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Students voice concerns: Cosmetology student Amaka Uchemefuna works on curling hair. Students are not content with the teaching staff in the cosmetology department. Some students say that the issue deals with teachers not calculating grades correctly.

Cosmetology under the scope

Students are concerned about Cerritos College's cosmetology program

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"My experience here is horrible," Kelsey Nglam, a cosmetology student, said of her time in the Cerritos Cosmetology program.

The Cosmetology Department has been put in the spotlight as several students have come forward to complain about aspects of the department and the conduct of certain faculty members.

These complaints include a teacher wrongly failing students, grade negligence, letting students falsify their hours, teachers verbally fighting in front of students, unprofessional conduct from teachers in the classroom and faculty ignoring complaints.

Ria Fontanilla, a cosmetology student, said she noticed these acts in the department, but it wasn't until she failed her class and was dropped from the program that she

took matters into her own hands.

Confused by the occurrence, she had her husband calculate her grades manually and he found that her grade was calculated incorrectly on TalonNet and that she should have been passing her class.

Fontanilla showed her corrected grades to her professor, Carol Munroe and the Chair of Cosmetology Madeline Bettencourt.

"They didn't want to listen," she said. "They didn't want to settle it down."

Another student, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "[Munroe] has wrongly dropped students that are passing according to the program syllabus but she says the student does not know how to add up the points."

Bettencourt declined to comment due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act rules.

Professor Munroe also declined to interview or comment.

When neither was willing to help, Fontanilla took her problem to the next level and filed a grade grievance.

"My teacher [Munroe] said, 'I just calculate everything and put it on TalonNet and it tells me the grades.' And I told her that isn't

right; you have to calculate, because there are times that it doesn't calculate right."

Other students were also failed out of the program and Fontanilla believes that if they had calculated their grades manually they might have also found that their grades were incorrect.

Joanna Schilling, vice president of Academic Affairs, was not willing to speak on any issue going through an appeals process.

"A lot of people don't like to speak up," Nglam said. "Because they're probably scared [...] when people started getting dropped by the teacher, that's when everyone started speaking up."

She added that recently the students have been informed about the grading. "[Munroe] said, 'If you look on TalonNet that's not your accurate grade because someone went out of his way to go and see that the grades are not accurate, so don't depend on it.'"

Another issue students said they noticed was other students misreporting hours.

"The [students] there, they clock in but they don't clock out," Fontanilla said, "So they'll be out of the classroom for three to four hours, and in cosmetology we [work toward] hours."

Students failing to clock out for breaks

would mean that the amount of their approved hours would be incorrect. According to the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, students must complete 1,600 hours in order to take their state board exams, which grants them their license to legally practice cosmetology in California. They are not allowed to take this exam otherwise.

Another cosmetology student, Amaka Uchemefuna, also said she witnessed this. "The [teachers] used to let them [get away with] not clocking out for their breaks, they didn't care if they did or didn't, but they'd be on other [students] about it."

The board also states that it may revoke or suspend approval of a school if the owner or employee of a school shows "incompetence or gross negligence, including repeated failure to comply with generally accepted standards for the practice of cosmetology [...] or disregard for the health and safety of patrons."

Fontanilla complained about this issue to the department staff.

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Budgeting proposal calls for attention

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The new ASCC budget proposal had the majority of the Cerritos Falcons show up to the ASCC Senate room.

The proposal was brought to the ASCC Senate meeting on April 22, during which a large number of athletes showed up in regards to a 3 percent cut to their budget, with only \$184,321 allotted by the committee from the projected expenditure of \$218,535.

However, according to Dean of Student Services Gilbert Contreras, during the special ASCC Senate meeting on April 24, fiscal services said its had allocated an additional \$106,000. The original proposal is yet to be updated with that money.

He added that the committee also considered how funding certain accounts would benefit the entire community.

He said, "[Members of the budgeting committee] went through a training, in which they established the priorities of how they're going to fund certain activities or events that came in."

The initial proposal also outlined expenditures within ASCC, like an allocated reduction of \$13,000 to Homecoming floats, \$35,000 to ASCC construction and a new request for student activities classified salary for its administrative secretary, who is paid 50 percent of her salary from ASCC money.

"Construction is perhaps not the right word, basically we want to improve the facilities here at Student Activities and it was closer to \$100,000. That's why this is an agenda item for [the senate] to talk about," Contreras said.

He outlined that refurbishing with new furniture would be in the tens of thousands as well as painting which would cost \$10,000.

Contreras added that the idea behind this expenditure was to professionalize the setting for the ASCC student government.

He emphasized that that budget committee was working with limited resources, namely its system which still uses hard copy records.

Commissioner of Budget Dalia Jimenez said, "Antiquated doesn't cover it, archaic, dinosaur maybe. I've had to start from scratch."

She added that the balancing of the budget would be easier with an updated system.

The new budget will be presented in today's ASCC Senate meeting at 2 p.m. in BK 111.

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Read about
athletics' reaction

Father calls out athletic counselor's guidance

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Tomas Requejo, the father of women's soccer player Nayeli Requejo, was not content with the information given to his daughter by the athletic counseling department at Cerritos College.

Tomas made a public comment during the board of trustees meeting that took place Wednesday,

March 18, in which he accused the athletic counseling department of misguiding his daughter on transferring information.

Tomas visited Cerritos College to try to figure out why his daughter had to make an appointment solely with the athletic counselors and not the academic counselors.

He said, "The [academic counselors] are not trained with CCCAA regulations."

According to Tomas, the infor-

mation given to Nayeli was not accurate to her schooling schedule.

He said, "The information wasn't good. They told her she needed to take 20 more units, but she had already taken them last semester."

Nayeli said she wanted to have Gloria Morales look at her schedule and help her with her classes because she believed Morales knew the UC system well and Nayeli's plan was to go to UCLA.

She said, "I had her number so I texted her, 'Hey could I meet up with you whatever day?' and she said, 'Yeah of course' she'll help me out."

After that conversation, Nayeli said she went to meet with Morales.

"I went in to talk to her. She told me that technically she wasn't allowed to talk to me because she's not an athletic counselor, she's only academic," she said.

It was at that moment when To-

mas came to campus to talk about the situation with the counseling department.

Dean of Counseling Rene De Long Chomiak said, "Because of privacy laws, I can't discuss the details about this student issue publicly. But, I will say that I do take this matter very seriously. My counseling staff and I serve all students with care and attention regardless of their background."

