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COMIC-CON RISING

STARRING:

Dana Ramos #1



From Order of the Falcon

Jasmin Paiz #2



From Dynamic Dance Club

Stacy Sandoval #3



From the Puente Club

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Michelle Mancilla #4



From the iFalcon Club

Lauren Didio #5



From the Anthropology Club

Hannah Luong #8



International Students Association

Itza Moreno #7



From the Triathlon Club

Kryxiane Ramos #6



From the Kabarkada Club

Homecoming court narrowed down to 8 candidates after tie

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This year's Comic-Con themed homecoming was originally planned to have seven candidates, but the Associated Students of Cerritos College has announced last Thursday that a tie for seventh place resulted in eight nominees for homecoming queen.

Because these women got through the first round of nominations, candidate three Stacy Sandoval thinks it is important for one to stay humble about her status.

"I feel it's important to be true to yourself, and don't let others try to change you," Sandoval said. "Be humble with everything you do. If you succeed, be humble and always give back to your community."

The women admitted that campaigning was more difficult than they expected, especially since they are already active Cerritos College students.

Candidate eight Hannah Luong, representing the International Student Association, said, "The time it takes to get from El Monte to (Cerritos College) is a long time and my dad has to pick me up and take me to school, so the campaign takes a lot of effort."

Juggling 18 units this semester,

being an active member of the Kabarkada Club and cheerleading for Cerritos College has been a handful for Kryxiane Ramos, candidate six, but she's enjoying the challenge.

Although Itza Moreno, candidate seven, has her hands full with triathlon and her daily work-outs, she felt that running for homecoming queen could help her overcome her social shyness.

"I want to step out of my comfort zone, start talking to new people, make new friends and get over my fear of being on stage," Moreno said.

The candidates vary in interests, ranging from Michelle Mancilla who enjoys student government, to Jasmine Paiz who likes tanning and dancing, to Dana Ramos who is a Harry Potter fanatic.

Michelle Mancilla, candidate four, felt that she would be a good representative as homecoming queen because of her involvement in student government and activities, iFalcon and Phi Beta Lambda.

Ramos said one of the most fun part about homecoming is building the floats.

Lauren Didio, candidate five, is part of the Anthropology Club and said her float's theme would be based on a mixture of the video games "Tomb Raider" and

"Uncharted."

One of the main reasons that the women are running for homecoming queen is to promote their clubs.

Jasmine Paiz, candidate two, believes that winning homecoming queen would benefit her club.

"It will give us (the Dynamic Dance Club) more members and we will spread the word of who we are."

Ramos said, "I want to promote The Order of the Falcon Club and I'm also excited about the Mock Rally. It's going to be very funny."

The Mock Rally is going to take place on Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Student Center.

This is meant to be a comedic event where a male friend of the candidate will be dancing and acting out a song that best represents her.

Didio said that her male friend will be belly dancing to "Hips Don't Lie" by Shakira to poke fun at her hobby.

The homecoming queen elections will take place next Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on both days.

Once the votes are counted, the homecoming queen will be announced during halftime of the Cerritos College versus Ventura College football game at Falcon Stadium on Saturday.

