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CHRISTOPHER URIBE



“Pretty much, I just recycle.”

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This month in Cerritos College History:

January 22, 1960:

The president’s administration assistant Don Desfor wins Best News Picture of November from the Associated Press.

January 22, 1971:

Talon Marks Associate Editor Ben Dickson resigns because of administrative censorship.

January 25, 1989:

Former Cerritos College coach, Lefty Pendleton gets named to the National Amateur Boxing Hall of Fame.

Go Green

Committee initiates ambient change on campus

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An idea stemming from Geography professor Dr. Crystal LoVetere, the Go Green Committee seeks to create jobs for students, promote environmentalist initiatives, such as recycling, and give back to Cerritos College. Juan Ramirez and Aldemar Sanchez, ASCC president and vice president, respectively, will enact the program on campus, as soon as February.

Recycling initiatives were attempted in the past, namely by Dr. LoVetere, however, she found it difficult to get off the ground.

Sanchez said, “Much wasn’t happening with the (recycling programs) since students would not pay attention and continue to throw regular trash into the recycling bins. It just wasn’t going anywhere and died out.”

What refused to die were Dr. LoVetere’s aspirations for a recycling initiative.

“She wanted to expand on it, but the campus wasn’t really going with it, and that is when she came to ASCC,” Ramirez said.

It was with that partnership that the Go Green Committee was conceived, with Ramirez stating, “It was implemented further this year by Lance (Makinano) and Aldo (Lopez), and working with Dr. LoVetere, while (Sanchez and Ramirez) decided to get students and make them involved.”

The Go Green Committee’s approach toward its rise is a cautious one, as it is understood that action must be taken, but at a certain pace, as to not just throw everything out there at once and have it wither away.

The committee has closely followed Orange Coast College’s recycling program, as it has been successful in not only recycling, but its finances, as Dr. LoVetere had reported to the committee that the college made about \$350,000 in profit.

It is that success that the Go Green Committee strives for, and it’s that type of success that Ramirez and Sanchez hope to continue on in the future on campus, and in the present

day.

“Anything that trickles down will come back to us,” Ramirez said. “And we’ll use that to give back to the students through events, welcome back days, Spring Festival, the Falcon Games (etc).”

A change that would immediately be recognizable is the presence of recycling bins next to every trash can on campus.

The recycling bins, known as slant-top stations, are made out of 100 percent recyclable material. The stations would be outside and available for students, where they can drop off plastic and aluminum cans.

“We want to put these trash cans out as soon as possible, but they have to be accepted by the Board (of Trustees), which will be determined Feb. 5,” Sanchez said. “So hopefully (by) the beginning of February, we’re going to start putting them out there.”

With all the material set, Ramirez recalls pondering about how the committee would spread the word about its intentions to students.

“When we started the committee, we already gathered all the recyclable material that was required; the trash bins and the tilt truck that gathers all the recycled material from the different departments. What we needed was an application to send this out to the students.

“From the beginning we wanted to create jobs for the Go Green Committee.”

Those employed by the committee will receive payment of \$12.50 an hour. The committee does not accept individuals on volunteer basis, as Ramirez describes it as a “liability issue.”

“There will be people working with material that can possibly injure them, stuff’s really heavy, and we don’t want to run into that controversy.

“We’d rather treat the people involved as actual workers. It’s demanding.”

The committee seeks a maximum of 15 members. Anybody interested in joining, would have to attend a Go Green Committee meeting, which is held Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. in rooms BK 111 and BK 112.

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‘There Ought to be a Law’ encourages ideas

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Assemblymember Christina Garcia has introduced a contest called “There Ought to be a Law” into the 58th district, which is open to anyone who wants to submit an idea regarding a new law that could be passed.

A winner will be chosen and flown to Sacramento to meet with committees and learn the process of creating and approving legislation.

The 58th district includes the cities of Bellflower, Downey, Commerce, Pico Rivera, Cerritos, Artesia, Montebello and parts of Norwalk.

It also includes Bell Gardens, where Garcia is a resident.

The program will go past its Jan. 17 deadline, and it will accept ideas as long as she is in office.

She feels that it’s important that this opportunity is open to everybody.

“I’m still learning and I want my constituents to learn with me,” she said.

She hopes that submissions will continue throughout the year, even if she is not re-elected when elec-

tions take place this November.

Aldemar Sanchez, Associated Students of Cerritos College vice president, said this is a great opportunity being presented to students.

“It could be a push for students. They could have a chance to change the government.”

He said that for the student government, a lot of the members are political science majors, and this contest would serve as a way to see what they may be doing in the future.

Annalisa Chavez, political science major, believes it is important for students to get involved and become more aware of politics.

“I would create a law that would enable students to read a bible during [break time].”

Daren Lawis, a student veteran, thinks it should be against the law to take away veterans benefits.

Physical therapy major, Timothy Neal, believes that there should be a law that would change racial profiling by police officers.

