US President Franklin D. Roosevelt lavs the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial.

 November 17, 1973 Watergate scandal: In Orlando, Florida, U.S. President Richard Nixon tells 400 Associated Press managing editors "I am not a crook."

• November 18, 1999 In College Station,

Texas, 12 are killed and 27 injured at Texas A&M University when the 59-foot-tall Aggie Bonfire, under construction for the annual football game against the University of Texas, collapses at 2:42am.

> Information from http://www.thepeoplehistory.com



Dance Department holds its **Fall Dance Concert at Cerritos**

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The Dance Department and the Associated Students of Cerritos College presented the Fall Dance Concert which took place in the Burnight Center Theatre on vidson said. Thursday, Friday and two different performances on Saturday.

Faculty and students danced together in performances along with guest such as the Ken Dance Com-

concert, it has been a guest consecutively each semester. The Fall Dance Concert was directed by Dance De-

> partment Chairperson Janet Sanderson, and other faculty. Some of the pieces that were performed at

each dance concert were ballet, modern, commercial and world fusion.

Dance and sign language major Areal Hughes explained how the new choreography went when she participated in the dance concert and what she gained more from it.

"The funnest part and most exciting part is learning the choreography, especially if it's new to you and you don't get it.

"Of course it's a learning process and that's something I enjoy doing," Hughes said.

She performed in modern dance, ballet, African and hip-hop pieces for the dance concert.

Full-time dance faculty Rebekah Davidson said that this dance concert had choreography that premiered for the first time.

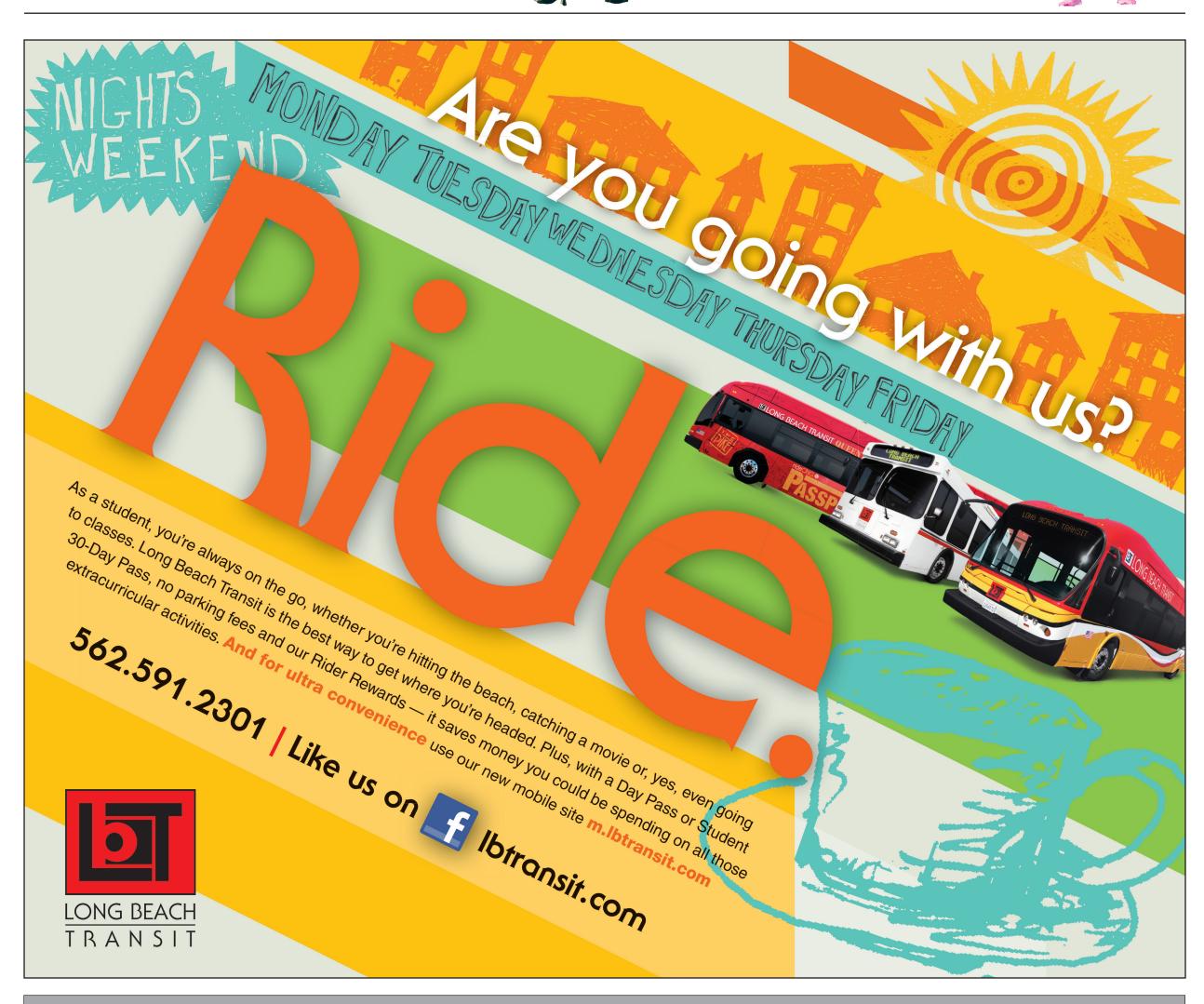
"It (the concert) was very cohesive with a lot of diversity. It ran very quickly and each piece brought different energy, a different flavor and different style.