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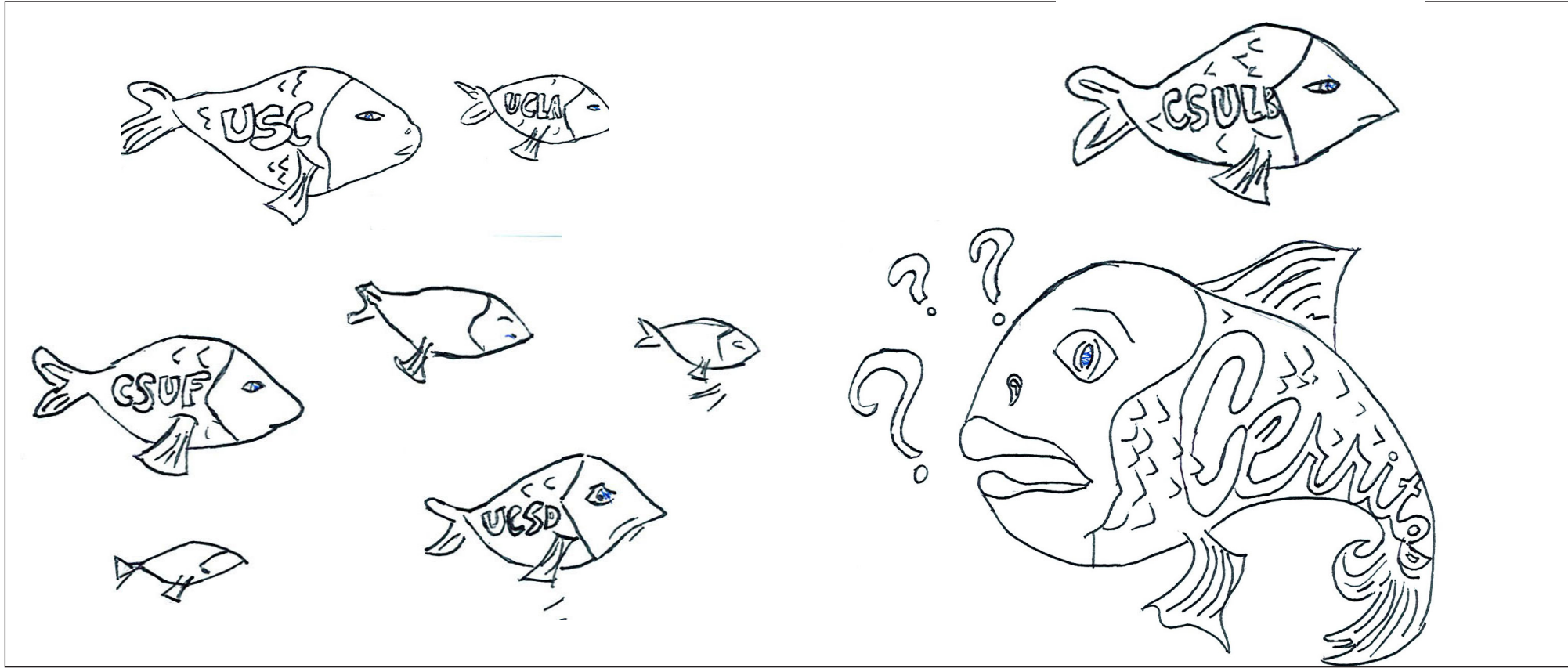


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Knowing what to expect when entering a new pond

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Transferring to a four-year university is like being a little fish in a big pond, but advice from former Cerritos College students can help students swim on.

One of the biggest differences students experience between community college and a four-year university after transferring is the vibe that the classes have.

“Students at the university level are more serious about studying and getting their degree,” Jasmine Gomez, who transferred to Cal State Long Beach, said.

Yesenia Osuna, who transferred to Cal State Dominguez Hills, also noted that going to a university differs from a community college.

Here are Osuna and Gomez’s tips on making a smoother transition to a university:

- 1. Get to know what resources your campus offers.**

They may offer one free scantron a day.,They may also offer free fitness classes. Most universities offer tutoring for just about any subject, so it is important for students to seek resources.

Cal State Dominguez Hill’s career center even has etiquette classes for students.

Osuna said, “What if you have an interview and it’s not a face to face (interview)? They want to take you out to dinner. The class will tell you what to order, what’s appropriate and how to behave.”
- 2. Foresee a change in academic expectations.**

Cerritos College professors “hold students’ hands” by offering study guides before an exam, but oftentimes university professors refuse to employ this method.

- Gomez said, “They teach you the material and you have to figure out what you think is important to study for the tests.”

Professors say that students should set two hours a week aside to study.

At the university level, those extra hours really do translate into your grade, according to Osuna.

“There’s no way you’ll pass a class without reading. You have lectures, reading (and) side articles and it’s a lot of information to take in just for one class,” she said.
- 3. Work extra hard when you know you planned have social events.**

Attending a community college allows more time for a social life, and students get used to their daily dose of socializing.

When it comes to the university level, students should expect a drastic change in the time they spend with their friends be-

- cause of the increased workload.

Osuna said, “If you really want to go out that Saturday night, then the rest of the nights (in the week) you can’t sit there and have a social life.”
- 4. Proper time management is a must and planners help.**

Planners have a way of saving students from misusing their time instead of studying.

Gomez said, “I’ll be looking through my agenda and I’ll realize that I have a project that’s due in a week.”

Planners help eliminate some stress that school would otherwise invoke because it keeps students on track with their homework assignments, important extracurricular activities and social events.

“A planner will be like your Bible for school,” Gomez said.

Order of the Falcon tries to brings the magic to campus

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Heads up, Potter fans! You no longer need to wait for an owl to join the magical world of Harry Potter.

The Order of the Falcon club aims to bring the world of Harry Potter to Cerritos College.

With a growing group of around 35 members, The Order of the Falcon is uniting the Potter fans of Cerritos College.

“Not a lot of people are able to show how much they love Harry Potter with people that have the same interests as them,” nursing major Clarissa Coria said.

Club president Aldemar Sanchez started planning for the club last spring and summer with the help of some of his fellow student government members.

“We wanted a club that would be social but (that would) also not interfere with any other clubs,” Sanchez said.