Garcia said that it has been fun to see what everyone has come up with.

Submissions are accepted through Garcia’s website at <http://asmdc.org/members/a58/>



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Make a law: Assemblymember Christina Garcia is a member of the 58th district and desires the input from students for the “There Ought to be a Law” competition.

Clubs show off what they’ve got



Getting Info: Ryan Morris (right), anthropology major, also signed up for the Sci-Fi Club while getting the lowdown on the club's activities from German Sanchez, psychology major, and president of the club. Anime Club's Manuel Delgadillo (left), history major, took a breather as he waited for the next group of interested students to pass his table during the first session of Club Info Day on Jan. 28.

JOE ZERMANO/TM

Students walk Falcon Square to seek out clubs

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First-time student roaming through the booths at Club Info Day was Amanda Cary, linguistics major, who was caught up in the moment of the array of different clubs that Cerritos College had to offer.

"It was pretty interesting to see unique clubs we have here, it's a pretty diverse club range. I thought they were gonna be like pushing it on you but they really were just informing you about the clubs, they're giving you more information than anything," said Cary.

Club Info Day is an event at Cerritos College that allows a variety of different clubs and their members to showcase their respective clubs to students, that took place first on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again in the evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

There were several clubs to explore that ranged in

different categories, a few include: WPMD, Christian studies, Science Technology Engineering Math club, Psychology Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Anime Club, Sci-Fi club, and Generic Improvisational Peeps Show club.

The music from a disc jockey kicked off day one of Club Info Day, as students flooded Falcon Square.

Hoping to attract as many people as possible, some clubs have strategically placed balloons around their booths, others displayed an assortment of pictures and some simply displayed posters to attract and inform potential recruits.

Annalisa Chavez, vice president of the Alpha Omega Club, was delighted by the turnout of students wandering to the different booths and more than happy to advertise what the club was about.

"The turnout has been great, there's a lot of people, there's a lot of people asking questions. There's all different types of nationalities and backgrounds and I really like to see that, we're all here for one purpose and it's to get an education," Chavez said.

Adrian Gomez, psychology major and a member of Psychology Club, was also satisfied by the number of students interested in joining the clubs specifically psychology club.

"The turnout is like really really great, it looks like we have a lot of interested new members. Come and join us, we're all kicking it, enjoying each other's company," Gomez said.

Other students seemingly had a few clubs in mind to check out and did not want to bother with exploring other club booths.

Lupita Infante, music major, merely wanted to explore the specific clubs she was interested in joining and not the other club booths.

"I'm in the music program, so I went really to check out the Music Club," Infante said.

The Cosmotology Club also had tables set up so they could give free manicures to promote their club as well as their program so they can get new customers for their department.

Members of the club walked around campus to at-

tract students to their booth.

Clubs will gather on Wednesday to give more information out to students from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information about clubs and what events they may have the clubs will meet for the Inter-Club-Council meeting on Thursday at 11 a.m. in room BK 111/112



Senate ready: Richard Borjas, Maritza Olmos and Juan David Camarena anxiously wait as the ASCC senate members cast votes on their approval to be assistant executive members on Wednesday Jan. 22.

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New senators approved for spring semester

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"I took a position that assumes a lot of responsibility. Now I have the obligation to go through with that," said Melanie Serrano, engineering major, who joined eleven new students to become senators in the first two senate meetings of 2014.

The new group of senators include Eduardo Aponte, Josephine Diaz, Francis Fernandez, Shawn Tung and two sophomores, Earvin Chavez and Yazmin Martinez.

Some of the students relished the opportunity to be involved with Cerritos College in a more hands on approach.

Francis Fernandez, kinesology major, expressed his enthusiasm in taking part in school activities and giving students a voice on how the school is run.

"I'm pretty excited for being senator. I actually get to make a difference in school while I attend school. I'm not to sure what to expect, I'm just really pumped up to see what I can do to make decision and be a voice for students," Fernandez said.

Josephine Diaz, psychology major, hopes

to create more activities for students and sees no reason why senate can't get things done.

"I am really happy that I am in senate. I want to be more involved in the school. Hopefully we can have more activities out there in (Cerritos College) . We have enough funding and we can make the right decisions," Diaz said.

Students that are interested in joining the senate have to wait until next semester to have their chance.

Requirements for being in senate include that you have to have a 2.25 grade point average and be enrolled in a minimum of five units.

Closing out the rest of the senate seats are Melanie Serrano, Elitanya De La Cruz, Lewter Melegrito, Jada Blanshard, and Jessica Wu.

Other roles that were appointed were Enrique Hernandez as court justice, Juan Camerena as assistant commissioner of budget and finance and Michelle Barba as assistant commissioner of student outreach.

Enrique Hernandez, civil engineering major, wants to bring students closer to Cerritos College, "I want to be involved in (Cerritos College), work with students and get every-

body involved during election time."