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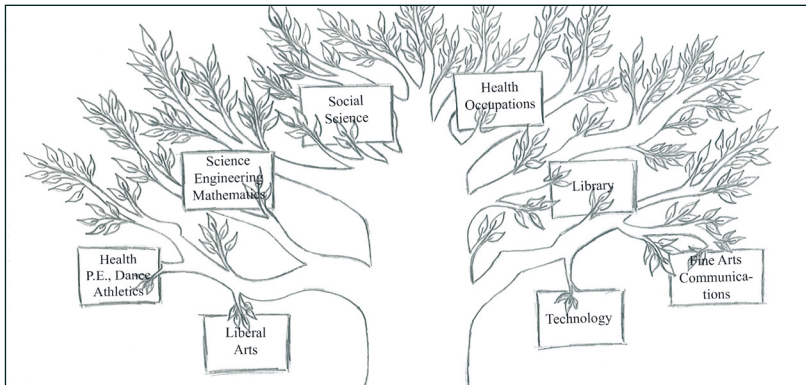
California college accreditation overview



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Divisions of Cerritos College branch by branch



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Track and field events map pinpoints the action



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“Cosmetology under scope”

“Within a couple of days they changed that. They started getting the paper that we clock in and out with and the teachers [now] keep it. Before, we used to keep it,” she said.

Uchemefuna also said that another student was earning hours while not enrolled in the program.

“...[She] wasn’t enrolled but she was coming to class every day and getting her hours and teachers knew about that and they didn’t say anything. She would be forging her own signatures too, on the operations and tech we have to do. I remember somebody went and told and nobody did anything about it and the [student] was still here until she graduated.”

Operations are points earned when a student practices real-life cosmetology techniques. Tech is when you do bookwork. The signatures are vital and necessary for graduating.

Students have also said that Munroe, a professor at Cerritos since August 2011, is teaching from a book students do not have.

“Munroe is teaching from a different book. She’s not teaching from the regular book that we have,” Fontanilla said.

Cosmetology student Troy Garcia expressed the difficulty of taking an exam when some questions are based on a book not accessible to students.

According to a cosmetology employee, there are two cosmetology teachers that teach the junior and senior students. Munroe is one of them. Since she started teaching at Cerritos it has been calculated, using records found on the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology website, that there has been a 17 percent drop in students who pass their state board written exams.

One complaint echoed by students concerned the unprofessional actions of teachers in the classroom.

The student who wished to remain anonymous said, “Teachers don’t get along with each other and openly fight with each other in front of students.”

“They do argue in front of the class,” Uchemefuna also said of the issue. “... It was unprofessional. They have attitudes.”

“They’re always fighting,” Fontanilla said. “They’re always kind of getting on each other’s nerves.”

Pat Novinski, a cosmetology professor, said, “You won’t get [an interview] from the faculty. At this time I’m going to decline an interview.”

Overall, the students interviewed felt that when it came to these issues no one within their department was willing to hear them out or help.

“I don’t like to talk to [Bettencourt],” Nglam said, “Because she is like that, she pushes it away. I really don’t think she helps out students with their problems.”

“There’s no big help,” Fontanilla said, “She [Bettencourt] is supposed to be helping us instead of siding with the teachers. She is no help.”

“Some teachers care about students,” Uchemefuna said, “And some don’t.”

“I think they need to change things in the Cosmetology department,” Fontanilla went on. “Like some of the teachers and staff. Bettencourt’s no help, she should be helping us graduate and helping us focus on our career, but [she’s] not doing that.”

Yannick Real, dean of technology, also declined an interview.

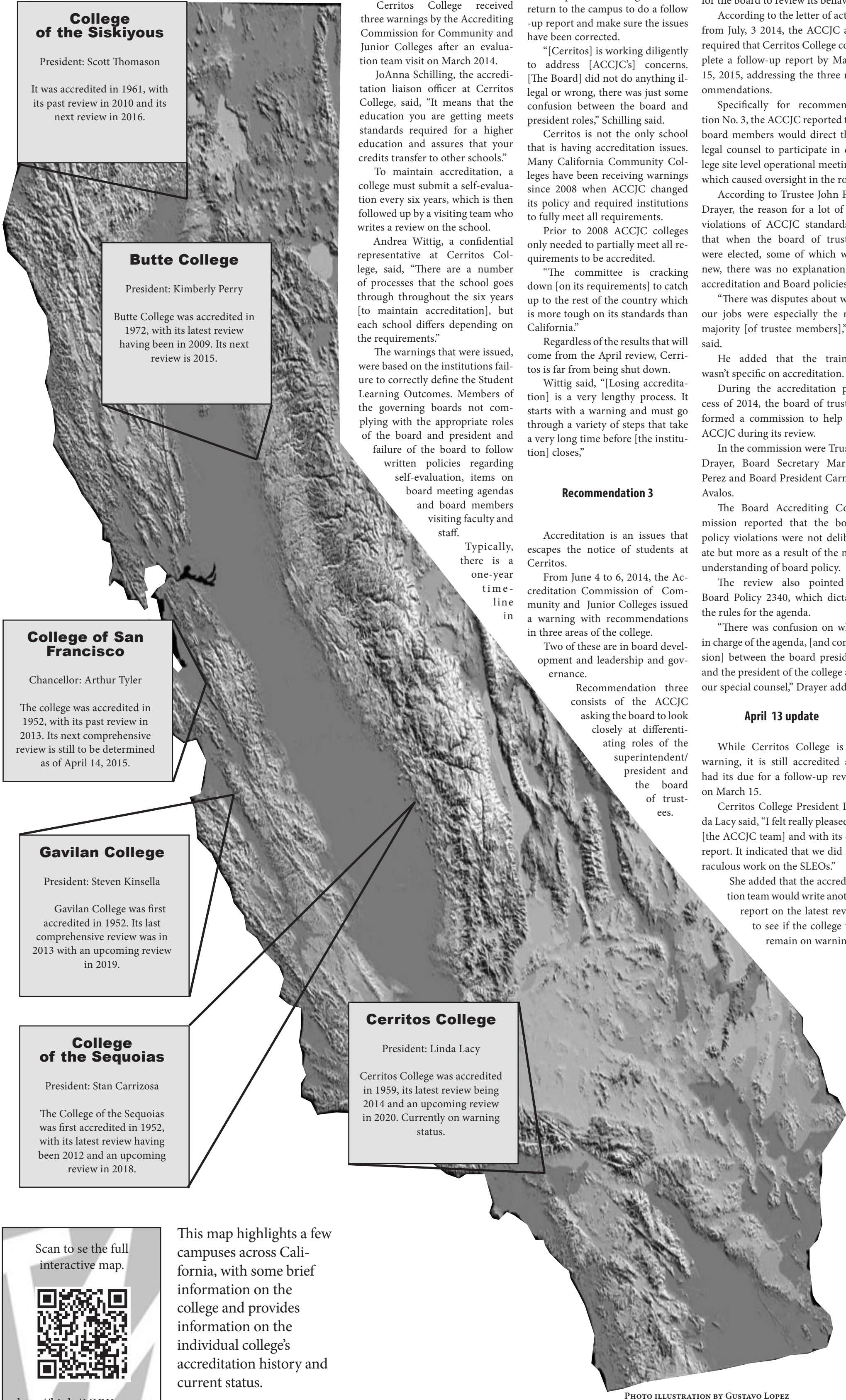
Now able to put the ordeal behind her and return to class, Fontanilla is looking forward to finishing the program.