In order to join, students must first take the Sorting Hat quiz which will place them into one of the four houses of Hogwarts: Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff or Slytherin.

Members will not know which house they are placed in right away.

In the spirit of the series, the club will recreate the Welcome Back feast where the members of each house will be announced.

The feast will be held next Monday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Student Center.

Once sorted, club members will be able to participate in a variety of different activities based on the popular book series, including the sport of Quidditch.

With homecoming only a few weeks away, The Order of the Falcon is busy making preparations, specifically concerning its float.

The club is planning to build a float based on the Battle of Hogwarts scene seen in “The Deathly Hallows.”

While The Order of the Falcon is busy organizing activities for this semester, it is already planning events for next semester.

The club is currently making preparations to conduct its very own Triwizard Tournament in the spring based on the event of the same name seen in “The Goblet of Fire.”

The tournament is planned to replicate the challenges from the book such as retrieving one’s valuable possessions from a body of water.

The club is also planning to host the Yule Ball, a dance featured in “The Goblet of Fire” that coincides with the Triwizard Tournament.

In order to keep the Yule Ball accurate to the series, Sanchez said he is planning on getting live bands to perform rather than hiring a disc jockey.



PHOTO BY: DANIEL QUINTERO/TM
House Meeting: President of the Order of the Falcon Aldemar Sanchez addresses members of the Order during a club meet-



PHOTO BY: DANIEL QUINTERO/TM/
The Sorting: Sanchez meets new members of the club and conducts a “sorting quiz” to sort new members in to their “houses”.



PHOTO BY: DANIEL GREEN/TM
The Homecoming queen will be elected from one of the women on the court.

ASCC STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Homecoming Mock Rallies

The Homecoming Mock Rally will be held on Thursday in Falcon Square at 11 a.m.

Homecoming

Homecoming Elections

Homecoming elections will be taking place next Wednesday and Thursday between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

HOMECOMING

Float Judging

On Oct. 26 the floats that the clubs have built will be judged. The theme for the floats for this years will be Comic-Con and will range from comics, video games, to movies.

New bill will expand license laws to ‘illegals’

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Public relations major Jennifer Birdbear is glad about the ratification of Assembly Bill 60, the new law permitting people who illegally immigrated to California to drive.

“I’m really happy about it! They’re being allowed to drive now without being hassled and bothered. Everybody should have the right to drive as long as (he) passes the driving test and the written test just like everyone else.”

Birdbear believes that it is unfair to forbid immigrants that illegally entered the country from driving because the United States was made by immigration.

“Everyone is an immigrant. Everyone in the United States is from all walks of the earth. I think that the fact that they (immigrants) were discriminated against to begin with and (were) being restricted (from) the right to drive; it’s just (wrong) to me.”

One of the goals of AB 60 was to enable Californian residents who immigrated illegally to get car insurance.

Business major Dennis Collado backs AB 60 because of its effects on insurance premiums.

“I think it will be a positive thing. We will have less insurance problems and stuff like that.”

When the number of insured drivers on the road increases, car insurance premiums theoretically decrease because there are more people paying for insurance policies. This is one AB 60’s purported positive effects.

Communications major Jaritza Ramirez at first opposed AB 60. “Honestly, at first, I thought it was lame. Why let immigrants drive if they don’t have a d*mn citizenship?”

“But, when you think about it, it’s really good that (California’s state government is) letting (immigrants) drive because a bunch of them drive just to go to work and try to make a living. That’s all they have.”

Ramirez also backs AB 60’s provision that makes it illegal for law enforcement agencies to impound and take away vehicles owned or driven by people staying in California illegally.

“Sometimes (law enforcement) take(s) their cars away and they have nothing else. You really can’t put them down.”

However, not all Cerritos College students support AB 60.

Nursing major and a first generation American, Miriam Chahine’s parents immigrated legally from Lebanon. They proved who they were in order to immigrate and were able to enter the country.

As the child of immigrants, she finds AB 60’s provision for immigrants that entered the country illegally to be unjust because its lack of fairness to people like her parents.

“It is unfair. To me, if you are going to give it (the privilege to drive) to one person (an immigrant that came to America unlawfully), you have to it to another (immigrant that underwent the legal process).”

ONLINE POLL

Are you involved in clubs on campus?

A. Yes, I’m in one of them
B. No, I don’t have any interest
C. I would like to be, but have no time
D. I haven’t found one I like

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Bullying has gone cyber

Cyberbullying has become a common problem in our society by causing emotional trauma and lost lives every year.

Cyberbullying is used as a weapon to harm, harass and intimidate others repeatedly through the usage of the Internet and electric devices used for communication.

Some examples of cyberbullying are spreading rumors about the victim, sending disrespectful or inappropriate messages and tricking the victim into revealing information to use against himself.