With the new inductees to the student government, Aldemar Sanchez, chair of the senate, wants to involve the Judicial Court more and to do more things for Cerritos College.

"I really want to push more involvement for our court, our court feels like (it's) not represented, so I want to work with our senate to be more involved with (the court) and with (Cerritos College)," said Sanchez.

Students who haven't gotten a chance to join a branch of student government for any reason can still be a part of decisions that can be made for Cerritos College.

The Associated Students Cerritos College president has the power to select any students to campus committees at any time during the school year.

The only requirement is that they should have a 2.0 GPA and they have to be enrolled in five units with a current semester sticker.

Senate meetings occur every Wednesday 2 p.m. at BK111/112 located next to the bookstore.

For more information about student activities and student government go to www.cerritos.edu/ascc

Going green: Student government creates a committee in order to help promote environmental change at Cerritos College

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Borrowing the methods the ASCC uses to recruit students, the Go-Green Committee has a certain criteria when it comes to students being accepted into its ranks.

Students must have a 2.0 GPA, no D's in the previous semester, at least five units enrolled at Cerritos College, availability on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and availability during the Go-Green Committee meetings.

As of now, three student employees have been hired, Lance Makinano from the Board of Trustees, Anthony Guerrero, who was previously an ASCC senator and German Sanchez, who is commissioner of day-time activities.

These individuals have been hired, but not approved by the Board of Trustees. If for whatever reason they are not accepted, the interview process would have to be re-

peated.

Makinano noted how great it was to finally have a recycling initiative on campus after failed attempts on campus.

"It's good to bring awareness and just keep in mind that trees are not unlimited and we can't grow them in two seconds. It's things like that, water, for another example, that are important to think about and address the

concerns."

Ramirez said, "(Sanchez and I) came into office in hopes of creating jobs and that's what we're hoping to do."

For more information visit the student activities office or go online to www.cerritos.edu/activites.



“What ways do you go green?”

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LISSETTE ALCALA
business administration major

“I try to recycle everything that I possibly can. I also take the bus as much as I can.”



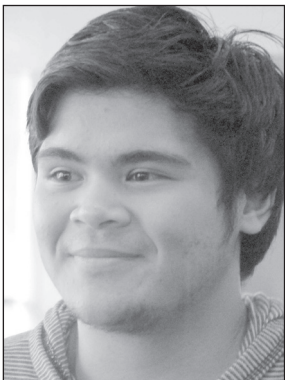
MONICA CORONA
nursing major

“I recycle and carpool.”



MICHELLE CASTILLO
kinesiology major

“I make sure I put water bottles and cans in the recycling bins. I try to save paper as much as I can.”



ELMER MILAN
physical therapy major

“I like to recycle bottles and newspapers but to be honest I am not much of a green person.”



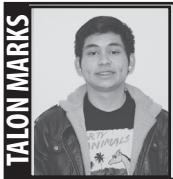
CHRISTOPHER URIBE
nursing major

“Pretty much I just recycle”



MANUEL DELGADILLO
history major

“I try to recycle as much as I can. Save cans, take them to a recycling plant”



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A sequel?
Seriously?

Do successful films always need a sequel? Lets peer into some of the most unnecessary continuations in movie history as we review what exactly is wrong with them.

Why is it that often times some directors feel the need to try and recreate their works of art? Countless times in movie history, directors have attempted to produce continuations of amazing films. Sometimes, the sequel can prove to be its own masterpiece. However, a bad sequel can ruin an entire franchise.

In 1978, the iconic sing along film known as “Grease,” starring John Travolta, swept the nation with its 1950’s groove. With its catchy tunes and Broadway type performances, the movie became an instant success. Several years later, a sequel to this iconic film was released, only to be a major disappointment to the box office and its fans. In comparison to “Grease” the story doesn’t necessarily follow the T-birds, but instead the pink ladies and a forbidden immature love. Along with an overall boring plot, the characters lack realism. Greasers were meant to be delinquents and teachers were to be seen as enforcers.

“The Purge” was one of the most hyped and talked about movies of 2013.

Although “The Purge” wasn’t a complete disappointment, how will a sequel to this movie fair? It’s bad enough to make a sequel of a movie in which its best scene is the opening montage.

“The Purge 2” seems like a disappointment in the making.

Other unnecessary sequels included as the “Paranormal Activity” series, “Anchorman 2,” and almost every “Step up” sequel.

Sometimes, movies are better left as one hit wonders. There are only so many continuations a movie can have and every story eventually needs an ending.

•EDITORIAL•



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Going green for our only home

Going green has had quite a presence as of late, with many initiatives taking place to protect the environment, and the Go Green Committee’s recent prominence is an excellent opportunity for students and community members alike to contribute individual ways to “go green.”

It seems “going green” has been a term thrown around quite loosely, but what does it truly mean? What is its purpose?