“I deserve to go back to class,” she said. “I got to prove my rights.”

Accreditation at a glance

What does it mean for students on campus and how does Cerritos College compare?

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Cerritos College received three warnings by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges after an evaluation team visit on March 2014.

JoAnna Schilling, the accreditation liaison officer at Cerritos College, said, “It means that the education you are getting meets standards required for a higher education and assures that your credits transfer to other schools.”

To maintain accreditation, a college must submit a self-evaluation every six years, which is then followed up by a visiting team who writes a review on the school.

Andrea Wittig, a confidential representative at Cerritos College, said, “There are a number of processes that the school goes through throughout the six years [to maintain accreditation], but each school differs depending on the requirements.”

The warnings that were issued, were based on the institutions failure to correctly define the Student Learning Outcomes. Members of the governing boards not complying with the appropriate roles of the board and president and failure of the board to follow written policies regarding self-evaluation, items on board meeting agendas and board members visiting faculty and staff.

Typically, there is a one-year time-line in

which schools must correct their issues but Cerritos was only given eight months.

In April, the visiting team will return to the campus to do a follow-up report and make sure the issues have been corrected.

“[Cerritos] is working diligently to address [ACCJC’s] concerns. [The Board] did not do anything illegal or wrong, there was just some confusion between the board and president roles,” Schilling said.

Cerritos is not the only school that is having accreditation issues. Many California Community Colleges have been receiving warnings since 2008 when ACCJC changed its policy and required institutions to fully meet all requirements.

Prior to 2008 ACCJC colleges only needed to partially meet all requirements to be accredited.

“The committee is cracking down [on its requirements] to catch up to the rest of the country which is more tough on its standards than California.”

Regardless of the results that will come from the April review, Cerritos is far from being shut down.

Wittig said, “[Losing accreditation] is a very lengthy process. It starts with a warning and must go through a variety of steps that take a very long time before [the institution] closes,”

Recommendation 3

Accreditation is an issues that escapes the notice of students at Cerritos.

From June 4 to 6, 2014, the Accreditation Commission of Community and Junior Colleges issued a warning with recommendations in three areas of the college.

Two of these are in board development and leadership and governance.

Recommendation three consists of the ACCJC asking the board to look closely at differentiating roles of the superintendent/president and the board of trustees.

Recommendation 4

Recommendation four called for the board to review its behavior.

According to the letter of action from July, 3 2014, the ACCJC also required that Cerritos College complete a follow-up report by March 15, 2015, addressing the three recommendations.

Specifically for recommendation No. 3, the ACCJC reported that board members would direct their legal counsel to participate in college site level operational meetings, which caused oversight in the roles.

According to Trustee John Paul Drayer, the reason for a lot of the violations of ACCJC standards is that when the board of trustees were elected, some of which were new, there was no explanation on accreditation and Board policies.

“There was disputes about what our jobs were especially the new majority [of trustee members],” he said.

He added that the training wasn’t specific on accreditation.

During the accreditation process of 2014, the board of trustees formed a commission to help the ACCJC during its review.

In the commission were Trustee Drayer, Board Secretary Marissa Perez and Board President Carmen Avalos.

The Board Accrediting Commission reported that the board policy violations were not deliberate but more as a result of the misunderstanding of board policy.

The review also pointed to Board Policy 2340, which dictates the rules for the agenda.

“There was confusion on who’s in charge of the agenda, [and confusion] between the board president and the president of the college and our special counsel,” Drayer added.

April 13 update

While Cerritos College is on warning, it is still accredited and had its due for a follow-up review on March 15.

Cerritos College President Linda Lacy said, “I felt really pleased by [the ACCJC team] and with its exit report. It indicated that we did miraculous work on the SLEOs.”

She added that the accreditation team would write another report on the latest review to see if the college will remain on warning.

Scan to see the full interactive map.

<http://bit.ly/1OBKpma>

This map highlights a few campuses across California, with some brief information on the college and provides information on the individual college’s accreditation history and current status.