Cyberbullying has caused people to commit suicide, drop out of school and lose love for themselves.

The big question is “has cyberbullying become a problem in America?” The answer is yes!

As of this year, 45 out of 50 states have anti-bullying legislation in which bullies are punished for their actions.

Parents play a big role in this specific situation as well.

As parents, it is their responsibility to teach their children right from wrong and to also punish them when necessary.

There are in fact many ways that cyberbullying can be handled.

The first step is to tell someone. Keeping hurt feelings to yourself will only make matters worse. Talk to a parent, guardian, teacher or friend--somebody that you trust and can easily open up to.

The most obvious way is to simply ignore them.

You'll show them that they have no power over you because you will not let their negative comments and opinions hurt you in any way.

To help keep your mind off of things, go out with friends, go take a walk or read; in other words, simply enjoy your social life outside of the Internet.

Block cyberbullies out of your social accounts; better yet, block them out of your life.

•EDITORIAL•



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Avoid an extracurricular meltdown

Students should not try to juggle so many extracurricular activities just to look impressive on their transcripts.

College is no picnic. Having to juggle work, school and extracurricular activities can become a hassle.

Students shouldn't stretch themselves out so thin just to look good on their college transcripts.

What does being a part of a club on campus have to do with your future, especially if the club has absolutely no ties to what you want to do in your life?

Yes, it is good to be involved on campus so that you can be a well-rounded individual, but if you have enough on your plate as it is, joining a bunch of clubs isn't going to do you any good.

It's never a good idea to stretch yourself too thin. It causes a lot of stress that you don't need and it can become hard to prioritize your daily activities.

You might forget to do your homework be-

cause you were so busy covering an extra shift at work and then helping your club with a fundraiser for its next field trip.

In any sense, you're bound to let someone down, as well as yourself, the day that you can't manage your time for everything.

Plus, it's incomprehensible as to why colleges find those who are more involved at their school to be more desirable.

If you're a straight A student with a good head on your shoulders, what does it matter if you voted for the ASCC Senate or joined the Library Club?

The entire purpose of attending school is to learn what you need to know to go into your profession.

There is no real reason why you should join a club other than for fun.

You aren't a part of a club when you get a job in the real world. What would winning homecoming queen do for you in the real world?

Absolutely nothing. It would be a fun mem-

ory to have, but it's not something that's going to get you highly honored in your profession.

It's not going to do anything for you when you transfer either.

People aren't going to come up to you and give you presents or bowing at your feet just because you were ASCC president.

This is not to deter anyone who likes the club they are currently in or want to participate in any extracurricular activities. If you like being a part of something on campus, then by all means, stick with it.

There's nothing wrong with joining a club, but don't make that your entire priority over the other important things going on with your life.

Not joining a club isn't going to ruin your opportunity to get into the school of your dreams.

If you're determined enough to do well in school and have a winning personality, there is no reason why a college wouldn't accept you without a club or any extracurricular activities attached.



Following the money

Students come to school to fulfill their passion, but is that the right way to go?

Every year, hundreds of students graduate with different majors.

Their majors, however, don't always end up being the most financially stable ones and might even land them into jobless situations.

There are always the obvious degrees which are the top earners on any list such as the medical or business fields.

When it comes to majors and deciding whether to follow a passion or to be financially secure, money should be the one opted out to win between the two.

Passion for a career will not pay for the reality of life that hits one with things like paying bills and buying essentials for daily life.

While having a passion for a degree is nice, it would sure be a misfortune if you find yourself jobless right after graduating just because that certain degree on that so dedicated passion is low on jobs or financially unstable.

There are other majors which aren't well off such as art or philosophy.

While passion may fuel the motivation to graduate and go on with a major, it won't fuel an empty stomach.

However, anyone can simply go back to school to major in his passion once financially secure and able to support himself without having doubts of getting a job, after getting a degree in the ideal major.

Money plays a big part in the daily lives of every single person.

Sitting at home with a degree that was a passion in school but useless in the real world seems like a waste of education.

Choosing money over passion the first time will probably be the better of both in the long run.



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“Are you involved on campus? Why or why not?”



BRYAN DERAS
Art and graphic design major

“Martial arts club because it's fun...I've been doing it for six semesters already, helping out or just joining the (Taekwondo) class.”



VICTORIA MAJOR
Biology major

“Yeah, like homecoming...I do (engage in extra-curricular activities) only because I work for culinary arts and you do some things for them...”



TIWANA REED
Culinary arts major

“No, 'cause I have a full time job.”