Its roots grow from environmentalism. It’s the idea that the world all of us inhabit is withering away, and that one has to carry the responsibility to prevent such a happening.

Global warming, the Greenhouse effect, pollution; these are all terms that have casted our way and with good reason, as it is important to preserve and improve the world around us.

Others, namely organizations or individuals on campus, have already induced steps to facilitate that change.

The Go Green Committee seeks to promote recycling across campus in order to establish a type of beneficial change on campus.

With its recycling initiative, the Go Green Committee intends to place recycling bins all across the campus, accompanying the trash cans that are already present.

Recycling bottled drinks can reduce the

amount of container waste that would be spewed across our global shelter. Simply doing this, as opposed to, say, throwing the bottle on the floor or in a trash can, can do wonders.

Better yet, ditch the bottled water in favor of a reusable bottle from home in order to avoid the mess all together.

Helping out goes beyond simply recycling bottled or plastic goods, as even some of the simplest form of lifestyle habits can have a negative impact on the environment.

Installing fluorescent light bulbs, unplugging appliances when they are not in use and washing clothes with cold water can save energy. Even the little things than can go unnoticed such as the sudden influx of ecigs on campus that still gives the your daily dose of nicotine and at the same time helping out the invironment as you are no longer polutting the air with cancerous toxins.

According to worldwatch.org, “As much as 85 percent of the energy used to machine-wash clothes goes to heating the water.”

Hanging your clothes, instead of drying them in a machine, can save the energy required to warm up the clothes (not to mention the money you’ll save and you don’t get your clothes faded as fast with cold water).

These energy saving habits that can be applied at home, are also things that can be applied to the buildings on campus in the future, as the environmentalist intentions are not limited to just the Go Green Committee.

The new Liberal Arts and DSPS Building that is currently under construction will also utilize energy saving resources in order to restrict overuse of power.

The world around us is going green, whether it be on a grandeur scale that is nation-wide or on a micro-level scale at schools, such as Cerritos College.

Simple things, like biking to school or walking, can sometimes pose dramatic change. As living organisms of mother Earth who took care of us with its beauty and natural resources than we can at least do in return of the favor and take care of her as well, because in the end we only have one home.

The ideal toward the preservation of the environment is a step that requires little change in one’s habits and day-to-day activities and ultimately a big bold change for the entire planet.



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May I have another?

There are plenty of movies out there that deserve a sequel but they never really get one.

These sequels would continue the story line or answer questions that have been puzzling audiences.

One movie that would be perfect for a sequel is “The Incredibles” movie.

The success of the movie says a lot, the movie won an Academy Award and a Golden Globe for Best Motion Picture in 2004.

“The Incredibles” ends with The Underminer attacking the city and the Parr family suiting up again to come to the rescue.

Fans would fill up theaters and bring in revenue and if that isn’t an indicator to a sequel than I don’t know what is.

“District 9” should get a sequel as it is one the better science fiction movies to come out in recent years.

The movie played with ideals like racism, but in a from a of marooned alien species. “District 9” had its fill of jaw dropping moments and thought provoking scenes that really got people going.

Neill Blomkamp, director of “District 9”, did say that he wanted to do sequel and that it might be a prequel to “District 9”.

Movie-goers want to know what happens to Wikus Van De Merwe.

Many people don’t like sequels to a lot of the movies they like because of the idea that the sequel wouldn’t be as good as the first film.

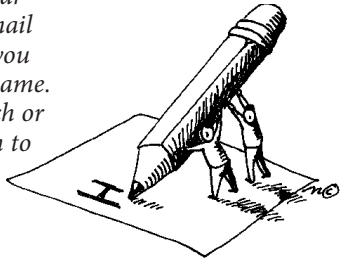
Movie franchises such as Paranormal Activity and Fast and Furious make for great ongoing series of movies that keep things fresh in the movie industry.

There were some hit-and-misses in those movie series, but at the end of the day its entertainment that everyone would enjoy.

In The Dark Knight trilogy, the first movie “Batman Begins” was a really good movie, but the sequel to that movie, “The Dark Knight,” was an example of a movie having so much more success than the first.

Every movie should get a sequel, if there’s a story than why not tell it. Why sit around wondering what could have been?


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Get ready to go on a ‘Ride Along’

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Last year Kevin Hart released his stand-up comedy movie “Let Me Explain.” This year he stars in the movie “Ride Along” with actor Ice Cube.

“Ride Along” is about a guy named Ben Barber who is played by Hart; he tries to get the blessing to marry James Payton’s sister played by Tika Sumpter. Payton is played by Ice Cube and the only way that Payton will give Barber his blessing is if he can prove himself as a proper candidate for Payton’s sister.

Barber is on his way to attend a police academy, while Payton is a seasoned police officer. Since, Payton is a police officer, he decides to take Barber on a ride along, so that Barber can prove that he can protect Payton’s sister; hence forth the movie title.