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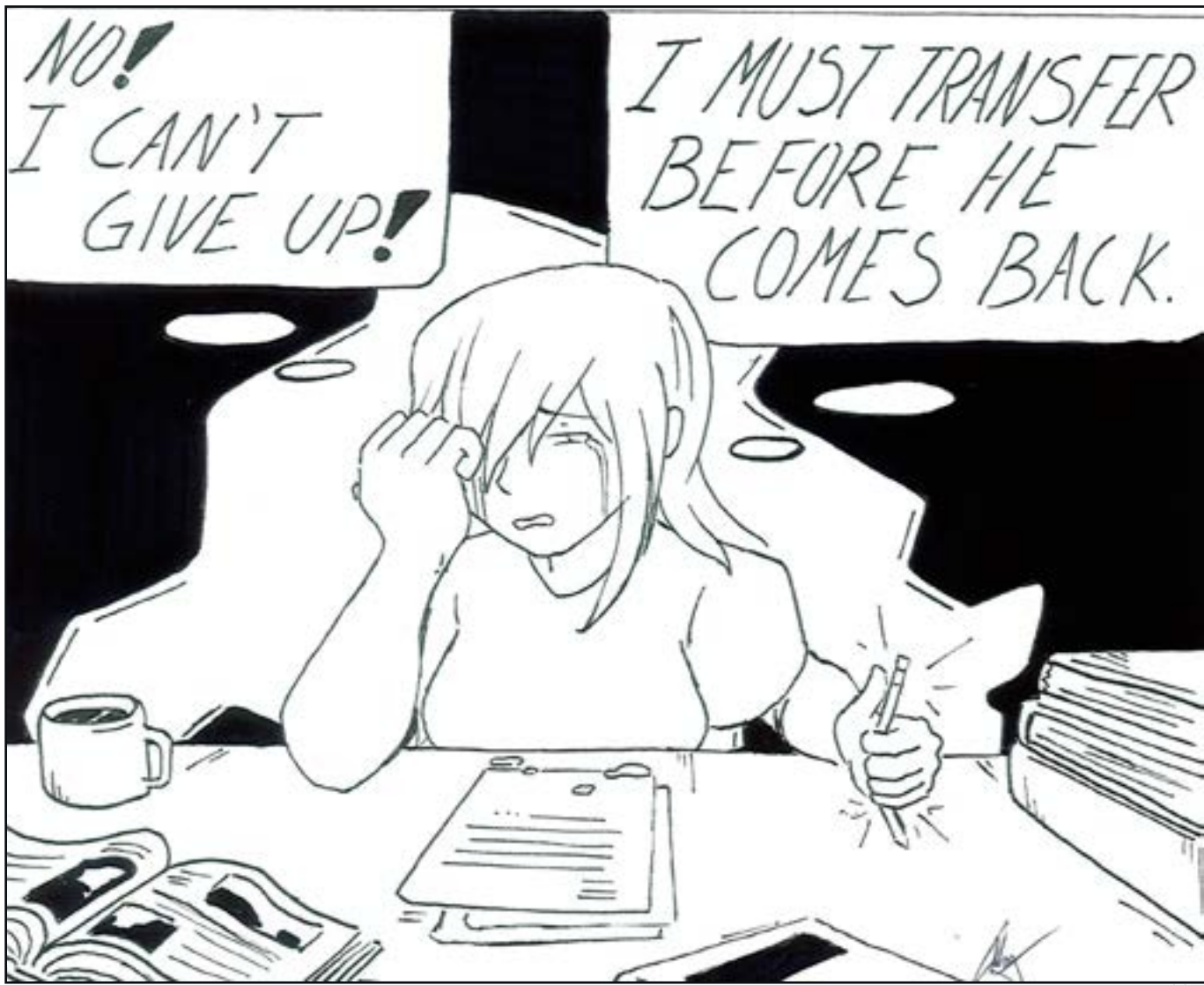
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Two years of suspension for a lifetime of distress

In an effort to reduce sexual assault and provide justice for victims, California lawmaker Das Williams has proposed a new legislation that will require colleges in the state to punish students who commit the crime with at least a two-year suspension. Under this proposed law, schools will also be required to disclose the outcomes of sexual assault cases.

While two years of suspension is a good starting point, it is not enough. The perpetrator should be expelled.

A victim should not have to worry about seeing that person again. It is hard enough to accept that the event actually happened and although survivors of sexual assault deal with it differently, it is extremely hurtful for survivors to see the person who committed the crime in close proximity.

If that person is allowed back into school after two years, he or she can repeat the crime again and again if it goes unreported.

If the punishment is kept at two years of suspension, those two years should be spent in jail and closely monitored that the convict is getting an education toward respecting others before continuing their academic education.

Sexual assault is a serious issue that can mentally and physically affect the victim throughout his or her life. Unfortunately, those who experience sexual assault may often feel victimized and

too afraid to report the assault, due to a lack of justice or fear of judgement.

Colleges and universities express their serious concern over academic dishonesty and will take control of this matter with no hesitation, so imagine if they handled sexual assault cases the same way. It almost seems as if you would be better off raping someone, than to be caught cheating.

The current lack of punishment for sexual assault makes it too easy for the perpetrator to walk away freely or in a matter of months, while the victim must deal with a lifetime of consequences.

According to The Washington Post, one in five women and one in sixteen men experience sexual assault during their college years.

Across the United States, 105 colleges and universities are under investigation by the U.S. Department of Education for how they handle sexual assault cases, including The University of Notre Dame, Florida State University and Harvard Law School.

Colleges and universities may claim to protect their students and do what is best for their education, so why are so many schools under investigation for their lack of action with sexual assault cases?

Sadly, sexual assault is no surprise as it is all too commonly heard about in the media. Even though it is often heard about, colleges are sometimes slow to

act on it and lenient toward student-athletes.

In January 2013, Lasse Uusivirta, a standout hockey player at the University of Alabama at Huntsville, confessed to raping a female student on campus. The student conduct board recommended taking away his scholarship and expelling him immediately, however, Uusivirta appealed the decision and remained on campus where he continued to play hockey.

The girl he raped, who wished to remain anonymous for safety reasons, would see him during school as she walked to class. Uusivirta was later suspended from school and allowed to return in less than six months.

Not only is it important to act on this proposed legislation, children should be taught at a young age to respect the other gender and learn about the dangers of sexual assault. If children can be taught in schools about their anatomy and sexual education, why can't they take a course on the consequences and severity of sexual assault?

Williams is also pushing for a bill that would require a persons college transcript to indicate if he or she has been suspended or expelled due to sexual assault or violence.

With these proposed legislations, California campuses can work toward serving justice and increasing the overall safety of all students.

Run for office flames up

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With the United States presidential race heating up, it should come to no surprise that some of the stranger candidates have started to emerge; in 2012 a man under the name of Vermin Supreme ran for president under the Pony Party.

This year, Juakin James Malphurs, better known as the rapper Waka Flocka Flame, has continued the trend by officially signing paperwork to participate in the 2016 election. While this may seem like a joke, it is something that he has all intention of doing, something that any other legal citizen can do.

Now, make all the jokes you want, but not only is Flame keeping a promise he made two years ago on his Twitter page, but it can be an important lesson for citizens.

Flame wishes to see changes in the government and if he doesn't like how others are carrying out, he wishes to take matters into his own hands.

It is encouraging to see citizens rise up to create change, even if those citizens wish to outlaw dogs in restaurants, require their lyrics to be taught in schools and require that people with size 13 shoes only take public transportation to avoid taking up space on the sidewalk.