ANTHONY MENDEZ
Psychology major

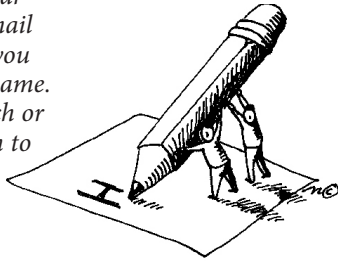
“I don't really participate...at least here (at) the school because I have to work and I have to maintain a balance between everything...”



JULIA IZQUIERDO
Animation major

“Yes. It's good for college transcripts, so you have extracurricular (activities) and (universities) like that kind of stuff.”

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The ways of Mr. Robotnik

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There are wide ranges of dancing and the reasons people choose their favorite style is by experimenting. As a teenager, computer science major Nick Hambrick said that dancing for him was fun and considered it to be a hobby of his. He kept on dancing until he met his friend Anthony, who ended up being a co-founder of Hambrick's first ever dance crew called Mayfair Dance Crew. Once they saw "America's Best Dance Crew," they added two more dancers named Antonio and Dante. The four dancers had their first two performances at Mayfair High School, then at a middle school. Hambrick expressed excitement talking about the three performances. However, he claimed they were "terrible because (of) the choreography." Being a dancer of the popping and tutting style requires much practice and fine-tuning. Comparatively, any dance is tough and has its difficulties, however, Hambrick said he enjoys tutting and finger tutting. It seemed most appealing to him. "That's the style I've practiced the most. It's easy to teach because I'm at a stage with tutting where I can come up with anything on the spot." On that same note, Hambrick can teach all different combina-

tions for different aspiring dancers who look to him as an expert. "Other than software engineering, dancing will always be one of my passions. It's not necessarily to make money in, but I mainly care about learning and teaching (and) let dancing be a positive experience for people," Hambrick said. Hambrick noted that he finds satisfaction in helping people believe they can do something that they didn't think they were able to do before. "If you want to do something, whether it's drawing, dancing or acting and you feel that it's something that you want to do, you should do it." Hambrick's friend Jaci Nabas, child development major, knows Hambrick personally and said, "He's pretty mellow and chill; you can ask him anything." Nabas commented on Hambrick's dance style, "I think his dancing is interesting because I can't do that personally; he's got talent."

See slideshow of Mr. Robotnik at work



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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CERRITOS COLLEGE CABINET
It's "zombifying." On Oct. 31 from 11a.m to 12:30p.m, there will be prizes, charity and a competition. The ASCC Cabinet came up with the idea for the event.

The zombie train is a comin'

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Halloween is coming up and we've all seen the same form of celebrations year after year. Political science major Aldemar Sanchez is one of the masterminds behind a new, different way for Cerritos College to celebrate this day of horror by offering an idea that the Associated Students of Cerritos College has been stirring up. "We wanted to do something different instead of just doing the pumpkin carving or costume contest which we thought was kind of bland," Sanchez said. With a lot of planning came the idea of Zombie Fest. This event will be held in Falcon Square at 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 31. A lot of work is going into this project of terror. Inter-Club Council commissioner Charles Caguioa hopes to get the clubs on campus to participate in Zombie Fest. As one of the event's architects, he has inside information on Zombie Fest to help incorporate clubs as part of the event.

Not only is Zombie Fest designed to be a time of festivities, the event will consist of a canned food drive during the event, in addition to the club canned food drive that started on Monday, to help replenish the Student Heath Center's food supply. In addition to the canned food drive and prizes, there will be a zombie infection game. Parallel to the hill and music building is where the makeup stations will be "zombifying" all participants who would like to transform into zombies. Players will start at what will be will be the stations for the survivors. The premise of the game is to run into the diagonal walk way and run in the circle around the fountain and make it back to the top of the hill unscathed as the zombies try to "bite" the players by pulling their flags off. Once players' flags are pulled off of them, they are infected. When infected, players become zombies and then try to pull off the remaining survivors' flags. Players that make it all the way through the circle will find little mini stops, located parallel to where the disk jockey will be playing, that tally up their points. The ASCC has decided to include a disk

jockey to provide music for Zombie Fest. "What's nice about the DJ is that (he's) not just the typical DJ. We're actually requesting him to play creepy music which will add to the ambience," Caguioa commented. There will be four trophy prizes for four different categories. The list of trophies for the clubs includes:

- Club that donates the most cans in total for the club food drive,
- Club which can put the most cans in its box during Zombie Fest,
- Club that brings the most participants, and
- Lastly, to the club that collects the most flags from the survivors.

"A lot of zombies (and) a lot of outside people (are) coming in to participate. I'm hoping students in general want to stop by at one of the makeup stations. It will be fun because they can go be zombies," cabinet commissioner of Administration and Records Janet Parga said. In addition to being a time of fun and charity, Zombie Fest will also be a way for the various clubs on campus to integrate and work in unity. If anyone wants to follow the event and see its progression, check out: <http://facebook.com/cerritoscollegezombiefest>.