Angela, Patyon’s sister became an important character toward the end of the movie.

The storyline of “Ride Along” is a little more complex than what, it seems, it has a small plot twist as well as an emotional pull. An underlining plot is about Payton trying to catch a notorious gun dealer who goes by the name Omar, played by actor Laurence Fishburne.

A highlight of the movie, was that it ridiculed scenes that are seen in action films, similar to what is shown in older action comedies like “Rush Hour” and “The Other Guys.”

The star and the highlight of this movie is Hart.

He surley delievers in this movie because of his facetious and crazy antics that is shown in every scene that he is in.

All his different lines, always trying to act all tough, and his Napoleon complex steals the

show.

If you are a Hart fan, you will love this movie.

There are a lot of humorous parts within the film, but all of the comedy has Hart involved, with the exception of a couple of funny one-liners by Ice Cube

Its not a bad thing, but if the writers would have spent a little more time developing the story; then, maybe it would have been a better movie.

A theme that was represented throughout the film, is the video game medium. It was funny to see how Barber uses the stereotypic gamer mindset and language within the movie.

It is great to see an entertainment medium such as films trying to represent the video game industry, despite the fact it isn’t a positive depiction of a gamer. It still made for some hysterical moments, whenever the stereotype was present.

Overall “Ride Along” is a good movie, but not the best movie. The only good thing it has going is Hart. He does have many funny lines, crazy exaggerations and his humorous high pitch voice, but other than that there’s nothing else that grabs the viewers attention.

“Ride Along” is recommend to anyone who likes Hart or simply just wants to have a good time watching a mediocore comedy movie.

Otherwise, just wait for the DVD or Blu-Ray release or when it gets streamed on Netflix.

Movie Review

“Ride Along”

Starring: Kevin Hart
Director: Tim Story
Rating: ★★★

UPCOMING MOVIES	
Friday Jan. 31	Friday Feb. 7
“That Awkward Moment”	“Vampire Academy”
“Labor Day “	“The LEGO Movie “
“At Middleton”	“The Monuments Men”
“Brightest Star”	“Welcome to the Jungle”
“Best Night Ever”	“Nurse 3D”

Theatre Department

The Boys From Syracuse Theatre Auditions

Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. Call backs: Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. In BC-17

At the Burnight Center Theatre

www.cerritos.edu/theatre



Rehersal Time: Ivan Oyarzabal reads his lines for his leading role in the upcoming Cerritos College play, “Rebel Without a Cause.” The play is set to debut on Feb. 28.

He’s more than just an act

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Going from rock bottom to being part of your own film company can seem like a storyline for a movie but theater major Ivan Oyarzabal has made that story into reality.

“I dropped out of high school and I didn’t finish high school,” he said. “I moved out at 17. I used to run with the wrong crowds and (I was) on a bad track to nowhere. I was either going to end up dead or in jail.”

That all changed when Oyarzabal took a fundamentals of acting class to fill out a general education requirement.

“I remember the professor telling me that acting is all about trust and confining in another person. Being a great actor and being a great human is synonymous. It’s one in the same,” he said.

Oyarzabal was able to get straight A’s during the fall 2013 semester for the first time in his life and feels that he would have never been able to do it, if he never discovered theater.

Fast forward to this semester and he has been casted for his first dramatic lead role in a full length production as Jim Stark in “Rebel Without a Cause.”

“It tests me as an actor, because I like to embody the character that the author had in mind. It’s a challenge and it’s something that I have been waiting for, for quite a while now,” he said.

Although Oyarzabal has done many productions that involve comedy, such as performing with Cerritos College’s Generic Improvisational Peep Show, he feels as if he can invest more of himself in dramatic productions.

“The day I got the role I went and bought the script, researched the era, I started buying clothes to represent the character, started walking a different way and finding keywords that the character likes to use,” he said.

Lead actress and child development major, Tiffany Mata is performing in her first production at Cerritos College and sees how important the theater is to Oyarzabal.

“This was just something that I was doing for fun, but this is what he is passionate about,” she said. “He takes it very seriously and I admire how passionate he is about it.”

Mata also appreciated the experience that Oyarzabal has, because she feels that he has helped her during rehearsals when it comes to relaxing and focusing on what needs to get done.

Theater professor Forrest Hartl has directed many productions and has seen first hand how Oyarzabal has progressed since the first time he worked with him.

“Since I have seen him in his first dramatic one act, he has proven himself as an improviser, a writer and also an organizer for things to get done,” he said. “I know he is working off campus with film which takes organization, responsibility and all these other abilities that require a responsible person.”

The off campus activity that Hartl referenced is “Humble Film Productions,” which is Oyarzabal’s film company that he is the project manager for. He is in charge of the communication between the director, photography, the president of the film company and the director.

On top of all of these responsibilities, he has a maintenance job on the side and credits his phone for being able to balance his life.