People can protest, petition or vote for change, but any citizen who meets the standards to run can do it. You can make your own political party, create your own platform and in Flame's case, petition around to get enough signatures to be put on the ballot for the Georgia primary.

Flame won't win the presidency, as he does not meet the age requirement to become U.S. president, but he might just make it to the Georgia primary and may get more votes than expected.

He officially announced his run on "[his] favorite day," April 20 (also known as the stoner holiday of 420), by scheduling a video interview with Rolling Stone magazine, and smoking the "presidential kush."

Look, no one said he was a perfect candidate.

Hold the phone, cops do it too?

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A blur zooms by and only a quick glance can be taken of a car filled with computers, cameras, a GPS, radios and cell phones. Is this something out of a 'Back to the Future' film?

No, this is our local police who are supposed to look out for us.

The same police that will pull over the next bum who gets caught texting and driving.

According to California vehicle code section- 23123 letter D, emergency services are exempt from the cellphone usage law.

Law or no law, this is still a distraction.

Cellphones and other devices in a car are considered distracting enough to cause accidents, yet police officers use the same items without legal consequence.

Police rely on cellphones to

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FREE SPEECH ZONE

What do you think the punishment should be for students who commit sexual assault?

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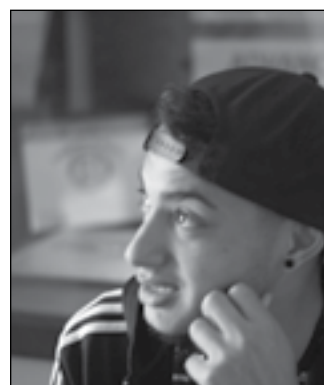


JAZMINE JONES
Business Marketing major

"They should be kicked out because they're going to do it again. It's not going to be a one-time thing. They should have a sex-offender tag on their record."

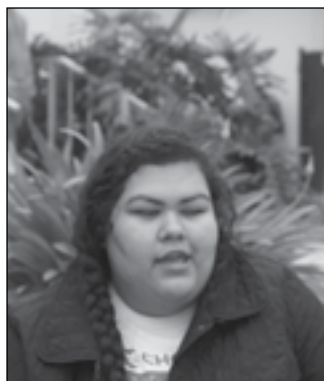
JESUS PIMENTEL
Sports Medicine major

"They should go to jail. They should be arrested and should go through the consequences [and do] community service."



ALEXIS GARCIA
Business major

"It's kind of rude to say they shouldn't have the same rights, but they belong in prison because they have to pay for what they did. They could do it to everybody else and then everybody would be a victim, eventually."



FREDDY VILLALOBOS
Music major

"Four to six years [in jail], as well as a year, maybe two years in prison. When they see that their friends completed school and are on about their lives, he's still trying to continue where he left off and now he's paying the consequences."



ANDREW GOMEZ
Graphic Design major

"Jail, of course. Sexual assault is a pretty big thing. It could affect the victims mind too and they could be scarred for life, you never know. That could be like justice and vengeance and at the same time, case closed."



The branches of Cerritos College

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Hey Cerritos College students, do you know your divisions and the classes they offer?

“No” you say? Well you’re in luck because the Arts Team put together an interactive blog based on the Divisions of Cerritos College.

The gist of this blog is to inform students on the purpose each division portrays and the classes it offers.

There are eight divisions on campus, as you can see to your right.

The tree symbolizes the branches (divisions) at Cerritos College.

On our blog website (<http://bit.ly/1PUAANa>) if you click on one of the division boxes, it will take you to another page where there are stories on classes students may or may not know about, interviews with most of the deans of each division and a

- list of classes each division offers.
- Her are some of the stories you can find in our blog:
- Experimental photography
 - Women in sports class
 - Interview with David Fabish, Dean of Liberal Arts
 - Digging into religions past
 - Shinning a light on Women Studies
 - Chicano Studies major offered at Cerritos College

Scan to check out the interactive tree



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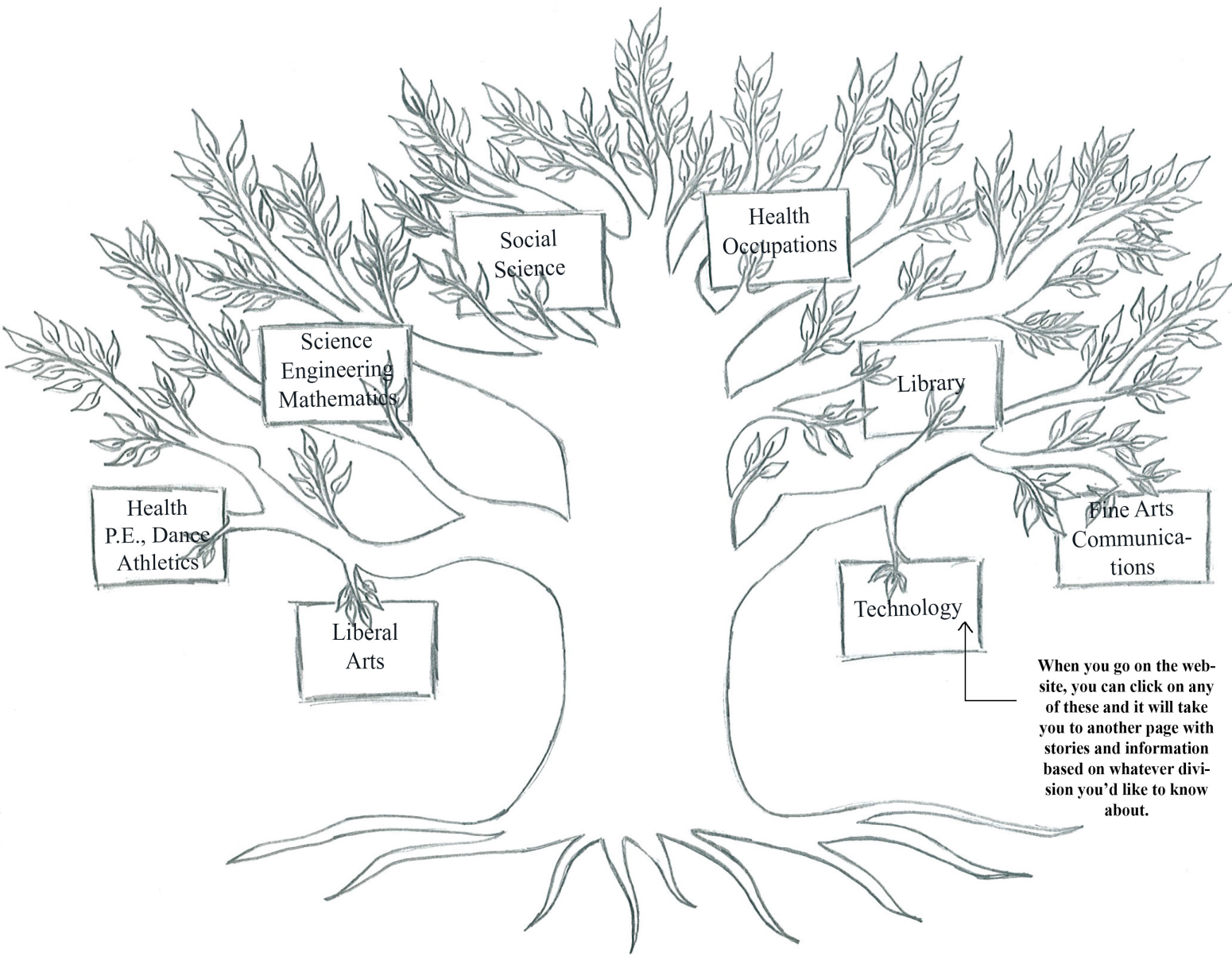