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Hard dance: DJ Wildstylez playing "I See Stars" and fast pumping in harmony with the crowd beneath him. That song is actually a cover of many DJ's which often happens with hardstyle music to recreate a classic into a face smashing mix.

The harder style of 'Q-dance'

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"Q-dance, Q-dance, Q-dance!" was what one group was chanting back and fourth to another while waiting in line to get into the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. With a space 54,000 square feet and a maximum capacity of 6,300 guests, there was going to be a huge turnout at the Shrine Auditorium for Q-dance on Oct. 5. Q-dance is a concert which features artists in the electronic music subgenre known as hardstyle. The event featured artists such as Wildstylez, Noisecontrollers, Psyko Punkz, Coone, Humanoise and Gunz for Hire. These disk jockeys travel from places like Europe and Australia just to play huge events (like Q-dance) anywhere on the globe that's willing to showcase them and willing to handle their countless bass kicks. Hearing the sound tests on and off and catching glimpses of the multicolored flashing lights flickering under the bordering doors left the crowd's anticipation relentless. Once the time came doors finally opened, there wasn't any music playing. There was just an elon-

gated hall with a sound crew in the middle and a mammoth skull fixed as the focal point of the exposition hall. There were merchandise stands erected on each side, a snack and drink bar and, most importantly, numerous exotically dressed partygoers ready to feel the beat and dance to the early morning. The opening act, Coone, walked on the stage with his hands above his head ready to get things crackling. Without hesitation, four-four bass beats began to smack everyone's eardrums and the crowd went insane. On and off, the disk jockeys would switch the music choice from chest rattling hardstyle to mind-melting dubstep which seemed to really please the audience. Occasionally, hardstyle anthems would come on that everyone knew the words to such as Benny Benassi's "Satisfaction" or Showtek's "FTS," which really made the whole experience even more special. The listeners were able to connect with the people next to them as they recited the lyrics of the songs together. Each set was about an hour that night, and near the end of the first

set, the second disk jockey took the stage this time with an epic introduction. By that time, the Shrine Auditorium was at half capacity. The place was bumping and the light shows were beginning to show their presence. The performers were getting better and better and the rising and dropping of the music was growing more suspenseful as the night went on. The overall experience was truly magical from the light shows to the tandem dancing in circles, the smoke machines bursting fire out of the front stage and talking with like minded people near the cigarette balcony (because talking on the dance floor is hopeless). The best part was the exceptionally culturally diverse crowd the event summoned. Next year, Q-dance is coming back to Los Angeles. If you would like to experience the memorable night next time, check out the event's information at its website at <http://q-dance.com> and don't be left out!

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College athletes should be compensated

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Paying college athletes for the tenacity they pour into their craft is certainly a just decision. It will balance the lopsided relationship athletes have with coaches and the schools they play for in terms of revenue.

There was a time when paying college athletes seemed like a ludicrous thought. 'Surely a full-ride scholarship to college is compensation enough.'

What sparked a change in mindset for individuals across the country was an increasing income that was coming in for the college athletic programs and coaches.

It's no secret that the colleges themselves make millions of dollars from these athletes.

Colleges make so much money from student athletes while the athletes kill themselves juggling around school and practice.

One may argue that scholarships are compensation enough, but

rarely do scholarships cover the full range of cost that comes with being in college.

Tuition, books, fees, food and other utilities that are attached to being a college student are among the things athletes have to be aware and responsible of.

'Get a job,' you might say. Well, there simply is no time for a job when one is attending classes, studying, spending hours practicing a respective sport and then competing.

Being a student-athlete requires a rigorous commitment and discipline.

The amount of money a superstar athlete bring to his school far outweighs the value his scholarships brings.

The NCAA has billion dollar deals with television networks, ticket sales go through the roof in order to see a team and marketing an athlete with no pay is too common.

The athletes are certainly getting the short end of the stick when compared to the colleges.

Take the University of Michigan's "Fab Five" for instance.

Dr. Boyce Watkins from AOL Blackvoices weighed in on the "Fab Five's" collegiate situation.

"When these five young men stepped onto the court for the University of Michigan, they instantly became cash cows for their university. Sales of University of Michigan merchandise went from \$1.5 million per year to over \$10 million per year, shortly after their first season.

"Jalen Rose, one of the members of the Fab Five, mentioned seeing that Nike had released a sneaker named after the group, and they regularly found their academic schedules being interrupted with trips around the world to promote a brand that was making everyone rich except for their own families."

Although tremendously fortunate to receive the opportunity to play for a college through a scholarship, it is also unjustifiable to not see some sort of overhaul in a lack of compensation.