"There was something for everyone," Da-

Dance major, Michael Mendoza commented about the concert, "I wouldn't change the show this semester, it was a well-thought show and everyone did an amazing job."

Mendoza added, "I personally love modern Ken Dance Company is no stranger to the dance pieces just because they can be so intense and have me on the edge of my seat.





Falcons let season opener slip away

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With 1.5 seconds left in the game, a long inbound pass to the highly defended point guard Manny Garcia, couldn't be converted into the winning basket for the Cerritos College Falcons men's basketball team, resulting in a 72-71 loss to the Santa Monica College Corsairs on Friday at Biola University.

Falcons guard, Kevin Conrad gave the Falcons a 71-70 lead after making a jump shot with 12 seconds left in the game.

However, 12 seconds proved to be enough time for the Corsairs to push the ball down the court and get it close enough to the basket where Chris Camper scored the winning basket on a tip-with 1.5 seconds left.

Conrad, the leading scorer for the Falcons, shared his take on the team's performance in the game.

"It was a hard fought game on both sides but we just need to eliminate the turnovers and of course it's the first game so we can learn from it like any other game." pulled groin muscle, but is turn to the lineup this week.

The Falcons will have a classical first win of the season at the season

A major contribution to the Corsairs' win was the 28 points they scored from the Falcons' turnovers.

Head Coach Russ May spoke about the team's fallout, despite having a 15 point lead at one point in the game.

"You are not going to win a game with 25 turnovers," he said.

A big momentum changer in the game was when Falcons forward Jon Benson was given a technical for hanging on the rim after dunking the ball, leading to a quick four points for the Corsairs who began to chip away at the lead.

"We decided to pull on the rim and get a

technical and that led to a four point turnaround and it was just lack of discipline," May said.

"What we said in the huddle wasn't transferring on to the (court)."

According to May, there is no doubt his team will get better and produce wins this season, using this loss as an eye opener or ear opener for that matter.

"Hopefully all the things we've taught them up until now have some real meaning because of the fact that it is everything we've been teaching."

Falcons center Isaac Okebiorun agrees with May's philosophy.

"We got satisfied being up by 15 points, we should have kept listening to the coach and run the plays and just execute play by play," Okebiorun said.

The Falcons played without starting point guard Anthony Holliday, who was out with a pulled groin muscle, but is scheduled to return to the lineup this week.

The Falcons will have a chance to get their first win of the season at the Irvine Valley Tournament against Cuyamaca College on Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. in Irvine.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 15

Women's Basketball vs. San Bernardino College - 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball at Irvine Valley Tournament - 2 p.m.

Wrestling vs. Mt. San Antonio (at Excelsior H.S.) - 7 p.m.

Nov. 16

Women's Basketball vs. Santa Barbara Tournament -TBA

Men's Basketball at Irvine Valley Tournament - TBA

Nov. 17

Women's Basketball vs. Santa Barbara Tournament -TBA

Men's Basketball at Irvine Valley Tournament - TBA

Men's Soccer 1st Round Southern California Playoffs - TBA

Women's Soccer 1st Round Southern California Playoffs -TBA



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Jonathan Garza/TM

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Thursday, Nov. 15
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in
Talon Marks Newsroom
FA-42 (Fine Arts Building)

-Speak with staff members
-Tour the newsroom

We're looking for individuals who are interested in writing, design, multimedia and photography.

Free food and drinks will be provided