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Genres collide at rock concert

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The battle was best left for the stage in the Commercial Music Program’s Battle of the Bands last Wednesday.

The concert had student-led bands perform in a venue in front of the Music Department for competitive purposes.

A total of three bands performed, in which a selected winner would get three songs officially recorded, a music video filmed by the film department and notch a performance spot for the Commercial Music Fair in June.

“The idea was to just see what would happen if we got people interested in the program and things like that,” Andrew Maz, instructor of Commercial Music, said.

Two categories were set.

In the high school category, No Vacancy, the only entrant, came out the winner. Dragonknight won the second category.

The other band who performed was Amplified Inception.

A DJ performance was also showcased in between sets.

An estimated 50 people showed up to the concert, despite poor advertising, according to Maz.

The beginning of the concert was plagued with sound issues, according to Blair Rucker, an electrical engineer major, who was in attendance with his friends.

“A lot of the songs were having technical difficulties,” he said.

“I felt the show kind of opened up to a slow start.

“Once the bands started to get more into it, they started buckling

down. Other than that, the show was amazing and I’m kind of glad I came.”

Aliah Richardson, an animal science major, noted that it was toward the end of the concert where everyone started to “pulsate” together.

The duo of Jessie Mendoza (DJ Tism) and Jaime (Jimmy Z) Zendejas provided the DJ’ing and the drumming during the concert.

The two met on campus and both seek to extend their instrumental paths to a professional level.

Zendejas said, “Coming here to school and taking classes, it kind of opens your perspective on the music industry and it’s something that I want to do.”

Mendoza said, “Jimmy is very talented. He gets down, he can read me and I can read him, so we have a pretty good vibe.”

As far as the performances from the bands, Rucker mentioned how Dragonknight was his preference, as he felt all the performers were on key with their timing.

In addition to involving the crowd with the music.

Regardless, he enjoyed every single aspect of the music.

“The music wasn’t excellent, but it wasn’t terrible,” he said.

“I love hearing all different kinds of music. I just love hearing how different people form together with different instruments.”

One weakness from the concert, according to George Loulakis, a nursing major, was that he wasn’t a part of it, he jokingly mentioned.

“I really wanted to go up there, though. I wanted to steal the show.”

Maz confirmed another Battle of the Bands will happen next year.

What classes would you like to see?



TERESA GONZALEZ
Business Administration Major

“Well, at Cypress they have a mortuary science program and it would be cool if we had that here. I’ve been here for a couple of years and everything looks like it has been improving over time.”



KEVIN PEREZ
Culinary Arts Major

“I haven’t heard of martial arts type of classes, I would like to take that kind of stuff.”



CAITLIN FUJITAIN
Veterinarian Technician

“[At Cypress] There’s ethnic studies but it’s so broad. It’s like ‘oh, Asian-American studies’, but they’re mashing all of the Asians together and it’s so many different cultures.”



CARLOS RODRIGUEZ
Kinesiology Major

“I know there’s culinary classes, but I don’t know if there’s beginner, basic stuff, cooking, I don’t know if there’s that.”



MICHAEL MCKENSIE
Paramedic Major

“Paramedic class, they don’t have that anymore actually, it used to be here and then they took it out. I kind of wish it was still here due to [the fact that] I actually have to transfer for that.”



STEPHANIE MURILLO
Dance Major

“I’m a dance major, so I feel like I have all of the classes I need, but I guess maybe flororico and more ceramic classes.”



ELSA CAMPOS
Biology Major

“More about forensic sciences and stuff like that, that’s something I’m interested in. I would like to see classes [about] that.”



JELANI BRENT
Kinesiology Major

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New budget may impact athletics

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The campus-wide budget cut proposal that is pending approval and ready to be enacted come fall semester, is prominently affecting clubs and programs.

The athletic department is one of the most prominent programs at Cerritos College and is facing a 3.4 percent cut in funding, which amounts to \$34,214 in cuts and a total of \$184,321 of allocated funds for the fall semester.

Commissioner of Budget and Finance Dalia Jimenez stated in the senate meeting last Wednesday, that per the agreement made in the first allotted fund with the ASCC student body and athletic department that it is the responsibility of the department to pay for its expenses.

Specifically funding pertaining to the CerritosFalcons.com web page and athletic photographer.

Programs will be responsible for incorporatating fundraising as a major component in their income funds.

"Whenever an organization comes to senate, we ask (it) to show us proof that (it) fundraises 20 percent to whatever the petition is, it has been the precedence that we have taken the athletic department on (it) word. We don't know how much (it) fundraise that is the issue," said Jimenez.

"Historically, (the athletic department) been allocated be-

tween 18 to 19 percent of student body money. Unfortunately all the programs had to take a cut, this year we had to take that diversity a little further by actually funding programs that have never been funded before."

Director of Athletics Dan Clauss explains that the department is currently exhausting all its manpower and resources to accumulate its current funding.