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"Fab Five": Left to right, the starting line-up of the 1991 University of Michigan men's basketball team: Jimmy King, Juwan Howard, Chris Webber, Jalen Rose and Ray Jackson. Rose recalls the college making millions off the team.



LUIS GUZMAN/TM

Spiking it hard: Freshman middle blocker Brianna Gutierrez spiking the ball back at the opposing side in a scrimmage during practice. She currently has 39 kills this season and averages 1.15 kills per set.

Work ethic seeks to be the difference for volleyball

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The volleyball team is playing against Long Beach City College for the first time this season on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in an away contest.

The women have been working hard in improving and bettering their skills for their game on Wednesday, just as much as any other game.

The team currently holds a 5-6 overall record and a 2-1 conference record.

With Long Beach City College being a part of the conference, the game means a little more to the women this time around.

Brianna Gutierrez, middle blocker, explained how the team has been preparing for its game against Long Beach City College, "We just had our last game against El Camino (College) and I personally think that every single game is like practice to us as well as (to) prepare us for our next game. We always find new ways and techniques to communicate with each other and to progress and strengthen our weaknesses."

Sara Hickman, right-side hitter and middle blocker, explained how she felt playing against a team that her

team has not played against in the past, "I look at it as a new team every different time, so I am ready for whatever they bring because sometimes a lot of teams are different, so you do not know what to expect."

Hickman later added that as a player, she has learned to play wisely from previous games.

"For the first conference it is going to be very tough, because you know, they are very tough games. We want to win and they want to win, and it is going to be very tough because we have the same kind of team,

so we just have to work hard and see if we can beat them at our game this Wednesday," head coach Teresa Velasquez said.

Velasquez also commented on the abilities of Long Beach City College's team, "...We know that they have two outside hitters who are very strong, but their defense, probably that is their weakness. I can tell from what I have heard from scrimmages."

Velasquez said the women are working on their skills and are currently working as a team to fix past mistakes that have been made in previous games. She claimed to be both ready and excited as are the women.

"Hopefully, the girls have the spirit to win and hopefully, they step up there and do what they can do," Velasquez added.

"I am ready for whatever they bring..."

— SARA HICKMAN
Middle blocker

Soccer teams go up against local rivals

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Both attacking midfielder Thiago Lusardi and sophomore defender Alyssa Cabral were well aware heading into yesterday's matches against Long Beach Community College that it would be one for the books.

"I've been hearing this year they have a good team overall," Lusardi said. "They actually have three of our red shirts from last year, so they actually have three former Cerritos players."

The Cerritos College men's soccer team came out with a 2-1 victory over Long Beach Community College, while the women's soccer team also came out with a 3-0 shutout win yesterday at away and home games, respectively.

Pitted against old teammates, the men's team faced almost a duplicate of itself on the pitch.

Being the local rivals of the soccer department, the squad faced a team that has played 11 matches and has scored 16 goals in said matches.

Lusardi was very pleased and confident knowing that the face off was at home.

"We had a really good advantage," he said.

The midfielder used the home turf to dictate the tempo of the game and directed his players to do so as well.

"We have to play our game (and) stick to the program and move the ball around," Lusardi said.

Sophomore defender Eusebio Alvarez believes the Long Beach College Vikings are a force to be reckoned with.

"You can't take them lightly," Alvarez said.

"There is a new rivalry between Cerritos and (Long Beach Community College)."

The next game is against Pasadena City College at home on Friday at 4 p.m.

Before her ACL injury, sophomore goalkeeper Alexis Carrillo faced the Vikings and was well aware of how it could be a tough match.

She noted some key things that the team are lacking.

"Offensively, whatever chances we get to put away the ball. Defensively, we just have to keep it strong like we have doing back there."

"Before every game, I am definitely prepared," Cabral said about her performance overall.

She also added how the team can be better, "The whole team has to play defensive(ly)."

Head coach Ruben Gonzalez looks ahead to the Friday away match at Pasadena City College at 3 p.m.

"The goal for us is to win a conference championship and move on to win a state championship," Gonzalez said. "They are one of our opponents that are in our way to accomplish our goal."



DANIEL GREEN/TM

Defense: Forward Carolina Ornelas squares off against Crystal Herrera from Los Angeles Harbor in an Oct. 1 home game. She currently has nine goals this season.

Oct. 16

Rio Hondo awaits for water polo

Women's water polo faces Rio Hondo College in an away contest at 3 p.m. The team currently holds a 9-12 overall record and a 3-2 conference record.

Oct. 18

Pasadena City visits

Pasadena City College goes up against the women's soccer team in an away game at 3 p.m. The men's team will play a home game at 4 p.m.