“I put everything on my phone and I micro-manage. I have to do that, because then I feel anxious and I feel like everything is taking control of me,” he said. “I schedule my meals, my exercise, my work time and every part of my life.”

Oyarzabal and his team made the film “Last List.”

“We are going to be sending ‘Last List’ into Sundance,” he said. “That’s one festival that we really want to be at, because it’s really renowned.”

While getting to Sundance is the main focus at the moment, Hartl knows that there are many struggles that “Humble Film Productions” are going to have to go through to get there.

“I think perseverance is one of the biggest struggles as well, because you are going to face a lot of competition and a lot of obstacles to get your film to be seen by a big audience,” he said.

However, Oyarzabal doesn’t see other films as something to worry about, but as a tool for him to keep moving forward.

“There is always going to be competition, but I am not discouraged when movies come out,” he said. “I’m inspired when I go to the cinema and walk out that I know I’m doing what I want to do.”

Oyarzabal has to balance all of this and make sure that he is prepared for the opening night for the “Rebel Without a Cause” production that opens at the Burnight Theatre Feb. 28.

Students snub and praise Grammy’s

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The decisions at this years Grammy’s, snubs some older artists while trying to be nostalgic.

Full of upsets and surprises, the 56th annual Grammy awards left some viewers, like biology major Jose Garcia, with a bad taste in their mouth.

“Daft Punk should not have won album of the year,” said Garcia. “They just didn’t have a bigger year then they have had before.”

In addition to winning Album Of The Year, Daft Punk went on to win Record Of The Year, Best Pop Duo/Group Performance, Best Dance/Electronica Album, and Best Engineered Album. The duo then got the crowd up and dancing with a live performance of their hit, “Get Lucky.”

This marked the duo’s first live performance in six years.

The performances themselves were following a repetitive formula of solos turning into collaborations.

“I thought Beyonce’s performance with Jay-Z was great. I really liked her dancing,” said nursing major Claudia Rayo.

While Beyonce’s opening performance did start the night off right, she walked away empty handed in the end of the night losing the Best Rap/ Sung Collaboration to her husband Jay-Z and Justin Timberlake’s “Holy Grail”.

Between the performances, host LL Cool Jay reminded the audience of important musical anniversaries including the 30th anniversary of Def Jam records and the upcoming 50th anniversary of The Beatles first performance in America on “The Ed Sullivan Show.”

The theme of old meeting new seemed to be carried along the whole show. Previous Grammy winning artists who performed with musicians of another generation were the real focus of the show.

Metallica showed this by joining with pianist Lang Lang to perform ‘One,’ while Dave Groh of the Foo Fighters sang with Paul McCartney.

“Metallica with Lang Lang really surprised me. They could still pull it off after all these years” said Jose Escamilla, an engineering major, who is a Metallica fan.

A full list of winners and nominees from this years Grammy’s can be found at <http://www.grammy.com/nominees>

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Cross-country scored 16.0 points in the scoring criteria. The individuals in the athletic department have exhaled pride over such a scoring.



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According to athletic director Dan Clauss, the football team played well into its playoffs and gave Cerritos 8.5 points in the NATYCAA rankings.

NATYCAA rankings favor Cerritos athletics

Cerritos College leads sports sweepstakes, as other colleges trail closely behind.

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Fall athletics have pushed Cerritos College to first place in a point based competition run by the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators as of Jan. 8.

Cerritos College has participated in the NATYCAA cup since 2004 and since then this is the first time it has led in the standings.

As of last Friday, the top five schools are Cerritos College, Mt. San Antonio College, America River College, Fullerton College and Fresno City College.

Athletic Director, Dan Clauss, Has high hopes for the sport programs in the NATY-

CAA rankings.

“We’ve been in the top ten since the inception (2004),” Clauss said

Cerritos College leads ahead of the pack with 98.5 points while Mt. San Antonio College follows behind with 92.0 points.

Scoring is based on the maximum of 20 points.

The state champion in each individual sport for each college will receive 20 points, the runner up 19 and so on and so forth.

Men’s cross country scored 17.0 points and women’s cross country scored 16.0.

The football team for Cerritos College scored 8 points, men’s soccer 14.5 points and women’s soccer team 20.0 points.

Men’s water polo added 9.5 points to the ranking and the wrestling team scored 13.0 points.

The last school to win the cup was Mt. San Antonio College.

Mt. San Antonio College finished with a total of 177.5 points, the highest in the 10 years NATYCAA has operated under the California Community College Athletic Association.

With the fall season, Cerritos College leads ahead of conference rival, Mt. San Antonio College, in a 6.5 point difference.

Out of 52 colleges, Cerritos College is leading; this is a big accomplishment for the school athletic department.

Dean of Athletics, Dr. Daniel Smith, Is wowed with the result. “The reason

that is important is, I don’t think many people realize that there are over 100 community colleges in California that participate in intercollegiate athletics,” Smith said.