"The money that we get from the district and the money we get from ASCC isn't enough to cover 19 programs, so we definitely have to fundraise," Clauss said. "We (come) six, sometimes seven days a week and we only get paid for so much, so our student-athletes are working extra hours, staff is working extra hours."

"There's only so much you can do, we do actually a pretty good job of fundraising as it is. To say go fundraise more, we're stretched to the max already with our man hours."

The cuts will also be limiting who Cerritos College athletic teams face in their respective conference; it narrows travel, lodging and meals.

This results in teams not being able to face championship-caliber teams located outside of California, leaving them out of contention for a championship-run.

Each head coach implements (his) own approach toward fundraising for the respective teams; either it be through selling apparel, holding events on campus or by simply asking for donations

from former athletes and alumni.

Dean of Athletics Dan Smith acknowledged that the ASCC student government does not have access to the fundraise numbers needed by the budget committee to properly gauge the athletic departments allocated funds.

"(ASCC doesn't) have access to (our fundraise accounts), (Jimenez) didn't have access to it, so I don't blame her. As a general guideline she uses, she'd like to have us fundraise 20 percent of our budget, we fundraise 100 percent of our budget. We fundraise as much as our budget is."

"There's a reason why she doesn't have access to this, some of these are donations, it has a person's name on here and that's private confidential information. Some people donate to a certain sport and they don't want anyone to know, they have every right to be an anonymous donor."

"It wasn't that until last year the fundraise money (ASCC) also had to sign off on it but then (Dr. Contreras) and I realized, 'why is that? This was never ASCC money, it was never student money. This money comes from carwashes, donations or running big events.' So (Dr. Contreras) said, 'Why should I be signing fundraise money?'"

"So now there's no signing of fundraise money, I approve it as the dean here, but it doesn't go to anybody from the student government anymore."



AMANDA DEL CID/TM
Stef Flores hits a cross-court forehand from the baseline at Reedly College in Fresno while playing in her singles match in the North/South Tournament on April 14.

Men's and women's tennis lose at Ojai

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Ojai held the 155th tennis tournament and it played host to many schools and divisions. It holds the Pac-12 Colleges, Division III Colleges, Community Colleges and CIF.

The men's tennis team had a 20-6 record this season and easily won conference.

The best result of the state championships for the men was when doubles partners Amadi Kagoma/ Henry Ayesiga and Mark Antoniuk/ Agustin Lombardi reached the round of 16.

Both of the doubles teams were defeated and saw the season come to an end.

Kagoma and Ayesiga finished the season with an 8-1 record.

Antoniuk and Lombardi finished the season with a 21-9 record this season.

The women's tennis team had a 19-7 record this season but did not win conference.

The results for the women's team in the state championships was when doubles pair Mariia Yatsenko and Taylor Heath were eliminated in the quarterfinals.

The duo were seeded No. 2 in the state and finished the season with a 19-5 record.

Antoniuksaid, "It was pretty hard because we had to wake up at 5:30 a.m. everyday and practice, then we ate and play four matches in a day. But overall it was a great experience."

Yatsenko said, "It was a great experience and it was hard but next year it will be better."

Carrillo earns full ride

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Sophomore guard Cassidy Carrillo accepted and signed a full-ride scholarship to Division II Dixie State.

Carrillo was happy for basketball and excited to accept the scholarship.

"It feels great. My goal was to attend a D-II school with nursing. My dream school was Dixie State," she said, expressing her excitement for the signing.

Carrillo attended St. Paul High School and played basketball all four years.

She also played all four years on the volleyball team and one year on the track and field team.

In high school, she averaged 18 points a game and led her team to winning league championships and helped advance her team to the second round of state playoffs.

She also got awarded with some titles while she was playing.

She was awarded the coaches award and the most-improved award. She also received an invitation to play in the Sergeants All-Star game.

Then she moved to Cerritos College to become a Falcon and play more basketball.

She played 59 games her freshman and sophomore year, averaged eight points a game and averaged 79 percent made free throws in her time as a Falcon.

With her numbers, Dixie State Head Coach Jenny Thigpen was very interested in taking a look at her play.

"I had contacted coach Jenny and told her I was interested and I'm a sophomore looking to go in and play."

She said she would come down to watch me play at the sophomore showcase and so I continued to workout every day and I gave my all at the showcase," she said.

"A few days later, coach Jenny called me and she said she loved the way I played and would like to talk in person," she continued.

Falcons head coach Karen Welliver was very happy about Carrillo's signing.

"I am so happy for Cassidy, Dixie is a school that she really wanted to go to. They have her nursing major and that is awesome that she can play and continue with her nursing major," she said.

Teammate guard Michelle Navarro was also very excited about Carrillo's dream acceptance.

"I know this has been a goal of hers since she enrolled at Cerritos and she was very determined in her academics as well to motivate her," she said.

Carrillo had a good work ethic to be able to reach her goal and dream school she has always wanted to sign to.

"She was constantly in the gym, whether working on perfecting her shot, or even just getting that extra workout in to be able to go that extra mile in the fourth quarter of the game," Navarro said.

Welliver also believes that Carrillo had a very good work ethic.

"She is a player that continued working hard on all of her skills," Carrillo said.

"She was an excellent outside shooter, she likes pressure, she was the MVP of the West Hills Tournament that we won. She was First Team All-Conference off the court, she has high academic goals."

Softball team prepares for regional playoffs

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After riding a three-game losing streak to end the regular season at 23-17, the Cerritos College softball team will head to College of the Canyons on Saturday for the first round of the Southern California Regional Playoffs with six honorable players.

Sophomore Crystal Cano, who spent time at third and first, earned

All-State Team and First-Team South Coast Conference honors and center fielder Joanna Perruccio also made the First-Team.

Shortstop Jenny Collazo, pitcher Jennifer Navarro and catcher Krystal Purkey earned Second-Team recognition. Second baseman Monique Ramirez received an honorable mention.

Cerritos finished third in the South Coast Conference and is seeded at No. 11 in the Southern California Regional Playoffs. While

No.6 ranked College of the Canyons (28-10-1) placed second in the Western State Conference Blue Division.

Cano said, "Our season has been a rollercoaster and we have all agreed to erase the past.

"We have done our job to make it to playoffs. As a team, we've decided to flip the page and it's like a new beginning."

Head coach Kodee Murray said, "When you go into your postseason, it's a whole new season. You've

kind of let everything that has been building up to this point go.