Oct. 19

Ready for Southern Regionals

The wrestling team will partake in the Southern Regional Duals at Palomar College at 9 a.m. The team holds a 4-2 overall record.



Oct. 19

Allan Hancock hosts Cerritos College

The football team travels to face Allan Hancock College at 4 p.m. The team holds a 3-2 overall record.

35 YEARS

What keeps coach Mazzotta going after all these years?

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Reaching 35 years of coaching at Cerritos College, head coach Frank Mazzotta has encountered many experiences in his life, ranging from finding his passion for football in his youth to the National Football League and scholarship offers. He was the catalyst for change in the football program that resulted into what one sees today.

Mazzotta arrived at Cerritos College in 1978 and sparked immediate change, as his first year resulted in a championship.

“I felt this program could be something,” Mazzotta said. “It was really going south.”

Mazzott first started coaching at the University of Utah, a school he played football for.

Prior to coaching, he played football at El Rancho High School, including two CIF teams and Long Beach City College, one National Championship team.

“Football was the reason I did anything,” he said.

Camaraderie

Mazzotta has been preaching influence and tradition for years, and that is what sets him apart from other coaches.

“It brings tears to your eyes because you don’t think you have that big of an influence on kids.”

Athletic

director Dan Clauss notes that everybody affiliated with Cerritos College knows him.

“I’ll wear my Cerritos gear and be out in Orange County or Fullerton shopping, and I kid you not, I always get ‘Hey! Cerritos College! I played football there.’ Everybody knows coach him in the community.”

Dean of athletics Daniel Smith said, “There was a 1983 team that was at the last football game, and I was down there on the field talking to these guys, and every one of them was talking to me about how coach Mazzotta had influenced their lives, career and the people that they are.

“That’s the mark of a truly great coach.”

Ernie Johnson

Former football head coach Ernie Johnson served as a mentor of sorts for Mazzotta, and Mazzotta accredits the late coach for introducing him into football and catapulting his life into what it is today.

“We were a lot of little hoodlums and he got all of us and put us on a football field basically. Had he not taken us, we’d probably all be in jail.”

When Mazzotta landed his coaching gig by replacing Johnson, the first order of business he conducted was hiring him back into the coaching staff.

“The college had a fit because they wanted him out of the program,” he said. “The team ended up winning the championship so nobody could say anything.”

Mazzotta holds fond memories of Johnson and recalled one of the last moments he shared with him.

“I talked to him three days before he died. I called his wife (and asked for him, as he had just got out of the hospital.”

tal. She asked him, ‘Coach, would you like to talk on the phone? It’s Frank.’ Ernie (Johnson) says, ‘What do you think? It’s my son, I need to talk to him.’ That’s how we were, it was like father and son.

“It wasn’t just me he shared that with. All the guys who have played for him have the same feeling. He was an amazing man and a tough guy. You knew he loved you. There’s never been a guy like him.”

Going professional

Mazzotta has had his share of professional coaching offers, yet he cannot stray away from what he already has here at Cerritos College.

“To coach at the next level, you have to really push to do that.”

He highlighted coaches he used to work with at the University of Utah, such as George Siefert and Jim Hanifan, who have gone on to coach for professional teams.

“I was with some guys who ended up in the NFL,” Mazzotta said. “Which might have been the way I would have gone. I really didn’t know what I wanted to do with my career at the time.

“I’ve been offered, but I wasn’t ready to leave. I had an opportunity to go to the Washington Redskins with Joe Gibbs. The night he got the job, he and I went to dinner with one of my coaches and he told me straight up that I’m not going anywhere and that I need to stay right where I am.”

The uncertainty that comes along going onto the next level of coaching is what mostly made Mazzotta turn the other direction when it came to offers.

“I wasn’t into moving,” he said. “Every four year coach comes here and tell me, ‘this is a perfect job.’”

Ahead

With the years behind him, Mazzotta looks toward the horizon that is his future and envisions much of the same thing.

He continues seeing himself doing what he loves, and the thought of stepping down and pursuing other endeavors does not cross his mind. When it’s time to quit, he’ll know.

“I don’t now what I’d do in retirement. Everybody I know that retires dies. That’s the way I look at it. The inspiration is being happy in the morning, to get up and go to work. It’s hard for me to stop.

“I still have my health, I got a great staff, the kids are great. I think the day when the kids are no fun, I’ll get out of it. Right now, I love it.”

Looking back, Mazzotta is elated with what he has accomplished in his life.

“The greatest thing I did was come here. So my life is pretty complete.

“You can be at the top, but you can come down. I’ve been at the top at this level for the last 35 years and happy.”

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All these years: Football head coach Frank Mazzotta standing out in the Falcon football stadium. He noted that his life centers around football and was truly an inspiration in his life.