“To be that high in the NATYCAA cup every single year is quite an accomplishment,” Smith added.

So far, the scores recorded are those of the fall sports. Spring still has a lot more to add to the NATYCAA rankings.

Spring sports consist of baseball, cross-

country, track and field, tennis, softball, swim and dive.

Basketball was not counted for the fall rankings due to the fact that the games started Nov. 9 but continue on throughout the spring season.

Point counting is very similar to the same scoring scheme of fall.

Winning a championship is 20 points and as the placing of the team drops the points are taken down by one.

“We pride ourselves on being very strong on every sport,” Smith said.

“That’s the only way you could be way up there in the NATYCAA cup, you got to be strong in every sport.”

Both Smith and Clauss have high hopes for spring and are confident that the spring athletes and coaching staffs will drive deep into their corresponding playoffs.

The first sport to open the spring score counting is tennis and softball, followed by



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baseball.

Both teams are prepared for the challenge ahead.

Baseball’s head coach Ken Gaylord feels optimistic of his staff. “I really feel good about my coaching staff,” Gaylord said.

Points are fully counted based on the team’s final position in its corresponding post-conference competition.

The winner of the NATYCAA cup will be recognized at a NATYCAA Awards Luncheon at the World Center Marriot Resort in Orlando, Fl.

Experience teaches returning players for season



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Shouldering the load: Freshman outfielder Kenton McDonald performing pre-season drills during practice. He is one of the new players to join the baseball team.

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With the baseball season starting at the South Coast Conference Tournament on Thursday, head coach Ken Gaylord and his players feel like they are ready to start the season.

“I really feel good about my coaching staff. They challenge (the players) and instruct them,” he said. “We still have a ways to go with that, but I think that we are ready mentally.”

Although the season starts out with many non-conference games, Gaylord knows the importance of starting the season strong.

“(The games) all count (in) the end, so hopefully we can show up and play well three times a week.”

Gaylord is pleased with the pitching and defense of his team, but knows the importance of the preseason because he doesn’t really know how good the team is, until the team can get

some game experience.

“The hitting part and the executing part is a work in progress,” he said. “The guys are working hard at it and they are starting to understand how important it is, especially the offensive execution.”

Cerritos College is coming off last season where it finished sixth in the South Coast Conference and missed the playoffs.

Right handed pitcher Jared Robinson thinks that last year’s team was the cause for some of its shortcomings.

“Last year we were all freshman and we didn’t really have any sophomores returning, so it was kind of tough for the freshman to compete against (players) that were older than us and bigger than us,” he said.

Robinson also said that he could improve as an individual by studying his opponents more often and making sure that he keeps cool on the mound when things don’t go his way.

With a little more than half the team as sophomores, third baseman Hayden Stevens feels that the team could really benefit from that experience.

“Hopefully we are more savvy.”

Cerritos College has also brought in two new coaches to the team; Benny Gonzalez, the new pitching coach and Hector Zamora, who works with the hitters.

Robinson feels like the new coaches have already made an impact.

“(Zamora) does a really good job with the hitters, making (sure) they are focused and staying on track. Gonzalez has us working hard (and) under control on the mound.”

Stevens also feels that the team was able to get better players in the offseason, as well.

“We filled in a lot of spots that we were missing last year, so hopefully it’s going to be a good season.”

Jan. 29

Softball faces Riverside College in its first home game of the season

The softball team will face Riverside College at home in its first home outing of the season. The team has started the season with an 0-1 record after losing its season opener against Glendale College 13-12. The team vows to rectify its mistakes. Game time is 2 p.m.

Jan. 30

Men and women’s tennis play away against Cypress College

The men and women’s tennis teams will have matches in an away contest at 2 p.m. against Cypress College. The men’s tennis team started the season 0-1 after losing its home match against Irvine Valley 5-4. The women’s tennis team was victorious 7-2 against Irvine Valley.

Feb. 7

Swim splashes into new season when it competes in the Palomar Invitational

Palomar Invitational will host the swim meet where the men and women’s teams will compete all day against local squads away from home. This will be the first competition of the season for the Falcons, and the preparation and skill of each individual team will be tested.



Champions: The women's soccer team celebrating its 3-0 Dec. 8 victory against Santiago Canyon to become State Champions. Dec. 10 would mark the day the team would officially become National Champions, as well. The celebration has been capped off now that the Board of Trustees has officially honored coach Gonzalez and the rest of the team last Wednesday.

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Trustees honor Gonzalez; women's soccer team

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Winning back-to-back state championships has brought women's soccer head coach Ruben Gonzalez the National Coach of the Year award twice in a row, as the women's soccer team was also honored in a Board of Trustees meeting last Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The school recognized the team's achievement during the Board of Trustees meeting.

Cerritos College president Linda Lacy was given a soccer ball that was signed by the team.

"I'll display this with pride in my office," she said.