"We're not sitting and thinking about what has happened; it's about how much better we are today, putting ourselves in a better spot when we played (the team) this time around."

The Falcons last met the Cougars on February 20.

That game resulted in an extra-inning 4-3 loss for Cerritos, but Murray believes that this will be a good matchup for the team.

"If we go out and are able to swing the bats like we can, I feel like we've got a really good shot against [CotC]. I'm really glad that we paired up with [CotC]," she said.

Murray also believes the team can use its personal pride and resilience to have a successful postseason and learn from the previous losses.

"Pride is believing in ourselves and holding ourselves accountable and stepping up in big moments."

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TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS

Ever wondered what track athletes had to compete in? Look no further.

4 x Meter Run

The team's 4 x 100m relay is when four runners try to run as fast as they can as a team in 100m and pass a baton.

Hammer Throw

The hammer throw is when the ball is wired and thrown as far as the athlete can and is measured by the distance thrown.

Javelin Throw

The javelin throw is where the athlete throws a spear-like object and as far as he or she can and will be measured by the distance thrown.

Shot Put

The shot put involves throwing a weighted ball and depending on the athlete, he can spin and throw the ball as far as he can and the ball is measured by the distance thrown.

Pole Vault

The team's pole vault is a track and field event in which a person uses a long, flexible pole to try to jump over a bar that is set to a certain height.

High Jump

The team's high jump is when competitors have to try to jump over a horizontal bar placed at measured heights without any help.

Meter Dash

An event where running speed and distance is tested to test the runner mentally. There are seven running events in track and field: 100m dash, 200m dash, 400m dash, 800m dash, 1500m dash, 5000m dash, 10000m dash.

Hurdle Run

An event that involves running and jumping is hurdles in track and field. The event is where the runner runs a certain distance but must jump over a hurdle and continue to run. There are two hurdle events: a 110m hurdle run and a 400m hurdle run.

Falcons break records in prelims

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A weekend of broken records and a conference championship will be expanded on this Saturday for the Southern California Prelims.

The women's track and field team captured its third-straight conference championship, finishing in first place. The men's track and field team had two records broken as it finished in second place at the South Coast Conference Championships last Saturday.

For the upcoming prelims, the teams are trying to qualify for the Southern California Championships for May 9, both of the meets being hosted at Cerritos College.

The conference championship won by the women's team is the ninth in school history. Six differ-

ent athletes finished first in each individual event, while others also qualified for prelims.

"It's a great feeling," Alexandra Cormier said, who did the 100-meter hurdle event and qualified for Saturday. "It's been three years in a row and from my understanding it's never been three years in a row. (Mt. San Antonio College) is our biggest competitor and we got first, so it felt real good."

Cormier felt her hurdle performance wasn't her best, but she feels a body check will do her just fine for prelims.

She said, "I understand that my body wasn't doing what I feel like what I wanted it do, so that just means I just have to refocus, regroup and remember what I did in my good races and apply that to this weekend."

The two records broken for the

men's team were the same exact records broken by the same exact men.

Matthew Seawright and Juan Ward both bettered their records in the hammer throw and the hurdle, with a throw of 56.46 meters and a hurdle jump of 14.15.

Seawright is not too worried about prelims, as he feels that he is more than capable when it comes to qualifying for finals.

"I'm not exactly worried about not qualifying because I'm ranked fairly high in my events," he said. "Whatever happens happens. I know what to do, so I should be fine."

To prepare, the team goes through technical drills in order to emphasize the motions of each event, something head-thrower coach Lloyd Higgins focuses on for practice.

Seawright utilizes the motion-type training for his discus throw, hammer throw and shot-put event.

"A lot of it is just technique," Seawright said. "You don't necessarily have to be that strong. A lot of it is just repetition and muscle memory."

The hurdle competition works in a similar manner.

Cormier is focusing on making her movement fluid when the time comes to hop the hurdle Saturday.

"Your body will do it the instant it thinks of it. It's automatic. You don't have to think about it."

Despite prelims being for qualifying sake, she wants to compete to win.

"No matter what, I gave everything that I could have. I'm not going to end my race feeling 'I should have done this. I should have done that.'"



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Going for a team run: Falcons track and field pole vault athlete Andrew Hladeck getting practice in. The next meet will be on Saturday for the Southern California Prelims at Falcon Stadium.



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There can only be one: Amanda Loya (left) competed alongside Carla Harvey last year (right) in the CCCAA State Championships. This time, Loya is by herself.

Team relies on one heading into State

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Amanda Loya will be the lone woman swimmer representing Cerritos College this weekend at the CCCAA State Championships.

The South Coast Conference Championships had the women's swim team place in fourth for all three days. The end result ended up having Loya qualify for state championships from Thursday to Saturday.

Her performance had her break Cerritos College's record for breaststroke, again.

Breaking it for a consecutive time the year prior, this time Loya finished her 200-yard breaststroke

with a time of 2:27.77, finishing in second place.

"It feels really good to break the record," she said. "I broke it last year and that felt good. And when I broke it this year and lowered it, it's the best feeling to know you have that record."

Last year, she participated in state alongside fellow breaststroke swimmer Carla Harvey. This time, it's all on her, as she puts it.

"With it being only me representing the school, all of the pressure is on me to do well and represent the school well and not embarrass myself," she said.

SCC Championships was the first time community colleges swam a 200-yard event after increasing the

distance to match "UC standards" back in March.

Despite the unfamiliarity with the distance, Loya's goal-oriented attitude led her to accomplish the task. And it will be no different come Thursday.

She said, "My goals for this weekend is to just do my very best. Right now, I am seeded third for both my breast events, and sixth in my IM. One goal is to try and improve my seed and move up a few spots."

For CCCAA State Championships, Loya will be swimming the 100-yard breaststroke, 200-yard breaststroke and 200 IM.

Head coach Sergio Macias said that with the week off after SCC

Championships, she has been implementing lots of endurance sets into her workouts.

He said, "If she duplicates her performance from conference championships, it will be another exceptional weekend for her."

This season, the women's swim team's conference rank went up to No. 4 out of nine teams.

There will be a lot of competition for Loya this weekend.

Macias said, "Some of the best state individual swimmers will come from our conference, so just the depth of competition in each event is what will stand out the most."

Loya is ready.

"I want to leave Cerritos with a bang," she said.