Board Secretary Marisa Perez and board member Bob Arthur also received signed jerseys from the women's soccer team.

"I'm honored very much," Arthur said. "Bill Veeck once said, 'there are only two seasons, winter and baseball'. He's obviously never

seen you (women) play."

Dean of Athletics, Daniel Smith, was present at the board meeting.

"It's very difficult to win a championship," Smith said. "It's even harder to repeat it."

"It's very humbling to receive an award like that," coach Gonzalez said. "You are voted on by your peers in the west coast. Then who ever wins that vote, gets voted on by the national coaches."

Along with Gonzalez, three players, sophomore Claudia Lopez, sophomore Alexis Carrillo and sophomore Alyssa Cabral followed their coach to Philadelphia, PA, to receive awards of their own.

Lopez was awarded Most Valuable Player of the tournament and

the NSCAA National Player of the Year.

Cabral was named second All-American, while Carrillo was named first All-American.

The win that brought this team so much media attention from news outlets like CNN, the Long Beach Register and the spanish newspaper La Opinion for the win that was achieved in Sacramento on Dec. 8 last semester.

Now that it is spring, the champion team has not stopped working, according to Gonzalez.

"We have a class that meets here (Falcon Stadium) twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday nights," Gonzalez said. "We will start full board in March getting ready for the summer."

**Back-to-Back
Recapping the championship
season**

Overall record: 24-0-1
Overall percentage: .980
Conference Record: 13-0-1
Conference Percentage: .964
Leading scorer: Claudia Lopez (70 goals)
Clean sheet: Alexis Carrillo (68 saves)
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Scan to view a slideshow of the women's soccer championship victory.

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Pursuit: Goalkeeper Alexis Carrillo going for the ball in a Dec. 6 match against Foothill College.

Double-header

No. 1 conferences collide in match-up

Hot run faces test against the Lancers

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A "scrappy" Pasadena City College team awaits the Cerritos College men's basketball team, as it will be a battle of the No. 1 seeds in their respective conferences, when the two teams collide in an away contest on Wednesday.

Sophomore guard Victor Jones expects a tenacious match when the two teams face-off.

"We're preparing for a war; we're preparing by boxing out and making sure we get all the rebounds; Things of that nature."

The men's basketball team has a 12-8 overall record and a 5-1 conference record, the No. 1 slot in the Southwest Conference.

Jones said, "We just want to be in the driver seat and control our own destiny."

Pasadena City College is No. 1 in its own conference, as well, with a 16-5 record.

"It's a good challenge for (the team)," Head coach Russ May said.

"We want to be prepared and play well. We have to keep (the Cerritos College team) in first place, too."

Sophomore shooting guard Jordan Reise notes that Pasadena City College's strongest points are at the guard and center position, and exposing the flaws from those two positions will prove to be fruitful.

"It's a matter of going over our sets, defensive principles and our overall offense for this next game."

"Everyday we're getting better."

Getting rest and having the mentality portion of the game in check is essential to the team's performance. It's important to start "peaking at the right time," according to May.

He also emphasized discipline, as the opposing squad serves as a challenge, and cannot allow itself to be overwhelmed.

"We try to treat every game the same; respect, all, but fear none. Mentally, (the whole team) is buying in, so I'm excited with what the team is going to do."

Game time is set for 5 p.m.



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Push the pace: Freshman guard Austin Pope pushing the fast break in an 82-76 overtime win over Los Angeles Southwest College on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

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Going 5-1 in its previous six games, the Cerritos College women's basketball team will seek to continue its "fantastic" run against Pasadena City College in an away contest Wednesday, as long as the team can maintain its composure, according to forward Nia Lateju.

"Sometimes the team wants something so badly, that we force some things," Lateju said. "We'll be ready for this next game."

An overall record of 12-8 and a conference record of 5-1 has the Cerritos College women's team in a decent spot when it faces Pasadena City College for the first time this season.

Early struggles were prevalent when the women's team opened its season last fall, but continuing the season with the last string of games, the team has seemingly found its rhythm to open up the spring semester.

Point guard Priscilla Valdovinos credits passion for this recent run, and will continue to push, along with the rest of the team, against an aggressive Pasadena City team.

"It all comes down to effort. We're just going to have to work hard to win, because (Pasadena City College) is a really good team. We have to stay focused."

Lateju said, "I know for a fact that (Pasadena) likes to drive in; being aggressive and going to the basket. If we help each other out on defense and take charges, we can take (Pasadena) off (its) game."

Valdovinos notes Pasadena City College "is pretty stacked in every position," with the guard pointing out some sophomores from last season contributing to the opponent's balanced squad.

(It's) just a well-rounded team, so we just have to be ready," she said. "If we move the ball around a bit more, then we will be fine. After that, it's getting (Pasadena) to force (its) defense, and get (it) tired out."

Game time is set for 7 p.m.